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New Plymouth Boys' High School

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2005 Hillary Challenge Team

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Headmaster's Report

School Roll

Our negotiations with the Ministry last year saw 1,340 as an optimum roll number for New Plymouth Boys' High School and we are working towards this, with our new buildings in mind.

The Board of Trustees and a special staff building sub-committee have been very busy with the architects and engineers at Chapman, Oulsnam and Spiers, getting to a stage where tenders can be called.

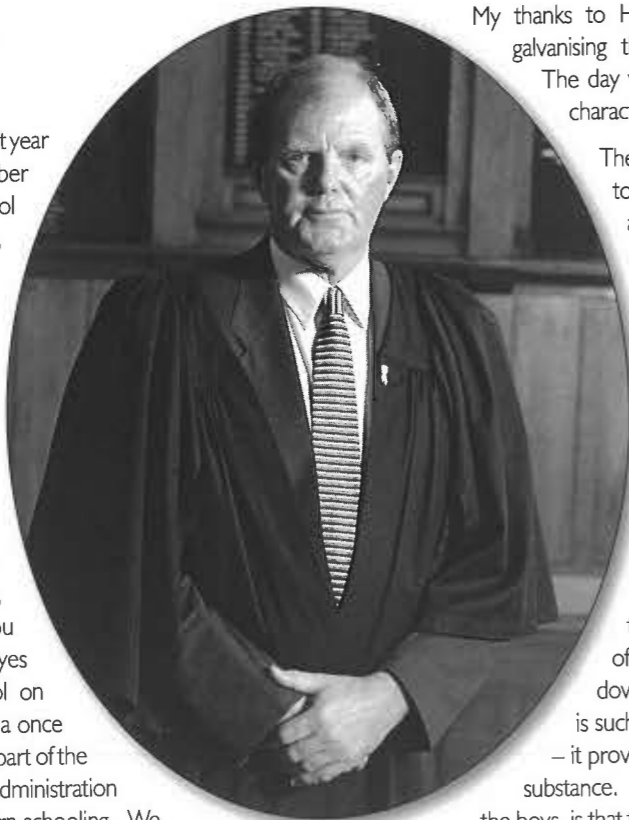
This exciting project involves the Cramond and Alexander wings, which is in effect, the building you see from Ryder Hall to the Moyes Hostel at the front of the school on Coronation Avenue. It is perhaps a once only opportunity to design a major part of the school's teaching, guidance and administration areas, to meet the needs of modern schooling. We are hopeful that we will be able to have an official opening at Easter, 2007, in conjunction with our 125th Jubilee.

The school roll, on March 1, was 1,287 (not including foreign students). This is most heartening and a strong affirmation that the all-round education we provide is what parents want for their sons.

At the start of the year it is very important to ensure that we set out exactly what we want, in terms of so many aspects of school life. It is a very important time and a very exciting time, as our young men get used to a very different environment. My overall impression, and that of staff and senior boys, was that it was a wonderful start and that we had a group of new boys who are going to be real assets during their time at school.

My thanks, to Mr Corlett, the PE Staff and officials for the Swimming Sports – an outstanding school day, where we can be together in an atmosphere that:

- Brings out the best in the House system – good competition at the elite level, but also, the participation level for all to 'have a go', no matter how good you are in the pool. For some it was a real test for you, personally, to get to the other end – my congratulations to you, as well as the champions. We have a lot of athletes who are very capable in the pool and up to national level. It was great to see all the hard work, the 5.00 am starts, the hours in the pool, come to fruition at our sports.
- Allows the school to be together and show the spirit – this was commented on by several of the huge number of parents. They had not experienced the sort of friendly rivalry, respect for others, sense of enjoyment and openness in showing that enjoyment before. To many it was a revelation that sports such as our Swimming Sports can still be successful in New Zealand – my congratulations to you all, because you are that SPIRIT.



My thanks to House leaders for their efforts in galvanising their groups and house together.

The day was fun and it showed all the best characteristics of NPBHS.

The end of term one is always a time to reflect on how the term has gone and how our boys have coped with the demands of that term and my thoughts were as follows:

An eleven week term is long, by present standards, but seems to have been punctuated throughout by statutory holidays and other school events. I don't feel that this has had a detrimental effect, but it has been difficult to get a flow, in terms of five-day school weeks. At assembly I have been reviewing the term and the many accomplishments of so many boys. When you drill down, it becomes obvious why NPBHS is such a high quality educational institution – it provides high quality opportunities of real substance. What I have been getting across to

the boys, is that these would not happen without high quality people with the dedication and expertise to light up the candles of opportunity. You just need to read the school notices on an average day, to realise how fortunate the boys are – what a myriad of things to be involved with. It is a juggling act for a lot of boys to make the most of what is presented, but also keep a balance and ensure that school work is still the number one priority.

I am blessed, as Headmaster, by a staff and community prepared to go the extra distance to ensure the most active and positive growth in academic, musical, sporting, cultural and personal development. There can be no excuses for boys not being involved in positive experiences that will shape their lives – it is all here and anyone who says 'it is boring' or 'there is nothing to do' better take a long, hard look at themselves and look at changing his ATTITUDE.

I have heard some individuals recently using the change in our assessment system and modern curriculum as an excuse for their son's poor performance. I cannot buy into this argument at all, and want to expand on why I can't do so.

I can accept that to many, change is threatening and unless the reasons for the change are explained and understood, it can be used as a reason for things not going so well. The changes that have led to NCEA are significant and they do take some knowledge to understand. Over the past four years we have endeavoured to make a real commitment to helping parents understand the changes, through seminars and parent nights at school, to have opportunities on the PTA agenda for small group discussion, a chance at Whanau Waiora meetings to talk things through and editorials and information as general practices from us. Many of our parents are well informed but, alas, many are not. I can assure all parents that despite my personal feelings on some of the things that have happened with NCEA and Scholarship over the past three years, the staff of the school have been prepared to a high level to deliver on the new

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system of standards based assessment. They are consummate professionals in this regard and our results back this up, especially in comparison to other boys' schools. We perform very well in a wide range of disciplines and learning areas and I am delighted with the obvious results of our Literacy project. Mr Geoff Hall, as literacy co-ordinator has worked with key staff on a 'whole school' approach to literacy. We have worked with Massey University as partners on the project and they see our programme as a model for what can happen. You, as parents, would be astounded at the number of boys who start high school with reading ages well below their chronological age.

We have recognised that unless we do something about this, very quickly, these boys will not progress very smoothly through the school system with a potential for early failure in education and, of course, future difficulties in employment as well as issues arising from poor self esteem. With willing boys and parents, huge progress can be made – there are many wonderful success stories. It translates through to literacy levels as measured by standards at Level 1 and 2 of NCEA.

In the 2004 NCEA Level 1 exams, 83% of our third year boys achieved the literacy requirement compared to 70% nationally and 86% achieved the numeracy level, compared to 77% nationally. You must also take into account here that this national statistic includes boys and girls, and it is well known that the literacy level of girls exceeds that of boys by up to 10%. This makes our figures, when compared to other boys' schools, excellent by any measure.

To those who believe that the achievement of New Zealand students is not high by world standards, I have just received the results of two significant international studies. The TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Studies) is in its third cycle and the PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) in its second cycle. The TIMSS tells us how we are doing comparatively in maths and science at Years 5 and 9 and PISA assesses the knowledge and skills of 15 year olds in maths, science, reading and problem solving.

The results tell us:

- At Year 5, NZ students typically achieved significantly above the international mean in science and close to the mean in maths.
- By Year 9, the performance was significantly above the international mean in science and maths.
- By Year 11 (mostly 15 year olds) NZ students were performing well above the international mean in maths, science, reading and problem solving. In fact, NZ was in the 'second' highest performing group of countries for each area – along with Australia, Canada and Japan. This puts us in the top 10 countries in the world in all areas.

These are very encouraging results for education but there was one concern that was obvious. When looking at the range of scores from NZ as compared with other countries in maths, science, reading and problem solving, we had a significantly bigger range of scores than most countries. Translated, this means that we have a lot of students doing exceptionally well at the top but we also have a significant tail – a group of boys and girls who are well below the average.

This is one of the real pushes needed in this country. There will be those who will perform poorly in maths, science and problem solving

because their literacy levels are very low. The push for boys to read more is one that must be heard all over the country.

My thanks to the parents who attended the April meeting of the PTA, to discuss the proposed enrolment scheme for New Plymouth Boys' High School. Your input was much appreciated, as a part of the consultation process and consequently I was able to include the feelings of the meeting and of the letters sent to me. It was fair to say that all the letters supported the adoption of the zone as outlined in earlier correspondence, or indicated that parents in New Plymouth and its environs should have the absolute right to send their sons to NPBHS if a single sex boys' school provided the type of education that they required. Zoning should not be a part of the enrolment criteria many, including our Year 13 boys, said.

The joint approach to the Ministry of Education by Boys' and Girls' High Schools with an enrolment zone, gained a response that was not acceptable to either Board. The Ministry came back with a much smaller zone than the community had supported. We are still in the process of further consultation with a sector of community who own houses in the area between our proposed zone and that of the Ministry.

My contention is that whatever happens, we will be able to take all boys who apply to join NPBHS for 2006 and beyond. Our optimum roll setting of 1,340 should allow for all boys to gain entry from wherever they live. This is the reality of a reducing number of boys coming to secondary schools in Taranaki.

Buildings - Now and for the future

During the Term One holiday period, a new roof was put on the Science block, so thank goodness for the continuing fine weather. A more major project to be completed was the refurbishment of Moyes House, the hostel building that lies between the Memorial Gate and Bell Tower entrance on Coronation Avenue. The BOT, and in particular, the BOT Hostel Committee, have been committed to the rebuilding and refurbishment of hostel buildings over time. This has seen the new wing completed eight years ago and now Moyes House refurbished at a cost of about \$1.1 million. It is a testament to the excellent operation of the hostel that we can finance these changes ourselves, as hostels receive no funding from external sources – they are stand-alone operations. Those who know Moyes House will be pleased to see that the familiar exterior has been maintained, due to very modern engineering technology that allowed a process of strengthening, without large scale work on the façade. The interior will have familiar configuration, but a modernisation to rooms, ablution blocks and masters' houses, that we are delighted with. It looks and feels warm and welcoming, but retains a sense of tradition and permanence. The official opening was held on Friday, June 3, as a part of the hostel 'Open Weekend'; many interested members of the school family were in attendance.

The Board of Trustees and staff have been incredibly busy with the other major building plans for a long time now. These are for the rebuilding of the Cramond Wing and the refurbishment of the Alexander block. This, in effect, covers the main school teaching and administration block that is the most visible and closest to Coronation Avenue, from the entrance by the pedestrian crossing to the Bell Tower entrance. The plans are well advanced, under the expertise of Mr John Chapman and Mr Jeff Salisbury from Chapman, Oulsnam

and Spiers. The project was priced in excess of \$5,000,000 and, subject to suitable tenders, will begin early in 2006. Completion is timed to coincide with the 125th Jubilee at Easter, 2007. The Stage One, involving Alexander will start in late November, when the staff room will be turned into Science laboratories.

It is a pleasure to work with dedicated BOT members and staff, who are so committed to ensuring that the best educational environment is provided for our students. The extra work will pay dividends for all concerned and give to New Plymouth and Taranaki a high quality facility to complement the rest of the school.

NCEA

You will be very aware of the political debate that strengthened in an election year. I have used newsletters and PTA meetings as the main conduits for my thoughts on NCEA, in relation to NPBHS. There are aspects of moderation, consistency across standards and wide variations in overall results from year to year, that are not acceptable for credible, national examination systems. We are not yet in a position where we have a national system of assessment that has the confidence of the majority of New Zealanders, and this is a must. I have always maintained that despite what happens elsewhere, we will, at NPBHS, maintain our integrity in the way we assess and the standards we expect from our boys. We will certainly not offer standards that are trivial and do nothing but accumulate credits – we will offer courses that extend boys academically and provide them with the means to move forward confidently to work or further study.

The system is far from perfect yet, but we will do everything in our power to use it to the best advantage of your sons. Be assured that the professionalism of our staff will not be compromised while the necessary changes are made, as a part of the ongoing process of making NCEA a high quality qualification.

The first thing I would like to do is congratulate our twelve new scholars - these are boys who sat the Scholarship Examinations and achieved the necessary standard. This was a very fine result by these young men, who sat very testing examinations at Level 4. We must remember that the papers are meant to test our very best boys and girls and they are set at a standard equivalent to an end of year first year University. In some cases questions in the papers searched beyond this level. There are considerable financial rewards for these students in individual Scholarship subjects and when aggregated together, so it is important that the benchmarks are fair and have some degree of equity between subjects. This ensures that a top Chemistry student should have the same chances as a top Art or English student of reaching the standard of Scholarship.

In my view, this did not happen at all in 2004. The standards set over a long period of time had the confidence of teaching professionals and the community. This confidence has been sadly eroded, with huge disparity between the proportion of students gaining Scholarships, for example, in Science as compared to Arts. This has meant that the perceived 'fairness' of the past, achieved by scaling of marks, is no longer there. In short, we believe that we had a number of excellent Science students in Chemistry, Physics and Biology who, under the past Bursary system would have gained 84% plus and have been awarded Scholarships. With the paucity of Scholarships given for 2004 in these subjects our boys have been dealt a poor hand and their work, over five years, unfairly devalued.

For example, in 2003 there were 8233 Bursary entries for Biology and 268 gained the mark for Scholarship. Under the new system in 2004, 7566 sat Level 3 Biology and 641 sat the Scholarship paper with only 9 reaching the standard required. This is repeated in a number of subjects – fair and equitable? – certainly not.

When this disparity became public knowledge, the Government moved to try and remedy the situation, as best they could, creating a new class of awards, called 'Distinction', for subjects that had an obvious injustice, compared to historical norms. These could not be based on the actual Scholarship papers because they had been returned to the candidates at that stage – instead they were based on the Level 3 papers in that subject on the number of excellences and merits in some magic ratio. So, in Biology a further 60 Distinctions were given, which takes to total to 69 if we add together Scholarships and Distinctions – better than 9, but not exactly equitable with the historical benchmarks of 268 from 2003.

For the honours board, I have given the status of Scholar to those who gained a Scholarship or Distinction, in the knowledge that there will still be some who will not make it, who should have and are academic refugees of the system changes. I don't feel happy about this and feel for these boys.

2004 Scholarships – First Year of Level 4

Technology	Brooke Novak Jeremy Tan	Outstanding Scholar
Accounting	Andrew Darney Matthew Hancock	
Classical Studies	Mathew Whitmore	
Economics	Ricky Versteeg	
English	Zac Bingham Matthew Harrop Greg Severinsen Ricky Versteeg	
Physics	Mitchel Le Heux	
Chemistry	Mitchel Le Heux	
Geography	Matthew Harrop	
History	Greg Severinsen	Outstanding Scholar
Calculus	Saining Ren Hiromi Sugiyama Tuo Zuo	
Statistics	Ashley Boswell Ricky Versteeg	
Spanish	Matthew Harrop	

By Individual

Ricky Versteeg	3	Matthew Hancock	
Matthew Harrop	3	Mathew Whitmore	
Greg Severinsen	2	Jeremy Tan	
Ashley Boswell	1	Zac Bingham	
Mitchel Le Heux	2	Saining Ren	
Brooke Novak	1	Hiromi Sugiyama	
Andrew Darney	1	Tuo Zuo	

This confirms that NPBHS caters for the full range of students, but certainly gets the best from the brightest of students as well.

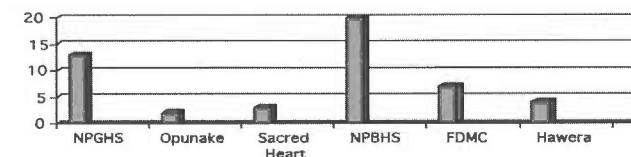


The 20 Scholarships awarded to 14 NPBHS students include two Outstanding Scholarships, which puts these students in the top few in that subject in the country.

It also puts NPBHS in the top few schools in NZ, in terms of the total number of Scholarships gained in 2004 and the ratio of Scholarships to Year 13 student numbers.

Compared to Taranaki schools who gained Scholarship success in 2004, the trend is one of great affirmation for our teachers and the programmes offered to our most able students.

No. of Scholarships achieved



It was June, when NCEA results from 2004 had been confirmed, that comparisons were made through the league tables in some newspapers.

It was very satisfying, in fact, to note that of approximately 140 secondary schools in the Central North Island, East Coast, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Nelson, Marlborough, Taranaki, Wairarapa, Wanganui and Wellington regions, there were only three schools that had more Scholarship passes. Two of these are large boys' schools, Wellington College and Palmerston North Boys' HS, and the other a very large co-ed school, Hutt Valley High School.

I believe this is worthy of mention because it shows that we have the courses, the teachers and the desire to reach for the academic heights and stretch our top boys. Of the 49 Scholarships to Taranaki schools, 20 came to NPBHS, which certainly bucks the trend of girls dominating at all academic levels.

Our results at Level 1, 2 and 3 showed that we were favourably ahead of national norms and, when compared to decile 7 schools, or boys' schools, well above most others.

It is difficult for me to give comparisons that bear scrutiny for a whole lot of reasons that pertain to a very uneven assessment field. This is especially true at Level 1 where there are so many assessment opportunities that vary considerably in difficulty, and leave totally different paths going forward to subsequent years. This is not to deny these, but to highlight how different they are and, of course, how difficult to compare.

The more telling statistics are the number who progress through to Year 13 and the percentage who gain Level 3 NCEA or who gain

entrance to university by gaining 42 credits or more at Level 3. In this regard I believe that our policy of ensuring that most boys are sitting assessments that are rigorous and require considerable effort pays dividends in the final analysis. A high 17.6% of Level 3 Achievement Standards are passed at excellence levels and the 20 Scholarship passes are exceptional for a school of our type.

It is important that you understand the range of factors that contribute NCEA credits and how different schools are. For some schools the single figure statistics could present a dismal picture, unless you were aware of what the schools were trying to achieve. Schools have practices that vary considerably from ours.

For example:

- Some schools try to maximise the number of credits that can be obtained from internally assessed standards (both Unit Standards and Achievement Standards). This is not a level playing field because I am not convinced in the integrity of the moderation in terms of consistency between schools, and some schools have endless reassessment of tasks that are initially failed.
- The only true comparison between schools that does not have an element of internal subjectivity are the external assessments at the end of the year. For some schools this is a small to moderate percentage of the total standards achieved, but with NPBHS it is a very high percentage, with a relatively low percentage of Unit Standards that have a pass or fail, and no other grades in between.

At Level 1, compared to two other large Taranaki schools

School	% Total standards achieved are Unit Standards
NPBHS	12.0%
SCHOOL A	25.1%
SCHOOL B	23.7%

also,

School	% Total standards achieved are Unit Standards
NPBHS	74.1%
SCHOOL A	54.3%
SCHOOL B	59.1%

- We continue to look ahead to the future needs of our boys and, in doing so, try to maintain the standards that are considered to be difficult and searching. These are often in subjects that are perceived as 'hard' and are assessed as external Achievement Standards in the main.

Academic integrity is vital at NPBHS and we refuse to be drawn into a mentality of credit accumulation at the expense of learning that will lead to a wide range of future career opportunities.

- We will continue to offer courses that meet the needs of our boys and you will read about the exciting curriculum changes that are evolving in Technology. Our goal to become the leading New Zealand school in the full range of Technology areas is well on track. Next year, at Years 11 and 12, will see courses for boys

in Electronics and Control, Practical Technology based on either wood or metal, and Technology based on either wood or metal with a design basis as well as construction. These will cater for a wide range of boys who want a career in the trades or in high technology areas at the tertiary level.

I reiterate a point that I have made to a number of groups. 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.

I have the greatest of confidence in the teaching staff and the teachers with curriculum and assessment responsibilities, to do just that.

What does NPBHS have as a point of difference to other education options?

- Tailors its teaching specifically to boys' needs.
- It has a high quality teaching force, most of whom are men, who know about the business of getting the best from boys in a holistic sense.
- It can concentrate fully on the positive aspects of being male.
- A curriculum that satisfies the particular needs of young men, with regard to their future aspirations.
- An innovative curriculum that is at the leading edge, in terms of traditional subjects, progressing to top class tertiary careers, but also introducing new subjects that lead to the highly desirable trades, design and technology areas – for 2005 these are practical technology wood, practical technology metal, technology metal, technology wood, electronics (science), electronics and controls (technology), enterprise technology, design. These will give a pathway for all boys to pursue for five years at school, according to their personal needs.
- A literacy project across the school that focuses resources on ensuring all boys have the skills to continue their education.
- A commitment to instilling discipline and traditional values as a framework to future success and positive citizenship.
- School buildings, facilities and grounds that are second to none. The next two years will see the erection of a \$6 million teaching block to replace the classrooms and administration areas on Coronation Avenue, and up-grade of Technology facilities.
- All boys leave school to go onto further studies, courses or jobs.
- An acknowledged history of academic performance, with some of the school's finest results in the past five years.
- A commitment to academic integrity that empowers boys to strive for the exam results that give them the greatest future opportunities. This means a larger percentage of external examinations than most schools.
- 'Streaming' and acceleration for the most able boys, but smaller classes and appropriate curriculum and assessment for those who find school work more difficult.
- A very strong House system that ensures team work, loyalty and commitment and gives vast leadership opportunities.



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- Traditional occasions that are at the forefront of boys' education – ANZAC Service, whole school Haka of Support on Gully Field, fundraising.
- A close liaison with NP Girls' High School that allows for social needs.
- Active whanau support, through fortnightly meetings of Whanau Waioara.
- A vast number of global opportunities to travel overseas while at school, to experience different cultures.

In Summary

Why NPBHS is the school of choice for so many

- We live up to our reputation as one of New Zealand's finest schools.
- The all-round education is a reality and a tradition that we are very proud of.

Examples, as follows:

Team Sport

- 390 boys play rugby for the school
- 100 boys play soccer for the school
- 140 boys play basketball for the school
- 80 boys play hockey for the school
- 40 boys run cross country for the school
- 200 boys play cricket for the school
- 45 boys play volleyball for the school
- 80 boys play in-line hockey for the school

Sport is for everyone, no matter how big, how small, how old or how skilled. We have the elite catered for at the top level of NZ sport as well as those who want the thrill of being a part of a team at the lower levels and enjoy the competition.

Music

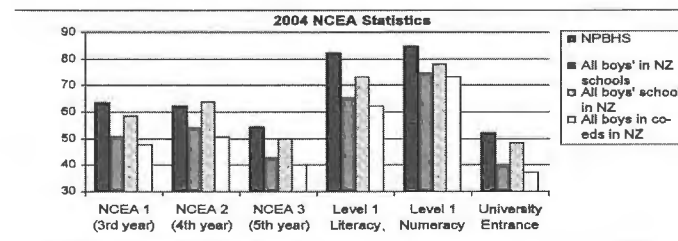
The arts have flourished under some top-line staff and, as with sport, there are a host of opportunities for all talents to be exposed, nurtured and encouraged. Our superior musicians play in the top echelons of New Zealand performance, alongside those who are novices, learning their first tunes.

Academic

NPBHS has proved, by the test of time, that boys perform superbly as a result of a quality educational environment.

Shown is a graph, and explanatory notes, that:

- show without a doubt how boys, in boys' schools, out perform boys in co-educational schools and how boys at NPBHS perform well in advance of other boys' schools and boys in all schools.



- show how our commitment to literacy and numeracy has paid handsome dividends.
- show how well NPBHS caters for the best academics in the province, in terms of Scholarships.

As a result of Scholarship success, proven over time, we are entering into an accord with Massey University that will see our top boys sitting a combination of university papers and/or Scholarship in their last year at school. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of our commitment to academia.

Boys' schools are wonderful places to educate adolescent young men

I believe, more and more, that in the adolescent years, boys are advantaged in a holistic sense by being at single-sex boys' schools.

The areas of sport, music, school spirit and close camaraderie have long been acknowledged as particular strengths of boys' schools. The graphs above show a side that is not always given great import by the media, that of the relative performances of boys academically. I believe it is undeniable and was picked up on by the former Prime Minister, Bill English, at a conference recently as being undeniable as well.

Why NPBHS is the educational option for so many boys - Boys are doing outstandingly well at NPBHS

NPBHS has developed a well-deserved reputation as one of New Zealand's finest schools over the past 123 years. It has a recent history of outstanding performance in all areas of school life.

Boys' education has been a major topic in modern economies all over the world. In the past twenty years girls have been empowered to take major roles in all areas of society. This is certainly one of the reasons why boys are becoming underachievers in comparison to girls, not only in NZ, but many other countries as well.

The exceptions to this trend in NZ are boys' schools, where boys are achieving as well, or better, than girls and certainly much better than boys in co-ed schools.

NPBHS has always bucked the trend and has a history of academic performance across the board for the top performers and for those who find school work more challenging. We get the best from most of our boys.

The place for boys to be in adolescent years:

We were an integral part of Celia Lashlie's study on what makes 'A Good Man in the 21st Century'. Some of her findings have been lauded nationally and overseas.

- The validity of being male has been undermined in recent years – at NPBHS the positive aspects of being male are of paramount importance in all that we do.
- Teachers know how to get the best out of boys academically, culturally and socially.
- Boys can be boys, without any fears of a negative stereotype.
- Boys need the firm guidelines and structures that boys' schools give.

As Celia said, 'The journey into NPBHS left a strong sense of magic about places where boys can be just boys and where the business of boys is the focus, the sole focus of the school. My prejudices were quickly unravelled.'

- 'The role of sport in the education of boys was another aspect of the project that caused me to revise a previously held opinion. Sport in boys' schools apparently plays a major part in the lives of adolescent boys, but I was initially unwilling to consider it was anything more than a side issue, in terms of the journey to manhood. My time in boys' schools completely changed my mind. It is an integral part of the journey and boys' schools do it so well.'
- 'Boys' schools do one thing best. They give boys time, the time they need to come fully into the adolescent experience, all the while putting images in front of them that tell them about the world of men. It is time boys need and it is time that boys' schools give them - time and hope.'
- 'Leadership is an essential component of the process of taking young men into manhood. Boys' schools do this so well, with so many leadership opportunities and great mentoring and role modelling.'

As a part of my job, I try and keep a close eye not only on all the activities that boys are involved in related to academic work, but also on the whole myriad of 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 staff do 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.

Term Three is that term when all the hard work, cold practices, skills training, good coaching and commitment comes to a climax for our top sports teams. I hope you have seen the advertisements in the paper that have highlighted some of our outstanding results – sporting, academic and cultural – this year. This shows, once again, that over the whole range of opportunities there are few schools in the country with our record of achievement. More than this, all boys have opportunities, no matter how small, how big, how fit and how co-ordinated.



The 'all rounder' education is a reality at Boys' High and most boys are active participants. Behind this programme is a dedicated, willing, enthusiastic and passionate group of staff, parents, Old Boys and boys who coach, manage, administer, lead, adjudicate, conduct, mentor and supervise. Without them the programme would not run and the holistic education could not happen. I know I speak for all parents and boys when I give thanks to this outstanding group.

We had an outstanding tournament week by any measure, when you consider that we were competing in the top tier of tournaments in all codes.

1st XI Hockey - 13th in Rankin Cup.
Congratulations to Mr Terry Kennedy and Miss Sarah Wilson.

1st XI Soccer - 7th in Lotto Premier.
Congratulations to Mr James Graham and Mr Hugh Russell.

2nd XI Hockey - 13th in Johnson Cup.
Congratulations to Ms Shirley McVicar and Mr Corey Hopkins.

Under 15 Rugby - 11th in National Invitation.
Congratulations to Mr Glen Hannah and Mr Gordon Giddy.

1st V Basketball - 6th in Central Region Tournament and qualified for Nationals.
Congratulations to Mr Jeff Cleaver, Mr Terry Heaps and Mr David Bublitz.

U-16 Basketball - finished 6th in the Central Zone Tournament.
Congratulations to Mr Adrian Taylor, Mr Lane Hopkinson and Mr Matt Cleaver.

Golf - unable to defend our title, but finished 4th in NZ Community Trust.
Congratulations to Mr Justin Hyde.

In the same vein, in August, Messrs Geange, Achary, Hannah and I conducted enrolment interviews for 2006 new entrants. We spent time at our major contributing schools, Highlands, Devon, Puketapu, Mangorei and Bell Block and met parents and boys from other schools at NPBHS. The process is one that allows us to get an early impression of the needs of the individuals and gives us an introduction to where we might best put resources. We have been inundated with enrolments and it has been a pleasure meeting boys who are well-motivated to make the most of their opportunities at Boys' High School next year.

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

- a wide range of subjects that are taught up to Year 13
- quality programmes that generate future opportunities
- wide range of sporting and cultural activities for all boys
- positive culture of developing all-round abilities
- sense of belonging to a positive environment
- boys having a pride in their school
- emphasis on positive student leadership
- insistence on standards of behaviour
- expectation to achieve to potential
- teaching that suits the needs of boys

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

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

The PTA are doing an excellent job of providing a wide range of opportunities for parents to learn more about bringing up young men. My congratulations to them for sponsoring (with NPGHS) the very informative meeting with Mr Ian Grant in August.

It confirmed our insistence on showing respect for teachers and students, not using violence or abuse as a response to a difficulty, insisting on high standards of work, taking personal accountability for behaviour, and working as part of a team.

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

Irrefutable evidence collected over time, indicates that boys need strong guidelines at school, and work better when these guidelines are enforced. They want to know where the boundaries are. NPBHS will continue to draw solid boundaries and keep to the line when, often, society in general is unsure about what is acceptable and what

is not. I do not want our boys to be unsure of the consequences of not keeping standards and I would hope that they take on the responsibility of keeping them.

Our Steps System is a very effective way of monitoring student behaviour, as it allows not only for consequences of poor behaviour, but also for positive feedback by way of good behaviour.

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

As the end of year approached, I was certain, that our teaching staff had prepared our boys very well for examinations, such as the NCEA externals. A raft of decisive things have been done:

- well-qualified teachers with well-prepared schemes of work have taught the course requirements;
- the resources have been provided to ensure that the best learning environments possible are the norm;
- the teachers have very high expectations of their students;
- advice on planning and revision have been offered over a long time period by class teachers, Deans and Group Teachers, as well as Senior Administration;
- extra classes have been run and teachers have been readily available outside normal class period times to give assistance;
- revision materials have been advertised as being available in the Library;
- assemblies have been used to draw everybody's attention to the importance of examinations;
- we are involved in a Careers pilot scheme that gives boys at Year 10 a very formalised career path assistance from Careers Advisor, Mr Watts, and Social Studies staff;
- all Year 10, 11 and 12 boys have had interviews with senior staff, to look at goals, possible careers, courses that are appropriate and to talk about the importance of good exam preparation;
- the PTA sponsored an excellent outside provider, Spectrum Education, to come and talk with all Year 11 boys about preparation for exams, study, memorising, and an evening seminar for parents. Other PTA forums have assisted and supported parents with ideas;
- my Newsletters have focused attention on the countdown to formal exams and offered assistance to parents to plan the event with their sons;
- study plans were sighted and discussed at Group time.

There is no doubt that from a professional point of view the expectation from the school is high and the framework for success very obvious.

The big VARIABLE was the 'buy in' from the boys – have they the attitude, the commitment to get the best possible results from the exams, to show by examination where they are at academically and to open up the widest range of future opportunities because of their success?

All parents with boys at Years 11, 12 or 13 received, at the beginning of November, a copy of their sons' results from the 'mock exams'

they had sat in week one of Term Four, and, in some cases, a letter signed by Mr Heaps (Assistant Principal) and me.

Comments from teachers, following the exams, rang alarm bells for me and other staff in some areas. Firstly, let me say that many boys performed outstandingly and gave of their best, but a significant number, for whatever reasons, did not put in the level of work required. They put greater emphasis on other priorities in their lives. The balance had not been reached and the scales were tipped too far towards social and non-academic pursuits. The NCEA system, by its very nature, allows students to make decisions to concentrate on certain Achievement or Unit Standards and not others. This may seem sensible on the surface if a boy looks to doing a bare minimum to progress to the next level, get 80 credits for NCEA Certificate, or to move on to a tertiary course. To me it is a move towards mediocrity, to do 'just enough' and it is not what we call for, or expect, from our boys.

The same trend was evident last year at this time and despite our best efforts to get boys to study all areas, they played a game of roulette and, in some cases, lost out badly. By this I mean they did not get the credits required for University or did not get into courses at Year 12 or 13.

Boys cannot fool their way through Achievement Standards.

They need to know their work to gain achieved, merit or excellence.

Unfortunately the NCEA system, I believe, contributes in some ways to the problem and is not friendly towards boys.

The breaking-up of subjects into many discrete parts, that are individually examined, detracts somewhat from the subject as a whole. The emphasis is on the material to be tested and not on the intrinsic value of what is being taught. The question that is being asked more and more - 'is this going to be tested or examined?' If the answer is 'No' then the feeling is that it is not of great value, therefore no emphasis is given to it.

In turn this leads to an attitude of picking and choosing what is relevant (relevant here meaning gaining credits) and hence the mock exams are not given great importance and then the attitude of doing 'enough' to gain entry to the next level via the minimum is deemed to be the norm.

I will repeat what I said at this time last year -

Education is not about trying to get away with the minimum amount of work, but should be about trying to maximise the uptake of skills and knowledge so that our young people are in the best position for the future. The short-sighted view that some are taking will have long-term consequences in terms of gaps in learning and an unsound base on which future learning can build.

I do believe, as I have said before, that the pressure on students and teachers, because of the constant assessment is unrealistic and unsustainable. I also acknowledge that this is the first year when all three levels of NCEA have been examined at once, together with the level 4 Scholarship exams. After this year, it should be time for an audit of what has been accomplished in the NCEA environment and whether fine tuning or a more radical overhaul is required.

Well, there was an audit at Scholarship level and I hope that there will prove to be an exacting, but fair, set of exams this year. The radical

overhaul has been resisted up to now and some fine-tuning done, but there is still room for more.

I asked parents to emphasise to their boys the need to stick to their study programme and make the sacrifices needed.

As Celia Lashlie says. 'If you are told by your sons to butt out, to get off their case' then pat yourself on the back, you are doing what parents are meant to do - they may well thank you later in life, if you are lucky!

Another group who deserve a 'pat on the back' for their positive leadership are our prefects. They have a most important role at NPBHS and, in 2005, most could say they have gone that 'extra mile' to ensure that the highest standards are upheld. In particular, the Heads of House have given outstanding service and got the best out of their Houses in a closely fought House competition. To Gabriel Davies (Donnelly), Simon Mills (Syme), Chad Mills (Barak) and Hayden Ballantyne (Hatherly) my thanks for your loyalty and positive encouragement of your boys - you can be proud of your year and to Matthew Ander (Head Boy), you have really grown in the job. Your own setbacks did not deter you from the job and, in fact, showed up the strong character that you possess. Your positive, cheerful but very competitive nature has ensured that standards have been upheld and that significant school occasions went very well. Your ability to keep things in balance and keep your own personal standards so high, have been an inspiration to others. You can be very proud of your year as Head Boy and of your team.

My reading of other schools around the country tells me that I am lucky and, even blessed, by the standard of Board of Trustees that I have had in the past ten years. The Board have been unfailingly committed to the best outcome for boys and, as such, totally supportive of the staff and me. Under Mr Harrop and Mr Mills as Chair and Deputy Chair, two loyal Old Boys, the Trustees have given wonderful governance at a very busy time in the school history. I am privileged to work with such a positive and unified Board. Special thanks to Laine Barnett for his year on the BOT as Student Representative, a great learning experience.

The Boarding Hostel continues to flourish under Mr Geoff Hall and his devoted team, but in 2005 the House Competition did not go to Hatherly, but to Syme House - congratulations to Mr Turner, Simon Mills, prefects and all 'Men of Steel' - you had a fine victory.

Mr Hall has taken over the Presidency of the Old Boys Association at a busy time, when the 125th reunion looms at Easter of 2007. I continue to enjoy the company of Old Boys all over the country and we all enjoy having Old Boys back at school in their reunion groups - it is a strength of NPBHS and attests to the wonderful bonds that are formed by young men that continue when they are not so young and memories are more selective. The dedicated support of Mr Max Carroll is at the heart of such meetings and my thanks, once again, go to him.

2005 has been a very fine year for NPBHS in many ways. We have excelled at providing the whole range of opportunities that allow our boys to develop to be mature young men who will be positive contributors to the communities that they live in. At Prize Giving it was obvious that NPBHS is represented very well in music, which is in great heart; our sports teams are up with the best; our leaders have given real service to others; we have had a significant number

of students experience cultures overseas, and we have had our friends from Colegio San Nicolas de Myra stay with us.

Our staff have done everything possible to get boys to reach out for the best academic results - time will tell on this front. Our PTA, under Neil Armitage, have provided conduits for parents to seek assurance and reassurance about the school and adolescent males - it is a pity that more parents do not take up this chance to engage with other parents and teachers at a time when there are a number of competing pressures for our boys.

Finally, my thanks to the staff, who are so much a part of the 'whole village' that is needed to raise a child and I would back their dedication, their professionalism, their commitment and their care for the boys of NPBHS against any staff, anywhere. In particular - Mr Bruce Bayly (Deputy Headmaster), Mr Jed Rowlands and Mr Terry Heaps (Assistant Principal) with whom I have close contact in senior management; and also staff of the ilk of Mr David Mossop.

Great schools need continuity, the sense of history, as well as an injection of youthful enthusiasm. Mr Mossop has been all of these things and even in his last few weeks of teaching still has that youthful enthusiasm for the job. He has been an outstanding staff member over a long period of time and typifies service to others. A brief resume -

1959-63	Student at NPBHS
1968	Graduated B.Sc (Hons) in Zoology from Canterbury University and attended Christchurch Teachers College
1969	Joined NPBHS to teach Senior Biology and Science
1976	Lectured at National In-service Courses
1977	Head of Biology
1978	Massey University Visiting Lecturer
1984	HOD Sciences
1999	Royal Society Teaching Fellow
2002	Stepped down from HOD Sciences, but kept HOD Biology
2005	Resigned from teaching

During these 37 years, Mr Mossop has also coached rugby (2nd XV), Cricket, Squash, Indoor Basketball and for the last 15 years, Golf - culminating in the NZSS Champion Team last year. An Officer in the Cadet battalion; Dean at Years 10 and 11; Boarding Master for 5 years and involved in the up-grading of science and biology labs - twice. More than this, David Mossop has been a great teacher, a wonderful servant of NPBHS, a true gentleman and a scholar.

We thank him for his insightful wisdom and friendship and wish him and his wife, Carol, a long and happy life after teaching. He has done what few teachers do, retire when at the top of the game, and leaves behind a legacy of rare quality. He epitomises the best qualities of NPBHS.

L R French-Wright
Headmaster

Board of Trustees' Report

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Sub-Committees:

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

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The Board of Trustees

The current Board is now about halfway through its three year term which began in April 2004.

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 hard working 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.

Earlier this year we co-opted as a Board Member, Meryn Feather who kindly agreed to chair our technology sub-committee for the balance of this Board's term. Her invaluable experience, derived from being an elected parent representative for the previous two terms of the Board, has been greatly appreciated.

I want to thank our student representative, Laine Barnett, for his contributions and hard work during the year. He retired in September following the elections and was replaced by Derren-Jesse Puata.

As Chairperson I want to thank each of the Board members for their commitment and hard work to board affairs during 2005.

The Management of NPBHS

Our school is very fortunate to have an outstanding Headmaster, Mr Lyal French-Wright. He is totally dedicated to the school, to his staff and to the boys and he demonstrates that commitment 7 days a week. When not working directly on school business, Mr French-Wright typically spends his weekends coaching school sports teams and/or supporting other school sporting and cultural events. Our Board has a superb working relationship with Mr French-Wright, based on mutual respect and a shared vision for the school. On behalf of the Board I thank him for his substantial efforts during 2005, which have built on the already outstanding reputation of our school.

Mr French-Wright would not be able to carry out his role as well as he does without having a strong and absolutely dependable management team working with him. Our Deputy Principal, Mr Bruce Bayly, and our Assistant Principals, Mr Terry Heaps and Mr Jed Rowlands, are in many respects, unsung heroes of our school who are deservedly well respected and appreciated by the boys and the staff, as well as by the Board.

The Board extends its sincere thanks and congratulations to the senior management and to Mr French-Wright for their excellent work during the year.

Staff

2005 was another extremely busy year for staff of NPBHS. NCEA is still, relatively speaking, in its infancy, and there are ongoing teething problems and pressures together with the substantially increased workload with which all teachers now have to deal. In some schools this has led to a reduction in the commitment of teachers to extra-

curricular activities. These have always been a foundation of education at NPBHS 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 pressures they face. NPBHS provides an amazing range of activities and opportunities for boys and many of these take place outside school hours. Without the commitment of the staff who organise and assist with these events, the boys simply would not have these invaluable opportunities.

The staff deserve to take a great deal of pride and satisfaction in the quality of the young men turned out by our school. In particular I mention our current Heads of Department who are all people of enthusiasm and vision.

Inevitably with such a large staff, there are always comings and goings. The Board welcomes those who have joined the staff during 2005 and to those who have left, thank you for your contribution. I want to make particular mention of the outstanding service of Mr David Mossop who is retiring at the end of 2005 after an astonishing 36 years as a science teacher at this school. That followed his being a student here as well. Mr Mossop has made a sustained and outstanding contribution to the school, including lengthy periods as Head of Biology and Head of Science, and to the many boys with whom he has had contact both as a teacher and in extra-curricular activities. Any school of standing and tradition needs to have teachers such as Mr Mossop to provide continuity of standards. On behalf of the Board, I thank Mr Mossop for his superb career at the school.

The teachers are only part of the staff employed at NPBHS. A large group of support staff work very hard to keep the school and the hostel running well. Without their support, the teaching staff and management team simply would not be able to do the job that they do. On behalf of the Board I thank all of the support staff for their hard work and dedication and for their contribution to the success of the school during 2005.

Hostel

The Hostel is a substantial organisation in itself. The Hostel Committee is ably chaired by Rob Mills (also Deputy Chairperson of the Board). His experience from his work on the previous Hostel Committee of the Board is essential and it supplements his experience as a boarder in Carrington House in the 1970s. The other Committee members provide valuable insight into life in the Hostel and this contributes to prudent decision making. Although the Hostel boys now constitute only about 15% of the school population, the Board is in no doubt that they are a vital 15% and that the Hostel remains the heart of NPBHS. The performance of Hatherly House in the competition with the three Day Boy houses regularly bears this out. This year Hatherly came a close second to Syme House.

The school is particularly fortunate to have Mr Geoff Hall as Senior Hostel Master. He has enormous commitment and energy and this rubs off not only on the other staff members and prefects, but also on all of the Hatherly boys.

The Board particularly congratulates Hayden Ballantyne, the Head Boarder of 2005, and his team of Hostel Prefects. They are an integral part of the management of the Hostel and their efforts in enhancing Hostel spirit and in breaking down some of the less desirable traditions within the Hostel, have been notable.

The Board was particularly pleased to be able to achieve completion of the long-awaited renovations to Moyes House during the year. These have been substantial improvements and have been well received by everyone. Special thanks are due to Mr Mills, Mr Emslie and Mr Hall for their efforts to achieve the excellent outcome we now have.

Property

This important sub-committee is also chaired by Mr Rob Mills and is a critical part of the Board's responsibilities. We must provide the staff and students with appropriate teaching, learning, sporting and cultural facilities.

Much of the Board's time during 2005 has been taken up with the substantial building project – the redevelopment of the Cramond and Alexander Blocks. The first tender – Stage One – involving demolishing of the existing staffroom and construction of three laboratories in the Alexander Block plus some relocation of site services, has been let to ICL Construction and work commenced on 28 November with a scheduled finish of February 2006.

The next stage will be to call for tenders of the demolition of the Cramond Block. After the salvaging of items of value from Cramond, the building is scheduled to be demolished at Easter 2006. Prior to that, tenders will be sought for the more substantial Stage Two which involves the refurbishment of the remainder of the Alexander Block and the construction of a new three-storey classroom and administration block in place of the Cramond Block. The intention is that construction will commence in April 2006 and that the building will be completed and opened about mid-2007.

This is a substantial building project, with the budgeted cost about \$5.5m. It would be difficult enough to carry out anywhere, but the fact it is going to happen in the midst of a busy school which still needs to function at maximum capacity is undoubtedly going to cause considerable inconvenience for the staff and the boys. This is especially so because the project not only involves classrooms and laboratories but also a relocation of the administration area of the school and the creation of a new entrance to the school. There is no doubt it will be very worthwhile in the end, but there will be short term pain for that long term gain.

The appointed architects and engineers for the project are Chapman Oulsnam Speirs Ltd and some pictures of how the building is proposed to look can be seen on their website: www.cosl.co.nz (look under Education Projects).

Technology

The relatively new Head of Department, Sue Scott, has settled in well and the Board has greatly appreciated her contribution during 2005. In combination with Meryn Feather the Subcommittee Chairperson, Ms Scott has ensured that funds are applied in the most effective manner. Previous teething problems with the computer network, upgraded during 2004, have been largely resolved and the Board has been able to make some critical purchasing decisions to further enhance this. Greatly assisting in this regard is the extremely generous donation the school has received from the Yarrow Family Trust. The Yarrow family is fully aware of the importance of computer technology to maximising the learning of our youth, and the Board is extremely grateful to the Yarrow Family Trust for its considerable generosity which will allow us to achieve optimum learning technology facilities for our boys, much earlier than would have been possible otherwise.

Finance

As Chairperson I am very grateful for the contribution of Mr Jamie Sutherland, the Chairperson of our Finance Sub-Committee. In combination with our Board's Secretary Mr Emslie, Mr Sutherland ensures that sound financial management principles are employed throughout the complexity of the school's finances, including those of the Hostel.

Like all Boards of Trustees, we continue to be concerned at the level of funding provided by the Ministry, and it is a constant issue for us to ensure that expenditure is committed on a sound financial basis while at the same time doing our best to ensure the optimum use of such funding as is available, to benefit the learning of the boys.

Policy

The Policy Committee does valuable work behind the scenes and has been ably chaired this year by Fiona Browne (formerly Bracken). This Committee provides an essential framework for the management of the school and during its visit to the school last year ERO complimented the Board on its policies. I want also to acknowledge the valuable assistance provided to this Committee by our very experienced Assistant Principal, Mr Terry Heaps.

Whanau Waiora

Board member Chris Taylor chairs this Committee which strives to advance the interests of the Maori boys at NPBHS. He is ably assisted by other parents, Board members and staff members and Kaumatua who meet monthly. Unfortunately the level of parental support for this Committee is far less than desirable and accordingly the Committee is not as effective as it would like to be. Both the Board and Whanau Waiora are committed to ensuring that Maori boys attending NPBHS succeed and become role models for others following on from behind them and in the community generally.

PTA

The PTA has continued to function well during 2005 under the chairmanship of Neil Armitage. The attendances at the monthly PTA meetings have generally been good and this dedicated group of supporters of the school help in many ways, particularly with additional fundraising for the school. The funding provided is always greatly welcomed by the Board. However, the PTA is much more than a fundraising group. It 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 meeting and participating beyond that. They should not be reticent about attending for fear of being pressured into a fundraising activity.

Young Men of NPBHS

One of the focuses of the school in recent years has been the development of leadership qualities. The Board congratulates this year's Head Boy, Matt Ander, and his team of prefects on the superb way they have acted as role models for the rest of the boys. In doing so 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 the 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 an essential pathway for them in the transition from boyhood to manhood. To those who are leaving at the end of 2005, 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 each of you every success in your chosen career.

Mr Stephen Harrop
Chairperson
NPBHS Board of Trustees
November 2005

Staff Notes 2005

The year started with very few changes being made to our staffing. We farewelled **Mrs Anna Stevens** at the end of 2004 and wished her all the best as Head of English at the new Coastal Taranaki School, established to replace Okato College. **Ms Victoria Kerr** accepted the position for 2005 of Assistant HOD English. Ms Kerr came to us from King Edward VI High School, Stafford, England, where she had been HOD English. Victoria has worked with the Department of Education at Keele University in the training of associate teachers, acting as a mentor. Victoria has a keen interest in the arts and drama and has already made an impact on the stage this year.

Dr Nandana Ariyaratne arrived at the start of the year to teach Chemistry and Science, after an outstanding teaching record at both high schools and universities in New Zealand and overseas. He gained a Bachelor of Science with first class honours in Chemistry and Biology and a Doctorate in Philosophy in Chemistry from the University of Hawaii.

Mr David Bublitz returned to his old school as a teacher of Physical Education and Health. An Old Boy, David gained his Bachelor of Physical Education from Otago University and Teaching Diploma from Massey before teaching at Wellington College from 1996 - 1998. For the last five years he has been based in London, where he was Teacher-in-Charge of Physical Education and Personal Social Health and Education at Stanford House Secure Children's Home, a school for 12 - 16 year olds with behavioural and learning difficulties. David immediately got involved in coaching Basketball and is now Teacher-in-Charge of Basketball.

Mr Andrew Hope returns to us after two years at Tauranga Boys' College. Andrew adds the extra responsibility of taking charge of Carrington House in the Hostel to Assistant HOD in Mathematics and Assistant Dean of Year 10.

Mrs Mary Porteous took a term's leave in Term One and we welcomed **Miss Kirsty Grieve** back in a part-time capacity along with **Mrs Lynda Newman**, who had recently taught at St Mary's and Sacred Heart College.

The end of Term One saw two long-serving staff leave. **Mrs Rosemary Carter** became Guidance Counsellor at Timaru Girls' High School. Rosemary grew and developed her role at NPBHS from Head of Transition to part-time Counsellor. She was instrumental in developing excellent Gifted and Talented programmes within our

school and her enthusiasm and ability to think outside the square will be missed.

Returning to NPBHS to replace Rosemary was **Mr David Moore**. David taught at Boys' High from 1978 - 1991, was Head of Carrington House in the Hostel, coached the 1st XV from 1980 - 1989 and his wife Val, is presently Dean of International Students at Boys' High.

Mr Malcolm Rose decided to retire, after 24 years teaching at NPBHS. Malcolm has been in charge of Engineering at the school, with many boys benefiting from his expertise and skills in the technology field. Malcolm will always be remembered for his help in organising the morning teas at the school athletics and swimming sports. On one occasion he got the school tractor and trailer, loaded up the morning tea and Mrs O'Byrne, the Tea Lady, and drove down to the grassed area beside the swimming pool. All was going well until Malcolm drove the tractor underneath the Outdoor Volleyball net and ended up trailing it behind him. We wish Malcolm all the best in the next phase of his life and thank him for all that he has given to the school over a long period of time.

Mrs O'Byrne also had her share of problems this year when she fell back while pruning her trees at home. Marie made an excellent recovery and it was great to see her return in Term Four.

Mrs Gail Woodward also left at the end of Term One. Gail looked after our Development Office as Office Manager for 2 1/2 years, and took this role to new heights. We wish her all the best in a new venture in Havelock North. We welcomed **Nicky Howarth** to fill this position.

Mr Evan Hoskin started after Easter after transferring from Hawera High School. Evan was the HOD of Technology at Hawera and he has quickly made his mark in the classroom and as Assistant Coach of the 2nd XV Rugby team.

At the end of Term Three **Mr Chris Woods** left, after five years, to pursue a professional rugby career in England. He has been an excellent teacher in the Physical Education and Health Department and a Hostel Master. We wish Chris all the best in this next adventure. We thank him for all he has done to enhance the lives of our young men, from following his fortunes on the wing for Taranaki to dancing to the sounds Chris produced as DJ for the school socials we had during the year.

Another Old Boy, **Mr Kane Rowson**, took over from Chris in the PE Department at the start of Term Four. He had been Head of Syme House in his time here as a student, and after completing a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science at Waikato University, headed off to play professional cricket in the UK. He is a current Taranaki representative cricketer and we congratulate him after his recent selection into the Central Districts Cricket Team.

The Physical Education and Health Department has certainly had its share of disruption this year with **Mr Dale Atkins** (HOD) and **Mr David Bublitz** both undergoing major knee surgery. Our thanks must go to **Mrs Leith Atkins** and Old Boys **Tim and Matthew Cleaver** for ensuring the department was able to function smoothly under the guidance of **Mr Larry Wilson**, Acting HOD.

There have been a number of new additions to the families of staff since the last Taranakian, with the arrival of another daughter for Nigel



Mr David Mossop
1969 - 2005



and Jacqui Hunter, who welcomed Phoebe to their family. Late last year Paul and Susan Dominikovich celebrated the arrival of Madeline. Then towards the end of 2005, Nigel Vernon's wife, Maryse, gave birth to their first daughter, Kate, and Michael and Allison Townes welcomed the birth of Daniel, their second son.

Several staff members are to depart at the end of the year. As well as **Mr Barry Barronian**, who had a years supernumary position with us, **Mr Reuben Creery** (English and Social Studies) is heading off on an overseas sojourn, **Mr Ian Wiseman** (English) is furthering his teaching experience at an International School in Brunei, **Mr Andrew Slyfield** (Mathematics) is moving to Australia and **Mr David Mossop** (HOD Biology), after 37 years is calling it a day. To all of these people our warm thanks for your involvement in the school both in curricular and extra-curricular activities, and best wishes go to you and your families for the future.

David Mossop leaving us. Where do you begin in recounting the stories and experiences given and shared over 36 years? David did it well by first shouting morning tea and then via a golf tournament held in his honour.

David was a student at NPBHS from 1959 - 1963, moving on to Canterbury University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Zoology in 1968. In 1969 he joined the staff to teach senior Biology in the Science Department. By 1977 he had become Head of Biology and in 1984 HOD of Science. David is a scholar, a gentleman and a wonderful servant of Boys' High. His role was not just restricted to management. He coached and managed a

huge number of sports in his time: Rugby (2nd XV), Cricket, Squash, Indoor Basketball and for the last 15 years Golf. In Golf, his team won the New Zealand Secondary School title last year, a great achievement. David was an officer in the cadets, a Dean of Year 10 and 11, a boarding master for 5 years and a top darts player. Pool came a close second but in the eighties David could often be seen concentrating through a bluish haze and firing three darts into the heart of the dartboard, thus finishing off his opponents who never gave up trying to compete against him.

It was on the Cadet overnights in the Kaitaki and Puakai Ranges that David showed his true leadership and decision-making skills. One evening at dusk, boys were missing at roll call from a cadet camp. This interfered greatly with the masters' evening, but under the guidance of Cadet Officer Mossop, an expert night search was carried out. We did not find the boys, who were holed up in a hayshed on the farm next door. Needless to say, the 'talking-to' the boys received the next morning, was sincere and earnest. The following year on the Upper Mangorei Road David's decision-making skills were to the fore. The river the cadets were camping by, rose to a raging torrent by the next morning and thanks to Mr Mossop, the boys, who were cut off with him, were safely escorted out of the bush with only the loss of breakfast as a reminder of the ordeal. Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom all spring to mind when thinking of David. May you enjoy your retirement.

Mr Bruce Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



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Head Boy's Report

2005 is destined to become another integral part of New Plymouth Boys' High School's proud history. It is a school enriched with tradition and it continues to maintain its reputation as being one of the finest schools in the country.

It has been a privilege and an honour to lead this school for 2005. The path had been set by the fine examples left by my predecessors and I was left to walk it with my own interpretation. What a wonderful experience and opportunity to develop myself as a person. We all know life is about confronting challenges, and as Sir Edmund Hillary once said,

"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves".

The year did not begin how I would have liked, with my admission to hospital for a knee operation. This was followed by several months' recuperation. During this time I was very thankful for the great deal of support I had from the staff and all my peers.

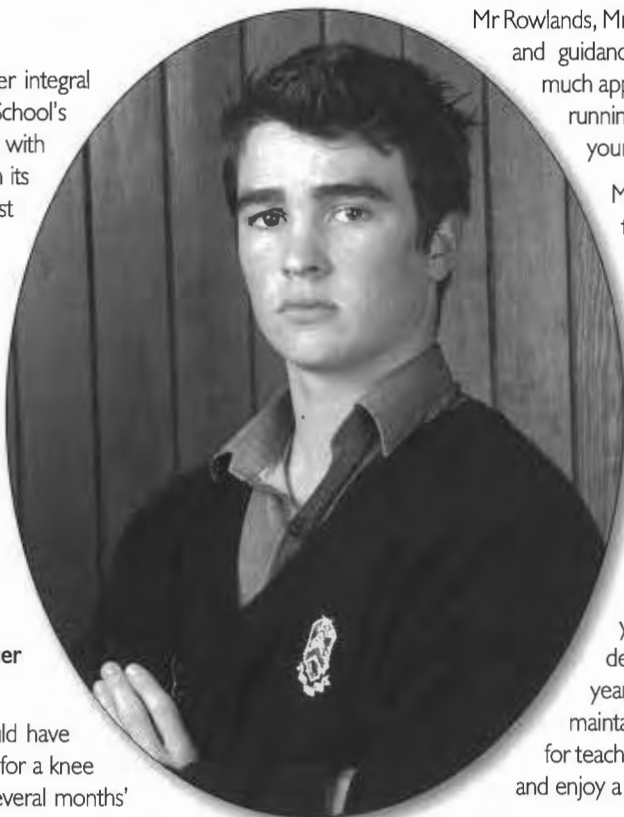
Now that I have reached one of life's finishing lines, I can think back to 2001 when I first walked through the towering gates of Boys' High. A smile was etched onto my face, full of immense pride, as all I was thinking was, "Wow I'm here at last". I was just one of a large number of new boys in a huge school of 1300, wandering around in absolute awe, slowly immersing myself into the history and traditions that behold this school.

Sadly one of our group was tragically killed in 2002, before the start of our second year. I would like to pay tribute to our friend whose vitality for life had touched many of our hearts and left us with many cherished lifelong memories. 'Streety' your inspiration helped me come to the decision to apply for Head Boy and I can only hope that I have done you and your family proud.

There have been many outstanding achievements academically, culturally and on our sporting fields this year. I am amazed at the sheer depth and diversity of talent that Boy's High has managed to produce once again. From School Champions to World Champions, I congratulate you all on your success.

This year would have not been as successful if it weren't for many vital people.

First and foremost to Mr. French-Wright, the consummate professional, - Thank you for your encouragement and undivided support over not only this year but for the last five years. You are a fatherly figure and an inspirational leader with such an overwhelming charismatic presence. It amazes me that after all the extra hours you put in throughout the school week you still devote your weekends to coaching and supporting sports teams. You set the benchmark for the rest of us to follow.



Mr Rowlands, Mr Bayly and Mr Heaps, - Your support and guidance throughout the year has been much appreciated. The efficient and smooth running of this school bears testimony to your skill and expertise.

Many students believe it is their right to learn. However, at this school, because of the sheer dedication of the teachers it is a true privilege. To my teachers this year, Mr Russell, Mr Page, Mr Gledhill, Mr Simpson and Mr Cayzer, thank you for sharing your wisdom and knowledge with enthusiasm right throughout the year and making our time at Boys' High an unforgettable one.

Mr Mossop, - I would like to wish you all the best in your much-deserved retirement after thirty-six years of teaching at Boys' High. You maintained your enthusiasm and passions for teaching right to the end. Put your feet up and enjoy a long and happy retirement.

To the young and vivacious office ladies who play an important part in the daily operations of the school, - Nothing has ever been too much trouble for you. I have always appreciated your accepting manner and willingness to help me with those intricate tasks when required.

To the hostel boys, - As it is so often said, you are 'the heart of the school'. This school has been a significant part of your life for the last few years. In a lot of ways it has been your home, your family and many of you would have forged lifelong friendships. It always amazes me how a group of young boys from such diverse backgrounds unite together and become a dominant force in the House Competition. Hatherly has been superbly led by Hayden and together the passion and pride that you have in the Hostel sets the standards for the rest of the school to follow.

The School Ball was undoubtedly the highlight of the school's social calendar. When I first took on this job I was advised that most of the sixth and seventh formers would judge your tenure as head boy as to how successful the Ball was. To the Ball Committee. After many hours of planning and discussion "The Phantom of the Opera" theme was born. You have lived up to the high expectations set by previous years and have once again produced a very special occasion, that I'm sure was enjoyed by all. The Ball invitations proved popular and were gladly welcomed by most boys, who I understand, gained much pleasure and pride from wearing them.

Many thanks to the Board of Trustees and the PTA for your commitment in playing such a vital part in the success of this school. One thing that has been much appreciated by all the guys is the effort of the Board of Trustees to build a closer relationship with New Plymouth Girls' High School. Some of the boys have shown unparalleled commitment to this idea by going out of their way to develop this relationship at a more personal level.

To the Head Girls of New Plymouth Girls' High School, Rachel, Tania and Helen, - It has been an absolute pleasure working with you. The healthy rivalry was evident once again this year in the battle of the sexes between the two schools. I have no doubt that the social relationship between these two schools has continued to stay strong and will do so for many years to come.

To the Heads of Houses, Gabriel, Millsy, Chad and Bells, - Thank you for all your help and support this year, as you have made my job notably easier. Your leadership and contribution to this school has not gone unnoticed as you, as individuals, have passed on the pride and passion to your respective Houses. I have the utmost respect for you four. Congratulations to Millsie in leading Syme to victory in the closely fought House Competition. Also special mention must be made to Chad and Barak House for finally managing to elevate themselves from last place to a satisfying third placing. It has only taken five years!

To the prefects, - Your support and leadership has been invaluable throughout the year. You all have set a fine example for the rest of the boys to follow. You can be justifiably proud of yourselves for the way you have upheld the beliefs and high standards that this school prides itself on. In saying that, only you can judge your individual performance as prefect this year, but collectively you have done a fantastic job.

To all the boys returning to school next year, - Make sure you grasp every opportunity that comes your way, the rewards and

experiences gained make the effort worthwhile. Each of you have to expect things of yourself before you can achieve them as life is made up of many challenges and on the way to your dreams you will have to overcome many obstacles. Eighty percent of your success will be failures so stick to your goals no matter how hard it becomes.

To the seventh formers, -Our time at New Plymouth Boys' High School is coming to an end. We will soon be heading off in our different directions but we will all take with us lifelong memories of the experiences shared whilst here. Your time at this school has played a significant part in molding you into the person you are today and I know that many of you are destined to become leaders in your chosen domain.

My biggest thank you must go to my family. Your unwavering support throughout this year has been second to none. I could not have achieved what I have without your guidance during my time at Boys' High.

Finally, although my time at Boys' High has come to an end, the memories will live on forever. A final thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout the year. It will not be forgotten.

**Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui.
Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Wise**

Matthew Ander
Head Boy 2005

Heads of House



Hayden Ballantyne (Hatherly), Simon Mills (Syme), Matthew Ander (Head Boy), Chad Mills (Barak), Gabriel Davies (Donnelly)



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Barak House

At the beginning of 2005 eleven hardworking prefects and a Head of House were chosen to lead Barak. As I stood nervously alongside a keen bunch of prefects, I realised that it was going to be the year in which all of us would desperately attempt to gain Barak some momentum by leaving behind the unfortunate jinx of 4th place that we previously had seemed destined to attain.

Mr Hyde, prefects and every boy in Barak House 2005, I really can't thank you enough; your hard work has been second to none and it shows in the results this year. I know that without you, our final 3rd placing would not have been possible and you boys who are returning should wear a great deal of pride on your shoulders with this accomplishment.

Having established early on that we all wanted to see an improvement in the attitude and participation from the House this year, we pushed for 100% participation and effort in tabloid sports at the start of Term One. Mr Hyde pointed out that we needed a solid platform to work off and the prefects and I completely supported him. On the day, many of our Group Rooms were successful in their activities and this lifted our confidence going into our next big House event.

On the morning of swimming sports we were very nervous. The first real opportunity to gain points had hit us and I was anticipating a difficult day ahead. What a day it turned out to be ... We showed early on, by winning an extremely close tyre tube relay, that we weren't intending to come 4th that day. It was a real boost to all of us to see the House getting in behind our swimmers with various chants and signs. A huge thanks needs to go out to our championship swimmers who competed so well all day. When the points were finally announced, and Barak was awarded 3rd place, the entire House were up and screaming as if we had won. I will never forget the echoing cheer and the relief not to be last; we all felt like winners.

Next on the cards was Athletics Day and we had some strong athletes who had made it into Championship Events. We had a small taste of victory at Swimming Sports but felt we could do better at athletics and held nothing back. A special mention must go to Kyle Manu, who ran the 100m for Barak and completely smashed the rest of the competition. Due to our championship athletes and strong participation, we managed to get a very satisfying 2nd place on the day. Once again we had managed to keep our streak alive with some good decision making and hard work. Mr Hyde did a great job on the day running back and forth sorting out our teams, which I am sure was crucial in our placing.

Cross Country was next and the weather was super hot on the day of the race. It was anyone's guess who was going to win the senior race with plenty of touch competition up the front. But finally the Head Boarder, Hayden Ballantyne, pulled through. Our runners were spaced out a lot which made it difficult to tally points and unfortunately we got 4th place in this event. David Morton did really well in the intermediate race, winning comfortably and showing huge potential for the Cross Country Team. Look out for him in the senior races over the next few years.

Haka was always going to be tough. Stuart Kennedy stepped up to lead our House and we were into our preparation early. Things were coming along really well. A lot of different ideas were put forward and we enjoyed some challenging House Assemblies. On the day, I was



You hum it, and I'll sing it...

impressed at how well everybody lined up and listened respectfully to the other Houses. Unfortunately we failed to impress the judges and were again placed fourth.

Music was the final main House event that we would be competing in and what an amazing job Mrs Slater did in the 3 - 4 weeks prior to the event. Everyday she was there, up in front of the House doing her best to improve our vocal skills. There really could not have been a better person for the job and a huge thanks needs to go out to her from me and the boys. Coming up to the day, I didn't really know what to expect from the other Houses. Different views were being thrown around the school and when the House did their performance I was impressed with the way we fronted up and made a statement. The other Houses were also good, however, when it came to the Barak house band, what a surprise I got! It was the greatest performance I have seen throughout my time at Boys' High and threw a clear message to the judges and other Houses. The score cards were read, and if I thought the cheer at the swimming pool was loud, I was overwhelmed with the one Barak let out here. 1st place was finally ours and the boys couldn't have wanted it more. It just shows us what we are capable of when things come together. A special mention must go to Jay Goodey who was outstanding on vocals, and really sealed the 1 point victory we managed over Syme.

The debaters had a really good year in an event at which we are traditionally very strong. They definitely held their own in every debate I watched and were unlucky to be pushed into 2nd place.

2005 shaped up to be one amazing year and I have barely scraped the surface on all the positive things Barak house has achieved.

Mr Hyde, you have been an inspiration to us all in Barak. Over the five years I have sat and watched you continually participate and motivate our House; you have never faltered. You are the spirit of Barak House and without you my year wouldn't have been the same.

Can you



spot your leader?

Thank you very much for showing faith in me and for understanding when it came time to make a call. I am sure that in years to come you will continue to do the same great job you have done this year. Good luck for next year.

To my prefects, I could not have asked any more of any of you. Although a little scarce in numbers during some House Assemblies, you showed up on the days that counted, and pulled the house together. At times I don't know how you managed to pull through, but you never failed to give anything but your all, and you don't know how much I have appreciated all your help. I wish you all luck for the future and hope to see you around sometime. Thank you once again for stepping up whenever I asked you.

Mr French-Wright, where would the school be without you? You have been such an inspiration to me ever since I walked into Ryder Hall on my first day of school. You make speaking in front of large audiences seem so simple, a skill which I have tried and tried to develop. I would not be where I am today without your guidance and I thank you for this. I am sure everyone agrees with me when I say that if our school was a person you would definitely be the heart. Tradition and pride are two things which you consistently show every boy at school and, in future years, I know you will continue to hold and portray the same high standards which the school lives by.

Finally, I would like to say good luck to the Head of Barak House next year. You will step up alongside Mr Hyde and a group of prefects to continue to keep our House spirit alive. Millsy, a huge congrats to you on winning the House Cup for Syme. Our final year really couldn't have ended better and you deserve the win and the recognition.

Chad Mills
Head of Barak 2005

Donnelly House

This year's House Competition was as competitive as always, with all Houses giving it everything. Unfortunately, Donnelly house did not get off to the best of starts, gaining a disappointing fourth placing at the swimming sports. However, enthusiasm and determination were never a problem and all the boys got into the House spirit.

The Haka competition was an event that Donnelly House was determined to do well in. Rigorous practices through Group times and House assemblies produced a creditable second place, the highlight of the House Competition for me. Many thanks must go to Shaun Graham and Zarhn Commerer for their leadership in this House event.

Cross Country was another event in which we proved Donnelly were not a House to be taken lightly. The junior, intermediate and senior boys all contributed and another second placing was achieved.

My year as Head of Donnelly House has been a memorable one. I would like to thank Chad, Simon and Hayden for their awesome efforts as rival House Leaders; you all showed true school pride and strength. Simon, congratulations to you and your 'Men of Steel'; your win in this year's House Competition was well-deserved.

Thanks to everyone in Donnelly House, especially the prefects and Group teachers. I would also like to give a huge thanks to all my teachers and the staff that have helped me out in so many



different ways this year. Finally, to Mr Gledhill; a real character, your contribution to the House competition organisation is enormous. Thank you for your help and for the opportunity to be the leader of Donnelly House in 2005.

Gabriel Davies
Head of Donnelly 2005

Syme House

I have always said that 2005 would be Syme's year and in the end it truly was. I had high hopes for Syme this year, knowing the depth, quality and calibre of the sports stars and leaders in our house.

The Inter-House competition started off, as it always does, with the swimming sports. This is Syme's strongest event and, as expected, we completely dominated the events. It was an awesome day; the House spirit was flowing and our stars in the pool sealed the win for us, giving Syme the first twenty House points.

Next up was the athletics, held out at the Inglewood track. The day, mixed with rain and sunshine, was dominated by the speedsters from Hatherly and Barak. This meant that we could only manage a third placing, which was something of a disappointment considering the number of elite athletes in the house.

The next event was the cross-country. I felt very confident about our ability to perform in this event, knowing that we had some outstanding runners in the house. Syme dominated the senior, intermediate and juniors races, doing especially well in the seniors where we had 8 runners in the top 10. Unfortunately, what should have been an easy win to Syme, ended up being a 3rd placing as we had no support for our top runners. We had very few placings in the next 50 or so runners, meaning we missed out on valuable points.

The next event to follow was the most cherished and highly regarded of them all; the Haka competition. Syme prepared very well for this event, practising perfectly and unifying for the first time as one House. Unfortunately, on the day we lost our rhythm, went too fast and ended up being placed 3rd.

There were two events that determined Syme's success this year. These were the summer Inter-House sports day and the winter



Inter-house Sports Day. In these events, Syme gained 34 out of a maximum of 40 points for summer sports, including: 1st places in softball and tennis, a 2nd placing in cricket, and a 3rd in touch. In winter sports, Syme won 41 out of a total 50 points, including: 1st places in rugby and basketball, 2nd placings in hockey and soccer, and a 3rd placing in golf. These events were the turning points in Syme's success and gave us the opportunity catch up to Hatherly in the point's championship.

The last part of the Inter-House year was the music and the debating the cultural side of the competition. Many late nights, along with dedicated practices from the House, meant that Syme put on a very slick performance on the day. I believe this should have guaranteed Syme an outright victory, but in the end a miracle performance from Barak meant that we lost to them by a single point. This was a very significant 2nd place as it meant that we finished ahead of the boarders: 166 to Hatherly and 165 to Syme.

With only the last round of debating left, the superb Senior team of Andrew Raynes, Andrew Webber and Sam Tait ensured Syme's victory in the House Championship with an emphatic win over Barak. This was Syme's first House Competition victory in nine years!

Syme was truly a well-balanced house this year, with outstanding sportsmen and incredibly talented cultural performers. The juniors played a massive role in Syme's win, as did the 7th formers who weren't prefects but were always there ready and willing to lend me a hand.

Congratulations to all my prefects: Ruby, Peas, Phil, Finn, Ben, Gav, Nick, Adam, Andrew, Deon and Jono. You have all done your part this year in helping me, and have been a fantastic group of guys to work with. Your control over your groups and the enthusiasm you encouraged on sports days, made the house very smooth and easy to run.

To Mr French-Wright and Mr Turner, thank you very much for selecting me this year for this position and for giving me assistance all the times I came to you with questions and in need of guidance. I have always worked hard at my position, and it has been an experience that will stick with me the rest of my life.

Congratulations to Chad, Bells and Gabe, you guys have been fantastic to work with and the closeness of the competition this year

is a true reflection of your hard work and undying commitment and enthusiasm. I wish you all the best for your future.

Finally, congratulations to Syme house this year; you've created something you should all be very proud of and I wish you the best of luck in winning back-to-back House championships.

Simon Mills
Head of Syme 2005

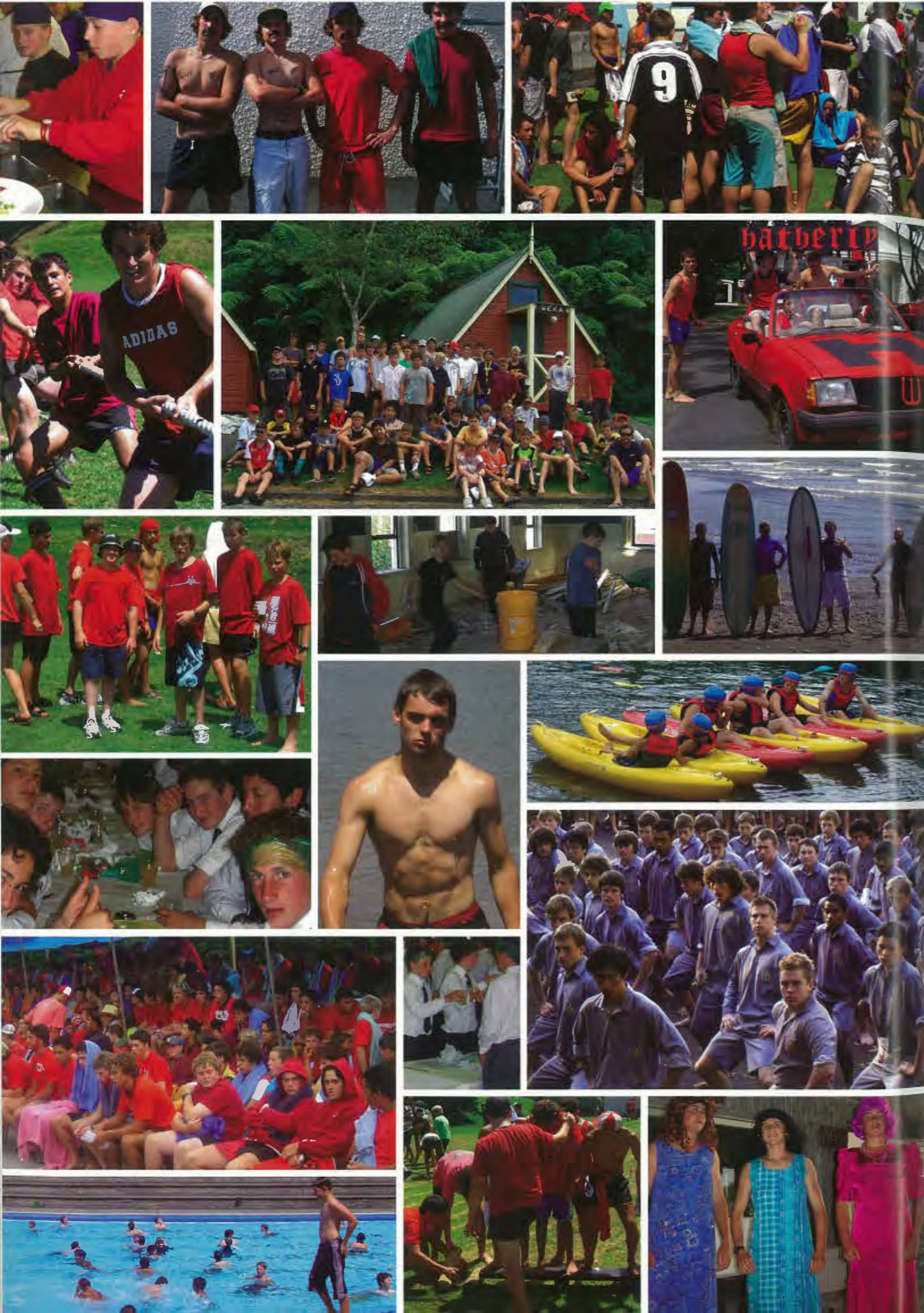
Head Boarder's Report

The Hostel. "The heart of the school." This metaphor has been heard by every young man in the Hostel and is something that rang true to our ears in 2005. The Hostel has set the benchmark for the rest of the school, our pride and unity contributing to the many successes we have fought for this year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has pulled on a red shirt. Without the participation and commitment you've all shown, we would not have been anywhere near as competitive, nor achieved the things we have done in this year of mixed results.

To win the Inter-House competition is the biggest goal the Hostel has. Being 100 people down on the other Houses only made us work harder and the successes sweeter. Swimming sports was the first big event. Our trade mark entrance was a memorable one, with a red convertible, a fire truck and a devil let loose with a chainsaw. It was a great start to the year as we picked up a 2nd placing and had an enjoyable day that many Hostel parents were a part of. We showed our true hostel form; walking all over the other Houses in tug-o-war, athletics, cross country and Haka. In the athletics and cross country, Hatherly won by more than 1000 points, showing the talent within the Hostel. Summer sports points were spread evenly across the four Houses, but what let us down were the winter sports and the house singing. During the winter sports, many of our top Juniors were away, representing the school in other sports. This affected our results slightly and it was 'do or die' in the Inter-House singing. We only managed a 3rd placing in singing, which meant we were placed 2nd in the House Competition overall. This was a disappointing way to end the year. However the disappointment soon turned into elation, with the Boarders vs. Day Boys rugby match.

Played in late September, the game was something we badly wanted to win. With an even spread of 1st XV players in each side, it was set to be a hotly-contested and physical match. Thomas Fleming captained and led the team very well, reminding the seventh formers it would be the last time we pulled on a Boys' High jersey. The boarders played together as a team and showed plenty of heart. It was an awesome game to watch and something the young men of the hostel can aspire to and be proud of. We won the match 25-10.

The new Year 9 boys hardly had time to unpack their bags before Niger training started. The prefects soon began to pick a team and, after the trials, we realized we had a good chance of bringing the Niger Cup back from Palmerston North, where the game was to be played. The game was played in perfect conditions and our boys were fired up, they played superbly and dominated the Palmerston side. The team won convincingly, 36 points to 5, something we hope they never forget. Hayden Bedwell Curtis captained the side, performing superbly, but he was not alone, as the team played with a passion and pride that I know they will carry through to their senior years. I know



we'll see great things from these young men in years to come. Thanks to the prefects for the time and effort you put into the team. Your enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for the game was reflected through the team and the way they played.

The Hostel has some of the most talented and successful sports men in the school, Mark Sherlock has been in the 1st XV since fifth form and was selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team and the Hurricanes Schools' Team. Also in the Taranaki Secondary Schools team were David Wakeling, Thomas Fleming, and James Brown. Leighton Price has also been selected to attend the NZ Under 17's rugby camp and trial. In the sport of hockey Murray Perks excels, and his skills earned him a place in the Taranaki Schools hockey team and rep side. The Hillary Challenge team has won their national event for the past three years. Being in this team, I know firsthand that it is a gruelling event. Jesse Herbert and Alex Opie have also been involved with it for the past three years and the team's success is largely due to their contributions.

All the Hostel staff have continued to play a vital role in supporting the prefects, which makes it easy for us to promote the upholding of important Hostel traditions. The time and effort the Hostel masters



put into keeping the place running smoothly should definitely not go un-acknowledged. Special thanks must go to Mr Hall, the Senior Hostel Master. Your time and support throughout the year is much appreciated.

A huge thanks has to go to my fellow prefects. Being a prefect requires a lot of maturity and responsibility; you've all shown this and dedicated yourselves to the role. I couldn't have asked for a better group of young men to accompany me in the leadership of the hostel. You can all be proud of your efforts and leave knowing you carried on a great tradition of being a prefect at New Plymouth Boys' High. Alex and Daniel have done a great job of leading their respective houses and organising the Carroll Cup. Congratulations to Alex and Moyes house on winning this competition, and very convincingly at that. Thank you to all this year's prefects, Newell, Keller, Dempsey, Blue, Herbert, Brown, Wakeling, McIntyre, Lagan, Sutherland, Opie, Lee, Perks, Meuli, Ishikawa, Thomas and Lee. You will soon be Old Boys of the school: I wish you all the best for the future, be strong and never forget what you've learnt in this place.

Hayden Ballentyne
Head Boarder 2005



Day Boys vs Boarders Rugby



Carrington House



Moyes House



Boarder Prefects 2005

Third Row: Jesse Herbert, David Wakeling, Paddy Dempsey, Thomas Meuli
 Second Row: AJ Keller, Hayden McIntyre, Yu Ishikawa, Hadleigh Thomas, Min Lee, Nick Brown, Richard Lee
 Front Row: Hamish Blue, Dale Sutherland, Alex Opie, (Head of Moyes House), Hayden Ballantyne (Head Boarder), Daniel Newell (Head of Carrington), Murray Perks, Thomas Lagan

Hostel Report

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

Muhammad Ali, famous for his quick mouth and athlete of the 20th century, sums up what the Hostel is all about:

'Friendship is not something you learn in the classroom. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you haven't learned anything' The Hostel builds friendships for life. It embraces comradeship, which is referred to in the school's motto.

'He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life' All boarders show tremendous courage the moment they choose to leave home to live in the Hostel. This courage gives them the opportunity to move outside of their comfort zone, to challenge themselves, to experience new and exciting things. It gives them every opportunity to achieve their potential.

'I am the greatest. Not only do I knock em out, I pick the round' The growth in confidence and self belief is something that becomes very obvious as boarders move through the Hostel. Boarders are exposed to so many new people, ideas, attitudes and experiences; those who embrace these will naturally become more confident.

'I hated every minute of training but I said "Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion" The Hostel is all about commitment. All those involved in the Hostel commit to making this a place like no other. At times the commitment is not easy but excuses are never offered or accepted and as a result lasting success is achieved.

'I wish people would love everybody else the way they love me. It would be a better place' Young people are often very insular in their outlook on life; they often only look at the world from their angle. Boarders are exposed to many different people with differing attitudes and views on life so they learn very quickly to respect others – a mind-set that is developed well in advance of others of similar age. This mind-set opens up a vast number of positive opportunities outside of school and therefore gives boarders an edge for later on in life.

'Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth' This Hostel is one of only a few left in the country that offers genuine leadership opportunities; leadership that is more than just a badge for being in a place for 5 years. The skills that are developed through the leadership roles again provides boarders with an edge for later on in life.

'What keeps me going is goals' Boarders set and achieve goals regularly. People who set and achieve goals on a regular basis are successful people. Enough said!

'The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life' Life is all about being given the opportunity to grow as a person. Personal growth opportunities in the Hostel are huge. All of the boarders embrace all of what they are exposed to in a positive manner and as a result mature into outstanding individuals.

Ali would have loved to have been a boarder at NPBS.

Highlights for 2005

1. The refurbishment of Moyes House and its official opening over Queen's Birthday weekend.
2. The Niger Team winning handsomely in Palmerston North to reclaim the trophy. Plus the games against FDC and the Taranaki Ross Brown team.
3. The Christmas Dinner, which again highlighted the quality of our kitchen staff and the ability of our boys to respond to formal occasions.
4. The number of boys who won prizes at the Senior Prize Giving including the top academic award with Alex Opie being named as Dux for 2005.
5. The high level of participation and success in the Inter House competition.
6. The involvement and support of parents and families at special school events like the Swimming Sports & Prize Giving, at special Hostel events like Niger Trophy & Open Weekend, and at Report Evenings and sports fixtures.
7. The prefect training sessions involving staff and members of the Hostel Committee.
8. Moyes finally getting their hands on the Carroll Cup.
9. The Boarder XV beating the day boys comfortably on the Gully.
10. The 'High Teas' for Mr Leath, Mr Woods and the 'gappies'.
11. The School Ball.
12. The Year 9 Orientation Programme that included a camp, mystery tours and a wide range of team building activities.

Final Word

To me boarding is all about making the most of your opportunities, and I believe that all of the 2005 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 of the Hostel masters and their families, the Matrons and their families, the laundry, domestic, caretaking and kitchen staff, the teaching staff who help out with prep, tutoring and Groups, the Scripture team, the office staff, the Hostel Committee and the Headmaster. Thank you all for your hard work, support and total dedication to the boys of the Hostel.

Finally a big thanks to the boarders, to all those who continually get things right and make our jobs easy, and also to those of you who get things wrong but are open and honest about this and "front up" in true Hostel fashion. You are the ones who make the hostel a special place and COR LUDI – "the heart of the school". To those leaving, I hope you take with you a little bit of this special place.

Final, final word

To the 2005 Head Boarder, Hayden Ballantyne, I thank you most sincerely for what you have done for this Hostel. Your contribution to the young men of Hatherly House has been unbelievable. Your ability to get the best out of everyone, boys and staff, is a special quality and one that I feel privileged to have been exposed to. To the other prefects: Alex Opie – Head of Moyes, Daniel Newell – Head of

Carrington, Min Lee, Hadleigh Thomas, Yu Ishikawa, Murray Perks, Richard Lee, Jesse Herbert, Hamish Blue, Paddy Dempsey, AJ Keller, Nick Brown, David Wakeling, Hayden McIntyre, Thomas Lagan, Dale Sutherland and Thomas Meuli it has also been great working with you all and I thank you for the contributions you have made over the year.

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

Mr Geoff Hall
Senior Hostel Master 2005



Niger Trophy



Beach day



Start of Year

Moyes Opening

The official opening of the refurbished Moyes House was celebrated on the Friday of Queen's Birthday. This celebration attracted a large number of people who have, or have had, an association with Moyes House. The official opening was performed by Mr Warren Batchelar, the past Board of Trustees Chairperson who really did provide the initial impetus for the project, and the current Hostel Committee chairman, Mr Rob Mills. Unfortunately the weather was very cold, but a large party of boarders did their best to warm up proceedings with a rousing School Haka.

While the new Moyes House has a lot of new and fresh features (modernised ablution blocks, cubes in junior dorms, friendlier and more inviting Common room areas, better accessibility and a very fashionable master's flat) it still has that old feel to it. The outside has not changed and still reflects the House's proud history. The walls inside still talk to you. The new Moyes is something that the Hostel is very proud of.

Inter-House Competition

This year the Inter-House competition has been keenly contested in every event and each House has generated a spirit and an identity that House members throughout the school can readily support.

Major 20-point events

The year started with the swimming sports where each House showed their colours and participated fully. Syme had the majority of the championship swimmers and this was to be the decisive factor in seeing them take out this event.



I'm giving three to Barak and one to Syme



Give us a kiss and I'll give you a house point!

Athletics was next and Hatherly proved yet again how dominant they are by being clearly the best performing House, having many fine athletes within their midst at all levels. Barak put up a good showing to gain a second, with Syme finishing 3rd and Donnelly taking the 4th spot.

The school cross country was next on the agenda. This is another area where Hatherly continue to excel, simply because all their boys actually run the course and therefore gain higher placings and more House points. Unfortunately for the other Houses, some of the day-boys choose to take an easier route and often walk, merely picking up a participation point or two which, in the end, makes all the difference. Hatherly was a clear winner, with Donnelly having a strong performance to gain 2nd place, with Syme in 3rd and Barak 4th place.

The Haka was next and, in a very close contest, Hatherly were the best on the day. However, Donnelly were right there to gain 2nd spot, with Syme in 3rd place followed by Barak, again in 4th.

The Music is always a crucial event in deciding who will win the overall House Champion title and this year was no exception. In 2005, Barak outperformed the others to be a very popular winner, with Syme close behind in 2nd. Hatherly surprised all by coming in 3rd in an event they normally excel at, leaving Donnelly the 4th spot.

Results and points awarded

Swimming	1. Syme	(20)	2. Hatherly	(16)
	3. Barak	(12)	4. Donnelly	(8)
Athletics	1. Hatherly	(20)	2. Barak	(16)
	3. Syme	(12)	4. Donnelly	(8)
Cross Country	1. Hatherly	(20)	2. Donnelly	(16)
	3. Syme	(12)	4. Barak	(8)
Haka	1. Hatherly	(20)	2. Donnelly	(16)
	3. Syme	(12)	4. Barak	(8)
Music	1. Barak	(20)	2. Syme	(16)
	3. Hatherly	(12)	4. Donnelly	(8)

Minor 10 pointer events

Summer Sports

Touch	1. Donnelly (10)	2. Hatherly (8)
	3. Barak (6)	4. Syme (4)
Tennis	1. Syme (10)	2. Donnelly (7)
	2. Hatherly (7)	4. Barak (4)
Softball	1. Syme (10)	2. Donnelly (8)
	3. Hatherly (6)	4. Barak (4)
Cricket	1. Barak (10)	2. Syme (8)
	3. Hatherly (6)	4. Donnelly (4)
Volleyball	1. Hatherly (10)	2. Syme (8)
	3. Donnelly (6)	4. Barak (4)
Badminton	1. Donnelly (10)	2. Barak (8)
	3. Syme (6)	4. Hatherly (4)

Winter Sports

Basketball	1. Syme. (9)	1. Barak (9)
	2. Donnelly (6)	3. Hatherly (4)
Golf	1. Barak (10)	2. Donnelly (8)
	3. Syme (6)	4. Hatherly (4)
Soccer	1. Barak (10)	2. Syme (8)
	3. Donnelly (6)	4. Hatherly (4)
Hockey	1. Donnelly (10)	2. Syme (8)
	3. Hatherly (6)	4. Barak (4)
Rugby	1. Syme (9)	1. Hatherly (9)
	2. Barak (6)	3. Donnelly (4)
Debating	1. Barak (10)	2. Syme (8)
	3. Donnelly (6)	4. Hatherly (4)
Tug of War	1. Hatherly (10)	2. Donnelly (8)
	3. Syme (6)	4. Barak (4)

Swimming Championships

The annual NPBS Swimming Championships were held on Thursday, January 17th, in excellent weather. There was some speculation that rain would intervene at some point during the day, but once again the previous evening weather report proved inaccurate. The quality of the swimming was again outstanding with two records broken, one being the inter-house relay, and the other being the Junior 50m backstroke, where Sam Varley took half a second off the time. As well, many other records were close to being broken.

The championship was tightly contested across all three age groups. The Senior title was taken out by Tim Doyle, from Ben Riley and Daniel Nelson. The Intermediate title was won by Tim Riley, from Jason Rolfe and Robert McLeod. The Junior title was taken out by Samuel Varley, from Sean Parker and Isaac Owen.

Congratulations to Syme House and all the swimmers that took part, including the Hatherly House parents. Thanks must go to the Physical Education Department for their efforts in making the day such a success.

Senior Championship

1st	Tim Doyle	48 points
2nd	Ben Riley	42 points
3rd	Daniel Nelson	26 points



Slow down Shirli, I just broke a nail.



The choc biscuits are for Lyal, you naughty boy!



Cross Country Start

Intermediate Championship

1st	Rim Riley	46 points
2nd	Jason Rolfe	34 points
3rd	Robert McLeod	26 points

Junior Championship

1st	Samuel Varley	42 points
2nd	Sean Parker	36 points
3rd	Isaac Owen	24 points

House Competition

The House Competition was also a good contest, but Syme House proved too strong with their depth of championship swimmers, taking the title from Hatherly House. Barak House came third and Donnelly House took the Wooden Spoon.

House Points

Syme House	368.5 points	Hatherly House	298.4 points
Barak House	254 points	Donnelly House	251.6 points

Cross Country Championships

The 2005 Cross Country was held in overcast, cool conditions on Monday, May 16th. The conditions were ideal for fast times across all three grades and Hatherly's Hayden Ballantyne did not disappoint with a blistering, sub 23 minute time for the Senior event.

The Intermediate race was won by David Morton and the Junior race was won by Davis Sutcliffe.

A very fresh looking Mr Nigel Vernon took out the staff race.

The Inter-House Competition bore no surprises with Hatherly taking first place yet again. Another lesson for the young men of the other Houses is that competing in events such as this does have an effect on the overall House Competition result.

The final results were:

House Results:

1st	Hatherly (7131)	2nd	Donnelly (5338)
3rd	Syme (4958)	4th	Barak (4380)

Senior

1st	Hayden Ballantyne	2nd	Ben Riley
3rd	Michael Torckler		

Intermediate

1st	David Morton	2nd	Ben Aves
3rd	Kim Rawlinson		

Junior

1st	Davis Sutcliffe	2nd	Glen Baxer
3rd	Cameron Holden		



Cross Country Juniors



Cross Country Intermediates



Cross Country Seniors

AWARDS 2004 Senior Academic & Cultural Prizes

Year Eleven Prizes

Subject Prizes

Art and Technology (Metal) (Design) (Bay Engineers Supplies Prize)	Ryan Harris-Hayes
Economics and Science and Home Economics	Stefan Brandt
English (Daily News Prize) and Latin	Paul Meuli
English Applied (PTA Prize)	Jason Lowe
Enterprise Management	Mitchel Edwards
Geography	Andrew King
Horticulture (Best Student)	Shane O'Neil
Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)	Nathan Woods
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Michael Earby
Maori	Pairo McLeod
Mathematics (Applied) (PTA Prize)	Matthew Corbett
Music and Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy)	Jeremy Scarle

Physical Education	Kahotea Kereopa
Science Applied (PTA Prize)	Adin Richardson
Self Management	Michael Drew
Technology (Metal) (Best Student)	Marc Williams
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables and Bay Engineers Supplies Prizes)	Simon Boyle
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Scott The Laminex Group Prize)	Anthony Foreman

Effort and Progress

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Thomas Burley
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Scott Campbell
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	James Dixon
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Jon Keast
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) (PTA Prize)	James Whitmore
(PTA Prize)	Cody Hanson
(PTA Prize)	Javan Cassidy

Public Speaking

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

1st Prize	Jon Keast
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Music

Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)	Christopher Newson
Excellence in Performance in the Jazz Genre and Commitment to Music in the school (Take 5 Trophy)	Daniel Hayles

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)	Jared Bertrand
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For the best performance in the STAR programme (in Computer Programming) James Whitmore

General Academic Excellence

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize), 1st in History and 1st in Spanish) Hew Price

2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Graphics (Gordon Harris Ltd Prize)) Roshan Patel

1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting (Gledhill Cup) and 1st in Mathematics) Lee Wilson

Year Twelve Prizes

Subject Prizes

Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize)	Nicholas Sarten
Design (Tabor Prize)	Zeke Sole
Economics (Tabor Prize)	Bohan Lin
English Applied (Tabor Prize)	Jason Curtis
Enterprise Management and Legal Studies (Tabor Prizes)	Matthew Magner
Geography (Tabor Prize)	Ben Riley
Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)	Hamish Blue
Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)	Reece Hinton
Home Economics (Tabor Prize)	Thomas Lagan
Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)	Dale Sutherland
Horticulture (Practical) (Alexander Trust Prize)	Michael Torckler
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Jamie McMahon
Latin (Tabor Prize)	Jeffrey Fong

Maori (Tabor Prize) and For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the school and Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Shaun Graham
Mathematics (Applied) (Tabor Prize)	Nathan Corrigan
Music (Tabor Prize)	Paul Gauvin
Outdoor Education (Tabor Prize)	Cody Langlands
Painting & Printmaking (Tabor Prize)	Harry Moores
Photography (Tabor Prize)	Che Ridland
Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)	Deon Webb
Science (Tabor Prize)	Mark Sherlock
Self Management (Tabor Prize)	Steven McLachlan
Sports Studies (Tabor Prize)	Jonathan Crossan

Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)	James Upton
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize and Olex Cables Trophy)	Reuben Theobald
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Masters Ltd Prize) and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)	Trent Kemsley

Effort and Progress

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Andrew Keller
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Murray Perks
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) (PTA Prize)	Andrew Raynes
	James Green

Public Speaking

1st Prize	Chris Cree-Butler
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Essay

1st Prize	Reuben Theobald
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General Academic Excellence

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Accounting) Andrew Webber

2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Biology, 1st in English, 1st in History, 1st in Physics) Matthew Molloy

1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Electronics, 1st in Mathematics) and Highest Grade Attainment in NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2004 Year 12 student in 2003 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize) Alex Opie

Year Thirteen Prizes

Subject Prizes

Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup)	Matthew Hancock
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize)	Luke O'Connor
Classical Studies	Michael Stevens
Computing	Brooke Novak
Design and Painting	Mitchell Broughton
Enterprise Management	Alastair Wilson
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Todd Braggins
Home Economics	Daniel Waterhouse
Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize)	Ryan Tate
Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)	Robert Savage
Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize)	Chris Tong
Latin	Jonathan Williams
Mathematics	Mathew Whitmore
Photography	Sean Meredith
Physical Education	Stephen Sharp
Science	Adam Harford

Effort and Progress

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Joel Davies
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Matthew Harrop
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Mitchel Le Heux
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Andrew Mills
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Dion Palamountain

Essay

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

Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) and Most Outstanding Senior Composition (Mary Allan Trophy and Prize)	Phillip Malcolm
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Special Prizes

Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Ashley Boswell
Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup)	Jazz Band
For the International Student whose strong academic performance is matched by a significant contribution to the wider life of the school	Siman Abdul-Azeez
For contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school. (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)	Rangiwhia Tohia-Wano
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)	Aidan Kereopa
Outstanding record of service to the School (JV McIntyre PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy, Prize and Medal)	Adam Harford
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize)	Fraser Campbell
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)	Matthew Hancock
Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles' Trophy and Prize)	Andrew Mills
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)	Reeve Barnett

General Academic Excellence

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Economics (Bertrand Webber Economic Scholarship), 1st in English Literature (White Memorial Prize), 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize), 1st in Geography)	Ricky Versteeg
Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Calculus, 1st in Music and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize)	Ashley Boswell
Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1st in Physics, 1st in English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize), 1st in History (Brian Bellringer Prize)	Greg Severinsen

2004 Junior Academic & Cultural Prizes

Year Nine Prizes

Subject Prizes

Art	Gye Simkin
Economics	Chris Caskey
English	Daniel Tsui
Food Technology	Glen Foreman
French (French Embassy Prize)	Anurag Purkayastha
Graphics	Caleb Murray
Health and Physical Education	Liam McBride
Horticulture	Phillip Peters
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Eli Abraham-Beerman
Latin	Toby Jordan
Maori	Harley Wall
Music	Michael Martin
Performance Music	Cam Gubb
Science	Nicholas Monk
Social Studies and For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)	Jonathan Folwell

Effort and Progress

(PTA Prize)	Henry Bartle
(PTA Prize)	Taare Black
(PTA Prize)	Hamish Fleming
(PTA Prize)	Michael Peterson
(PTA Prize)	Daniel Harvey

Certificates

Liam Ander	French, English
Adam Antao	Latin, Science, Technology
Stuart Belgrave	Science, Mathematics, Social Studies
Tim Brown	Science, English
Donald Bruce	Graphics, Science, Mathematics
Logan Burton	French, Art
Ben Coneglan	Japanese, Science
Nick Craig	Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Art
Brent Donnelly	Performance Music, English, Mathematics, Social Studies
Ben Dowman	Technology, English, Art
Broughton Elliott	Horticulture, Science, Art
Ethan England	Horticulture, Science
Matthew Evans	Economics, Horticulture
Scott Evans	Horticulture, English, Social Studies
Shaun Fabish	Food Technology, Horticulture
Carl Garrett	Science, English, Social Studies, Art
Max Gordon	Technology, Food Technology
Mark Greensill	Science, Art
Tyler Griffin	English, Social Studies
Rhys Harker	Economics, English, Science, Health & Physical Education
Michael Hatch	Technology, Mathematics, Science, Art
Michael Hine	English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science
Matt Hotter	Graphics, Mathematics, English
Matthew Hunter	Social Studies, Art
Chris Jager	Technology, Art
Scott Kearns	English, Mathematics
Brogan Knauf	Food Technology, English

Charles Loader	Science, Social Studies, Mathematics
Josh Lowl	Horticulture, Mathematics, English
Kieran Mason	Health & Physical Education, English, Mathematics
Shaun Mcaree	English, Social Studies
Tyrone Mccabe	Horticulture, Art
Naz Monsall	Food Technology, Art
Scott Nelson	Social Studies, Health & Physical Education
Sany Patel	French, Science, Art
Hayden Patene	Maori, Technology, Mathematics
Quinten Peters	Food Technology, Social Studies
Sean Phillips	Mathematics, Social Studies
Thomas Pullar	Technology, Art
Ashok Ramanathan	Economics, English, Social Studies
Tim Riley	Graphics, Science, Social Studies, Technology
Alex Sewell	Horticulture, Science
Troy Shotter	English, Science
Josh Smaller	Horticulture, Science, Mathematics, English
Steven Smith	English, Mathematics, Social Studies
Stuart Sutherland	English, Art
Matt Temperton	Food Technology, English, Mathematics, Social Studies
Sam Thomson	Social Studies, Art, Mathematics
Jason Van Winkel	Technology, Mathematics, English, Art
Chris Whitmore	Food Technology, English
Jeremy Whyte	Performance Music, English, Science
James Wilson	Economics, English
Thomas Wilson	English, Art
Billy Wong	Horticulture, English
Sam Young	Science, Social Studies
Peter Zhou	English, Social Studies

Public Speaking

3rd	Julian Aim
2nd	Carl Garrett
1st Prize	Jonathan Folwell

Essay

3rd	Peter Zhou
2nd	Nathan Brown
1st Prize	Karl Paterson

Special Prizes

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize)	Nathan Brown
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Music

Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup)	Raynor Martin
For All-Round Participant and High Achievement (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)	Jay Harris
General Academic Excellence	
3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics)	Sam Varley
2nd Aggregate	Christopher Hewlett
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize)	Sebastian Bodger

Year Ten Prizes

Subject Prizes

Art	Oliver Wayne
Economics	Sam Franklin

Enterprise Studies	Ben Parry
Food Technology	Alex Novak
Future Problem Solving	Charley Miles
Graphics	Matthew Reid
Health and Physical Education	Tane Hapimarika
Horticulture	Jamie Bridger
Latin	Logan Campbell
Maori and For Contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school	Leighton Price
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)	Sam Bloomfield
Music	William Sklenars
Science	Tushar Sharma
Spanish	Josh Hollis
Technology (Metal)	William Brown
Technology (Wood)	John Hughes
Technology (Wood) (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award)	Jason Anderton

Effort and Progress

(PTA Prize)	Thomas Arden
(PTA Prize)	Brad Bennett
(PTA Prize)	Jason Holden
(PTA Prize)	Eli Summers
(PTA Prize)	Ostyn Tanner
(PTA Prize)	Alexander Waugh
(PTA Prize)	Taylor Morgan
(PTA Prize)	Lindsay Schrader

Certificates

Michael Adams	Social Studies, Science, Health & Physical Education
Ryan Ballinger	English, Art
Tom Bartle	Economics, Health & Physical Education, Technology
Corey Beaumont	Science, Technology
Campbell Bower	Mathematics, English
Damon Braddock-Pajo	Mathematics, Science, Technology
Sam Broadmore	Art, Food Technology
Ted Burgess	Social Studies, Science
Mitchell Campbell	Horticulture, Food Technology
Keone Campbell-Forsyth	Enterprise Studies
Jordan Chilcott	Art, Horticulture
Shaun Cooper	Art, Horticulture
Rakesh Desai	Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
Luke Dymond	Food Technology, Horticulture
David Earby	Technology, Health & Physical Education
John Fitzgerald	English, Health & Physical Education
Devon Fraser	Mathematics, Maori
James Fraser	English, French, Art, Technology
Byron Gardner	Social Studies, Technology
Joshua Gordon	English, Social Studies
Scott Harland	Horticulture, Technology
Troy Harland	Art, Technology
Nicholas Hartley	Social Studies, Technology
Simon Hickey	Economics, Food Technology
Simon Holdt	Health & Physical Education, Horticulture
Scott Honeyfield	English, Social Studies, Science, Enterprise Studies

Peter Joe	Food Technology, Health & Physical Education
Leon Johnstone	Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
Skyler Jones	English, Science
Sejun Kim	Art, Graphics
Thomas Konijn	Mathematics, Art
Paul Langedijk	Social Studies, Japanese
Glen Law	Economics, English, Mathematics, Science
Samuel Lawn	English, Mathematics, Economics, Health & Physical Education
Kent Lean	Technology, Horticulture
David Lee	Health & Physical Education, Art
Zachary Lewis	Art, English, Health & Physical Education
Tamati Lichtwark	Social Studies, Food Technology
Hayden Lowe	Science, Technology
Andrew Marfell	Mathematics, Science, Spanish
Nick Mitchell	Art, Food Technology, Latin
Daniel Mornich	Mathematics, Japanese
Blake Morgan	English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Maori
Wade Nairn	English, Art
Christian Newland	Social Studies, Economics
Rhys Newland	Mathematics, English, Horticulture
Ethan Ogle	Mathematics, Social Studies, Graphics
Mat Richardson	Health & Physical Education, Horticulture
Ben Robbins	Food Technology, Horticulture
Matthew Rodden	Mathematics, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education
Quinn Rosa	English, Economics, Health & Physical Education
Luke Stenner	English, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education
Matthew Tait	Health & Physical Education, Latin
Dustin Terrill	English, Science
Jordan Walters	Mathematics, Art
Matt Wells	English, Social Studies
Jared Whitehead	English, Science, Social Studies, Food Technology

Public Speaking

3rd	Scott Honeyfield
2nd	James Tate
1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize)	Jason Holden

Essay

3rd	Jonathan Morath
2nd	William Sklenars
1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)	Harley Bracken

Special Prizes

Best Aptitude and Training in a Cadet (NZ Army Association Field)	Brendan Sutton
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Music

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy)	Scott Jonas
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General Academic Excellence

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize))	Vineet Singal
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in English, Japanese and Social Studies)	Jason Oliver

1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Drama and Mathematics)	James Tate
Cave Bursaries For Academic, and Sporting Excellence in Year 9	Sebastian Bodger
For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 10	James Tate
2004 Senior Sports Prizes	
ADVENTURE RACING KIWI OUTDOORS PRIZE CONTRIBUTION TO ADVENTURE RACING	Reeve Barnett
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS CARTWRIGHT CUP	Cameron Rowlands
LONG JUMP	Kent Sanderson
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS TRIPLE JUMP	Kent Sanderson
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS KELLER CUP	Matthew Corbett
HIGH JUMP	Matthew Corbett
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS SHOTPUT	Finnbarr Kerr-Newell
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS EDMONDS TROPHY	Sam Korff
DISCUS	Sam Korff
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS CHALLENGE CUP 200M	Kyle Manu
BECKBESSINGER CUP 100M	Kyle Manu
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS BOTHAMELY CUP 400M	Tyler MacLeod
GILMOUR CUP 800M 1500M	Tyler MacLeod
INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS HAGENSON CUP	Mathew Snowden
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Mathew Snowden
JAVELIN	Mathew Snowden
SENIOR ATHLETICS MASON MEMORIAL CUP	Espen Karlsen
800M	Espen Karlsen
SENIOR ATHLETICS HIGH JUMP	Jesse Betham
SENIOR ATHLETICS OLD BOYS CUP	Gareth Goodin
100M	Jacob Fleming
LONG JUMP	Jacob Fleming
SENIOR ATHLETICS TRIPLE JUMP	Tony Hofmans
SENIOR ATHLETICS JAVELIN	Blair Prescott
DISCUS	Blair Prescott
SENIOR ATHLETICS OLD BOYS SHIELD 400M	Philip Young
GARY FOWLER CUP	Philip Young
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Philip Young
HERBERT SMITH CUP 200M	Philip Young
SENIOR ATHLETICS	Philip Young
FOOKE CUP	Hayden Ballantyne
1500M	Hayden Ballantyne

SENIOR CHAMPION TRIPLE JUMP	Aaron Williamson
BADMINTON	Aaron Williamson
PRO SPORTS WAITARA CUP FOR SERVICE TO BADMINTON	Aaron Williamson
BASKETBALL	Kyle Manu
PETER LAY TROPHY	Kyle Manu
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Kyle Manu
CRICKET GIDDY SHIELD	Tim Cleaver
2ND XI MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Tim Cleaver
CRICKET PARKINSON CUP	Andrew Mason
IST XI BOWLING	Andrew Mason
CRICKET ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP	Frazier Climo
CONTRIBUTED MOST	Frazier Climo
MEULI CUP	Frazier Climo
IST XI BATTING	Frazier Climo
CROSS COUNTRY HERBERT SMITH CUP	Josh Kerslake
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Josh Kerslake
CROSS COUNTRY 1911 CUP	Michael Torckler
SENIOR CHAMPION	Michael Torckler
CYCLING ANZ CYCLING CUP	Michael Torckler
MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER	Michael Torckler
GOLF SHEARER CUP	Joon-Ho Choi
SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION	Joon-Ho Choi
SHEARER CUP	Joon-Ho Choi
SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION	Matthew Blackbourn
HOCKEY SIMONSON CUP	Cameron Ross
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Cameron Ross
HOCKEY DION JORDAN MEMORIAL	Reeve Barnett
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Reeve Barnett
IN LINE HOCKEY BEST PERFORMING TEAM	Nick Harvey
IN LINE HOCKEY SENIOR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Nick Harvey
RUGBY U15s CUP	Bernard Hall
MOST PROMISING PLAYER	Bernard Hall
RUGBY 2ND XV CUP	Daniel Murdoch
MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER	Daniel Murdoch
RUGBY TAYLOR CUP	Roman Tutauha
PLAYERS PLAYER in 1ST XV	Roman Tutauha
RUGBY LEUTHART CUP	Zarhn Commerer
CONTRIBUTED MOST to 1ST XV	Zarhn Commerer
RUGBY WATTS CUP	David Hunt
MOST IMPROVED in 1ST XV	David Hunt

SENIOR ATHLETICS SHOTPUT	Jesse Dolman
SHOOTING LT H.V. SEARLE CUP	Mark Armstrong
SENIOR SHOOTING CHAMP	Mark Armstrong
SQUASH DOW ELANCO CUP	Adam Roughan
SQUASH MVP	Adam Roughan
SOCCER BURMESTER TROPHY	Nick Wilkinson
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Nick Wilkinson
SOCCER COACHES CUP	Shane Nielsen
CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM	Shane Nielsen
SOCCER RUSSELL HOOPER CUP	Aidan Kereopa
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Aidan Kereopa
SURFING SMITH CUP	Blanton Smith
MOST OUTSTANDING SURFER	Blanton Smith
SWIMMING CHALLENGE CUP	Tim Doyle
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Tim Doyle
SWIMMING SYKES MEMORIAL CUP	Ben Riley
SENIOR CHAMPION	Ben Riley
TENNIS MCKEON CUP	Clint Jones
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Clint Jones
TENNIS BURGESS CUP	Pieter Van Der Kooij
MOST IMPROVED	Pieter Van Der Kooij
TENNIS CANDY CUP	David Geange
SENIOR CHAMP	David Geange
VOLLEYBALL SOPER CUP	Jermaine Sassman
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Jermaine Sassman
DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS DEMPSEY SHIELD	Dayboys
SWIMMING	Dayboys
DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS PEASE CUP	Dayboys
RUGBY	Dayboys
INTERHOUSE HOLDER CUP	Donnelly
SOCCER	Donnelly
INTERHOUSE BARES CUP	Syme
CRICKET	Syme
BURBANK CUP	Syme
SWIMMING	Syme
INTERHOUSE KERR CUP	Hatherly
RUGBY	Hatherly
CRAMMOND CUP	Hatherly
INTERHOUSE CHAMPION	Hatherly
HANSARD CUP	Hatherly
ATHLETICS	Hatherly

STEVENSON CUP	
TENNIS	
SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR	Golf Team
1st XI CRICKET & A WINTER SPORT DONNELLY CUP	Frazier Climo
THE BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN WOLFE CUP	Pieter Van Der Kooij
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR COLLEGE TROPHY	Matthew Blackbourn
2004 Junior Sports Prizes	
BADMINTON COOK AND LISTER CUP	Matthew Hunter
OPEN CHAMPION	Matthew Hunter
JUNIOR ATHLETICS FIELD CHAMPION	
JUNIOR ATHLETICS TRIPLE JUMP	Tukere Hikaka
HIGH JUMP	Tukere Hikaka
JUNIOR ATHLETICS SHOTPUT	Liam Jones
JUNIOR ATHLETICS 800M	David Morton
JUNIOR ATHLETICS GRIEVE CUP	Robert McLeod
1500M	Robert McLeod
JUNIOR ATHLETICS DISCUS	Gary Hofmans
LONG JUMP	Gary Hofmans
200M	Gary Hofmans
100M	Ryan Sanderson
JUNIOR ATHLETICS HERMON CUP	Corey Balsom
400M	Corey Balsom
JAVELIN	Corey Balsom
BENNET CUP	Corey Balsom
CHAMPION	Corey Balsom
CROSS COUNTRY NOAKES CUP	David Morton
JUNIOR CHAMPION	David Morton
HOCKEY THE GEURSEN STICK	Thomas Ardern
MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Thomas Ardern
IN LINE HOCKEY JUNIOR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Alex Novak
RUGBY JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL	Robert McLeod
LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS	Robert McLeod
RUGBY MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP	Brad Bennett
YR 10 IN RUGBY	Brad Bennett
SOCCER BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP	John Hight
INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER	John Hight
SWIMMING FOX CUP	Tim Riley
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Tim Riley

TENNIS
HERBERT SMITH CUP Quinn Rosa
TARANAKI JUNIOR SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR
Golf Team
SPORTSMAN
JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR Zac Lewis

2005 Senior Academic & Cultural Prizes

Year Eleven Prizes

Subject Prizes
Art
English and Oliver Wayne
French (French Embassy Prize) and Graphics (Gordon Harris Ltd Prize) James Fraser
English Applied (PTA Prize) Joshua Foster
Geography Jason Holden
History Sam Franklin
Home Economics Trent Thompson
Horticulture (Best Student) Max Whiting
Horticulture (Practical) (Fruitfed Supplies Division of Williams & Kettle Prize) Thomas Ardern
Maori Leighton Price
Mathematics (Applied) (PTA Prize) Lindsay Horrocks
Music and
Technology Studies William Sklenars
Physical Education Nicholas Hartley
Science Applied (PTA Prize) Dustin Terrill
Self Management and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (The Laminex Group Prize) Glen Law
Spanish Kerry Ussher
Technology (Metal) (Best Student) and Technology (Metal) (Design) (Bay Engineers Prize) Jamie Bridger
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables and Blackwood Paykels Prizes) Dean Monti
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Best Student) (Bay Engineers Prize) Ostyn Tanner
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) Sam Lawn

Effort and Progress
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Zachary Lewis
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Andrew Marfell
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Matthew Tait
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Alexander Waugh
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Jared Whitehead
(PTA Prize) Tamati Lichtwark
(PTA Prize) Wiremu Ruwhiu

Public Speaking
1st Prize Damian Aherne

Essay
1st Prize Sam Franklin

Music
Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) Scott Jonas

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) Dustin Terrill
For the best performance in the STAR programme Ostyn Tanner
Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize) Brendan Sutton

General Academic Excellence
3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin) Logan Campbell
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Enterprise Management, 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), 1st in Science) Jason Oliver
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting (Gledhill Cup & Prize), 1st in Economics, 1st in Mathematics) James Tate

Year Twelve Prizes

Subject Prizes
Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) and Economics (Tabor Prize) Mitchell Edwards
Computer Studies (Practical) (Gen-i Prize) Sugapriyan Ravichandran
Design (Tabor Prize) and Painting and Printmaking (Tabor Prize) Fergus Porteous
Electronics (Tabor Prize) James Whitmore
Enterprise Management (Tabor Prize) Daniel Fleming
Geography (Tabor Prize) and Physics (Tabor Prize) Andrew King
Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) Scott Campbell
Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize) Brayden Barnett
History (Tabor Prize) Jon Keast
Home Economics (Tabor Prize) Michael Taylor
Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) Nathan Woods
Horticulture (Practical) (Alexander Trust Prize) Ben Hooper
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Michael Earby
Latin (Tabor Prize) Hamish Girvan
Legal Studies (Tabor Prize) and Maori (Tabor Prize) Kahotea Kereopa
Mathematics (Tabor Prize) Iain Zealand
Mathematics (Applied) (Tabor Prize) Terry Herbert
Music (Tabor Prize) and Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) Jeremy Scarle
Outdoor Education (Kiwi Outdoor Centre Prize) Nicholas Tipling
Photography (Tabor Prize) Adam Whitehead
Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup) Matthew King
Physical Education (Tabor Prize) Tim Doyle
Science (Tabor Prize) Ben Aves
Self Management (Tabor Prize) Chad Eliason
Sports Studies (Tabor Prize) Tane Renata



Kyle Manu - Best Sportman



Mathew Snowden - Best All-Round Sportsman



Andrew Raynes - Best Performing Artist

Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) Simon Boyle
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize and Olex Cables Trophy) Ryan Harris-Hayes
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Masters Ltd Prize) Cameron Gavin
Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize) Nicholas Toon

Effort and Progress
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Nathan Hopkins
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Alex Lovell

Public Speaking
1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) Paul Meuli

Essay
1st Prize Shiraz Sadikeen

Music
Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup) Matthew Hitchings
Excellence in Performance in the Jazz Genre and Commitment to Music in the school (Take 5 Trophy) and Senior Composition (Mary Allan Award) Daniel Hayles

Special Prize
For contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the school Ryan Harris-Hayes

General Academic Excellence
3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) Evan Andrews
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Biology, 1st in Spanish) Hew Price
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Accounting, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in English, Highest Grade Attainment in NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2005 Year 12 student in 2004 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize) Lee Wilson

Year Thirteen Prizes

Subject Prizes
Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup) and Music Andrew Liu
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize) Murray Perks
Calculus Min Zhu
Classical Studies Matthew Magner
Computing Nicholas Sarten
Design Zeke Sole
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) Michael Hayward
English Literature (White Memorial Prize) Chris Cree-Butler
Enterprise Management Harry Moores
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) and History of Art Andrew Raynes
Home Economics and Painting Jay Goodey
Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) Gregory Marfell
Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize) Hamish Blue
Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize) and Latin Michael Julian
Maori and Physical Education Shaun Graham
Outdoor Education (Kiwi Outdoor Centre Prize) Hayden Ballantyne
Science Mark Sherlock

Effort and Progress
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Bohan Linn
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Andrew Webber

Essay
1st Prize (Taranaki Daily News Literary Excellence Prize) Ian Bayliss

Special Prizes

Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) Andrew Raynes

Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup) Stage Band

Interhouse Music (John Dobson Memorial Cup) Barak House

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

To the School's Chief Librarian for outstanding service to the library (Troy Penberth Memorial Cup & Prize) Matthan Gray

For the International Student whose strong academic performance is matched by a significant contribution to the wider life of the school Min Lee

Outstanding record of service to the School (JV McIntyre PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize) Gabriel Davies

Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize) and 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) Hayden Ballantyne

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) Laine Barnett

Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles' Trophy and Prize) Andrew Webber

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

General Academic Excellence

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economic Scholarship), 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize) Jeffrey Fong

Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize) 1st in History (Brian Bellringer Prize)) Matthew Molloy

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Geography, 1st in Physics) Alex Opie

2005 Junior Academic & Cultural Prizes

Year Nine Prizes

Subject Prizes

Art Elliott Clarkson

Economics and French (French Embassy Prize) William Tennent

Graphics Kallaway Abbott

Health and Physical Education Mark Atkins

Home Economics Matthew Jones

Horticulture Harley Smith

Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Jack Price

Maori Chance Te Uira

Music Zildjian Robinson

Performance Music Alex Sprott

Technology Thilina Mendis

Effort and Progress

PTA Prize Chris Joe

(PTA Prize) Ainsley Edwards

(PTA Prize) Elliot Bloomfield

(PTA Prize) Johnathon Bruning

(PTA Prize) Matthew Girvan

(PTA Prize) Daniel Green

(PTA Prize) Chaz Hanscombe

(PTA Prize) Sam Hill

(PTA Prize) Zac Moller

(PTA Prize) Marco Politakis

(PTA Prize) Jamie Reid

Certificates

Samuel Adams Horticulture, Technology

Jay Arbuckle Social Studies, Science

Joseph Bailey English, Economics, Technology

Gray Barnett Mathematics, Social Studies

Glen Baxter English, Mathematics, Science

Heiden Bedwell-Curtis Health & Physical Education, Music

Ethan Bilderbeck Mathematics, English

Ryan Braggins Social Studies, Performance Music, Home Economics

Matthew Burton Technology, Latin, Art

Andrew Carswell Technology, Art, Latin

Matthew De Klerk Japanese, Art

Aaron Edmunds English, Art, Horticulture

Hamish Fraser Mathematics, Latin, Art

Max Fraser-Dymond English, Social Studies

Kerry French Art, Graphics

Wayne Geng Japanese, Performance Music

RossHawton Mathematics, Social Studies, Art

Dylan Hayman Mathematics, Social Studies

Martin Hebler English, Health & Physical Education, Art

Cameron Holden English, Technology

Charl Jacobs English, Mathematics

Feng Jia Mathematics, Social Studies

Thomas Jones English, Social Studies, Horticulture

Gered Keene Technology, Art

Dayle Keene Mathematics, Technology, Art

James Linehan Science, Social Studies, Art

Michael Mallalieu Mathematics, Health & Physical Education



Hamish Mellow English, Science

Joel Meuli Mathematics, English, Social Studies

Simon Momich Maori, Art

Trydant Murfitt Mathematics, Home Economics

Isaac Owen Technology, Art

Sean Parker English, Mathematics

Nainesh Patel English, Art

Tom Sandford English, Science

Blair Saunders Mathematics, English, Social Studies

Alastar Scarle English, Social Studies, Art

Vincent Sharp Social Studies, Art

Karsten Shotbolt Maori, Graphics

Wade Stafford Mathematics, French

Jordan Stayt Latin, Technology

David Stevens Home Economics, Horticulture

William Symes English, Health & Physical Education

Jason Wang Science, Technology

Gordon Washer Technology, Home Economics

Tom Webb Mathematics, Science, Latin

Max Williams English, Home Economics

Trinity Wilson English, French

Michael Wood Social Studies, Technology

Matthew Zhong

Public Speaking

3rd Jordan Moratti

2nd Cameron Holden

1st Prize William Tennent

Essay

3rd Vincenzo Smolenski

2nd Wade Stafford

1st Prize Peter Molloy

General Academic Excellence

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin) Brendon Fischer

2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics) Duncan Macdonald

1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English, Science and Social Studies) Peter Molloy

Year Ten Prizes

Subject Prizes

Art Chris Hewlett

Economics Nicholas Joyce

Enterprise Studies Jeremy Whyte

French (French Embassy Prize) and Science Akshay Sridhar

Graphics Gye Simkin

Health and Physical Education Liam McBride

Home Economics Sam Young

Horticulture and Technology Hamish Fleming

Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Martin Cox

Maori and For Contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school Harley Wall

Materials Technology Alex Whitikia

Materials Technology (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award) Joshua Smaller

Mathematics Paul Andrews

Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) Jason Van Winkel

Music Rhys Ellis

Performance Music and For All Round Participant and High Achievement in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) Cameron Gubb

Effort and Progress

(PTA Prize) Michael Peterson

(PTA Prize) Dan Potroz

(PTA Prize) Stuart Belgrave

(PTA Prize) Carl Garrett

(PTA Prize) Michael Hatch

(PTA Prize) Quinten Peters

(PTA Prize) Matthew Temperton

Certificates

Eli Abraham-Beerman Science, Mathematics

Harald Askevold Science, English

Henry Bartle Health & Physical Education, Technology, Art, Home Economics

James Cameron Social Studies, English

Coady Clark Economics, Home Economics

Ben Conegian Science, English, Art

Julian Corbett Science, Art

Nick Craig Science, Enterprise Studies

Brent Donnelly Mathematics, Horticulture

Paul Donovan Social Studies, English

Leigh Elliot Science, Enterprise Studies, Home Economics

Ethan England Health & Physical Education, Graphics

Scott Evans Health & Physical Education, Home Economics, Technology, Art

Jono Gibson Mathematics, Art

Miles Harding Social Studies, Horticulture

Joshua Hartley Science, Mathematics

Daniel Harvey Mathematics, English, Art

Paul Hermann Science, Social Studies, Technology, Art

Michael Hine Social Studies, Art, Health & Physical Education

John Hobson English, Maori

Dallas Horsfall Social Studies, English

Sam Howe Science, English

Chris Jager Graphics, Health & Physical Education

Scott Kearns English, Home Economics

Ben Lagan Home Economics, Music

Daniel Lamorena Art, Horticulture

Tim Lee Social Studies, Mathematics

Charles Loader Enterprise Studies, Art

Josh Lowl English, Health & Physical Education, Horticulture, Home Economics

Steen McBeth Social Studies, Graphics, Health & Physical Education

James McKerrow Social Studies, Enterprise Studies

Hayden Patene Science, Mathematics, English, Maori

Ashok Ramanathan Mathematics, Graphics

Alex Sewell Science, Horticulture, Technology

Steven Smith Art, Technology

Stuart Sutherland Mathematics, Art

Brent Taylor Science, English
 Jamie Thompson-Smith Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
 Sam Thomson Mathematics, Graphics
 Cedar Vairnea Social Studies, Technology
 Samuel Varley Science, Latin
 Matthew Warner Social Studies, English, Enterprise Studies, Technology
 Chris Whitmore English, Home Economics,
 James Wilson Social Studies, Mathematics, Technology
 Thomas Wilson Technology, Art
 James Young Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, English

Public Speaking

3rd Hamish Fleming
 2nd Jonathan Folwell
 1st (Moss Cup) Carl Garrett

Essay

3rd Awa Maihi
 2nd Carl Garrett
 1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup) Jonathan Folwell

Music

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy) and Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) and Junior Performer of the Year (Stewart Maunder Cup) Raynor Martin
 For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) Geraint Scott

General Academic Excellence

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in English) Anurag Purkayastha
 2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Social Studies) and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize) Jonathan Folwell
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Latin) Nicholas Monk

Cave Bursaries

For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 9 Peter Molloy
 For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 10 Jonathon Folwell

2005 Senior Sports Prizes

ADVENTURE RACING

KIWI OUTDOORS PRIZE
 CONTRIBUTION TO ADVENTURE RACING Alex Opie

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

CARTWRIGHT CUP
 LONG JUMP Cameron Rowlands

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

KELLER CUP
 HIGH JUMP Marcus Sweetman

SHOTPUT

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

CHALLENGE CUP
 200M Codey Rei

BECKBESSINGER CUP

100M
 TRIPLE JUMP

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

BOTHAMELY CUP
 400M Tyler MacLeod

GILMOUR CUP

800M

1500M

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

JAVELIN Brad Bennett

HAGENSON CUP

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Justin Boag

EDMONDS TROPHY

DISCUS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

JAVELIN Mathew Snowden

SENIOR ATHLETICS

LONG JUMP Jacob Fleming

SENIOR ATHLETICS

OLD BOYS SHIELD
 400M Philip Young

SENIOR ATHLETICS

TRIPLE JUMP Paddy Dempsey

TRIPLE JUMP

HIGH JUMP

DISCUS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

FOOKE CUP
 1500M Hayden Ballantyne

SENIOR CHAMPION

MASON MEMORIAL CUP
 800M

SENIOR ATHLETICS

OLD BOYS CUP
 100M Kyle Manu

HERBERT SMITH CUP

200M

GARY FOWLER CUP

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

BASKETBALL

PETER LAY TROPHY
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Jason Rolfe

BADMINTON

COOK AND LISTER CUP
 OPEN CHAMPION Andrew Marfell

CRICKET

GIDDY SHIELD
 2ND XI MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Chad Jacob

CRICKET

PARKINSON CUP
 IST XI BOWLING Andrew Mason

CRICKET

MEULI CUP
 IST XI BATTING Andrew Mason

ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP

CONTRIBUTED MOST Michael Rubick

CROSS COUNTRY

HERBERT SMITH CUP

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

1911 CUP

SENIOR CHAMPION

CYCLING

ANZ CYCLING CUP

MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER

GOLF

SHEARER CUP

SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION

HOCKEY

SIMONSON CUP

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

HOCKEY

DION JORDAN MEMORIAL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

IN LINE HOCKEY

BEST PERFORMING TEAM

1st V - Michael Taylor

IN LINE HOCKEY

INLINE HOCKEY

SENIOR MVP

RUGBY

U15s CUP

MOST PROMISING PLAYER

RUGBY

2ND XV CUP

MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER

RUGBY

TAYLOR CUP

PLAYERS PLAYER in 1ST XV

RUGBY

WATTS CUP

MOST IMPROVED in 1ST XV

RUGBY

LEUTHART CUP

CONTRIBUTED MOST to 1ST XV

SHOOTING

LT H.V. SEARLE CUP

SENIOR SHOOTING CHAMP

SQUASH

DOW ELANCO CUP

SQUASH MVP

SOCCER

BURMESTER TROPHY

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

SOCCER

RUSSELL HOOPER CUP

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

SOCCER

COACHES CUP

CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM

SURFING

SMITH CUP

MOST OUTSTANDING SURFER

SWIMMING

CHALLENGE CUP

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Tyler MacLeod

Brad Bennett

Justin Boag

Mathew Snowden

Jacob Fleming

Philip Young

Paddy Dempsey

Hayden Ballantyne

Kyle Manu

Jason Rolfe

Andrew Marfell

Chad Jacob

Andrew Mason

Andrew Mason

Michael Rubick

Michael Rubick

Michael Rubick

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INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

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CHALLENGE CUP

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

David Morton

Hayden Ballantyne

Michael Torckler

Zachary Lewis

Matthew Brown

Andrew Webber

Trent Kemsley

Mitchell Campbell

Mark Shaw

Matthew Boobyer

Steven Barron

Gareth Goodin

Laine Barnett

Shaun Cooper

Vance Hoskin

Josh Richardson

Kahotea Kereopa

James Conin

Tim Riley

SWIMMING

SYKES MEMORIAL CUP

SENIOR CHAMPION

TENNIS

MCKEON CUP

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

TENNIS

BURGESS CUP

MOST IMPROVED

TENNIS

CANDY CUP

SENIOR CHAMP

VOLLEYBALL

SOPER CUP

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS

DEMPSEY SHIELD

SWIMMING

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS

PEASE CUP

RUGBY

INTERHOUSE

HANSARD CUP

ATHLETICS

INTERHOUSE

HOLDER CUP

SOCCER

BARES CUP

CRICKET

INTERHOUSE

KERR CUP

RUGBY

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

- DISCUS
- 100M
- LONG JUMP
- 200M
- JUNIOR ATHLETICS**
- JAVELIN
- HERMON CUP
- 400M
- BENNET CUP
- CHAMPION
- CROSS COUNTRY
- NOAKES CUP
- JUNIOR CHAMPION
- HOCKEY**
- THE GEURSEN STICK
- MOST PROMISING JUNIOR
- IN LINE HOCKEY**
- JUNIOR MVP
- RUGBY**
- JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL
- LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS
- RUGBY**
- MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP
- YR 10 IN RUGBY
- SOCCER**
- BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP
- INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER
- SHOOTING**
- CORP CJ HAMBLYN CUP
- JUNIOR SHOOTING CHAMPION
- SWIMMING**
- FOX CUP
- JUNIOR CHAMPION
- TENNIS**
- HERBERT SMITH CUP
- SPORTSMAN**
- JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

- Mark Atkins
- Rory Hofmans
- Heiden Bedwell-Curtis
- Jamie Henshilwood
- Mark Atkins
- Davis Sutcliffe
- Matthew Graystone
- Nick Craig
- Joel Meuli
- Gillies Kaka
- Mark Parthemore
- Jordan Moarratti
- Sam Varley
- Mark Atkins
- Mark Atkins

2005 Graduates from Canterbury University

Names	Degree	Year they left
Andrew Burgess	B.Com & BE (Hns) (Mech3)	1999
Richard Cook	BSC	2000
Richard Doherty	BA	2000
Tristan Kingsley-Jones	B Com	1999
Warren Poh	BE (Hns) (Elec3)	2000
Steven Ponga	BSC	2000
Fraser Smith	BE (Hns) (Elec3)	2000
Christopher Twaddle	BE (3rd)	1996
Jonathan White	B Com	2000

Tiger Jackets 2004 and 2005

Adventure Racing	Golf
Alex Opie	Joan Ho Choi
Daniel Fleming	Matthew Blackburn
Hayden Ballantyne	Head Boy
Jesse Herbert	Matthew Ander
Mathew Snowden	Head of House
Athletics	Hayden Ballantyne
Hayden Ballantyne	Simon Mills
Kyle Manu	Chad Mills
Philip Young	Gabriel Davies
Gareth Goodin	Hockey
Basketball	Murray Perks
Tim Doyle	Shiraz Sadikien
Gabriel Davies	Daniel Fleming
Tim Cleaver	Phillip Wilson
Kyle Manu	Matt Brown
Jason Naumann	Andrew Webber
Jason Rolfe	Lloyd McLoughlin
Michael Taylor	Cameron Ross
Cricket	Tim Lepper
Nick Milne	Inline Hockey
Tim Cleaver	Karl Johnston
Andrew Mason	Trent Kemsley
Matt Landrigan	Kayaking
Scott Pritchard	Alex Wilmshurst
Michael Rubuck	Music
Codey Rei	Steffan Barnett
Cross Country	Andrew King
Ben Riley	Jeremy Scarle
Hayden Ballantyne	Andrew Raynes
Michael Torckler	Reuben Theobald
Gavin Roper	Jonathon Fagg
Nick Wilkinson	Jeffrey Fong
Ben Aves	Sam Tait
Daniel Fleming	Todd Walker
Cycling	Daniel Hayles
Michael Torckler	Rugby
Debating	Zarhn Commerer
Sam Tait	Gareth Goodin
Andrew Raynes	Matthew Boobyer
Sam Tait	

2005 Graduates from Victoria University

Names	Degree	Year they left
Kyle Bridgeman	BSC	2000
Andrew Cross	BA	1999
Benjamin Hinton	BA	1999
Aaron Macrae	BCA	2001
David Malcolmba	BA	2001
Daniel Morrison	BA & BAHONS	2000
Michael Newing	BCA	2000
Daniel Schroder	BCA	2001
Richard Slater	BMUS	2001
Michael Somers	BA	2000
Robert Veitch	BCA & BSC	2000
Mark Wales	BSC	2000
Foster Walker	BSCHON	1999
Callan Wharfe	BSC	2001

- Mark Sherlock
- James Brown
- Simon Mills
- Kris Moller
- Philip Young
- Finnbarr Kerr- Newall
- Michael Rubick
- Kyle Joyce
- Matt Dallas
- Bernard Hall

- Soccer**
- Liam Munro
- Harry Moores
- Jacob Fleming
- Finn Peters
- Sean Ross
- Mathew Snowden
- Nick Wilkinson
- Matt Ander
- Christian Aherne

- Kahotea Kereopa
- Squash**
- Richard Lee
- Matt Queree
- Student Representative**
- Laine Barnett
- Surf Life saving**
- Daniel Nelson
- Blair Smith
- Gareth Goodin

- Swimming**
- Tim Doyle
- Ben Riley
- Tennis**
- David Geange
- Volleyball**
- Mathew Snowden
- Yu Ishikawa
- James Brown



Young Achievers Awards 2005

On 27th October, the annual Young Achievers Awards were held at the New Plymouth Council Chambers. NPBHS students featured prominently in the nominations and the school had seven finalists amongst the huge number of nominees from schools and businesses in the area.

Our most successful category was the Sports Achievement Award. All three finalists from the school, Kyle Manu (athletics), Marc Williams (motor racing) and Gareth Goodin (surf-life saving), have achieved significant successes in their individual areas this year. Marc Williams,

a Year 12 student, won the award for winning the Australian Formula 3 Championships in his age group. The SKA band, Eight Orange Orchard, took out the top award in the Music Award Category. Tony Zhu and Tushar Sharma were finalists in the Most Outstanding Student Award and Daniel Fleming, nominated by Starbucks, was a finalist in the Employee of the Year section.

It was very encouraging to see so many of our students in the finals and also to see a number of our boys on the Youth Council, which runs the event. Gabriel Davies, a seventh former at NPBHS, spoke very effectively as Chairman of the Youth Committee.



Gareth Goodin - Sports Achievement nominee



Daniel Fleming - Employee of the Year nominee



Tony Zhu - Most Outstanding Student nominee

Dux's Prizegiving Speech

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Tonight is the climax of my five years at this school. Since my first class here in 2001, I have learnt a huge amount, played sports, and played music. I have had forty different teachers, played six different sports and been in five bands.

I have learnt more than just my classwork in my five years. I have learnt about lemonade from Mr Vercoe, about beer kegs from Mr Leath, battleships from Mr Harland, paper boat races from Mr Gledhill, and wet t-shirt competitions from Dr Ariyaratne. Then there was Fourth Form Maths with Mr Dominikovic, where I learnt just about everything, apart from Maths.

I have also gained other qualities in my time here. This year I have been a senior hostel prefect, and this has developed my leadership qualities. From being in many teams and other groups, I have learnt how to get along with people better, and how to appreciate other people's qualities.

All my learning here would not have been possible without all forty of the teachers I have had. Thank you to my teachers this year, Mr Page, Mr Brown, Dr Dre, G.W. McLellan, Magoo and Huge Muscles. I will also make a special thanks to Mr Hannah for pulling me through English last year. Thank you Mr French-Wright, Mr Bayly, Mr Rowlands and Mr Heaps, for helping me with any issues I have had. Thanks to my family for supporting me through my thirteen years at school, and thanks for coming tonight. Thanks also to my second family, the hostel, for bringing me up for the last five years. Thank you to the seventh form, for helping me to reach this honour, especially Matthew and Jeffrey, for the competition for this award. I admit I was having doubts about whether I would be standing here tonight.

To the rest of the school. I urge you to take all opportunities offered to you here.

There are tonnes of sports teams in this school, for people of all ages and skill levels. When I had a think earlier, I came up with twenty different sports this school offers, and I am sure there are more. There is no excuse for not having a go at some sport or another.



The same applies for music and other cultural activities. There are bands for all levels and abilities, and the best way I know to learn an instrument is in a band. There are chess teams and debating teams, and all kinds of other groups here, that you only need to ask to find out about.

Other opportunities available at this school that I can personally recommend are the Spirit of New Zealand, and the Global Young Leaders Conference. If any of you are offered these opportunities, I guarantee that if you take them up, you will not be disappointed. I know I wasn't.

A lot of these opportunities are not available after you leave school, so grasp them with both hands, because you may never get another chance to do some of these things. Ask any adult, and they will tell you about the things they wish they had done when they had the chance, and would give anything to go back and do.

You can also take opportunities to make this school a better place. GENTLY encourage withdrawal kids to change their ways. Pick up rubbish and keep the school looking tidy. If you have ability in a subject, giving tutoring can not only make you some extra pocket money, but it also helps your own learning. It is said that the best way to learn is to teach someone else, and I have found that this is true.

Take the opportunity in the next few weeks to gain good marks in your assessments. Some advice for sixth formers: if you think your sixth form marks aren't going to count for anything if you come back next year, you're wrong. If you apply for halls at university, this is judged from your sixth form marks, along with some scholarships. So put effort in, and do as well as you can.

I'd like to extend this to all the students in the hall tonight. Good luck with your exams, if you put the work in, it will pay off.

Last year's dux Greg Severinson read a poem at the end of speech. The year before Head Boy Te Hira Cooper sang a song. You will be pleased to know I'm not going to do either of these things, but, as it is my last year in the stage band, I have been dobbed in to play a solo.

Thank you.
Alex Opie



Adventure Racing

The 2005 season saw an increase in the number of boys participating and, through generous sponsorship from Thermatech, every team member was equipped with the best available clothing. The teams often competed with girls from NPGHS. There were three major races in the lead up to Hillary Challenge selection:

Arrow International Series 6 Hour Race Wellington March 19th

Teams:	
NPBHS 1:	Alex Opie, Daniel Fleming, Jesse Herbert, Fergus Porteous
NPGHS 2:	Emmah Ussher, Helen Riley, Kerri-anne Torckler, Yana Horn
NPBHS 3:	Dex Newland, Nick Tipling, Tony Foreman, Erwin Hebler
2 Man :	Mr Iain McGowan, Tim Lepper

NPBHS 3 team won the Secondary School Section.

Arrow International Series 6 Hour Race Auckland April 2nd

Teams:	
NPBHS Thermatech:	Alex Opie, Hayden Ballantyne, Kim Rawlinson, Mat Snowden
Hillary Rejects 2:	Dex Newland, Nick Tipling
NPBHS Old Boys:	Mr Iain McGowan, Reeve Barnett, Shannon Barnett, Peter Boyle

NPBHS Thermatech won the Secondary School Section.

ARC 12 Hour Adventure Race Coromandel April 9th

Teams:	
NPBHS Thermatech:	Hayden Ballantyne, Jesse Herbert, Alex Opie, Helen Riley
Bomdigitties:	Alex Wilmshurst, Nick Brown, Mr Iain McGowan, Reeve Barnett

There is no schools section in this race and this year we entered teams in the Open Men's and Mixed categories. The race started with a beach launch for a sea kayaking leg in very rough seas. Many teams ended up swimming on this leg but both our teams negotiated the multiple beach landings and launches relatively successfully. This leg was followed by a 'coasteering' section which involved several sea swims and a long mountain bike leg in steady rain. Unfortunately, Nick Brown's bike suffered major gear failure and the Bomdigitties were forced to miss nearly all the checkpoints on this leg and head straight for the next transition. This proved a decisive move as the team was able to negotiate the majority of the trek leg before dark and complete a caving section in good time to finish third in the Open Men's 4 Person Teams section. Meanwhile, Thermatech were struggling through thick bush in the dark with the majority of the field and finally arrived wet and hungry at the finish at 10:30pm.

This event is an enormously rewarding experience and is enjoyed by competitors and support crews alike. Special thanks this year again go to John Wilmshurst and Ken and Sue Ballantyne, whose cheese toasties and duct tape really helped to keep the teams moving.





Hillary Challenge

National champions again

The combined team from NPBHS and NPGHS was again successful at the Genesis Hillary Challenge, triumphing for the third year running.

The team was – Hayden Ballantyne, Jesse Herbert and Alex Opie (from 2004 team), with Daniel Fleming and Mathew Snowden; with Emmah Ussher, Kerri-anne Torckler and Helen Riley from NP Girls' HS.

The five day competition started relatively poorly with the team lying 10th and last after day one. Many teams were delighted to see us in that position and assumed that we were out of contention, failing to notice that the spread of points was relatively small. By Tuesday night our position had improved to 7th, 144 points behind leaders Taradale High School. A change to the scoring format for the expedition phase meant we had to win the next three days in order to be sure of success.

Complicating matters was the fact that the team never knew the scores after Tuesday night, meaning strategy and tactics were



Adventure Racing

Back Row: Daniel Fleming, Nick Brown, Fergus Porteous, Alex Opie, Tony Foreman.
Middle Row: Tim Lepper, Jesse Herbert, Mathew Snowden, Hayden Ballantyne, Mr Iain McGowan.
Front Row: Erwin Hebler, Alex Wilmshurst, Kim Rawlinson, Dex Newland, Nick Tipling.



photo courtesy of TNL



Hillary Challenge Team

Back Row: Emmah Ussher, Kerri-anne Torckler, Alex Opie, Helen Riley, Mr I McGowan (Manger)
Front Row: Hayden Ballantyne, Jesse Herbert, Mathew Snowden, Daniel Fleming

based on incomplete information and the team had to look to itself for performance goals. As it turned out, we scored 750 points on Wednesday, 250 more than the next best team, and went into the lead.

On Thursday, we were shaded by Auckland Grammar/Diocesan, scoring 800 points to their 1000. We figured we were down 150 points and would need to win Friday's adventure race and beat Grammar by an hour if we were to win. Despite appalling weather, losing significant time due to gear failure on a cycle leg, and having to wait over 4 1/2 hours in transition, the team turned on a masterful display of efficiency and professionalism, finishing 37 minutes faster than the next team. Grammar fell away to finish 7th.

As the prize-giving revealed, we had in fact been in the lead on Friday morning and our performance increased our lead to 299 points, a convincing margin over Auckland Grammar, with Taradale High School a distant 3rd. This was an outstanding performance from a group of talented athletes, who, over four months, dedicated themselves to being as well prepared as possible. They fully deserve their victory.

Mr Iain McGowan
Teacher-in-Charge

Multi Sports

2005 has been an excellent year for Multi Sport and the second half of the year has seen our top students keen to follow up on our successes in the Rotorangi Gutbuster and Kururau Krusher earlier in the year. Our teams have been built around the outstanding skills of Michael Torckler (cycling - Number 2 in NZ) and Alex Wilmshurst (kayaking - NZSS Kayak Champion), backed up by top performing members of our impressive Cross Country Team.

On August 28th NPBHS won the Crater to Lake Challenge at our first attempt. This involved skiing from the top of Whakapapa Ski field (Daniel Mornich, Year 11), mountain biking 37 km to OPC (Kim Rawlinson, Year 12), cycling 38 km to Turangi (Michael), kayaking 17 km on the Tongariro and Lake Taupo (Alex), cycling 42 km to Taupo (Michael again) and running 12 km cross country to the finish (Hayden Ballantyne, Year 13). The team finished the 150 km race in 5 hours 22 minutes, over 20 minutes ahead of Napier BHS.

On September 17th three teams competed in the NZSS Multi Sport Teams Championship at McLaren Falls, Tauranga.

Isaac Davies (kayak), Daniel Phillips (cycle), and Hayden Lowe (run) finished 3rd in the Intermediate grade. This is an outstanding result for three 'rookies' and bodes well for the future.

Jacob Davies kayaked in our number 2 team with Ben Riley who completed both the run and cycle legs as part of his training for the World Junior Triathlon Championships. These boys finished a very creditable 6th in the Senior grade.

Our top team recorded a time of 1 hour 15 minutes and led from start to finish, beating defending champions Westlake Boys' High School, with Rangitoto College back in third. Alex Wilmshurst led narrowly off the water before Michael Torckler opened up a comfortable margin on the bike leg. Taranaki Cross Country Champion Daniel Fleming extended the lead to nearly five minutes on the run for a convincing win.

Mr Iain McGowan
Teacher-in-Charge



Multi Sports

Back Row: Hayden Ballantyne, Ben Riley, Mr Iain McGowan
Front Row: Daniel Fleming, Michael Torckler, Alex Wilmshurst, Kim Rawlinson.

Athletics

There are 4 major events on the athletics calendar for the 2004 - 2005 season.

National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held in Hamilton over the weekend of December 4th and 5th 2004. NPBHS sent a team of 18 athletes to compete in the track and field programme and the road race. The school had some outstanding results with 6 students earning top 10 rankings in New Zealand and two boys winning medals.

Tyler MacLeod won silver in the Under 16 800m. This was a tremendous result and a well deserved medal. Tyler made the final of the 1500m as well but 5 races in two days proved too much and he finished mid-field.

Shaun Thompson impressed and surprised with his third placing in the Open 3000m Walk. Shaun has made great progress in this discipline and to be ranked number three in New Zealand for Secondary School walking is a fine achievement.

David Morton ran strongly in the Year 9 3000m Road Race and his efforts placed him 5th.

Kyle Manu had a busy weekend, making the semi finals of the Senior 200m where he ran a school record of 22.96. Kyle went one better in the Senior 100m where he reached the final and ran a blistering 11.03 (another school record).

Justin Boag progressed through the Under 16 400m heats and semi finals to achieve a national ranking of 8th over this distance.



Philip Young competed over the Senior 400m distance and his semi final time ranked him 9th, meaning he just missed the final of this event.

Others to perform well included Brad Bennett finishing 12th in the Junior Javelin, Pieter van der Kooij finishing 12th the Senior 1500m final, and Gareth Goodin reaching the quarter finals in the Senior 100m and the semi finals of the Senior 200m. The Senior 4 x 100m relay team looked like making the final before being disqualified for an illegal change.

Finally, the Senior 6 person Road Race team finished 5th in their competition. These boys were Ben Brandt, Luke O'Connor, Daniel Fleming, Jacob Fleming, Sean Curd and Nick Wilkinson.

School Athletics Championships

The sun shone at the NPBHS 2005 Athletics Day at the TET Stadium in Inglewood. The support from the crowd was excellent, as was the participation in the non championship events. Two records were broken on the day, one in the field and one on the track. Kyle Manu continued his excellent form by adding the Senior 200m record to his Intermediate record. Kyle ran the 200 metres in 22.60 seconds beating the 1988 record of 22.77 set by N Toremana.

The Junior Discus record that was set by Douglas Mace in 1983 was broken by two athletes. First Rory Hofmans beat the old record of 35.84 metres by throwing 38.22 metres and then, eventual Junior Champion, Mark Atkins threw a very impressive 39.32 metres. Congratulations must go out to Hayden Ballantyne and Hatherly House for their domination of Intermediate and Senior Championship events which proved the difference between the houses and provided Hatherly with another first place. Donnelly house showed their willingness to get involved in the wider school community by receiving the most non championship points.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Junior	1 st	Mark Atkins
	2 nd	Jamie Henshilwood
	3 rd	Rory Hofmans
		Chris Jager
Intermediate	1 st	Justin Boag
	2 nd	Tyler Macleod
	3 rd	Brad Bennett
Senior	1 st	Hayden Ballantyne
	2 nd	Philip Young
	3 rd	Mark Sherlock

HOUSE RESULTS

1. Hatherly
2. Barak
3. Syme
4. Donnelly

TSS Athletics Championships

A team of nearly 50 boys represented the school at the TSS Athletics Championships in Inglewood on Saturday 19th March having gained selection through their performances at the School Championships. There is no overall trophy for best school but NPBHS completely dominated the track programme and, although we were less dominant in the field events, our 22 titles were far ahead of the 8 wins for both Hawera and FDMC. Winners on the day were:



Junior	80m Hurdles	Chris Jager	13.91
	100m	Rory Hofmans	12.41
	200m	Rory Hofmans	25.49
	300m	Jamie Henshiwood	41.49
	800m	Levi Kendall	2.30.95
Intermediate	1500m	Levi Kendall	4.57.65
	3000m	Davis Sutcliffe	10.45.05
	Long Jump	Rory Hofmans	5.27m
	400m	Justin Boag	53.95
	800m	Tyler MacLeod	2.11.07
Senior	Triple Jump	Cody Rei	12.65m
	Javelin	Brad Bennett	41.88m
	100m	Kyle Manu	11.25
	200m	Kyle Manu	22.47(rec)
	400m	Philip Young	51.76
	1500m	Hayden Ballantyne	4.17.82
	3000m	Matt Snowden	9.45.83
300m Hurdles	Blair Campbell	41.40	
Long Jump	Jacob Fleming	5.94m	

A pleasing feature of the day was the fact that our 3 relay teams won their respective races. The Senior race was particularly memorable. Kyle Manu, Gareth Goodin, Phil Young and Jacob Fleming all ran under 12 seconds in the 100m final to take the first 4 places. They then combined to run 44.02 in the 4 x 100m Relay to break the Taranaki record which had stood since 1974.

The other standout track race was the Intermediate 3000m where 4 runners went under the Taranaki record. David Morton was 4th in this race and took 20 seconds of the school record (set last year by Matt Snowden), running 9.25.58.

North Island Athletics Championships

14 athletes from NPBSH travelled with the Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics team to contest the North Island Championships in Hastings over the weekend of April 2-3. The competition is of an extremely high standard as all athletes must pre-qualify to make it in to an event. The school had some exceptional results and a summary of these follows.

Shaun Thompson continued his impressive form by winning the Open Boys 3000m Walk.

Philip Young was 2nd in the Senior Boys 400m. His time was a new school record of 50.43 taking 1 second off his own record.

Kyle Manu was 2nd in the Senior Boys 100m, running 11.22 into the wind. He qualified in 11.12. Kyle also ran 4th in the Senior Boys 200m lowering his own school record time to 22.41.

Rory Hofmans ran 12.24 in his Junior 100m heat, but failed to advance to the final. He qualified for the Junior 200m final however and ran 24.94 to finish 6th in this race to eclipse Brad Bennett's school record from 2003. Rory also placed 4th in the Junior Long Jump with a best leap of 5.64m.

Jacob Fleming ran 11.73 in his 100m heat and was 6th in the Long Jump with an impressive 6.08m.

Brad Bennett claimed 8th in the Intermediate Javelin throwing 40.62m.



Blair Campbell qualified for the final and ran 7th in the Senior 110m Hurdles. Blair also qualified for the Open 300m Hurdles final and finished 6th in this race.

David Morton ran below his best to be 14th in the Intermediate 3000m, but ran an excellent Open 2000m Steeplechase to finish 6th in 6.43.02 and to claim a new school record.

Jamie Henshiwood ran his Junior 100m heat in 12.63. His 300m heat time of 40.24 was fast for this unusual distance and he qualified for the final where he finished 8th.

Cody Rei, Chris Jager, Justin Boag, James Rei and Cameron Rowlands also were in the team, but failed to make the top 8 in their respective events.

Also worth noting was that the Taranaki Senior 4 x 100m Relay team was 3rd and this team included 3 of our runners (Philip, Jacob and Kyle).

World Athletics Championships

Among many strong performances, the above results chronicle the progress of Kyle Manu as a sprinter. Kyle broke 11 seconds for the 100m in winning the National Club 17 and Under 100m title in March and in doing so was selected for the New Zealand Youth Team for the World Junior Championships in Marakesh, Morocco in July. Kyle performed with distinction at this event in winning his heat in 10.82 (another school record). He was one of the best performed New Zealanders at the World Championships and can claim a World ranking in the 100m of 20th.



Kyle's performances were the standout achievements of what was a very successful year for Athletics. As this magazine goes to print the school's top athletes are preparing for the National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. These are to be held in Auckland in December and the school is optimistic of some excellent performances. Congratulations to all who represented the school this year and to Kyle, Hayden and Gareth for earning Tiger Jackets.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
Master-in-Charge, Athletics



Taranaki Secondary Schools Duathlon Championships

Five competitors from NPBSH entered this years Taranaki Secondary Schools Duathlon Champs held on June 8th at the Hurworth Road / Carrington Road junction. The event comprised a 2 km road run, a 10 km cycle and a 2 km road run and there were Junior and Senior Divisions.

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

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Manager



Athletics Champions
Justin Boag (Intermediate Champion), Hayden Ballantyne (Senior Champion),
Mark Atkins (Junior Champion)

Orienteering

A random collection of students took on the challenge of Orienteering at the TSS Championships on the evening of March 16th, 2005. Boys can choose to enter Novice, Standard or Advanced. NPBHS failed to place in the Novice section. Standard was a clean sweep for the school with Daniel Fleming (1st), Michael Torckler (2nd) and Gareth Goodin (3rd) in this grade. The Advanced course is particularly challenging and in this grade Jesse Herbert was 2nd and Alex Opie 3rd.

A group of students also participated in the National Secondary School Orienteering Championship held on sand dune maps south of Wanganui on 22th July 2005. These maps cover terrain which is among the most technically challenging in the country. Most students representing our school had limited Orienteering experience before this event but gave a good effort and enjoyed their course. Hayden Lowe was our best performance in the Intermediate Championship event, finishing just over half way down in his class of 40 boys.

Triathlon

NZ Secondary Schools Triathlon

Two of our students (Ben Riley and Michael Torckler) attended the NZ Secondary Schools Triathlon held earlier this year and performed with distinction. The distances raced were: 750m swim, 20k cycle, 4.8k run and involved some of New Zealand's elite young athletes. Ben Riley came home seventh in a very good time of 56.49 sec and Michael secured a very creditable 13th place.

NZ Representative in Triathlon - Ben Riley

Ben Riley was selected for NZ in the ITU World age-group Olympic Distance (1.5 km swim 40 km cycle 10 km run) Championships to be held in October in Hawaii. Ben was also selected in the NZ team for a World Half Iron Man to be held in Denmark.

He chose to attend the Olympic Distance event in Hawaii where he performed exceptionally well. He won the World U 20 age group Aquathon for the U-20's age group (a run swim run event) and in the Iron Man event he came home in 12th place.

This was a truly a wonderful performance from Ben Riley: World Champion in Aquathon.

Ben also competed with distinction in the summer Stride and Glide series held each week in Auckland. He was first overall in this series of races.

Ben also came 2nd in the NZ Triathlon Championships in his age group (16-19) which is a fine achievement.

Ben received a nomination for NPBHS Sportsman of the Year for his efforts and a Tiger Jacket in Triathlon.

NZ Age Group Selection Race

Ben Riley competed with distinction in this Olympic Distance event which was held the day before the Elite ITU World event. Ben came home in fifth place in a very good time of 2 hr 17.03. It should be noted that he was third swimmer out of the water in 19.23.



Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon

On Sunday 3rd April the Taranaki Schools Triathlon was held at Ngamotu Beach and NPBHS were represented by fewer boys than in previous years due to other sporting events clashing. However, those who attended performed very well. Results:

Senior Boys	1. Michael Torckler	34 min 18 sec
	2. Ben Riley	34 min 24 sec
	5. Daniel Nelson	46 min 36 sec
Junior Boys	2. Daniel Hine	41 min 32 sec

The event comprised a 250m swim, 10k cycle and a 3 km run and the day before both Michael Torckler and Ben Riley had competed with distinction in the NZ Secondary Schools event, so for them to double up and compete again was a fine achievement.

This time it was Michael Torckler who held on gamely to get ahead of Ben Riley. A superb cycle leg saw him overtake many of the early leaders from the swim. Michael was in front at the start of the run leg and then held on. All three place getters were home within 7 seconds of Michael crossing the finish line. This was a superb effort from Michael and Ben, with Daniel Nelson competing well to come home in fifth place. Daniel Hine performed well to come home in second spot in the Junior event.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Master-in-Charge, Triathlon

Badminton

2005 proved to be another tough year for the Top 6 Badminton team. The year started well with the introduction of our Russian import Surguy Simidzioski, the return of two of our squad members from 2004 and the recruitment of some enthusiastic juniors. Unfortunately, it soon took a turn for the worst.

Hamilton was our first Inter-School fixture and as expected they fielded a very strong senior team. While it was disappointing to be beaten convincingly, it was a great chance for the boys to play against some of players of a very high calibre.

The Super 8 fixture in Rotorua was our second assignment. With 3 of our top 6 unavailable to travel we faced an uphill battle right from the start. On day one we met a very strong Palmerston North

Boys' team who showed their class and thrashed us completely. Our second match of the day was against an experienced Gisborne Boys' team. The boys showed great determination, and while we still lost convincingly, there were a number of close games that could have gone either way. Day two proved to be just as hard as day one, losing to Tauranga early and then losing another tight battle against Napier Boys'. Our final match was against an evenly matched Tauranga Boys' B team. After four games both teams were evenly placed but unfortunately our boys ran out of steam and were unable to capitalise, eventually losing 2-4.

This year the Taranaki Secondary Schools Badminton competition was again held at New Plymouth Girls'. Our two seniors, Andrew and Shium both played below their best and were knocked out in the early rounds. Our junior team of Ashok and Glen fared a lot better. Ashok won the singles title and the pair secured the doubles title easily against a Spotswood combination.

Well done to all those who were involved in the team this year. Hopefully 2007 will bring some continuity to the team and we will be more competitive on the interschool stage. The top 6 squad this year was: Andrew Marfell, Shium Reza, Dion Wharepapa, Ashok Ramanathan, Glen Baxter, Gavin Wu and Surguy Simidzioski

Mr Phillip Whittaker
Manager



Ist V Basketball

At the beginning of the 2005 season the Coach of the 1st V, Jeff Cleaver, and the new Assistant Coach, David Bublitz, chose the following squad of ten: Gabriel Davies (Capt), Yu Ishikawa, Tim Cleaver, Tim Doyle, Matthew Corbett, Kyle Manu, Jason Naumann, Todd Fisher, Jason Rolfe and Michael Taylor.

Local Competition

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

vs Coastal	won	68 - 59
vs Hornets	lost	59 - 79
vs Hawera HS	won	60 - 45
vs Oilers	lost	57 - 79
vs Cavaliers	lost	56 - 79
vs Coastal	won	102 - 45
vs Hawera HS	won	by default
vs Oilers	lost	74 - 83
vs Hornets	won	70 - 67
vs Coastal	won	84 - 64
vs Cavaliers	lost	57 - 92
vs Hawera HS	lost	by default
vs Oilers	lost	59 - 96
vs Cavaliers	lost	62 - 77

In the minor semi-finals we beat Hornets 68 - 66, but lost to Cavaliers in the major semi-final 65 - 78.

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. The 1st V team for this tournament was: Tim Cleaver, Matthew Corbett, Gabriel Davies (Capt), Jason Naumann, Jason Rolfe, Michael Taylor, Todd Fisher, Brendan Baxter, Yu Ishikawa, Nick Vincent and Jonathan Wu.

The results were :

v Kelston Boys' HS	lost	31 - 35
v Westlake Boys' HS	lost	26 - 47
v St Pat's (Town)	won	37 - 31

After a three-way tie for second, the team snuck through (on a countback).

Semi-final:

v Rotorua Boys' HS	won	34 - 33
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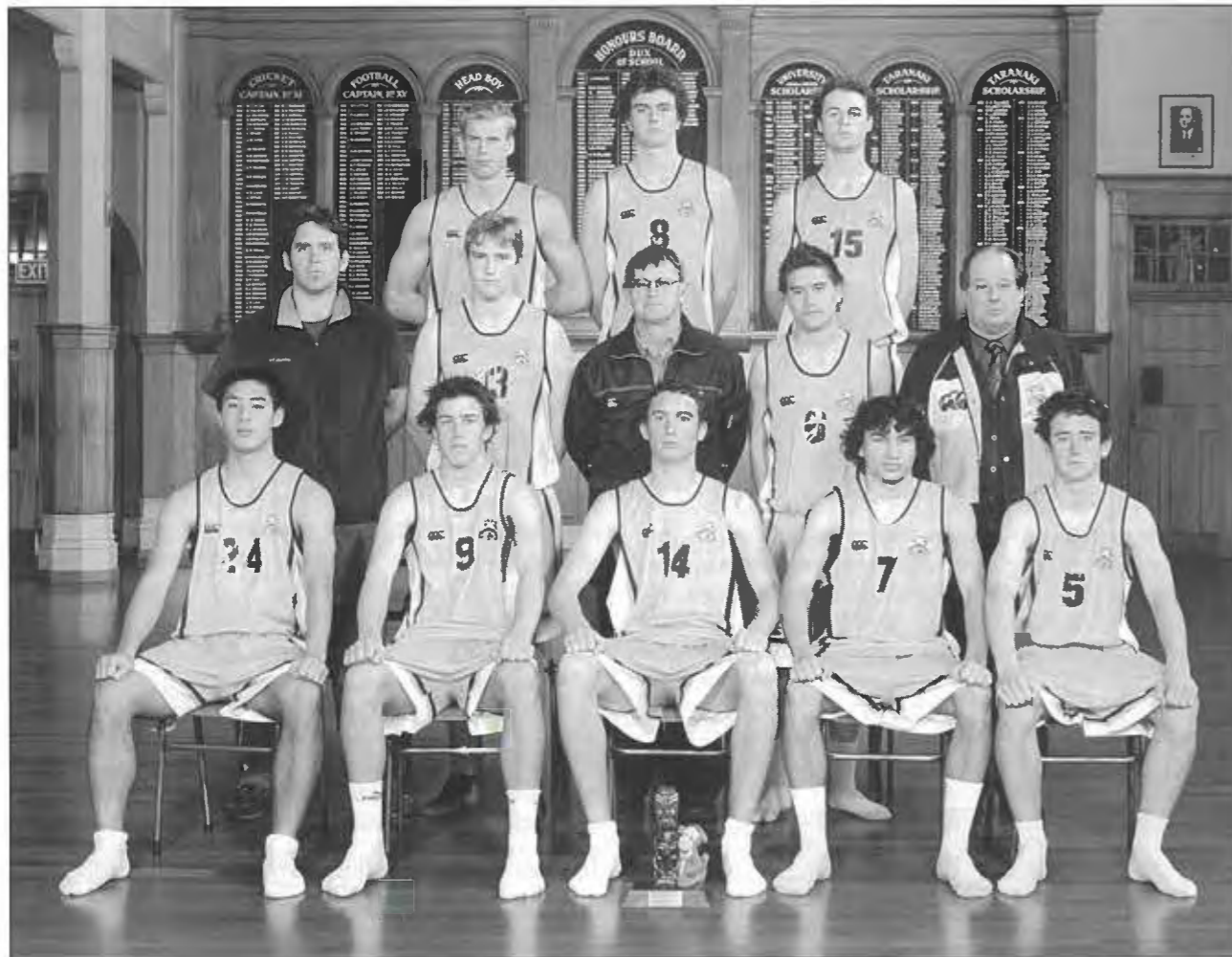
Final:

v Westlake Boys' HS	won	45 - 41
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So, NPBHS were tournament champions for the first time in a number of years.

St Patrick's College Classic Basketball Tournament

At the beginning of May we were invited to participate in this invitation tournament in Wellington. The senior team members were the same as for Western Heights Tournament - with the exception of



1st V Basketball

Back Row: Tim Doyle, Todd Fisher, Matthew Corbett
 Middle Row: Mr D Bublitz (Asst Coach), Nicholas Vincent, Mr J Cleaver (Coach), Josiah Wall, Mr T Heaps (Manager)
 Front Row: Yu Ishikawa, Tim Cleaver, Gabriel Davies (Captain), Kyle Manu, Michael Taylor

Tim Doyle and Kyle Manu who replaced Baxter, Vincent and Wu.

v St Patrick's College	lost	35 - 39
v Palmerston North BHS	won	52 - 26
v Rongotai College	won	74 - 12

Semi-final:

v Wellington College	won	48 - 45
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Final:

v St Pat's	lost	46 - 47
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Came 2nd.

Inter-school

This year we had two Inter-School fixtures apart from the Super 8. The first was against Auckland Grammar in Auckland on 18 May. NPBHS got off to a slow start in this game, lacking cohesion in its half-court offence and man-to-man defence. A missed shot led to Grammar dictating the pace and tempo throughout the first half. Grammar took advantage of loose defence and they were able to lead the game by up to 25 points going into the final quarter.

Fortunately the NPBHS team was able to salvage something out of the game by continuing to mix up defences and play with more intensity. A renewed determination saw NPBHS close the gap to within 9 points.

Top scorers for NPBHS were Tim Doyle with 18 points and Tim Cleaver with 15 points. A win to Auckland Grammar by 76 - 59.

The same team played Hamilton BHS at Hamilton on 1 June. An outstanding shooting performance by Hamilton's NZ age group rep guard led to an extra time defeat of NPBHS. Despite NPBHS trying different strategies to get the ball in other Hamilton players' hands, the Hamilton team managed to hold on to win the game.

NPBHS did have a chance to seal this game with 2 minutes to go and leading by 2, but we missed opportunities and allowed Hamilton to take control. The NPBHS team played with passion and intensity and they were a little unlucky not to come away with a win.

Tim Cleaver led the scoring for NPBHS with a season high 35 points. Solid contributions from Matt Corbett, Jason Rolfe and Gabriel Davies ensured that NPBHS gave itself every chance to win the game. A win to Hamilton Boys' in extra time by 74 - 68.

Super 8 Tournament

From July 27-30, the Super 8 Basketball Championships were held in the Hastings Sports Centre.

The tournament commenced with the three games of pool play. The first was against Tauranga Boys' College where the team started

slowly against the hustle of the opposition, but soon established a clear pattern of play and came away with a 72-44 win. The second game was late on the first day, and the team was suffering from the travel and the short spell between games, which made the game against Hastings Boys' High School tough going. In a somewhat scrappy encounter we outlasted the opposition 58-48.

By the time day two arrived, the team were back to their best. In the final pool game against Napier Boys' High School the team performed well on both defence and offence, and at the beginning of the 4th quarter made a significant break demoralising the opposition and leading to a 78-43 victory.

The second game that day was against Hamilton Boys' High School in the semi-finals. The team was very keen to exact some revenge for the loss that they suffered in Hamilton in the traditional fixture earlier in the year. In another very good all-round performance the team did not allow Hamilton to find any real rhythm and we had a very satisfying 71-57 win.

That brought us all to the final on Saturday. We faced Napier Boys' High School again as they had beaten Palmerston North Boys' High School in the other semi-final. The team had some confidence given our pool win against Napier, but the final was a very different game. We were unable to dominate the boards or take our free throws successfully, and these problems led to a lack of rhythm, which meant we could never dominate the game. We led very narrowly at the end of each of the first three quarters, but in the 4th we fell behind and eventually had to concede defeat 56-63.

However, second in such a competition is a very fine effort on which the team should be congratulated. Further congratulations go to Tim Cleaver and Tim Doyle for making the tournament team.

In 2006, we look forward to the Super 8 being held in New Plymouth.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Qualifying (Zone 3) Tournament

The Central Premiership was played this year in New Plymouth during tournament week, August September 2-9.

The 1st V team was joined by Nick Vincent and Josiah Wall.

Monday began with the first two of our four pool games. It was a difficult pool, with the prospect for an even more difficult crossover. First up was Havelock North High School, whom we beat comparatively easily 102-33. They were followed later in the day by Freyberg High School and this was a much closer encounter, the winning margin being 63-35. Tuesday brought us up against Wellington High School where we were quickly able to establish a pattern of play that our opponents could not match, winning 74-44.

The last game of the day was the key game; our opposition were a frequent foe, Wellington College. Right until the end of the game, it could have gone either way, but Wellington held their composure better for a 70-62 win.

This meant that in the first of the crossovers we were to play Mana College, who had been 2nd in the national championships in 2004. The team played with great spirit, but found themselves down by about 15 points at the beginning of the last quarter. They were not daunted and proceeded to claw their way back to lead by 1 with

about 2 and a half minutes on the clock. They could, however, not maintain this form and in the end we lost 70-76.

The result of this was that we had a local derby against Francis Douglas MC to decide who went to the nationals. The team were not to be denied and in what turned out to be a lopsided encounter, we won 91-43, thereby qualifying for the nationals. The remaining game was to decide 5th and 6th—we were up against Hastings Boys' High School, whom we have beaten during the Super 8. This time, however, we did not play well; in fact, our poorest game of the tournament, losing 57-61 and so coming 6th.

However, our major goal was accomplished and we took our place with 23 other teams in Napier for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

On Monday September 26, in Napier, the 1st V Basketball team, without Tim Doyle but with Nick Vincent and Brendan Baxter, began its campaign in the NZ Secondary Schools Boys' Basketball Championships.

The week began with pool play and our first opponents were the strongest team in the pool, Nelson College who defeated us 75-58. In our second game of the day we came up against the other team from the pool who would make it into the top eight, Rangitoto College. We gave them a good game, but they prevailed 83-69. Tuesday brought a change in fortune with a win in the one game of the day against Tauranga Boys' College, 54-52. We had our remaining two pool games on the Wednesday; the first against Church College saw the team make a strong effort, but again we were on the losing end, 80-69. The second game of the day was crucial if we were to end up in the middle eight, but our opponents, St Patrick's College caught us in our poorest performance and we went down 61-38.

On the Thursday, in the first of the crossovers we came up against Morrinsville College. The game started late because of a damaged hoop which took 50 minutes to replace and when we eventually got underway we found ourselves in a very tight struggle for the entire game before we lost 66-53. This brought us through to play Hamilton Boys' High School, and in a game where we were far more cohesive, we won 80-47.

This meant that on the last day we were playing for 21st place and our opponents were Northcote College. By this stage of the week, with a number of the team carrying injuries, we were fairly exhausted and we could not prevail, losing 72-65, so coming 22nd. This placing is no disgrace; the team gave committed performances all week and showed that they could compete against the best in the country.

Honours

The following players were awarded Tiger Jackets this year: Tim Cleaver, Tim Doyle, Jason Naumann, Jason Rolfe and Michael Taylor.

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

Provincial Representation

Taranaki Under 18: Tim Cleaver, Jason Naumann, Michael Taylor, Matthew Corbett, Todd Fisher, Jason Rolfe and Nick Vincent.

This season has been one of highs and lows, but on balance 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 David Bublitz. We thank them for their time and expertise in building up a team that is not just successful locally, but nationally as well. With many of the team in their third year in the 1st V in 2006, we face a very exciting year as they hopefully reach their full potential.

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

Mr Terry Heaps
Manager, 1st V Basketball Team



Jason Rolfe drives around his man

photo courtesy TNL

Chess

During the September holidays the top North Island secondary school chess teams met in Palmerston North to vie for the North Island Championships.

This was the first time NPBHS was represented, and came after their second place at the Central North Island tournament in Hamilton and their first place at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Tournament.

All games used chess clocks and were played at 100 minutes each or until a win under NZ Chess Federation Rules.

Eleven teams played a seven round Swiss over an intense weekend, with our four NPBH representatives coming a very creditable 5th having played all the hardest teams. Auckland Grammar emerged as the winners to play off against the South Island.

Our thanks to Transfield Worley for sponsoring our team.

Players: Tony Zhu, Lee Wilson, Tushar Sharma, Kirill Radvanskiy

Mrs M Porteous
Teacher-in-Charge



Chess

Back Row: Mary Porteous, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Kirill Radvanskiy
Front Row: Tushar Sharma, Lee Wilson, Tony Zhu.

Clay Bird Shooting

Clay Bird Shooting is a new sport at NPBHS. The boys involved had experience in duck shooting and were keen to have a go at Clay Bird Shooting. A shoot was organised at the Lepper's family farm in Inglewood. After a few nerves and a few shots at the fresh air, most of the boys were able to hit a bird or two. After a good first up shoot most of the boys were keen to take part in a secondary school shoot with teams coming from all over the North Island. The A team shot surprisingly well and placed mid range in the competition with the B team not too far behind. Everyone had a good day and made huge improvements. The experience gained at a competition was a huge confidence builder. On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Leppard and Mr Moratti for coaching the teams and providing transport.

Sam Lawn
Captain



Clay Bird Shooting

1st XI Cricket

The 2004-5 1st XI season was very much a season of ups and downs.

The Club Season

During the club season a number of ex 1st XI players: Tim Weston, Blair Corlett, Brendon Dallas and Chris Cruikshank played with the current eleven. The one-day series saw two wins and two losses. The two-day series saw the team finish 6th in a nine-team competition. Individual highlights were:

Nathan Manu	7 for 87	v	Woodleigh
Nathan Manu	8 for 86	v	Egmont Coast
Tim Weston	134	v	NPOB

Andrew Mason's 86 in a 97 run partnership with Matt Landrigan.

Leading run-scorers were Andrew Mason 590, Tim Cleaver 498 and Michael Rubick 409.

Andrew Mason 50 and Codey Rei 46 led the wicket-taking.

Super 8

The best effort to date in finishing 2nd, losing the final narrowly to Tauranga Boys' College.

Gillette Cup

After defeating FDMC the side was then beaten by Wanganui Collegiate.

Traditional Fixtures

Losses were to Wellington College and Auckland Grammar. Wins against Hamilton Boys' High School and Rotorua Boys' High School and a draw against Wanganui Collegiate.

1st XI 2005

Michael Rubick (captain), Tim Cleaver, Sam Broadmore, Hadleigh Thomas, Dean Robinson, Andrew Mason, Matt Landrigan, Brent Bishop, Ben Sprott, Hayden McIntyre, Scott Pritchard, Codey Rei, Matt Ander, Philip Barracough.

Representative Players

Andrew Mason – Taranaki A, Taranaki B and Central Districts U17
Dean Robinson, Ben Sprott – Central Districts U15.



Super 8 2005

A very young new side attended the Super 8 tournament in Rotorua. Only three players had previous Super 8 experience

Game 1 v Napier BHS – Smallbone Park. We won the toss and batted. Codey Rei took a wicket in his first over then an outstanding spell saw Matt Ander bowl 4 batsmen to reduce Napier to 5 for 18. A 70-run partnership revived the innings. Napier was dismissed for 141. Codey Rei, 3 for 22 and Matt Ander, 4 for 43. NPBHS batted steadily losing wickets to be 94 for 6, with Dean Robinson, 23, anchoring the innings, Codey Rei, 18 and Andrew Mason on 19 not out, seeing the team to victory by 3 wickets.

Game 2 v Gisborne BHS – Board Park. NPBHS won the toss and batted, losing wickets regularly to be 12 for 9 when Hayden McIntyre, 39 n.o., and Ben Sprott, 20, combined for a last wicket partnership of 63. NPBHS all out, 175. Rotorua lost wickets regularly due to fine bowling and fielding and were dismissed for 88. Matt Landrigan, 2 for 19, Andrew Mason, 3 for 22, Dean Robinson, 2 for 5. A win by 88 runs.

Game 3 v Hamilton BHS – Kuirau Park. Hamilton won the toss and batted. Only a 36 run 9th wicket partnership got them through to 108. Andrew Mason, 4 for 12, Hayden McIntyre, 2 for 25, were well supported by the fielding once again. NPBHS started well to be 38 for 1, but were then 67 for 6 until Andrew Mason, 30 n.o., saw the side through to the win. Sam Broadmore, 34, batted well in the top order. A win by 4 wickets. The three wins saw the side through to the final for the first time.

Super 8 Final v Tauranga Boys' College – Small Bone Park. TBC won the toss, NPBHS batted. They began with a fine 89 by Tim Cleaver and Dean Robinson, 20 in a 87 run partnership. NPBHS scored 161. TBC batted steadily at the required rate to reach the target with 7 wickets down and 4 balls remaining. A loss by three wickets – 2nd place. A fine result for a young side to build on.

Traditional College Fixtures

v Wellington College at Wellington 28 November – 30 November 2004

On an excellent wicket, Wellington College won the toss and batted putting on 140 for the first wicket – a fine run out by Michael Rubick.

An excellent bowling effort by Andrew Mason, 4 for 21 off 16 overs, and Nathan Manu, 3 for 54, saw Wellington College all out for 210. NPBHS lost wickets steadily to be 94 for 6. Then Mitchell Broughton, 38, Andrew Mason, 42 n.o. and Codey Rei, 17, saw the total through to 187 all out. Both teams batted 57 overs in their first innings. Wellington College then batted on and on to declare at 351 for 9, Michael Rubick taking 4 for 33. This left NPBHS 374 to win in around 55 overs. Despite Tim Cleaver, 40 and Frazier Climo 34, NPBHS were dismissed for 152. An outright loss by 222 runs.

v Auckland Grammar at Auckland 13 February – 15 February 2005

AGS won the toss. NPBHS batted first on a soft damp wicket losing early wickets to be 17 for 3 and then 37 for 6. Matt Landrigan, 19 and Codey Rei 50 n.o., then combined for a 45 run partnership. NPBHS all out for 120 at stumps. AGS batted steadily as the wicket dried. Matt Landrigan, 2 for 28 (18 overs), Andrew Mason 2 for 25 (12 overs) and Dean Robinson 2 for 24 (14 overs) bowled well to dismiss AGS for 158. At stumps NPBHS were struggling at 28 for 3. Dean Robinson, 28 and Michael Rubick, 74, then added 52 runs for the 4th wicket and 30 with Brent Bishop for the 9th wicket. NPBHS all out for 154. This left AGS 116 to win. At one stage AGS were 57 for 3 when two catches were dropped. AGS scored the runs for the loss of 5 wickets. Dean Robinson, 2 for 22 (14 overs). An outright loss by 5 wickets.

v Hamilton BHS top ground 27 February – 1 March 2005

NPBHS won the toss and batted first, struggling to be all out for 119. Dean Robinson anchored the innings to be 42 n.o. and combined with Ben Sprott, 16, in a 56 run 9th wicket partnership. Andrew Mason scored 26. Hamilton struggled due to fine bowling from Codey Rei, 5 for 20, to be dismissed for 65. NPBHS fared slightly better in their second innings with batsman getting starts then losing their way. Hadleigh Thomas, 28, and Matt Landrigan, 21, led the way. NPBHS dismissed for 161. This left Hamilton BHS 216 to win on the final day. Nearing lunch Hamilton BHS were 91 for 1, but 2 wickets in a single over just before and just after lunch by Dean Robinson reduced them to 109 for 7. Hamilton BHS were all out for 159, Dean Robinson, 5 for 45, Andrew Mason, 3 for 40 and Codey Rei 2 for 14. An outright win by 57 runs.

v Rotorua BHS top ground 6 March – 8 March 2005

NPBHS won the toss and batted. After a 40 run partnership for the 1st wicket NPBHS slumped to be 65 for 8. Codey Rei 40 n.o., and Ben Sprott added 45 for the 9th wicket. NPBHS were all out for 120. Rotorua BHS were 66 for 1, but some fine bowling by Matt Ander, 3 for 51 off 25 overs and Dean Robinson, 3 for 24, saw them all out for 133. NPBHS batted much better in their second innings. Sam Broadmore 29, Hadleigh Thomas 39, Matt Ander 38, Andrew Mason 21 and Brent Bishop 20, saw NPBHS all out for 203, leaving Rotorua BHS 191 to win. Rotorua started well to be 53 for 1 but



1st XI Cricket
 Back Row: Hayden McIntyre, Scott Pritchard, Matt Ander
 Second Row: Sam Broadmore, Hadleigh Thomas, Mr G Giddy (Coach), Phil Barraclough, Brent Bishop
 Front Row: Dean Robinson, Codey Rei, Tim Cleaver, Michael Rubick (Captain) Matt Landrigan, Andrew Mason, Ben Sprott



struggled later to be all out for 137. Matt Ander 2 for 34, Andrew Mason 3 for 24 and Dean Robinson 4 for 47. An outright win by 54 runs.

v Wanganui Collegiate – Wanganui 15 and 16 March 2005

NPBHS won the toss and batted, losing wickets steadily to be all out for 134 in 44 overs. Only Andrew Mason 61 n.o., showed any real resistance. Wanganui Collegiate batted strongly for 95 overs to declare at 334 for 4. Willie Lyons scoring 100. Andrew Mason taking 3 for 83 from 28 overs. Despite the loss of an early wicket NPBHS showed real fight to bat the whole of the 2nd day (123 overs) to be 303 for 9 at stumps. Tim Cleaver 43, Hadleigh Thomas 42, Dean Robinson 48, Andrew Mason 27, Brent Bishop 25, Hayden McIntyre 39 n.o. Result – draw.



The end of year traditional game against Wellington College was played on the Top Ground. While the weather played havoc on the first day the game was able to start. The result was not a favourable one for the Boys' High team but it did produce two excellent bowling performances. Andrew Mason took 5 for 48 in the first innings and Codey Rei took 6 for 43 in the second. Codey's effort earned him his second place on the Honours Board in less than a week; he had taken 8 for 86 on the previous Saturday.

Second Grade Cricket

Club games

NPBHS had two teams in the Men's Second Grade competition in the 2004/2005 season.

NPBHS green had a solid season and finished in the middle of the table. We started with a good win over Inglewood with Tim Cleaver scoring 59. Tim scored 60 two weeks later against Marist. He was then elevated to the first XI. We then had a very good win against the other Marist side with Gavin Roper getting 51 not out. After Christmas we managed to beat Woodleigh thanks to a great spell of bowling from David McIntyre who took 5 for 30. Against Marist we bowled poorly and conceded 266 but almost managed to pull off an unlikely win thanks to a classy 58 from Jacob Fleming and an outstanding 112 from David McIntyre. Eventually we fell an agonising three runs short. Gavin Roper got another 50 and we finished the season in style with wins over FDMC and Inglewood. In the Inglewood game David McIntyre smashed us to victory with a commanding 75 not out. Apart from those mentioned above, Shane O'Neill kept well and provided some good runs at the top of the order, Daniel Sharp bowled and batted aggressively and Hayden McIntyre made valuable contributions with both bat and ball.

College games

versus Wellington College – end of 2004

NPBHS 373. D McIntyre 103* H McIntyre 78*
 WC 363. D McIntyre 4/48 D Sharp 3/40
 NPBHS 14/0.

Result – NPBHS won on the first innings. With the team in trouble at 189/8 the McIntyre brothers destroyed the Wellington bowling with an unbroken partnership of 184.

versus Hamilton Boys' High School – early 2005

HBHS 191. C Jacob 5/56
 NPBHS 228. J Fleming 111
 HBHS 337.
 NPBHS 101.
 Result – Lost by 199 runs.

versus Rotorua Boys' High School – early 2005

NPBHS 141.
 RBHS 146.
 NPBHS 312. P Barraclough 136
 RBHS 147. H McIntyre 4/26 C Jacob 3/26
 Result – won by 160 runs.

versus Wanganui Collegiate – early 2005

NPBHS 232. J Fleming 61
 WCS 233. C Jacob 3/51
 NPBHS 262. S Saunders 72
 WCS 120. A Jones 5/53 P Barraclough 4/16
 Result – won by 141 runs.

Mr K Simpson
 Coach



Cricket 2nd grade Squad

Back Row: Scott Pritchard, Hayden McIntyre, Andrew Jones.
 Middle Row: Mr K Simpson, Brent Bishop, Matt Ander, Viranchi Upadhyay, Shium Reza, Mr N Hunter.
 Front Row: Andrew Webber, Matt Landrigan, Gavin Roper, Jacob Fleming, Paul Meuli.



NPBHS Green - Morning grade cricket

It was a pleasure to be associated with this team. As a group of Year 9 and 10 boys they showed real promise and dominated the grade with some outstanding bowling and batting efforts. These boys were a very tight unit, looked after each other well in terms of support, showed excellent sportsmanship and were prepared to listen and develop their knowledge of cricket and their appreciation of the

game. I am sure that a good number of these boys will go on to a higher level of cricket in the future.

Josh McLean, Liam Ander and Tyson Brandt have real ability as quick bowlers and caused real concern for most opposition batting line-ups and were ably backed up by Raynor Martin, Scott Kearns, James McKerrow and Dylan Oliver-Rose as medium pacers. In the spinning department Julian Aim has real promise as an off-spinner and Hamish Fleming as leg-spinner. Thilina Mendis and Jono Gibson bowled some good overs and Michael Martin bamboozled with his subtle variations of flight. Stuart Birkett was a model of consistency and showed a variety of skills - he batted beautifully and never gave his wicket away, being quite prepared to bat time - he wicket kept well, and when needed, bowled medium or slow. Hamish, Julian, Tyson, Dylan and Scott showed real ability with the bat, but did not always go on to big scores - this should come in the future if they are prepared to work at the basics of techniques and concentration. Liam and Josh have real batting potential and hit the ball vast distances while Thilina, Raynor, Michael, Jono and James all had their moments.

I will watch their progress through school with real interest and gain pleasure from their exploits as I did this season.

Mr L R French-Wright
 Coach



Green

Saturday Morning Cricket

The cricket at Boys' High is always exciting and full of unexpected moments. This year was no exception. The school has had four teams entered in the Saturday Morning 5th Grade competition.

The teams have always played their games with the appropriate competitive spirit. The other stand-out feature has been the attire worn by all of the teams. All of the Boys' High teams wear the traditional whites which is most definitely not common practice amongst some of the schools we play.

To all the teams, coaches, managers and supporters thank you all very much for what you have done in 2005.

Mr J Hyde
 Master-in-Charge, Cricket

Cross Country

There are now 5 major races for the cross country team in the second term and a couple of road relays in the third term. To be competitive, training must begin in summer and this includes some non school events. We entered a team in the inaugural running of this 96km Coastal Classic Road Relay and completely dominated the race. The boys in this team were Hayden Ballantyne, Gavin Roper, Nick Wilkinson, Daniel Fleming, Josh Kerslake, Alex Ferens and David Morton. Our main competition was an "old boys" team that kept us honest and provided some enjoyable rivalry. They finished second some 3 minutes behind the school team. (It is worth noting that third place was a further 45 minutes back). Some of the familiar names in the old boys team were former cross country runners Pieter van der Kooij, Ben Brandt, Luke O'Connor, Reeve Barnett, Jake Snowdon, Mark Henwood and Daniel James. Team members also competed in the Brenda Bellingher Memorial race with Ben Riley winning this and we also dominated the front of the Port to Park field with David Morton first home.



Boarders

School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was held on Monday 16th May in cold but dry conditions over the familiar courses starting and finishing on McNaught Field. There were some outstanding individual performances with course best times set in all 3 races and Hatherly again dominating the House Competition, particularly in the Intermediate age group.

Individual results

	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
1 st	Davis Sutcliffe	David Morton	Hayden Ballantyne
2 nd	Glen Baxter	Ben Aves	Ben Riley
3 rd	Cameron Holden	Kim Rawlinson	Michael Torckler
4 th	Charl Jacobs	Alex Ferens	Daniel Fleming
5 th	Sean Parker	Jason Holden	David Ormrod
6 th	Daniel Hine	Hamish Fleming	Nick Wilkinson
7 th	Isaac Owen	Tyler Griffen	Gavin Roper
8 th	Morgan Brewster	Jordan Pretty	Jay Goodey
9 th	James Linehan	Brett Stevens	Gabriel Davies
10 th	Daniel Abbott	Campbell Bower	Jacob Fleming

House results

	Donnelly	Barak	Hatherly	Syme
Senior	1417	1543	2347	2010
Intermediate	1924	1035	2816	1444
Junior	1997	1802	1968	1504
	5338 (2 nd)	4380 (4 th)	7131 (1 st)	4958 (3 rd)

Auckland Grammar Exchange

A new initiative for 2005 saw an inter-school cross country exchange two days after the school event. A team of 12 was selected to take on what is historically New Zealand's best running school on their own course in the Auckland Domain. The event was a success with NPBHS winning both the races; Year 9 and Senior. The John Mildenhall Cup (shoe) was donated as the trophy for this exchange.

Year 9 (8 runners)

Davis Sutcliffe
 Glen Baxter
 Cameron Holden
 Daniel Hine

Senior (16 runners)

2nd Ben Riley
 3rd Daniel Fleming
 5th David Morton
 6th Michael Torckler
 1st
 2nd
 3rd
 5th



Cross Country Champions

Davis Sutcliffe (Junior), Hayden Ballantyne (Senior), David Morton (Intermediate)



Cross Country Team

Back Row: Jesse Bengé, Davis Sutcliffe, Isaac Owen, Mathew Snowden, Alex Ferens, Levi Kendall, Brad Bennett, Matthew Rodden
 Third Row: Conner Stachurski, Sean Parker, James Lineham, Jeremy Whyte, Thomas Webb, Daniel Abbott, Daniel Hine, Cameron Holden, Charl Jacobs, Sam Dally
 Second Row: Chris Devlin, Glen Baxter, Jason Holden, Zaryd Wilson, Hamish Fleming, Mr P Dominikovich (Coach), Jamie Henshilwood, Brent Donnelly, Tyler Griffin, Jordan Pretty, Peter Joe
 Front Row: Nick Wilkinson, Jay Goodey, Ben Riley, Daniel Fleming, Hayden Ballantyne, Michael Torckler, Ben Aves, Gavin Roper, David Morton



Senior (16 runners) cont.
 Ben Aves 7th
 Mathew Snowden 10th
 Jason Holden 15th
 Alex Ferens 16th

Jamie Henshilwood 148th 12.44
 Sam Dally 160th 13.13
 Jesse Bengé 163rd 13.16
 Levi Kendall 164th 13.17

Super 8 Cross Country

This event was held in a very damp Tauranga on Saturday 28th May over a challenging course at Waipuna Park. We had a large team of 35 which swelled by 3 more with the welcome arrival of the Hillary Challenge cross country runners on the morning of the race. The event turned into a very close contest between Napier, Hamilton and ourselves. NPBHS prevailed to win the coveted shield due to our superior consistency and depth across all 3 age groups. Below are some of the top performers on the day.

Year 9	Junior (under 16)	Senior
Levi Kendall 4 th	David Morton 3 rd	Hayden Ballantyne 7 th
Glen Baxter 6 th	Jordan Pretty 9 th	Nick Wilkinson 8 th
Sean Parker 7 th	Tyler Griffin 10 th	Daniel Fleming 9 th
Charl Jacobs 8 th	Jason Holden 11 th	Ben Riley 10 th
Davis Sutcliffe 10 th	Alex Ferens 12 th	Ben Aves 11 th
Cameron Holden 12 th	Jeremy White 17 th	Michael Torckler 12 th
Isaac Owen 13 th	Brent Donnelly 18 th	Jay Goodey 15 th
Daniel Abbott 14 th	Mathew Snowden 17 th	Daniel Hine 19 th
Josh Kerslake 18 th	Conner Stachurski 29 th	Matthew Rodden 22 nd

Under 16 (4000m) 6 man team 11th

David Morton 11th 14.09
 Alex Ferens 90th 15.15
 Jordan Pretty 123rd 15.49
 Jason Holden 125th 15.51
 Tyler Griffin 136th 16.07
 Hamish Fleming 158th 16.37
 Brent Donnelly 162nd 16.42

Senior (6000m) 6 man team 6th

Hayden Ballantyne 29th 20.31
 Daniel Fleming 41st 21.21
 Nick Wilkinson 68th 22.09
 Ben Aves 88th 22.29
 Matthew Rodden 101st 22.51
 Ben Riley 103rd 22.56
 Jay Goodey 120th 23.16
 Josh Kerslake 121st 23.17
 Mathew Snowden 155th 23.56
 Michael Torckler 157th 24.00

TSS Road Relay

On Sunday 11th September the cross country team competed in the TSS Road Relays. We comfortably won the Intermediate Race (Years 9 and 10). The winning team was David Morton, Tyler Griffin, Glen Baxter and Cameron Holden and claimed 3rd place as well. Unfortunately, our top Senior team came second to a strong Francis Douglas team in the Senior race (Years 11, 12 and 13).

Wanganui Round the Lake

The next day the team travelled to Wanganui for the annual Round the Lake relay. The Year 9 race here doubles as our Dayboys/Boarders race and in the fifth running of this event the Dayboys were victorious to claim the recently donated Ballantyne/Torckler Cup. This team was Davis Sutcliffe, Glen Baxter, Tom Webb and Cameron Holden.

Davis also recorded the fastest Year 9 time. Our Under 16 and Senior teams finished outside the top 3 places in their respective races. Ben Riley had the distinction of claiming the fastest time for our school in both races.

Final Comments

It was another very successful year for cross country with the highlight being the team victory in the Super 8 competition. An additional highlight was the dedication shown by the large group of year 9 students throughout the year and the reward for six of those boys was a National bronze medal. Congratulations to all who represented the school this year and particularly to those team members who aren't mentioned in the reports above. Thank you for the part you have played in cross country. For those returning I trust you are looking forward to the challenges ahead. To Hayden, Michael, Nick, Ben, Jay and Gavin we wish you well for your future and congratulate you on your commitment to the sport of cross country and for what you have contributed to the team.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
 Master-in-Charge, Cross Country

TSS Cross Country

Five days after winning the Super 8 trophy, the Cross Country team headed down to Hawera in very cold conditions to contest the Taranaki Championships on June 2. The school was completely dominant in the 6 man team events winning all 3 age groups with ease (same age groups as school cross country) and having 23 of the top 30 runners in the province.

National Cross Country

32 runners were selected to travel to Wanganui and represent the school in the National Cross Country on Saturday, June 18th. With a bad flu strain in the school it was a real bonus to have a full team although some boys were below their best and showed real courage to compete and finish their race. There were around 200 competitors in each race and with driving rain and a muddy course the event was a real challenge. We had some quality performances and came away with an unofficial team rank of 4th. Congratulations to the Year 9 team for placing 3rd in New Zealand. Times are included with placings to show how close the competition was:

Year 9 (3000m) 6 man team 3rd

Glen Baxter 18th 10.54
 Isaac Owen 23rd 11.01
 Davis Sutcliffe 27th 11.07
 Cameron Holden 33rd 11.12
 Charl Jacobs 58th 11.30
 James Lineham 65th 11.33
 Sean Parker 74th 11.39
 Daniel Hine 95th 11.52
 Daniel Abbott 117th 12.09
 Thomas Webb 131st 12.23
 Conner Stachurski 144th 12.39

Cycling

The first event for the year was the North Island Secondary Schools Cycling Championships at Ngaruawahia. Michael Torckler had been training very hard and this paid off when he finished third in a sprint finish in the Under 20 Boys Road Race. He was less than a second behind the winner. This was a superb achievement and it showed that Michael had broken into the top echelon of secondary school cyclists. Shane O'Neill was 26th in the same race and Gregory Marfell also competed. Scott Bedford finished 19th in the Under 17 Boys Road Race.

Next was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Cycling Championships. In the Individual Time Trial: Michael Torckler was first, Gregory Marfell was second, Ben Riley was third and Ben Aves was fifth. These boys then combined for the Teams Time Trial which they won comfortably.

Michael Torckler was our only cyclist at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Individual Cycling Championships in Auckland. He was 6th in the hill climb, 4th in the time trial and 5th in the criterion. These results gave him third place overall and the bronze medal. Another fantastic achievement. Since then Michael has been competing at various Under 19 events and he has acquitted himself very well. Michael is a dedicated athlete and he was nominated for Sportsman of the Year this year. He has huge potential which is just starting to be fulfilled. Michael is definitely a name to watch for the future in cycling.

The last event for the year was the Nationals at Feilding. Shane O'Neill and Gregory Marfell placed 40th and 44th respectively in the Under 20 Boys Road Race.

Mr K Simpson
Cycling Coordinator



Michael Torckler

photo courtesy of TNL



Golf

The golf team at NPBHS has had an interesting year. First of all we went to Gisborne to play in the Super 8 in early March and played very well in very hot conditions, and picked up 4th for the first team and 5th for the 2nd team.

After a break we had our first college match against Auckland Grammar and lost to a very good team who had just become the regional finalists. Our team played exceptionally well but Auckland Grammar simply played better on the day.

The following match was the highlight of the year for the first team, playing in the Trans Tasman challenge. The team played at Paraparaumu Links, a very difficult course at the best of times. On the first day we were trailing in 4th but on the second day we gave the game everything we had and ended up a very creditable 3rd equal.

The next college match was up against Hamilton Boys' with many of the first team away due to injury. However, the 2nd team members played very well against a very in form Hamilton team, but unfortunately not well enough.

The next big match was the regional final held at Westown Golf club on a very wet day in May. We sent along four teams this year and won the regional final quite easily. Our other teams also put in very creditable performances.

The next college match was against Wanganui High School at the New Plymouth Golf Club. This was our first home match of the year. We won convincingly 4 to 2. This was a good sign as this team would be facing us in the National Final. Our final college match of the year was against Wellington College, again at home. We won 5½ to ½ with most of our players having their best performances.

The National Final was the next big event of the year and we wanted to retain our national title. The weather was superb with no wind at the Shandon Golf Course in Lower Hutt. The results on the first day were average for our team, and we knew we would have to pull out all the stops to win over the following rounds. On the second day

the team again gave the match everything they had but the other top teams also rose to the challenge. Rotorua Boys' won by one shot from West Lake Boys', Auckland Grammar came third and NPBHS fourth. Although, this was not the ideal position, I am proud of the effort the boys made in the championship. Our players Joon Ho Choi, Matthew Blackbourn, Zach Lewis and Logan Heyes made up a very good team. However, we have lost Joon and Matthew because they have now left school but golf at NPBHS is in good shape because we have a number of very good golfers coming through for 2006.

Two final school events were played after the National Final: the interhouse golf, which Barak won very convincingly and the school golf championship played at New Plymouth Golf Club. This year the school golf championship title was won by Zach Lewis.

Overall, the teams performed in the best traditions of NPBHS and I am proud to have been a part of this. I look forward to the exciting challenges the golf team will meet in 2006

Mr Justin Hyde
Master-in-Charge, Golf



Matthew Blackbourn at Paraparaumu



Joon chipping at Shandon

1st XI Hockey

After losing a number of key players at the end of last season, 2005 was to be a year of re-building and development for the 1st XI Hockey team. The aim at the start of the season was to build team ethos and fitness, and to integrate a number of promising young players into the side. Coach Terry Kennedy also hoped to maintain our place in the Rankin Cup.

Taranaki Men's Competition

With a number of our senior players electing to play their weekend games in the super-league, the local competition was to be a good chance for Coach Kennedy to give some of our young development players the opportunity to gain match experience against tough opposition. Competing against experienced adult players, the NPBHS team consistently showed pace and determination. The season got off to a great start with decisive victories against NPC (5-2), Hawera (3-2) and Broadway (8-0). As the competition gained momentum and the team faced some hard-hitting competition, our boys continued to develop and deservedly earned a semi-final place. This was a great result for a young team.

This season's results were:

vs NPC	won	5 - 2
vs Hawera	won	3 - 2
vs Broadway	won	8 - 0
vs Stratford	lost	0 - 10
vs Te Kiri	draw	3 - 3
vs Tukapa	lost	1 - 2
vs NPC	won	3 - 2
vs Hawera	lost	1 - 5
vs Broadway	won	10 - 0
vs Te Kiri	lost	0 - 4
vs Stratford	lost	0 - 5

Final Placing 4th

In between a successful season of club competition matches, the team also competed in the annual Super 8 competition and traditional college matches.



1st XI Hockey

Back Row: Andrew Webber, Cameron Ross (captain), Damian Smuts
 Middle Row: Miss S Wilson (manager), Tim Lepper, Shiraz Sadiqueen, Matt Brown, Richard Smith, Daniel Fleming, Mr T Kennedy (coach)
 Front Row: Campbell Bower, Rakesh Desai, Lloyd McLoughlin, Murray Perks, Sam Franklin, Thomas Ardern.

Traditional College Games

vs	Wanganui Collegiate	won	4 - 1
vs	Hamilton Boys'	won	4 - 2
vs	Wellington College	lost	0 - 5

Super 8

NPBHS were the hosts for this year's Super 8 competition and the event was superbly organised by Mr Achary and Mr Russell. Their hard work paid off and we were blessed with an outstanding weekend of Taranaki sunshine and some impressive play on the turf.

Pool Games

vs	Hastings	won	4 - 2
vs	Rotorua	won	6 - 2
vs	Hamilton	won	2 - 1

Semi-Final

vs	Palmerston	lost	0 - 7
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Play-off

vs	Hamilton	won	3 - 1
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3rd in Super 8

2005 Rankin Cup

The 1st XI Hockey had one main goal for the 2005 Rankin Cup Tournament held in Wellington in August – a top 10 finish. To achieve this we knew a top 2 pool placing was necessary and therefore we had to go out for a win from the very first game. This was against the number two ranked, Rangitoto College. This game was our best structured game of the tournament and showed promise for the rest of the week. We led for most of the match however through poor discipline and simple errors we lost 3-2.

In our next game, against Shirley Boys', we knew that to safely achieve our goal we needed a win. However, this wasn't the way we played. Too many opportunities were missed and our inability to put away goals left us with a 2-2 draw.

Our final pool game was against Napier Boys' High School and, due to other pool results; if we won our goal would still be alive. In this game, we dominated in all areas of the field, but chances not being converted and strong Napier counter-attacks left us on the wrong end of a 4-0 loss. This placed us 4th in our pool and meant that we would play-off for places 9-16.

On Wednesday our cross-over was against Burnside High School. This was a very physical match and was closely fought until after half-time. We once again missed opportunities and momentary lapses cost us the game. This meant we would play Christ's College next. If we lost this game then we would be automatically relegated from Rankin. We had to perform and this we did in a very good game both in attack and defence, we won 1-0. This left us playing for 13th and 14th on the last day. Surprisingly this was against Rangitoto again. This game was again a good one and followed on from the confidence gained the previous day and we came out with a 2-2 draw. This meant we finished 13th equal overall.

The player of the week was easily Sam Franklin. His strong passing game and commitment on defence was invaluable to the team and contributed highly to the overall performance. Other players that had a good week were: Shiraz, Tim, Daniel and Murray.

Many thanks to Mr Terry Kennedy for coaching and Miss Wilson for managing. Their time and encouragement was much appreciated.

Cameron Ross
 1st XI Captain

2005 Hockey Honours

The following players earned the right to wear Tiger Jackets this year: Cameron Ross, Murray Perks, Matt Brown, Phil Wilson, Lloyd McLoughlin, Daniel Fleming, Tim Lepper, Shiraz Sadiqueen and Andrew Webber.

The Most Improved Player in the 1st XI was awarded to Matt Brown and Andrew Webber was our Most Valuable Player for 2005.

Congratulations must also go to Lloyd McLoughlin for being selected as a New Zealand U18 reserve trialist.

Overall, this year has been a very promising one for hockey at NPBHS. Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of Terry Kennedy, his coaching team, staff managers and parents, the school now has five teams of keen players. The number of promising young men coming through the ranks suggests that over the next few years the sport will continue to go from strength to strength.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us this year and good luck to the Year 13 leavers in their future endeavours.

Miss Sarah Wilson
 Manager, 1st XI Hockey Team



Andrew Webber keeps his eye on the ball photo courtesy TNL



Hockey 4th XI



Hockey 2nd XI

Back Row: Daniel Phillips, Ethan Ogle, Philip Plant.
 Middle Row: Ms S. McVicar, Roshan Patel, Ben Chamberlain, Adam Thame, Corey Hopkins.
 Front Row: Kieran Moorhead, Chris Jager, Simon Boyle (Captain), Matthew Magner, Matthew Loveridge.
 Absent: Sam Loevendie, William Pipe.

Indoor Bowls



A & B Teams

Indoor Rowing





1st Inline Hockey team

Back Row: Scott McMahon, Joshua Barrett, Karl Johnston, Alexander Novak
 Second Row: Mr K Lockhart (Manager), Carl Garrett, Thomas Konijn, Mr W Harvey (Coach), Richard Craig, Sam Franklin, Ms S Darney (Asst Coach)
 Front Row: Nick Craig, John Taylor, Trent Kemsley (Captain), Michael Taylor, Michael Roberts

Inline Hockey

During the July holiday break the NPBHS 1st V Inline Hockey Team competed in the National Secondary Schools Championships held in Hamilton. In 2004 the team came second. This year we had a very young squad but they had a very good spirit and played very well as a team.

We were first in our pool, winning all games. In the semi-finals we played Palmerston North Boys' High School, winning 12 - 3. In the finals we played a Fraser High School team winning 7 - 1.

Competition Results:

Pool play	v Awatapu College	won	10 - 1
	v Wanganui BHS	won	6 - 4
	v Hamilton BHS	won	9 - 1
	v Avondale College	won	5 - 1
	v Fraser HS	won	9 - 1
Semi-final	v Palmerston North BHS	won	12 - 3
Final	v Fraser HS	won	7 - 4

Congratulations to the team in becoming the National Secondary Schools Champions for 2005. They were also awarded the honour of becoming the Sports Team of the Year. We would like to thank

Mr Willy Harvey (Coach) and Mrs Sue Darney (Assistant Coach) for their time and efforts in helping build the team into a very competitive unit.

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance the team received from:

Govett Quilliam
 Nicholsons - Barristers and Solicitors
 Till Henderson King
 The Kiwi Butcher Shop

Mountain Biking

In a sport where success requires a high skill level, expensive equipment and a lack of fear, NPBHS entered a team of seven in the NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Champs during the first weekend of the holidays in sunny Levin.

The boys competed in the downhill section on Sunday and did well. In a hotly contested ride in the intermediate section Scott Bedford (who is ranked 10th nationally) came 9th out of 196 competitors, even after crashing. In the same division Ben Poletti came 19th and Jordan Chilcott 59th.

Other competitors were Ben Holland (192nd), Mason Jenkins (100th) and Nathan McArthur (125th).

In the junior boys section, Dan Holland came a credible 84th out of 121 competitors. This was despite his chain coming off after the third corner.

The team's thanks go to Mrs Poletti who assisted with transport and support and also Mr and Mrs Jenkins who provided support, fluids and nutrition.

Taranaki SS Mountain Biking Champs

Sunday August 28 was a calm sunny day at Lake Mangamahoe where the Taranaki Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships were held. "The best conditions for years" said Steve "Coach" McKean, organiser of the event. NPBHS had four seniors and two juniors competing in the downhill event. At the last minute, two seniors decided to compete in the cross-country race on bikes that were set up for downhill racing. Mason Jenkins came 4th and Ben Poletti 5th.

In the downhill event, NPBHS cleaned up with Ben Poletti winning the senior boys' event and Jordan Chilcott one-and-a-half seconds behind. Mason Jenkins was third and Ben Holland 5th.

Thanks go to Coach McKean for donating his time once again and facilitating the event. Also, thanks must go to the New Plymouth Mountain Bike Club for the running of the event on the day.

A Jones
 Teacher-in-Charge

1st XV Rugby

The 2005 1st XV will be remembered for its' non-inclusion in a Taranaki Rugby Union competition. I suspect for the first time in nearly 100 years of Boys' High School rugby. The youth of this year's team also deserves a mention as our 1st XV continues to play bigger and older 1st XV's.

There were eleven 15-year-old 1st XV players this year, selected solely on their ability. They deserved to be there. Players to watch in the next few years are Bernard Hall, Steven Barron, Sean Cressy, Brad Bennett and Adam Laititi. These boys have possibly two more 1st XV years to play and develop.

In 2003, three 5th formers were selected for the 1st XV as exceptional talent to develop. These three being 1st XV Co-Captains Zarhn Commerer and Gareth Goodin. Mark Sherlock was the third of these. Zarhn was a member of the 2005 N.Z. Secondary Schools' rugby side which defeated their Australian counterparts. Zarhn had an outstanding game and was awarded the "Bronze Boot Award". He was awarded this honour by the Australian coaches and players in recognition of his influence in the game. Past N.Z. awardees have been Jonah Lomu, Jeff Wilson, Jerry Collins and Carlos Spencer. Zarhn is therefore in good company as a Bronze Boot winner.

Gareth and Mark have been Hurricanes Secondary Schools' and Taranaki Secondary Schools' representatives for two years as well. All three of these players have just trialled for a place in the N.Z. Under 19s for 2006. All three have been very entertaining 1st XV

players and their futures in rugby will be watched closely by their 1st XV mates and families.

Special mention needs to be made of the Players' Player for 2005 - Matthew (Boobs) Boobyer

In 2005 the 1st XV played 17 college matches, including new fixtures against Wesley College, Feilding High School and St Pauls' Collegiate. Unfortunately we lost to all three but this is not surprising as two of these teams were Top 4 rugby schools in 2004. In fact Wesley College was the top school. We will remember the Wesley entertainment after that fixture. It was another reason why sport is so important for people; that is, the sharing of cultures.

We also played a touring Australian school, The Scots College of Sydney where we were able to sneak in with a win.

The Traditional games were hard fought, losing to Grammar, Hamilton Boys', Palmerston North Boys' and St Pats' but defeating Collegiate and Te Aute.

In the Super 8 competition we managed wins against Gisborne Boys' and Tauranga Boys' but were outsized and outplayed by the rest.

We were very unfortunate during the latter stages of our traditional and Super 8 games to lose all three of our most experienced players in Zarhn, Mark and Gareth. In all we lost eleven first pick players to injury. However, the younger players played positively without the senior players which augurs well for 2006.

Bernard Hall and 2nd XV lock Leighton Price were selected for the N.Z. Under 17 Development squad after attending the Hurricanes Under 16 Tournament. Other 1st XV players who played for the Taranaki Under 16 team were Brad Bennett (Capt), Sean Cressy, Steven Barron, and Adam Laititi.

Taranaki Under 18 representatives from the 1st XV with Zarhn, Mark and Gareth were Phillip Young, James Brown, Matthew Boobyer, Thomas Fleming, David Wakeling, Finnbar Kerr-Newell, and Kris Moller.

In conclusion, as the 1st XV coaching team changes in 2006, I would like to thank Mr Chris Woods and Mr Murray Watts for their shared passion and skills as co-coaches and also Darryl Leath for his managing of the past three 1st XV's. Good luck Darryl with your work as manager of N.Z. Schools.

1st XV vs Feilding High School Gully Ground Saturday 9 April Lost 17 - 29

We managed to take an early 11 - 0 lead after 10 minutes through a try from Gareth Goodin and two penalties to young 1st 5/8 Sean Cressy. However, although Feilding seemed rattled at first, they eventually took a 12 - 11 lead into the break.

After half-time, Feilding scored two converted tries to two more Sean Cressy penalties.

Even if we hadn't had the four missing 1st XVers away with summer sports teams, we still would have struggled against a slick side who were a Top Four school last year.



1st XV Rugby

Back Row: Thomas Fleming, Daniel Newell, James Brown, David Wakeling, Matthew Boobyer, Philip Young
 Third Row: Finnbar Kerr-Newell, Bernard Hall, Steven Barron, Adam Morris, Adam Laititi, Simon Mills, Matthew Dallas
 Second Row: Mr C Maihi (Coach), Cameron Rowlands, Fabian Ries-Rupapera, Mr M Watts (Asst Coach), Hamish Lawn, Kyle Joyce, Mr D Leath (Manager)
 Front Row: Michael Rubick, Logan Wilson, Brad Bennett, Gareth Goodin (Captain), Zarhn Commerer (Captain), Mark Sherlock, Kris Moller, Sean Cressy

1st XV vs The Scots College

(Sydney Australia)

Gully Ground Thursday 14 April

Won 33 – 30

We were very lucky to host Scots College of Sydney as they are a rugby school with a proud rugby heritage. They were a very constructive team of similar size to ours.

Mark Sherlock at fullback and Gareth Goodin at halfback both scored stunning individual tries as we as a team struggled to put phases together. As you would expect Scots had the upper hand in the organisation of their play compared to us, due to them being on tour. The scores were always close and we were pleased to walk away with a win and a platform from which to work.

1st XV vs St Kentigerns (Pakuranga)

Saturday 23 April

Won 35 – 20

We played the first half into a very strong breeze. St Kents put pressure on us all half. They were very unlucky not to be more points in front, but lost possession over the line a couple of times. A penalty and well-constructed try, finished off by Adam Laititi kept it close. Half time score was 10 – 13 to St Kentigerns.

In the second half we rang the changes to give all squad members a run. With the wind behind us we rattled on 25 points to a consolation try to St Kents.

A very useful and morale-boosting win.

1st XV vs Te Aute College

Gully Ground Saturday 7 May

Won 37 – 16

This was a hard-fought game punctuated with stoppages for serious injuries.

We started the scoring with a penalty to Sean Cressy and then a few minutes later Phillip Young went over for a team try. Gareth Goodin bamboozled the defence to score an individual try under the posts. Te Aute hit back with a try and the score at the break was 17 – 13 to us. Te Aute were also successful with two penalties.

After half-time our fitness kicked in, as Te Aute ran out of fit players. (It is a school of 100 students). Phillip scored again as did Mark Sherlock and young left-winger Steven Barron.

Te Aute could only manage a sole penalty in the second half.

We hope the Te Aute boys recover swiftly from their injuries and we look forward to our 82nd game next year.

1st XV vs Auckland Grammar

at Auckland Grammar May 18

lost 5 – 49

From the kick-off Grammar took control of this game. They rattled on 3 converted tries in the first 5 minutes leaving the 1st XV in tatters.





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The organisation of the Grammar forwards laid the platform for their backline to find gaps in the midfield.

Many of our defence and attacking moves were hesitant and confidence waned just before half time. More tries to Grammar and the half time score was 0 - 35. Game over.

Gareth Goodin played with speed and skill at halfback and then later on at fullback thus illustrating his versatility. Gareth sparked some scoring opportunities and eventually made the last pass to Phillip Young to score our only points.

1st XV vs Wesley College

Gully Ground 21 May
Lost 0 - 38

We made a very brave decision to play the second stringers against the 2004 National Secondary School Championship team thus giving the whole 1st XV squad a run in the same week, as the top line up had already played Grammar two days earlier. A lot of last year's Wesley team returned for the 2005 team.

In the opening 15 minutes we had applied some pressure but failed to take advantage of the ball that went our way. Needless to say, Wesley took their chances as they arose and were quite clinical at times.

While Wesley College people may feel they don't have the size of past years, they were certainly a lot bigger and older than our 1st XV.

Despite the score line, we can take a lot of positives out of this fixture. Also as we do not play club rugby anymore, playing schools such as Wesley is important for our development as a team.

1st XV vs Hamilton BHS

at Hamilton BHS June 1st
lost 10 - 39

Hamilton have fashioned a very competitive 1st XV this year and had pushed the Grammar side that had well-beaten us a short week before. From the outset, the difference between the two teams was the accuracy of the Hamilton back line. They created a lot of space on the outsides for their left winger especially.

We toiled in the forwards in the scrums and lineouts but were lacking a defensive plan to contain their backs. Bernard Hall scored a good individual try for us and Sean Cressy converted that try and also kicked a penalty.

1st XV vs Wanganui Collegiate School

Gully Ground June 8th
Won 46 - 13

A big occasion for the school as some of the Barmy Army came to this unofficial curtain raiser for the Taranaki vs Lions game later the same evening.

We started very well, with a very confident try to Gareth Goodin. However, Collegiate struck back immediately with a well worked try of their own.

After some patient phases, we scored twice before the break to lead 15 - 8.

In the second half, breaks in the Collegiate defence gave some of our players the chance to use some flair and we were able to score

5 more tries after the break. Players who really put their hand up were loosies Bernard Hall and Captain Zarhn Commerer. Lock Thomas Fleming played with aggression and accuracy and Sherlock and Goodin were outstanding in the backs.

1st XV vs Tauranga Boys' College

Gully Ground 18th June
Won 17 - 11

This game was played in very wet and muddy conditions, and mud is a great leveller! In the first half we possibly had the edge on attack and scored a try after several sorties on their line. Fabian Ries-Rupapera scored under the posts and Kyle Joyce converted as well as landing a penalty. This was in reply to an early penalty kick to Tauranga. At halftime we had a slender lead at 10 - 3. Just after though, Tauranga kicked another penalty and scored an unconverted try out wide to take an 11 - 10 lead. Tauranga played with control, possession and position. If we were to win it would have to be a runaway 90 metre effort as the Tauranga defence was solid.

In the final seconds of the match a Tauranga player on our own goal line spilled the ball forward which was duly passed to 2nd 5/8 Mark Sherlock. Mark went through the gap and outsprinted the fullback to score under the posts. (from 70 metres out). The final score was 17 - 10 and the 1st XV used its "Get out of Jail free" card brilliantly. It was very unlucky for the Tauranga 1st XV, but it is a win we will respectfully acknowledge.

1st XV vs St Pats Silverstream

Gully Ground 22nd June
Lost 6 - 9.

One of our most traditional rivals St Pats Silverstream arrived in a very confident mood. Rightly so, as holders of the McDonald Shield.

The St Pats team played to strengths, namely a very big forward pack and a very handy midfield. For much of this game we had to defend and our backs got very little opportunity to run with the ball. Penalty kicks were traded in the first half as try-scoring opportunities were limited due to poor execution with the last pass on many occasions.

In the final minute of play with scores locked at 6 - 6 we were awarded a penalty kick on the left hand touch. Unfortunately it hit the post rebounding over the heads of our kick chasers. It was re-gathered by St Pats and they managed to get the ball into our 22 area. From that breakdown, St Pats were awarded a penalty. Their kicker managed to convert it from a similar place to where he had missed two earlier shots.

All in all, we won against Tauranga on the bell, and then lost to St Pats in similar fashion. That's 1st XV rugby.

1st XV vs St Paul's Collegiate

Gully Ground 29th June
Lost 17 - 28

This game provided us with an opportunity to play our bench players. St Paul's have fashioned a good record in Secondary School rugby in the past few years and playing our second stringers against them was a decision not made lightly. After all, it is still a college game fixture.

At the start of the game, possession and territory was even between the two sides with both sides trading penalties. Phillip Young scored a good team try with lots of passing between players. However, we let in a soft try to go into the break 10 - 11 down.



After the break, Gareth Goodin scored a well taken individual try to put us ahead 17 - 11. Unfortunately this was the end of our scoring. St Paul's utilised their back row and halfback combination very well to score three unanswered tries.

While changes were made to put some of our first pick players on to bolster our side, it seemed to backfire on us as the new players took too long to settle in.

1st XV vs Gisborne BHS

Gully Ground 2nd July
Won 22 - 19.

This game could have gone either way. Even though we had led for most of the match, Gisborne were never put away at any stage. Second five-eighths Mark Sherlock was the difference between winning and losing again as he scored two very crucial tries each side of halftime.

Young hooker Hamish Lawn started the scoring with a try from a lineout drive five metres out from their goal line. Ever-present and grating flanker, Matt Boobyer also scored a try. Kyle Joyce at 1st five played with confidence and kicked well.

The loose trio were outstanding in their work at the breakdown and on defence.

1st XV vs Palmerston North BHS

at Palmerston North 27th July
lost 5 - 45

The first scrum set the tone of this game. We were pushed off our own scrum ball in a very efficient manner. Palmerston North were very sharp despite the three week break from all rugby for both teams.

We definitely were the rustier side and it showed. Palmerston North played with growing confidence as we kicked away many opportunities.

Their speedy wingers threatened to break through often but good defence from our wingers Phillip Young and Adam Laititi ensured these breaks were limited.

Replacement forward James Brown scored our only points after excellent team play. James had only been on the field for a matter of seconds.

Out with injury were Gareth Goodin and Mark Sherlock which weakened our side. But we also lost inspirational captain, Zarhn Commerer as well during the game.

1st XV vs Hastings BHS

Gully Ground 30th July
Lost 8 - 40

Backing up four days after the game against Palmerston North and having to play without Zarhn Commerer, Mark Sherlock and Matt Dallas, worse was to follow.

Hooker Kris Moller, Flanker Bernard Hall and lock Thomas Fleming all left the field with injuries. Philip Young scored our try.

Hastings admittedly played with their accustomed flair but we had also applied reasonable pressure to keep the game in balance. However some poor decisions let in some very soft tries and again we were made to play catch up rugby.

If you were not from Taranaki, you would have sworn that the referee was from the Hawkes Bay as well. His calls frustratingly went against us at crucial times during the game.

1st XV vs Napier BHS.

Napier 6th August
Lost 17 - 27

Due to injuries and illness we journeyed to Napier with little to lose. Napier is always a very hard opposition to play and we were forced to make nine changes to our run on team. Simon Mills was tough and determined in the loose and Sean Cressy ran his very young back line with maturity. Sean is a very small player in stature, but his ability to run to the line and kick goals means that he will be a very fine player in the future. 2nd XV front rower Adam Morris played out of his skin in his first 1st XV game.

Sean Cressy and Phillip Young scored the tries with Sean also converting both and kicking a penalty.

While Napier was always in front, we kept in touch for most of the game.

1st XV vs Rotorua BHS

Rotorua 13th August
Lost 22 - 40

What sticks in the memory before the kick off of this game was watching our 14 fit 1st XV players (of 24 usually) warming up. We didn't even have enough players to run our pre-game grids and drills. Looking over at the size, colour and number of Rotorua 1st XVers warm up just made you want to laugh. Captain Gareth Goodin asked politely if we could warm up away from the Rotorua boys for focus. This was duly granted.

It took Rotorua 60 minutes to really get on top of our young side. Before that Sean Cressy had kicked 4 penalties to keep us in touch. There were times in the game where an upset looked on the cards especially as Sean kicked 6 out of 7 attempts.

The other outstanding player of the day was stand in centre, Steven Barron. Steven was very strong on defence and scored an outstanding try.

The forward pack toiled tirelessly and set the platform but unfortunately some brain explosions close to our line let in some soft tries. However, we needed to chance our arm and if you play risk rugby you can get stung. We did in the final 10 minutes of the last half.

1st XV vs Francis Douglas M.C.

Gully Ground 24th August
Won 19 - 17

This game is becoming a real "local derby" event. Francis Douglas takes this game very seriously and it showed. A number of our injured players miraculously recovered in time to play notably Mark Sherlock. Mark made many telling breaks that led to our tries.

There was a definite contrast of playing styles as Francis Douglas kept the ball in close to utilise their organised tight forwards. We on the other hand would spread the ball as we had a pace and skill advantage out wide.

Simon Mills again played with heart until replaced by Bernard Hall. Matthew Boobyer as he did all season, carried the ball up well and defended aggressively.

We were a very relieved school when the final whistle sounded.

Mr Colin Maihi
Coach

2nd XV Rugby

The 2nd XV of 2005 enjoyed a successful season. To come 2nd in Super 8 was a fine achievement from a team of committed athletes focussed on performing well. The team were equally competitive in the challenging U-20 local competition. The team played a total of 25 matches (15 in the U-20's grade and 10 College fixtures) and in each of our matches 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, for in each match the team endeavoured to play a tactical game based on our strengths and team personnel. To be so close on many occasions especially in the U-20 grade showed that this team were able to nullify some of the attacking weapons of our opposition. The team developed a fine team spirit and never surrendered to an opponents resolve.

Club Competition (U-20's Grade)

The team played some good rugby in this physically imposing and competitive grade and at the end of the first round we were rewarded with a placement in the Top 6 section of the 12 team competition. The team won 7 of our 11 matches in this round (Coastal 13 - 10 Eltham- Kaponga 30 - 17 Clifton 24 - 17 Okaiawa 34 - 15 NPOB 31 - 24 Southern 57 - 14 and Tukapa 22 - 0)

Losses were to Stratford 20 - 27 Spotswood United 19 - 23 FDC 1st XV 32-35 and Inglewood 7 - 32. Each of these teams secured places in the Top 6.

The most physical of these teams was Inglewood who stacked their team with some of their Development side and gave our lads a real physical encounter even though the result could not advance them to the Top 6. Several of our team were injured in this encounter most noticeably Tony Foreman who suffered a broken collarbone to end his season. The team recovered from a halftime 0 - 27 deficit but the damage had been done.

The highlight of the round however was the match against FDC which saw the side play at pace in the 2nd spell after being down 3 - 18 at halftime to almost claim a win with some exciting play to narrowly lose 32 - 35. To score 4 tries against the eventual U-20 champions and be so close to this fine team was a great result.

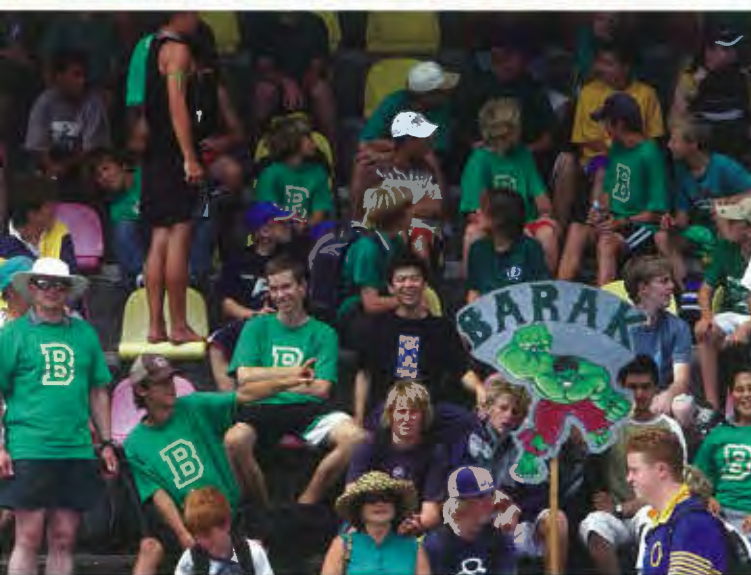
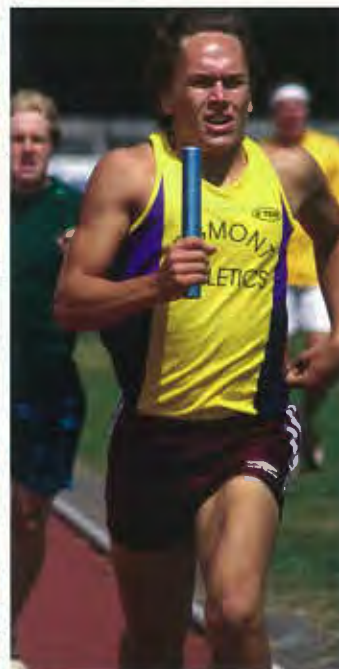
The match against Spotswood United was also physical and although narrowly lost was a good indicator of how this team was developing against older and more physically imposing opponents. Considering FDC 1st XV and Spotswood United were to become the U-20 finalists these results were impressive.

Being entered in the U-20's Grade however came with some obligation. The TRFU asked that school teams were not to default where possible if college matches were scheduled on the same day.

The Spotswood match therefore was played at 1 pm after we had earlier played Te Aute College at 10.30 am on the same day (less than an hour apart.) A big ask and one that was managed with assistance from the 3rd XV. Several players of the 3rd XV played in the Te Aute match to allow this commitment to the TRFU to occur although some of this team did have to double up or have part matches in both games. Considering this, the performance v Spotswood United was pleasing.



2nd XV



In addition it is worthy to note that this year's 2nd XV played 7 matches over a 3 week period leading into the final 2 matches of the 1st Round and the first 2 matches in the vital 2nd round that included a Sat: Wed: Sat schedule of Club and College fixtures as follows. Sat: Tukapa W 22 - 0 Wed: Hamilton Boys High L 10-15 Sat: Inglewood L 7 - 32 Wed: Wanganui Collegiate W 19 - 7 Sat: Clifton L 20 - 29 Wed: FDC 1st XV L 12 - 32 and Sat: Tauranga Boys College W 13 - 5. This was indeed a tough schedule and the team came through it well. To start the important 2nd round with matches against Clifton and FDC was always going to be a difficult assignment considering the schedule as outlined. The team played well during this time and showed real character and resolve.

Our final 2 matches in this round were lost. To Spotswood United 15 - 39 and to Eltham-Kaponga 7 - 32. Our match against Stratford unfortunately had to be defaulted (gifting 5 competition points) which coincided with our Super 8 match v Hastings Boys which snuffed out our chances of making the U-20 playoffs. We had to settle for 5th place which was a pleasing result for a young team (average age 16) against club teams with players up to 4 years older, more experienced and physical and where several players, mostly forwards, had been granted dispensation (to age 21)

College Programme

The College programme began with a match v Scots College from Sydney which was narrowly won 18-15. This was followed with a big win v Te Aute College (66 - 0) followed by our first Super 8 match of the season against Hamilton Boys in Hamilton. The eventual Super 8 winners prevailed in a close contest to win 15 - 10 but it was unfortunate that Gavin Roper had suffered an injured thigh in the previous match v FDC (which resulted in him taking no further part in the season) and both Chris Black and Codey Rei were injured during the match.

Wanganui Collegiate was our next match: a Win 19 - 7. Tauranga Boys' College followed: a good win 13 - 5. Gisborne Boys' was

relatively easily dispatched 31-0 at home before Palmerston North Boys', an away fixture that saw the team recover from a 0-17 deficit at halftime to almost snatch victory, but eventually lose 14-17. This was indeed a game of 2 halves and playing into the wind in the first half the team struggled to contain the PNBHS side. The second half was a different matter and with good field position and some positional changes the team almost got up for the win.

The final 3 Super 8 matches came early in the 3rd term and with no club rugby alongside, the team was able to concentrate fully on the task. The players were refreshed from the break and looked forward to these matches. Hastings Boys' was dispatched 27 -3 and Napier Boys' 14-5.

A victory against Rotorua would assure the team of at least 2nd place and possibly a shot at 1st, should other team results be favourable, and to me this was a real highlight of our season. The commitment of the team in this match was outstanding, shutting down our bigger and more physical opponents and, coupled with using our ball wisely and some strategic positional changes, saw us defeat Rotorua Boys' 13-10. Rotorua almost stole the match from us right at the end but the defensive effort from the team shut them out and the final whistle was greeted with much emotion and adrenalin to end our season on a high. The boys were rapt with their effort. The team were delighted to hear later that our Final Super 8 placing would be 2nd with Hamilton Boys' the Super 8 Victors for 2005.

General team Comments

The team were well-served up front with some talented and skilled forwards who always played above their weight and collectively were difficult to subdue as a pack. 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 lineouts to keep us in the game against more physically imposing teams. This, and a committed defense 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 presence in the front row with Adam Morris (Captain) David White and Mark Shaw backed up by Sean Thomson and Brook Duncan. Our front row played well all season and each was given opportunities for development relative to our opposition. All made their contribution to the team performance.

At lock Leighton Price reigned supreme as our No.2 jumper with Uni Watkins and Hayden McIntyre competing for the 2nd lock, and yet both were equally capable as loose forwards. The team was blessed with loose forwards of high calibre in Chris Black, Peter Stevens, Jesse Herbert, Cameron Millar and Paddy Dempsey who each made fine contributions to team performance.

Our backline was spearheaded by a fine half or 5/8th in David Ormrod who showed some fine skill and initiative and, in Erwin Hebler, the team were well-served at halfback. Codey Rei became our first choice goal kicker and shared time at both 1st 5/8th and fullback due to a fine repertoire of skills. The team were equally well served in the midfield with many options available. Gavin Roper's season however was cut short with a badly corked thigh which took ages to heal. This opened the door for both Adam White and Floyd Wicksteed to develop a deadly midfield combination that was both reliable on

defence and strong in running with the ball. Brent Bishop fulfilled the Utility player and showed some real ability in both attack and defence. His role at No.10 against Rotorua was a key factor in our victory. Our wingers were Blair Campbell, Marcus Sweetman and Justin Boag who each performed well throughout the season. A late start by Marcus but when he joined the team some real competition was laid down for the wing spots. Tony Foreman was a real speedster who injected great flair on attack but unfortunately his season was cut short through injury as was the case with Tony Hofmans.

A special thanks to Evan Hoskin who came on board this year as assistant coach/manager and performed a great role within the team. Thanks are also due to Dale Atkins, Chris Woods and Tony Penn who made their contribution felt throughout the season for technical assistance and game sense drills which were well-received by the team. Also, thank you to the many parent supporters who followed the teams progress this year. It has been a long season and it is one I have enjoyed as coach. I do hope the players have enjoyed their involvement with this team and have developed as a player and person this year.

Finally to the players. A special thanks to you all 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.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Coach

Under 15 Rugby

As always this was a challenging season for the team. These players were selected as they showed the potential to go on in the future to higher honours. Their adaptability under pressure, their attitude to training (both individual and team) and their ability to work as part of a team were all tested this year as, in their local competition, they played teams with much older players (for example Spotswood college's 1st XV). They played three college fixtures and at the end of the season they flew down to Christchurch to play in the national Under 15 competition. It was a busy, but rewarding season!

In the local competition they made the semi finals where they were defeated by our 4th XV. It was impressive to note that, although being younger than their opponents, there was never a sense that they felt intimidated, though some found it challenging that they were no longer the biggest or strongest on the field. Overall, this was a huge benefit for their game, as they had to build on their skill set as individuals and as a team to adjust to this fact and stay competitive.

The team had hugely fluctuating form. Some Saturdays they were on fire, scoring some wonderful team tries. On other days they relied heavily on a few to just stay in the match.

Tauranga was their first college fixture. It was played on a wet and muddy field and, despite the terrible weather Tauranga had come from, NPBHS adapted best to the conditions and won 14 - 10.

Hamilton was a heart-breaker for the team. After an up and down first half they dominated early in the second half, but lost concentration

(and the game!) letting in two late tries, losing the match in the last play of the game 12 - 15.

Palmerston North was a match worth forgetting for both sides. NPBHS lost 3 - 6.

Tournament week in Christchurch was a huge challenge for everyone. Six matches in five days, all fought out with the intensity of traditional college matches. Sadly the team had the giants from Wesley College first up and they simply were too big, strong and fast for them. They lost 5 - 44, but full credit to them they managed to pick themselves up after only a few hours rest and played St Bedes winning 17 - 12.

On Tuesday there was no respite as Napier was next. Physically the lads gave them a fright, but while they had increased their physical intensity they simply made too many simple errors and lost 7 - 20. That was a hard loss to take as the team had committed themselves whole heartedly.

Auckland Grammar felt the backlash from this defeat. NPBHS maintained their physical aggression and cut down their error rate and had a very impressive win 24 - 12.

On Thursday the lads didn't seem able to wake up and never really got into the game against Hastings losing 0 - 14.

Friday NPBHS played their last game of the tournament against St Bedes again. They turned on a great display of rugby to finish the tournament, working very well as a team and winning 48 - 7 for 11th place.

Captain Mitch Campbell led the team extremely well all season and deserved his award as the team's top forward for the tournament, though he was challenged hard by James Wilson and Gary Hofmans. Lagan Kumeroa won the award for the backs, but he too was challenged strongly by Gillies Kaka.

I hope the players learnt from their experiences this season and use them as a spring board to greater things in their rugby futures. Special thanks to Mitch Campbell and to Gary Hofmans, who stood in for him when he was ill, for their leadership and commitment to the team all season. Also thanks to Mr Giddy for his invaluable support as co-coach.



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Under 15



3rd XV

3rd XV Rugby

As a coach, what you are looking for in any team is commitment, enjoyment, improvement and success. While we did not achieve the ultimate success of winning the A grade competition, all of what we were looking for was achieved.

Having to play against 1st XV sides from the other Taranaki schools is a great challenge and one in which this team took on with tremendous enthusiasm. The round robin results did not always go according to plan with some narrow losses mixed in with some encouraging victories.

The final two rounds did prove to be decisive with excellent wins against Coastal at home and Hawera High on the road. In both of these games the team really did show the improvements they had made both as individuals and as a team. These games also clearly demonstrated the team spirit and willingness to play for each other. With these wins it meant a semi-final against Inglewood High. The problem was that this semi-final game was not played for another 4 weeks – vagaries of the draw.

The semi-final was played at Inglewood in superb conditions and while our preparation for the game and commitment during the game was first-class we were quite simply beaten by a better team. The frustrating thing for the boys though was that we probably had their measure for 50 minutes of the game but the resolve of the Inglewood team on defence and their attacking potency meant we were beaten comfortably in the end.

2005 was a very enjoyable season. The commitment, willingness to listen & learn and fun factor given by the team was awesome. The other hugely gratifying part of being involved with this team was the support given by family and friends. Thank you all for the part you played this year. And remember the mighty 3rds will always rock on.

Mr G Hall & Mr M Vercoe
Coaches



Under 16

Under 16 Rugby

In 2005, for the first time in many years, an Under 16s side was created by NPBHS to play in the B1 grade of the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition. A mixture of size, skill and speed was picked in the side as the coaches tried to form a team that would be competitive in the grade. The season got under way and at the end of two rounds of playing each team we found ourselves in fourth place and bound for a semi final.

Highlights of the round robins include a 50 point win over Hawera 2nd XV and a nail-biting but gutsy draw against the Under 15s. We moved into the semis to find ourselves up against table leaders Spotswood 1st XV. We were the underdogs but knew we were capable of pushing all the way. After a strong first half display, we had a 19 - 5 lead going into the break but with a strong head wind to contend with in the second half. In the second half we found ourselves camped on our own goal line for most of the half and despite a courageous effort right until the final whistle went down narrowly, 21 - 19. We had given it our all but the determination of the Spotswood side saw them scrape home.

Our season also had another twist to it. A college match away to Palmerston North BHS. This trip was definitely a cool experience for many of us lads and, despite losing the game to a much bigger Palmy side 34 - 3, we all travelled home honoured by having been able to represent our school.

Firstly, I would like to thank our two superb coaches, Andrew Hope and Phil Whittaker, for all the time and effort they put into our team throughout the season. Both were good coaches who the players learnt a lot from. Also, a big thanks must go to our sponsor, Mr Peter Darney and Vanburway Accountants, who kindly helped out with payment of our stunning beige team polo shirts. Also a huge thank you to the large crew of supporters who have turned up in numbers and gave our side great support through rain, hail and shine.

Finally, thanks to all 23 members of the NPBHS U16 squad. You boys were all awesome guys both on and off the field and it's been brilliant to not only get to know some of you better but also to have you in the team. Good luck for the future and I look forward to playing with some of you lads in the next couple of years. Cheers.

Nick Mitchell
Captain

Under 14 Rugby

This season NPBHS fielded an Under 14 team in the C grade competition for the first time. Comprising almost entirely of Year 9 players, the U14s were always going to be up against older and bigger players. This made every game very challenging for the team.

After two good wins against Hawera and Stratford our results fell away and we went into a mid season phase where a lack of experience under pressure saw us lose some close games which we should have won. Our form at this time was not helped by a series of injuries and a lack of self-discipline from some players which saw them leave the team.

We kept training hard and made a commitment to resurrect our season in the inter-college game against Palmerston North Boys' High. We started well in this game and really enjoyed the chance to play against guys our own age for the only time during the 2005 season. In the end we were the only NPBHS team to win that day. A convincing 36 - 5 victory. PNBHS play in an under 14 grade in their local competition and had won every game by over 50 points.

The boost we got from that win set us up nicely for the rest of the season. In the local competition we had slumped to the bottom half of the table so our goal was to make it into the C2 final.

Our semi-final was against NPBHS Black on the Gully. By now we were playing some decent footie with the backs running hard into gaps and scoring some excellent tries. Our semi-final result was an emphatic 35 - 12 win.

We were disappointed that, instead of our final being played at Yarrows Stadium, we had to play at FDMC against Hawera. They started strongly but we held them out. We then played our best counter-attacking rugby of the season to run in tries from all over the place. The final score was 42 - 5.

Looking back it was a season where we started well and finished brilliantly but with a disappointing losing streak in the middle.

On behalf of the team I wish to thank Mr Wilson and Mr Slyfield for never giving up on us and teaching us how to cope under pressure.

We all learnt a lot and, for the guys who toughed it out to the end, the experience gained in C grade will be invaluable in future years.

I also wish to thank all the parents and supporters who turned up to cheer us on week after week.

Joel Meuli
Captain



4th XV Rugby

The season started badly losing to Francis Douglas 3rd XV in the first game.

We finished the first round with no more losses having convincing wins over Hawera 2nd XV, Waitara 1st XV and close wins over the under 15s, under 16s and Spotswood 1st XV.

However, the second round was a lot different with us winning against Francis Douglas convincingly in the first game. We went on to have convincing wins over the under 16s and Hawera and close wins over the under 15s and Waitara. The only blemish was a loss to Spotswood. We went into the semis second on the table having to play the under 15s. Winning this saw us through to face Spotswood in the finals. We were one each and knew it would be hard. We started off well and were able to hold the lead to win 17 - 5 thereby taking out the B1 final.

The top try-scorer for the season was Nick Tipling with 9 tries. Travis Monk had an excellent season with the boot landing many conversions from the sideline and he also landed a penalty under pressure to win one of our round robin games. In the forwards Simon Holdt had an outstanding season, giving 100% in every game and making many valuable steals at the break down.

In the backs Shaun Curd showed that he has exceptional qualities both on defence and attack setting up many tries. Chad Jacobs was a steadying influence at first five and should go on to achieve higher honours. Ta Tukaroa developed in confidence as the season progressed and as a result he scored some excellent tries.

This year the 4th XV was captained by Nicholas Brown and the vice-captain was Robbie Alabaster.

We would like to give a big thanks to Mr Maaka, Mr Woods and to all the parents and supporters who were at our games to cheer us on.

Nick Brown and Robbie Alabaster
Captains

C Grade White Rugby

The aim of this side was to develop skills and give boys some appreciation of game plans that gave an even, or better, chance of success. This team had a large group, 28 boys, from Year 9 - 12, with a variety of physical abilities.

The boys developed a good team spirit and could be relied on to play an enterprising style and defend their line loyally. The surfeit of forwards and lack of backs caused some selection headaches and meant that boys were often played out of their natural positions - they did this uncomplainingly for the good of the team.

The season was moderately successful with a disappointing loss in the semi-final 8 - 12 to the eventual grade winners, Spotswood College. We had every chance to make the final but were not able to capitalise on a steady supply of ball and made a couple of errors that both cost points. Even so, the 8 win, 6 loss and 1 draw record was a good return and the 324 points for as opposed to 175 against speaks volumes for the some great attacking play. A highlight was the 23 - 17 second game against FDMC Blue who had been unbeaten up to this stage. The forwards played with real passion and commitment



4th XV Rugby



C White Rugby



C Black Rugby

to dominate all phases for three quarters of the game and the backs attacked with flair and good options and defended desperately late in the game. Scott Alexander, Lee Kearins and Thomas Burley were outstanding in this game up front and Daniel Long and Matt King showed great presence of mind.

David Thomson showed real promise as an intuitive player and Matt King has the ability to find the try line. Sam Lawn and Sam Cadman in the front row lead the team well and Thomas Cook was outstanding both going forward and backwards as a loose forward.

There will be a number of boys in this team who will mature into very good footballers and I hope that all continue to play the game and give themselves, team mates and spectators real pleasure. I certainly enjoyed the season with this group of fine young men.

Mr L R French-Wright
Coach

D Grade Black Rugby

The D grade began a little chaotically this year with the decision not to field top teams, but to mix the ability throughout the teams. As a result the teams took longer than usual to be chosen and finalised. Coaching this team was a unique experience. The notion of structure at practice seemed somewhat foreign to many of the boys, who preferred the 'headless chicken' approach to preparing for a Saturday match. Nonetheless they approached each practice and each game with exuberance and despite losing most of their matches, never once gave it away.

The early, narrow loss to D White showed them they could compete with any team and they maintained that belief, despite an inability to finish teams off. The first part of the season saw the team concede huge leads early in most games, then dig in doggedly to win the second half, though not the match.

The real pleasure of coaching a team such as this, is meeting some of the outstanding young men that attend this school. These boys gave everything, took losing in their stride, delighted in the few wins they had and never grumbled about someone else not pulling his weight.

The other side of that coin is the small, but growing number of boys for whom the concept of team has no place in their thinking. These boys dodge practice, play only when it suits them and only then if they are able to play in the position of choice. Sadly, these boys do not understand what they are missing out on, not being committed to playing for others as well as themselves.

The great results were turning around a loss to beat Waitara, a narrow squeak over the D Yellow team and an end of season thriller win over FDC Red - just failing to secure a fourth try that would have gained a finals spot.

The team was brilliantly led by Charles Loader. No-one worked harder and no-one thought more about the game. It is always difficult to sort out individuals because everyone performed at some stage. However, mention should be made of Phil Mischevski who read games so well and always popped up in the right place, Mitchell Tuck, who toiled manfully in the front row, Glen Foreman - pound for pound - the toughest man on the paddock, Cruz Rauner, a real talent who tore opposition backlines apart and Jamie Henshilwood, the quickest man by far and the scorer of some super long-range tries.



D Grade Black Rugby

Thanks to co-coach Mr Leppard, who helped coach the team and who stepped in when I broke yet another bone at footie. Thanks to the parents who were there rain or shine, some offering me tips on where their son could also be playing and his relative merits as a goal kicker. Congratulations to those boys who fronted up every practice and every Saturday. It is this attitude that makes rugby the great team game it is.

Mr A Elgar
Coach

D Grade Yellow Rugby

We were the most consistent team all season - losing all of our games. We did end up with some bonus points due to scoring 4 or more tries and losing by less than seven. Initially the losses were quite large (none over 100 points!) but once the grade was split into two the games were a lot fairer. Our goal was to win one match and then build on that. That was never to happen as we were outplayed and lacked fitness on most occasions. We came close twice - losing by a point to our Black team and then losing by 4 points to a FDC team. We had some good players but far too often individualism took over from team play and cost us. When we did play as a team (never for a full 80 minutes unfortunately) we were a force to be reckoned with. This buoyed the whole group along and showed what we were capable of. We were a large squad and this affected playing time for several boys. Personally, at this level, I think it is better to give everyone a run rather than trying to win by always playing the strongest team.

Thanks to Dale Atkins for his initial coaching, before his big operation and a special thank you to Craig Patterson who co-coached. Craig drove up from Hawera twice a week for the practices and then again on Saturday for the game. He did this despite sharply rising fuel prices, the long hours on the road and shift work. This goes to show his passion and dedication to the game and youngsters playing it.

Finally, a thank you to the parents who supported their boys by watching. Your fair support and encouragement is appreciated. By showing an interest in what your son does means a lot to them and lifts their game although they might not always admit it.

Mr A Jones
Co-Coach



D Yellow Rugby



E White Rugby



D White Rugby



Niger Rugby

E Grade White Rugby

In late March and early May Mr Woods, Mr Rowlands and Mr Corlett came together in the E grade ranks to have a look at what talent NPBHS had in the under 55kg class. Unfortunately, we found out a bit later on, that Boys' High was not allowed to have selected teams in this grade and therefore we had to put together two teams that were supposedly of equal strength. We found out that putting together these teams is just as hard as picking a top team.

The season started very well with wins against BHS black, FDC Blue and Spotswood College before losses to Hawera and Stratford High Schools. We finished the first round in third position only 3 points off top place. It was the second round where the team really started to play to its potential with big wins over Spotswood College (44-7) on a muddy McNaught, a win against first place Hawera High School 15 - 12 and a close but unfortunate 24 - 25 loss to Stratford at Stratford. The boys were confident that we could turn around a one point loss from the previous weekend, but we knew that we would have to play well to beat them. BHS started with a hiss and a roar and hit the first 2 - 3 rucks with everything. Essentially, commitment and determination would win the game for us. The Stratford side lacked spirit, had plenty to say to the referee, but were never in the game. BHS came out on top 15 - 7. Jaz Nisbett had a blinder.

The final was at FDC against the very strong Hawera High School team. BHS started slowly and took much of the first half to get into the game but in saying that they were solid on defence and didn't let any points through. BHS managed to score two tries towards the end of the first half to lead at the break 10-0. With everyone playing out of their skins, the message was to keep on working hard and not give up the lead. The boys kept on working hard but fell asleep in the middle of the second half, letting Hawera in with a converted try. Hawera continued to pile on the pressure with BHS taking some bad options and making bad decisions on defence. Fortunately, the boys dug deep and came away with a famous victory, 10-7, and crowned 2005 E Grade champions.

Stand-out performers during the season were Number 8 Josh McLean with 17 tries, winger Ben Dowman with 15 tries, winger/fullback Callum Samson with 9 tries, Matt Harold with his captaincy, Matt and Logan Burton with their hard grafting play and Jaz Nisbett for his defence (especially in the semi and final).

Overall it was a great season, an awesome bunch of kids who listened and tried hard. They were a pleasure to coach and deserved winners of the championship.

Mr B Corlett
Coach

E Grade Black Rugby

This team started the season with a huge squad, which made the task of giving all the players games consistently difficult. The team was capable of playing some good football at times but suffered lapses of concentration at vital moments. The team played well against the better teams in the competition but we struggled when key players had other commitments. In the final analysis, to make the "B" Final was a fair indication of our season.

Tom Webb was the standout player throughout the season whilst in the forwards David Ellis, Wills Langslow and William Symes had good seasons. In the backs Karl Paterson, Chris Lepper, Matt Jones and Tim Brown all played consistently. Nick Southorn was the epitome of the good team man prepared to play in any position.

The team had tremendous parental support, especially from Mrs Jones. This was truly appreciated.



E Black Rugby

National SS Sailing Champs

This was held at Kohimarama, Auckland in the middle weekend of the school holidays. The NPBHS team consisted of three skippers: Simon Holdt, Jason Johnstone and David Ormrod with five crew members - Leon Johnstone, Gye Simkin, Nathan MacArthur, Hamish Fraser and Matthew Burton.

The first race was against St Kentigern's College, who came 5th in 2004. NPBHS had a good start sequence and crossed in first, second and sixth. Next were Auckland Grammar and NPBHS lost that race by half a metre. However a win against Nelson College meant that at the end of day one NPBHS were second equal.

The following day saw a narrow loss to St Cuthbert's College and wins against Francis Douglas Memorial College, Paraparaumu, NP Girls' and Christchurch Girls'. On Wednesday, the last day of the round robin, we started with a win against Waikato Combined then two close losses against Wellington College and Westlake Boys'. This left NPBHS with a national ranking of 11th.

On Thursday we had a sail off for the silver and bronze plates. We make up for our previous losses by beating St Cuthbert's, Lindisfarne

and Queen Charlotte College, all of whom had beaten us in the first round. On Friday, in extremely light winds, we finished third in the silver plate competition.

Sailing is a very costly sport and NPBHS is very grateful for the support of many sponsors, especially to the major sponsors Westgate and Contact Energy.

Mr C Hill
Commodore BHS Sailing



Taranaki Secondary Schools Sailing Team



David Ormrod Sailing



Skiing

The 2005 skiing season was a very poor one for Mount Taranaki and this unfortunately led to the cancellation of the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Ski Champs. However, it did force the school championships to be moved to the Turoa ski field on Mt Ruapehu. This proved to be very successful. Forty snowboarders and skiers made a bus trip to the mountain and competed over two timed runs on a professionally prepared course. Some surprising results eventuated with many of the younger competitors toppling the veterans. The skiing was won by Damon Braddock with Daniel Momich and Cameron Holden 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the snowboarding Jason Holden placed 1st with Caleb Smith 2nd and Shaun Porter 3rd.

A school skiing team consisting of Tim Lepper, Daniel Momich, Damon Braddock, Chris Lepper and Oliver Brankin returned to Turoa to compete in the North Intersecondary School champs. The team finished 49 out of 80 entries with Tim Lepper 37th in the senior men and Oliver Brankin 57th in the junior men. The following week the snowboarding team competed in a similar event which was unfortunately cut short due to poor weather. The team was Caleb Smith, Jason Holden, Shaun Porter, Jake Vanderfits, Jack Price, Edward Damey, and Ben Parry. Caleb Smith managed a creditable 9th in the slalom section, with Shaun 29th and Jason 31st. Jake Vanderfits was our best placing in the slope style finishing in 29th position. The team result was a very creditable 7th out of 57 schools entered.

Mr R Turner
Master-in-Charge



Ski Championships - Ruapehu 2005

Soccer 1st XI

The 2005 soccer season was very inconsistent year. It was a year of mixed results. We had what I consider a development year full of low points but also some high points including finishing seventh at the National Secondary Schools Tournament and regaining The Egmont Trophy from Mt Albert Grammar for the first time for 33 years.

This year's 3rd placing at the Super 8 was an improvement on last years 4th placing and was pleasing to see some improvement. However it still did not reflect the potential we had within the squad. A disappointing performance in the opening game against Rotorua Boys' saw us drawing the game 1-1. The team conceded an early goal and we had to take chances and push players forward to find an

equaliser. Rotorua continued to try and hit us on the counter-attack. Late in game we equalised but the performance was very lacklustre. The afternoon game against Gisborne became a must-win game if we were to make the semi-finals. An improved performance saw us beat Gisborne convincingly 2-0. The following morning we faced PNBHS. A determined and well organised NPBHS team with the right attitude went about breaking down a well organised PNBHS defence. NPBHS started well creating a couple of chances but went behind after 20 minutes to a PNBHS corner. NPBHS equalised 10 minutes before the half. The second half was very even, chances falling to both teams but NPBHS failed to capitalise on the better opportunities. PNBHS managed to score after 20 minutes from a good move down the right hand side. NPBHS responded by creating numerous goal scoring opportunities but failed to capitalise. The game ending in a 2-1 win to PNBHS. NPBHS made the semi-finals against Hamilton the following day on goal difference. The semi-final started as an evenly contested game, with both teams adopting a cautious approach. Player errors after fifteen minutes cost NPBHS an early goal. A spirited and determined approach for the remaining of the first half saw NPBHS try to create chances and break down a five-man Hamilton defence. In the second half, NPBHS changed systems to 4-3-3 and pushed forward to find an equaliser. NPBHS had most of the possession but struggled to break down a well-organised five-man defence. It was a spirited and determined team performance but NPBHS could not find the equaliser. The game finished 1-0 to Hamilton. The play-off for third and fourth saw NPBHS beat Hastings 8-0 convincingly on the last day.

With College games every Wednesday, mid way through the season, it was very difficult to give the Men's Premier League our full attention. We narrowly missed out on the top four by a couple of points. Although the bottom four was not a great environment for our development, or an ideal build up to Nationals, we did manage to set outcomes in certain areas throughout the 90 minutes. It was also a good chance for the coach to try different players in different roles. We finished the season in fifth place, one place below last year, and reached the quarter-finals of the Duff Rosebowl Cup Competition.

The seventh placing at the National Secondary Schools Tournament was a repeat of last year. It was a very creditable placing considering the teams that finished below us and the average age of our team. Also with the Tournament being reduced from a 24-team tournament to a 16 team tournament the standard was increased as was the importance of actually winning games.

The tournament started well with a deserved win over Timaru on the Monday morning. The game on the Monday afternoon against Napier was a difficult game with Napier adopting a counter-attacking approach by putting 10 men behind the ball. The game ended in a draw.

On Tuesday morning we faced Mt Albert Grammar. The game became a must win game if we were to proceed into the top eight. A brilliant team performance saw NPBHS beat the 2005 National champions 1-0. This was the first time in 33 years NPBHS had held The Egmont Cup from Mt Albert. We were also the only team to beat them at tournament. This game effectively became our game of the tournament and the year.

The following day we played a quarterfinal against PNBHS. Again full marks to the team for effort and determination. Although we did not have the energy levels to get us a win, the attitude from the players



1st XI Soccer

Back Row: Mathew Snowden, Liam Munro
Third Row: Nick Wilkinson, Harry Moores, Josh Richardson, Edmund Smith, James Graham,
Second Row: Mr J Graham (Coach), Sean Ross, Jacob Fleming, Mr S Page (Manager), John Hight, Rori Macdonald, Mr H Russell (Manager)
Front Row: Christian Aherne, Sam Broadmore, Matthew Ander (Vice Captain), Kahotea Kereopa (Captain), Finn Peters (Vice Captain), Vance Hoskin, Carl Parkins-Payne

was first class. Mistakes from mentally and physically fatigued players cost us the game. PNBHS beating us 3-1. Palmerston went on to make the final, losing 1-0 to Mt Albert Grammar.

Westlake went on to beat us convincingly 6-0, for fifth place. We played off against Tauranga on the last day, beating them comfortably for a final finish of 7th.

I believe the team has developed and progressed from last year especially if you consider the average age of the team. Results were mixed in our college and domestic fixtures, which was disappointing, but the knowledge and understanding throughout the team, in my opinion, has grown. It is also my opinion that the team is good enough to compete and win against any school in the country.

The depth of soccer overall has increased, creating competition for places. We also have a number of good juniors coming through who are all learning the playing systems quickly. The future looks very bright.

Mr James Graham
Head Soccer Coach

Record of Achievement

7th in New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament
3rd in Super 8 Tournament

College Matches:

Auckland Grammar Lost 3-2
PNBHS Lost 6-1
St Patrick's Silverstream Won 3-1
Wanganui Collegiate School Won 9-1
Wanganui High School Won 5-0
Hamilton Boys High Lost 5-2
Wellington College Draw 2-2

Representative Honours

Edmund Smith, NZSS Under 15 Tour to Canada
Finn Peters, Central Soccer Under 18's
Kahotea Kereopa, Central Soccer Under 18's
Mathew Snowden, Central Soccer Under 18's
Edmund Smith, Central Soccer Under 15's



First XI Soccer Player Profiles

John Richardson

Josh had a very good year as Goalkeeper. His development improved immensely and his contribution to the team was immense. The game against Mt Albert Grammar at Nationals was in my opinion his best performance for NPBHS.

Nick Wilkinson

Nick had a mixed year with stiff competition for the number two role. His understanding of the role and his ability to understand the system was outstanding. He is very inquisitive and his ability to play in various roles made him a valuable asset to the team.

KJ Kereopa

Kahotea is a very gifted player, both technically and tactically. His understanding of his role and how it relates to other roles is first-class. He is a very knowledgeable and dedicated player and has excelled in his first year as captain. As the coach I valued Kahotea's input into the team.

Edmund Smith

Eddie made his debut season for the first eleven. His physicality, together with his technical ability, made him a real asset in the five role. He had a great year, going on to play for New Zealand Secondary Schools Under 15s in Canada.

Liam Munro

Liam's first year in the team saw him having to learn the systems and the role of the number three. He developed throughout the year and excelled at Nationals in Napier. His strengths are his crossing ability and his overlapping runs in possession.

Matt Ander

Matt played in the four or eight position and came into the team late in the year after being out with a major knee injury. He possesses a good engine and is technically and tactically very astute. He played in every game at Nationals, which was a surprise to everyone, including myself, after his injury. His determination and will to win is one of Matt's many great qualities and I have enjoyed working with him.

Sean Ross

Sean played in the four role and was one of our most consistent players, playing in the majority of games throughout the

season. His strength was his tackling and the ability to break up opposing play, winning us possession.

Sam Broadmore

Sam had his first full year with the first eleven. He played in the three role and learnt his responsibility within the system very quickly, starting the season very well. An injury later on in the season hampered his development, but I look forward to working with him in future years.

Jacob Fleming

Playing in the eleven role, Jacobs's ability to get behind opposition defences was down to his athleticism and his understanding of the role. He possesses a good left foot and puts in quality crosses. He was used in the nine role in a 4-4-2 system later in year, scoring valuable goals like the one he scored against Mt Albert Grammar.

Harry Moores

Harry is a very technical player, playing in the seven, four and eight roles. His understanding of the role and the system is first class. Harry had a very dedicated and consistent year, impressing on many occasions.

Christian Aherne

Playing in the number nine role. Christian is a natural goal-scorer and has the ability to score at any time, from any part of the field, making him a valuable asset to the team. An injury forced him out just before Nationals.

Finn Peters

Playing in the seven and nine role, Finn's turn of pace made him a real asset for counter-attacking. He contributed well over the season, scoring many valuable goals and contributing to the team on and off the field as Vice Captain. I have enjoyed working with him.

Carl Parkin-Payne

Carl's attitude and determination, together with his technical and tactical ability make him a real asset playing in numerous roles for the team. I look forward to working with him again next year.

James Graham

James had the determination and attitude together with the belief and desire to be the only fourth former to play for the first eleven this year. He played in the number two role and developed his knowledge



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and understanding throughout the year. I look forward to working with him in future years.

Vance Hoskin

Vance is a gifted player, who has the vision and technical ability to change games. Playing in various roles, his knowledge and understanding is of top quality. He started the season slowly by his standards, but was irreplaceable in the later half of the season, scoring regularly from set plays.

Mathew Snowden

Playing in the two role, Matt's understanding together with his technical ability made him a real asset to the team. His ability to overlap the seven and produce quality crosses was a strength going forward. He performed well at Nationals and communicates and leads well on and off the field.

Josh Kerslake

Josh started the year very well, making the six role his own. Unfortunately he went

overseas just before Super 8 tournament. The competition and depth for places within the school, meant Josh did not make the sixteen on his return.

Rori McDonald

Rori started the year playing in the four and eight roles. He is very good technically but needed to develop his understanding of the role within the systems of play, in and out of possession. With this development he could cement a place in the first eleven in the future.



2nd XI Soccer

After a rigorous selection process and pre season training, the 2nd XI soccer were ready to take on the Senior Men's Reserve grade competition. A comprehensive 6-0 victory in the first weekend followed by an unlucky draw the following week, saw confidence high for the season. Unfortunately the next few weeks were less successful with players suspended, injured and away on holiday. This all meant the results were less than favourable. After a mixed set of results in the first two rounds the competition was split and we were put into the bottom four with Inglewood, Moturoa and Woodleigh. The team had matured through the year and on field communication was now as high in quality as the ball skills. This lifted the boys' confidence and they were now playing to their potential beating Woodleigh for the first time in three years. The post season matches displayed how much the boys had grown as individuals and as a team, although the results didn't always favour us. The lack of a true striker often meant a match dominated by the team didn't always go in our favour.

During the season the team also played three inter-school matches beating Francis Douglas 1st XI, drawing with St Peter's 1st XI and losing to Palmerston North Boys' High School.

I would personally like to thank all the boys for making it a very enjoyable season and congratulate them on their maturity and sportsmanship. A special thanks also to all the parents who supported us throughout the season.

Mr Spencer Page
Coach / Manager

Junior Soccer

2005 was the first year NPBHS introduced college fixtures for their Junior Development teams. The college fixtures were introduced for the junior players to understand the systems of play, to be exposed to touring and to play against the best junior school teams in the country.

The teams we scheduled college games against were Auckland Grammar, PNBHS, Hamilton Boys' and St Pauls' from Hamilton. All of these game were in keeping with the traditional fixtures of the school. Results were mixed (won two, lost two) but the team was competitive in all the games. The whole concept was a very valuable and enjoyable learning experience for the players.

15th Grade Gold Soccer

The 15th Grade was made up of all Year 9 students with varying soccer skills and experiences. It was a real challenge to play students in their preferred positions due to only a few students having the benefited from playing in a structured pattern.

During the first round, our team learnt real character. We were outplayed in all areas of the game and at times I felt sad for the boys. I must give credit to the team for hanging in there and attending practices every week.

The second round was the best I have seen the team play. We won three out of the four games with a 1-1 win in our last game.

It was heart-warming to see so many parents on the side-line encouraging their sons. I would like to thank them for paying for the end of the season function. A big thanks to Jacob and Finn for their assistance during the season.

Mr Julius Prasad
Coach / Manager



2nd XI Soccer
Back Row: T. Dixon, L. French, M. Ander, M. Edwards.
Middle Row: Mr S. Page, N. Hopkins, B. Spratt, R. Bint, M. Adams.
Front Row: V. Upadhyay, J. Dixon, D. Geange, H. Magon, M. Rafeeq.



Soccer 15 Development



Soccer Youth Development

Softball

Softball has a proud history at NPBHS with wonderful successes. Unfortunately in recent times only the junior softball team has taken part in any competitions. In 2004, with the help of Jarvan Cassidy, a senior softball team was created. We entered a senior team in the Taranaki Softball Competition and played against the senior women's teams. The team was placed at the top of the table and played the Waitara Men's Team in the finals. In the same year the junior team, which consisted of Year 9 and Year 10 students, defended their number one status against Inglewood at the Taranaki Softball Championships. This year a record number of boys are playing softball. We have entered two teams in the Senior Men's Competition, a Senior boys and a Junior boys team. We hope to finish at the top of the table for the Senior team and give the Junior team experience to move up to the Senior team. We are also hoping to represent NPBHS at the Nationals to be held in Rotorua in 2006.

My sincere thanks goes to the coach Kelvin Wall for his dedication and brilliant coaching to get the boys to a competition standard.



Soccer 15th Grade Gold

15th Grade Black Soccer

It was a real pleasure to witness the development of this team in 2005. One of three NPBHS teams entered in the 15th Grade, the "Black" team was not expected to compete with the top teams in the league. Both coach and players established a set of genuine goals for the season and were rewarded with some great wins, resulting in our inclusion into the top 6 when the division was split. Games in the latter part of the season were always going to be tough but great defence and team unity meant that our defeats were only by one or two goals.

Thank you to those parents that came out to watch and support the players each week and to Mr Skipper for helping out with the refereeing.

Coaches award for player of the year: Peter Zhou
Coaches award for Most Improved Player: Daniel Momich

Mr N Vernon
Coach



Soccer 15th Grade Black

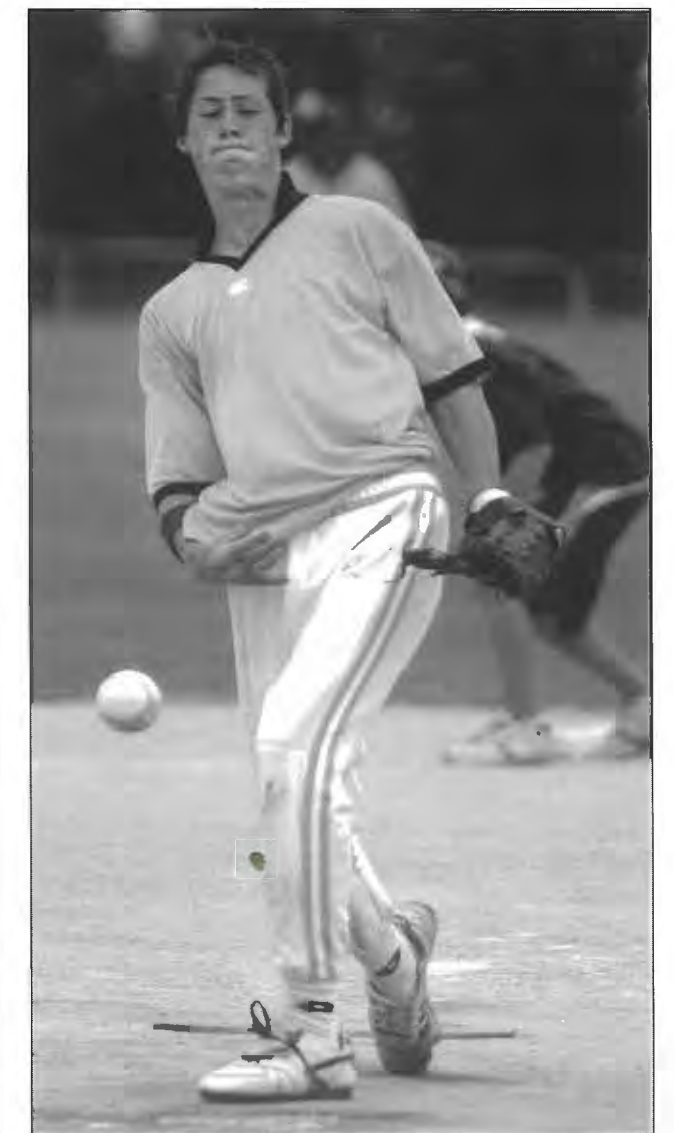


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His enthusiasm and willingness to give his time has been very much appreciated by the school and the boys. I would also like to thank Mrs Wall for assisting Kelvin at practices and making sure that boys do not go thirsty. My thanks to Mrs Vincent for her time as a scorer and for washing the teams uniforms and also to Allana Prestney for her endless advice and the loan of playing equipment. This year we were able to get some new equipment and uniforms with help from Smokefree.

It is good to see softball being played at this school once again and I have no doubt that the team will mirror the successes of past years.

Mr J Prasad
Manager



Softball Senior

Back Row: S. Masters, K. Mills, N. Vincent, T. Prestney, W. Polata.
Middle Row: A. Prestney, S. Sutherland, T. Hapimanka, S. Fraser, A. Tiplady, T. Litchwark, S. Momich, Mr J. Prasad (Manager).
Front Row: S. Liddicoat, J. Wall, J. Cassidy, K. Joyce, T. Shanma, P. Hapu.
Absent: K. Wall (Coach).

Squash

Team:

Shaun Cooper	Richard Lee
Tane Renata	Mathew Queree
Jeremy Powell	Harold Askvold

Vs Hamilton Boys High School	3-3 Draw
Vs Palmerston North Boys High School	3-3 Draw

National Tournament: Tauranga 11-14th August

Vs Francis Douglas Memorial College	5-0 Won
Vs Shirley Boys High	0-5 Lost
Vs Auckland Grammar	1-4 Lost
Vs Christchurch Boys High School	3-2 Won
Vs Westlake Boys High School	3-2 Won
Seeded 14 th out of 36	Final Placing 13 th



A first round "local derby" match with Francis Douglas, a potentially tricky first encounter, was dealt with well by defeating them 5-0 on Friday morning. A second round game against 3rd seeded and eventual semi finalists, Shirley Boys', was always going to be difficult. The teams used this match as a chance to play players graded in some cases 2-3 times higher than their own. Harold Askvold played an exceptional game and gave us a glimpse of what we might expect from him next year.

Saturday morning we faced Auckland Grammar. This was a real opportunity for the team to "knock off" a genuine top 10 team. We had set the team playing order for this match feeling that our chances

of winning were good. Unfortunately, the team as a whole played well below their potential and were defeated 1-4. Only Jeremy Powell, who only lost one match all Tournament, won.

With confidence now down, the team was in danger of losing to Christchurch Boys' that afternoon however an outstandingly aggressive performance from Tane Renata turned the match and confidence of the team around and we went on to record a great 3-2 win.

On Sunday morning and in a play off for 13th and 14th position against Westlake Boys, the team was again under pressure after early defeats. Tane once again produced his best to beat his higher ranked opponent. Shaun Cooper followed with his best performance of the competition with a good win.

Overall the team did improve their ranking to 13th, but will probably reflect on a missed opportunity to get into the top 10.

For those players leaving: Matthew Queree, Richard Lee and Tane Renata thank you for your commitment to squash at the school.

The team "culture" was fantastic and it was a pleasure to be involved in the 2005 New Plymouth Boys' High Squash team. Special thanks to Mr R Powell for his input into training during the year and support during the National tournament.

Mr N Vernon
Manager

Surfing

2006 has proven to be a very successful year for the school surfing and bodyboarding teams. In March the school competed in the Taranaki Inter-Secondary School Surfing competition and the team produced a very strong performance winning the event convincingly. We scored 114 points with second place going to Spotswood College with 44 points. Individual results saw the B.H.S dominate the juniors with Michael Mallalieu, Mathis Smith and Tyler Anderson taking out first, second and third places respectively. The intermediate division was won by Keone Campbell with Nick Moses second and in the senior division Conin James was first with Jay Goodey second. The bodyboarders were also very successful with David Lee placing second and Sean Parker third in the U16 division and Simon Bennet third in the U18 division

This event was followed by the annual exchange with Hamilton Boys' who brought a team to New Plymouth. NPBHS was too strong and won all three divisions in defeating Hamilton. An inaugural exchange with Tauranga Boys' was the next event and the school travelled to the Bay for what proved to be an exciting contest. The school eventually winning by one point.

Finally the school entered the North Island Secondary School Champs held at Raglan in September. The boys performed consistently to finish third with strong performances from Keone Campbell, Sean Parker and Conin James who finished 4th in the senior division.

Mr R Turner
Master -in-Charge



Raglan



Raglan



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Surf Lifesaving

Several boys from NPBHS competed with distinction for their respective clubs (Fitzroy, East End and NPOB) in various surf lifesaving carnivals over the summer. The following is a summary of the performances of some of our top competitors.

NZ Development training squad (U-19s)

Gareth Goodin was selected for the NZ High Performance Development squad after an excellent summer season of competition including the NZ championships. This is the second year that Gareth has been selected in this group. He is the premier beach sprinter / beach flag exponent in his age group.

NZ Championships

Daniel Nelson	4th U-16 Board race	4th U-16 Ski
	3rd U-16 Iron Man	2nd U-16 Taplin
Gareth Goodin	1st U-19 Beach sprint	1st U-19 Beach flags
Blair Smith	2nd U-19 Short-course Canoe	
	4th U-19 Board relay	
Tim Riley	2nd U-16 Taplin	5th U-16 Surf race

Taranaki SLS Championships

The performance of Daniel Nelson in winning the U-16, U-19 and Open Iron-Man titles at the Taranaki SLS Champs is a unique achievement and worthy of recognition. Daniel Nelson is a talented Iron-Man competitor and this achievement is an outstanding result.

Taranaki U-19s (Kellogg's Surf League)

The following boys were selected for the Taranaki representative SLS team and competed against other regional selections at Mt Maunganui in February: Gareth Goodin (Captain), Jay Goodey, Alex Wilmshurst and Daniel Nelson. Individual performances were:

Jay Goodey	3rd Board race	4th Board Relay
Daniel Nelson	5th Iron Man	

Taranaki came seventh in the 2 day Surf League competition.

Taranaki U-16s (Inter-district Champs)

Three of our boys were selected for the Taranaki U-16 representative SLS team and they competed in New Plymouth in February against other regional teams. Those selected were: Daniel Nelson, Jason Rolfe, Michael Taylor. Kevin Gledhill was selected as manager.

Daniel Nelson was 3rd in the Board Race on Saturday and 1st on Sunday in the Iron man. This was a very fine achievement against top competitors.

Taranaki were sixth overall in the 2-day competition.

Taranaki U-14s (Inter-district Champs)

Three of our students were selected for the Taranaki U-14 SLS rep team. Those selected were: Joel Meuli, Tim Riley and Daniel Hine.

Joel Meuli / Tim Riley came 3rd in the Tube rescue and 2nd in the Board rescue, with Tim Riley coming 2nd and 1st in the Surf-race on consecutive days. Joel Meuli was 5th in the board race.

Taranaki were fourth overall in the 2 day competition.

Mr K Gledhill
Master-in-Charge, SLS



Swimming 2005

School Swimming Sports

The annual Swimming sports were again held in excellent conditions with the quality of the swimming again being outstanding. The first record was broken by Sam Varley in the Junior 50m backstroke and later in the day an inter-house relay record was smashed by Syme House.

The championship was tightly contested across all three age groups, The senior title was won by Tim Doyle, the intermediate by Tim Riley and the junior by Sam Varley.

Congratulations to Syme House for winning the house competition – their dominance in the championship events meant their victory was convincing. The other houses all made ground through their participation and for that they also need to be congratulated.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

The TSS Swimming championships were held mid-March at Stratford and NPBHS were represented by Junior, Intermediate and Senior Teams. This championship event brings all of the top Taranaki secondary school swimmers together.

Our swimmers were successful in winning 2 individual titles, Jason Rolfe in the Intermediate boys 50m Breaststroke and Tim Doyle in the Senior boys 50m Breaststroke. The team also gained a number of placings:

2nd place getters were Sam Varley (2), Tim Doyle and Issac Owen. 3rd place getters were Joel Meuli, Jason Rolfe, Sam Varley and Sean Parker (2).

Our Senior team was successful in winning both relay events with our Intermediate team coming second in their two relay events and our Junior team winning both their relay events. This completed a very successful championship meeting for our top swimmers. Our swimmers spend many hours training to ensure they are competitive and these results against the top swimmers in the province are outstanding.

The championships were notable for the two new records set by our Junior team of Sam Varley, Sean Parker, Isaac Owen and Joel Meuli in



the 4x1 medley relay and the 4x1 freestyle relay. Well done to these young men on a marvellous achievement. The swimmers all enjoyed their traditional feed of fish n chips at the completion of the meet.

NZ Youth and Open Championships

These championships are for New Zealand's elite age group swimmers. All swimmers need to meet high qualifying standards. This year the event was held in Wellington in early April. Tim Doyle excelled, securing the following places:

6 th	50 m	Breaststroke
7 th	100m	Breaststroke
8 th	200m	Freestyle

NZ Age Group Championships

These championships were held in Christchurch in early March. This event is for elite swimmers between the ages of 13 – 15. Sam Varley (13) had an excellent meet breaking two Taranaki records in the 400IM and 200m Fly.

Results were:

Sam Varley	(13)	5 th 200m Fly
		8 th 400m IM
Sean Parker	(13)	6 th 200m Fly
Isaac Owens	(13)	6 th 200m Breastroke
Tim Riley	(14)	7 th 1500m Freestyle

Division 2 NZ Championships

Michael Taylor	(16)	8 th 50m Backstroke
		8 th 100m Backstroke
Daniel Nelson	(16)	5 th 400m Freestyle
		7 th 200m Freestyle
		7 th 100m Freestyle
Jason Rolfe	(16)	8 th 50m Breastroke
		8 th 200m Breastroke

Mr K Gledhill
Master-in-Charge, Water Sports



Swimming Champions 2005
Sam Varley (Junior Champion), Tim Doyle (Senior Champion), Tim Riley (Intermediate Champion)

Tennis

The 2005 Tennis season saw the emergence of two very promising Year 9 players - Mark Atkins and Jordan Stayt, both of whom were selected in the School Senior Team for Super 8 and New Zealand Secondary School Championships.

Inter School Results

V Hamilton Boys' High School	Juniors	Lost 3/6
V Palmerston North Boys' High School	Seniors	Won 5/4
	Intermediates	Won 5/4
	Juniors	Lost 0/9
V Wanganui Collegiate	Seniors	Won 6/0
	Juniors	Lost 0/6

NZSS Championship (Top 4 Players)

V Hawera High School	Won	6/0
V Francis Douglas Memorial College	Won	8/6
V Wanganui Collegiate	Won	6/0
V Palmerston North Boys' High School	Lost	2/4

Super 8 Tournament

V Napier Boys' High School	Won	4/2
V Hastings Boys' High School	Won	6/0
V Hamilton Boys' High School	Won	6/0

We won our pool but lost to Palmerston North Boys' High School and Napier Boys' High School by one set to finish 4th.

SUPER 8 TEAM:

Mark Atkins
David Geange (Captain)
David White
Jordan Stayt
Quinn Rosa (Reserve)

School Championships

Juniors: Mark Atkins defeated Jordan Stayt
Seniors: Mark Atkins defeated David Geange

Congratulations to Mark Atkins for an outstanding achievement for a Year 9 Student.



Tennis Top Six Seniors
Back Row: Mrs L Atkins (Coach), M. Atkins, Mr A Hope (Assistant Manager), B. Aves, Mr W. J Geange (Manager).
Front Row: J. Stayt, D. White, D. Geange (Captain), Q. Rosa.



Representative Selections

Congratulations to the following boys who gained selection for Taranaki.

David Geange	Taranaki Senior Men's Team
	U 16 Rep Team
Mark Atkins	Central Districts
	U 14 Rep Team
Quinn Rosa	U 16 Rep Team

Inter-School Teams

SENIORS

Mark ATKINS	David GEANGE (Capt)
David WHITE	Jordan STAYT
Quinn ROSA	Ben AVES

INTERMEDIATES

Sean ROSS	Paddy DEMPSEY
Ben ROBBINS	Matt BROWN
Jeffrey FONG	Sergei SIMIZIOSKI

JUNIORS

Chris LEPPER	Stuart BELGRAVE
Morgan BREWSTER	Jeremy NEVILLE-LAMB
Daniel ABBOTT	James LINEHAM
Jack TAYLOR	

Coaching

Our players benefited this season from Tuesday and Thursday coaching by Mrs Leith Atkins.

Many schools now employ coaches to assist in the development of their high performance players.

With continued coaching from Mrs Atkins, we hope our players will improve and gain 1st place at Super 8 and a place in the finals of the NZSS Championships.

Thanks to Mrs Atkins and Mr Hope who have put in a lot of time and effort to support the development of our players.

Mr W J Geange
Master-in-Charge, Tennis

Touch Rugby

The Senior team attended the Taranaki Secondary Schools Senior Touch tournament held in Hawera on Sunday, February 7th. The tournament consisted of six teams from the Taranaki area. The team had spent most lunchtimes training and organising their patterns of play for this tournament.

The first game was against Hawera High School and ended in a 2-3 loss. This was an evenly poised match with both teams out to dominate. However, Boys' High lacked structure and teamwork.

The second game versus Inglewood was to prove too easy. The boys played exceptionally well, dominating both halves and winning 7-2. This took us to a semi final against FDMC which we dominated again 4-2.

The final was a torrid encounter against our old foe, Hawera.



Senior Volleyball

Monday, April 4th saw the Senior Volleyball Team travel down to Palmerston North for the New Zealand Secondary School's Volleyball Tournament. The team was James Brown, Thomas Fleming, Mark Sherlock, Tony Hoffmans, Gary Hoffmans, Yu Ishikawa, Tim Lepper, Finn Peters, Marcus Sweetman and Mathew Snowden.

Our first game was at Pacific International College. We had been seeded 4th in our pool with a total of six teams: Waimea B seeded 6th, Naenae College seeded 5th, Spotswood College seeded 3rd, Mana College seeded 2nd and Waimea A were the top seeding. With 3 games on day one our first one was against local rivals Spotswood. They were seeded ahead of us because we lost 3 out of our 4 local qualifying games against them. This time it would be a different story with every NPBHS player coming to take nothing less than a win.

We took it in 4 sets, 3 - 1, which was very pleasing for the team and an excellent start to the tournament. That afternoon we had Naenae Collage, a team packed with hitting power and a lot of flair. The team, still tired from the morning's huge effort, did what was required and took the game again 3 - 1.

That night we were up against Waimea A. This team was all class and ended up getting 5th but maybe deserved a spot in the final. They had a national coach and a hitting attack that could come from anywhere. Our team was badly weakened from the injury of our number one setter, Tim Lepper, who damaged his wrist in the warm up. We lost the game 3-0 but many positives could be taken from that game as Marcus Sweetman stepped up as setter and did a good job.



Senior Volleyball Team

The next day we had Mana College first up. They, like Naenaena, were a team all about hitting power. They were seeded second by winning the Wellington district qualifiers. Our game plan was simple - everyone give 200% and don't give them a sniff.

We did exactly that, taking the game 3-0 with James Brown playing outstandingly. Our last game in pool play was against Waimea B. The team played well with few mistakes and took the game 3-0. This meant we had qualified for Division One, which we hadn't done in three years.

On Thursday we played Auckland Grammar, who welcomed us back with a 3-0 loss. It was a fair result as we were never in the game. Next we played defending champions and the eventual winners Otumoetai College. This, for me, was a highlight of the tournament as no one backed down from this team of New Zealand representatives and outstanding players. We lost 3-0 but the effort shown by the boys was first-class and we got close, only losing one of the sets 23-25.

On Friday we played Westlake Boys' High School, who ended up third, and they displayed much of what we had seen the day before from the Otumoetai game. We lost 3-0 again but again positives were taken from it and, like playing Otumoetai, it was a great experience. Later that day we played an Australian team Heathfield HS, who came over for our Nationals as a warm up for their Nationals. They were a very well drilled team and took the game 3-0. The last day we were playing off for 15th and 16th with Nayland College. Our legs were tired and our volleyball showed it. It could have been a different result on another day but as it was they took the game 3-0.

The week was a great effort from everyone and the team spirit was first class. After watching a 5 set thriller with Otumoetai hanging on to take out Tauranga in the final, we spent our last stores of energy on the dance floor at the social then slept all the way home. Sixteenth in the country is the second best result for a BHS team at Nationals.

Without two extremely good coaches this could not be possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Atkins and Mr Cleaver for many long nights in the gym and for taking us on such an amazing trip.

Mathew Snowden
Player

Junior Volleyball

This year we took two teams to the North Island Junior Volleyball Championships in Palmerston. Both teams had made a big improvement to their skills and team-work over the Regional Competition and we hoped that this improvement would continue over the tournament week.

Each team started in one of eight pools. The Year 10's had Western Heights High, Napier Boys', Hillcrest High A, and Otumoetai College C in their pool. The Year 9's had Otumoetai College A, Trident High B, Orewa College and Freyberg High in their pool. Both teams fought hard in their pool games. The Year 10's played their best volleyball against Western Heights. Unfortunately the Year 10's only came away with one win over Otumoetai College C and the Year 9's were kept winless. This sent the Year 10's into Div 2 and the Year 9's into Div 3.

The Year 10's lost their way in the post section, failing to convert on a number of chances and finishing up 15th in Div 2. The Year 9's who continued to improve over the week, managed 2 wins in Div 3 and finished 7th. The boys showed good commitment to the teams over the season and hopefully this will continue as their skills improve.

A special congratulations to Dallas Horsfall who was selected as best and fairest of the boys Div 2.

Mr Tim Cleaver
Coach

Spring Festival Week

Spring Festival week is always a great time to try something a little different, and this year was no exception. In the photography room, Mr Hill offered students a chance to dabble in the dark and try their hand at making a photogram. This proved to be very popular over two lunch breaks. On the gully field, students were inspired by a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu demonstration, and for those who preferred a quieter time, Mrs Scott provided a challenge in the Computer room with a 'Quickdraw Competition'.

On Tuesday, we had the final round of Inter-house Debating. Here are the overall results:

Round 1

Barak v Hatherly	snr - Barak jnr - Barak	Syme v Donnelly	snr - Syme jnr - Syme
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Round 2

Donnelly v Barak	snr - Barak jnr - Barak	Syme v Hatherly	snr - Syme jnr - Syme
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Round 3

Barak v Syme	snr - Syme jnr - Barak	Hatherly v Donnelly	snr - Donnelly jnr - Donnelly
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For the staff versus student debating competition this year, the student representative team, consisting of Ian Zealand, Sam Tait and Andrew Raynes, chose the debating moot 'The driving age should be increased'. To make the debate more interesting, they chose the affirmative side. Of course, the teacher's team of Mr Howes, Mr Warner and Mrs Slater rallied to the challenge, resulting in a lively discussion and some rather personal references to the vertically challenged members of the student team.

Busking proved very popular again this year, the weather treating us well and allowing musicians to entertain most lunch-times. On Thursday we had a major big-band ensemble performing outside the music room, much to the regret of the Barbershop Chorus who were inside trying their best to practice over the noise.

As usual, the week ended with the popular Inter-house Music Challenge. This year's song was 'Stand by Me' and every house managed to interpret and present the song in their own unique way. Syme decided to go it alone and use live musicians to play the music instead of using the usual recording. The judges had a very tough decision to make this year because of the time and effort each house had put into preparing for the competition. The end result was a fine effort from all concerned.

The ensemble competition was started by an entertaining and comical trio of Syme Hillbillies presenting Cows with Guns, with Hamish Girvan on guitar, William Sklenars on string bass and Reuben Theobald as the narrator/singer. They were a hard act to follow, but the next group were certainly up for the challenge. Hatherly presented a favourite by Pink Floyd, The Wall, and skilfully incorporated their juniors as a choir of school children, while Erwin Hebler proved his talents as the Scots headmaster. Barak were next and wowed the audience with a more recent number from White Stripes, Seven Nation Army. They had a fine horn section with Raynor Martin, Matthew Hitchings, Chris Newson and Andrew King, John Lamorena on guitar, Daniel Hayles playing bass and Jay Goodey providing the vocals. Jay surprised the judges and audience by leaping off the stage and running to the back

of Ryder Hall to shake the hands of the judges during an instrumental section; a shrewd move Jay! Overall, Barak were a very hard act to follow. Donnelly played last, choosing the dodgy subject of Beers, by Deja Voodoo. Josh Dodd on bass really lit up the stage, his body wrapped in tube lighting, while Kurt Doidge on drums and Adam Elliot on guitar created visual impact by smashing a guitar over the head of their singer, Chris Cree-Butler, who really didn't deserve the treatment at all (his singing wasn't that bad!)

This is how the points stacked up:

Interhouse singing: Syme 1st, Barak 2nd, Hatherly 3rd and Donnelly 4th.

The Ensemble was won by Barak, closely followed by Syme 2nd, Donnelly 3rd, and Hatherly 4th.

After, our fine judges, Mr Ross Halliday and Mr Jeff Hickman, added up the points. Barak came in at 1st place, Syme at 2nd, Hatherly at 3rd and Donnelly 4th.

Mrs Gisella Sklenars
Cultural Co-ordinator

Taranakian Music Honours Board

Scott Jonas Yr 11:



Scott is a talented musician and was selected to sing tenor in the 2005 National Secondary Schools' Choir. This required him to spend his school holidays learning a varied and exciting choral repertoire ready to tour with the choir, giving concerts all over NZ. In 2006, Scott will be travelling to China for the Choral Olympics. Scott is lead singer in the Barbershop Quartet and chorus, and sings in both the school and Taranaki Youth Choirs.

Raynor Martin Yr 10:



Raynor was a finalist in the Taranaki Young Performers' of the Year and it is easy to understand why. In 2005, Raynor achieved the top NZ award for under 15 Cornet Champion at the National Band Contest. He was the deputy-principal cornetist in the National Secondary Schools' band. He received the Port Nicholson Cup for the most Outstanding Brass Instrumentalist in 2004 and 2005, as well as many first placings in the New Plymouth and New

Plymouth Band competitions. He achieved distinction in his Grade VI cornet exam.

Raynor also plays trumpet in the New Plymouth Band, the school and the Taranaki Youth Orchestras, the Junior band, The School Stage and Concert Bands and in the successful SKA band, "Eight Orange Orchard".

He also finds time to sing in the "Crisis in Harmony" Barbershop Quartet and Chorus who performed at the National finals for Young Men in Harmony in Palmerston North.



Daniel Hayles Yr 12:

Daniel is a gifted music student and excels in every area of music. He is a member of the very popular Jazz Combo: Loungesweet, playing keyboard. Daniel was awarded the Most Outstanding Jazz Performer of the Year at NPBHS in 2003 and 2004. He was also nominated for Cultural Performer of the Year for 2005.

Daniel is the pianist in the Secondary School Chamber Music Trio: "Danijonamy," whose performance earned them the Adjudicator's Award in 2005. He has performed extensively as a pianist and won the Registered Music Teachers Scholarship in 2004. This year he is preparing his programme for the coveted Muriel May Scholarship. Singing is another of Daniel's strengths. He is part of the NPBHS Barbershop Quartet and the Chorus which received a 2nd placing in the Young Men in Harmony contest. Daniel plays piano in the NPBHS Jazz band, and bassoon in the Concert Band, and the school and Taranaki Youth Orchestras. Composition is another of Daniel's strengths. He has achieved an excellence for all his compositions and was awarded the Most Outstanding Senior Composition prize for 2005.

Andrew Liu Yr 13:



Another of the school's outstanding pianists, Andrew has been pianist for the school choir and performed with outstanding technique at the Registered Music Teachers Scholarship competition. He also achieved his Grade 8 Trinity piano exam, and achieved excellence in NCEA Level 3. He plays the cello in the School Orchestra.

Andrew Raynes Yr 13:



Andrew plays tenor saxophone in the "Half Past Five" Saxophone Quintet. This group of saxophone players were in demand as guest artists at the City Choir concert in June and again for the Taranaki Youth Choir Concert in October. Andrew achieved his Trinity Diploma exam this year on the saxophone and performed skilfully to achieve excellence in NCEA Level 3.

Danijonamy

Daniel Hayles (piano), Jonathan Folwell (cello) and Jeremy Scarle (flute) performed the Czerny piano trio 'Fantasia Concertante' with superb skill and musicianship at the Secondary Schools' Chamber Music contest. They received the Adjudicator's Award for their performance.

Eight Orange Orchard

William Skienars, Steven Gibbs, Jonathan Fagg, Raynor Martin, Jacob Randall (and singer Rachel Helms)

This dedicated SKA band, consisting primarily of Boys' High music students, have taken the province, and the nation, by storm with



their unique style of music. They were 2nd in the regional finals of Rockquest and were selected in the top 8 to compete in the National finals. They are requested to play regularly at gigs around Taranaki and have the honour of playing at Parachute in 2005 and 2006.



Composition Camp

Orchestra

2005 has been a successful year for the NPBHS Orchestra. Conductor, Mrs Beath, continuously encouraged us to put in the effort and hard yards to perfect the pieces we were playing. Regular rehearsals were on Friday lunchtimes with a few members arriving late and energy levels low (it's Friday afternoon, what do you expect?!) We did, however, manage to pull it together when a public performance loomed and the result was a rich orchestral sound.

Most members of the Orchestra will agree that the highlight of the year was combining with the Girls' High Orchestra. In doing so, a host of new instruments were introduced to our orchestra and the string section got a much needed padding out. Help was also given by Mr Greenfield, the Girls' High conductor, which added more colour to the orchestral experience.

The combined Orchestra played at the Waikato Orchestra and Band Festival. We played a range of pieces including 'Aria' from The Marriage



Orchestra

of Figaro; 'Ballingrath Gardens' and 'Dambuster's March'. Thanks to the many rehearsals and inspiring pieces, we were awarded Silver from the judges. This combined Orchestra also performed brilliantly at the end of Term Three at the GHS/BHS combined concert. The night was a great success, not only for the Orchestra, but for the groups from both the schools that showcased their talent.

Overall the year has been a great success for the New Plymouth Boys' High School Orchestra. I hope to see the same enthusiasm and love of playing music in all the numbers next year, and I encourage anyone who plays an instrument to come along and see what the Orchestra has to offer. I hope there will be many new boys who will take this opportunity to join and keep the orchestra going for many years to come.

James Whitmore
Leader of NPBHS Orchestra.

Concert Band

2005 has certainly been a productive one for the concert band of NPBHS. There have been the competitions, the concerts, the Friday morning rehearsals and, of course, the pointless babble which irritates our very patient conductor, Mr. Stewart Maunder.

Our first competition was the Waikato and Hauraki Plains Band Competition held in Hamilton in Term 2 where we boosted the ranks of the band by combining with our counterparts at Girls' High. At this competition, we were awarded a Gold Award for our efforts. However, our biggest event was the National Concert Band Competition held in Napier in August, where we again pooled with the Girls' High Concert Band. Here we played The Liberty Bell March (better known as the theme from Monty Pythons Flying Circus), a hymn Sanctus, one of our longest pieces, At the Apex and the reintroduced Maelstrom. The standard with which we performed



Concert Band

these pieces earned the band a Silver Award, a relatively good award for a high school concert band. These abilities were finally showcased at the combined Boys' High/Girls' High at the conclusion of Term 3.

All in all, the Boys' High Concert Band has had a particularly busy year, with having to organise dozens of rehearsals in order to get the level of performance necessary for us to attain the awards that we did. Thanks must be given to Mrs. Beath for her aid in organising events and giving the flute section a hand when diminished, and also Mrs. Sklenars for the massive amounts of photocopying and administrative duties she has undertaken. Of course, we owe our success to our magnificent conductor, Mr. Stewart Maunder, for his wonderful arrangements (or improvements) on many of the pieces that have been performed this year, plus his tireless commitment to the concert band cause.

Andrew King



The Concert Band rehearse

Stage Band

Once again the New Plymouth Boys' High School Stage Band lived up to its high standards and expectations for 2005. Although the year was not very eventful, with only one competition for the band to shine, the bands level of playing and musicianship continued to reach new levels.

In late June the band travelled to the Hauraki Plains Music Festival held in Hamilton. Although we did not retain our title as top overall stage band we did come away with a very credible 2nd placing, losing only to a group stacked with itinerant teachers and professional musicians.

The highlight of the year would have to be retaining the ANZ Cultural Group of the Year Award. The band won this for the second year in a row; the only group in the award's history to do so. All the members of the band should be very proud of this achievement and pleased with the year's work.

As the year comes to an end, we have to once again say goodbye to those 7th formers who are leaving. Just like every year, these players leave huge gaps in the band and will definitely be missed. Jeffery, Sam, Ruben, Todd, Stefan, Alex and Andrew, good luck with your future where ever it may take you. Also, good luck to Iain and Raynor who are leaving the band to move to different locations.

A special mention must also be made to our mentor and conductor Mr Stewart Maunder. Through his guidance and hard work we have been able to achieve these high standards and compete at a very high level. Mr Maunder was also awarded a Community Services Award for his contribution to music in Taranaki. Congratulations Mr Maunder from the entire band, your award was well-deserved.

Jonathan Fagg



Stage Band



Junior Band 2005

What an awesome year it has been for the NPBHS Junior Band. There are many talented musicians who make up this very funky and fun band. We also have one of the most talented trumpet players in the country, Raynor Martin, who won the National Competition and is also in the SKA band, Eight Orange Orchard.

We started off the year with our first major performance at the Taranaki Multi Ethnic Festival 2005. We had a great time, aside from the wind and the fact that the bassist broke his string (Murphy's Law). Our second major performance was at the Waikato Junior Band Festival where we played extremely well, so well that we won a Gold and obtained the Band of the Day title. It has been a very exciting and fun-packed year. I would like to thank Mr Maunder and Mrs Beath for all their time and support throughout the year.

Lee Martin



Lee on guitar

Choir

The choir has had a relatively quiet year with limited performances, but we still finished with some impressive results. The majority of our practices were spent getting ready for the regional Big Sing held at Girls' High in April. Led by the skilled instruction of Gabriel Barr, we practiced solidly at lunch-times and sometimes early before school. The Big Sing was a fantastic night with performances from all over Taranaki.

Being the only male choir to enter, we went with a goal of showing up the girls choirs and showing them just how well guys can sing. We sang three songs - With Cat Like Tread from the musical The Pirates Of Penzance, Storm In a Little Bay by New Plymouth composer Jonathan Crehan, and Give Me A Barbershop Song by Roy Dawson. We sang better than expected and although we were narrowly beaten by the Girls' High Madrigals, we came away with a best performance of a New Zealand composition award, and the most entertaining song award.

I would like to thank Gabriel Barr and Mrs Beath for all the time and effort they spent both in preparing us for this competition and for a great year in choir. Also I would like to thank those leaving the choir, Reuben Theobald and Raynor Martin, for the commitment they have shown over the years.

Nick Milne



A Junior Band rehearsal

Sax Quartet

2005 was a very busy and successful year for the NPBHS Sax Quartet. This year the quartet consisted of Hannah Bain (NPGHS) on the soprano, Sam Tait and Steffan Barnett on the altos, Andrew Raynes on the tenor and Jonathan Fagg on the baritone. That makes five, which is an odd number for a sax quartet and this was constantly pointed out to us. We hadn't realised quartet meant four, honest!

Highlights of the year included playing at the Wanganui Chamber Music Festival, as well as performances with the City Sounds Choir and the Taranaki Youth Choir. Saxophones always raise eyebrows at chamber music contests as they are neither brown nor stringed, yet we played well and impressed the judge. The City Sounds Choir were performing a range of show tunes for their concerts, so we followed suit and played our own show tunes, as well as a three piece suite by Dutch/Hollish/Netherlanderese composer Kees Schonenbeek.

Many thanks must go to our quartet master, Stewart Maunder, for his tireless contribution to the Sax Quartet in finding us music, getting us up to scratch and organising us (possibly the biggest job of all). So lots of thanks and good luck for the Quartet next year.

Andrew Raynes



Sax Quartet



Junior sax players rehearsing hard

Barbershop Quartet

2005 was yet another big year for Barbershop at Boys' High. Familiar faces, Scott Jonas (lead) and Daniel Hayles (baritone) were joined by Raynor Martin (tenor) and Reuben Theobald (bass) to create "Crisis in Harmony". They attained new heights of skill in 2005 and found themselves performing regularly to audiences such as The Tainui and Rhapsody Rest Homes, parents and friends at the Big Sing, the combined NPGHS/NPBHS end of year concert, as well as an art auction and two weddings.

The boys also competed in the Young Men in Harmony regional contest in Hamilton and the finals in Palmerston North.

Barbershop continues to be a most enjoyable, uplifting and entertaining pursuit at NPBHS and with the departure of Raynor and Reuben, we will be auditioning for new members early in 2006. Will you be the new bass or tenor for Crisis in Harmony 2006?

Daniel Hayles



NPBHS Barbershop Quartet 2005
Reuben Theobald, Daniel Hayles, Scott Jonas, Raynor Martin

Danijonamy

'Danijonamy' was the strange but ingenious name given to a highly successful Chamber Music Group, consisting of Daniel Hayles (piano), Jonathan Folwell (cello) and Jeremy Scarle (flute).

Thursday, 9th June, was the day we travelled down to Wanganui for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Regional Chamber Music Competition 2005. Shortly after we arrived, we performed the first and last movements of the "Fantasia Concertante" Opus 256, composed by Carl Czerny. After enjoying an inspiring evening, listening to some of the regions finest chamber musicians, we awaited the results. Our hours and hours of intense practise finally paid off. Although we were not lucky enough to obtain a placing, we were awarded the Adjudicators Award. Despite not being awarded a monetary prize, this award was special in itself for it meant the

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performance was personally enjoyed by the adjudicator. "I felt there was such fire and energy in this piece," were his exact words.

In addition to this successful performance, the trio also performed at the regions "Big Sing" competition/concert and the annual NPBHS/NPGHS combined concert.

This year has been incredibly rewarding but we still hold greater ambitions for next year. Thanks must also be given to Mrs Beath, for her time, energy, hard work and musical expertise towards the group.

Jeremy Scarle



Danijonamy

Eight Orange Orchard

National Smokefree Rockquest Finalist

After a year of countless gigs and many achievements, 'Eight Orange Orchard' set off at the beginning of 2005 determined to make it into the Smokefree Rockquest finals. During the holidays our trombonist Ashley Boswell had left us to pursue a degree in Biomechanics at Canterbury. The Rockquest semi finals were looming just around the bend and we had written some fresh material, but we still lacked a player. A few weeks before the competition we discovered that Year 12 student Matthew Hitchings had taken up the trombone. We invited him to a few rehearsals and then we asked him to play Rockquest with us.



Eight Orange Orchard

We got through the heats without a hitch and were off to the regional finals. The regional finals were much like last year, except for the fact that we didn't get a sound-check. This was going to make getting a good sound much harder to achieve, especially because of Eight Orange Orchard's size, which is larger than a normal band. Nevertheless, we managed to pack in a solid performance, taking out second place just behind Spotswood band Rival State.

Getting second place in the regional competition qualified us for national semi-final selection. Over the next month, we were set some tasks. These tasks were given to the top two bands from each region, and included making a 15 minute video of some of our original material and also doing a gig at King's Arms in Auckland with the band "The WBC".

After what seemed like ages, I got a phone call on my cell phone from Rockquest director Glen Common. He was the bearer of the unfortunate news that we were not in the top eight and would not be playing at the National Finals, but were number nine. This hit us hard because it was going to be our last Rockquest together as a band.

A few weeks later, I was sitting in Maths when Glenn Common rang and told me that one of the finalists had been disqualified for smoking, right outside the venue, in front of the major sponsors and a film crew! Since we were number nine, this meant that we had first choice to take their place. The end of the phone call was closely followed by a cry of excitement and then a few strange looks from the office ladies. Luckily that night we had organised a band practice and were able to run through our 12 minute set and sort out our transport and accommodation.

We arrived in Wellington around 11am and then spent four hours mucking around with a film crew for the Rockquest TV program, before having our soundcheck.

By the time the show came along, we were all just a little bit nervous, but after chatting to some of the other bands we calmed down a bit. We were third band on, so by the time we got there the crowd was really starting to get into it. Our set started off with a solid drum groove from Jacob and, after a few bars, Steven and I came in with the guitar and bass. This set up a laid back, chilled out rhythm, which got the crowd in the zone. We then abruptly jumped into 'All In A Days Work' which is fast pace, third wave SKA style. Our set continued

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for 12 minutes, combining a high energy stage performance with our three song set list to keep the crowd guessing. It was very well received.

Although we didn't get one of the top three placings, we were very happy that we had achieved our goal and gained loads of experience from it. I strongly recommend Rockquest for anyone who is interested in music.

William Sklenars
Bassist

Also in Eight Orange Orchard:

Steven Gibbs – guitar Jacob Randall – drums
Rachel Helms – lead vocals Matthew Hitchings – trombone
Raynor Martin – trumpet Jonathan Fagg – sax

2005 Debating

Senior	Junior
Andrew Raynes	Nicholas Monk
Sam Tait	Peter Molloy
Iain Zealand	Tusha Sharma
Matthew Magner	
Jefferey Fong	
Kirill Radvansky	

2005 has been a great year for learning the ropes and getting to know the different styles of debating. The range of different styles of adjudicating and the fact that we were debating all around the North Island, meant that trying out new styles and techniques worked against us. What the Wellington adjudicators were looking for was not what the Waikato adjudicators were looking for, making for some interesting, and predictable, results. Still, the Seniors and Juniors alike had fun, and learnt some valuable skills.

Our first challenge was the Russell McVeagh Central North Island Competition. After a 5am departure, we arrived in Palmerston North ready for the first debate at 9am. Our first competition was Palmerston North Boys' High School. Our second was against Palmerston North Girls' High, negating the same moot. Our third, and final debate for the day, was an impromptu debate against Nga Tawa College. Andrew Raynes, Sam Tait and Kirill Radvansky gained a lot from the day, and our youngest, most inexperienced member of the team, learned that meeting time is a crucial part of a debate.

Two weeks later, we had the Super 8 Cultural Competition in Hamilton. For this competition, both a Junior and Senior team competed. The Junior team, Nicholas Monk, Peter Molloy and Tusha Sharma performed well in their first official outing as a team. The Senior team, Andrew Raynes, Matthew Magner and Iain Zealand, also performed well, Matthew, in particular, putting on a brilliantly funny show in his debut debate

Following the McVeagh competition, the Massey University adjudicators organised a seminar for boys interested in debating. The two hour seminar was designed to coach the boys on how to formulate a solid argument, the redefinition of the moot, style and how they are marked in a formal debate. The skills attained from this course will prove invaluable over the next couple of years.

During Tournament Week, the Senior Team decided that the Cultural side of the school also needed to be represented, so Iain and Andrew organised debates against both Girls' High School and Francis Douglas for the Junior and Senior teams. Although we lost to FDMC, there was definitely an easy win to be had against NPGHS.

The final debating fixture for the year was the Staff vs Student debate held during Arts Week. The moot proved an interesting one, with the staff, negating the topic, taking a clever win. And at the same time proving that teachers do have wit and style!

A big thank you to both Andrew Raynes (2005 Debating Captain) and Iain Zealand for both their organisation this year, and for their enthusiasm and perpetual positiveness. Though I do need to say that there is more to life than apples Iain!

Ms Kathy Gracia
Teacher-in-Charge, Debating

Super 8 Cultural Competition

This particular competition took place in Hamilton this year, with all of the activities being held at Waikato University. The Boys' High contingent consisted of a Senior and Junior Debating Team, and a 'roped in at the last minute because someone else pulled out' Orator.

After an 'interesting' arrival at the Backpackers late Friday afternoon, the boys unloaded themselves from the van and disappeared into their rooms to put the final touches to their speeches.

The evening was spent with Ms Gracia and Ms Kerr having the dubious pleasure of listening to the boys practice... again and again. Iain Zealand in particular, required MANY restarts due to a serious case of the giggles!

On the Saturday morning, the boys again piled into the van to head off to the Uni. First on the agenda was the Senior Oratory. Iain Zealand volunteered for this section of the competition, and he did himself proud, coming in with a well deserved 2nd place.

This was followed by the Junior Debaters: Tusha Sharma, Peter Molloy and Nicholas Monk. This was their first outing together as a team, and whilst they didn't win this debate, they did work incredibly well together.

The final event was the Senior Debaters: Andrew Raynes, Matthew Magner and Iain Zealand. This was Matthew's first ever debate, and he had the audience in stitches, showing that he definitely has a future in speaking! Again, the boys did not win the debate, but Iain Zealand was awarded Best Speaker.

Thanks has to go out to the boys for being fun to take away on a school trip, and I know that next year will be just as enjoyable!

Ms Kathy Gracia
Teacher-in-Charge, Debating



Speech Finals

The 2005 speech finals were held on the 13th of September during Spring Festival Week. The Year 9 finalists were all exceptional speakers and set a very high standard for the others to follow. These were: Peter Molloy, Cameron Holden, Jordan Moratti and William Tennant. William was judged 1st place with Cameron following in 2nd and Jordan close on his heels in 3rd place.

The Year 10 speakers took the floor next with Hamish Fleming opening with his topic of Edmund Hillary. He was followed by Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Carl Garret and Jonathan Folwell, who presented a fine speech on goal setting. Carl was judged 1st, winning the judges over with his entertaining banter on our favourite family store, The Warehouse, and was closely followed by Jonathan in 2nd place, and Hamish in 3rd.

Next up was Year 11 and Damien Aherne, whose skilful use of voice was placed 1st after presenting an entertaining view on alcohol. The other finalists were Jason Holden, Tushar Sharma in 2nd place, Scott Honeyfield, and Seb Mrowinski in 3rd.

Lastly, the seniors spoke and entertained us all with convincing and often frighteningly ludicrous examples, allowing us a quick glimpse of what their minds have to offer. Andrew Raynes spoke first and was placed 2nd, followed by Chris Cree-Butler, Paul Mueli, then Lee Wilson and Roshan Patel, both in 3rd place, and Iain Zealand. Paul Mueli was judged 1st place and 'Best Speaker Overall'.

Paul's Speech on the night

"Your Destiny"

Ladies and Gentlemen, what topic has evoked more discussion and divided opinion amongst the New Zealand community in the past 12 months? Was it the recent death of the large, eloquent yet beloved ex-Prime Minister? Was it Paul Holmes' move to... and departure from Prime TV? Helen Clarke's choice of clothes, hair design or depth of voice? Or the pulsating performance of the new Haka by the All Blacks against South Africa?

I'm sure you all agree that these topics are very serious, and you have spent many hours having in-depth discussions over each matter. But there has been one topic in particular that has polarized and begun to divide this small nation of ours, and yet the wearing of our national colour, black, was once again pushed to the forefront.

In August of last year the streets of Wellington were filled with the black tee-shirted hoards of predominantly Maori and Pacific Islanders, fists pumping in the air, chanting their way to Parliament, to demand the dumping of the Civil Union Bill, which was being presented at the time. It created an uproar in this country which has continued to ring in our ears.

For many New Zealanders this was their first introduction to the Destiny Church. For the members of this religious sect, they were finally able to demonstrate publicly to the rest of us "that they are on a mission to turn New Zealand away from its sinful ways, towards

the path of righteousness, and the way of the Lord." They believe that they must spread the good news, for this is their Destiny Church, this is THE Destiny Church.

The Destiny Church beliefs are simple. Homosexual nature is an abomination. Sex before marriage is a sin, and a legalised heterosexual marriage (that means having a mummy and a daddy) is the only marriage that should be recognised. Within that marriage, the husband (or the daddy) is the boss. The wife (or the mummy) is there to 'support' him, cook his meals, clean the house, and have his babies. The family is to follow his ideas, his beliefs and his rules.

Well... I have to be honest here ladies and gentlemen. My family does NOT belong to the Destiny Church, because if you know my mother, she would DEFINITELY not agree to any of that pathetic male machoism (to use her words) being presented by Destiny Church. AND, coming from a family of males, we have to do dishes, ironing, cleaning, AND help cook. Because, quite simply, what mum says goes!

For the few people here who may not be aware of what the Civil Union Bill was all about, here's a quick run down... The Civil Union Bill was a law that was passed to recognize different relationships. The Bill now protects the mummies and daddies who live together but don't choose to get legally married. It also recognises gay couples, those are people who are involved in a relationship with a person of the same sex.

Now, what this means is that if a partner decides that the other partner has become wrinkly, boring and is starting to smell and they want to leave, they can now receive maintenance payments, split the property, money, anything you have gathered in the relationship equally, like getting half the cocktail cabinet, cricket set, coffee table and cutlery.

So, when the Civil Union Bill was being presented to Parliament, it was the perfect launching pad for the Destiny Church to make a public demonstration against the Bill. AND to launch Destiny New Zealand, a political party with the same beliefs Destiny Church preaches: "old fashioned values and the dislike and outlawing of homosexual behaviour."

The media attention was huge, and the black clothed, chanting mass of the Destiny Church presented a sight to the rest of New Zealand that had not been seen before in this country. Or was this march a calculated move by Destiny's founder, Brian Tamaki, to gain maximum media interest to gather new followers in his church? Is the Destiny Church, an evangelistic, entrepreneurial cult, built on the borrowed ideas of evangelism? I believe it is.

Brian Tamaki, founder and now self appointed Bishop of this sect, referred to by the members as Bishop Brian (I prefer BB), has based his preaching on the American style of selling a simple message, a simple idea, that has six thousand people attending Destiny Churches each week throughout New Zealand. But they are borrowed ideas, borrowed by evangelists before him and no doubt after him, with an eye to make money. An easy way to make a quick buck.

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The chant "enough is enough" is not even new. It is commonly used by minority, religious and political groups. Yet it works for Destiny, as it seems to appeal to those who have been stung by modern society, via broken homes, drug/alcohol abuse and violence. The greatest number of members come from South Auckland, Gisborne, Porirua and Rotorua. All these places have a high Polynesian population and low socio economic lifestyle. BB presents to them through the church a symbol of their success, HE'S what they can be, HE'S their kind of hope.

Situated in a large covered warehouse, with hip hop music thumping on stage, large screens with power point presentations, a persuasive Bishop, microphone in hand, with his 'attractive' wife beside him, pastors moving amongst the members, urging that the growth of the Destiny Church and its message can only be spread from them... and their pockets.

Brian Tamaki demands that each member of his church give at least 10% of their income each week. He tells his members *if you don't give you are robbing from God, and you are doomed to go to Hell when you die*. How does he know this? Because God speaks through Bishop Brian. If the members are unable to give, they are 'pressured' by the pastors to meet their commitments. If they can't they are asked to leave the church. Naturally, this has been denied by BB.

That, of course, may help to explain why Brian Tamaki and his wife Hannah (whom he DID have a sexual relationship with before marriage) collect a 6 figure salary, live in a million dollar home, own a boat worth \$100,000, drive an \$80,000 car and Brian was able to buy himself a \$35,000 Harley Davidson motor bike for his birthday. On being asked about his apparent wealth, he quoted, "I see myself as the CEO of a successful business, and so I should receive the benefits that go with that job."

Sound the way of the lord? I think not. But what Brian Tamaki, his wife and the pastors he has gathered around him have done, is successfully market a religious cult through our own media. Through televised meetings of the church, marches, and setting a new political party, this evangelistic cult has been more successful than he could have dreamt. But is this church, this fledging political party, going to alter New Zealand as we know it now? I believe that it has the power to do so.

We are a passive society here in New Zealand. We are not accustomed to viewing a fascist looking group of people marching and chanting slogans at our government. This church, this man, has evoked the greatest of discussion. It divides us. The Destiny Church and its political party, Destiny New Zealand, appeal to the religious vote. If this party in upcoming elections can get enough votes, it could hold the balance of power in our parliament.

The gay community and their relationships would once again have to remain hidden, de-facto relationships unrecognised. This is not the way of the 21st Century. But New Zealanders remain passive through their actions. Why has there not been more of a public outcry, protesting against the way in which the Destiny Church

perceives gay people, and the Civil Union Bill? There has been no action. Only comment.

If Bishop Brian Tamaki and his church continue to grow at the rate it has done over the last six years, it will be too late. He predicts that he will be in a powerful political position in four years. Is this the man we want to lead our country? If successful, he says the position of leader, and I quote, "means you control the wealth, that means you control the riches, it means you control the politics, that means you control the social order, that means... I WILL BE IN CHARGE".

So ladies and gentlemen, this is the Destiny Church. This is your destiny. Your future. Your choice.

Chess Report

2005 is the most successful year to date for the NPBHS Chess Club, with more titles won by our chess members. With the inclusion of some very enthusiastic players we are certain of a strong future.

This year officially kicked off with the Central North Island Championships held at Southwell School, Hamilton. We were placed second, which was a superb outcome for our team of Tony Zhu, Kirill Radvanskiy, Sugapriyan Ravichandran and Tushar Sharma.

Francis Douglas Memorial College hosted the Taranaki Secondary Schools Tournament which we resoundingly won by securing the first two places. We entered two teams: NPBHS Black with Tony Zhu, Lee Wilson, Sugapriyan Ravichandran and Tushar Sharma. The other team was NPBHS White with Evan Andrews, Paul Andrews, Blair Saunders and Harley Bracken. Winning this tournament allowed us to enter the North Island Secondary School Championships held at Palmerston North in the September holidays. This was the first time NPBHS was represented. Eleven teams played a seven round Swiss over an intense weekend, with our four NPBHS representatives coming a very credible 5th equal having played all the hardest teams. Auckland Grammar emerged as the winners to play off against the South Island.

We would like to acknowledge the support of Transfield Worley for sponsoring our team that travelled to Palmerston North and to the School Council for helping with travel costs.

To Peter Halo, Errol Tuffrey and Bob Bowler we thank you for the many hours of coaching and encouragement you have given the players, and to our very strong group of supportive parents, thank you.

Mrs Mary Porteous
Teacher-in-Charge, Chess

World School

Michael Earby, Matthew Hitchings and Finnarr Kerr-Newell, accompanied by Ms French, left for Japan on 23rd October for the World School International Forum 2005. They joined students and teachers from nineteen other countries for seminars on Media Literacy in the 21st Century. The action-packed programme saw the group experiencing different cultures and confronting new ideas from early morning until late at night, until their return via Singapore on 7th November.

The boys were roomed with students from other countries whilst staying in Chiba, south-east of Tokyo. Friendships were soon formed as they all discovered interesting details about life in countries as diverse as India and Finland. The boys were expected to act as ambassadors for both New Plymouth Boys' High School and New Zealand.

After four nights in Chiba they caught a bus to Tokyo where their daytime activities were centred on Kanto International Senior High School, in Shibuya, the very heart of Tokyo. An important part of the group's duties whilst in Tokyo was to present New Zealand to the rest of the world. This was done by manning an information display about the country and answering many questions from people who often knew very little about this part of the world. The boys, of course, performed the School Haka and, as in past years, it was met with great enthusiasm. Whilst in Tokyo all participants were billeted with Japanese families. For the boys it was their first experience of Japanese life. It was also a wonderful opportunity for Matthew and Michael to use their knowledge of Japanese. The families took the boys to various areas of Tokyo at night when duties at the school had finished. The reality of living and getting around in a city of 14 million people was quite overwhelming, but memorable, for the boys.

After leaving Tokyo, the group returned to Chiba for more seminars and multi-cultural exchanges. On 6th November they stopped for one day in Singapore. The contrast between Tokyo and Singapore was very interesting and the group packed as much as possible into the short time available.

The group would again like to thank the Board for their support for the programme. The benefits to the boys are huge. It is certainly a time in their lives which they will always remember.



Matthew, Michael and Finnarr man their information display

Global Young Leaders Conference

For a number of years, New Plymouth Boys' High School has sent students to the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) in the United States of America. In 2005 it was the turn of sixth formers Daniel Hayles, Jonathan Fagg, Iain Zealand, Kieran Moorhead, Jason Johnstone and Andrew King, who left at the start of July for the USA.

GYLC is designed to cater for the youth of the world who are interested in learning the diplomatic, social and economic lessons of the past, debating policies of the present, and preparing for positions of national and global leadership in the future. The conference was held in Washington D.C. where the students were housed in the picturesque George Washington University Mount Vernon campus and at Manhattan University in New York City.

At registration, we were assigned the nations that we would represent throughout the conference, each nation had their own issues which would have to be resolved by young people from all over the world. Countries varied from the five great powers (USA, China, Russia, the UK and France) to the weakest of nations (Colombia, Turkey, Sierra Leone) as well as a mix of influential forces in between. Eventually, at the conclusion of the conference, all nations came together for the global summit where numerous resolutions were debated and eventually voted on, giving an insight into the processes of global politics.

From the moment of arrival at the conference itself, the people and the diverse backgrounds that were present amazed us. There were people from the UK, Turkey, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the Bahamas, Brazil, Australia, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Germany, Canada, the USA and of course a few more Kiwis than just the Boys' High group. All had



interesting things that they could talk about, and much was learnt about the world, simply through the socialising that occurred.

Most of the days at the conference featured a keynote address by a person of power. These ranged from Dr. Gary Weaver, who spoke about cross-cultural communication, to Mr. James Mawdsley, who recounted his experiences in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) where he was captured by the military government and tortured, all in the name of preventing the civil war which has been going for decades. All of the speakers gave a different view on the world, which certainly opened our minds to the great opportunities that exist for us in the future, and the startling inequalities which occur in our "civilised" world.

Of course a trip to the USA would not be complete without sightseeing of some sort. We visited places such as the Holocaust Museum, the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam war memorials plus the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. as well as the United Nations, Ground Zero, Empire State Building, Ellis Island and the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. All of this culminated in a cruise around New York harbour on the final evening, where the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge and other famous sights could be seen.

The Global Young Leaders Conference was certainly an experience that none of us from NPBHS will ever forget. From the amazing people we met, and the internationally recognised sights only available in America, to the influential speakers and quality staff that hosted us for the duration of the conference, the experience changed us all and we now have a different outlook on the world.

Andrew King

Chilean Student Exchange

This year saw a continuation of the relationship between the Colegio de San Nicolás de Myra and our school with a month long visit to New Plymouth by fifteen Chilean students and their teacher, Miss Vanly Hernández. It was wonderful to see the continued forging of links between the students and staff of our schools. Some of our New Zealand students were home-staying their second member from the same Chilean family or were reciprocating the hospitality of their own home-stay with a Chilean family.

Having to attend school in another country can be particularly boring when there is a lack of relevance and language problems, but the Chilean students made a real effort to take part in rugby, in cooking and in Maori, subjects that they would not have had the opportunity to experience at San Nicolas de Myra. The wonder at the greenness of New Zealand and the lushness of native forests prompted from them on their first day a memorable comment that "NZ was like something out of Jurassic Park." We managed to reciprocate the hospitality that had been shown to our group last year by taking them to the Waitomo Caves, Rotorua, Wellington, Dairyland, Tawhiti Museum as well as providing them with activities along the coast and within the city.

The Chilean students gained from this exchange both in their language skills and in their knowledge of the New Zealand way of life. Some students did have difficulties with home-sickness and in adjusting to life in New Zealand, perhaps because of language problems, or

perhaps because they did not fully understand some of our important family customs. But, with help, they were able to overcome these difficulties. By the end of their stay they were most reluctant to say goodbye with many declaring that they would be back.

The group's joy in our landscape and in our school and country's traditions, made it a rewarding experience to host them. It also made us very proud of who we are as New Zealanders and appreciative of who they were as Chileans. I would like to thank Mrs Patricia Merino Arriagada, and Mr Lyal French-Wright (el tío) for making the whole exchange possible.

Mrs Margaret Atkinson
HOD Languages



The Chilean students in Ryder Hall



Chilean and NPBHS pupils

Trip of a Lifetime: International Space School

In late July I flew with Kate Goddard from NPGHS to represent New Zealand at the International Space School in Houston, Texas. NPBHS and NPGHS are the only New Zealand schools who have the privilege to attend, this being due to an historical musical connection between a Boys' High teacher and the Space School founder six years ago.

At Los Angeles we were fingerprinted and photographed by US Homeland Security. All passengers on the flight even had to remove their shoes in order for them to be X-rayed. Announcements over the intercom said, "Any inappropriate remarks about security may lead to your arrest," and they weren't joking!

We finally staggered into our billets after 30 hours of travel and little food. We found Houston hot, full of thunderstorms, freeways and nine million people.

At the University of Houston, I teamed up with the other 35 students from 20 countries, from the Isle of Man to Bolivia. We were each interviewed for one of the four project teams: Getting to Mars, Living on Mars, Working on Mars and Lunar Base/Mission Control. My team worked on the lunar base, which, under Bush's plan, is to be a springboard to Mars.

In the first week we were shown around restricted areas of the Johnson Space Center. This included the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory, a pool 40ft deep! It would have potentially taken two days to fill, but if they had done so it would have used up the water supply of Greater Houston, water that supplies nine million people. On the floor of this pool is a full size replica space station, shuttle and Soyuz (the Russian Space Craft). Here, astronauts train in near Zero-G.

During the trip, the shuttle, 'Discovery', was launched. We watched it live on a massive screen. This was the first time a Space School had coincided with a launch, and it was definitely a highlight.

In our second week, we had many lectures from NASA officials and aerospace engineers. We even had a talk from the UN Adviser on space law. The lectures were very interesting, ranging from space travel, to life support in space and potential lunar bases. We were able to try on some astronaut gear for ourselves and examine the layers which made up the suit material. Glove design was important as, in the early space walks, after six hours the astronaut's hands would become blistered and bloody.

During the two weeks, we worked in our teams on a manned mission to Mars. As part of the Yellow Team, it was our job to make the Lunar base self-sufficient and able to manufacture the spaceship to Mars. Everybody worked really hard. Most days we were up by 6:30am and in bed no earlier than 11:30pm.

Suddenly, the day of the final presentation arrived. We presented our design of the Manned Mission to Mars, using PowerPoint, to a range of NASA officials and project mentors. It was our chance to be heard by some of the top people in the space field.

All in all, it was a great experience, well worth the six months of assignments beforehand. We all made some great friends and still communicate via email. If I had the chance, I would definitely go again. As it is, I can thoroughly recommend it to next year's students. The work was worth it and has reinforced my desire to pursue a career in engineering, possibly in the aerospace industry.

Lee Wilson
Year 12



Lee working on his project



Discovery Launching



Space Glove

Outdoor Education –**Expedition week (with Magoo)**

After a term's preparation of mountaineering, camping and navigational skills, we were finally ready for the pinnacle of our Outdoor Education year. Starting from Whakapapa Village, on the western side of the Tongariro National Park, we began our endeavour with a short one-hour tramp to find our campsite for the night near a tarn, (Mountain Lake) across from the Taranaki Falls. This was a pleasant tramp that suggested to us that this week would not be as tough as expected. How wrong we were.

After cooking up some porridge and a morning brew, then packing the tents away, (minding the environmental care code of course), we began our tramp for the Monday with a navigational assessment through some rather deceivingly long tussock grasses using features on the map. Sun block was a necessity on this unusually beautiful and hot early-spring day and we began to question why we had to carry 30kg worth of cold and wet weather gear on our backs. We then linked onto the Mangatepopo track, which lead us to the hut for lunch. (This is where the Tongariro Crossing starts from.) Here we got to experience fresh running water from a tap, non-stale pita bread for lunch, and our last place to unload in something that somewhat resembles a toilet. There was more tramping still to come though as a good 500 plus metres in contour lines still needed to be climbed to get ourselves to our second campsite at the far end of the Southern Crater of Mt Tongariro. Adam Morris questioned why we had to camp 500 metres away from a crack! Mr McGowan ensured him that this was not the case and it was in fact a track and not a crack that we had to camp far away from.

By 8pm it was fully dark and the boys were just about to hop into their tents when we were told to get out and complete our snow caves, as the shovels had to be given to the other class the next day. We spent until about 10pm that night, soaking wet, digging our snow caves only for them to collapse under the sun the next day.

Tuesday morning was spent digging steps in the snow and self-arresting with ice axes before we made our way up to an amazing view on the summit of Mt Ngauruhoe. We were extremely fortunate because the almost perfect weather allowed us to crampon around the steep crater and the many ridges which overlooked the entire area of the National Park surrounding Ngauruhoe. This was definitely one of the highlights of the trip. We spent that afternoon rebuilding our snow caves so that we could sleep in them that night.

Wednesday began with a steep climb with crampons on up to the summit of Mt Tongariro, where we met Mr Hewlett's class. Our good luck with the weather did not continue and the cloud closed in and blocked our view. Another eight-hour tramp, past the Red Crater and Oturere Hut to a campsite across the river from the Old Waihohonu Hut, followed this ascent. This tramp was rather painful for most, not just because of the long trip to the anticipated long drop at the hut, but also because of the agonising blisters that by now were covering our heels and toes. Another navigational assessment was also carried out on the way.

We awoke to cold and gusty wind and rain on our last day of the expedition. Camp was packed up quickly and spirits rose as we knew civilisation was only five hours away. No stops were needed or wanted as we powered along the Waihohonu track in an amazing

three hours, much to the surprise of our teachers, to finish our week back in Whakapapa village. Packs were then thrown off and sighs of relief were heard as we had accomplished more than we had set out to achieve. 2 summits, 35 plus kilometres worth of tramping with 30kg packs on, 2 snow caves, and skills that we can use for the rest of our (hopefully) adventurous lives.

Thank you to Mr McGowan and Mr Don Paterson who gave up a huge amount of their time to come with us and run the week. Without these people there is no way we could have experienced some of the amazing things we managed to do.

Daniel Fleming
Year 12



Y12 ODE Camp



Time for Bed - Very Cosy



Ice Axe Walk

Outdoor Education -**Expedition Week (with Mr. Hewlett)**

On the 12th of September Mr Hewlett's Outdoor Education class started our week long expedition through Tongariro National Park. On our first day, the goal was to reach the snow line. After three hours with 25kg packs, everyone seemed to have coped well with the first day of walking, with the exception of Hamish Lawn, whose blisters made his pace anything but blistering. We finally reached the snow-line on South Crater where we set up our base camp. This was a beautiful spot, on a beautiful day.

On the second day we woke to a stunning sunrise, causing the mist to rise off the plateau we were on. Our goal for this day was to reach a suitable place for digging a snow cave. After an hours walk in crampons up a ridge, we found a place to start digging a snow cave. Unfortunately one of the snow caves that Ormy, Johnst, Porty, Burls and Rawlins had dug, collapsed after four hours due to the hot sun melting it. However, spare room in other caves meant the people that wanted to sleep in a snow cave could do so. Snow caving was an awesome experience. Surprisingly, it was warmer than sleeping in a tent.

On the third day we climbed the summit of Mt Tongariro. It was a bracing trek up a ridge. We felt like little Edmund Hillarys climbing that mountain. We were "stoked as" to make it to the top. It was a great day to be alive. We had also managed to use crampons and ice axes successfully to reach our goal. After an exhilarating descent, we got back to camp and packed up ready to walk down to the bush line. After a six-hour walk we reached what would be our camp for the next two nights. The first night was beautiful weather, and the group was relieved to be out of the snow. What a great day to be alive!

On day four we had to carry out a navigation exercise through scrub and bush around the National Park. This exercise was tiring, but worthwhile, as it gained us hard-earned credits. Another great day to be alive!

On the last day we woke to miserable weather and walked fifteen kilometres to the chateau in a freezing cold snow storm. The whole group were grateful to be alive.

Thomas Burley
Year 12

Y13 History Trip

Mr Wild's favourite time of the year: two days of pure history and a bus full of devoted students. Yeah Right. As he lurched the rental car out of the Pridam car park, his seventh form history students eagerly awaited a debauched escape to Kiwi International Backpackers only 100m from K road.

Six hours later, this small group of provincials arrived awestruck by the towering Auckland skyline. Unfortunately, the sight of Ms Clark accompanying Prince Charles in central Auckland quickly dissolved fantasies of Lulu and Fifi.

Things got even worse when we contemplated the mission ahead: hours of dredging through dusty archives at the Auckland War

Memorial Museum. Yes, it was time for Mr Wild's fantasies: nothing but blood, sweat, toil and tears. On a more serious side the museum work did prepare us for tertiary study, especially research.

Of course, we returned home immensely enriched and enlightened. The exploits of our forebears during the war showed us life wasn't so bad after all. Plus we had some good entertainment. Mr Wild hooned though Otorohaunga jammed in first gear and lost himself in Te Kuiti.

Lastly, thanks to Mr Harland and Mr Wild for putting up with us, and helping to prepare us for the rigours of academia.

Matthew Magner
Year 13

Y13 Geography trip to Thailand

On the morning of July 5th, thirteen tired students, Mr Vercoe, Mr Russell and Mr Rob Brown departed in convoy en route to Auckland to begin the much anticipated geography trip to Thailand 2005. After over 12 hours of flight time, with a brief stop over in Sydney, we touched down at Bangkok Airport at midnight local time.

While exiting the airport, we were greeted by a solid 32 degree heat which left some of us gasping and cursing. When we finally arrived at our hotel we were ready for bed. In the morning we couldn't wait to get outside and take in all that Bangkok had to offer. The highlights of Bangkok would be; the Wat Poh and Wat Arun temples, which outlined a lot of the traditions and religious beliefs of the Thai people, the view of the endless city from the 87th floor of the tallest building in Bangkok; and the amazing race through the city centre which was won by the only team that didn't cheat.

Pat Pong Road was also an experience for its crazy markets and surrounding sleaze shops. Tuk Tuks Taxis were the fastest way of getting around this bustling city and advice from Mr Russell to keep all parts of the anatomy inside was definitely valuable.

After four nights in Bangkok, we flew down to Phuket Island to spend the remaining days at Kata beach. While in Phuket we were involved in some life changing activities. These included: snorkelling off Phi Phi Island; being able to see first hand the devastation of the December 26th tsunami on the landscape and people of Phi Phi Island; and the Go Karts, which caused much childish rivalry.

After five amazing nights, we picked up our freshly-made suits, packed our bags full of bounty from the markets, said our goodbyes, or in many cases 'I'll-be-back's', and began the 24 hours of ruthless travel back home to New Zealand.

All in all, this trip was an experience that we will never forget. Thanks must go out to Mr Vercoe and Rob Brown for their supervision and endless comic comments, and huge thanks must go to Mr Russell for his organisation of this whole trip.

Korp khun krup, Sawatdee krup.

Finn Peters
Year 13



ESOL Department

This year the ESOL Department has had thirty students from all over the world. There are fifteen international fee-paying students from the Maldives, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Fiji and China. As well as these students, there are eleven day boys who have come with their families to live in New Zealand from China, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Bangladesh and South Africa.

Term Two saw the welcome arrival of Sugapriyan Ravichandran, a Year Twelve student from Malaysia, and Alex Yim a Year Twelve Korean student. Both are excellent students, who have settled in well and have added a lot to the ESOL Department by tutoring other students. Alphred Li, a Year Twelve student arrived in Term Four from China and Justin Fynn has just started school this week. Unfortunately, Johnny Mai, a Year Eleven student, left to go to Westlake Boys' in Auckland at the end of Term Two.

The exchange students this year include: Michael Reuter from Germany, who is in Year Eleven; Romain Stas de Rochelle from Belgium, Love Calissendorf from Sweden, Pietro Roulph from Italy, who are all Year Twelve students; and Sebastiano Neffe Roche des Santos, who is a Year Thirteen student from Portugal. They have all made a huge impact on the ESOL room because of their involvement with sport and peer support within our department. They tutor some of our junior students in Maths and have become very popular. They have replaced Sergei Simidzioski, an AFS student from the Hague, who is really missed by us all because he embraced the kiwi culture and fitted in so well. The whole ESOL class went to the airport to farewell him 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, Carlos de Gracia from Panama and Gorgio Sacerdoti from Italy.

Each year the ESOL Department achieves new goals. This year we have two international students who are boarding prefects: Yu Ishikawa is a Japanese student, who has been here at school since Year Nine. He is a top student who is going to study Medicine at

Otago next year. He is an excellent sportsman, playing in the Senior Volleyball team and also the Basketball First V, as well as being a talented athlete and swimmer. He is a legend in boarding, because in his first term in Year Nine he won the Junior Swimming Championship and then went on to become the Junior Athletics Champion as well. He set a fine standard for the junior boarders, so it is fitting that he was Year Nine prefect in boarding this year.

Min Lee is the first Korean student to become a prefect. He has organized and managed weekly sports fixtures between international day boys and international boarders, which has brought all the boys closer together. The ESOL room has developed a really harmonious atmosphere this year and a lot of credit for this has to go to Min and his efforts. Also, for the first time, we have two overseas students who have earned Tiger jackets. Joon-ho Choi is the Korean student who plays for the Taranaki Men's Golf Team and was in the team to win the New Zealand Secondary School National Final in Golf last year and Yu Ishikawa has his Tiger jacket for Basketball and Volleyball.

Tony Zhu, a Year Thirteen student from China, is the captain of the school Chess Team, a finalist in the Young Achiever's Award and winner of the Calculus prize. Mazin Rafeeq is joining Tony Zhu at Canterbury University. Mazin decided to study Business after spending a week at Massey in the holidays on an Enterprise Scholarship. Victor Wang is also studying Business at Auckland University. Min Lee is going to study Commerce and Sports Studies at Massey. Joon-ho Choi is to study at university in Korea. Yu Ishikawa is to study Medicine at Otago. Kerwyn Fynn is planning to study Design at WITT and his brothers Darren and Kurt have both got apprenticeships. These are very pleasing results.

The ESOL department is going from strength to strength. As well as learning English, these students from many different cultures are contributing to the life of the school. We hope to continue our success with new and continuing students in 2006.

Mrs Val Moore
Dean of International Students



Commerce Department

Our Year 13 Economics students have participated with success in National competitions. In July, Jeffrey Fong, Bohan Linn, Pirmin Patel and Andrew Webber won Certificates of Distinction in the Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge, a competition that involves students analysing economic indicators, formulating appropriate monetary policy and presenting this to representatives from the RBNZ.

Andrew Webber placed in the High Distinction category (top 5%) in the PwC NZ Economics Competition while Jeffrey Fong, Bohan Linn and Pirmin Patel achieved Distinction awards.

Andrew was also selected to attend a three day forum for Commerce students in Auckland during the holidays, which involved analysing the roles of selected business leaders in New Zealand. Andrew has been invited to attend this conference again in 2006 when he will be eligible for selection to attend the APEC Leaders Summit in Vietnam as an observer.

Year 13 students have successfully completed a Level 5 Marketing paper delivered by WITT as part of their Enterprise course. This new initiative has proved successful and we are likely to continue our involvement with WITT in the future.

The introduction of Unit Standards with criteria for Achievement with Merit in a new field called Business Education is an exciting development. These standards will qualify towards NCEA at Levels 1, 2 and 3 and contribute towards entrance to university. We will be phasing these into our senior Enterprise courses as the standards become registered from 2006. This initiative is long overdue and recognises the growing importance of Enterprise education in New Zealand.

Mr Iain McGowan
HoD Commerce

Technology Department

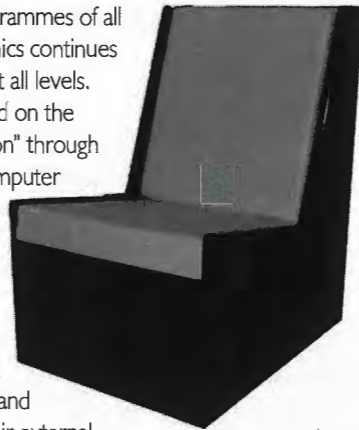
2005 has seen staffing changes and the curriculum development that began at the end of 2004 has continued. After a brief time with us, Alan Craig, our Scottish Technology teacher, decided that the sunshine and palm trees of Aberdeen were more appealing than the lifestyle in New Zealand. He returned home at the end of Term One with his wife and four children. He was replaced by Mr Evan Hoskin, who came to us from Hawera High School, where he had been responsible for Graphics.

Mr Malcolm Rose retired during Term Two, and was replaced Mr Mark Hopkins who came to us from the Kapiti coast.

The department members have been encouraged by our new Junior Technology programmes that are seeing the students having meaningful experience in electronics and control, planning and materials Technology. A special thanks to the two assistant HoD's - Mr Andy Evans for his work with the electronics and Junior Technology programmes, and Mr Allen Jones for his work with the metal technology programmes and many other aspects of the day-to-day running of the department.

Our vision for offering a range of NCEA Technology subjects at various levels is taking shape. Practical subjects in wood and metal are being offered alongside multi-material workshop subjects and electronics. We are developing one of the most diverse

and effective Technology programmes of all the schools in Taranaki. Graphics continues to be a very popular subject at all levels. With an emphasis being placed on the need for "visual communication" through drawing, presentation and computer applications, our students are being presented with challenging and rewarding design courses in Graphics. Many of our Year 13 students this year have produced work that is of a very high standard and will be very competitive in their external assessment and Scholarship level.



Across the board our results are very favourable compared to national results, but we are still not sure that we are getting the best from our students. Continual review of our programmes and the introduction of many new mediums for presentation of work will see the students producing outcomes in a commercial manner.

Thanks must also go to the other assistant teachers, Mr Chris Nicholls and Mr Steven Leppard, for your hard work, enthusiasm and wit throughout the year.

Mr Craig Thomas
HoD Technology and Graphics

Library Report

It has been quite a successful year in the library. Mrs Jean van Beers has continued to be an efficient "boss" of the library, closely supported by the teacher/librarian Ms Kathy Gracia. However, the biggest kudos must go to the volunteer librarians: Matthan Gray, Lachlan Grant, Alexander Grieg-More, Kyle Mottram, Hayden Lowe, Daniel Phillips and the recent appointment of our latest librarian, the delightfully helpful Chris Whitmore. These boys are the ones who keep the library going throughout the year. We have also had the pleasure and privilege of having Mrs Loversuch here while she was learning the ropes of running a library.



The new electronic resource system EPIC (Electronic Products in Collaboration) is in place, and has been reasonably well utilised by both staff and students. The range of materials available for perusal has been incredibly beneficial for those who have used the system. International magazines, newspapers, biographies, reference works and images are all available on the system.

There have also been a number of displays over the course of the year which have created interest in the books on display. Thanks must go out to Mr Kevin Dickson who created a fantastic display on hunting, and even went so far as to come in and talk to the boys about hunting and the use of a rifle. This generated a lot of interest, in the pros and cons of getting a gun licence!

More importantly is the incredible range of books which have been purchased for the library this year. Working hand in hand with both the Literacy Committee, and the Learning Support team, a number of books have been purchased which should appeal to the full range of readers we have at NPBHS.

Thank you again to the student librarians for your help and dedication in keeping the library a cheerful and vital part of the school. With a solid team in place, we can look forward to another good year in 2006.

Transition Report

Yellow Ribbon

Despite difficulties experienced by the Yellow Ribbon Organisation, on a national basis, the Taranaki Help Trust has done a wonderful job in keeping the "It's Ok to Ask for Help" Peer Support Programme alive in the Central Districts Area.

This year 20 boys were trained as Ambassadors and took part in an excellent training day. The contribution of the boys was very positive and the week of lunchtime activities which followed to launch the Yellow Ribbon Programme was spectacular. Fear Factor Eating, Custard Eating, Giant Boxing and a Car Smash were great fun and lifted the profile of the Ambassadors, who other boys were then able to talk to.

Whilst it is difficult to single out individuals, the contribution to the organisation of these activities made by Paul Meuli was outstanding.

STAR

This year 18 Courses of various types have benefited from STAR funding. Boys obtain credits working in areas in which they have particular interest. Star funding is aimed at the facilitation of transition from school to employment in its widest form. This may mean moving from school to employment, school to further study or indeed retention at school, allowing students a longer and better directed transitional period.

Peer Student Support Team

This year five boys were involved in this Taranaki Healthcare Unit initiative. After initial training the boys are expected to make themselves known around the school and be available to explain to boys where they will be able to find improved information on health issues.

An interesting off-shoot of this programme is the proposed establishment of a One Stop Shop to be opened in town where youth can get help and advice on health issues and other things that concern them.



School Council Report

The NPBHS School Council operates to provide a leadership forum for boys to express their views on school-wide issues, and to deal with requests for funding for various sporting and cultural activities that assist the needs of boys in the school.

This year the council has provided funding of over \$15,000 to assist boys in teams and individual pursuits. Funding comes from: a generous grant each year from the PTA (this year's grant was \$5,000); school dances between NPGHS and NPBHS (over \$7000 this year); and multi-days. As well as providing financial assistance for pupils, the Council also gives donations to various national and community charities.

Each house selects four boys to represent their house (one at each level, apart from Year 9) and, along with the Head Boy of each House and the four Housemasters, the council is formed for the year. Mr Bayly (the Deputy Principal), Mr Rowlands (Assistant Principal) and Mr Geange (the staff representative) also sit on the council, along with a treasurer and secretary who are appointed each year. This year, these positions were filled by Gavin Roper and Deon Webb.



NPBHS School Council 2005

Back Row: Paul Meuli, Hamish Lawn, Simon Mills, Gabriel Davies, John Felton, Hayden Ballayntyne, Ryan Harris-Hayes.
Middle Row: Shaun McAree, Iain Zealand, Mr Richard Turner, Mr Bruce Bayly, Mr Jed Rowlands, Mr Geoff Hall, Mr Justin Hyde, Mr Kevin Gledhill, Daniel Fleming.
Front Row: Melvin Chand, Deon Webb, Gavin Roper, Matthew Ander, Andrew Webber, Andrew Keller, Chad Mills.

Meetings, chaired by the Head Boy, are held twice monthly at lunchtime throughout the year. This year, Matt Ander performed this task admirably, ensuring that everyone's ideas were thoroughly discussed and that business was conducted in an appropriate and orderly fashion.

Mr Gledhill, as Head of Donnelly, was allocated responsibility for the Inter-House Sporting programme (a role he has undertaken for the last seven years), Mr Turner took charge of overseeing mufti days, and Mr Hyde was responsible for social activities.

During 2005, NZ representatives: Shaun Stanley (Surfing), Kelsey Matheson (Karate), Kyle Manu (Athletics), Ben Riley (Triathlon), Edmund Smith (Soccer), and the In-Line Hockey players, Sam Franklin, Nick Craig, Michael Roberts and Trent Kemsley, were all allocated funding to assist in their travel expenses, as was Lee Wilson (NASA trip to USA) and the Global Young Leaders Conference in the USA attendees.

Sporting and cultural team expenditure this year amounted to almost \$12,000.

A special thanks to the treasurer and secretary, Gavin Roper and Deon Webb, for overseeing the record keeping of the financial affairs, and to the House members who attended the meetings.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Master-in-Charge, School Council Finances

PTA

The PTA has had a very successful year and has been involved in a wide range of activities to support both the parents of the boys and the school itself. Guest speakers at the monthly meetings have included boys who had been involved in The Hillary Challenge Team, The International Space School, The School Council, and others who have presented business ideas to the committee. The Headmaster has also kept us well informed of all that has been happening in the school and has answered any concerns or queries from the committee. We also had the opportunity to tour the new hostel facilities and hear about hostel life, and the new Designing Careers programme and the school discipline system were explained at other meetings.

We held two large and very well attended seminars at the school. One was a Spectrum Education seminar on Study Skills and Knowledge and this was also presented to all Year 11 boys. The other was a seminar called "Hot Tips on Parenting Teenagers" presented by Ian Grant. Both these seminars were sponsored by the PTA. We have made donations to the School Council to help with boys' sporting and cultural activities, we serve refreshments at Parent Interviews, we are involved in the Workday, and also provide some prizes for the school prize giving. Our big focus is now the gully seating and we will be working towards this goal next year.

NPBHS Masterpiece Television

Early in the year, Mr French-Wright was approached by Paul Mills of Taranaki Channel 7 TV. He offered his assistance in the production of a television series. Miss Kerr, Mr Johnston, student teacher, Mr Roach, and Mr Benton had a series of meetings with interested boys and NPBHS MASTERPIECE TELEVISION was formed. As this was the first ever television show NPBHS has created, and in fact the first school TV show out of all the Super 8 Schools, there was a tremendous amount of dedication and enthusiasm needed from all involved to make it all happen.

Seven television shows in all were produced, directed by Mark Armstrong, whose autocratic leadership style always ensured the show was ready by the deadline each week.

The show was fronted by our anchorman Laine Barnett, who wasn't very good at interviewing but was absolutely brilliant as our front man. Alexander Grieg-More co-hosted at times. Our dynamic interviewers, Joav Abraham-Beerman and Iain Zealand, interviewed many interesting people: Good Trash, an all-girls band from St Mary's; Mr Lyal French-Wright on the five million dollar new wing development for the school; Mr Jed Rowlands, coach of the New Zealand women's rugby team; Eight Orange Orchard, a SKA band; Taranaki Cheer Leaders, starring Anthony Barkle; Mr Les Emslie, board secretary; Jared Hendry, cameraman for 7 Taranaki; Chris Whitmore, one of the important special needs students within our school; and Mathew Benton, Jazz Saxophonist.

The technical crew involved were Adam Whitehead as floor manager and camera man, Robbie Weston as visual mixer and special effects and Geraint Scott as sound technician.

Andrew Raynes wrote the marvellous skits which were performed by himself, Sam Tait and Mathew Hitchings, who joined later in the series.

In summary, this was a massive undertaking, not realised at the start, however it ended in the production of a high standard of television. The boys learned how to organise themselves to write scripts, arrange interviews, create run sheets and meet deadlines. These skills will hold the boys in great stead for their future careers.

Methanex Maths Spectacular

This annual event gives the regions budding mathematicians an opportunity to showcase their talents. The competition is open to all students from Years 7 to 10. The number of entries is amazing and the increasingly high standard of the work on display is a credit to the students and their teachers. Prizes are awarded in 10 different categories from individual, group and class projects to artworks, poetry and creative writing. From these section winners, an overall prize winner is chosen.

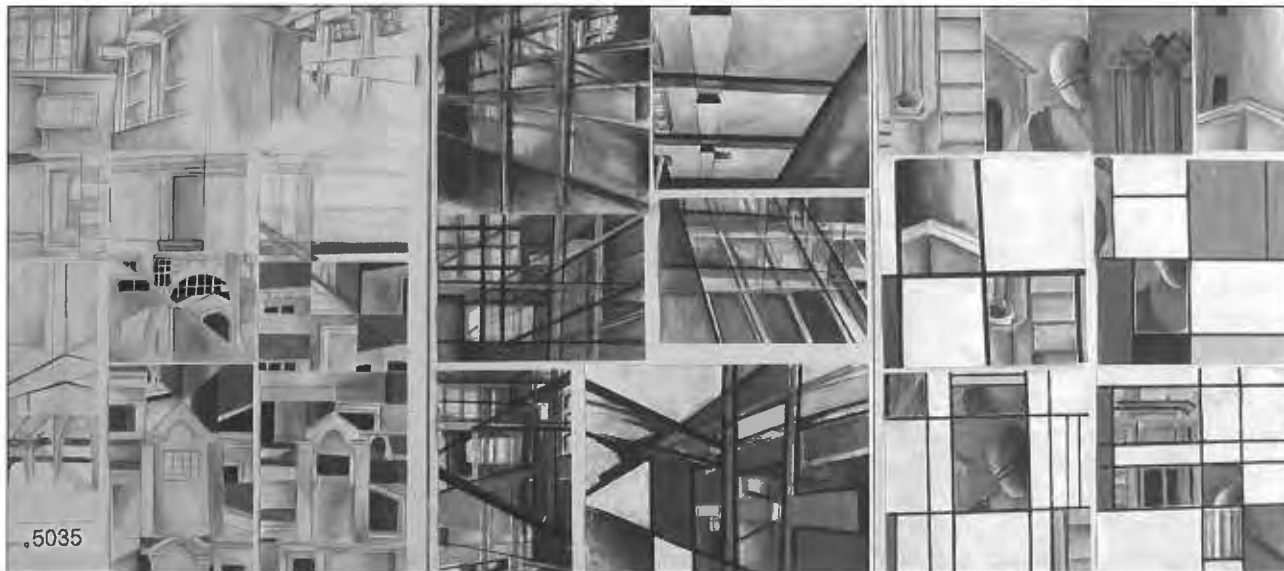
New Plymouth Boys' High School has always been very well represented at the Maths Spectacular, and this year was no exception. Our boys won 21 prizes, including 7 first places, 5 second places, 2 third places and 7 merit awards. This year's overall prize was won by a NPBHS Year 10 student, Chris Hewlett. Chris invented a very impressive and challenging board game involving a great deal of problem solving and strategic thinking. The game is set in medieval times and Chris has manufactured beautiful playing pieces to represent the different types of warriors doing battle.

One of the highlights of each Spectacular is the quiz evening. This is a team event in which students from all Taranaki High Schools pit their mathematical wits against each other, in a race against the clock. This year, teams from NPBHS won both the Year 9 and Year 10 quizzes, a truly outstanding achievement.

Mrs Alison Slater

2005 Maths Spectacular Results

Year	Name	Category	Placing
9	James Linehan	Poster	First
9	William Tennant	Three Dimensional Artwork	Merit
10	Paul Hermann	Three Dimensional Artwork	First
10	Thomas Wilson	Poetry & Creative Writing	Merit
9	Daniel King	Individual Project	First
9	Chris Rutten	Individual Project	Second
9	Chris Lepper	Individual Project	Third
9	Nick Harvey	Individual Project	Merit
9	James Linehan	Individual Project	Merit
10	Chris Hewlett	Individual Project	First
10	Paul Andrews	Individual Project	Second
10	James Hewett	Individual Project	Third
10	Toby Jordan	Individual Project	Merit
9	Mathew Girvan / Hamish Fagg	Group Project	First
9	Jordan Moratti / Matthew Burton	Group Project	Second
9	David Stevens / Vincenzo Smolenski	Group Project	Merit
10	Cameron Grubb	Maths in the Workplace Project	First
10	James McKerrow	Maths in the Workplace Project	Second
10	Jeremy Whyte	Maths in the Workplace Project	Merit
10	10Mat Mr Achary	Class Project	First
10	10Mat Mr Dominikovich	Class Project	Second =



Allen Wong



Callum Barnett



Daniel Mornich

Descriptions

Night and Day at the Bay

Jason Oliver (Yr 11)

New Year's Eve and night had fallen on the moonlit waters of Boat Harbour. The gentle waters lapped at the damp, grainy sand and rocked the boats anchored in the bay. The boats creaked, groaned and strained against the rusty chains holding them in place, trying to break free. Delicate winds swirled through the thick tangled tops of the evergreens, nestled close together as if trying to keep warm. The ancient branches creaked as they swayed to and fro in the wind and the leaves rustled impatiently in anticipation of what the night had in store. Because tonight was New Year's Eve and the campers were having a party.

As the generator began its monotonous hum, the music blared to life. The beats of the bass thundered out over the bay, completely overpowering the sounds of the lapping waters and the swirling breeze. Delicious barbecue smells wafted around the beach, filling each and every camper's nose with delight. Wine glasses and beer bottles chinked together as the rowdy campers drank to the New Year. As the night wore on, the swirling breeze turned into a whistling gust. The ripples on the dark water transformed into small waves that sloshed onto the beach, leaving behind mangled clumps of seaweed and the occasional piece of knotted and twisted driftwood. The campers began to sing and dance to the beats of the music now bellowing out over the pitch black waters. Boat Harbour was alive.

New Year's morning arrives and slowly the cove returns to its natural pure tranquillity. No longer do the funky beats bellow out over the bay. No more do the aromatic smells of sizzling meat on the barbecue float in the air. The only songs sung today are by the melodious tui and the fluttering fantail darting from branch to branch in the ancient oak trees. Soon the chirping cicadas join the birds in their lifelong song and the symphony begins. The bright rays of the sun shine like lights bouncing off a disco ball as they create millions of tiny lights on the rippling lake. High up above the bay, a tiny plant flies through the sky, occasionally being covered by a puffy, pure white cloud. The air is pleasantly warm to the touch, as is the dry golden sand glistening in the sunlight. Down on the beach, the ducks quack and splash in the crystal clear shallows of the lake that now laps so gently against the beach it is almost silent. This morning the trees are still. There is no wind to stir them like the night before. Today, all is still.

One by one the campers emerge from their floating homes on the lake. Some dive over the side straight into the cool waters for an early morning swim. Others start their boat's engines and they roar to life. The calm water is disturbed as the menacing propellers slice beneath the water. The boats, big and small, create mini-waves as they glide slowly through the blue lake and the ducks bob up and down as they hunt for scraps from the party. Soon all the boats are gone and once again the harbour is returned to its natural state. The birds sing and the gentle waves caress the beach. All is quiet. All is at peace.

Thirty degrees difference

Jason Holden (Yr 11)

In winter, it has never looked so inviting. The thin, steep, sloping strip of snow that is the Stratford ski-field is something to marvel at. Lying sheltered in the middle of two monstrous ridges, it lets the teenage sun dazzle its rays upon its slopes and produces a masterpiece of deep blues, snow-whites and vibrant gold. A seemingly never-ending train of vehicles travelling cautiously up the mountain's treacherous ice-smear roads shows promising signs for the day to come. When the death of their panting engines announces the arrival at their targeted destination, I notice how their eyes widen with astonishment as they are met by, and overcome with, a scene of snow-topped trees and the stunning view of what is the Taranaki region.

Up on the mighty ski-field, the slope is carpeted with countless layers of packed snow and a feeble dusting of new powder lies like a blanket over the surrounding terrain of white-tipped trees and mountain houses. Small, soft, curing patterns indented into the snow down the left of the T-bar show that the snow groomer has been out early this fine morning doing its daily chores, but is no doubt back home now, snug in its shed. Small, fluffy tongues of semi-frozen mountain tussock fight to stay above the whiteness that has over-powered and consequently engulfed the rest of the now-hibernating vegetation. Skiers slice through the top icy layers of snow that are yet to be thawed by the sun which is growing older by the hour. The proud, monstrous ski-lifts look like guardians over this, their thriving strip of happiness. The never-ending drone of them dragging skiers up the slopes is only drowned out by the mad whoops from below. Upon removing my fogged goggles, my eyes are met with a scene of purity, nothing but whiteness, and I take a moment to marvel at the beauty of this picturesque scene. Just to the right of the uppermost T-bar, on a ridge exposed to the wind, there is a set of rocks, shaped like an enormous stack of mouth-watering pancakes, and almost immediately after this . . . short, sharp, smells of food, hot food, confront my nose, only to awaken the roaring hunger that I have been trying to keep away.

Then, in summer, as if stolen overnight, the snow vanishes and it is not so appealing. However, one piece of dying ice remains, trying to hold on, hold on until next season, but it, as all of the other snow did, will meet the same end. The water from the melted snow and ice trickles down the bare slope, gouging scars deep into this once-beautiful place, thriving with people. All that is left now is a sad, sulking, dirty hill that has nothing more to offer than the rest. Once reigning supreme over all, the lifts have lost their dignity and their ugly metal skeletons are out of place. Great masses of moss and grime gather at their feet. Hundreds of sad clumps of tussock are littered all over the slope like rubbish. They raise their many tongues to the trying yellow sun in an effort to shock themselves back into their original routine and out of the deep coma that they have to fall subject to once a year. Dying, bare poles which have just had their white blanket of pureness removed, are left exposed and made redundant until next season when they will once again be needed to create a flawlessly smooth T-bar track. The air is a swirling torrent of bird calls and summer smells of warmth and new life.

Three determined hardly souls ascend the barren ski field slopes, and then on to the white peak freckled with rocks above, to reach the mountain's snowy summit.

Only the sheltered crust of the summit crater stays still and chilled as the seasons come and go.

Narratives

Cold Comfort

Jonathan Folwell (Yr 9)

It seemed that even the clouds wept. A smattering of rain cascaded off the dry, drab wild grass, and I was drenched in it. I stood there, over the body of the one so dear to me.

Brother

At that moment, a memory filled my mind. Of my brother as a child, helping me off the ground with a welcome arm, after I had fallen off our swing. Still I stood there, dishevelled and dirty, with the sympathetic rain hiding the lonely tear clinging to my face. The bitter wind ripped through the grass, tossing it angrily here and there, and in the distance; the mighty rumble of thunder, God's judgement on this day, raced and rippled across the plain. Oblivious to all but the one on the ground before me, I gazed tearfully at the pale ghost of a man that was my brother. Desperately I searched his pallid and lifeless eyes for the spark of joy that in life was ever-present. There was none. Death had taken from him his compassion and the character that my brother was. Something was wrong. Something was missing. As I looked up, the sky flashed, and the remorse inside me turned to sudden anger. A terrible fire-fuelled rage swelled inside me, and an inhuman animal snarled from within. I was berserk, bereft of all rational thought, like a predator, crazed and merciless.

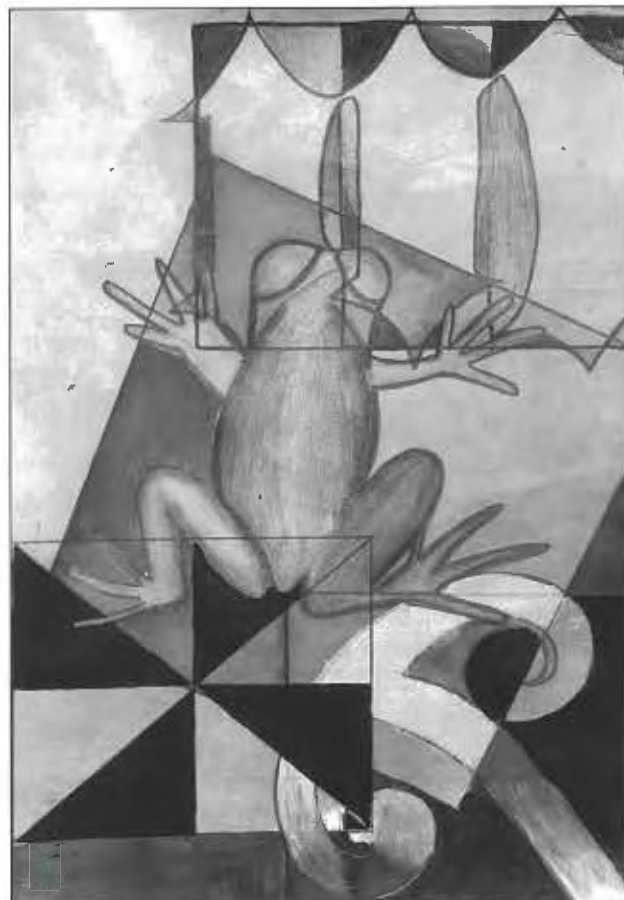
I picked up my rifle. Its handle smooth and subtle in my grip, and I felt a great surge of power and control, as I now held the means for whether the Enemy lived or died. With one deft leap, I reached the crest of the hill. Shell casings flew from the belly of my gun, as again and again it spat its leaden death into the trench before it. Man after man fell to its explosive bark, as it poured all its energy into each killing bite from its muzzle. When a cramped finger clicked repeatedly on an empty barrel, and the gun was once again quiet, no Enemy remained.

Almost immediately rage subsided, and I was filled with a sudden devastation and deep disgust at what I had done. I cast aside the gun lamely into the dark, wet mud, condemning it to rust in the wild grasses of the plain.

That's when I saw him, standing before me, the last of the Enemy, the only one to escape my maelstrom of death. In his hand, a silver revolver, sleek and shining, trained on my heart. I stared defiantly and unflinchingly at his face. His eyes, narrowed in hatred, his mouth, curled into a derisive sneer. In the second before the shot, I felt nothing: no remorse; no aggression; no emotion; nothing.

The bullet flew into my chest and beyond, and I was left gasping, forcing the breath that wouldn't come. A second shot, just below the first, ripped into me and tore through my saddened, sickened heart. There was no pain, only a pervading cold that crept from my chest to my head.

The colourful world that I once knew transfigured itself into a landscape of black and white, dull and ethereal. The enemy before me faded away, to be replaced by the kind visage of my brother. This was truly my brother, not the corpse on the hill, with his kind smile and warm hand beckoning me to join him. I took the hand he offered, and was lifted away from the low, lifeless shell that lay on the ground. No more would my sickened heart suffer in lonely anguish, for my jovial spirit was free. I was drawn to the light emanating from my brother, like a moth to a light bulb, and I felt no regret or sadness as I left the real world to join my brother in the stars.



Michael White

Cameron Hooper



The New Me

Mark Campbell (Yr 9)

Nothing like this had ever happened in class before. I was not known for completing my homework, but this day was different. I was one of those guys who hated homework. I'd get homework from school and think "Nah, I'll do it later." But I never would. I was always getting in trouble at school. Do you think I'd learn? No! But things were about to change.

I started to see that boys who did their homework knew more than me. They did well in class and I struggled. I knew if I did the work, I could be like them. I had it in me to pass exams. It was up to me – no-one else. The time had come for me to change. My English teacher, Mr Elgar, wanted the class to write an essay and finish it for homework. He looked straight at me. I hated writing essays, but decided to give it a go.

Mr Elgar would be so proud of me. All my teachers would get a surprise. It was like being hit by lightning. All of a sudden things changed. The new me. Looking back I couldn't understand why I had hated homework and why I was always making excuses. I had more time with my mates because I wasn't getting detentions. It took hours to complete my essay but I did it.

I have learnt that when I am given homework I will try hard to get it done because you learn more and it will keep your teachers happy.

Stretcher Race

(why I did it, I'll never know)

Carl Garrett (Yr 10)

I'm standing in the middle of aisle five.

I'm trembling.

I'm covered in sweat. Am I crazy to be doing this?

No.

In fact, I would be crazy NOT to do this. This sort of opportunity doesn't present itself everyday. Besides, it's a great day for some extreme stretcher racing. The floors are polished, which means less traction, and the nurses are on their lunch break.

I look over at my fellow racing partner, Prasad. He, like me, is in a half-body cast, except he's done his legs in, whereas I've smashed up my rib-cage and my scapula has been shattered. But for today, we've put our cultural and medical differences behind us so we can unite and attempt to set the world stretcher racing record.

"All set?" asks Prasad, as he straps himself securely onto his stretcher.

"Ready when you are!" I shout back at him, as I check the tightness of all of my safety harnesses.

"OK, then GO!" hollers Prasad.

I grab the handrail and pull. I'm like an Olympic rower as each arm swings forward and pulls on the hand rail, accelerating me down

the hallway. It's truly sensational. I'm reaching amazing speeds as I descend down the New Plymouth Base Hospital Intensive Care Unit access ramp. The wind is crashing into my face and the strong scent of disinfectant burns my nostrils. I position myself in what I consider to be the most aerodynamic position, lying flat on my back. I like to call this 'the really, really good aerodynamic-lying-down-pose-position'. I pass the cordon bleu headquarters and I take the jelly and ice-cream which I can't wait to have for lunch. Prasad is at my side and he's still going hard, still using the handrail to gain velocity. I can see the Intensive Care Unit hairpin approaching us and move into a turning position, with my back at a forty-five degree angle and my legs held tight together. The corner jumps out at me. I lash my legs across the stretcher and lean inwards. My stretcher goes into a drift as I slide around the corner. I heave my legs back and the tail end of my stretcher whips into one of the Intensive Care Unit doors.

"Sorry," I yell back at them as I continue down the straight at high speeds. I can see the stairwell that leads to the finish line. I charge down the straight using the gas pipe above me to pull myself forward. I've reached my terminal velocity and I'm quite close to lifting off the ground, but due to an ingenious spoiler which I have attached to the back of my stretcher, I remain on the ground and safe. I'm almost at the dreaded stairwell, I begin the necessary preparations to tackle the stairwell, but I can see something moving in front of me. I swerve just in time to avoid a lethal crash with dear old Mrs Little who's gone for a joy ride on her flash new wheelchair. The back of my stretcher swings into the wall. My head is jolted roughly into the side of my stretcher, I keel over in pain, not realising that I've gone completely off course. I'm heading right for the elevator! I pull myself together only to find I'm about to crash into Mrs Vtiger-Smith, an ICU patient! I swerve, clipping the elevator door, which sends me flying down the stairs. I get thrown around in my stretcher like a shirt in a dryer. I can feel my ribs cracking. I roll out the front door and out onto Devon Street. I narrowly avoid a collision with several cars, causing three fatal accidents. I have to stop.

If I don't stop soon I'll be a dead man. This was a crazy, bad, dumb, stupid idea and why I chose to do it I will never know.

There's only one way to do it. I, Carl Warren Garrett, patient of New Plymouth Base Hospital, am going to abandon my life support vehicle at excessive speed.

"Why must the good depart their lives at such a tender age?" I shout, as I hurl myself onto the asphalt.

Everything stops, pain is no longer an issue, all I'm thinking is why I had been so stupid to take part in such a stupid race. I also wondered where my friendly companion Prasad has gone. I sincerely hope his fate has not been as unfortunate as mine. I turn around only to find I'm staring into the eyes of death. A fully loaded forty-foot Mainfreight truck is rocketing towards me.

"Oh no," I exasperate.

It hits me, crushing my bones under its colossal weight.

The Room

David Thomson (Yr 10)

The sun was setting earlier than usual. Something just did not feel right. The old house was dark and covered with shrubs. Carlos's great Auntie had just passed away and it was his family's job to clear the house so it could be sold.

"Why do we have to go now, when it is so dark?" Carlos asked his mother and father. His parents just had a chuckle to themselves. Carlos's parents turned their car into a long driveway. It seemed to take forever for the vehicle to get to the home. The driveway had so many old, crumbling statues on the way in, with a lot of hedging.

After, what seemed forever, the car pulled up beside the house. Carlos's parents got out almost immediately, but Carlos was glued to his seat; he was just fine in the car. After a long period of discussion, Carlos's parents finally persuaded him to get out of the car. "Wow", was all that Carlos could say to the monstrous house.

The family made their way in the front door. After taking one step inside the house, they got a tremendous wiff of the smell of oldness and dampness. Everything they touched was covered with dust and was wet through. The sight of the place was tremendous, everything looked so ancient. The house looked like it was over a thousand years old. It had staircases up both sides of the hall, huge rooms and portraits and paintings hung on every wall.

After a few seconds of amazed staring, Carlos heard rustling. He heard it again and again and again. He made his way towards the sound. Every time he took another step it got louder and louder. Carlos knew this was the room. He moved his hand towards the knob.

He grasped it. It was freezing. He was half-way turning it, when Carlos was called downstairs by his mother. He made his way down the flight of stairs towards to where his mother had called for him.

"Oh, never mind son, your Dad will do it," his mother said.

Carlos made his way back up the flight of stairs. He went back to the same door. Again he grabbed the door knob. It was again, freezing. He turned it and opened the door. It was pitch black, he reached for the light, flicked it ...

The Shed

Michael Hatch (Yr 10)

"You stupid piece of junk," Bob yelled, as he kicked his rusty pick-up truck. Bob had run out of petrol in the middle of a desert.

It was 10 o'clock and only the headlights of Bob's pick-up truck shone upon the road ahead. There was a constant hissing noise from the hundreds of snakes which surrounded Bob. He searched around for some petrol in the back of the old rust bucket, but alas there was no petrol, just a torch and an old wooden axe. Bob grabbed the axe and shoved the torch in the pocket of his denim jeans. He turned on the torch and began to look for something or someone who could help him. He noticed a couple of street signs. Down the path was a large wooden shed. He decided to explore and see what he could find, hoping there would be some petrol.

As Bob grew closer to the shed, it seemed very strange, for through the window he could see a light flickering on and off. He knocked on the door. No-one answered so he opened the wooden door. The floor boards began to creak as he walked on them. Then suddenly the light bulb blew. A sense of fear rushed through Bob's body. Quickly, he turned on the torch again. There was a musty smell in the air as Bob explored the shed. He could feel the dryness in his mouth.

In the corner of the shed, under a couple of wooden crates, lay a corroded tin. He rushed over and grabbed the tin. Bob opened the lid, "Hooray, he screamed." There was some petrol. "Now I can get out of here," Bob said, thankfully.

"Bang," the door suddenly shut. It wouldn't open again. Bob began smacking the door with all his might.

"George, stop playing in the sand, it's time to go home," George's Mum yelled from the top of the beach. George picked up his bucket and shovel, as well as his Bob the builder toy.

Missing Trumper Walks Out

Stephen Megaw (Yr 11)

All was quiet at the Chesterfield residence. Margaret had not said a word since dinner, when Robin had announced that he was going on a large hike the next day. Robin could not bear the silence any longer.

"Well say something already," he said impatiently.

"You are getting too old for this, you know," she replied.

Her words cut through Robin like daggers. He felt betrayed. His own wife had lost faith in him.

The rodeo roared as it powered up the steep hill on its way to Robin's tramping destination just south of the Otaki gorge. Robin had said nothing more to his wife since the previous night and he had ignored her futile attempts to make him take Rex, their trained search dog, in case he got lost. He had to do this alone. He had to prove to his wife, and more importantly to himself, that he was not going to let his age get the better of him.

Robin pushed through the undergrowth, determined not to let anything get in the way of achieving his goal. He had been travelling for some hours and was already feeling the burn. His muscles ached and cramped, his chest burned with every long and painful breath. He yearned for his trusty recliner by the fire, way back in Paremata. Robin powered on for what seemed like a decade before finally coming to rest. He dropped his pack and lent heavily on a nearby tree and, without realising, dislodged a rotting upper branch which came crashing down and hit him like an anvil. Everything went black.

Robin awoke to find the light was fading. He leapt to his feet but had to steady himself against a tree as he was still disorientated. Then panic struck. He had to get out. He knew he could not navigate his way through the bush in the dark. The tall dark trees towered over Robin; they seemed to be moving in on him to the point where he found he could no longer breathe. He turned and started down the path back to where the rodeo was parked. Robin was taking it one step at a time as he had still not fully recovered. A twig snapped





Dean Monti



Leighton Price



behind him and, before he had time to think twice about it, he had broken into an all out sprint towards the exit. In the failing light, he could just make out a fork in the path ahead.

"Left or right?" he thought to himself.

But before he had time to make an informed decision, he found himself heading down the left fork. Little did he know he was actually heading deeper and deeper into the darkening and ominous woods.

Robin had travelled some miles before he came to the realisation that he had taken the wrong fork. The light was no longer fading, it had gone. He knew it was pointless to continue on in the all consuming darkness. Thinking quickly, Robin amassed a heap of ferns and laid them out on the ground. By now his initial panic had left him and he was thinking rationally again. He settled down on the ferns and spent the night there, knowing no harm would come to him as there were no deadly creatures of any sort in this beautiful landscape that is New Zealand.

Birds sung and bees buzzed as Robin set out the next morning. He retraced his steps from the previous night and, before he knew it, he was back to where his journey had begun, next to his old ute. He got in and began the long trip home. Over this period of time, he had a lot of time to reflect on his earlier actions and he came to the realisation that he was indeed getting too old for this sort of thing. This realisation shocked Robin, for he also realised that he no longer feared ageing but he embraced it. He knew now that with age comes knowledge and experience and if he had not had these two traits who knows how long he could have been lost in those perilous woods. Robin swung by the flower shop on his way home. He knew he owed his wife a long, heart-felt apology. Robin rounded the last corner on his way home and readied himself for what was to come.

Musical Memories

Nick Milne (Yr 12)

I'm sitting in my chair, deathly still, with the stereo turned up high. A smile creeps onto my face as the lone harmonica of Rick Davies wafts lazily through my ear drum. 'School by Supertramp' – a classic. Instantly my mind wanders back, back almost twenty years. It seems so long ago but the memory is still vivid in my mind. The day I discovered music.

Throughout the many years of my life, I had been instilled with the very firm belief that to learn a musical instrument was not, as the great Franz Liszt had put it, "The key to a well spent life", but more as my mother had put it, "A complete waste of time and money".

So that was me, wandering aimlessly through life watching this and reading that. All the while, I was lacking a most important skill, the ability to play a musical instrument. Then one day I had what some might call an epiphany, a musical revolution in my head, if you will. I was lying on the couch, as I so often did when my father put on one of his favourite songs. A harmonica came roaring through the speakers and the most unusual voice started singing. I was blown away by this new music but what really got me going came towards the end of the song. The most amazing piano solo came thundering at me. It was incredible how something as simple as a piano could stir such an

intense emotion in me. It filled my brain with creativeness and free thought. Something I had never felt so strongly before. I sprang off the couch and raced as fast as I could to my grandmother's house and without so much as a hello I sat down at the piano and began hitting notes. I sat there for two hours trying desperately to play that solo. But without any idea of how to actually play a piano it was like trying to dance when you couldn't walk. I gave up in a huff and slumped deep into the piano stool. My grandmother who had been standing at the door walked in and sat beside me and taught me how to play. For months I came back to learn, to fulfil my hunger to play the piano. Finally I knew the fruits of my labour had paid off. I played that piano solo and felt the joy that playing music can bring.

The shrill voice of my assistant diminished my daze (excuse the pun) and brought me back to the real world.

"Five minutes," she said, and tottered daintily out of the room. I stood up straight to clear my head. If there's one thing I've learned from this, it is never to accept the misconceptions of others. My mindset had been that music would get me nowhere in life. It's funny now, looking back, realising how different my life could have been if I'd decided to take the advice my mother had given me and stayed away from music.

I looked at my watch and rushed out of the room. The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra won't accept its solo pianist being late.

Untitled

Kahotea Kereopa (Yr 12)

The afternoon air is thick and moist. I only ever visit the urupa to mourn the loss of an elder or whanau. I have never felt comfortable in this place, where the dead hide for eternity. Locked away, faces closed. This day though speaks with zest. Sound and space full with life. I see the grass covered grave and I am taken back to when the freshly dug earth sat open to consume my matua's casket.

On that day, the sun screamed ultraviolet light, searing my skin. Approaching the summit of the hill, the urupa peered out, silent, still. Even amongst the singing birds the urupa lay quiet, lifeless. The hill's peak greeted me with graves and headstones, the lasting physical memory of my tupuna. Weaving between the departed, I approached the open earth. A cavity of clay. Vacant. Waiting. The urupa is always patient. With swelling sorrow I, and the rest of my living whanau, assembled around the open grave, waiting for the bishop to give his final blessing.

During the prayer, however, my mind was full of memory, raging in frenzy. Every past memory of my matua gouged through my mind. It was impossible to focus on only one memory. Extreme emotions were the catalyst and my brain lost all control of the memories. They flickered violently, much the same as a dying flame. Returning consciousness signalled the end of the bishop's blessing. The casket slowly lowered, travelling uneasily, down, down into the ground. When the ropes lost their bindings, the casket lay deep in its hole. I found it hard to let go. I was a helpless spectator. I could not let go.

Complete realisation dawned. My matua was gone. My selfish spirit still felt bound to him, in a vice grip, never to relinquish hold. But it was indeed my memories that I was bound to. The spirit of my



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Javan Cassidy ▲



▲ Daniel Nelson



Shaun Stanley ▲



▲ Matt Aldridge



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▲ Fergus Porteous



matua was gone from the world of the living. He was now my tupuna. Time stopped. I said my final farewells. A fistful of earth, sprinkled over the wooden casket lid, and my selfish hold was lost.

The youthful and the fit then filled the open wound of clay, sweat pouring from their bodies. Spades scrapping, clambering, working hard. The land once again retook its natural complexion, save for the small rising of turned soil, under which my matua lay for eternity.

Today the blanketing grass now stands tall and firm. But I stand hunched over, alone with my matua, still full of sorrow. Nature's sounds fill my ears. The faintest happy feeling. Yet then again my face and spirit falls silent. Standing alone, I think again and remember. Surrounded by my tupuna, but with no-one but the time-scarred headstones to hear my tears.

Untitled

John Keast (Yr 12)

The weak winter sun shines down upon my wrinkled face, as I rock gently in my chair upon the porch. I am in the winter of my life. The strength that I once possessed is now gone and my face bears horrific scars. This is the 63rd December of my life and all around me is the frosted glory of winter. The snow muffles most of the sounds around me. The trees are bowed down with snow and the birds have all left for the winter. The only sound is the gentle creak of my chair and the sound of a snow fight right in front of my porch. I hear the thudding impacts of the snowballs and the crunching of snow beneath feet. Suddenly the clear, pearly laughter of a young woman rings out across the snow shrouded landscape. This sound, so full of an innocent enjoyment of life, cuts to my core, bringing new waves of pain. Tears creep from my ruined eyes and slide down my craggy face as I silently weep. I remember the carefree laughter of my wife, the last sound I heard her make.

We were camping in the Rockies, as we did every year. We had our own little spot deep in the forest, a perfect little clearing with a mountain stream a way off in the woods. We loved that place, especially at the very start of spring. We used to sit together and stare out at the beauty of the forest as it started to wake from its long sleep. But that year was special. In six months we would be parents and the radiant serenity of my wife outshone even the crystalline glory of the forest.

We almost didn't go that year. The park warden had warned us that a rogue bear had emerged from hibernation early and was roaming that part of the woods but I just laughed at him. I was young and foolish and I did not believe there was any danger.

The first day could not have been more perfect. We built a snow family and stared up at the bright stars at night. We fell asleep next to each other.

I awoke the next morning to the smell of bacon wafting through the air. Still groggy, I stumbled towards the bacon by the fire. Suddenly something hit my back, knocking me down and then rubbing my face in the snow.

"Now that you're awake, husband mine, how about getting us some water?" my wife laughed. Laughing, I shook her off and clambered to my feet. Then I swept her up in my arms and carried her across the clearing where I neatly deposited her in a drift of spring snow. I

grabbed a pot and wandered off to the stream. Her helpless laughter, joyful and so full of life, followed me.

Right at that moment, as I filled the pot with water, my perfect life was about to be shattered. I heard a blood curdling roar of unparalleled ferocity. My heart skipped a beat and, before the final echoes had died away, I was sprinting back to the clearing. My heart thundered in my heaving chest as I burst into the clearing. What I saw there brought me to my knees in horror. Still trapped in the snow drift where I had dumped her was my wife. Towering above her still form was a bear straight from Dante's nine hells. All around them the snow was stained scarlet with her blood. Her face, to me more beautiful than that which had launched a thousand ships, had been ripped away. Tears streamed down my face and a terrible anger started to build inside me. With a wordless cry of pain and rage, I charged the bear, seeking some measure of revenge. The last thing I saw was the bear's bloody paw descending towards my face. The darkness crept up to claim me.

I woke to darkness. The bear's claws ripped away my sight and my soul. Only the intervention of the warden who had been tracking the bear saved my life. I have lived forty years since that day, if you can call my tortured existence living. Her laughter haunts me and every day I feel the pain of her death anew.

Shiraz

Shiraz Sadikeen (Yr 12)

One of the things that reminded me of Shiraz and his beautiful performance is joy. Just that single wondrous human emotion. Whenever I get that feeling, I immediately associate it with the pleasure I felt when I first experienced his magic, in Primary school. The same could be said about sunshine, breaking out from behind the clouds on a bad day. It happens to be a very appropriate association.

See also: Rainbows

See also: Passionate lovemaking, like on my Dad's computer.

Whenever any of these things come to mind, I drift off to that night, the night when Shiraz moon-walked his way into my heart forever. It was the performance of a king. And secretly, I would so gladly do his bidding, ohh to dream...

The performance began with him in a crouched position; he was wearing a white silk shirt, black tapered Michael Jackson style pants and a fully brimmed black hat that was pulled over his face to cover his eyes. He slowly emerged from his crouched position to take a confident upright pose, the palm of his right hand supporting the hat, whilst his left hand flailed out to the side, his fingers crossed. Like Michael Jackson used to do.

Some would call that lame. I however, would call it showmanship.

He continued with a kick and a spin, ending up on the tip of his toes. An excited applause came from the audience, me included. Then the music came in. It was 'Bad' from Michael Jackson's Bad Album. I was overjoyed; this was like my fourth favourite song ever!

His backup dancers entered from both stage right and stage left. They merged behind him in the middle, positioned in a honeycomb fashion and taking the shape of a rhombus.

Yes, a rhombus.

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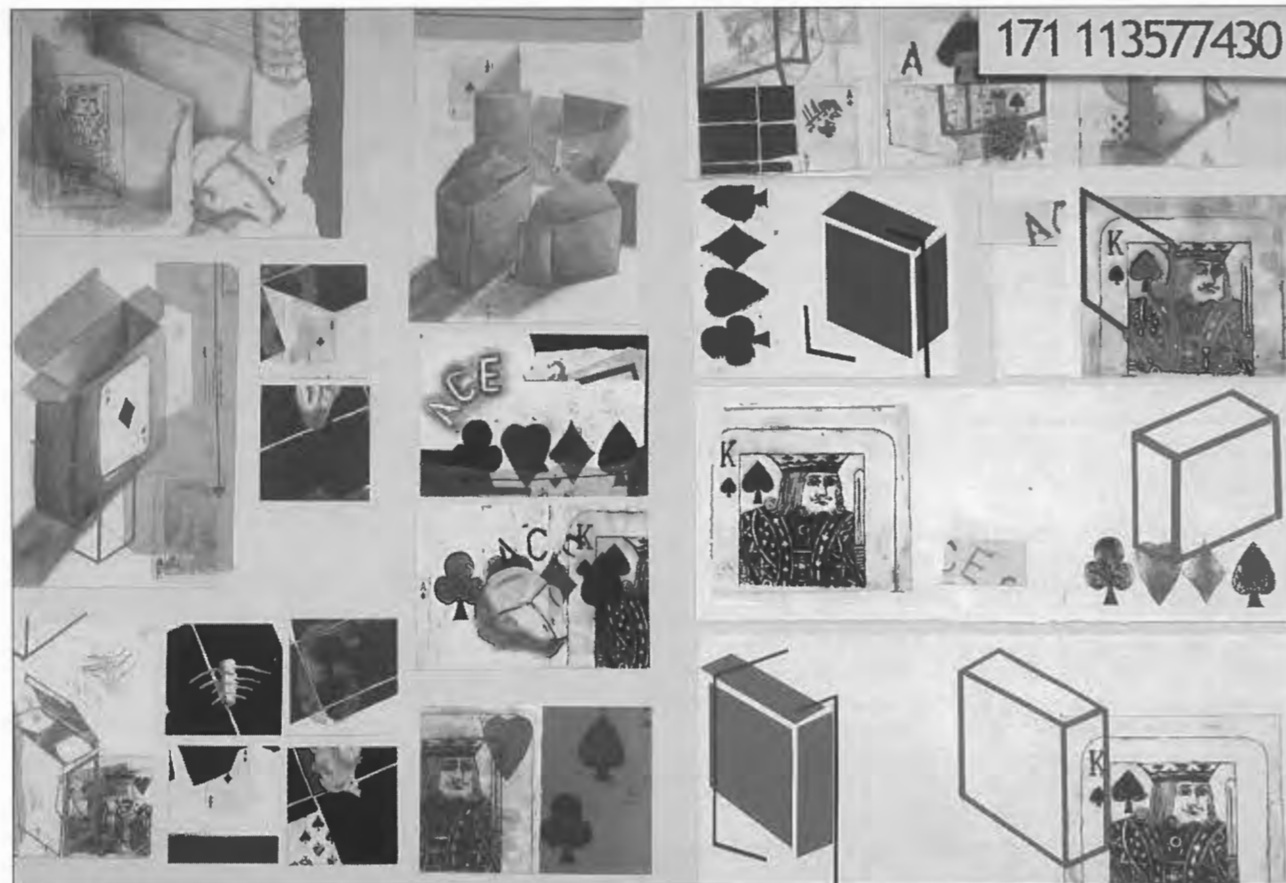


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The spotlight cut at this point and several lights now focussed broadly on the stage, showing the mighty twelve year old backup dancers in all their backup glory. All this was taking place while Shiraz mouthed the words to the song with a fiercely cool tenacity and biting his lip the way Michael Jackson did when he was 'Bad' and he wanted you to know it.

Yeah, I knew it.

He did another spin, a kick and then he seemed to magically glide stage right. Then in one fluid motion he spun, ending up on the tips of his toes, before he moon-walked back stage left. A series of lip bites, crotch grabs, high kicks, glides, arm flailings and moonwalks ensued. The crowd loved it.

And so did I!

The song was nearing its end and with about fifteen seconds to go, he skilfully took his right hand and, with a swift movement, flicked up the backside of his hat. The hat did a perfect flip and landed on the tips of his outstretched fingers, then, using his thumb and forefinger, he gripped the brim. Then with a flick of his wrist, he threw the hat stage right and pointed at himself with his right thumb, mouthing the words "Whose bad?" as the music faded out.

I went wild inside; this guy totally blew my mind. So cool, so insanely cool...

Well I looked at the video of his performance recently, stoked when Dad said he had a copy, only to find that the performance wasn't anything like I remember. It was quite bad (and I don't mean in the cool sense!). His dancing was so amateur and unskilful that I don't know how I got the idea that the guy was a god-like, super smooth, dancing machine. Maybe it's because nothing is ever as perfect as you imagine it to be, and I've been imagining it for some four years now. But somehow I don't think that's right. I saw that performance and I dream that same dream, reflect upon that same memory, always. It's never changed. Which then brings me to the profound conclusion that maybe it's not my memory that's changed, maybe it's me that's changed. That my perception of what's cool and what's not, what I enjoy and what I don't has been gradually altered since primary school. Did I want that to happen? I think I just had an epiphany...

Meh, who cares I'm missing Shortland Street.

Opinions

Welcome to Hell: 50% off all Sweaters

Rhys Burkitt (Yr 13)

Damned if I do, damned if I don't. I have been presented with a choice, a no-win situation. No answer offers safety, both lead to the end of life as I know it. My heartbeat hastens. Each time I look around the walls move in a little tighter. I close my eyes, and then open them again. Shit, I'm still only in the shopping centre. Even Captain Willard would give this mission a miss. My girlfriend turns to me... "Well? Does this make my arse look fat?" My heart freezes.

It amazes me how differently men and women perceive the world. It's like we are different species. One, Compulsivus Feminus, is purely concerned with how the world perceives it. However, the other, Relazus Masculinus confronts everything with a "she'll be right" attitude. In this case, while with men fashion is a minor issue, with women it becomes judgement day. I pity any male caught in this situation, only eternal damnation awaits them.

My mouth dries up. I sit perfectly still, wide-eyed like a deer believing that if it does not move, the big scary lights, connected to the bigger, scarier truck, will not hit it. Only what I face is much scarier than being collected on the grill of a semi. I face the wrath of a female. There is nothing more frightening than an angry woman. Except maybe being the one to make her angry. My silence is countered with an icy glare.

It's almost like you'd have better luck gambling for your life with the devil than trying to communicate with a woman about the world of fashion. The more you try to keep the tone of the conversation happy, the more you try to remain P.C., the more you try to say what it is that you believe she wants you to say, the less likely you are to escape without the need of therapy. Moments of happiness quickly turn into the apocalypse, and misinterpreted comments become sexist or patronising. At least with the devil you have a chance.

My brain races to find an answer. Unfortunately, it quickly summaries my demise is the only solution, packs up shop, and books on the next flight to Hawaii. My life flashes before my eyes. Certain moments seemed to appear with more emphasis than others. Age 5, being told off for not letting a girl play rugby. Age 9, being told off for tackling a girl too hard in rugby. Age 12, being called sexist for suggesting that maybe girls versus boys was a good way to divide the class in a game of soccer. Age 15, being called chauvinist for saying I did not want to go to the supermarket with my mother. And so it went on...

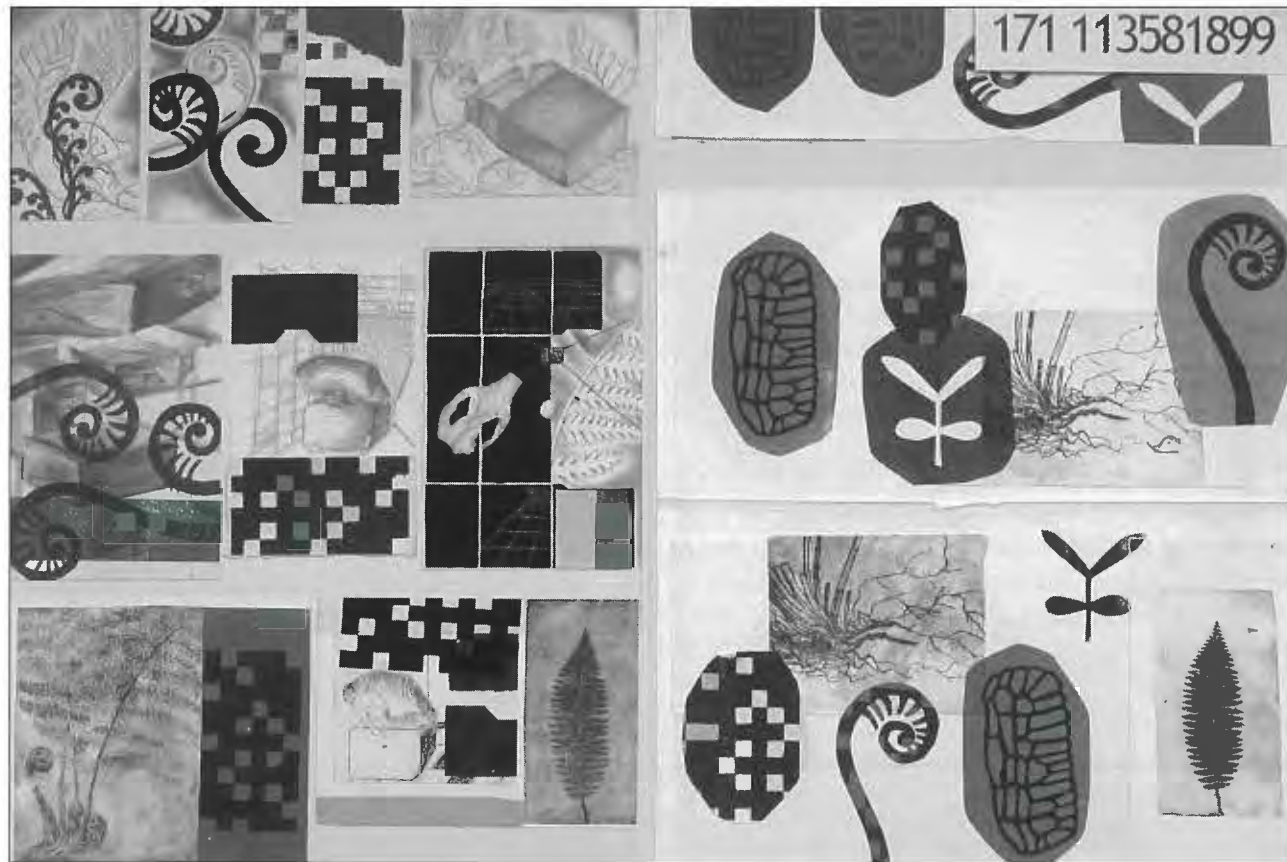
Onto what? Where else can you go after a life like that? Well, after that came fashion. Girls my age all of a sudden became addicted to the mall, trying on endless amounts of outfits. And this had a negative effect on all of us males. "You're not going to wear that out are you?" "I thought I told you to get rid of that thing." "No, you're not tying that right, agh, just, here, let me do it". I have to admit, I am somewhat aesthetically challenged as far as the fashion world goes, but the odds say I have to get it right SOME time. But, with women, no, males are always wrong. Fashion is THEIR domain.

"It looks fine," I hear the sales attendant say. I'm sure I see a shimmering light surrounding this woman, or maybe it was the broken neon lamp behind her. Either way, she has just offered me salvation. Hmmm, maybe not all women are so bad.

Ignorant Bliss

Although Pennsylvania is not widely reputed as a land of great pleasure or enjoyment, the village of Sugarcreek has got to be the crème de la crème of geographical rubbish. Sugarcreek was a rather unusual part of Pennsylvania. Many strange and mysterious things took place in this trashy, upturned, industrialized wasteland with a permanent population of seven.

You see, nobody stayed long enough to register as a permanent resident in the village with only one family enjoying, what the brochure at the miniscule information centre described, "isolated and ignorant bliss combined with a harmonic sense of nothingness."



Terry Herbert

Joshua Zimmerman



This family was just as unusual as the place in which they chose to reside. The Coon family or the 'Cookey Coons', as they preferred to be known, were indeed, as the name suggested, bizarre. Pennsylvania was the only state in the whole country in which the 'Crazy, Comical Coons', another of their aliases, were legally allowed to set up home, due to their uncanny habit of frightening other citizens into retirement.

The Coon family reunion was the focal point of a freakishly eccentric year, with all 30 members of the extended family attending this extraordinary event. Rosanna Jane Sky Beam Petunia Patricia Coon was preparing the three course meal; stewed peacock, roast squirrel with a tumbleweed salad and a pelican pie, when the first knock at the door was heard.

The first branch of the just-as-zany extended family to arrive were the Rogans from Pittsburgh, followed closely by the Wednts and Foleys. Only one family was left to arrive and with them, all of the bad luck in the world.

The Ebb family originated in Omaha, Nebraska and so too, a legacy of extreme bad fortune and misfortune. In 1982, each at the age of 28, Billy-Bob Ebb and Jackie Almalmedy tied the marital knot at a white-ish wedding on the Ebb family's ranch. This event also marked the date in which all of God's refuse was re-routed upon the freshly wed couple. For years on end the Ebbs had bore the full brunt of the world's anger without so much as one snide or regretful remark.

Finally, three hours late and extremely apologetic, the Ebb family pulled up in their 1970 Ford Cortina. As they piled out, a great noise could be heard everywhere, even at the very height of the 4-storeyed dwelling, signalling their arrival. The two adults and six children, five boys and one particularly unlucky girl, barged down the old wooden door in a frenzy of limbs and body parts, anxious to reunite with the family. After all the "catching up" had taken place, the entire family sat down at the haphazardly assembled make-shift table with great difficulty. You would be hard pressed to find an actual room big enough and 'unbreakable' enough for this family, except perhaps for the birthday room at McDonalds.

It was midway through the second course of roast squirrel and tumbleweed salad when it happened. Nobody quite knew what was going on. All of a sudden the lights had extinguished and there was an amazingly loud "CRACK". Finally, after somebody had taken the initiative, Rosanna Coon surprisingly enough, a candle flared into life and the havoc was assessed. There was food and furniture everywhere. At least 10 people were down and injured, none more so than little David Rogan. The 12 year old was unconscious and bleeding from a gaping wound on his head.

All that could be heard was the screech of tires and the wail of sirens as medical personnel entered the now unhomey abode. What had started as a gaily, gigantic gathering was suddenly transformed into a bitter, belligerent blood bath with a wave of God's hand. Lightning had struck the unfortunate.

Jesus, the Bible and other Fairy Tales

Ian Bayliss (Yr 13)

The fiery blast of the mid-morning sun beams through the windows, while the acrid smell of the horrible perfume assaults my nostrils.

Nameless, hunched over shapes shuffle ahead of me in a solemn procession, under the watchful eye of a robed figure perched at the front of the room. His eyes sweep over the damned once more, and then, with a gleam in his eye, he shrieks, "Will the congregation please be seated". I hate the smell of church in the morning.

Church has always been a harrowing experience for me. Every Sunday for as long as I can remember, I have been dragged along to the morning mortification. Times have changed now, and the smiling faces of the withered corpses that attend the weekly drudgery have been replaced with disapproving looks as I have grown. As I sit here now, with the last remnants of East India Pale Ale pulsing through my system from the night before, I risk a glance around. I realise that, bar my parents, I am the youngest person in the room by at least forty years. From the hunchback woman with the cane to the tweed-covered man quietly sleeping in the corner, all have one foot in the grave.

Indeed, one foot in the grave. Christianity has lost its youth and vigour, and having reached its twilight years, has retired from being a mover and shaker in the corridors of power to the small-town churches, awaiting its inevitable death. To find the root of this demise, we must look back to the gangly retard of a religion from which Christianity has grown.

Back in its youth, the not-so-good old days, Christianity was as backwards as it is now, maybe even more so. The hypocrisies came thick and fast from day one – it was Emperor Constantine the Great, a pagan King (non-Christian for those in self management), that correlated the Bible – adding bits in and leaving others out as he saw fit. And yet even the Bible, which preaches love, compassion and forgiveness, has been the subject of countless bloody conflicts. Time passed, and Christianity grew an Anglican denomination. The doctrine of this, the supposed 'divine order of worship', was decided by a few MPs in a stuffy parliament building somewhere, designed to suit their own purposes. So much for the word of God.

My cell phone rings in my pocket, bringing a shower of disapproval from those around me. The tinny Shilhad ring tone is as out of place in the church hall as someone of varied family genealogy in Tikarangi. A fat antique behind me kindly requests that I 'turn that dreadful thing off', and then mutters to her husband about how terrible cell phones and teenagers are.

Now there's a familiar concept, the out-of-touch elderly. In their minds, the world hasn't changed since 'their day'. They have no concept of the issues facing the new generation in this modern world.

The same applies for Christianity. The empty pews and boring sermons of church are far removed from the debauched frivolity of a Saturday night party. The Pope died, so in rolls another, bringing with him promises of modernization and reform. However, a realistic analysis would reveal the same levels of paedophilia, incontinence and irrelevance as the old one. How are the youth of today supposed to identify with such a decomposing institution? But they do have advice. Intuitive, practical advice to help us through the tough times of today's issues. Their advice on sex before marriage? Don't. Drinking? Don't. General adolescent behaviour? Don't. Refreshingly constructive, I know. So, like the ranting woman behind me, Christianity is certainly not lacking in complaints against youth, muttering under its breath with a scowl on its face. It has failed to accept that the world has changed, and is rapidly being left behind.

The minister raises his hands to release the congregation, granting my freedom. With a gradual creaking of hip joints the congregation rises, and makes its way slowly towards the foyer. I shuffle alongside it, planning what's left of my day as I go. But of course, the parents want to talk. Cups of tea and stale biscuits are distributed, and the withered mass descends into a monotonous mumbling of conversation. A brief search of the refreshments table reveals more biscuits, tea and, yes, 'decaf' coffee. The horror. I listen in to the closest conversation and receive details of a parish member in hospital, whose condition, judging by the dark looks of those listening, appears to be worsening. The previously ranting woman expresses her sympathy, and offers a word of comfort.

This love for our fellow man, unlike the hospitalized parish member, is alive and well. The torrent of depressing images from the media storm surrounding the Hurricane Katrina flooding arouses in us feelings of compassion and sadness, no matter what our religious stance may

be. If, then, basic morals exist in society, is an outdated, decrepit establishment such as Christianity needed? Like the sympathy and comfort offered by the ranter, the underlying message of Christianity is valid yet unnecessary. Over the generations, and in spite of the hypocrisies, the scandals and Brian Tamaki, Christianity has managed to drive into us a rough sense of morals and values. If this is the case, why should it still cling to life like an old, unwanted relative?

The conversation has died and I am driving my family home, yellow 'loser' plates boldly displayed. Gloriously warm sunlight bathes all of creation in heavenly warmth and comfort. Mighty oak trees flank the road like gilded columns beneath a cloudless blue sky. We speed past undulating green hills as if on wings. As our short journey comes to an end, I notice Peter the mailman, who flashes his pearly whites and gives a friendly wave. I pull into the driveway, passing through the magnificent gates, opened wide for all those of true faith. But what to do with such a divine afternoon? Should I spend it giving thanks to God for all his blessings? Christ no.



Oscar Eaton



Matthew Queree

Good Things Take Time

Jay Goodey (Yr 13)

There I stood on the corner of Victoria Place, waiting for my ride. It was a pleasant twilight, the warm evening sun was just receding, the air was still and the soft sound of birds singing could be heard in the distance. Suddenly my peaceful setting was interrupted by the familiar sound of mum's Mazda, racing towards me up an adjacent street. As it drew closer I noticed the substantial number of scars branding the car's body. The old wounds of previous driving mishaps. An uneasiness fell over me as I realised that I would soon become a passenger in this vehicle. However, with my options limited I hopped in, left the peaceful corner and we began our journey home.

My mum muttered something about how she was running late, which explained why the last give way sign didn't get a lot of give way. She was always late. I gazed out the window and tried to relax, to trust her driving ability. As I stared at the faceless rush hour drivers, I realised that my mum wasn't the only one who was late. Everyone else on the road seemed to be late as well.

This is what the 21st century has become, a rat race to the finish line. It does however, only seem but a natural progression, that as every piece of technology speeds up, we too should increase our speed of life. Telecom's marketing genius had it spot on with their new advertising campaign. The "pretty fast business man" sums up the way our generation lives. Fast. And it's thanks to the likes of Telecom and their break-through technology, such as the T3G service, which offers users wireless broadband internet access. How did we ever live with out it? This is not Telecom's only scheme to help us have more time on our hands. \$10 txt (guaranteed to the end of 2006) allows us to send five hundred text messages a month. Imagine the time which could be saved by sending five hundred abbreviated text messages a month! Kids these days think this new fast way of writing is so great, they will incorporate it into their school work. The fact of the matter is, they don't know how to spell text any more.

Telecom is not the only company trying to fulfil the needs of this super fast generation. Convenient food giants are certainly getting their fair slice of the pie. Today's society no longer has time, (or can be bothered) to make meals, from soups to sandwiches; even roasts have become the subject of convenience. The days are gone when roast chickens were few and far between. Once upon a time they took hours to prepare, nowadays it's just a matter of placing the pre-seasoned, pre-studded chook in the oven and turning it on. If that's too hard then there is always the microwave option, or better still, just buy it already cooked from the local Pak n' Save. Well sure there are obvious time saving advantages when using these convenient marvels, however for my household there are several repercussions. Roast chicken, having left its position of superiority, is no longer the occasional Sunday night meal. No, no, no, we're looking at maybe twice a week and that's only for dinner. Since they have become such a convenience, mum sometimes gets two, just so we can eat chicken on our sandwiches for the next week as well. Not only that, but those Sunday night meals were the only ones we ate together at the table, now roast chicken, sob, has become, sob, another T.V. dinner.

I look over at my mother, who, while stopped at the lights is taking off her shoes and applying makeup. I think about shaking my head and saying some stern words, but then I realise, who am I to judge? I, probably even more so than my mum, have become another rat in the race doing what he can to be faster than anyone else.

I despise waiting in traffic, in fact, I don't particularly like waiting for anything. Even when I'm picking the one-minute-a-customer McDonald's line, I'm weighing up my options on which queue will be quicker, the family of four? Or the two couples? Anything to get out of there faster. But some may argue we have always been like that, I'm sure Jonah couldn't wait to get out of that whale and obviously some one was impatient on the Titanic, going full speed through the iceberg infested waters of the Atlantic ocean. What were they thinking? But isn't today's generation being more spoilt for speed? Even broadcasting companies may soon feel the punch of an impatient society. They may have to minimise the traditional half hour show slots, to accommodate the MTV generation. A generation where the usual teenage viewing concentration lasts about three minutes, the approximate time of a music video.

Suddenly the back of the vehicle in front comes ridiculously close. I question mum's driving ability quite abruptly, however, as usual, she reassures me.

"I know what I am doing." Rather hard to take from the make-up-applying driver of a car that needs some serious panel beating, but I let it go, we are nearly home anyway.

Does this mean that sport may be screened differently too? Possibly just the highlights will be more popular in a decades time. Maybe the four years in between the rugby World Cup will be too long to wait for the impatient public. How about a World Cup every year? The All Blacks still won't win though, not enough coaching experience, the average career span of an All Black coach will probably be down to about three months. Sorry for my sarcasm, but it seems to be going that way. Even now, the All Blacks' coaches are lucky to get one attempt at a World Cup. But look at any great sporting success and see if it happened overnight.

Lance Armstrong for example, one of the most acclaimed sporting heroes of our time, did not achieve all his goals after just one sleep. He had some humbling experiences. Most prominent is probably his fight with cancer. Not only did this nearly end his cycling career, but his life as well. However, after his brush with death, Armstrong was determined to return to the bike, this journey neither quick nor easy. He had to regain his strength and fitness, not only to a good level, but to a world class one. There were a few false starts to his competitive racing, although with patience and perseverance he went on to win seven Tour de France races. Two sayings come to mind when I think about Armstrong's story, some times "one step back means two forward" and "good things take time." Maybe the All Blacks' supporters should ponder these sayings the next time they criticise the ABs' or their coaches.

A sharp turn to the left down our little dead-end street, signal the near conclusion of our race home. Mum flies over the small bump at the entrance of our driveway and slows to a stop outside the door. As I turn to mum thanking her for the ride home, I catch a glimpse of her makeup job and silently giggle. Good things take time mum, good things take time.

Poems

The Lawn Mower

Thilina Mendis (Yr 9)

The lawn mower
Swings its blade
Eats
The grass till it is full
While we push across the green grass
Doing nothing but walking.

Lawn Mower

Daniel Green (Yr 9)

Lawn mower,
twists its blades
the roar from its stomach
breaks free as it
munches up the grass,
paying no attention to manners

River

Jamie Roberts (Yr 9)

A river is a slithering snake.
Long and brown
He slithers along the bank all day long
with his weaving tail and swaying body.
Minute upon minute he twists
the rumbling, tumbling dirt
and hiss, hiss, hiss.
The giant river snake spits
hiding in the banks.
And when the night rain pours down
and when the clouds are grey,
He rises up and climbs, climbs, climbs,
slithering up the banks
and twists and weaves all night long.
But when the sun is out,
when even the banks are dry,
He sits quiet and low under the river banks
So still, so still, he slowly slips away.

Fire

Dom Cranson (Yr 9)

Fire flickers its bright eyes
hungry as can be.
Fire eats timber
blows grey smoke rings to the sky.
Fire twists and turns in the air
sparks and crackles.
Fire snacks on leaves
finishes on trees.
Fire crawls over the earth
demolishing everything in its way.
Fire licks his lips to say he's full.
Fire sighs
dies.

Winter

Jacob Meads (Yr 10)

Cold and sharp,
the biting chill
strangles the heat of day.

The first step.
Instantly I feel the sting
sub-zero on my eyes,
creeping through my body

I must not be long.
Blizzard is coming.

Hunched against the unforgiving blast
I collect what is needed.
Coal, to keep the chill at bay.

I glance back.
Indefinite grey
Then gone, shut away.

Winter

Chris Cooper (Yr 10)

Winter the time of depression,
glum and sad facial expressions.
Snow flakes fall from the sky,
complicated patterns catching your eye.
Now the rain comes and darkens your day,
no entertaining sports for you to play.
Stuck inside for almost a week,
wishing you were sunbathing down by the creek.
Reading old books as your last resort,
the sun has lost the battle it fought.
You listen as the rain gets stronger.
How much longer? You ask, how much longer?
As you lay in bed awake, you hear the rain fade,
could this finally be the day?
You turn the radio down so you can hear.
Winter, the time of depression.
Not to worry – summer is almost here!

The Life of Autumn

Chris Hewlett (Yr 10)

The leaves turned to a golden hue
The people felt the hold of summer slip
The wind turned an icy cold
And men froze in winter's icy grip

The leaves grew weak, their stems fragile
The people lay sick and alone
The rain became sleet before our eyes
And men were cold to the bone

The leaves fell – like many before them
The people could see no sun
The wind picked them up, hurled them away
And so man died.

Climbing

with Mr Thomas

So what do you do on a climbing camp when the weather is too inclement for you to get near the mountain and then the Alpine Rescue Team and the Police commandeer your accommodation to use as a search base to find a crashed plane?

The day before our summer climbing camp, during which we were intending to go rock climbing on some local crags, it was snowing and blowing a gale. After a quick phone around to the parents, the 1st day was modified to be an indoor climbing season at the YMCA. That afternoon we watched the movie 'Cliffhanger', where the opening scene has a woman falling to her death on a Tyrolean traverse after a carabineer fails. Little did the boys know that we would be doing a Tyrolean the next day as part of our climbing outing on Paratutu Rock.

With Tuesday's weather dawning with strong winds and showers, Don Paterson, our instructor, suggested a traverse of Paritutu Rock and a couple of hours rock climbing on the northern side. With the tide coming in, once we were on the base of the rock we were committed until we got to the other end and the tide was retreating. On the leeward side of the wind we had a great day climbing, doing confidence challenges and finishing off with a leap of faith across the chasm on the Tyrolean Traverse.

Upon getting back to cell phone coverage, Don's and my phone went off with calls from the rescue team calling us out to search for a fixed wing plane that appeared to have gone down on or by the mountain!

I had to stay with the boys, so our instructor disappeared up the mountain for the rest of the week to the location where, ironically, we were supposed to be.

More bad weather, planes and search teams prevented us from getting near the mountain, so Wednesday and Thursday saw a range of activities including more wall climbing, an electronics lesson, a walk on the foreshore, laser wars and more climbing videos. Thanks to the school we were able to sleep over in the Pavilion and cook tea in the Home Economics room.

On Friday the weather cleared enough to give us a day trip on the mountain. A tramp to the snowline gave the boys the experience that



Rock climbing on Paritutu



The climbing camp at Tahurangi Lodge

they had been looking for. So after throwing snow about and sliding around we were off back down the mountain to catch our bus home and end the most bizarre camp week that I have ever had.

Many thanks must go to my assistants, Mr Andy Evans and Mrs Sonia Thomas, and our instructor, Don Patterson. Lastly, the camp was only a success due to the great bunch of boys that we had and their awesome attitude in very trying circumstances.

Flying

by Jacob Meads

Near the end of Year 9 you are given the opportunity to choose a camp. I chose pilot training as mine.

This involved learning basic flying techniques and a course on Human Factors in Aviation.

During my first flight, I learnt the basic air manoeuvres, such as banking and tilt.

Back in the classroom, we began our course on Human Factors in Aviation, not nearly as exciting as actually flying! In between classes, we watched many DVDs on the aero-club TV.

By the end of the course, I had flown three times, taken off and assisted in landing, and I had passed the course in Human Factors in Aviation, which, when I come to get my pilot's licence, means it is one less course I have to take.

Mountain Biking

by Paul Hermann

Monday, November 29th

The parents said their goodbyes to their kids and the teachers as we left school at 8:00am. After a long drive, we set up camp at De Brettes Thermal Resort in Taupo and had lunch. After lunch the group drove to the Aratiatia Dam to see the flood gates open and then we had our first bike ride to Huka Falls and back. There were a few thrills and spills and some early bike problems. We returned to the vans, piled the bikes onto the trailer and went into town for some mini putt. There were tonnes of lucky shots and some disappointing scores but all in all we had heaps of fun. After a delicious BBQ dinner, the boys terrified the people in the pool with their usual antics as well as having hydro-slide races.

Tuesday, November, 30th

After having breakfast and making a cut lunch, the group travelled up to the Rock 'n' Ropes high rope activity course. There was a vertical obstacle course, a rickety bridge and best of all a trapeze, along with heaps more. Everyone gave it a go and showed that they could conquer their fear of heights. We biked on the Craters of the Moon loop track and then raced it again as a time trial. Most people lost the track and went the opposite way. We got split into two teams and drove to the nearby paintball battlefield. Sneaky teachers ambushed the charging kids, but there were too many. We travelled to our new camping ground at Thermal Holiday Park and had a delicious pasta dinner. The boys walked to the mineral pools and had a soak and then got ready for bed and another exciting day.

Wednesday, December, 1st

We assembled to do our normal morning routines, jumped into the vans and journeyed to Whakarewarewa Forest to complete a damp bike ride, through the bush on the 'Challenge Trial.' After a great lunch at camp, we set off to the rafting place and then onto the Kaituna River. There were a series of smaller 1-2 metre falls followed by some medium sized rapids, building up to the HUGE 7 METRE WATERFALL. The people on the rafts flipped silver ferns to see if they were going to tip out and most of the predictions were right. Two out of the four rafts flipped but no one was hurt. At camp some of the kids tested their biking skills on an 'out the back' track. Another scrumptious dinner was followed by some games at camp.

Thursday, December, 2nd

The crowd set off to Whakarewarewa Forest again for another bike ride with more over the handlebars and sliding, causing lots of laughs for everyone. Drifting around corners and drag races were heaps of fun on the Rotorua Luge with plenty of rides for everyone. One of the kids had his birthday, which meant we shared a big cake and "Maccas" for tea.

Friday, December, 3rd

In the morning we packed up camp and went for the last time to Whakarewarewa Forest and had a downhill time trial. We departed for New Plymouth and got home at 4:00pm.

I think the mountain biking camp was a great experience and definitely worth while. If you get a chance to go for a third form camp, I suggest that you go on this one.

Tongariro

by Ashok Ramanathan

Day 1

We were on the bus and had no idea how cold, wet and excited we were going to get. Our first stop was at a huge swing bridge: We had our lunch there and then crossed the bridge. Someone threw an apple off and it was so high that it took almost 7 seconds to hit the water below. At about 3 o'clock, we arrived at Rotorua Boys' High, our place to sleep for the night. After setting up our beds, we took the bus to the cable car and luge. I hadn't raced the luge for a while so I took the scenic route first. After I got my skills back, I did the advanced one. It was very hard, but great fun.

Day 2

The next morning we walked to McDonalds for breakfast. After a good meal, we embarked on our journey to an adventure place called 'Rock and Ropes'. It was like a confidence course and although I am not great with heights I was able to accomplish some of the challenges. We were then split into two groups. My group went to a natural thermal pools and an indoor rock climbing centre. Then we had to have lunch as everyone was starving. The two groups joined up and we all drove to Eivins Lodge, our place to stay for the next 4 days. It was very close to Mt Tongariro.

Day 3

We were up and ready to go early the next morning. All of us were split into 9 groups of 4. My group got to go stream-bashing first. Our group quickly got changed for the cold water. The entrance to the stream was about 100 metres from our campsite. The water was freezing but having the right clothing helped. About halfway through there was a waterfall, which we had to climb up before we could continue.

After lunch we had to take a bus to the abseiling place. We had to abseil off a bridge. I had never abseiled before and my fear of heights kicked in again. To make things worse, I went last. I forced myself to do it. Slowly and carefully, I made it back to solid ground.

Day 4

The next morning it was too wet to do the Tongariro Crossing, so we went on a three hour walk to Taranaki Falls. In the evening our group went to Okutapa Caves and did caving. It was fun as we had to squeeze through lots of very small gaps.

Day 5

The final morning we stopped at Taupo for white water rafting. The trip down the Tongariro River took 5 hours. The rapids were very fast but it really was worth it. For dinner we stopped at Taumaranui. At 6 o'clock we reached home. The camp was awesome and it gave me the chance to try lots of new things and conquer a few old fears.



Ben Riley



The Prefects go down river



Cam Rowlands flies high at 'Rock and Ropes'

Waitomo

by Nicholas Monk

Day One

On Monday the 29th of November, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the Waitomo camp set off. After a few hours of cruising along the roads to Waitomo, we arrived at our campsite, the Waitomo Top Ten Holiday Park. We quickly settled into our cabins. Later, we went on two walks through the spectacular countryside. After our enjoyable walks it was back to camp for tea, some relaxation in the spa, and, of course, bed.

Day Two

At 9am, we were up and on our way to the Glow-worm Cave, where we were guided around a stunning cave and then took an exciting boat trip. But that wasn't the end of it. We went to the Waitomo Museum, where we learnt about caves and their characteristics and were recruited for a bat monitoring exercise. After a quick lunch, we split into two groups. My group went downstream caving first, where we found cave wetas, freshwater crawlies, and, obviously, glow worms. We also did a 'squeeze', where you crawl through a small tunnel. After this adventure, we went quad biking on a farm. After burning around the paddocks, we cruised back to camp, where the two groups discussed the days' fun.

Day Three

In the early morning, we all hurried to wolf down breakfast so we could rush down to the black-water rafting. We got picked up, kitted out in wetsuits, and grabbed an inner tube each. We arrived at the cave entrance and started our exciting day with jumping off waterfalls, and generally having a good time. Afterwards we had lunch and got ready for Super Quest. We completed all the challenges and were rewarded with crunchy bars and juice. We went back to camp for tea and a quick soak in the spa pool before we did our duty for conservation. We quickly did this and then retired to bed.

Day Four

In the morning we went and completed the freaky high ropes course. This was situated above a gully in pine trees, five metres above the ground. Afterwards we started to pack up and then had one last chance to relax in the spa.



Relaxing in the spa

good speed to be generated. Some of the corners could be taken at maximum speed, meaning we were experiencing some mega G-Force. After the carts, we went ten pin bowling, quite a change of pace but awesome fun.

Day 4 was Thursday. By now, all the crew were starting to feel the effects of an action-filled week. We knew we had to rise to a couple more challenges. The first challenge was Makera Peak in Karori. The boys and their mountain-bike instructors caned the peak with ease. The down hill section of the mountain biking was eventful with a few spills and thrills and it was fair to say some of the lads left some of their skin on Makera Peak.

The last challenge for the week was to stuff our faces with as much pizza as we could and then play free spaces for three hours. Believe it or not, we managed to do this challenge very successfully.

All and all it was a great week in Wellington. Thanks must go to all the boys and teachers that made it a great camp to be part of. The Wombats took out the 1st Annual Wellington Camp Teams Event after a close dual with the Wannabes.

Tongaporutu

with Mr Benton and Miss Jackson

After arriving on the Sunday night, everyone helped unload all the gear and set up the camp. All the staff and students stayed in the Tongaporutu Hall. Miss Jackson slept on the stage and Mr Benton was isolated in the prop room because of his unbearable snoring.

The first day was spent familiarising ourselves with the area and most of us spent a great deal of time near the water; fishing and swimming. Some of the boys offered their help to the elderly residents by doing some odd jobs that they had difficulty with. Not only did this quickly endear us to the locals, but we also learnt that positive action can be rewarded in unexpected ways. As a result of our community spirit, a number of private boat jetties were opened up later that day for us to fish from.

On the second day, we each made two lunches and went for a five hour walk along the White Cliffs. This included crossing extensive farmland. Mr Benton and Miss Jackson later told us that they had never heard boys moan so much about doing exercise. However, at the end of the day, we reluctantly admitted that we had rather enjoyed the trip (but not enough to do it again!).

Day three was spent fishing in the river at the back of the hall and Mr Benton smoked some kahawai on manuka shavings, and made the most delicious smoked fish salad that many of us had ever tasted.

Day four involved more fishing, playing rugby in the mud and swimming heaps. It also included a walk down to the Three Sisters on the beach and a chance to view the Maori carvings in a cave. Everyone climbed to the top of the Tongaporutu Pa, which gave us spectacular views of the area.

The highlights of the camp were the great fishing, Miss Jackson's craft workshops and Mr Benton's cooking.

Day Five

At 10 o'clock we sadly departed from the campsite. As we drove home, we all thought about the great times we had just experienced.

I would like to thank Mrs Slater and Mrs McVicar for organising this camp and making it so brilliant.

Wellington

Wellington Camp 2004 was a massive success, with all the boys and teachers having a rip-snorter of a time. The teachers in charge of the camp were: Mr Vercoe, Mr Davies, Mr Wilson and last, but not least, Mr Leppard. The boys were divided up into three teams: The Wannabes, The Wallies and The Wombats. Each group had 10 members and competed throughout the week in various activities.

The camp started on the Sunday morning of camp week. The boys were in a good mood after the All Blacks had demolished the French in Paris that morning. We gunned it down State Highway 3 to Wellington.

The first activity of the camp was paintball. This was a highlight for a lot of the lads. They had the opportunity to nail a teacher with a high powered paintball gun. Make no mistake, paintball pellets hurt when they connect with skin. All the boys managed to seek revenge on the teachers, especially during the game of Russian Roulette.

After a good nights sleep, we were supposed to be off to Kapiti Island. Unfortunately, the weather turned to custard and we couldn't get across to the Island. Plan B for the Monday was launched; a day of movie watching, water sports and indoor rock climbing. All the boys were demons on the indoor climbing wall, scaling some hard ridges like monkeys.

Tuesday dawned and the weather was mint. We started the day by having a look through Westpac trust stadium or "the caketin". The tour took us into the Hurricanes changing shed and we got to put our big toes on the hallowed turf. After the stadium tour we were off to petrol-head heaven. Yes, indoor grid prix cart racing. The carts were nice and 'souped up'. The course was tight but still allowed for some

From Those Leaving

New Plymouth Boys' High School is the place where we have spent the past five years transforming from boys into young men. For most of us, it is a place where we have learnt valuable lessons and where we have matured to a point where we are now ready to go into the 'Real World'.

We have all come a long way since Third Form. I remember looking up at those large, hairy beasts we called Seventh Formers and wondering if I was going to look that spectacular in four years time.

2005 has been a great year for all. We have become closer as a group and have achieved many things academically, culturally and on the sport's field. But unfortunately, we are all heading off on our own individual pathways as we now chase our dreams for the future. However, whatever directions our lives may take, it can be assured that we will never forget each other or the friendships we have

formed and, most importantly, our time at New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Thank you to every teacher who has ever had the dreadful task of having taught any of us. Thanks to our Deans and also the big names of the school: Mr French-Wright, Mr Bayly, Mr Rowlands and Mr Heaps.

Finally, to all the young men returning to New Plymouth Boys' High School in 2006, get involved in everything. Use your talents and skills in positive ways to enhance New Plymouth Boys' High School and the community which the school serves. I will leave you with this quote by Cesar Chavez: "When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit our lives are all that really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines the kind of men we are."

Gabriel Davies
Year 13



2005 Leavers

- Back Row: Hadleigh Thomas, Jonathan Wu, Max Watt, Michael Julian, Garth Hay, Jeffery Fong, Harry Moores, Melvin Chand, Lloyd McLoughlin, Nick Brown, Gavin Roper, Stuart Kennedy, Greg Marfell, Michael Hayward, Victor Wang, Ian Bayliss, Theo Jury, Ashley Hedley, Phillip Wilson, Adam Hollins.
- 4th Row: Tom Lynskey, Gareth Goodin, Michael Megaw, Andrew Raynes, Andrew Jones, Rhys Burkitt, Dale Sutherland, Andrew Keller, Mark Sherlock, Yu Ishikawa, Reece Hinton, Matthew Boobyer, Hayden McIntyre, Matthew Armstrong, Matt Brown, Nick Wilkinson, Pirmin Patel, Michael Torckler, Allen Wong.
- 3rd Row: James Blake, Michael Rubick, Jacob Fleming, Kyle Manu, Finn Peters, Blair Smith, Richard Lee, Christopher Cree-Butler, Reuben Theobald, Finn Parker, Jesse Herbert, Logan Brown, Thomas Meuli, Tane Renata, Nick Jacobs, Tony Zhu, Jamie McMahon, Andrew Webber, Brendon Baxter, Steven McLachlan, Richard Smith.
- 2nd Row: Bohan Lin, Andrew Liu, Adam Thame, William Pipe, Tom Lagan, Jared Hendry, Thomas Fleming, Daniel Newell, James Brown, Tony Hofmans, David Waking, Richard Irwin, Chris Waugh, Nick Sarten, Murray Perks, Deon Webb, Sam Naus, Sam Tait, Todd Walker, David Geange.
- Front Row: Mazin Rafeeq, Jaresian Subramaniam, Shaun Graham, Phillip White, Philip Young, Matthew Molloy, Chad Mills (Head of Barak), Simon Mills (Head of Syme), Matthew Ander (Head Boy), Hayden Ballantyne (Head of Hatherly), Gabriel Davies (Head of Donnelly), Jay Goodey, Paddy Dempsey, Matthew Magner, Alex Opie, Ben Jones, Hamish Blue, Steffan Barnett.



H1

Back Row: Matthew Sharp, Matt Temperton, Joel Martin, Chris Jager, Rory Hofmans, Codey Phillips, Glen Law, William Brown.
 Third Row: Joshua Abbott, Sejun Kim, Brett Stevens, Tim Atkinson, Ash Alexander, Simon Boyle, Mitchell Campbell.
 Second Row: Mr. M. Maaka, Shaun Stanley, David Arahanga, Sean Thomson, Logan Campbell, Karl Stanley, Justin Lee, Nathan Green.
 Front Row: Dylan Blythe, Tane Renata, Dale Sutherland, Paddy Dempsey, Nicholas Brown, Mazin Rafeeq, Daniel Abbott.



H2

Back Row: Tom Otterson, Bradley Knowles, Wade Stafford, Ryan Symes, Brendon Fischer.
 Third Row: James Fischer, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Glenn Logan, Jamie Phillips, Blake Morgan, Thomas Cook, Josef McLachlan.
 Second Row: Mr. A. Hope, Eli Summers, Mark Sherlock, Brook Duncan, Thomas Fleming, Andrew Jones, Gary Hofmans, Justin Stafford.
 Front Row: Logan Burton, Jeremy Fenwick, AJ Keller, Daniel Newell, David Wakeling, Tom Sandford, Tommy Fox.



H7

Back Row: Ben Hooper, Max Fraser-Dymond, Lucien Purdie, Michael Stewart.
 Third Row: Scott Bradley, Nathan Tobeck, Corey Balsom, Miles Harding, Scott Campbell.
 Second Row: Mr. C. Maihi, Rhys Newland, James Dunlop, Lee Kearins, Caleb McClutchie, Cameron Rowlands, Dex Newland.
 Front Row: Sam Blundell, Cho Herewini, Greg Rowlands, Murray Perks, Richard Irwin, Hamish Mellow, Samuel Atkin.



H8

Back Row: Daniel Macdonald, Scott Lilly, Teoti Atutahi, Glen Foreman, Joshua Hills.
 Third Row: Sean Dunn, Book Kulnityakorn, Nick Tipling, Scott Alexander, Richie Annabell, Shaun McAree.
 Second Row: Mr. N. Hunter, Chad Eliason, John Felton, Leighton Price, Marcus Sweetman, Darcy Isaacson-Bennett, Samuel Lawn.
 Front Row: Mitchell Tuck, Hamish Lawn, Paul Gauvin, Hayden Ballantyne (Head Boarder), Thomas Meuli, Tony Foreman, Patrick McAree.



H3

Back Row: Ken Tang, Daniel Fitzgerald, Chris Rutten, John Fitzgerald, Jay Harris, Joshua Hartley, Jordan Matheson.
 Third Row: James Cameron, Tony Sprangers, Erwin Hebler, Cedar Vaimea, Theo Vink, Kim Rawlinson, Fraser Cameron, Nicholas Brown.
 Second Row: Mr. M. Vercoe, Stuart Little, Sam Odgers, Oliver Wayne, Ethan Ogle, Mason Jenkins, Zach Caskey, Christopher Fagg, Mr G Hall.
 Front Row: Martin Hebler, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Hamish Blue (Group Leader), Hayden McIntyre (Deputy), Kyle Joyce, Alex Besley, Morgan Brewster.



H4

Back Row: Michael Adams, Callum Livingston, Cameron Bryant, Josh Barnsdall, Ben Lagan, Ashlee Pease.
 Third Row: Paul Donovan, Ben Parry, Josiah Wall, Ron Macdonald, Daniel Newsome, Jeremy Gallagher, Lindsay Horrocks.
 Second Row: Mr. C. Woods, Justin Boag, Brett Symes, Matthew Kaye, Kirill Radvanskiy, Jason Cossill, Thomas King, Gordon Washer, Shaun Bent.
 Front Row: Ryan Braggins, Ben Steiner, William Symes, Jesse Herbert, Tom Lagan, Luke Buckman, Sam Adams.



B1

Back Row: Sam Loveridge, Daniel Holland, Jamie Holdt, Thomas Richardson, Jesse Heslop, Chris Hewlett, John Hobson.
 Third Row: Phaethon Haapu, Tim Hawkey, Michael Hine, Jamie Morrison, Loyd Hinton, Louis Jia, Chris Joe.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Jamie Henshilwood, Scott Pritchard, Shane Lykles, Mr. C. Hill, Bernard Hall, Jason Lowe, Matthew Loveridge, Mr. I. Wiseman.
 Front Row: Greg Jacob, Bradley Hickling, Tom Lynskey, Harry Moores, Tyrone Evans, Ross Hawton, Zac Jackson.
 Absent: Skyler Jones, Luke Johnson, Jim Hogan, John Hohepa, Jay McKinlay.



B2

Back Row: Kelsey Matheson, Jacob Mills, Regan Habib, Brendan Jackson, Luke Howcroft, Charl Jacobs.
 Third Row: Sam Howe, Stephen Megaw, Fraser Johnston, Josh Gallichan, Dayle Keene, Daniel Kettle.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Hayden Lowe, Simon Holdt, Daniel Masters, Mr. J. Tullett, Matt Hotter, Cameron Hooper, Josh Hughes, Mr. A. Jones.
 Front Row: Brennan Kendall, Michael Megaw, Kahotea Kereopa, Jay Goodey, Kane Frost, Daniel Hayles, Chad Mills.



H5

Back Row: Elliott Cranmer, George Kalin, David Gower, Richard Weir, Ukrit Onkhov.
 Third Row: Otis Davidson, Robert Mcleod, Travis Monk, Dallas Horsfall, Hamish Alabaster, Taylor Shaw.
 Second Row: Mr. I. McGowan, Ta Tukaroa, Jared Whitehead, Robbie Alabaster, Mark Shaw, Phillip Haua.
 Front Row: Dennis Borland, Ben Patterson, Hadleigh Thomas, Alex Opie, James Brown, Whare Nuku, Thomas Ardern.



H6

Back Row: Matthias Mugeridge, Sean Cressy, William Jeffries, Wade Nairn, Matthew Hurley.
 Third Row: Ryan Sanderson, Liam Jones, Min Lee, David White, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Phillip Peters.
 Second Row: Mr. A. Elgar, Kane Thomson, Adam Morris, Uni Watkins, Chris Black, Steven Barron, Jeremy Newell.
 Front Row: Kurt Gifkins, Wyatt Harding, Richard Lee, Yu Ishikawa (Group Leader), Dylan Pascoe, Blaine Dean, Nicholas Southern.



B3

Back Row: David Mckay, Nathan Keenan, Logan Moller, Josh Julian-Murray, Toby Jordan, Mark Greensill.
 Third Row: Ryan Munro, Unjah Haddon, Matthew Hitchings, Tang Manuirangi, Daniel Mckelvey, Levi Kendall, Ian Leppard.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Casey Iwikau, Matthew Julian, Simon Hinton, Mr. McLellan, Luke Hillenaar, Charley Miles, Liam Munro, Ms. S. McVicar.
 Front Row: Andrew Gray, Reece Moller, Luke Liggins, Kenneth Johnson, Finn Peters, Cameron Jellick, Peter Joe, Nick Koch, Rawini Manuirangi.



B4

Back Row: Duncan Macdonald, Nathan Kendall, Joshua Longstaff, Michael Lucas, Dylan Hall, Lincoln Leatherby.
 Third Row: James Linehan, Will Quenno, Mark Jurisich, David Lee, Nathan Hopkins, Chris Ryu, Riley Hannan, Deacon Katene.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Kailam Hood, Andy Kim, Ryan Malcolm, Mr. K. Lockhart, Steven Pryce, Andrew Mason, Michael Johnson, Mrs. A. Slater.
 Front Row: Dean Jordan, Rob Kernohan, Casey Hannah, Theo Jury, Nathan Griffith, Michael Hayward, Garth Hay, Simon Hamden, Ashley Hedley.
 Absent: Ben McCabe, Kyal McCabe.



B5

Back Row: Iain Zealand, John Lamorena, Hamish Magon, Paul Morris, Charles Loader.
 Third Row: Mike Maloney, Daniel Lamorena, Tim Lee, Baxter King, Jared Kail, Jared Hendry, David Loversuch.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Andrew Marfell, John Langlands, Lloyd Mdoughlin, Shay Jenkin-Povey, Jon Keast, Scott Jonas, Gilbert Hoeta, Mr. K. Simpson.
 Front Row: Graeme May, Chad McCracken, Wills Langslow, Josh Lowl, Gregory Marfell (Group Leader), Adam Jones, Carmelo Mondala, Tas Hamahona, Dan Hatton-Moore.
 Absent: Tony Hofmans, Conin James, Mitchell Kerr, Michael Mallalieu, Sam Masters, Tairaira Moeahu.



B6

Back Row: Harley Miller, Nathan McArthur, Steven Mckay, Fraser Lodge, James Ngarongo-Kahu, Steen McBeth.
 Third Row: Paul Meuli, Reece McMurray, Trydant Murfitt, Awa Maihi, Kieran Mason, Nicholas Joyce, Josh Mclean.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Sheldon Joyce, Owen Maxwell, Andrew Joyce, Jason Johnstone, Nicholas Milne, Gillies Kaka, Chad Jacob, Mr. R. Wild.
 Front Row: Zac Moller, Leon Johnstone, Nicholas Jacob, Kyle Manu, Chey Moller, Ricky Malcolm, Pirmin Patel, Leeroy McDonald-Palmer, Samuel Natrass.



B7

Back Row: Liam McBride, Thomas Konijn, Patrick King, Mr. J. Hyde, Raynor Martin, James Hewett, Matt Jones.
 Third Row: Ethan Herbert, Matt Konzett, Cam Laird, Lagen Kumeroa, Daniel Phillips, Sam Keat, Kurt Fynn, Conner Mitchell.
 Second Row: Mr. C. Thomas, Adam Kelly, James Mckerrow, Finnbar Kerr-Newell, Joel Meuli, Ludi Meyer, Darren Knock, Callum Oliver, Chaz McKay, Kieran Moorhead, Tyler Marshall, Mr. A. Evans.
 Front Row: Kerwyn Fynn, Zach Olsson, Tom Jones, Tom O'Connor, Karl Johnston, Trent Kemsley (Prefect), Ben Jones, Tyrone McCabe, James Konijn, Mike McArthur.



B8

Back Row: Paul Langedijk, Sachin Modgill, Willem Ockhuysen, Harrison Knowles, Daniel Meads, Peter Molloy.
 Third Row: Phillip Mischefski, Cameron Larsen, Joshua Kerslake, Naz Monsall, Jarred Hinton, Daniel King, Kyle Mottram, Adam Kent, Isaac Owen.
 Second Row: Mr. J. Hyde, Samuel King, Andrew Mischefski, Blair Morris, Mr. L. Wilson, Andrew King, Daniel Momich, Jacob Meads, Mrs. A. Roberts.
 Front Row: Joshua Palmer, Josh Ostler, Zeke Parker, Ben Mischefski, Adam Laititi, Matthew Molloy (Group Leader), Reece Hinton (Deputy), Brogan Knauf, Nicholas Monk, Simon Momich.



B9

Back Row: Daniel Pearce, Brad Hayward, David Morton, Mr. J. Hyde, Andrew Liu, Anthony Lewis, James Paterson.
 Third Row: Kairo Muraahi, Michael Pepperell, Lee Martin, Kayne Newman, Matthew King, Tamati Lichtwark, Todd Lewis.
 Second Row: Mr. R. Harland, Guram Levchenko-Scott, Khan Po-ching, Ry Hammersley, Simon O'Connor, Zachary Lewis, Stuart Kennedy, Logan Korff, Oliver Krwan, Mr. W. Benton.
 Front Row: Jeremy Neville-lamb, Mark Parthemore, Nainesh Patel, Joshua Perrett, Cameron Miller, Jacob Fleming (Group Leader), Adam Hollins, Scott Keams, James Patu, Jaz Nisbet.



B10

Back Row: Drew Peters, Christopher Hemingway, Dylan Oliver-rose, Caleb Murray, Dean Monti, Marco Politakis.
 Third Row: Jordan Langley, Ses Perry, Mr. J. Hyde, Sany Patel, Nick Moses.
 Second Row: Mr. D. Mossop, Brook Murfitt, Joe Kisby, Jason Naumann, Jared Naumann, John Luxton, Caleb Millen, Tyler Macleod, Seb Mrowinski, Mr. J. Dobbie.
 Front Row: Michael Martin, Ryan Phillips, Brodie Prichard, Kieran Magill, Bohan Lin, Matthew Magner, Daniel Old, Sam Pratt, Stewart Liddicoat, Iraia Olsen.



B11

Back Row: Sam Loevendie, Scott Nelson, Mr. J. Hyde, Jessie Peters.
 Third Row: Hayden Linn, Alex Lovell, Taryn Martin, Josh Lovell-Smith, Tim Lepper, Hayden Patene, Luke Nolly, Kyle Hicks.
 Second Row: Miss. S. Wilson, Jonnie Morath, Chris Newson, Shane Leathem, Scott McMahon, Adam Laursen, Philip Plant, Daniel Long, Ms. V. Herbert.
 Front Row: Chris Lepper, Hami Paul, Kerrod Hughes, Karl Paterson, Matthew Landrigan (Group Leader), Steven Mdachian, Caylin Hunt, Carlin Hodson-Manu, Kale Hurlstone.



D1

Back Row: Jason Anderton, Samuel Adams, Eli Abraham-Beermann, Mark Armstrong, Mark Atkins, Julian Aim, Liam Ander.
 Third Row: Tyler Anderson, Alexander Falconer, Reuben Atkinson, Joav Abraham-Beermann, Adam Antao, Mike Adams, Grant Atkinson, Tim Brown.
 Second Row: Mr. S. Brown, Samuel Arbuckle, Ben Akanri-Buckley, Dirk De Klerk, John-Paul Hughes, Shane O'Neill, Josh Barrett.
 Front Row: Jay Arbuckle, Kallaway Abbott, Joseph Bailey, Matthew Ander (Head Boy), Matthew Brown (Group Leader), Matthew Armstrong (Deputy Group Leader), Jesse Benga, Glen Baxter, Shane Andrews.



D2

Back Row: Ethan Bilderbeck, Christopher Arthur, Joshua Heal, Henry Bartle, Fabian Birkett, Matthew Blackwell, Joshua Blackledge.
 Third Row: William Corbett, Tom Dobson, Brad Bennett, Simon Bennett, Luke Barron, Jason Barrie, Stuart Belgrave.
 Second Row: Mr. P. Dominikovich, Regan Bint, Simon Arthur, Tukere Hikaka, Matthew Alldridge, Tom Bartle, Corey Beaumont, Richard Darbyshire, Mr. T. Heaps.
 Front Row: Sam Dally, Kaleb Bradshaw, Daniel Blackhall, Jaden Booker, Steffan Barnett (Group Leader), Ian Bayliss, Byron Andrews, Joel Boyland, Darren Benton.



D3

Back Row: Oliver Brankin, Brent Donnelly, Jordan Chilcott, Karl Andrews, James Dixon, Ted Burgess, Jason Holden.
 Third Row: Tom Burt, Donald Bruce, Daniel Brotherson, Damon Braddock-Pajo, Nathan Bason, Callum Barnett, Campbell Bower, Samuel Bloomfield.
 Second Row: Mr. B. Corlett, Harley Bracken, Shane Donnelly, Stefan Brandt, Ben Aves, Kurt Doidge, Nathan Grant, Tom Dixon, Jamie Bridger, Whetu Cameron.
 Front Row: Stuart Birkett, Rhys Gally, Cameron Holden, Tom Baker, Matthew Boobyer, Winiata Bason, Tyson Brandt, Daniel Green, Elliot Bloomfield.
 Absent: Mr. D. Bublitz, Nathan Brown, Jonathon Brunning.



D4

Back Row: Philip Barradough, Gray Barnett, Ryan Cole, Chris Caskey, Coady Clark, James Brownlie, Jared Bryant.
 Third Row: Hamish Buttimore, Sam Broadmore, Reece Cameron, Billie Brady, Brendon Baxter, Nathanael Bunyan, Brendan Clough, Jason Rail, Keone Campbell-Forsyth, Sam Cadman.
 Second Row: Mrs. M. Atkinson, Alex Bull, Daniel Doody, Brayden Barnett, Laine Barnett, Rangi Burrows, Sam Dowman, Jake Barber, Joel Casals, Ms C. French.
 Front Row: Chaz Hanscombe, Adrian Clough, Andrew Carswell, Ben Dowman, Jeffrey Fong (Group Leader), Raynah Coffey, Aaron Barber, Sam Brown, Matthew Burton.
 Absent: Paul Baumann, Terry Birdling.



D5

Back Row: Ben Conegla, Ben Holland, Terrance Croskey, Cassidy Crafar.
 Third Row: Cameron Gavin, Jaimin Benton, Blake Cowley, Benjamin Dixon, Jay Clarke, Joshua Dodd, Ben Croton.
 Second Row: Mrs. J. Beath, Russell Doney, Daniel Clarke, Matthew Corbett, Tim Doyle, Steffan Fry, Josh Foster, Alexander Greig-More.
 Front Row: Mitchell Chester, Matthew Collingwood, Martin Cox, Shaun Cooper, David Geange, Elliot Clarkson, Kaz Cook, Chris Cowan, Ryan Croton.



D6
 Back Row: Kane Edwards, Josh Hollis, Tyson Kahu-Kauka, Troy Foreman, Broughton Elliott, Marc Dinnington, Dwayne Duthie.
 Third Row: Trent Drake, Clarke Demchy, Scott Honeyfield, Matt Foreman, Rakesh Desai, Alex Ferens, Thomas Doebring.
 Second Row: Chris Cooper, Jared Bertrand, Lane Doorbar, Jesse Davis, Julian Corbett, Shannon Duthie, Luke Dymond, Kyle Benton, Riki Harrison, Mr. P. Hewlett.
 Front Row: Frank Crofskey, Ben Dalley, Michael Drew, Todd Fisher, Shaun Graham, Sergei Simidzioski, Oliver Berndt, Matthew Dallas, Matthew De Klerk, Christopher Devlin.



D7
 Back Row: Trinity Doughty, Harrison Fisher, Matthew Evans, Carl Garrett, James Brewer, Shay Burkhart, Jonathan Folwell.
 Third Row: Samuel Bonner, Ra Forbes, Cameron Holm, David Earby, Sam Hill, Darren Greig, Kyle Farquhar, Daniel Earby.
 Second Row: Mr. R. Greery, Liam French, Michael Earby, John Forsyth, Michael Aldous, Mitchel Edwards, Brent Bishop, Edward Darney, Matthew Faulkner, Ms. K. Gracia.
 Front Row: Jared Doherty, Jordan Moratti, Kyle Forbes, Trent Feather (Group Leader), Rhys Burkitt, Aaron Edmunds, Leroy Clay, David Easthope.
 Absent: Daniel Hine.



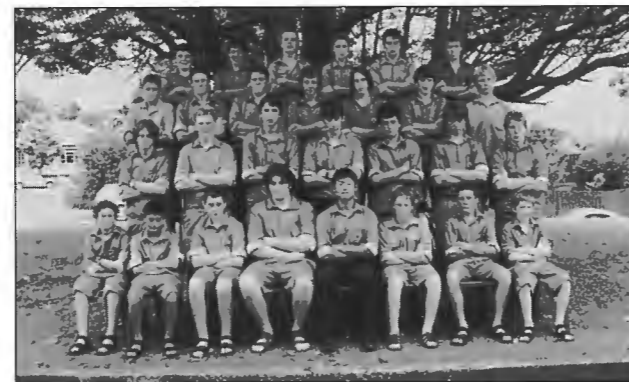
D8
 Back Row: H. Davison, M. Hatch, J. Hona, L. Harvey, M. Williams.
 Third Row: E Davies, M. Armitage, J. Davies, R. Ellis, A. Elliott, M. Dick.
 Second Row: Mr. K. Gledhill, D. Fraser, M. Foster, Q. Clement, A. Glentworth, J. Dick, R. England, Mr. P. Cayzer.
 Front Row: I. Burgess, C. Harrison, E. England, G. Davies (Group Leader), M. Chand, P. Andrews, J. Bowden-Eves, A. Edward.



D9
 Back Row: Viranchi Upadhyay, Carlton Hiroa, Steven Gibbs, Sam Franklin, James Fuller, Roshan Patel.
 Third Row: David Ellis, Javan Cassidy, Brook Graddy, Calin Erueti, Scott Evans, Finn Climo, Thomas Burley.
 Second Row: Mrs. B. Elgar, Scott Fraser, James Graham, Bevan Gallie, Owen Faopoi, Joshua Gordon, Byron Gardner, Sam Horo, Ms. S. Scott.
 Front Row: Kerry French, Matt Duxfield, Kris Fairclough, Ben Davis, Adam Chisnall, Matthew Cooper, Daniel Faigan, Luke Freakley, Max Gordon.



D10
 Back Row: Rhys Harker, Leonard Harris, Damian Aherne, Scott Good, Tyler Griffin, Hamish Fraser.
 Third Row: Matt Harnett, Tane Hapimarika, Vance Hoskin, Oliver Guthrie, Francis Harris, Christian Aherne.
 Second Row: Mr. A. Craig, Te Aru Hapimarika, Jonathan Fagg, Ben Hadley, Tim Cleaver, Lachlan Grant, Matthan Gray, Ben Chamberlain, Mr. J. Howes.
 Front Row: Hamish Fagg, Zac Hadley, Matthew Harold, Jesse Graham, Blair Campbell, Dom Cranson, Cam Gubb, Nick Harvey.



D11
 Back Row: Nic Hayman, Leigh Elliot, Joel Garrick, Alex Geary, Damon Healy, Daniel Harvey.
 Third Row: Steven Heyes, Sean Curd, David Cunniffe, John Hight, Richard Craig, Nick Craig, Nicholas Hartley.
 Second Row: Oscar Eaton, Jason Corcoran, Darryl Greig, Steve Farley, Logan Heyes, Michael Hayles, Simon Hickey.
 Front Row: Dylan Hayman, Matthew Graystone, Kieran Girling, Sam Eaton, Joon-ho Choi, Paul Hermann, Taylor Haskell, Robert Hayles.
 Absent: Brady Gillbanks, Gareth Goodin, Shaun Fabish.



S1
 Back Row: Jade Richardson, Vincent Sharp, Thomas Pullar, Lindsay Schrader, Shaun Pycroft, Morgan Power-Gordon.
 Third Row: Peter Reeve, Sean Phillips, Sam Phillips, Thomas Potroz, Tane Peri, Thomas Tekeeti, Shaun Porter, Jared Whitehead.
 Second Row: Mr. D. Atkins, Quinten Peters, Taani Prestney, Jeremy Mills, Ben Sharp, Joshua Saunders, Warren Polata, Daniel Rowland, Mr. P. Whittaker.
 Front Row: Michael Peterson, Aidan Prestney, Kerry Roach, Simon Mills (Head of Syme), Michael Rubick, Kris Moller, Brendan Hodge, Jacob Randall, Dan Potroz.



S2
 Back Row: William Pipe, Shiraz Sadikeen, Stewart Wesselson, Jason Plowright, Johnson Power, Matthew Rodden.
 Third Row: Callum Sampson, Alastar Scarle, Whetu Rangi, Jeremy Scarle, Steven Rolfe, Zane Ritai-Davey, Dean Robinson.
 Second Row: Mrs. M. Fenney, Ben Poletti, Joshua Simpson, Cameron Ross, Jason Rolfe, Tamakehu Rangipunga, Tieimi Ransfield, Ashok Ramanathan, Mr. M. Rose.
 Front Row: Michael Roberts, Mathew Pipe, Anthony Rayner, Leith Newland, David Pool, Chris Ridgewell-Lang, Cam Rowlands, Nicholas Rayner, Stacey Ruwhiu.



S3
 Back Row: Kenny Sinclair, Brad Wilson, Star Seko, Mat Richardson, Cody Rodger.
 Third Row: Lewis Schumacher, Jason Oliver, Geraint Scott, David Ormrod, Jack Rush, Andy Robinson-Graham.
 Second Row: Mr. H. Russell, Sean Robertson, Shay Richards, James Rei, Sam Griggs, Ben Robbins, Kyran Rooks, Renn Schreiber, Mrs. P. Crow.
 Front Row: Thomas Sinton, Gursharan Singh, Fergus Porteous, Matt Quereu, Philip Young, Andrew Raynes, Eddie Rush, Cruz Rauner, Jordan Stayt.



S4
 Back Row: Mark Shaw, James Tate, Jack Smithers, Samuel Rose, Samuel Robinson, Kyle Still.
 Third Row: Scott Robertson, Wade Sloane, Anurag Purkayastha, Brad Still, Simon Ruck, James Wilson, Daniel Symon, Brook Tako-Clarke, Jonathon Wyndham-Jones.
 Second Row: Mr. M. Hill, Quinn Rosa, Richard Shearer, Sean Parkinson, Michael Tate, Willie Steyn, Alex Sewell, Jordan Walters, Mathis Smith.
 Front Row: Blair Saunders, Sam Skipper, Carl Parkins-Payne, Sam Naus, Finn Parker, Jaresian Subramaniam, Ty Sanders, Ryan Robbins, Sean Parker.



S5
 Back Row: Matthew Zhong, Jack Price, Vincenzo Smolenski, Tim Riley, Steven Smith, John Taylor.
 Third Row: Wiremu Ruwhiu, Jared Soffe, Robert Weston, Nicholas Sarten, Bradley Roberts, Ben Rowland.
 Second Row: Mr. N. Vernon, Troy Rumney, Eric Thompson, Jeremy Powell, Jake Townsend, Sam Saunders, Michael Taylor, Thomas Skipper, Mr. J. Warner.
 Front Row: Cory Snowden, Hugh Price, Matthew Sarten, Ben Riley (Group Leader), Blair Rook (Deputy), Connor Stachurski, Gye Simkin, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Yuuki Smithers.



S6
 Back Row: Anton Shaw, Vincent Robinson, Vineet Singal, Leith Tahu, Gary Tiplady, Karsten Shotbolt, Kerry Ussher.
 Third Row: Jordan Pretty, Jacob Robinson, Kim Sculpher, Jack Sigley, Jake Tanner, Caleb Snowdon, Brent Taylor.
 Second Row: Alexander Novak, Jason Sharpe, Hayden Robertson, Nick Unkovich, Ant Tiplady, Ivan Toopi, Jeremy Price, Jon Shotbolt, Mr. J. Prasad.
 Front Row: Tushar Sharma, Nick Redfearn, Harley Smith, Nick Standen, Blair Smith, Kurt Tanswell, Stuart Sutherland, Tyler Stills, Jamie St. Clair.
 Absent: Gavin Roper, Luke Van Hoof, Daryl Toopi, Steven Titter, Jamie Stones.



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Back Row: Mitchell Smith, David Thomson, Aaron Whale, Shane Smith, Thomas Wilson, Corey Telfer, Matthew Reid.
 Third Row: William Sklenars, Mitchell Thom, Taryn Smith, David Vincent, Johann Van Niekerk, Jack Taylor, Cody Smillie, Jamie Thompson-Smith.
 Second Row: Mr. B. Johnston, Zildjian Robinson, Ben Sprrott, Eddie Smith, Michael White, Adam Whitehead, Shane White, Tyler Slinger, Mr. R. Turner.
 Front Row: Jamie Roberts, Alex Wilkinson, Mathew Snowden, Caleb Riddick, Nick Wilkinson, Phillip White, Chris Southcombe, Jamie Reid, Alex Sprrott.



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Back Row: David Stevens, Davis Sutcliffe, William Tennent, Sam Sutherland, Matthew Tait, Brandon Whyte, Alex Terwiel.
 Third Row: Devyn Taylor, Harley Wall, Hayden Taunoa, Logan Wilson, James Ngeru, Jason Van Winkel, Nicholas Toon.
 Second Row: Mrs. R. Carter, Tavis West, Kane Wano, Ostyn Tanner, Sean Ross, Floyd Wicksteed, Peter Stevens, Sam Thomson, Mr. C. Nicholls.
 Front Row: Martin Tamapua, Matt Taylor, Samuel Tait, Reuben Theobald, Adam Thame, Richard Smith, Michael Torckler, Jeremy Whyte.



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Back Row: Darryn Thomason, Matthew Tooley, Jason Wang, Dustin Terrill, Matthew Warner, Abhi Verma.
 Third Row: Trent Thompson, Greg Wilson, Dion Wharepapa, Shium Reza, Josh Richardson, Richard Wisniewski, Luke Tyrer, Simeon Williams.
 Second Row: Mr. B. Geange, Rowan Samson, Ben Upton, Shaun Thompson, Adam White, James Whitmore, Liam Webb, Samuel Varley, Mr. M. Watts.
 Front Row: Tom Smith, Mark Wansbrough, Michael Walker, Deon Webb, Glen Raven, Andrew Watt, Shaun Thompson, Chris Whitmore, Martin Tamapua.



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Back Row: Matt Voorwinde, Zaryd Wilson, Josh Smaller, Henare O'Carroll, Nathan Woods, Michael Shea.
 Third Row: Luke Wheatley, Joel Ward, Lee Wilson, Joshua Voorwinde, Phill Stott, Taerata Turahui, Patrick Watt.
 Second Row: Ms. V. Kerr, Michael White, Jacob Vanderfits, Luke Stenner, James Young, Nicholas Vincent, Nick Twaddle, Joshua Zimmerman.
 Front Row: John Webby, Alex Whitikia, Max Watt, Chris Waugh, Andrew Webber, Tony Zhu, Jacob Whiting, Elohim Northcott, Thomas Webb.



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Back Row: Ryan Watts, Cam Waterhouse, Craig Welch, Allen Wong, Sam Young.
 Third Row: Hamish Fleming, Morgan Win, Daniel Fleming, Matt Wells, Hamish Girvan, Anirut Suphasun, Brett Nessling, Jono Gibson.
 Second Row: Mr. A. Slyfield, Peter Zhou, Alexander Waugh, Max Ward, Dean Fisher, Josef Zaloum, Jerome Tui-Rawin, Codey Rei, Mr. S. Page.
 Front Row: Sam Wilson, Matthew Girvan, Michael Wood, Gavin Wu, Jonathan Wu, Joseph Gibson, Jarrod Winter, Joshua Rei, Trinity Wilson.

