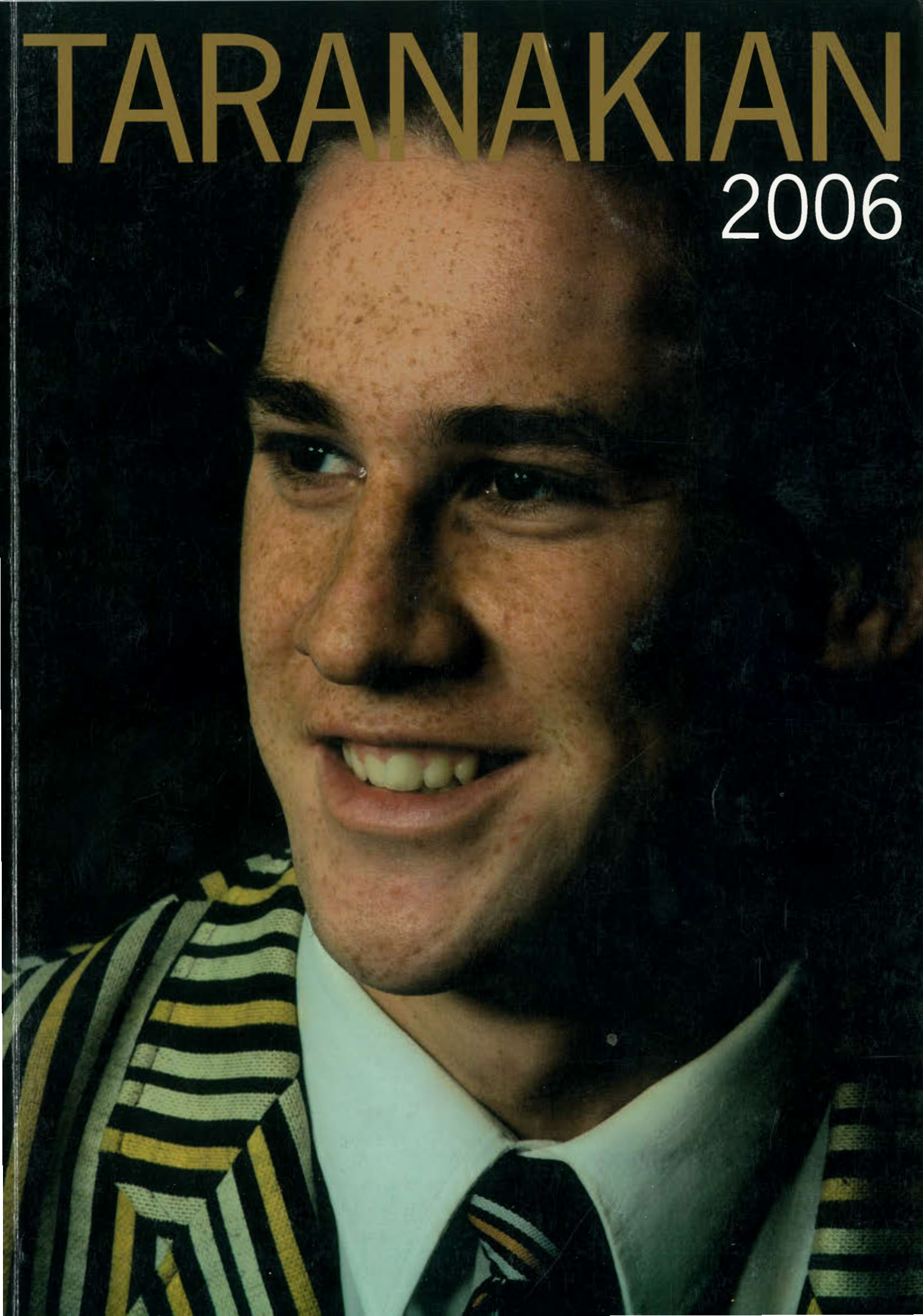


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HEADMASTER'S REPORT 2006

The school opened with a total roll of 1,292. Once again, this was a strong affirmation of parental support for what NPBHS is about.

The staff were delighted with the way the year began and the Year 9 Parents' Night confirmed, from the large number of parents in attendance, that their boys were 'buzzing' about the first three weeks. My overwhelming impression was that our new boys settled in very positively, their fears about getting lost subsided quickly, the classrooms were excellent learning environments, and the boys started summer sports or were into their music. More than this, the great majority took ownership of 'their school' and 'their house' and 'their group'.

The school values are expressed regularly by deans, group teachers, classroom teachers and myself at assembly. This is a determined effort to get boys to stand up as young men, to be honest and to front up when in the wrong - the blame culture that pervades society is not to be a NPBHS culture - to take personal responsibility for one's actions and to show respect for other people and their property is vital if we are to see boys develop into men who are positive contributors to society. This is done in so many ways, role modelling by senior boys and our group leaders, in particular. We are determined to give our senior boys the professional development required to be first-class leaders and we expect them to act in a manner that will maintain standards in the school and raise the bar for many in drawing from the fine examples set. The tabloid sports, swimming sports and athletics are all events that bring out the best in student leadership. I watched in awe, over the first few weeks, the large number of senior boys who were able to engender group and house spirit by their communication skills and force of personality, who were able to cajole and enthrall sometimes reluctant juniors to have a go without any fear of ridicule, who were able to motivate, affirm and excite so many new boys. NPBHS is well justified in putting such faith in senior boys - this leadership development is a hallmark of "who we are" and sets up boys for many roles in adult life.

I congratulate our group leaders, prefects and other seniors who have exhibited great leadership skills and enthusiasm. The house competition was a credit to the heads of house, Tim Lepper (Barak), Mathew Snowden (Syme), Mitchell Edwards (Donnelly) and Ryan Harris-Hayes (Hatherly). They all did a sterling job of encouraging their houses to get involved, and to show passion and loyalty in all that they did. The result was a high quality competition that went down to the last event, the Music, to decide who was to be the top house for 2006. Everybody was enthusiastic about the effort and quality of the music, but the Hatherly performance in the House singing was the best yet and was good enough to allow the hostel boys to carry the day and be rewarded as house champions. Well done to Ryan and his team on the fine job they did this year.



The position of Head Boy is a very important one at NPBHS and in 2006 Kahotea Kereopa filled the roll admirably. He maintained the dignity of the office and, at all times, was an exemplary example to others. Kahotea can be proud of his year and the way that he made many things happen - the school ball was a testament to his organisation and ability to forge a solid team.

As Headmaster I am always involved in looking to the future, so that NPBHS is able to deliver an education that fits the needs of its students. As educators we are bombarded with reading material from all over the world that examines and appraises where we were, where we are and where we should be going. The only certainty seems to be that rapid change is upon us in what is now dubbed 'the information age'. We hear more and more about the knowledge-based economy and that New Zealand's future as a developed nation will depend on growth, job creation and social development being driven by knowledge. Our challenge in education is to ensure that we don't allow a gap to develop between acquiring new skills and competitiveness. This is not something we do alone in schools, but something that we do as a part of planning for New Zealand's prosperous future. It can't happen by chance and must be driven by a central ideology that everybody can understand and support. It must involve vigorous scrutiny, be subject to informed debate, and not be subverted by political whim.

Much will be asked of the education system and rightly so.

A sound general education will be required and students will need certain basic skills, such as:



- mastery of our English language, including precision in spelling, grammar and structure;
- critical thinking and imagination, initiative, flexibility;
- understanding the basics of Mathematics and Science, to cope with new technology;
- learning techniques for picking up new skills and adapting to new situations;
- communication skills, including knowledge of other languages.

I would hope that, as a school, we are giving students the right signals about the future for them. A general, quality education forms a sound knowledge base for workers in the information age. It gives individuals the adaptability and flexibility to fit into uncertain environments. A part of this environment is to be able to demonstrate what is learned, by examination.

There is no doubt that the secret to success in the NCEA environment is to work consistently and to plan thoroughly. As Mr Rowlands and I impressed to a large group of Year 13 parents and boys at the start of the year, the main priority must be curriculum based and students should be working to maximise academic attainment. As a guideline, at Year 13, two hours a day minimum for this must be planned for and then the sports, culture, music etc fitted in conveniently around it. My experience at NPBHS over the past eleven years tells me clearly that these things can be worked in together, as well as having time left over for socialising or a job. Last year was no exception in proving that many of our most successful academic students were also our busiest, in terms of sporting, cultural and musical commitments as well as significant leadership in the school.

I am certain the joy and fulfilment that individual boys gain from working hard in all aspects of their school lives leaves an indelible print that is not easily erased in later life. They become some of the major contributors to the businesses they work in and the communities they serve. This 'old fashioned' idea of service to others is not extinguished at NPBHS and I would proffer it as one of the standards of our ethos. It is becoming increasingly difficult in a world that seems to be more selfish and based on personal gain, but this makes the challenge more rewarding and the successes more gratifying.

Our 2005 examination results are very pleasing with some exceptional moves forward at NCEA Level 1 and 3 in particular and, of course, some of the top Scholarships results in New Zealand.

TARANAKI SCHOLARSHIPS - 33 awarded to NPBHS

NCEA LEVEL 3 - Percentage of NPBHS students gaining University Entrance in 5th year 60.6 (2004 - 52.1) National 47.8

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 3 Certificate

in 5th year 65.2 (2004 - 54.2) National 51.2

A number of students gained a high number of excellences:

Alex Opie	27	Andrew Liu	11
Matthew Molloy	19	Andrew Raynes	10
Jeffrey Fong	16	Min Zhu	10
Andrew Webber	14		

NCEA LEVEL 2 - Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 2 Certificate in 4th year 69.2 (2004 - 64.1) National 60.3

Students gaining a high number of excellences:

Lee Wilson	25	Mitchel Edwards	13
Hew Price	20	Sugapriyan Ravichandran	12
Iain Zealand	19	Andrew King	11
Roshan Patel	14	Michael Earby	10
James Whitmore	14	Jon Keast	10

NCEA LEVEL 1 - Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 1 Certificate in 3rd year 70.8 (2004 - 63.0) National 56.4

Students gaining a high number of excellences:

James Tate	26	Christian Newland	13
Jason Oliver	20	Sam Franklin	12
Tusha Sharma	17	James Fraser	12
William Sklenars	14	Daniel Momich	12
Logan Campbell	13	Matthew Tait	12
Jason Holden	13	Scott Honeyfield	11
Paul Langedijk	13	Damon Healy	10

Percentage achieving literacy NPBHS 82.4 National 72.8

Percentage achieving numeracy NPBHS 86.9 National 79.1

OUR 2005 SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS ARE SUPERB

My congratulations were extended to the scholars and to our staff for the expert teaching and tuition that they gave to get them to this exalted level. The boys' names are permanently etched on the Scholarship Board that is dominant in Ryder Hall and they sit alongside many of New Zealand's finest minds - this is considered, by academic boys, as a great honour at NPBHS.

Sixteen boys gained 24 Scholarships with 4 outstanding and 3 New Zealand Scholars.

NZ SCHOLARS:

Alex Opie	Calculus, Chemistry, Physics (Outstanding)
Matthew Molloy	Physics, Calculus, History (Outstanding)
Andrew Webber	Calculus, Statistics, Economics



2005 Scholarship students

HONOURS BOARD SCHOLARS

Tony (Min) Zhu	Statistics, Calculus
Andrew Raynes	Biology, Art History
Michael Hayward	English (Outstanding)
Simon Harnden	Statistics (Outstanding)
Chris Cree-Butler	English
Michael Julian	Japanese
Iain Zealand *	Physics (*Year 12)
Zeke Sole	Art (Design)
Ben Riley	Geography
Jeffrey Fong	Statistics
Garth Hay	Statistics
Pirmin Patel	Statistics
Nicholas Sarten	History

Particularly satisfying is the range of subjects that have had scholarship success – the strongest affirmation of our teaching strength over the whole curriculum.

I want to relay some thanks for the way that Term Two went in my absence:

To the Board of Trustees, for their professional support in allowing me to have a sabbatical. The experience was outstanding from many perspectives, but the opportunity to be able to live and breathe other cultures for a considerable period was salutary in itself. For this to happen, other staff members had to step up to new positions and it was most gratifying, but expected, to return to hear of the outstanding jobs that Mr Bruce Bayly did as Headmaster, Mr Jeremy Rowlands as Deputy Headmaster and Mr Alan Elgar as Assistant Principal. To me, one of the measures of the quality of a large organisation, such as NPBHS, is how it performs when particular people are absent for extended periods. In these terms we would have come out with a top rating for the way that all the staff so willingly and ably filled the needs that arose.

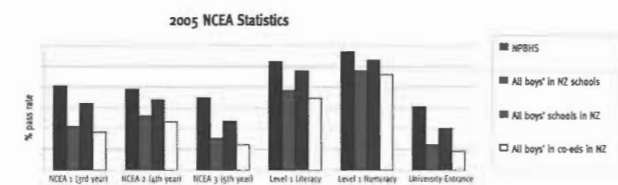
There is much discussion developing in the educational scene at present about the lack of consistency between the grades given in internally assessed standards by teachers, and the check marking by external moderation. There is clearly an issue that needs to be addressed before the public

will have total confidence in the new system. This has been acknowledged by all parties and will come under close professional scrutiny on a continuing basis.

I have maintained in my comments in newsletters, prizegivings and at forums, such as PTA, that whatever happens elsewhere, we will maintain professional integrity in marking to high standards and will continue to ensure that boys are tested by external assessment in the end of year national examinations, as much as is practical.

I have included with this Taranakian comment (below) a set of graphs that confirms for me that our assessment policies are bearing fruit. At all levels our pass rates have improved considerably as the gaps between our results and those of boys in:

- all secondary schools in New Zealand
- all boys' schools in New Zealand
- all boys in co-education schools in New Zealand are evidenced.



After travelling to Australia, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Thailand and reading of other countries, I am even more convinced that the secret to bridging the academic gender gap between boys' and girls' performance is improving literacy levels.

We are ahead of much of the world, in that educators openly recognise it and are putting plans together to rectify the deficit. Literacy has many definitions that can be confusing, but we intrinsically know how vital reading, writing, comprehension and listening are to future progress.

Whenever I spoke to principals or people involved in education, they were interested in what we have done at NPBHS to improve our boys' literacy and subsequently improve our examination pass rates.

Quite some years ago, we realised that it was no good blaming anybody else for the plight that a good number of boys were found to be in when they started high school with us. We needed to do something that would work for us. Excellent reading recovery programmes evolved and have continued, the accelerated reading programme has been introduced for all junior boys and the staff have bought into a literacy initiative, under Mr Geoff Hall, that makes the focus school wide. This year Mr Alan Elgar, one of our most senior staff, has been given leave from his Head of English position to lead a writing initiative for all boys and staff. To add another dimension we are involved with a national numeracy initiative, under Mrs Alison Slater's co-ordination.



This focus is bearing fruit – our results show this. Of course, it is a combination of factors and the high expectations of staff and their willingness to go that extra mile is also significant in any true learning environment.

When you describe NPBHS to people outside New Zealand – the buildings, the history, the expectations, the successes, the grounds, the sports, the culture, the music, the spirit, the boarding houses, the commitment and expertise of teachers, the degree of independence, of Trustees and the amount of self management, the uniform; the next question is, how much are the fees?

The immediate thought is that for the type of education that I describe at NPBHS it would cost thousands of Euros (1 Euro = \$2 NZ) at a private school.

I still believe that too many New Zealand students take their education for granted, another right, without taking up the responsibility to work as hard as they can because of the wonderful opportunity accorded them by a compulsory system that is virtually free.

If all New Zealanders put a prime emphasis on maximising the educational opportunities that are available to them, we will be near the top of any international measures of student achievement. This will quickly translate through to an economy that is robust, vibrant and where most of the community feel they are positive contributors to New Zealand's future.

Raising the aspirations of boys is a large part of this dream. I firmly believe that schools like NPBHS are leading the charge in this respect.

When you talk with so many young boys and 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 to Year 13
- quality programmes that generate future opportunities
- the wide range of sporting and cultural activities for all boys
- a positive culture of developing all-round abilities
- a sense of belonging to a positive environment
- boys having a pride in their school
- an emphasis on positive student leadership
- an insistence on standards of behaviour
- an expectation to achieve to potential
- teaching that suits the needs of boys
- proven academic standards over time

There has also been much discussion around educational circles recently on the relative merits of separate classes for boys and girls. This was elicited by the decision of some co-ed schools to class boys and girls separately to give boys a better chance to develop their academic skills. If statistics



Board Chairman Mr Steven Harrop congratulates the 2006 Dux Lee Wilson

from NCEA Level 1, 2, 3 are seen as reliable indicators of academic performance of groups, then it is obvious to me that these moves to have gender specific classes are a sensible response to bridging the gender gap. The graphs that are included would support this move as a forward step for boys who are not in single sex schools.

The feminist movement of the 1970's was hugely successful in starting to reduce the inequalities based on gender in many Western countries. Teachers, including myself, took on the cry of 'women can do anything' and worked hard to tell our girls that they could do anything against an, at times, sceptical public. In terms of school performances and enrolments in tertiary education, the cause for girls has been incredibly successful.

For example, in NCEA in 2005, 65% of Year 12 girls passed Level 2 and only 55% for boys – significant differences. In 2000 there were 41,000 more women than men enrolled in NZ tertiary courses, traditionally considered the gateway to higher paid jobs. By 2004 there were 75,000 more women enrolled or 57% of all enrolments.

As this widening gap, which first appeared in 1998, increases in size, the more valuable qualifications come. For degree level courses, there are 30% more women, and post-graduate courses, once seen as the preserve of males, have 40% more females.

These gender inequalities are going to severely challenge some traditional models, when female dominance, at tertiary levels, translates to higher paid jobs and more senior positions in the workforce. This will have far reaching implications for future families and child rearing.



I believe that in boys' schools we recognised this trend some time ago and have been quietly moving along a path where 'boys can do anything' is the catch-cry. We are ideally situated to turn the catch-cry into a reality.

Boys respond best to structured environments with strong boundaries and to teachers who use teaching methods suited to boys.

I strongly believe that boys in boys' schools are closing the academic gender gap and this is supported by the statistics that clearly show that single-sex boys' schools are achieving significantly better NCEA results than boys in co-educational schools overall.

Having time off last term allowed a bigger window than usual to contrast and compare so many facets of NZ life with culture overseas. I have shared some of these thoughts in newsletters and with parents at PTA meetings.

Before a real comparison can be made, it is important, firstly, to get a definition of what good schools want to achieve as a baseline. Without going into a lot of education talk, I feel it is pretty simple.

At NPBHS we endeavour to create opportunities that allow our boys to develop into young men, proud of their achievements, confident in themselves and where they are going in their lives and having a sense of belonging, as well as commitment to the communities that they are a part of.

Most boys, I believe, take the opportunities available to them to achieve in so many facets, and gain a sense of optimism and purpose about the way forward. The opportunities are wide ranging and not just confined to what happens in the classroom, although this is of major importance.

Some of these opportunities are pretty obvious:

- a wide curriculum taught by excellent teachers who are experts in their fields.
- a comprehensive curriculum that allows all talents to be fostered and enhanced to the highest level.
- clearly articulated values and positive attitudes are the dominant culture of everyday life at school.
- one of the widest co-curricular programmes of any school, anywhere:
 - sporting
 - musical
 - cultural
- leadership is clearly defined and fostered as a positive outcome for the school community which, hopefully, may lead to community involvement later on.
- innovation and creativity are clearly encouraged in many of the activities that are a formal or an informal part of the curriculum.
- a house system and wide range of 'team' type situations that create a feeling of contributing to something bigger than the individual. The whole is

the sum of a lot of contributing parts, some may have greater weight than others, but without all the parts the whole is not complete.

- chances to travel to places around New Zealand and overseas, certainly add to the feeling in the school that there are no boundaries to where boys at NPBHS may end up, which adds to a global perspective.

If we make our comparison on the basis of the range and quality of opportunities that are offered then NZ schools do very well by definition and NPBHS extremely so. I look at the majority of our senior boys and marvel at the way they have developed as young men.

This is not a fluke, it is not by chance, but a result of the widest possible ranges of positive experiences that are made available, encouraged or required, at home, at school or in the local community.

This rich 'soup of opportunity' cannot help but grow fine young men, but, of course, the soup would be pretty thin without the team of top chefs who make it all possible.

One of the major differences between schools around the world is the direct input from teaching staff to the 'soup of opportunity'. In terms of state schools, New Zealand is extraordinary and NPBHS is outstanding.

One of the characteristics that sets apart first-rate schools is the depth of feeling that old boys or girls have for their schools. It is an obvious and tangible recognition that what happened at school was of considerable value and was important in the formation of who we are. As you will be aware, we have increasingly made sure there are opportunities for old boys to get together, both at school and around the country. I have been delighted to be able to play a part by attending and speaking, or just socialising at reunion events over the past eleven years and have formed some ongoing friendships as a result. The big bonus has to be bringing people together who have, in many cases, not seen each other for many years – maybe even 50 or 60. Whether you were at school 5 years ago or 55 years ago, there is a common bond that was developed at NPBHS that endures. Schools certainly change physically over time, teaching pedagogy has varying metamorphoses, the daily routine of students over a 24 hour period historically varies, but the common bond of belonging still remains for boys and masters who served their time at NPBHS.

The 125th Jubilee has once again seen a core group of old boys put their hands up to give of their time so freely to ensure that it will be a weekend to remember. The Jubilee Committee, under Mr. Lynn Bublitz, have a programme that will suit the needs of every old boy – it will be a celebration of all the facets and nuances that makes up NPBHS and is a must for Easter 2007. Many have already contributed copy to the publication that Mr. Tom Ryder is co-ordinating so expertly on the first 125 years of the school – this will be a wonderful expression of the evolution of our school and of



Codey Rei receives his prizes from Mr Rob Mills

the history of New Plymouth and Taranaki.

Once again, I thank Mr. Geoff Hall and his Old Boys Committee for the ongoing work they do and Ms. Nicky Howarth and Mr. Max Carroll for the continuity and drive that they display on a daily basis. Without these people we would not be in such a strong position in relation to Old Boy affairs.

The school year has been memorable for the continuing wide range of projects that dominate the lives of staff, boys, BOT, PTA and, of course, old boys.

The self-management model has waxed and waned since 1987, as to the degree of freedom that has been accorded New Zealand schools, and for what? In some areas there has been a retrenchment towards a more centralised bureaucracy (the end of bulk funding, a stricter enrolment policy, and more stringent compliance requirements) but in other areas, considerable control (property, staffing, finances) has been given to schools. In the case of NPBHS, with the Ministry of Education insisting on the reimposition of a zone, and the extensive building and remodelling projects, the work for our Board of Trustees has been exhaustive. I could not be more pleased with the calibre of our Board under the chairmanship of Mr. Stephen Harrop and deputy chairmanship of Mr. Rob Mills, both Old Boys. They remain committed to the future success of the school even though their sons, Matthew and Andrew, left two years ago. As those of you who have been on school boards know, it is a major responsibility and a labour of love. You can be assured that this sensible governance and positive support of the school has continued this year, as in the past eleven years of my Headmastership. They consider the links with old boys as being very important and, as such, are generous in their support of the Development

Office. Since its formation in 1997, anybody who has had contact with this office, or its functions, will concur that it has been a major reason, as well as the oversight by Mr. Max Carroll, for the upsurge in close communication between school and old boys.

During the year reunions were held in Auckland, Taumarānui, Hamilton, Stratford and in New Plymouth with Ian Frame's 1965 1st XV, as well as Mr. Max Carroll making a special effort to see old boys in Suva, while on another cruise with his wife, Bev. Unfortunately Bev passed away not long after this, surrounded by her family. Her funeral was attended by a large congregation that included many NPBHS teachers, senior hostel boys and old boys of the school.

This would be expected for a vibrant, forthright and caring lady, who spent many years living at NPBHS as the wife of a long-term stalwart of our boarding houses. Their family was brought up at school and then later, daughter Sandra lived here again, as the wife of Mr Ces Hill, art teacher and hostel master, and who, for a time, brought up their family here. Hostel wives of the standard of Bev Carroll are a full part of school life and she had a significant and positive influence on the lives of hundreds of boys who spent most of their formative years at NPBHS. We extend to Max and his family the school's condolences and our thanks for sharing Bev with us for so long.

New Plymouth Boys' High School has been going through a period of deconstruction, with the Cramond Wing block going under the jackhammer. It has been entertaining for the boys at intervals and lunchtimes, as in the first week of Term Two a lot of the building was being stripped of its woodwork and windows.

Work on the removal of Cramond was finished by mid-June, and construction commenced in late June by King and Steer Construction Limited. The building work is anticipated to take fifteen months to complete. During the final stages of this, work will also be undertaken on the refurbishment of the ground floor of Alexander Block.

This is a major dislocation for the school and a large number of staff were in school over the first holiday period relocating to offices that will be home to them for the construction period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching staff, support staff and the property team, under Mr. Trevor Woodward, for their efforts to ensure the smooth transition back to school in Term Two for the boys.

Affected by the building programme are:

- Two science lab prep rooms and the Science Technician's room.
- Two mathematics rooms and their resource rooms
- Stationery shop
- Clothing shop
- Student records and Archives rooms
- Transition, Career and Guidance offices



To get to this stage of the project moving ahead, a lot of work, over a long period of time, was needed from staff, Board of Trustees and Chapman Oulsnam Speirs (the engineers and architects).

Special congratulations need to go to Mr Les Emslie (Executive Officer/BOT Secretary) who has spent countless hours ensuring that contact with Ministry of Education property officials and the contractors, allowed for a smooth transition from the plans to the construction stage.

Mr Emslie retired in November of this year, after thirteen years as Executive Officer. He has done an outstanding job – in charge of the school finances and was an excellent ‘ear’ for the Board of Trustees on a whole plethora of issues. During his time the face of the school has changed dramatically, in terms of the building landscape and continues to do so – his input has been meticulous, methodical and the vital ingredient to it all coming together. His efficiency and wise advice will be very difficult to replace.

With ANZAC Day again falling in the holidays, we had our very important ANZAC Ceremony on the first day back in Term Two.

The boys rose to the occasion and were an excellent audience in Ryder Hall, listening attentively to our guest speaker, Mr Stuart Trundle, Chief Executive of Venture Taranaki.



Mr. Maunder playing the Last Post at ANZAC



The ANZAC ceremony



Mr Trundle, a former parent and member of our Board of Trustees was accorded the honour of giving the address at the New Plymouth ANZAC Service at the Cenotaph the week before. After Mr Trundle's address to the boys, our Head Boy, Kahotea Kereopa read a memorial from Jack West's book 'Lest We Forget', about one of our Old Boys, Terry George Harold, who died in World War Two.

Mr Dick Johnson, President of the New Plymouth RSA read the traditional ode 'Commemoration to the Fallen'. Our Head Boy, and Hostel Head Boy, Ryan Harris-Hayes, carried wreaths to our two war shrines where the New Plymouth Cadet Unit paraded.

Mr Stewart Maunder played the Last Post and Reveille and Mr Allen Jones once again oversaw the ceremony so ably.

2006 has been a very fine year for NPBHS in so many ways. One of the most satisfying aspects of my job, and that of all teachers, is to see the growth in our boys over their years at secondary school and, in particular, in the Year 13 or Form 7 year. This is the year when everything comes together for most boys and they take large strides towards manhood – not always smooth strides forward, but eventually, for most, significantly in a positive direction. I am totally convinced in the value of a Year 13 year in terms of extending and strengthening the platform that will launch boys to the next phase of their lives. The opportunities to lead and give guidance to others, as well as participate in all that makes school such a rich place to be, contribute in raising confidence in whatever life will throw up. I have enjoyed the large number of boys who come to say farewell and thank you to the school for giving them such a great start into adult life and at the same time, reflect on highlights that will remain etched permanently on their make up. For most it is a time of reflection and realisation tinged, for many, with real sadness, but also of great excitement for the years ahead. They have become great advocates for the holistic education they have received and are grateful for the dedication of the staff in so many ways.

I concur entirely with the sage judgement of our leavers and thank my staff for their dedication, their professionalism, their judgement and their commitment to the care of the boys and young men of NPBHS. I would back them against any staff, anywhere.

Our successes have been chronicled in newsletters throughout the year and affirm the wide range of performances that are especially noteworthy. At senior prizegiving it was obvious that our musicians, under Mrs Jocelyn Beath, Mr Stewart Maunder and our itinerant professionals have gone from strength to strength. They were outstanding, and it is easy to see why our stage band won a gold medal at the BOP and Waikato band festival, as well as being acclaimed as top jazz band.

Our overall sporting year was of the highest quality and our boys dominated the nominations for Taranaki Young

Sportsmen of the Year and the NPDC Young Achievers' Awards. In Tournament Week we had our teams competing in the top echelon of NZ teams in all codes – a remarkable feat.

Daniel Hayles and Jacob Randall were the top two school finalists in the NP District Council Young Achiever's Awards and Loungesweet took the Mayor's special award.

On the sporting front, the many highlights are provided by the Taranakian reports, but once again, it is remarkable to see our soccer, hockey and basketball teams all in the top echelons of NZSS tournaments, together with tennis and cross country running.

The inline hockey team retained their national school title, the golf team were a close 4th in the country and the adventure racers were Hillary Challenge runners-up. Our 1st XV rugby had a very good season, winning 5 of the 7 Super 8 games and our cricketers have progressed to an advanced stage of Gillette Cup.

These sporting, musical and cultural things do not happen without an extraordinary commitment from our staff, sports co-ordinators, parents and willing community people. I will never stop thanking them for the difference their passion makes in the lives of our young men. It is one of the most understated factors in the delivering of high standards of personal behaviour and instilling positive attributes and values in our boys. A wonderful team of people, committed to positive communities.

A lot of people, I believe, have developed some very negative images of the youth of today. Certainly, there are different forces that act on the school boys of 2006, compared to 1986, 1966, or 1946, but this has been the case throughout eternity. It can be a confusing world with contrary views on rights, obligations and responsibilities and differing value sets often set in a vacuum. I firmly believe that schools have a considerable role to play in providing a firm platform for young people to grow. At NPBHS we continue to push for service to others, becoming positive contributors to the communities that our young men will live in, to highlight responsibilities and to play down rights if they have a negative or selfish connotation. Despite a sea of confusion and conflicting demands, most boys develop into young people in whom you have real confidence, as the future of our society. It is easy to understand the confused values that some have – the information age has made it easy to bombard young people with shallow images of what they see sometimes as the 'norm' – often unrestricted access to the internet does nothing to help some boys and girls in forming their views of the acceptable and not acceptable, because they do not have the maturity to sieve huge waves of doubtful material. Certainly the pressure of rampant consumerism and an emphasis on self-image does nothing to help individuals in an increasingly selfish world that looks to abdicate responsibility and blame anybody, or anything that is close, when things go wrong.



This may sound very negative, but I am trying to draw a line on a society that has changed greatly in the last 20 years. Despite a potential series of traps for young people growing up as positive contributors, I see every indication that they continue to rise above the pitfalls. I look around, as many headmasters have before me, and see an army of young men who have taken all the opportunities that school has to offer and through these have developed all the traits that will ensure future success. Parents have every right to be proud of what they have achieved and where their sons are headed.

At NPBHS we are committed, as in the past, to building a strong platform, a clearly defined set of expectations and responsibilities that promote positive growth.

Mr. Lyal R French-Wright
Headmaster

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The Board of Trustees

The current board is coming to the end of 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. Mr Emslie retired on 24 November 2006 after 13 years of excellent service to the school and its board. He will be greatly missed but leaves his area of the school administration in a healthy state and with very good systems in place.

I want to thank our student representative, Derrin-Jesse Puata, for his contributions and hard work during the year.

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Congratulations to him on his re-election for a further one-year term at the September election.

As Chairperson, I want to thank each of the Board members for their commitment and hard work during 2006.

The Management of NPBHS

Our school is very fortunate to have an outstanding, and now very experienced, 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 2006, 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.

During Term Two, Mr French-Wright took a well-earned sabbatical in Australia and Europe. The seamless transition of Mr Bayly to Acting Headmaster and Mr Rowlands to Acting Deputy Headmaster spoke volumes for their experience and abilities. The opportunity this provided for them to extend their skills and to understand the different roles was valuable both to them and the school. Thanks are due to Mr Alan Elgar for stepping into the role of Senior Master during this period to carry out many of the duties Mr Rowlands' usual position involves.

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

2006 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 at 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, though we are fortunate to have a relatively low level of turnover compared to most schools. That is a credit to Mr French-Wright and the teaching environment at NPBHS generally. The board welcomes those who have joined the staff during 2006 and to those who have left thank you for your contribution.

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 2006.

Hostel

The hostel is a substantial organisation in itself. The Hostel Committee is ably chaired by Rob Mills (also Deputy Chairman 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 at 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 only constitute 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 more populous day boy houses regularly bears this out. This year that was reinforced by a well-deserved victory to Hatherly.

The school is particularly fortunate to have Mr Geoff Hall as Senior Hostel Master. He has enormous commitment and energy and this is rubbed off not only on the other staff members and prefects but also on all of the Hatherly boys. The board particularly congratulates Ryan Harris-Hayes, the Head Boarder of 2006, 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.

This year, both the Hostel Matron, Mrs Theresa Kerr, and her assistant, Mrs Colleen Morris, retired but we were pleased to welcome Mrs Faye Gurry and Mrs Fiona Evans respectively as their able replacements.





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.

As with 2005, much of the board's time during 2006 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 was successfully completed by ICL Construction by March 2006.

Tenders were then called for the demolition of the Cramond block and Darcy Keene Earthmoving Limited was the successful tenderer. After salvaging of items of value from Cramond the building was demolished and the site tidied up during May 2006. The major contract for the construction of 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 was then let to King and Steer Construction Limited who have been progressing well with that work. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation by September 2007 (Term 4) and that old boys attending the 125th celebrations at Easter 2007 will be able to gain a good impression of what the finished product will be like.

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 happening in the midst of a busy school which still needs to function at maximum capacity is undoubtedly causing 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 continue to be significant 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). Also one of the staff, Mr Ces Hill, has ensured that progress with the project is being well documented photographically. Visit the school's website www.npbhs.school.nz and go to the Quick Link "Cramond Block Redevelopment".

Technology

The still relatively new Head of Department, Mrs Sue Scott, has settled in well and the board has greatly appreciated her contribution during 2006. In combination with Mrs 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 substantial and 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 Chairman I am very grateful for the contribution of Mr Jamie Sutherland the Chairman of our Finance Sub-Committee and a respected local chartered accountant. 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 again this year by Mrs 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 Mr 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.

This year sadly saw the passing of our respected Kaumatua, Tom McCulloch, whose wise and thoughtful contributions were much appreciated and will be missed.

PTA

The PTA has continued to function well during 2006 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 so 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.

Special mention needs to be made of the excellent and overdue work done by Mr Peter Hall and his team of boys (mainly from the first XV) on the gully ground seating.

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, Kahotea Kereopa, and his team of prefects on the superb way they have acted as role models for the rest of the boys and in doing so 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 conduit for them in the transition from boyhood to manhood. To those who are leaving at the end of 2006, 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

Staff Notes 2006

There were few changes to staff at the start of the year. This highlights a trend over the past two years where staff turnover has been relatively small compared to the national trend.

To start the year Mr Jeremy Coley returned to his old school for his second stint teaching after two and a half years overseas. This was to be a relatively short stay as Jeremy moved to St Paul's Collegiate, Hamilton, in early June. Jeremy's replacement was Mr Evan Davies, another Old Boy, who also returned to us for his second teaching term in the English Department.

Mr Troy Standish arrived to teach Mathematics after teaching at Eumemerring Secondary College, Melbourne, and was

quickly roped into running the softball and ended up taking the boys to the Nationals. Mr Brent Vyle arrived as a first year teacher, after graduating from Waikato University with a BSc in Technology. He has been a welcome addition to the Biology Department with his strength being in Environmental Science.



Mr Page uses his parasol wisely



an English woman abroad - Ms Kerr keeps score at tabloid sports



Mr Simpson, Mr Brown and Mr Wild at athletics day in Inglewood



The senior masters: Mr Bayly, Mr Heaps and Mr Rowlands

Ms Ana Medina was appointed to the position of part-time Web Manager, in charge of the school web site and intranet. Ana had previously worked for the Manukau Institute of Technology in a similar role. Unfortunately by June we had to farewell Ana who had to return to her family home in Chile. At the end of term two we were pleased to appoint Miss Jennifer Cooper to the position. Jennifer is a graduate from the local computer degree course at WITT and an old girl of NPGHS.

This year we were delighted to officially welcome on board our new Chaplain Mr Kevin Dixon. Kevin is well known to the school as a relieving teacher and in the community for his christian ministry. This is an important link in the school network of guidance and Kevin certainly made his mark over Hostel Open Weekend giving a strong, heart-felt sermon at Sunday's chapel service.

Term two brought about a significant staff change as the Board of Trustees provided the Headmaster, Mr Lyal French-Wright, with leave for a sabbatical to travel to Australia, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Thailand. Mr Bruce Bayly and Mr Jed Rowlands stepped into their new roles with relish, and Mr Alan Elgar joined the Senior Management Team. This brought the smell of fresh roasted coffee to the offices and the music of the 70's echoing in the passage ways.

Talking of international jet setting, at the end of term two Mrs Val Moore returned from a short visit to Asia, which saw her spend time visiting Hong Kong, and meeting a number of our international student's parents and close relatives. Later in the year, Mrs Margaret Atkinson was to venture for a second visit to Chile with the Year 11 Spanish students and

Mrs Pauline Crow travelled to World School in Brisbane.

The term also saw us farewell, officially, a stalwart of the staffroom for over 30 years - Mrs Marie O'Byrne. Marie had been serving tea and coffee to the staff for longer than anyone on the current staff can remember. Marie has also probably seen more staff come and go than any other person at Boys' High. When morning tea shouts were on, Marie was the person who prepared for the layout of the food and the onslaught that resulted, as well as the clean-up as the satisfied staff headed back to class at the end of interval. Marie greeted each person with a cheery good morning that never changed despite having to go on search and rescue missions to retrieve cups from all parts of the school.

Beginning as a member of the cleaning staff, Marie very quickly became the 'morning tea lady'. Older staff will remember the morning teas that Marie prepared herself, in the days before the hostel kitchen staff were given the job. Another memory was the annual trip on the tractor to the swimming pool to deliver morning tea to the staff. This was not without its own perils as the driver, on one occasion, managed to clean up the volleyball net and its poles, with Marie holding on to the trailer for dear life.

A keen trumper, Marie would periodically disappear for a few days, to return with tales of her travels and what she had planned for her next excursion. If not off tramping, she would be working away in her garden. For many years, Marie has been a constant factor in the ever changing face of the Boys' High staff. Her ability to remember which staff liked



Mr Leath soaks up the sun



tea or coffee, strong or weak, and with or without milk, is a tribute to her desire to get the job right. NPBHS staff thank her for her years of cheerful service and friendliness, and wish her all the best in a very well earned retirement.

The end of term two saw Ms Kathy Gracia leave on promotion to HOD English at Hawera High School. We farewelled Kathy in style and thanked her for her vibrancy and enthusiasm shown during her two teaching stints at NPBHS. Kathy was a strong supporter of the Social Club activities and added greatly to the life and character of the staff. We wish her all the best in her new position.

In term three we welcomed Mr Byron Nicholas to the staff as a teacher of English and thanked Mrs Sara Kovac for the excellent job she did while we waited for Mr Nicholas to arrive from the United Kingdom. Mr Nicholas is an experienced teacher who formerly taught at the City Academy in Bristol.

The NZ Women's Rugby team won the World Cup in Canada, partly due to the great coaching of our staff members Mr Jed Rowlands and Mr Dale Atkins. That 70's music could, once again, be heard down the corridor with Mr Alan Elgar, again, stepping up so well to the Assistant Principal's position. Thanks also go to Mr Larry Wilson for taking over the Head of Physical Education and Health so ably.

The end of term three, as usual, saw the staff front up to the boys in rugby and soccer. Soccer was a draw but the staff were victorious in the rugby after a long and exhausting game. Once they had recovered, the staff were ready for a new experience - inter-school staff matches.

Tauranga Boys' college staff were equally buoyant after victory in their staff/student game and both sides thought it fitting to play another game against each other. This bout of Peter Pan behaviour brought about a number of injuries which gladly the DP's from both schools didn't have to cover with relief as it was played on the first Saturday of the holidays. Well done team. I'm sure you are all looking forward for a rematch next year - in the holidays!

The commitment of staff to the co-curricular life is a real feature of our school. Whether it be coaching, field trips, camps, workdays, extra tuition or report evenings, they all add up to an overall experience that greatly benefits the students. Coupled with this, is the fantastic work carried out by the support staff. They are an integral part of the running of the school.

One person who is integral to the smooth running of the administration of the school is the Executive Officer/Board Secretary, Mr Les Emslie. In November we farewelled Les after 13 years of service to the school and Board of Trustees. His guidance and stewardship have been second to none. His wisdom and business acumen have enabled the school to operate on a financially sound and secure footing. Les has also managed to lead the school through negotiations with the Ministry smoothly on a number of significant building



Mr Prasad hangs with his homeboys



Dr. Ariyar atne and Mr Hyde wave for the cameras

projects that the school has undertaken recently. We wish you all the best in the future Les.

Congratulations must also go to those staff who go beyond the call of duty. Not only do they teach students all day, but actively go about trying to increase the roll of Boys' High. Well done to Craig and Sonia, Andrew and Kimberly, and Paul and Susan for their new sons and daughters.

We farewell Mr Mark Hopkins, who after two years with us in the Technical Department, is moving onto new ventures. Mr Chris Nicholls also announced his retirement at the end of 2006. Chris started at Boys' High 10 years ago as a relief teacher, then he became a part-time teacher in Transition



and the Technical Department. His roles in the school have been many and his enthusiasm and dedication have always been unquestionable.

Ms Sarah Wilson leaves us after 3 years in the English Department. Sarah's last teaching position was at Berwickshire High School, in the Scottish border regions.

Mr Iain McGowan has recently announced that he will be leaving to pursue further educational studies in Australia.

the life of the school. As H.O.D. of Commerce he joined the Curriculum and ICT Committees. He carried on where he left off at Waimea College and picked up the junior basketball programme, his highlight here was the winning of the Central Zone 3rd and 4th form tournament.

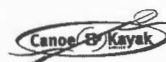
2006 concluded with the staff in good heart, with high morale and ready, after a good break, to meet the demands of 2007.

Mr. Bruce Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



2006 Staff

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B Fitzpatrick K E Julian
D Weir

TUCKSHOP

Mrs K Morris Mrs B Farley
Mrs S Lahood

HOSTEL

Mrs F Gurry (Senior Matron) Mrs F Evans (Matron)
Mr M Trowern Chef



Head Boy's Report

This is the end. The school year 2006 is almost over. Five years of life and school at New Plymouth Boys' High School is drawing to a close. We will all take experiences and memorable moments away with us, special from our time in this school. As we leave the school gates, we all hope that during our time, we have been able to add to the prestige and spirit that is apart of life at NPBHS.

It is hard to believe that after 5 years I have finally reached my final year and final days at school. It is almost frightening to think that my time at one of the most influential institutions in my life is about to end. Although on the other hand, I have wanted to finish school for as long as I can remember. I am torn. I cannot help but think that all other school leavers experience these same thoughts and feelings. As that time approaches, we all move toward a life unknown. What does the future hold for us? There is some comfort in knowing that we ourselves can determine what exactly our future is. We are masters of our own destiny; our future is whatever we make it.

Although I was born in Rotorua, my character was formed in New Plymouth. NPBHS has had a tremendous impact on my life. Since my first nervous days in 2002 until my last days, NPBHS has provided a terrific environment in which I could develop. It has given me the opportunities to participate and excel in my areas of interest, be it sporting, culture or academic. This has been rewarding for me personally and I have fond memories and experiences which I carry with me today.

At the close of the 2005 year, I was given the opportunity to apply for Head Boy, a position I felt I could fulfil. It was a great joy to me to be given this honour and it has been quite an experience. At the beginning of my tenure I tried to collect all the advice I could to help prepare me for the job. Words and ideas like delegation, time management, responsibility, dependability, being a role model and most important to me, empathy. Over the year, I tried my best to practice and develop these with respect to my role in the school. Truth be told, at some point during the year I had difficulty with some or all of these points. But the lesson learned from the mistakes I made is a lesson I am thankful to have learned. I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity I was given and it was a pleasure to be Head Boy this year.

When I think of role models in the school, the person foremost in my mind is Mr French-Wright. I could not have hoped for a better headmaster and leader during my time at school. The way you carry yourself about the school and especially how you deal with students is a skill that we all appreciate. I have nothing but gratitude, admiration and thanks. Thank you for all the help and guidance; thank you for understanding; and thank you for the unique opportunity you gave to me. It was my honour. I hope that in time, I myself am able to grow into a man with as much integrity and dignity as you.



To Mr Bayly; I enjoyed our interactions, especially during term two when the school developed a unique and different vibe when you were at the helm. Your work often goes without thanks but I take this opportunity to thank you for the support and help you have given me this year.

To Mr Rowlands and Mr Elgar; both 7th form deans during the year, you have both done so much for me. In terms of guidance, assistance and help, you have both made it possible for me to carry out my responsibilities this year. You are both very easy people to get along with and I have enjoyed my time immensely under both your deanship.

I was spoilt this year. I could not have asked for a better, more capable group of house leaders. Ryan, Matt, Mitch and Tim, you were an incredibly dedicated bunch. More than willing to do that little bit extra, to try and out do the other houses and uplift the house spirit in the school. My greatest thanks go to you all. I am very pleased to have shared this experience with you all. The house competition was fought right until the very end this year and your dedication to your jobs is a reflection on the quality of young men and leaders developed within the school.

I would also like to thank the prefects; who this year have led in their own way about the school. I hope that you all enjoyed the responsibility and opportunity you were given and I thank you for your leadership and the time you spent on your jobs this year.



When I was given the brief for the ball this year, I immediately thought about what types of people I would need on the Ball Committee. Guys that were willing to sacrifice their time, sleep and lives for the betterment of the Ball itself. On this year's committee were a bunch of guys that fulfilled these requirements. Ryan, Matt, Mitch, Tim, Dan, Dan and Paul, you all put a tremendous amount of energy and effort into this project. I thank you for that. The final result, Ryder Hall's total transformation into the 'Temple of the Golden Pavilion' was amazing. Also many thanks go to Jono, Bernard, Mark and Justin for your expertise in lighting and especially carpentry. It blew me away your skill in being able to build anything we needed. I asked for a fence, you guys said 'How long?' I ask for a screen divider, you guys said 'How high?' The skill you guys displayed was amazing to witness. My greatest thanks go to you all.

I was told very early on that the most important people in the school were the office ladies. It did not surprise me when I discovered that it was in fact truth. For all the times that you helped me with anything I needed, I thank you. I ask that all the boys also sincerely thank the office ladies when ever they can for the great job they do for the school.

To all the other people that have helped me this year, I thank you very much. To all my friends and mates, I thank you for all the great times and memories.

Lastly I would like to thank two very special people in my life. The first, a very dear and special woman in my life, whose generosity and understanding knows no bounds. Nothing I can say can truly express how much I appreciate and admire the sacrifices you make for me. I could not wish for better, I love you mum. Secondly, I would like to pay tribute to a very special man for whom I cared deeply. Kahotea Akapita Kereopa, your memory lives on, I will not let you down.

Best wishes to the future of the school and to those boys who will fill the roles vacated by the leaving class of 2006. I have had the most amazing time, Thank you all!

Nga Mihi

Kahotea Kereopa



School Prefects 2006

- 4th ROW FROM LEFT: Brent Bishop, Thomas King, Brayden Barnett, Andrew Mischefski, Jason Rolfe, Cameron Ross, Tim Cleaver, Ben Aves, Floyd Wicksteed, Daniel Hayles, Jon Keast
- 3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Jeremy Scarle, David Ormrod, Paul Meuli, Jonathan Fagg, Jeremy Powell, Andrew King, Finnbarr Kerr-Newell, Michael Earby, Andrew Mason, Cameron Miller, Jacob Davies
- 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Nathan Woods, Lee Wilson, Matthew Hitchings, Hamish Lawn, Jaimin Benton, Shane O'Neill, Simon Boyle, Daniel Fleming, Michael Taylor, Fraser Cameron, David White, Roshan Patel
- FRONT ROW: Dex Newland, Justin Boag, Tim Lepper, Mathew Snowden, Mr L. French-Wright, Kahotea Kereopa (Head Boy) Ryan Harris-Hayes (Head Boarder), Mitchel Edwards, Mark Shaw, Erwin Hebler
- ABSENT: Cody Rei



Barak

I will never forget the day I received the phone call from Mr Hyde telling me I had been given the position of Head of House. Having won the house music the previous year Barak was on a high, and I knew I had a big job in front of me to carry on this success. My thanks must firstly go to Chad Mills (Barak House Leader 2005) for breaking the jinx and leaving us in 3rd place with an excellent base to go forward from.

We started the competition well at the swimming sports. This was our first real opportunity to show the others the potential our house had. Thanks to Paul and Cameron for helping me set up an impressive shade area the day before the event. With some excellent swimmers dominating in the championship events, and the other boys fronting up and swimming very well in the non-championship events, we were looking like the house to beat and were leading the points at lunch. Overall attendance was the only let down of the day, with around 100 boys absent. This could easily have been the deciding factor between us gaining an outstanding 2nd and an even better 1st. Even so, it was a great day and we all left knowing this could be our year.

Athletics was the next major event on the calendar. With Barak having the highest attendance at this event, I was quietly confident that we had another chance of gaining a good placing. With outstanding championship competitors we managed to snatch another 2nd. Added to our winnings, this set Barak up brilliantly for the rest of the year. David Morton, Bernard Hall and Jason Johnstone - you are all incredible athletes, congratulations on your success. Mr Hyde and Jon Keast - a special thanks to you both for helping me run such a successful day.

Going into the cross country in second place and knowing we had some outstanding runners, with the likes of David Morton and Andrew Joyce, I was sure we could pull off another good result. The cold day and a slippery course became minor factors and didn't stop our boys doing well, with Barak gaining 3rd overall. The senior race was extremely close with several excellent runners eager to claim the title. Congratulations to Daniel Fleming for winning.

The haka, in my mind, was always going to be the toughest event. Our first few practices were a bit of a disaster, due to constantly changing leaders and the juniors not knowing what was going on. Finally Bernard Hall stepped up to the plate and did an outstanding job leading the boys, offering encouragement that no one else could have. Big thanks to you - Berny. We really came together on the day, but were outclassed by extremely good Hatherly and Donnelly sides. However, to everyone's delight we still managed to gain a respectable 3rd.

House music was the next major event. With practices not going so well, I was quite anxious on the day. Thanks to Mr Hyde for changing the words to the song to reflect Baraks



Mr Hyde encourages the B-unit



Barak House



approach; to Mrs Slater for improving our vocal performances; and also to Andrew Mischefski who has an incredible voice and lifted our performance. A surprise skit appeared in the form of The Hulk (Mr Hyde) and an evil villain (Jesse Puata). This down well with the crowd and turned out to be quite a laugh. Huge congratulations must go out to Kahotea Kereopa and his band who produced one of the best ensembles I have seen and definitely helped us gain 2nd place.

Once again the debaters put in the extra yards to do well for Barak, earning a commendable 1st place. Summer and winter sports were the areas which let us down this year. I can't stress enough how important they are to being a successful house. Gaining 4th overall this year was a little disappointing, but it was one of the toughest and closest competitions for a long time.

To the boys of the house; - thank you for your support. It was very much appreciated and I wish you all the best. To the senior boys, even though you weren't prefects you stepped up and made my job easier, my thanks for that. To my prefects, you all did an amazing job and the work you put made my job that much easier and more enjoyable. To my Deputy Andrew Mason, take a bow, you were brilliant. During the 3 weeks I was away you held the house together and you were always there to help. I don't know what I would have done without your help and guidance, and I am extremely grateful for that.

To Mat, Mitch and Ryan; - you all did wonders with your houses this year. Ryan, you and all the boarders really took the challenge the day boys this year, as you often do, and you deservedly claim the title.

Mr Hyde; - to be honest, I don't know how you do it. The endless stream of passion and determination that keeps this house going is incredible. Thanks for all your support this year and for your belief in me. I hope I lived up to your expectations. Good luck for next year.

To Mr French-Wright; - you are an inspirational leader to every single boy at our school, and I thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me. I don't know where the school would be without you. I have had a brilliant experience at NPBHS and it is one I will hold in my memories forever.

Finally to all the boys of the school; - you have made it an enjoyable year for me and I wish you all the best in your years to come.

Tim Lepper
Head of Barak 2006

Donnelly

2006 proved to be a year of determination, passion and commitment for Donnelly. After lacklustre performances



Sam Varley

early on in the year, which saw Donnelly finish 3rd and 4th respectively in the Swimming Sports and Athletics, the outlook was grim. And on the back of a 4th overall placing last year the call came from other students in the school that 'Blue was the new green'. Outraged by these comments, the fortitude and valour of the Donnelly men was brought to the fore.

After copious practices of the haka, Donnelly produced, arguably, its best haka in my five years at NPBHS. However this was rewarded with only a 2nd placing; once again the Hatherly boys proved to be more articulate and deserved their win. However, in retrospect, I believe this was the turning point in Donnelly's year.

This placing was followed by some resilient performances in the summer sport events which saw Donnelly thrust itself forward as a title contender.

The cross country brought about audacious performances from the boys, which saw Donnelly gain a hard fought 2nd place. This placing was a sterling reflection on the character of the boys as participation proved to be a fundamental factor in the final placings.

Winter sports, being the penultimate round, became crucial to a strong finish for Donnelly, and once again the teamwork and camaraderie between the boys was more than evident



Rosnan Patel: Donnelly House

and resulted in strong performances in all the winter codes. After, some would say, dubious judging decisions at the house singing competition Donnelly was awarded 3rd place on the back of 2nd in the singing and an unfortunate 4th place in the ensemble. The boys must be congratulated for their heartfelt rendition of 'Why does Blue do this to me?' in a tribute to Mr Gledhill for his many years of commitment to the house.

Congratulations to Ryan and the hostel boys, your unprecedented devotion to your house and school once again proved too strong and you were deserved victors. Cheers to Snow and Leps as well; you boys lead your respective houses well and often proved to be stern competition.

The immense passion and commitment shown by the Donnelly men to the house this year was justly reflected in our 2nd placing overall. To all the guys out there who put themselves out to help either myself or the house - thank you, your actions never went unnoticed. To this year's prefects: Pakey, Yogi, Jono, Ben, Michael, Bish, Tim, Matt, Roshan, Shane O, Jamin, Cheers heaps for the year boys, thanks for your help and enthusiasm, and good luck in your future fields of endeavour.

I would like to acknowledge Mr French-Wright for giving me the opportunity to lead Donnelly this year. And a mention must be made to Mr Bublitz. As most will be aware this

was Mr Bublitz's first year in charge of Donnelly, however he proved to be more than up to the challenge producing admirable emotive speeches when needed, and always proving to be well organised. Thank you for the passion you displayed for the house, your wisdom and your motivation throughout the year.

To next year's 7th formers - go hard in everything you do, make the most of what will surely be an enthralling year. And remember to dream on an improbable scale.

Mitch Edwards
Head of Donnelly 2006

Syme

When looking back on the year, I can say Syme's journey has been truly amazing. It has been a thrill, as always, to be part of this great house and something I have enjoyed for the 5th consecutive year. Being appointed to lead the 'Men of Steel' for my last year at school was something I took great pride in and, as defending champions, we were looking to repeat last year's success.

We kicked off the House Competition under the blue skies of summer. Michael Taylor, on our throne, led a sea of yellow down to the pool. The day was great with our championship swimmers dominating and the whole house getting involved. Anything other than first would have been a disappointment and without our top swimmer, Tim Riley, other talented swimmers, including Michael Taylor, Myles Simpkin and Cody Rei, stepped up to take the Burbank Cup.

Athletics was another huge success with Syme taking out the competition. There were some brilliant individual performances on a day where the conditions were less than favourable. Special mentions must go to Cody Rei who won 5 events, Brock Sibbick who was Junior Champion, and to Eddy Smith and Luke Rice for their outstanding efforts. Once again, we unlucky not to have a full strength house team with Marcus Sweetman away with the regional touch team.



a pensive Mr Turner



The cross country this year was as eventful as ever. I had a great feeling Syme was going to carry over its form from athletics into this event. Yet again, all Junior, Intermediate and Senior top places were dominated by Syme, and 6 out of the first 10 runners in the Senior race were Syme boys (including Daniel Fleming 1st, David Ormrod 2nd). However, in the end, we missed valuable points where they were needed and had to settle for a very disappointing 4th place.

Summer sports were an event where the boys got involved in their chosen sporting arena. Overall our participation was excellent with great results in all areas. A special mention should go to the touch boys and the cricket team for doing the business. Syme also came first in Tennis.

The school haka competition is one that I have looked forward to ever since being a part of Syme's first victory in this event as a Year 9 boy. It is an event where the heart is the muscle used to drive your team to victory. The boys worked hard in the practices and the new boys did well to learn it. But on the day not enough heart was mustered up and we were again 4th. Thanks Cody for leading it and doing such a great job.

Winter sports were another event where we can look back and wonder what could have been. Well done to the boys who played soccer and golf for their wins, especially Matty Reid in golf, and well done to all those boys who gave it their best effort on the day. Even though we did not get the results we wanted in this event, your best is always going to be good enough for the prefects and me.



Staff swimmers (back from left: Mr Hall, Mr Corlett, Mr Coley front: Mr Cleaver, Mrs Roberts)



Syme house work on their moves

House music was something we had a lot of fun doing and, even though we did not get the result we required, I'm sure a lot of the boys will look back on the event with a laugh. William, Jacob, Jeremy and Hamish you can take pride in knowing we did the best we could in what time we had.

The house debating teams had a mixed year with both taking a few loses along with some memorable wins. The Juniors were led by the 'smooth talking' Will Tennent and the seniors were run extremely well by both Lee Wilson and Daniel Fleming.

In amongst the hustle and bustle of the House Competition were two things I would like to mention: firstly, the 7th form boys beating the NPGHS 7th formers in netball and, secondly, the school ball. All those who attended the school ball would agree it was a great night. Thanks to KJ, the other Heads of Houses, and Paul, Daniel Fleming, Jono, Daniel Hayles, Bernie, Marky and Boag for their help and making that week really good fun.

In the end, 2006 was a rather disappointing year for Syme. To be fair, 3rd place is not a true reflection of how well this year went for us. But there are also a lot of positives can be taken from the year and I hope everyone has come out the other end with a smile on their face.

I have a lot of people I would like to thank for this opportunity to lead Syme. Firstly Mr Turner; - thanks so much for giving me the honour to lead the house. I know you have done a great job over the years and I was gutted I couldn't keep the trophy in Pridam Hall for just one more year. Also big thanks to Mr French-Wright for selecting me as Head of Syme and for your guidance and support over the years. You have helped me develop as a young man. Mr Johnston; - Thanks for keeping us S7 boys in line over the years and for letting us eat our lunch in group rooms. But most of all, thanks to Mr Simpson, Mr Russell, Mr Leath, Mr Hewlett and Ms Kerr, my teachers, for understanding and letting me duck in and out of class during the year on house and school duties.

Other big thanks must go to Dav, Floyd, Rolfe, Cuz, Munga, Cam, Jeremy, Lee, Jeremy Scale, Nate and Dan for all your friendship and help as prefects throughout the year. Huge



thanks also go to Daniel Fleming who, as deputy, lightened the load on my shoulders considerably and did an outstanding job.

Finally, thanks to T-Leps, Mitch and Ryan for the memorable house competition and the good times. Well done to Ryan and Hatherly who took it out this year. I hope all you boys have had as much fun this year as I have and I wish you all the best for the future. The House Competition is getting closer and closer every year and I wish all the boys in the top jobs next year all the best.

Mathew Snowden
Head of Syme 2006

Hostel Report 2006

Over the years I have used 50cent mixtures, muffin making, Shakespeare, the circus, a fairytale, Muhammad Ali and the Year of the Red to tell my story of the NPBHS Hostel. Through all of these stories I have tried to highlight what this place is all about: opportunities, mates, good times, challenges, high standards, tradition, success, growth, development, reaching ones potential, independence, new experiences, team work...

This year the theme is Challenge and Partnership or Dancing with the Stars.

Basically, Dancing with the Stars is about taking a 'dancing' celebrity (the boys) out of their comfort zone (home & family) and providing them with a new 'dancing' challenge (hostel & NPBHS). In order for them to achieve success in this new challenge they need a professional 'dancing' partner (hostel & teaching staff).

The 'dancing' celebrities arrive at the 'dancing studio' (hostel & NPBHS) with their professional 'dancing' partner. They now have five years to learn and master a whole range of dances before they have successfully met all of the challenges.

These are the dancing challenges that have to be mastered:

The waltz

It is the dance we associate with the fundamentals. It has a traditional focus – a lot like this place with its traditional educational focus and traditional value set: basic social etiquette, good manners and respect. It is the dance where it is important to hold yourself properly.

The hostel is a place where the boys have to behave in accordance with long-standing standards and expectations.

The quickstep

While this is a traditional dance it is more contemporary, which fits into a school and hostel of our size. We still offer all of the traditional elements of the waltz, but we also offer a wider variety of opportunities. Academically, there is a greater range of subjects, there is a greater range of teaching styles, there is a greater range of sporting, cultural and social possibilities, there are more facilities and there are more experiences to be had.

It is a traditional dance with a modern twist – we are a traditional hostel with a contemporary outlook.

The rumba

This is the creative dance; the dance where people will try new approaches. This is the dance where you experience different cultures and attitudes. The hostel expects its celebrities to embrace new experiences and to learn to respect these new experiences. This is often very difficult for the celebrities, so the support of the professional dancers is vital. This is where the partnership becomes crucial in order for success





Ryan Burgess tips over during the trolley derby

and personal growth to be achieved.

The pasa doble

This is the dance of passion, pride, commitment and conviction. I believe pasa doble loosely translated means 'Meatball'. The hostel is still the heart of the school, while the pasa is the heartbeat for the dance competition. The passion and pride of the hostel is clearly evident at all school and hostel events. The conviction of boarders to achieve their very best in the classroom, on the sports field, on the cultural stage and socially. The commitment boarders show to their hostel, their school and to their mates. The red cape is the symbol of the pasa much like the red colours the boarders wear with so much pride.

Boarders also continue to maintain the spirit of this dance well after leaving the hostel.

The jive

This is the dance where boys can be boys. It is the opportunity for the boys to let their hair down and have a great time. This is where natural energy and enthusiasm, true personality and youthfulness flourish. It about having a good time and that is exactly what we try to encourage in the hostel.

If our celebrities are prepared to try all of these dances and accept the help of the professionals they will leave this place winners.

The hostel is about coming out of your comfort zone, embracing all challenges and new experiences, accepting help when needed, never giving up, believing in what is offered, having fun and striving for the best.

The dancers of 2006 have achieved all of this.

Highlights for 2006

- 2005 academic results with pass rates of:
Year 13 – 75% (Alex Opie, the school's Dux, gained 3 scholarships)
Year 12 – 59%

- Year 11 – 83%
- The involvement and support of families and friends at special school events like Swimming Sports and Prize Giving, at special hostel events like Open Weekend and Niger Trophy, at report evenings and at sporting fixtures.
 - The performance of the Niger Trophy team in beating College House and FDC.
 - Winning the Inter-House competition through superb efforts in the cross country, haka and music.
 - The annual Boarder – Day Boy rugby match victory.
 - Christmas Dinner which again highlighted the quality of our kitchen staff and the ability of our boys to respond to formal occasions.
 - Red Weekend activities that included the Mount Taranaki climb, beach days and the 'Big Eel Hunt'.
 - The social interaction with Scotlands Hostel.
 - The number of boys involved in winter sports. A large number of these boys represented the school's top sides, were involved in finals and were chosen for representative teams. Nick Tipling representing New Zealand at the World Rogaining championships.
 - The increasing number of 'Top Bloke' awards.

Final Word

For this hostel to be able to provide the opportunities it offers we require a very dedicated staff. I would like to thank all of the hostel masters and their families, the matrons and their families, the laundry, domestic, ground and kitchen staff, the teaching staff who help out with tutoring and groups, the Scripture teams and the office staff.

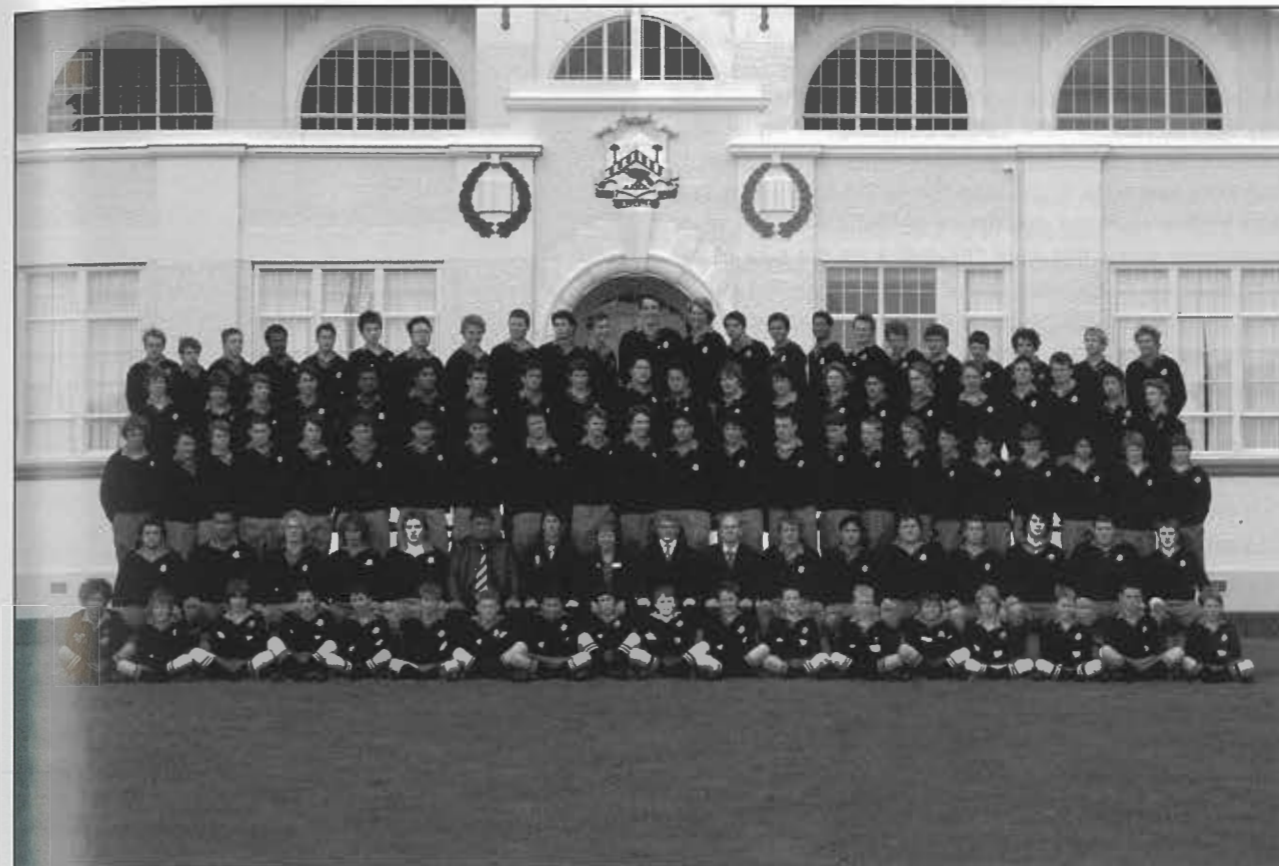
I would also like to offer a special thanks to the Hostel Committee, the Headmaster and Mr Les Emslie (Board Secretary) for the endless hours they put into the Hostel. They are a very dedicated and supportive group who work hard at making this hostel the best hostel.

The following boys also need to be thanked: 2006 Head Boarder Ryan Harris-Hayes and other prefects: Mark Shaw – Head of Moyes House, Justin Boag – Head of Carrington House, Simon Boyle, Kyle Joyce, Josiah Wall, Fraser Cameron, Erwin Hebler, Travis Monk, Hamish Lawn, David White, Dex Newland, Jeremy Newell, Robbie Alabaster, Cameron Rowlands, James Brown, Chris Black, Adam Morris and Nick Tipling. Their overall contribution to the Hostel is huge and the impact they have on the boys is significant.

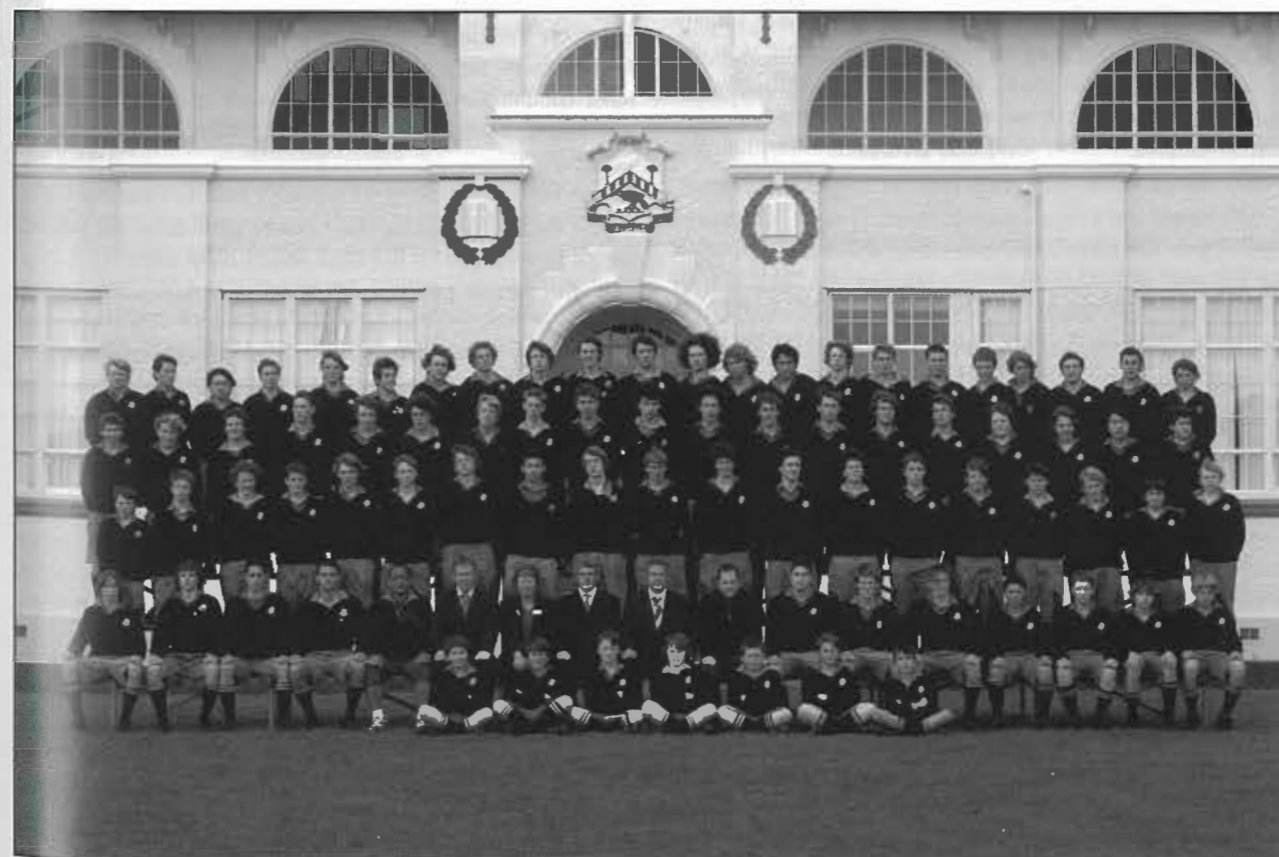
Finally, a big thanks to all the boarders. You are the group who make this place so special. You are the group who give this school its heart. To those leaving, good luck and remember to always keep in touch.

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Mr. Geoff Hall
Senior Hostel Master 2006



Moyes House



Carrington House



Head Boarder's Report

The "heart" is a vital organ in the body. Without the heart the body will not function and I believe without the hostel New Plymouth Boys' High School wouldn't either. I know there is more than one word to describe the hostel but here is one that I believe to fit the description perfectly. Over the years I have come across this word "hearty". I am not sure of the exact meaning of the word but I believe the hostel comes pretty close. To be hearty means to be strong, to be proud, and to hold your head high not only in victory but also in defeat, to lead the way by example, to give it your all and never look back. However the main ingredient to me is ticker. All of these are attributes that have been shown in the hostel this year. I am proud to say that this year, along with the other prefects, I have led Hatherly House, and it has been a real honour. It has been a perfect year.

To say we have had the perfect year means we have achieved all that we have set out to do. At the start of this year my fellow prefects and I set the Hostel three main goals. These goals were:

1. To win the school's Inter House competition.
2. To win the traditional Niger Trophy fixture against College House.
3. To win the Day Boys vs. Boarders rugby match.

After a narrow loss to Syme in 2005 I was keen to see that this wouldn't be the case in 2006. As usual we were smaller in numbers than the day school houses but this year we were even smaller than usual. We start the year with only 190 boys. This meant that if we wanted to win we would have to step it up to another level and give even more than the usual Hatherly 110%.

Traditionally, the swimming sports are a weak boarder event and this year proved no different. We finished the day last. However, the highlight of the day for me was the traditional after lunch entrance. It's hard to be original as over the years almost every thing big and red has been used. So this was the first challenge we were faced with. Originality was the key. As the hostel is full of farm boys agriculture became the theme. With the help of Akon Transport, a local cattle truck company, red motor bikes supplied by the farming boys and a touch of spice from Whitey, we had our entrance sorted. Led by a piper, Whitey, myself, the prefects on motor bikes and the rest of the red men on the back of the big red cattle truck, we entered from down the gym hill chanting and yelling cheek to the other houses and house leaders. This was a fantastic day that demonstrated the true spirit of the hostel.

Next up was athletics. We gave it our all but, yet again, this wasn't enough and we finished 3rd. This took us through to the end of Term one and so far it wasn't looking good for the house.



Term two came quickly and the cross country was the first event on the calendar. With most of the red men finishing in top places victory was assured. A few days later was the haka competition. Over the early years of the competition, Hatherly won with ease. But this hasn't being the case in my time here as the day school houses are getting better and better. I was determined we wouldn't lose so I had my house practicing and practicing the haka to perfection. On the day we performed one of the best haka I have seen in my time and won the competition with style.

The start of winter meant the end of summer and our next event - summer sports. This event is broken down into five different sports. We won touch and volley ball, came 2nd in cricket and soft ball, and were whopped in tennis.

Debating occurs throughout the whole year and for the first time ever we didn't bring up the tail. This year we finished 2nd and for this a huge congratulations must go to Sugapriyan and his team. So, despite slow start in Term one, we were back on top by the end of Term two.

The start of Term three came and there were only two big events left: winter sports and singing. The points between Syme and Hatherly were close. We had no comfort zone. The first event was winter sports. Overall we didn't do so well coming last but there were some great efforts shown by the rugby team who did their part and won their section, and the soccer and hockey teams who finished 3rd. The golf

and basketball teams struggled and finished in 4th position. However, going into the last event, singing, Hatherly still had the upper hand.

Singing. What an event this was! This year was the most laid back approach I had seen Hatherly take to the stage. This was mainly because of the fact that there weren't many musicians in the house. So for once we just went to the event for fun. The song was a Kiwi classic, 'Why does love do this to me?' We took a rugby theme to the stage in an effort to mirror the Air NZ rugby advertisements and highlight the fact that rugby is so important in the hostel. With the majority of the house dressed in NPC rugby jerseys and the Year 9's dressed as airline hostesses, we sang our hearts out. Our jazzed-up lyrics about how great our house is went down a treat with the judges. Then the ensemble group took to the stage as nuns and had a great time singing 'Ten Guitars'. While the singing wasn't great, it did provide everyone with a lot of laughs and with the points in the bag the Inter-House competition for 2006 was won and our first goal had been achieved.

The Niger Trophy was the next goal and, after four months of hard early morning trainings, we picked our Year 9 Niger team. First up was PBHS. In our 3rd form we were unfortunate and were narrowly defeated so were determined to seek revenge through our young men. Thankfully we did. Our young side played with pride right to the final whistle and did us all proud. With extraordinary tries from Jade Hintz and Roydon Broughton, who captained the side, we went on to win the fixture 24-12. To my relief, I was able to successfully tick off the second goal. The team then went onto play FDC and smashed them 82-3.

We were now two goals down and had only one more to go; the Day boys versus Boarders rugby match. This was held on the last day of Term Three. The team was picked and we started training three weeks prior to the match. With the majority of the team being picked from the 1st and 2nd XV sides, we were a strong side on paper. This year the team was captained by Mark Shaw. A pre match fixture was set against the Taranaki Under-16 team. This was to the benefit both teams, as they were heading away to a tournament and we just needed to see where we were at. We ended up winning the match 37-17. We headed into the fixture with high hopes as we were still in a winning mode. It was a fiercely fought game. More than expected, as recent day boy sides have not taken this game that seriously. This wasn't the case this year and they gave us a run for our money. It was a well played game and thoroughly enjoyable to watch. Even though all the boys on the paddock were mates you wouldn't have known this if you had seen the game. It was a good game to watch as both teams were out there to play the game to win. The boarder's side went on to win the game 24-22. It gave me great pleasure to cross off the last goal for the year.

The Carroll Cup is something I do not wish to write about because Moyes House won and I am a Carrington man. So I will leave it at that.

My congratulations go out to all the boys from the hostel who did well in their sports and went on to play for the school's top sides and representative teams. This year we had a large number of boys who were in the school 1st XV and a few of them went on to play for the Taranaki under 18's side - this team won the Hurricanes competition. Congratulations to Jeremy Newell, Kyle Joyce, Mark Shaw, Hamish Lawn, Steven Barron and Leighton Price who were selected for this team. We also had a large number boarders in the Taranaki under 16 team: Taitusi Tunavutu, Hamish Alabaster, Mitch Campbell, Gary Hofmans, Liam Jones, Miles Harding, Gilles Kaka and Lindsay Horrocks. Not to forget Paul Perez who played for the Taranaki 1st XV and James Brown who played for the Taranaki 2nd XV. A special mention must also go to Nick Tipling who competed in the World Rogaining Championships in Australia and won the junior mixed grade in partnership with Emma Ussher from Girls' High.

Now it is time to reflect on my time at Boys' High. I first came to Boys' High as a little Maori boy full of mischief from the East Coast. I wasn't sure what I was in for at first but after a while I came to love this place and even gave it the title of 'my home.' It has been home to me for five years now and I have only just realised how sad it is to say that my Boys' High days are almost over. I have had a lot of fun times here, made a lot of life-long mates and I know I have done better then I would have ever done if I had stayed at my home town school. Boys' High has more to offer then any small country school so when you are here you must make the most of every opportunity that is offered to you and participate in all activities to the best of your ability. When times get tough just stay hard and ride through it as they will eventually disappear. This is something I have learnt throughout my time here at Boys' High.

Finally, I would like to thank my team of prefects, Niger trainers and hostel masters for helping to make this year so successful. Your enthusiasm and support has meant that my job has been made easier and much more fulfilling. I would like to think I have shown a clear path for the younger boys to follow when I have left. Best wishes go to the team of prefects for 2007. I trust they will lead the hostel to victory and uphold all of the traditions and standards that make this the heart of the school.

Stay hearty.

Ryan Harris-Hayes
Head Boarder 2006



Boarders XV

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Gary Hofmans, Steven Barron, Paul Perez, James Brown, Leighton Price, Jeremy Newell, Chris Black
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Saki Kulavere, Dex Newland, Travis Monk, Robbie Alabaster, Ryan Harris-Hayes, David White, Mitch Campbell, Sean Cressy
 FRONT ROW: Erwin Hebler, Adam Morris, Cameron Rowlands, Mark Shaw (captain), Kyle Joyce, Hamish Lawn, Justin Boag



Boarder Prefects 2006

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Chris Black, Hamish Lawn, James Brown, Jeremy Newell, Robbie Alabaster
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Adam Morris, Cameron Rowlands, Simon Boyle, Kyle Joyce, Dex Newland, David White, Travis Monk
 FRONT ROW: Fraser Cameron, Nick Tipling, Justin Boag (Head of Carrington House), Ryan Harris-Hayes (Head Boarder), Mark Shaw (Head of Moyes House), Erwin Hebler, Josiah Wall

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Inter-House Competition

The Inter-House Competition was keenly contested this year with three out of the four houses winning at least one event.

At the beginning of the year, the major twenty point events were dominated by Syme. Swimming was first and the volume of good championship swimmers that Syme house have made them very difficult to compete with. Barak finished a solid second.

On athletics day Syme again showed their class. Their star athletes dominated the day with some impressive individual performances.

Syme's winning streak finished there as the competition moved on to the haka and the cross country championships. It was now time for Hatherly to display their pride and spirit. Their haka performance was outstanding and they thoroughly deserved to win. Donnelly also put on a great display of passion but their enthusiasm boiled over and consequently the pace was too fast.

The cross country was also dominated by Hatherly as all the early morning training paid off. Donnelly again performed well to take out second.

The 10 point competitions were not dominated by any one house but the consistency and organisation displayed by Hatherly saw them take maximum points from more competitions than any other house. This proved the difference as Hatherly ended up taking out the competition, with Donnelly second by a point from Syme. Barak battled hard but finished fourth.

Results:

Tug of War

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

Swimming Sports

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

Badminton

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

Volleyball

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

Athletic sports

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

Summer Sports

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

Winter sports

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

Cross Country

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

Haka

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

Mr David Bublitz



The hostel lines up for the haka competition

Swimming Championships

The annual NPBHS Swimming Championships were held on the 24th of February 2006 in excellent weather. The day started off overcast, but that burnt off mid way through the morning to reveal a fantastic day, and plenty of sunburnt noses and shoulders! The quality of the swimming was again outstanding, with many of the school's top swimmers



represented in most, if not all, events. The championship was tightly contested across all three age groups. The senior title was taken out by Tim Doyle, who achieved the remarkable feat of winning every final he was entered in. Daniel Nelson was in second place and Michael Taylor finished in third. The intermediate title was won by Isaac Owen, from Sam Varley and Sean Parker. The junior title was taken out by Jordan Moratti from James Varley, with a tie on points for third between Myles Simkin and Logan Holyoake.

Senior Championship

- 1. Tim Doyle 60 points
2. Daniel Nelson 46 points
3. Michael Taylor 30 points

Intermediate Championship

- 1. Isaac Owen 48 points
2. Sam Varley 32 points
3. Sean Parker 26 points

Junior Championship

- 1. Jordan Moratti 40 points
2. James Varley 28 points
3= Myles Simkin 16 points
Logan Holyoake 16 points

House Competition

The house competition was also a good contest with Syme House winning once again, making it two in a row. On the day they proved too strong with their depth of championship swimmers, taking the title from a rejuvenated Barak House. Donnelly House came third and Hatherly House picked up the wooden spoon. However, Hatherly got their time in the limelight with another extravagant entry to the pool complex after lunch, once again eating up precious swimming time, and annoying the 3 day houses.

House Points

- 1. Syme House 316 points
2. Barak House 283.4 points
3. Donnelly House 261.8 points
4. Hatherly House 205 points

Congratulations to Syme House and all the swimmers that took part, including the Hatherly House parents.

Mr Blair Corlett

Cross Country Championships

Heavy rain delayed this year's event and it was eventually held on Monday, 15th May over the familiar Te Henui courses in fine conditions. Plenty of enthusiasm and determination was on display as the majority of students gave the challenging courses their best efforts in search of personal achievement and house glory.

Tom Webb was triumphant in a close junior race, David Morton overcame a nasty virus to take the intermediate title and cross country team captain Daniel Fleming claimed the coveted senior crown.

A number of staff took the opportunity to compete in the senior race and Mr Simpson claimed bragging rights over one of the more competitive staff fields in recent years.

Mr Paul Dominikovich



Junior Cross Country - Ben Caskey (3rd), Tom Webb (1st), Josh Lowe (2nd)

Junior

- 1st Tom Webb 2nd Josh Lowe
3rd Ben Caskey 4th Josh Taylor
5th Troy Jury 6th Mathew Phillips
7th Jason Schrader 8th Warwick Millar
9th Conner Stachurski 10th Ben Hitchcock

Intermediate

- 1st David Morton
2nd Cameron Holden
3rd Glen Baxter
4th Campbell Bower
5th Hayden Patene
6th Isaac Owen
7th Tyler Griffin
8th Levi Kendall
9th Daniel Hine
10th James Linehan



David Morton - Intermediate Cross Country Champion 2006

Senior

- 1st Daniel Fleming
2nd David Ormrod
3rd Ben Aves
4th Josh Kerslake
5th Mathew Snowden
6th Michael Taylor
7th Nick Tipling
8th Codey Rei
9th Tyler MacLeod
10th Peter Joe



Daniel Fleming - Senior Cross Country Champion 2006



Graduates from University of Canterbury

Table with 3 columns: Name, Degree, Left School. Lists graduates like Bethell, Daniel; Craig, Bradley J.; Fernando, Marcel P., etc.

Graduates from University of Waikato

Table with 3 columns: Name, Degree. Lists graduates like Clow, Cameron; Evetts, Ryan; Peters, Daniel; Radford, Dayle.

Graduates from University of Otago

Table with 3 columns: Name, Degree, Left School. Lists graduates like Majeed, Mohamed; Beals, Hadleigh; Culpan, Tristan, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Subject/Prize, Name. Lists various awards like Home Economics, Horticulture, Japanese, etc., and names like Sam Varley, Michael Hatch, etc.

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table with 2 columns: Prize Name, Name. Lists Wadsworth's Books Prize and names like Christopher Hewlett, Hayden Patene, etc.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table with 2 columns: Prize Name, Name. Lists 1st Prize and name Carl Garrett.

ESSAY

Table with 2 columns: Prize Name, Name. Lists 1st Prize and name Jonathan Folwell.

MUSIC

Table with 2 columns: Prize Name, Name. Lists Most Outstanding String Player, Most Improved Brass Player, and names like Jonathan Folwell, Michael Martin.

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)

Michael Peterson

2006 Senior and Academic & Cultural Prizes

YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Gledhill Cup & Prize) and Graphics (Gordon Harris Ltd Prize)

For the best performance in the STAR programme

Ken Tang (Aviation)



GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin, 1st in Music) Jonathan Folwell

2nd Aggregate Tim Harrison

1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Economics, English, Enterprise Management, Geography, Mathematics and Science)

Akshay Sridhar

YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) and Physics (Tabor Prize) and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)

Jason Oliver Oliver Wayne

Design (Tabor Prize) Economics (Tabor Prize) and Latin (Tabor Prize) and History (Tabor Prize)

Sam Franklin Logan Campbell Tayler Morgan

Electronics (Tabor Prize) English (Applied (PTA Prize) Enterprise Management (Tabor Prize)

Ricky Malcolm Logan Heyes

Geography (Tabor Prize) Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) and Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)

Damian Smuts John Fitzgerald

Home Economics (Tabor Prize) Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)

Luke Stenner

Horticulture (Practical) (Alexander Trust Prize)

Daniel Phillips Daniel McKelvey

Mathematics (Applied) (Tabor Prize) Music (Tabor Prize) and Technology Studies (Tabor Prize)

William Sklenars

Outdoor Education (Kiwi Outdoor Centre Prize) and Painting and Printmaking (Tabor Prize)

Jason Holden Damon Healy

Photography (Tabor Prize) Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)

Sam Cadman Tony Sprangers

Physical Education (Tabor Prize) Science (Tabor Prize) Self Management (Tabor Prize)

William Brown Jason Anderton

Sports Studies (Tabor Prize) and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)

Nicholas Tipling

Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)

Ostyn Tanner

Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize and Olex Cables Trophy)

Jamie Bridger

Technology (Wood) (Best Student)

Phillip Barraclough

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

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

Samuel Bloomfield Oscar Eaton Zachary Lewis Alexander Waugh Tavis West Lindsay Schrader

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize

Tushar Sharmar

ESSAY

1st Prize

Oscar Eaton

MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup)

Scott Jonas

SPECIAL PRIZE

For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the school

Leighton Price

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Biology)

Tushar Sharma

2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Chemistry)

Daniel Momich

1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Accounting, English, Legal Studies and Mathematics, Highest Grade Attainment in 2005 NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2006 Year 12 student in 2005 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize))

James Tate

YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Classical Studies Computing Design

Kieran Moorhead Caleb Millen Roshan Patel

Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economics Scholarship) English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize)

Mitchel Edwards Jon Keast

English Literature (White Memorial Prize) and Geography Enterprise Management Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) History of Art and Most Improved

Andrew King Daniel Fleming Simon Hinton

Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) Home Economics

Jeremy Scarle Phillip Barraclough



Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)

Nathan Woods Karl Stanley

Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize) Maori

Michael Earby Kahotea Kereopa

Music and Excellence in Performance in the Jazz Genre and Commitment to Music in the school

(Take 5 Trophy) and Senior Composition (Mary Allan Award) Outdoor Education (Kiwi Outdoor

Daniel Hayles

Centre Prize)

Nicholas Tipling Thomas Burley David Ormrod Ben Aves Scott Honeyfield

Photography Physical Education Science Spanish

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)

Nicholas Milne

ESSAY

1st Prize (Taranaki Daily News Literary Excellence Prize)

Laine Barnett

MUSIC

Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup)

Matthew Hitchings

SPECIAL PRIZES

Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup)

Loungesweet

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

Daniel Hayles

Interhouse Music (John Dobson Memorial Cup)

Hatherly House

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

Adam Antao

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

Sugapriyan Ravichandran

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

Mathew Snowden

Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize)

Ryan Harris-Hayes

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)

Andrew King

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)

Derrin-Jesse Puata

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

Daniel Fleming

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

Kahotea Kereopa

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize)

Evan Andrews

Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize), 1st in History (Brian Bellringer Prize))

Hew Price

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup), 1st in Calculus, 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1st in Physics and 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize))

Lee Wilson

2006 Senior Sports Prizes

Adventure Racing

Kiwi Outdoors Prize Contribution To Adventure Racing

Nick Tipling

Intermediate Athletics

Shotput

Liam Jones

Intermediate Athletics

Keller Cup



High Jump
Intermediate Athletics
Triple Jump
Intermediate Athletics
Javelin
Intermediate Athletics
3000m
Gilmour Cup
800m
Bothamely Cup
400m
1500m
Intermediate Athletics
Hagenson Cup
Intermediate Champion

Senior Athletics
High Jump
Senior Athletics
Discus
Shot Put
Senior Athletics
Mason Memorial Cup
800m
Fooke Cup
1500m
Senior Athletics
Gary Fowler Cup
Athlete Of The Year

Senior Athletics
Old Boys Shield
400m
Old Boys Cup
100m
Herbert Smith Cup
200m
Long Jump
Triple Jump
Senior Athletics
Javelin
3000m
Senior Athletics
Senior Champion
Basketball
Peter Lay Trophy
Most Improved Player

Badminton
Cook And Lister Cup
Open Champion
Cricket
Giddy Shield
2nd XI Most Improved Player
Cricket
Parkinson Cup
1st XI Bowling
Cricket
Alistair Jordan Cup
Contributed Most
Meuli Cup

Jacob Meads

Harley Wall

Gary Hofmans

David Morton

David Morton
Rory Hofmans

Tim Lepper

Damian Smuts

Tyler Macleod

David Morton

Codey Rei

Mathew Snowden

Mathew Snowden

Tuarua Manaia

Andrew Marfell

Matt Shaw

Codey Rei

Andrew Mason

1st XI Batting
Cross Country
Herbert Smith Cup
Intermediate Champion
Cross Country
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

In Line Hockey
Inline Hockey
Senior MVP
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

Sailing
Outstanding School Sailor
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

Dean Robinson

David Morton

Daniel Fleming

Shane O'neill

Zachary Lewis

Campbell Bower

Tim Lepper

1st V - Captain Michael Taylor

Michael Taylor

Cameron Miller

Codey Rei

Jeremy Newell

Mark Shaw

David Ormrod

Brett Symes

Jeremy Powell

Ryan Munro

Sean Ross

Kahotea Kereopa

Keone Campbell



Sykes Memorial Cup Senior Champion	Tim Doyle
Tennis Mckean Cup Intermediate Champion	Ben Robbins
Tennis Burgess Cup Most Improved	David White
Volleyball Soper Cup Most Valuable Player	Mathew Snowden
Dayboys Vs Boarders Dempsey Shield Swimming	Dayboys - Michael Taylor
Dayboys Vs Boarders Pease Cup Rugby	Boarders - Mark Shaw
Interhouse Bares Cup Cricket	Donnelly - Mitchel Edwards
Interhouse Interhouse Golf Golf	Syme - Mathew Snowden
Stevenson Cup Tennis	
Hansard Cup Athletics	
Holder Cup Soccer	
Burbank Cup Swimming	
Interhouse Kerr Cup Rugby	Hatherley - Ryan Harris -hayes
Interhouse Crammond Cup Interhouse Champion	Hatherley - Ryan Harris - Hayes
Sportsteam Of The Year ANZ Bank Team Of The Year	Golf Team - Zachary Lewis
1st XI Cricket & A Winter Sport Donnelly Cup	Codey Rei
The Best All Round Sportsman Wolfe Cup	Codey Rei
Sportsman Of The Year College Trophy	Codey Rei

2006 Junior Academic & Cultural Prizes

YEAR NINE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Economics	Dylan Hopkins
French (French Embassy Prize)	Jeremy Raynes
Graphics	Andrew Young
Health and Physical Education	Zac Bunyan
Home Economics	Cameron Brownlie
Horticulture and Mathematics	Jakeb Hughes
Japanese (Best student) and Technology	Matthew Barham
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Naoto Shimogo
Latin	Jordan Millen
Maori	Manahi Ngaia
Performance Music and Social Studies	Sam Mitchell

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(PTA Prize)	Noel Ardern
(PTA Prize)	Logan Dravitzki
(PTA Prize)	Raymond Edwards
(PTA Prize)	Jamie Hatch
(PTA Prize)	Dhru Iyer
(PTA Prize)	Michael Li
(PTA Prize)	Kalindu Mendis
(PTA Prize)	Gerard Miller
(PTA Prize)	Nathan Pease
(PTA Prize)	Logan Rei
(PTA Prize)	Heinrich Swartz

CERTIFICATES

Daniel Alldrige	Social Studies, Graphics
Mitchell Baker	Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies
Christopher Baker	French, Art, Music
David Baker	English, Science, Social Studies
Daniel Barry	Mathematics, Performance Music
Thomas Benton	Maori, Technology, Economics
Ryan Burgess	English, Science
Jamie Carr	Mathematics, Science
Mark Chivers	Mathematics, Graphics
Sam Clark	English, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Economics
Oli Coneglan	Technology, Japanese
Beaven Dewar	Social Studies, Art
Jesse	
Dravitzki-Smith	Mathematics, Science, Technology, Graphics
Quade Elvin	Mathematics, Performance Music, Art
James England	Science, Social Studies
Matt Evans	Social Studies, French
Andrew Fowler	Mathematics, Social Studies, Science
Ben Frost	Mathematics, Science, Horticulture
Ross Gavin	Mathematics, Science



Steven Haami	Art, Maori, Health & Physical Education, Graphics
Christopher Harold	English, Science, Social Studies, Home Economics
Patrick Harvey	Latin, Technology
Ryan Hickling	English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Art
Ben Hitchcock	Mathematics, Science, Economics
Brandon Holdt	Mathematics, Social Studies, Horticulture
Logan Holyoake	Mathematics, Science, Technology
Nick Howe	Economics, Art, Music
Anupom Kabir	Social Studies, Technology
David Kane	Social Studies, Science, Home Economics, Horticulture
Michael Kerrigan	English, Science, Art
Jordan King	Science, Art
John Lepine	Science, Latin, Horticulture
Josh Lowe	English, Home Economics
Nathan Maharey	Mathematics, Social Studies, Maori, Health & Physical Education
Makahesi	
Makatoa	Technology, Art
Blake McCurdy	Science, Graphics
Brooke Moses	Mathematics, Social Studies, Science
Connor	
Oliver-Rose	Art, Latin
Ryan Peters	Mathematics, Graphics
Michael Phillips	Mathematics, Japanese
David Porter	Mathematics, Social Studies
Rhys Radcliffe	English, Social Studies
Kishan Rai	English, Mathematics, Social Studies
Glen Rawlinson	Home Economics, Art
Joseph Roberts	Social Studies, Horticulture, Economics
Jake Silby	Music, Performance Music
Myles Simkin	Technology, Economics, Health & Physical Education
Samuel Smith	Mathematics, English, Graphics
Joshua Taylor	Mathematics, Japanese
Kerry Thomas	Mathematics, Social Studies
Lewis Walsh	Science, Social Studies, Technology
Greg White	English, Music, Technology
Lachlan Wimsett	Social Studies, Science

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd	Luke Stevenson
2nd	Ben Coventry
1st Prize	Jake Silby

ESSAY

3rd	Jeremy Raynes
2nd	Luke Stevenson
1st Prize	Ben Coventry

MUSIC

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy)	Sam Mitchell
For All-Round Participant and High in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)	Patrick Harvey

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Music) and For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)	Jongwoo Shin
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in English and 1st in Art)	Luke Stevenson
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Science)	Ben Coventry

YEAR TEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Hamish Fraser
Economics	Brandon Whyte
English	Elliot Clarkson
Enterprise Studies	Te Aru Hapimarika
Graphics	Jamie Reid
Health and Physical Education	Joel Meuli
Home Economics	Jarrod Winter
Horticulture	Alastar Scarle
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Jack Price
Latin and Technology	Matthew Girvan
Maori	Chance Te Uira
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)	Mathis Smith
Music	Dylan Hayman
Performance Music	James Fuller
Science	Duncan Macdonald
Spanish	Alex Besley
Workshop Technology (Bay Engineers Prize)	Jordan Matheson
Workshop Technology (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award and Blackwood Paykels Prize)	Mitchell Tuck

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(PTA Prize)	Glen Baxter
(PTA Prize)	Ainsley Edwards
(PTA Prize)	Daniel O'Leary
(PTA Prize)	Jade Richardson

CERTIFICATES

Samuel Adams	English, Mathematics
Tyler Anderson	Mathematics, Art
Karl Andrews	Art, Health & Physical Education
Joseph Bailey	Social Studies, English, Maori
Heiden	
Bedwell-Curtis	Mathematics, Music, Health & Physical Education, Technology
Adam Black	English, Health & Physical Education
Dylan Blythe	English, Enterprise Studies
Jake Bowden-Eves	Science, Performance Music
Ryan Braggins	Science, Mathematics, English, Home



Matthew Burton	Economics
Mark Campbell	Science, Spanish
Matthew De Klerk	Mathematics, English
Matt Dickson	Mathematics, Japanese
Aaron Edmunds	Mathematics, English, Technology
David Ellis	English, Economics, Health & Physical Education, Graphics
Jeremy Fenwick	Science Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
Scott Fraser	Workshop Technology, Health & Physical Education
Kerry French	Social Studies, Mathematics, Art
Jesse Frost	Art, Technology
Matthew Graystone	Graphics, Art
Daniel Green	Science, Mathematics, Art, Workshop Technology
Ross Hawton	Mathematics, Horticulture, Workshop Technology, Art
Robert Hayles	English, Art
Brad Hayward	Art, Graphics
Sam Hill	Health & Physical Education, Home Economics
Daniel Hine	Social Studies, Mathematics
Cameron Holden	Social Studies, English, Graphics
Feng Jia	Science, Art, Enterprise Management, Technology
Chris Joe	Social Studies, Science, English
George Kalin	Mathematics, English
Scott McLachlan	Science, Home Economics
Thilina Mendis	Science, Art
Zac Moller	Social Studies, Workshop Technology
Simon Momich	Social Studies, English, Latin, Art
Trydant Murfitt	Science, Mathematics
Samuel Natrass	Science, Social Studies, Technology
Ukrit Onkhow	Mathematics, Art, Graphics
Isaac Owen	Graphics, Home Economics
Marco Politakis	Spanish, Art
Brodie Pritchard	English, Mathematics, Technology
Jacob Robinson	Science, Mathematics, Latin
Tom Sandford	Enterprise Studies, Workshop Technology
Karsten Shotbolt	Mathematics, Art
Mark Smith	Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Art
Wade Stafford	Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, English
Nathan Tobeck	Social Studies, Maori
Matt Voorwinde	Mathematics, Technology
Johnny Wadeson	Mathematics, Art
Joel Ward	Graphics, Art
Gordon Washer	Technology, Graphics
Tom Webb	Science, Mathematics
Richard Weir	Art, Technology
Max Williams	English, Home Economics
Morgan Win	Social Studies, Mathematics, English, Technology
Michael Wood	English, Health & Physical Education, Art
	Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Art

Jonathon Wyndham-Jones	Home Economics, Graphics
Matthew Zhong	Social Studies, Mathematics, Economics

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd	Cameron Holden
2nd	Peter Molloy
1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize) and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize)	William Tennent

ESSAY

3rd	Theo Vink
	Duncan MacDonald
	Hamish Fraser
2nd	
1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)	Peter Molloy

MUSIC

Junior Performer of the Year (Stewart Maunder Cup)	Jacob Randall
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SPECIAL PRIZE

For contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school	Wade Stafford
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate	Brendon Fischer
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics)	William Tennent

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

	Peter Molloy
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CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and Cultural Excellence in Year 9	Jong Woo Shin
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For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 10	William Tennent
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2006 Junior Sports Prizes

Junior Athletics	
Shotput	Unjah Haddan
Discus	
Junior Athletics	
Long Jump	Steven Haami
High Jump	



Junior Athletics	
Javelin	Caleb Snowdon
Junior Athletics	
Triple Jump	Brock Sibbick
100m	
200m	
Bennet Cup	
Champion	
Junior Athletics	
Grieve Cup	Tom Webb
1500m	
3000m	
800m	
Hermon Cup	
400m	
Intermediate Athletics	
Hagenson Cup	Rory Hofmans
Intermediate Champion	
Edmonds Trophy	
Discus	
Beckbessinger Cup	
100m	
Cartwright Cup	
Long Jump	
Challenge Cup	
200m	
Intermediate Athletics	
Intermediate Champion	Rory Hofmans
Cross Country	
Noakes Cup	Tom Webb
Junior Champion	
Hockey	
The Geursen Stick	
Most Promising Junior	Aaron Edmunds
In Line Hockey	
Mvp Junior Player	Michael Roberts
Junior Mvp	
Shooting	
Corp CJ Hamblyn Cup	William Symes
Junior Shooting Champion	
Rugby	
Jason Duckett Memorial	
Leadership At Junior Levels	Roydon Broughton
Rugby	
Mcknight Memorial Cup	
Yr 10 In Rugby	Heiden Bedwell-Curtis
U15s Cup	
Most Promising Player	
Soccer	
Bert Robson Memorial Cup	Jared Winter
Involvement In Jnr Soccer	
Swimming	
Fox Cup	Jordan Moratti
Junior Champion	
Swimming	
Challenge Cup	Isaac Owen
Intermediate Champion	
Tennis	
Herbert Smith Cup	Jordan Stayt

Tennis	
Candy Cup	
Senior Champ	Mark Atkins
Sportsman	
Junior Sportsman Of The Year	Mark Atkins

Tiger Jackets 2006

Adventure Racing	
Mathew Snowden	
Daniel Fleming	
Nick Tipling	
Athletics	
Cody Rei	
Mathew Snowden	
Shaun Thompson	
Tyler MacLeod	
Barbershop Quartet	
Jeremy Scarle	
Basketball	
Jason Rolfe	
Tim Cleaver	
Jason Naumann	
Michael Taylor	
Matthew Corbett	
Tu Manaia	
Choir	
Jeremy Scarle	
Daniel Hayles	
James Whitmore	
Nicholas Milne	
Ricky Malcolm	
Scott Jonas	
Concert Band	
Andrew King	
Nick Milne	
Matt Hitchings	
Lee Wilson	
Chris Newson	
Caleb Millen	
Jonathon Fagg	
Jeremy Scarle	
Daniel Hayles	
Cricket	
Scott Pritchard	
Codey Rei	
Andrew Mason	
Tim Cleaver	
Dean Robinson	
Ben Sprott	
Chad Jacob	
Sam Broadmore	
Philip Barraclough	
Brent Bishop	
Cross Country	
Daniel Fleming	

Debating	
Finnbarr Kerr- Newell	
Sugapriyan Ravichandran	
Tusha Sharma	
Golf Top 4	
Logan Heyes	
Zachary Lewis	
Head of House	
Ryan Harris - Hayes	
Mitchel Edwards	
Tim Lepper	
Kahotea Kereopa	
Mathew Snowden	
Hockey	
Cameron Ross	
Daniel Fleming	
Tim Lepper	
Shiraz Sadiqueen	
Damian Smuts	
Thomas Ardern	
Sam Franklin	
Rakesi Desai	
Callum Barnett	
Campbell Bower	
Inline Hockey	
Michael Taylor	
Jazz Band	
William Sklenars	
Rugby	
Finnbarr Kerr-Newell	
James Brown	
Bernard Hall	
Matt Dallas	
Kyle Joyce	
Hamish Lawn	
Cody Rei	
David Ormrod	
Jeremy Newell	
Mitchell Campbell	
Sean Cressy	
Leighton Price	
Steven Baron	
Adam Laititi	
Marcus Sweetman	
Brad Bennett	
Mark Shaw	
Chris Black	
Peter Stevens	



- Ben Aves
- Joshua Kerslake
- Saxophone Quartet**
- Jonathon Fagg
- Andrew King
- Squash**
- Jeremy Powell
- Stage Band**
- John Lamorena
- Daniel Hayles
- Nicholas Milne
- William Sklenars
- Andrew King
- Chris Newson
- Caleb Millen
- Matthew Hitchings
- Touch**
- Calin Erueti
- Volleyball**
- Matthew Snowden
- James Brown
- Tim Lepper

- Sailing**
- David Ormrod
- Soccer**
- Kahotea Kereopa
- Sean Ross
- Christian Aherne
- Mathew Snowden
- Joshua Kerslake
- Sam Broadmore
- John Hight
- Josh Richardson
- Rori McDonald
- Student Representative**
- Jesse Puata
- Swimming**
- Michael Taylor
- Tennis**
- David White

2006 DUX SPEECH

Tonight I have achieved a goal I have had ever since I became a student here. During my time at Boys' High, I have been offered many varied and unique experiences that I wouldn't have had anywhere else.

For example in the third form, I was actually able to fly a Cessna. We spent a week buzzing over New Plymouth. Most memorable were the low level bombing runs over a target, dropping a sand-filled container out the window - great fun. We were even able to sit part of our pilot's licence; trust me to pick the only camp with an exam!

A major milestone for me was being selected to attend the International Space School in Houston, Texas. I was one of 36 students from around the world allowed in restricted areas of the Johnson Space Centre. We learnt about plasma engines, space suits and satellites, and were split into teams to design a manned mission to Mars.

Looking back at previous space school students from Boys' High, one has joined the Air Force and the majority of others have become engineers. I also know of students who attended the Global Young Leaders Conference in New York, and are choosing careers shaped by their overseas experience. What the school offers is influencing a lot of boys' futures.

Boys' High has something for everyone, with debating teams, sax and barbershop quartets, numerous musical groups and an enormous range of sports. Over the past few years Boys' High has built up a strong tradition in chess, with much success, including an excellent placing at the Nationals this

year. Mr French-Wright has become quite attached to our Taranaki trophy. To ensure this continues I'd like to appeal for some new blood, as many of our team members are moving on this year. My gratitude too, to Mrs Porteous for her cheerful, encouraging support.

We need to look back now and then with thanks. On my paternal side, my great, great grandfather has been an inspiration to me. He took his Cambridge M.A. to Japan in the 1880's to teach English at a Japanese university, having to sleep with a pistol under his pillow. This took nerve, seeing that he couldn't even speak Japanese when he left England! On my maternal side, sixty years later, my grandfather and grandmother survived years in Japanese prisoner of war camps. This took courage. Early on, my parents glued me to my study chair until it was almost comfortable. This took some wisdom, and I thank them for that. These characteristics are all reflected in our school motto, "Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom", something which we all should strive to live up to.

Standing here, one realises that you don't get here without a support team, and I've had that. In addition to my parents, I would like to thank all forty of my teachers, in particular Mr Lockhart, Mr McLellan and Mr Warner, whose dispensing of advice and support throughout my five years has been invaluable. Mr Warner has a secret formula for achieving dux. Anyone wanting to know feel free to ask him, before he starts charging.

Our teachers also provide us with our more memorable moments. I have heard Mr Leath dispense sage-like dating advice for university, have visions of Mr Gledhill wrestling within an inch of his life with a confectionary crocodile, and I have joined Dr Ariyaratne ester sniffing, all in the interests of science of course. For stats revision I have played chess with Mr Simpson and at times driven Mr Page to distraction with scholarship questions. Thanks also to the seventh form, especially Hew, for giving me competition and inspiring me to do better.

I'm often asked, sometimes asked, well, somebody asked me once, "How do you get good marks in exams?" For me it is beginning early enough, and studying regularly. I'm a big promoter of mind mapping as a means of summarising your work during study periods. Are you aware that in the seventh form we are provided with over 20 equivalent days of study periods, which, with a little discipline, can be used to help your grades? The choice is yours. This is just a precursor to the situation we'll meet at university and polytech.

Sixth formers, if you are coming back, you may not think this year's grades matter, but they do. The university hostels accept you based on this year's marks, as do most scholarships. It is well worth aiming for more than just credits. Make the most of your education.

Einstein said, "Education is the progressive realisation of our ignorance," so the more we understand, the more we know



we don't know. Mark Twain had another view, "Education is the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty." I prefer to think of education as the key to unlocking our potential.

Thanks to the staff and all the taxpayers here, this school offers us a remarkable education, academically, sportingly and culturally.

Speaking of culture, it's almost become a tradition to conclude with a cultural item. Fortunately I'm not going to dance on the podium, play a solo or even share a poem. Instead, I'm going to recite an entire speech by my favourite Field Marshal. Sir William Robertson was the only private in any army to ever make Field Marshal, and I think you'll find out why. He delivered this speech after World War I at a school prize giving.

"Boys, I have a great deal to say to you but it won't take long: so remember it. Speak the truth. Think of others. Don't dawdle."

So don't dawdle past your opportunities at Boys' High.

Thank you.

Lee Wilson





Athletics

There are 4 major events to contest over the 2005-06 athletics season.

National Athletics 2005

A small team of athletes and road runners travelled to Auckland after junior prize-giving to attend the National Athletics and Road Race Championships in December 2005.

Shaun Thompson proved his dominance again in the open 3000m walk winning this event to claim a rare national title for NPBHS.

David Morton ran a superb 3000m to claim the bronze medal in the under 16 boy's race.

Kyle Manu finished 4th in the final of the senior boys 100m and 6th in the 200m event.

Jacob Meads cleared 1.75m in the under 16 high jump to finish in 7th place.

Damian Smuts threw the senior shot put 12.84m to finish 11th.

The Year 9 road race team of Levi Kendall, Tom Webb, Daniel Hine, Daniel Abbott, Glen Baxter and Sean Parker finished 5th in the 6 man team race.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics

A team of 48 boys was selected to represent NPBHS at the TSS Athletics track and field meet at the TET Stadium in Inglewood on Saturday 18th March.

Junior

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Brock Sibbick (200m), Luke Rice (300m), Tom Webb (3000m), Steven Haami (Triple Jump), Caleb Snowden (Javelin).

Intermediate

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Rory Hofmans (100m), Lagen Kumeroa (200m), David Morton (800m, 3000m), Chris Jager (100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles).

Senior

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Mathew Snowden (400m, Javelin), Tyler MacLeod (800m, 1500m), Codey Rei (Long Jump), Damian Smuts (Shot Put).

Other noteworthy performances included Edmund Smith who ran 2nd in both the intermediate 100m and 200m.

North Island Athletics Championships

Eleven NPBHS athletes travelled with the Taranaki team to Hastings for the North Island Athletics Championships over the weekend of April 1st and 2nd.

David Morton comfortably won both the intermediate 3000m and intermediate 1500m races, smashing personal bests and school records along the way.

Caleb Snowden followed on from his TSS triumph by placing second in the junior javelin with a throw of 35.49m.

Damian Smuts finished 6th in the senior shot put with a throw of 14.15m.

Rory Hofmans qualified for the intermediate 100m final and ran a superb 11.59 in this race to finish 6th.

Luke Rice missed out on the 200m, but did qualify for the junior 300m final and ran 6th in this event in a time of 41.45.

Jacob Meads continues to have success in the high jump,



Athletics Team 2006

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Josh Lowe, Lagen Kumeroa, Eddie Smith, Chris Jager, Brock Sibbick, Matthew Phillips
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Davis Sutcliffe, Jamie Henshilwood, Josh Kerlake, Tom Webb, Mr Paul Dominikovich (Manager) Hamish Fleming, Rory Hofmans, Glen Baxter, Levi Kendall
FRONT ROW: Adam Laititi, Brad Bennett, David Morton, Codey Rei, Mathew Snowden, Tyler MacLeod, Damian Smuts, Bernard Hall, Marcus Sweetman
ABSENT: Jacob Meads, Caleb Snowden, Steven Haami, Cory Broughton, Troy Jury, Luke Rice, Jordan King, Chad Niwa

clearing 1.80m for the first time on his way to 7th place in the intermediate event.

Tyler MacLeod ran 2.02.26 to finish 8th in the senior 800m final.

Davis Sutcliffe was another to record a personal best performance. His time of 9:36.59 in the intermediate 3000m placed him 10th.

Lagen Kumeroa ran 12.04 in his 100m heat and Eddie Smith recorded 12.05 in the same event. They missed out on the final, but teamed up with Rory Hofmans and a Hawera athlete to finish 3rd in the 4 x 100m relay.

Brock Sibbick was competitive in both the junior 100m and 200m, but failed to make either final.

As we go to print the best in school are preparing for the National Championships in Christchurch. Congratulations to all who gave their best for the school over the summer months and to Codey Rei, Mathew Snowden and Tyler MacLeod for achieving a Tiger Jacket in athletics.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
Master-in-Charge Athletics



Athletics Champions: David Morton, Rory Hofmans, Mathew Snowden, Brock Sibbick

Athletics Day 2006 - Inglewood

Autumn came early for the 2006 Athletics Day and a nippy Southwest wind made the morning conditions trying for athletes, spectators and staff.





One record was broken this year with Damien Smuts breaking Douglas Mace's 1987 shot put record by throwing 14.78 meters. Congratulations must go out to the non-championship members of the houses who got involved and scored valuable points for their house. It can't be stressed enough how important it is for non-championship competitors to support the competitive athletes and their house by attending this event and participating when they can.

The house competition was close between Barak and Syme, as it was in the swimming sports. However, Syme's participation in the non-championship events eventually proved the difference. Congratulations to Syme for their victory. The individual results were also very competitive, with a number of boys in each of the grades good enough to take out victory.

Individual Results

Table with columns for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels, listing names and positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

House Results

Table listing house rankings: 1. Hatherly, 2. Barak, 3. Syme, 4. Donnelly.

Badminton

2006 had the promise of results that have been lacking in the past few years. With the return of four team members from last year and the past school champion Matthew Hunter, we had a competitive team. Our first inter-school was against Hamilton Boys' High and although we were beaten 9 - 0, we were competitive in all matches, only narrowly losing most.

Our Super 8 campaign was dealt a late blow with the loss of Matthew Hunter to sickness. While the boys played well on day one we were beaten by eventual winners Palmerston North Boys', and the Tauranga Boys' No 1 team. Day two saw two good wins over Napier Boys' and Tauranga No 2. This meant we had to play off for 5th and 6th against Rotorua Boys'. All the boys played well above themselves and at the end of all matches the score was tied. Unluckily we lost on count back and so finished the Super 8 in 6th place, our best

result for some time. The team consisted of Andrew Marfell, Ashok Ramanathan, Shium Reza and Gavin Wu.



School badminton champion Andrew Marfell

While being competitive at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships, we again came away without the desired title of Champion School. Our junior pair consisting of Thilina Mendis and Glen Baxter completed very well and advanced through relatively easily to take the junior title. Glen then carried on his good form to win the junior singles title. In the senior competition, Andrew Marfell and Ashok Ramanathan combined to narrowly go down to a strong Spotswood College team. In the singles final, Ashok was unable to overcome the Spotswood number 1, despite taking the match to 3 sets.

The school champion this year was Andrew Marfell, and the team consisted of Ashok Ramanathan, Matthew Hunter, Shium Reza, Glen Baxter, Gavin Wu and Thilina Mendis.

Mr Phil Whittaker Teacher-in-Charge



Top 6 Badminton

BACK ROW: Mr P Whittaker (Coach), Thilina Mendis, Andrew Marfell, Gavin Wu. FRONT ROW: Matthew Hunter, Ashok Ramanathan, Shium Reza, Glen Baxter.



1ST V BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the 2006 season the coach of the 1st V, Mr Jeff Cleaver chose the following squad of ten : Tim Cleaver (Captain), Matthew Corbett, Jason Naumann, Todd Fisher, Jason Rolfe, Michael Taylor, Shannon Duthie, Jared Keil, Harley Wall and Nicholas Vincent. Tuarua Manaia joined the team just after the season began.

Local Competition

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

Table listing local competition results: vs. Blazers won 81-53, vs. Cavaliers lost 64-78, vs. Ufala Icons lost 60-77, vs. J B Oilers won 83-82, vs. Carolina won by default, vs. S E Tigers lost 64-74, vs. Ufala Icons lost 60-64, vs. Blazers won 75-71, vs. Cavaliers lost 96-116, vs. S E Tigers lost 73-80, vs. J B Oilers lost 75-83, vs. Carolina drew 65-65.

In the minor semi-finals we lost to J B Oilers 75 - 100.

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.

Interschool

The 1st V Basketball team played two traditional inter-school games in 2006. Both games were home games, the first being against Auckland Grammar on 17 May. For most of the game the scores were very close, with NPBHS only trailing by 2 at both half and three-quarter time. However, despite the team playing well, the game got away from them in the last quarter with Grammar finally winning 76 - 63. On 30 May, the opponents this time were Hamilton Boys' High School. In a night game, in front of a large crowd, there was another very tight, closely fought game. Our team was down by 5 at the 1st quarter, but had dragged that back to a deficit of 2 at half-time. By the time the 3rd quarter ended the teams were even, and then, on the whistle for full time, were still evenly locked at 68 - 68, with our team drawing level just before the hooter. This meant 5 minutes extra time, with a number of Hamilton's starting five now off the court with 5 fouls. In this extra time, we took control, running out winners 83 - 76. This was a great team effort.

Super 8 Tournament

On July 20-22, NPBHS hosted the Super 8 basketball tournament at the TSB Stadium.

Our team was Tim Cleaver (captain), Jason Rolfe, Jason Naumann, Michael Taylor, Tuarua Manaia, Todd Fisher, Nick Vincent, Harley Wall, Shannon Duthie, Jared Keil, Callum Oliver and Max Williams. Unfortunately one of our starting five, Matt Corbett, was unavailable because of a broken wrist.

Pool play began on Thursday when, in the morning, we met the lowest seeded team in our pool, Hastings BHS 'B' (replacement for the absent Gisborne BHS) whom we beat easily, 117-41. In the afternoon we were again victorious, this time against Tauranga Boys' College, 82-55. On Friday morning we played our last pool game, against Palmerston North BHS. This was a much closer game, with the two teams 60-60 at the end of the third quarter. However, in the last quarter, even though the winning margin was narrow, we were always ahead, with the final score 76-73.

Having come top of our pool we played the second team in the other pool, Napier Boys' HS, whom we had lost to in the 2005 final, in the semi-finals. Again, the game was very close, with few points separating the teams at any time. However, sadly the result was the same as last year, with a 67-71 defeat.

This meant that we were to play Hamilton Boys' HS. Despite coming top of their pool, they like us, had lost in the semi-finals to Palmerston North BHS. Having beaten Hamilton earlier in the year in our annual inter-school game, we were confident of repeating this result. However, in a very close game, we were defeated 71-78. This meant that we came 4th. The eventual winner was Napier BHS, for the second successive year.

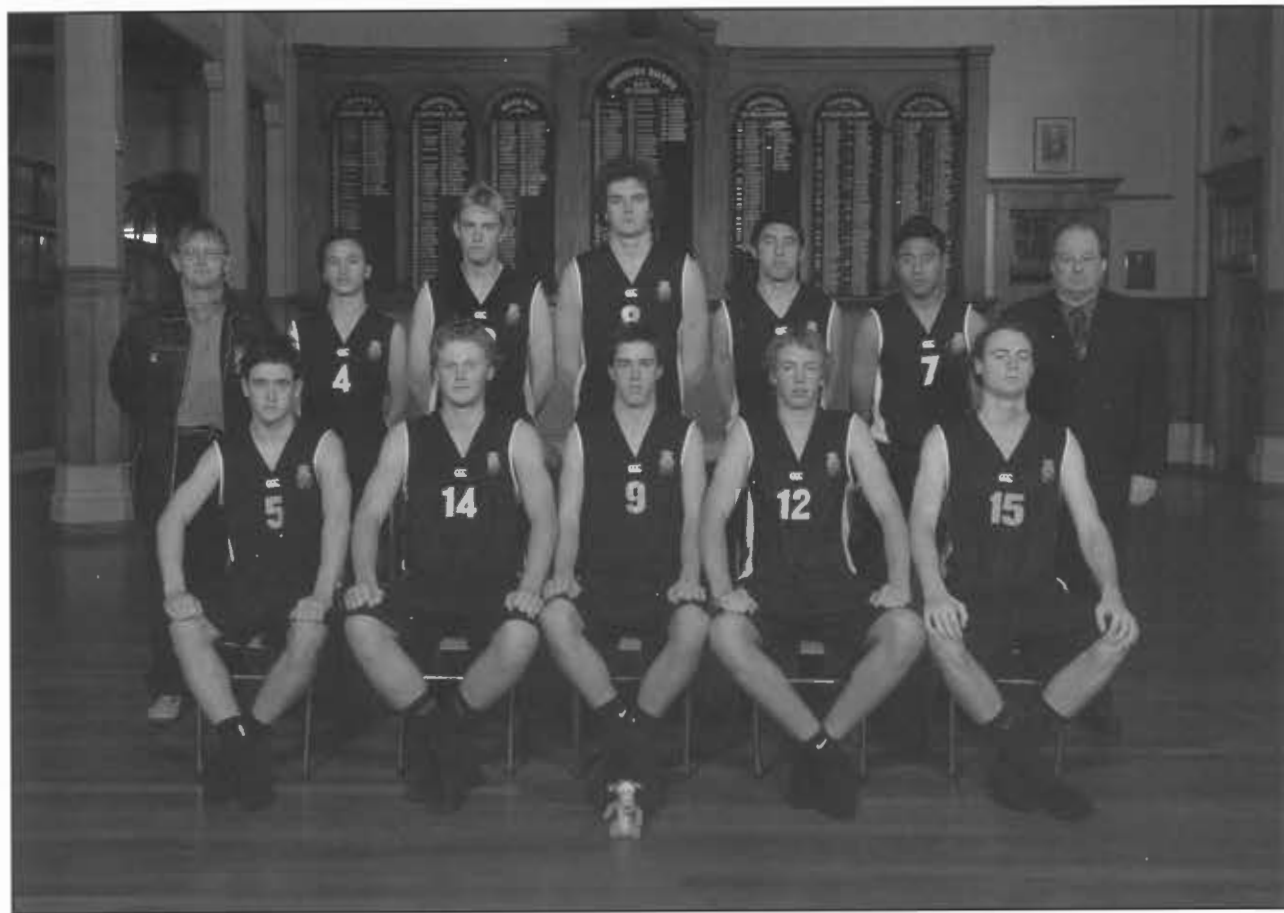
Tim Cleaver and Jason Rolfe were chosen in the tournament team, so congratulations to them both.

We also need to thank Mr Hugh Russell (Director of Sport) for his help with the overall organisation of this event. Particularly enjoyable was the tournament dinner, with Nathan Fa'avee, the adventure racer, as guest speaker, which was held on Friday evening. Thanks also to Mr John Carley and his team of referees for their work, and to the junior basketballers who did bench duty very well. We also appreciated the hospitality of Annette and Terry Corbett, whose home we used as a base during the tournament. We were very lucky to have the services of Mr Matt Cleaver as tournament controller. He did a great job, ensuring that it ran like clockwork.

Finally, but by no means least, we must thank JD Hickman, whose generous sponsorship covered all the tournament expenses. We appreciate the support he has given very much.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Qualifying (Zone 3) Tournament

The 1st V Basketball team participated in the qualifying competition held in the Hutt Valley from August 14-8 in an



1st V Basketball

2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr J Cleaver (Coach), Harley Wall, Nicholas Vincent, Todd Fisher, Tuarua Manaia, Jared Keil, Mr T Heaps (Manager)
FRONT ROW: Michael Taylor, Jason Naumann, Tim Cleaver, Jason Rolfe, Matthew Corbett
ABSENT: Shannon Duthie

attempt to join 23 other teams at the NZSS Championships in Christchurch in mid-September.

There were 20 teams attempting to qualify, so we found ourselves in a pool of 5. Our first game, and our easiest, resulted in a 134-55 win against Nae Nae College. On the Tuesday we had two crucial games and, fortunately, came away with two narrow wins, first against Taita College 57-50, and then in the early evening, 75-69 against Porirua College. We had another two games on Wednesday. First was our final pool game against St Patrick's College, which we lost 72-95. This meant we came 2nd in our pool and would face the top team in another pool, Palmerston North Boys' High School, in the crossovers. If we could win this, we would qualify, but this was not to be, as we lost 47-56.

However, on Thursday we still had our last chance to qualify in a game against Napier Boys' High School to whom we had lost in the Super 8. However, this result was different, as we won 68-61.

On Friday we played our final game to decide 5th and 6th place, against Wellington College. However, having qualified, our bench got more of a run and we lost 58-95.

But our objective had been achieved - qualification for the nationals.

Our thanks must go to coach, Mr Jeff Cleaver and assistant coach Mr Matt Cleaver, and also to our support party of parents who did statistics and cooked for the team : Annette and Terry Corbett, Sue Darney and Alison Vincent.

Not long after the zone qualifying, the team travelled to Hamilton to get some much needed competition prior to the nationals. We played Church College, who have over the last twenty years, dominated boys' basketball. The game was a very tight one, with BHS winning 84 - 83.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

On Monday, 25 September, in Christchurch, the team began its campaign in the NZ Secondary Schools Boys' Basketball Championships.

The week began with pool play and our first opponents were one of the top teams in the pool, Waitaki Boys' High School from Oamaru, who defeated us 72 - 61. Later in the day



we came up against Church College whom we had recently beaten. However, this time we could not prevail, losing 66 - 78.

We only had one game on the Tuesday against Dilworth College from Auckland. This time the game went our way with a 66 - 56 victory. This gave us confidence for the last day of pool play on Wednesday. First up were Nayland College from Nelson, a team we needed to beat, and felt we could beat. However, in what was a very close game we lost 58 - 61. That left us up against the team who would top our pool, Aranui High School from Christchurch. Unfortunately we could not keep up with them, losing 66 - 78.

This meant that the team were in the 17 - 24 group, and our first cross-over was against Otago Boys' High School which we won 82 - 57. The next opponent, Tauranga Boys' College suffered a similar fate going down to us 79 - 61. This meant we were playing off for 17th, the Division III title, against Auckland Grammar School. We could not, however, sustain our run of good form and we lost 53 - 99, thereby coming 18th.

The team was well supported by parents: Terry and Annette Corbett, Josie Cleaver and Lyn Rolfe, all of whom have our warmest thanks for their help. We are also again indebted to J D Hickman Ltd who gave financial support, as did the sponsors for our advertising feature: Taranaki Independent Real Estate, TNL Print and Graphics, Graphix Explosion, Playground, Dental House, Hell Pizzas, Fully Furnished, Wall-to-Wall Decorators, Taylor Dental, Icons Sports Bar, Quality Professionals, R J Eagar Ltd, and Cobb & Co Restaurant.

Honours

The following players were awarded Tiger Jackets this year: Matthew Corbett, Tuarua Manaia and Todd Fisher.

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

Provincial Representation

U 19 - Jason Nauman, Tim Cleaver, Todd Fisher, Michael Taylor, Matt Corbett, Nick Vincent.

The team played the Zone 3 qualifying regionals in Hawera, finishing 4th with Tim Cleaver and Jason Rolfe making the tournament team.

U 17 - Harley Wall, Shannon Duthie, Jared Keil. The team had the national championships in North Harbour where they finished a creditable 13th.

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, who completed



Year 9 & 10 Basketball



Year 9A Basketball



Year 10A Basketball



Senior B Basketball



Photo courtesy of TNL

NPBHS in battle with Waitara HS

his term as coach this year. We thank him for all the time and expertise he has given in building up a team that has not just been successful locally, but nationally as well over the four years he has been coach.

Many thanks to everyone who supported us this year, in particular Mrs Annette Corbett for her work as team statistician, and the parents who catered for the team: Sue Darney, Alison Vincent, Josie Cleaver and Lyn Rolfe.

Finally, our very grateful thanks go to J D Hickman Ltd, our major sponsors, whose generosity made our season a lot easier and more enjoyable.

Mr Terry Heaps
Manager 1st V Basketball Team

1st XI Cricket

Andrew Mason captained this year's side, with staff members Mr Kane Rowson and Mr Blair Corlett playing.

The highlight/disappointment was making the Super 8 final for the second year in a row and losing narrowly again to Tauranga Boys' College.

Dean Robinson led the batting with 624 runs, from Codey Rei 474 and Tim Cleaver 439.

Codey Rei took 39 wickets, Dean Robinson 29 and Andrew Mason 26.

Honours Board Performances

Scott Prichard	7 for 25	v	Auckland Grammar
Codey Rei	8 for 86	v	NP MU
Codey Rei	6 for 43	v	Wellington College

Representative Honours

Codey Rei	NZ U17, CD U17, Taranaki 'A' and 'B'
Andrew Mason	CD U 19, Taranaki 'A' and 'B'

Club Competition

The one day competition saw losses to NPMU & NPOB and a defeat of Stratford.

The two day competition saw losses to Stratford, Inglewood and Egmont Coast and victories over Hawera United and NPMU. The highlight of which was Mr Blair Corlett taking 10 for 45 in the first innings and Codey Rei 8 for 86 in the 2nd.

Gillette Cup

Round one saw the defeat of FMC on the top ground.

NPBHS	180 for 9	Tim Cleaver	56
		Sam Saunders	25

FDMC	176	Codey Rei	3 for 23
		Liam McBride	3 for 23

Round two versus Wanganui Collegiate (to be played)

Super 8 - Napier Boys' High School

V Rangitoto College

NPBHS won the toss and batted on a slow/low wicket scoring 187 for 8.

Phil Barraclough	38	Andrew Mason	32
Codey Rei	38		

Rangitoto were dismissed for 113

Chad Jacobs	4 for 20
Scott Pritchard	4 for 32
Andrew Mason	2 for 28

V Rotorua BHS

NPBHS won the toss and scored 223 for 5

Dean Robinson	52	Andrew Mason	59
Bent Sprott	31 no		

Rotorua were dismissed for 166 (were 130 for 4)



NPBHS 1st XI Cricket 2006

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Liam McBride, Sam Saunders, Nick Joyce
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Dean Robinson, Sam Broadmore, Ben Sprott, Chad Jacob, Mr Gordon Giddy (Coach)
 FRONT ROW: Brent Bishop, Codey Rei, Andrew Mason (Captain), Tim Cleaver, Scott Pritchard
 ABSENT: Philip Barraclough

Codey Rei	2 for 13
Chad Jacob	3 for 28
Andrew Mason	2 for 10

V PNBHS

The game was shortened to 45 overs after the groundsman had left the sprinklers on.

NPBHS won the toss and scored 177 for 5

Tim Cleaver	41	Dean Robinson	40
Andrew Mason	52 no		

PNBHS scored 33 for 1 off 5 overs and then 71 for 7 off 14 overs ending all out for 151.

Codey Rei	2 for 21
Chad Jacob	2 for 32
Scott Pritchard	3 for 30

Final's day was washed out and was played later. The Super 8 final was played at Taupo where we played Tauranga Boys' College. TBC batted first and amassed 283 for 4. Thanks to a second wicket partnership of 155 and

injuries to the BHS bowling attack, Codey Rei ended the innings 1 - 33 with Chad Jacob 1 - 36. NPBHS built their chase around Sam Broadmore (52), Dean Robinson (29) and Phil Barraclough (21). Needing 120 runs off the last 12 overs, Codey Rei scored 50 and Sam Saunders 42 gave us a chance but the chase fell 13 runs short at 271 for 8.

Inter-School Fixtures

These saw losses to Wellington College, Hamilton BHS and Wanganui Collegiate and a victory over Auckland Grammar with Rotorua BHS again being washed out.

V Wellington College - Top Ground - December 2005

Wellington College batted first on a damp wicket scoring 208: Andrew Mason taking 5 for 48 off 23 overs. NPBHS struggled being 87 for 7: Phil Barraclough (28), Brent Bishop (24 no) and Ben Sportt (20) saw them through to 157.

Wellington College were dismissed for 121 runs in their 2nd innings with Codey Rei taking 6 for 43 (Honours board). This left NPBHS 173 to win in 55 overs. A poor batting effort on a drying pitch saw them all out for 42, a loss by 131 runs.



V Auckland Grammar School - Top Ground

AGS won the toss and batted. Struggling with the slow outfield, they were to be dismissed for 77. Scott Pritchard had the figures of 17 overs, 7 for 25 and Andrew Mason 17 overs, 2 for 3.

NPBHS batted to declare at 211 for 8: Philip Barraclough 43, Dean Robinson 37, Andrew Mason 43, Codey Rei 42 leaving AGS 133 behind.

In their 2nd innings, AGS were dismissed for 82: Codey Rei 20 overs, 5 for 22, Dean Robinson 16 overs, 4 for 31. An outright win to NPBHS by an innings and 51 runs.

V Hamilton BHS - Hamilton

NPBHS batted first and were dismissed for 80. Only Dean Robinson (31 no batting at No. 3) showed any determination. HBHS strike bowler took 8 for 11. HBHS batted steadily to be all out for 254 in 97 overs. Dean Robinson had the good figures of 4 for 68 from 37 overs.

NPBHS struggled again in their 2nd innings to be all out for 126: Tim Cleaver 27, Andrew Mason 27 showed some resistance. Outright loss by innings and 48 runs.

V Rotorua BHS - Rotorua

RBHS batted first being dismissed for 194: Dean Robinson 5 for 68. NPBHS declared at 205 for 8 with Dean Robinson scoring 61 and Codey Rei 50 no.

RBHS declared at 196 for 6 leaving NPBHS 186 to win in 45 overs.

Rain washed out the final day.

V Wanganui Collegiate - Top Ground

NPBHS batted first scoring 231 for 8 declared. Tim Cleaver 40, Dean Robinson 72, Sam Saunders 45, Codey Rei 35.

Collegiate batted 103 overs to finally be all out for 210: Dean Robinson 4 for 92, Liam McBride 3 for 32, Chad Jacob 2 for 18.

With limited time NPBHS endeavoured to score quick runs but were dismissed for 144 from 40 overs: Tim Cleaver 27, Phil Barraclough 20, Brent Bishop 34.

This left Collegiate 165 to win in around 60 overs. This they did for the loss of 3 wickets. An outright loss by 7 wickets in a game where NPBHS had to make all of the play.

Mr Gordon Giddy
Teacher-in-Charge Cricket

2nd Grade Cricket



3rd ROW: Shium Reza, Nick Mitchell, Mathew Snowden, Nick Joyce.
2nd ROW: Mr K Simpson (Coach), John Taylor, Josh McLean, Vincent Sharp, Liam Ander, Nick Standen, Mr N Hunter (Coach).
FRONT ROW: Josh Rei, Matt Harold, Cameron Miller, Viranchi Upadhyay, Liam McBride, Nick Redfearn, James Linehan.
ABSENT: Paul Meuli.

Club games

NPBHS had two teams in the men's second grade competition in the 2005/2006 season.

NPBHS white played well against the other schoolboy sides but found the going more difficult against the men's teams. The boys played with good team spirit and there were some very good individual performances.

Viranchi Upadhyay was asked to open the batting, one of the most difficult jobs in cricket, and he responded with some very good knocks, including 50 against Fitzroy and 44 against Marist. He batted with good technique and always sold his wicket dearly.

Despite playing most of his cricket as a bowler, Andrew Webber filled the gap in the top order and batted with determination. He scored a very good 61 against Marist.

Jacob Fleming was the wicket keeper and also batted in the top three. He scored runs quickly and his best scores were 50, 35 and 34.

Cameron Miller played as a middle order batsman. He was a great team player, enthusiastic in the field and also chipped in as a part-time bowler.

Sam Saunders was a middle order batsman who was devastating once he got going. The highlight was his magnificent 121 against Marist. He also took 5 for 42 in the same game! Towards the end of the season, Sam was elevated to the first eleven.

Paul Meuli captained the side and as the season went on he became a decisive and intelligent leader. He was also a very useful all-rounder, bowling with good variation and batting aggressively. Paul took 12 wickets and his best scores were 60 and 44.



CRICKET STOP PRESS

Year 9/10 cricket team won THE BAT challenge trophy at the Annual Napier Festival defeating PNBHS (phil Mischevski 127 and William Young 89 no) HastingsBHS and NapierBHS (Warwick Millar 5 for 24).

1st XI lost outright to Wellington College WC 150 and 280 NPBHS 67 and 148

Chad Jacob opened the bowling and he proved to be accurate and quick. He took 10 wickets and made good contributions to the lower order batting. Chad was also elevated to the first eleven.

Matt Snowden opened the bowling and always bowled with pace and aggression, taking 11 wickets. He was a swashbuckling lower order batsman.

Shium Reza bowled left-arm medium and batted in the lower order, although he also proved to be a capable pinch hitter at the top of the order on a few occasions.

Liam Ander bowled quickly and troubled batsmen when he was able to keep the ball in the right channels. He has a lot of potential.

Nick Mitchell bowled leg spin, a very challenging discipline. He struggled with accuracy, as most leg spinners do, but when got the ball in the right place he bamboozled even the best players. He took 8 wickets.

Andrew Jones played five games at the start of the season before heading overseas. He bowled well and picked up 4 wickets.

Mr Kelvin Simpson
Manager

College games

Versus Hamilton Boys' High School

NPBHS 168 P Meuli 75, M Shaw 30, V Upadhyay 20
HBHS 341 J McLean 3-54, J Rei 2-37
NPBHS 93 V Upadhyay 32, P Meuli 20

Result - lost by an innings and 80 runs

Versus Rotorua Boys' High School

NPBHS 66 M Shaw 22, P Meuli 22
RBHS 216 L Ander 5-66, J McLean 2-74
NPBHS 252/8 M Shaw 67, V Sharp 64, F Climo 32, N Mitchell 27

Result - rained off

Versus Wanganui Collegiate School

NPBHS 182 L Ander 27, V Sharp 25, L Nolly 22*
WCS 154 P Meuli 5-55, M Snowden 3-27
NPBHS 148 M Shaw 50*, V Sharp 32, L Ander 24
WCS 171 M Snowden 4-39, P Meuli 3-49, N Mitchell 2-17

Result - won by 5 runs

"THE GREEN" CRICKET TEAM

"The Green" played in the Saturday morning grade, Division 1. They performed very well and, apart from one game, dominated the opposition.



Cricket - The Green Team

BACK ROW: Matt Harold, Scott Evans, Carl Garrett, Daniel Lamorena, Dylan Oliver-Rose, Mr L R French-Wright (Coach).
FRONT ROW: Brent Taylor, Harald Askevold, Scott Kearns, Carl Jacobs, Will Langslow.
ABSENT: Hamish Fleming, Logan Burton, Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Jarred Hinton.

In the batting, captain Scott Kearns, was impressive in his consistency, Scott Evans showed a real ability to hit the ball cleanly (his century was a highlight of the term), and others chipped in when required. The bowling was very good at times, with pace from Jarred Hinton, Scott Evans and Carl Garrett and good medium support from Brent Taylor, Daniel Lamorena and spin from Hamish Fleming, Harald Askevold and Jeremy Neville-Lamb. Carl Jacobs kept wicket in a polished fashion with Logan Burton, William Langslow, Dylan Oliver-Rose and Matt Harold all contributing with bat and ball at times. They were a great bunch of young men.

The final, against FDMC, was an excellent game of cricket that went down to the wire with NPBHS 'somehow' losing the game off the last ball of the game, after looking to have it in the bag. "Defeat snatched from the jaws of victory" comes to mind.

Mr Lyal French-Wright
Coach



Cricket - Beige



Cricket - Orange



Cricket - Canes



Cricket - Red



Cricket - Chiefs



Cricket - The Force



Cricket - Crusaders

Cross Country

There are five major races in term two for the schools cross country runners and a couple of road relays in term three. In addition, the usual domination of the Port to Park and the Brenda Bellinger Memorial handicap race made for a busy season.

Auckland Grammar Exchange

This was NPBS first opportunity to host Grammar, who brought a team of over 30 runners to compete for the Mildenhall Cup. The event was run over the junior cross

country course just two days after the actual school event, with the best four places in all five year groups combining to decide the winner. The Year 9 and 10 boys went first. Davis Sutcliffe was the first home and helped the Year 10 boys comfortably win their age group. Grammar was too strong in the Year 9 race with Josh Lowe, our best placed runner, claiming 5th place. The senior race saw David Morton (Year 11) first across the line, although mention should be made of the best AGS runner (Year 13 student Matthew Mildenhall) finding the TeHenui difficult to navigate meaning the route he took almost certainly cost him the race. Daniel Fleming was our best Year 13 (2nd) and Jason Holden was our highest placed Year 12 (4th). Low scores are what you seek in cross country and after combining all the places AGS added to 81 and NPBHS to 121. While it was disappointing to relinquish the trophy it was encouraging to compete well with what is, historically, New Zealand's premier running school.

Super 8 Cross Country

34 boys made the arduous trip to Gisborne for the annual Super 8 Cross Country event held on May 27th over very challenging terrain. The team was boosted by two Hillary Challenge boys who flew over after their own week-long event. The hills, mud, wild horses and bag pipes certainly made it a memorable course and one we felt would suit our team. Unfortunately, the shield we had held for the previous two years was relinquished to Napier who were more consistent than us over the three age groups. There were plenty of positives to come out of the racing which serves as our main trial for Nationals.

Year 9 (3000m)

Mathew Phillips	10th
Josh Taylor	15th
Josh Lowe	16th
Jason Schrader	18th
Ben Hitchcock	19th
Sean Hooper	20th
James LeQuesne	21st
James Adlam	23rd
Brandon Holdt	24th

Junior (under 16) (4000m)

Davis Sutcliffe	2nd
Levi Kendall	5th
Glen Baxter	7th
Cameron Holden	8th
Thomas Webb	11th
Charl Jacobs	13th
Sean Parker	14th
Daniel Hine	15th
David Ellis	16th
Matthew Jones	20th
William Tennent	21st
Sam Dally	22nd
Conner Stachurski	23rd
Chris Devlin	25th
Thomas Doehring	27th

Senior (6000m)

David Morton	2nd
Ben Aves	6th



The Cross Country team at Super 8 in Gisborne

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Josh Kerlake	8th
Daniel Fleming	9th
Alex Ferens	13th
Matthew Rodden	15th
Jason Holden	16th
Chris Cooper	17th
Tyler Griffin	18th
Gye Simkin	19th
Thomas Wilson	20th
Peter Joe	21st

The race results placed Year 9 in 4th, junior 1st and Senior 1st. Napier took the shield with a 1st and two 2nd placings. Our team finished second overall.

TSS Cross Country

Thursday, June 2nd saw the team head to Hawera for the Taranaki championships held in cold, but fine conditions. Our goal is to win the six man team race in each of the three age groups and we achieved this again. David Morton had individual success winning the intermediate race in a close tussle with Nathan Coombes from FDMC. Davis Sutcliffe finished 3rd in this race and Daniel Fleming placed second in the senior race. The winning six man teams were:

Junior (3000m)

Ben Caskey	5th
Tom Webb	8th
Ben Hitchcock	9th
Mathew Phillips	10th
Sean Hooper	12th
Josh Lowe	15th

Intermediate (4000m)

David Morton	1st
Davis Sutcliffe	3rd
Isaac Owen	5th
Hamish Fleming	7th
Cameron Holden	10th
Tyler Griffin	11th

Senior (6000m)

Daniel Fleming	2nd
Ben Aves	5th
Josh Kerlake	8th
Mathew Snowden	10th
Matthew Rodden	13th
Michael Taylor	15th



Cross Country Team 2006

4th ROW FROM LEFT: Chris Devlin, Hamish Fleming, William Tennent, Michael Taylor, Tyler MacLeod, Thomas Doehring, Levi Kendall, Vincent Sharp, Hayden Patene
 3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Cameron Holden, Ben Hitchcock, Matthew Jones, Tom Webb, Peter Joe, David Ellis, Thomas Wilson, Tyler Griffin, Glen Baxter, Brandon Holdt
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Josh Lowe, Daniel Hine, Charl Jacobs, Mathew Phillips, Josh Taylor, Mr Paul Dominikovich (Coach), James Linehan, Sean Parker, Conner Stachurski, Chris Cooper, Gye Simkin
 FRONT ROW: Davis Sutcliffe, Jason Holden, Josh Kerlake, Ben Aves, Daniel Fleming (Captain), David Morton, Mathew Snowden, Matthew Rodden, Isaac Owen
 ABSENT: Alex Ferens, Sam Dally, Jason Schrader, Sean Hooper, James Adlam



National Cross Country

A team of 32 runners was selected to represent the school at the National Cross Country championships held in Tauranga on June 17th. We were successful in the Under 16 race claiming 6 man silver and 3 man gold in the teams' event. The whole team competed with distinction in what is a very demanding competition with around 200 quality athletes in each race. The Year 9 team finished in 8th place and our senior team was 9th overall. Individual placings were as follows:



Cross country silver medalists

Year 9 (3000m)	Place	Time
Josh Taylor	51st	11.09
Ben Hitchcock	54th	11.11
Josh Lowe	94th	11.33
Sean Hooper	105th	11.41
Jason Schrader	118th	12.01
Mathew Phillips	120th	12.02

Under 16 (4000m)	Place	Time
Davis Sutcliffe	11th	14.07
Isaac Owen	19th	14.19
Glen Baxter	34th	14.39
Cameron Holden	48th	14.57
Levi Kendall	63rd	15.09
David Ellis	65th	15.10
Sean Parker	68th	15.12
Charl Jacobs	79th	15.25
Tom Webb	92nd	15.34
James Linehan	94th	15.38
Daniel Hine	107th	15.46
Conner Stachurski	145th	16.24
Sam Dally	167th	17.29

Senior (6000m)	Place	Time
David Morton	31st	21.30
Daniel Fleming	54th	22.05
Mathew Snowden	87th	22.41
Josh Kerslake	103rd	22.54
Alex Ferens	128th	23.37
Matthew Rodden	136th	23.44
Chris Cooper	137th	23.45
Ben Aves	138th	23.46
Tyler Griffin	142nd	23.50
Jason Holden	174th	24.41
Thomas Wilson	185th	25.09
Peter Joe	187th	25.16



tired seniors

Wanganui Round the Lakes

40 boys comprising 10 relay teams travelled to Wanganui on Monday, September 4th for the 28th running of the familiar Virginia Lake course. Warm conditions and large fields made for excellent racing over the three age groups.

In the Year 9 event the dayboys take on the boarders for the Ballantyne/Torckler Cup. The dayboy team of Josh Taylor (fastest), Mathew Phillips, Ben Hitchcock and Josh Lowe were victorious to balance the ledger three each in this event. Dayboys were 5th overall with the hostel team placing 15th.

Under 16 is our strongest age grouping. We are ranked 2nd in New Zealand and knew we would be competitive against the number 1 ranked Wellington College. The B race was first and we won this from Wellington by just 13 seconds. This team was Cameron Holden, Isaac Owen, Sean Parker and Charl Jacobs. The A race unfortunately reversed the results with Wellington beating us by 19 seconds. David Morton clocked 6.34 for his lap which is our fastest ever recorded lap by an impressive 23 seconds. Davis Sutcliffe, Glen Baxter and Daniel O'Leary were the other members of this team.

In the senior race we placed 8th. Josh Kerslake was fastest in this team. Mention should be made of Tyler Griffin who ran a fast leg in our B team.

TSS Road Relays

The final race on Sunday, 10th September was run in dreadful conditions. Teams were selected from the Wanganui times from those available for this race. Intermediate is combined with Year 9 and 10. Levi Kendall, Cameron Holden, Charl Jacobs and Daniel O'Leary won this race from a competitive FDMC team. The senior race was reasonably close as well, but our A team was also too strong for FDMC. This team was David Morton, Josh Kerslake, Ben Aves and Tyler Griffin. David again rewrote the records with his lap split at 7.16, nearly a minute faster than our 2nd fastest runner. This completed a successful local season with NPBHS winning all 5 team events on offer.

Final Comments

There were many highlights throughout the season and I would like to congratulate the runners who trained hard, gave their best for the school, and contributed to the team as a whole. Thank you to the parents who supported and encouraged their sons and the team. I would like to personally acknowledge the contributions of Joe Holden and Joe Morton: Your varying and numerous skills made us a successful and cohesive management team.

Thank you to The Frontrunner, Top Town Cinema 5, The Devon Hotel, our School Council and The New Zealand Community Trust for your tangible support over the season.

To those returning: we have plenty to achieve in 2007 so endeavour to play your part in each race. Finally, congratulations to Daniel, Ben, Josh, Mathew and Tyler for what you have achieved and contributed over your years in cross country.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
Master-in-Charge Cross Country

Cycling

The first event for the year was the North Island Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships at Ngaruawahia. Shane O'Neill, Clarke Demchy, Steven Rolfe and Hayden Patene combined for the team time trial. They did not place but it was a good warm-up for the road race the next day. Shane O'Neill and Clarke Demchy rode in the under-20 boys' road race with Shane finishing in a small chasing bunch who were unable to overhaul two riders who broke away. He was 11th. Hayden Patene and Steven Rolfe rode in the under-17 boys' road race with Hayden finishing in the lead bunch in a sprint finish. He was 13th.

Next was the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships. In the senior boys' individual time trial, Ben Aves was second, Steven Rolfe was third, Hayden Patene was fourth, David Morton was fifth and Daniel Phillips was sixth.



The team time trial at Nationals



Cycling

In the junior boys individual time trial, William Tennent was fifth and Daniel Hine was eighth. Ben, Steven, Hayden and William combined for the team time trial which they won, retaining the Dave Mitchell Memorial Trophy. Our B team of Daniel Phillips, Daniel Hine and David Morton came third in the same event.

The last event for the year was the nationals at Levin and Feilding. Clarke, William, Steven and Hayden rode in the team time trial. Shane and Clarke competed in the under-20 boys' road race with Shane again finishing in a chasing bunch. Official results have not yet arrived but he was about 12th. Steven and Hayden rode in the under-17 boys' road race with Hayden riding very well and having the lead for a time before being overtaken in a sprint finish. He was about 7th. William rode in the under-16 boys' race. All of the boys rode in the points race the next day.

All of these boys have trained hard this year. Steven, William and Clarke gained valuable experience competing at their first secondary school events. Hayden and Shane are to be commended on their placings in very competitive fields. Shane had a major crash in August which set him back a long way in his training. Otherwise, I have no doubt he would have been one of the top riders. Thanks to Racheal and Jeremy Cottam for managing the boys while they were away.

Mr Kelvin Simpson
Cycling Coordinator



Shane O'Neill relaxes between races at Nationals



Taranaki Secondary Schools' Duathlon

This event was held on Sunday 11th June. All competitors assembled at Hurworth Hall on Carrington Road for the 2km run – 10 km cycle – 2km run. NPBHS had two competitors involved and both performed well.

Daniel Hine came 2nd in the junior boy's event and Ben Aves came 2nd in the senior boy's event. Both competed very well and deserved their success. These two boys have shown a keen involvement in Duathlon competition and are fine athletes.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon

This event was held at Ngamotu beach on Sunday 26th March, which unfortunately was on the same day as the TSS Surf-lifesaving event and several boys were thus unable to compete in both events. Those who chose to compete in the Triathlon did very well in the 250m swim – 10 km run – 3km cycle and the following gained individual success:

Junior Boys (U-15) 1st place Daniel Hine with a time of 38 minutes 1 second

Senior Boys (U-19) 2nd place Ben Aves
3rd place Hayden Patene

This event is popular on the TSS calendar and attracted entries from 10 Taranaki secondary schools and a record number of competitors (83), (of these, 61 were girls). My thanks to Mr French Wright who undertook the role of manager on the day to ensure the boys were able to compete while I was at the TSS Surf-lifesaving event.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Teacher-in-Charge Triathlon / Duathlon



Duathlon/Triathlon Team 2006

Endurance Sports

In 2006 adventure racing, multi sport and rogaining were collectively called 'endurance sports' to reflect the nature of the disciplines and provide a stronger identity for the competitors. As in previous years, one of the main objectives of the programme was to provide a basis for selecting our Hillary Challenge Team. The resulting depth in skills and experience was to prove crucial as our preparation was beset by injury. Once again the success of the teams was possible largely through the support of staff and parents. Ms Sue Scott was a tremendous mentor for our rogainers and Nick Tipling's success at the World Championships would not have been possible without Sue's management and guidance. Mr Steve Fleming and Mr Joe Holden became keen support crew and with their ongoing involvement the boys will be able to continue to travel to get to events.

Arrow International Series 6 Hr Race (Wellington) - Saturday March 11

Students:

- NPBHS 1: Nick Tipling, Jason Holden, Matthew Rodden, Grace Power
- NPBHS 2: Campbell Bower, Callum Barnett, Hayden Lowe, Daniel Phillips

NPBHS 1 team won the secondary school section and were 2nd overall.



6 Hour adventure racers in Wellington

Adventure Racing Coromandel ARC 12 hour race - 2/3 April

Students: Daniel Fleming, Nick Tipling, Jason Holden and Matthew Rodden

The team finished 7th out of 28 teams overall and 2nd in the men's 4 person category after spending 18 hours on the course.



Endurance Sports

BACK ROW: Callum Barnett, Daniel Phillips, Hayden Lowe, Daniel Momich, Ben Aves, Jacob Davies, Josh Kerslake, Hayden Patene.
FRONT ROW: Campbell Bower, Matthew Rodden, Jason Holden, Dex Newland, Mark Shaw, Nick Tipling, Daniel Fleming, Hamish Fleming.
ABSENT: Ryan Harris-Hayes, Justin Boag.



Daniel Fleming after the 12 Hour ARC



Route planning on the Go 4 12 in Hawkes Bay

"Go 4 12" secondary schools adventure race (Hawke's Bay) - 9 April

Students:

- NPBHS 1: Jason Holden, Matthew Rodden, Daniel Fleming, Nick Tipling
- NPBHS 2: Campbell Bower, Callum Barnett, Hamish Fleming, Hayden Patene

NPBHS 1 finished 1st overall and NPBHS 2 finished 3rd from 19 teams.

On the same weekend, Ben Aves, Josh Kerslake and Jacob Davies combined to win the secondary schools section of the Rotorangi Gutbuster.

National 24 Hour Rogaining Championships (Taruas) - 18th February

Teams:

1. Nick Tipling, Hamish Fleming,
2. Dex Newland, Mark Shaw, Ryan Harris Hayes,
3. Jason Holden, Matt Rodden, Emmah Ussher (NPGHS), Mr McGowan

Three teams of die-hard foot sloggers competed in the National 24 Hour Rogaining Championships in the Tarauas. Nick Tipling and Hamish Fleming combined to take out the secondary school and junior titles with a commanding performance, collecting points throughout the entire 24 hours without sleep. Dex Newland, Mark Shaw and Ryan Harris-



Hayes were also competitive, despite losing time in dense bush on the first afternoon. Mr McGowan, Jason Holden and Matt Rodden valiantly kept up with Emmah Ussher from NPGHS to finish mid-table in the open mixed grade. Mrs Scott also finished well up the field in the mixed grade.



Hamish Fleming and Nick Tipling at the National Rogaining Championships

Crater to Lake Challenge

On August 26 a team of intrepid multi sporters competed in the 2006 Crater to Lake Challenge, attempting to repeat last year's win. With Whakapapa closed due to poor weather the skiers had to complete a short run circuit around the Chateaux Tongariro before handing over to the mountain biker for a 35 km ride to the first road cycle stage. Daniel Momich ran well and Hamish Fleming rode strongly to overtake 3 school teams on the MTB. Cyclist Hayden Patene then took over and moved us into 1st place going into the kayak leg.

Due to rough conditions, the kayak and water ski legs on Lake Taupo were cancelled and the alternative kayak leg saw Jacob Davies racing laps around the Tokaanu power station tailrace. Unfortunately disaster struck as a rivet blew on the rudder system leaving Jacob's boat permanently turning to starboard on a left turn circuit! Jacob battled gamely, but even with a change of boat for the second leg, our 5 minute lead turned into an 11 minute deficit behind Napier Boys' High.

Hayden then had the daunting task of cycling alone back through Turangi and on to Taupo - a ride that took him well past the 100km mark for the event - to try and peg back some time and allow David Morton the chance of getting us ahead on the final 12km run into Taupo. Hayden rode superbly, shaving the older and stronger Napier rider by 2 minutes. David then cut back another 3 minutes on the run with the fastest time of the day, but unfortunately our overall time of 5 hours 58 minutes was still 5 minutes slower than Napier's.

The boys' performance was outstanding given their youth (3 Yr11, 1 Yr12 and 1 Yr13) and bodes well for the future. Particularly impressive was their determination to win and their mental focus in the face of adversity.

Hillary Challenge 2006

The team that departed on Saturday morning to contest the Hillary Challenge was quite different from the one that had originally been selected. Callum Barnett had come into the team in the April break and had much to do in order to get up to speed. That disruption became minor when Nikki Heale was forced to withdraw for personal reasons three weeks out. Kerri Anne Torckler, a veteran from last year, was our female reserve, but her intense cycling programme meant she would be unavailable for training. She was very pensive when she met the team for the first time on the Thursday prior to departure! Even more disconcerting was the withdrawal of Matthew Rodden on the Friday afternoon, an Achilles problem having not responded to treatment. With reserve Justin Boag not yet recovered from a broken wrist, Campbell Bower joined the team at the mini van on Saturday morning.

We enjoyed our best ever start to the competition, lying in second position after two days of initiative challenges.

The two day expedition started from a windswept Tukino Ski field, teams having two days to accumulate navigational points before finishing on Thursday evening at the Grand Chateaux. Teams had a basic route option of going north or south around Mt Ruapehu. We chose to head south, a longer and more difficult route but with the prospect of more points. Unfortunately the team realised by midday on the Wednesday that this was not the best choice. They spent the next day and a half heroically battling to limit the damage and managed to gain the third highest points behind Auckland Grammar/Diocesan and Middleton Grange. However the points differential was substantial and the chances of overhauling these schools on Friday's adventure race looked remote.

With our reputations on the line, we needed to display the resilience and determination we have become renowned for. Our victory in Friday's race was stunning - our time of 4 hrs 51 minutes being 33 minutes faster than Grammar, 50 minutes faster than Middleton and up to 3 hours faster than other teams. However it was not fast enough to earn enough points to overhaul Grammar in the Challenge and we had to settle for second place.

With many of the 2006 team returning for next year and a host of keen hopefuls waiting on the sidelines, the prospects of regaining the title in 2007 are bright. This endeavour will be greatly assisted if the ardent team of parents get in behind the team as they did this year, providing invaluable fundraising and transport resources. Special mention is due



to Mrs Bridget Fleming for the effort she puts in at Girls' High and to Mr Joe Holden for the magnificent contribution he made to the sponsorship drive this year.

Mr Iain McGowan
Teacher-in-Charge Endurance Sports

Rogaining

In March the TSSA Rogaine Championships were held at Lake Mangamahoe. This was the second year of holding the TSSA Rogaine Championships - a 3 hour rogaine starting at 6:00pm - and the surge in interest was huge. From roughly 50 entrants in 2005, the numbers increased to over 120 secondary school students this year. Most secondary schools in Taranaki were represented in what was a hugely enjoyable and competitive night for all.



A NPBHS team consisting of Daniel Fleming, Jason Holden and Matt Rodden got 2nd in this competition and the team

of Hamish Fleming and Hayden Patene were third.

In October Nick Tipling, and Emmah Ussher, from GHS, competed in the Seventh World Rogaining Championships in Australia. The World Rogaining Championships is a classic rogaine of 24 hours duration. It is the ultimate challenge in navigation and endurance sports with competitors searching for specific points using a map with scale of 1:33 333, that is 100 metres equals 3mm on the map with a ten-metre contour interval.

Nick and Emmah won the 7th World Rogaine Junior Mixed Championship title. They also came second in the Junior Open class - juniors are classified as under 20 years old.

The event was held in the Warrumbungle National Park, in central New South Wales. The Warrumbungles are a series of volcanic mountains with the name "warrumbungle" being the local aboriginal word meaning "crooked mountains". The terrain was steep, scrubby and dry, and the location of the control sites challenged every competitor's navigation skills. As if that was not difficult enough, competitors battled temperatures reaching 37 degrees Celsius. In the competition there were 691 people competing in 311 teams. Many teams pulled out because of dehydration and heatstroke. Emmah and Nick managed to keep going, but after crossing the finish



Hillary Challenge 2006

2nd ROW FROM LEFT:
FRONT ROW:

Daniel Fleming, Grace Power, Mr I McGowan, Kerri-Anne Torckler, Nick Tipling
Callum Barnett, Emmah Ussher, Jason Holden, Campbell Bower



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line, Nick had to be helped to the first-aid tent and spent a few hours in hospital being treated for dehydration.

Mrs Sue Scott
Teacher-in-Charge Rogaining



Nick Tipling in hospital with dehydration

Golf

2006 has been a busy year for golf at NPBHS. The first event for the golf teams was the Super 8 in Palmerston North in March. Both the 1st and 2nd teams played well, the 1st team gaining 3rd position and the 2nd team 4th. Brad Hayward from the 1st team had the best round of 72 off the stick; and Matt Reid with a nett of 71 and Sachin Modgill a nett of 70 from the 2nd team. Rotorua Boys' won the event in very good weather.

The next events were in close succession and against Auckland Boys' Grammar, Hamilton Boys' and the Taranaki Regional final. The regionals this year were played at Te Ngutu, just outside Hawera. The conditions for play were good, and there was a good turn out of teams. We arrived confident that we would play well, and the teams did not disappoint. The 1st team won by 6 shots and the 2nd team came a close 3rd.

The first college match was against Auckland Grammar at New Plymouth Golf Club. The conditions were good for playing after several days of rain, making the course quite soft. We won the event 5 to 2 with good performances from all the players. Next up, was Hamilton Boys', and again the weather had been very wet up until the day of the match. We played well and beat Hamilton Boys' convincingly 6 to 2.

After a small break we went to Wellington to play Wellington College. We knew they would be tough opposition, but we were in good form. The venue was Royal Wellington Golf Club, one of the top courses in the Wellington area. Although the conditions of play were not ideal, we held Wellington College to a 3 to 3 draw, which was a creditable performance. The last event for the golf calendar was the national finals held at Royal Wellington Golf Club. The weather going down to Wellington on the Monday was bad, with driving rain and wind. However, the team braved the elements to play their



The Golf team - after Hamilton Boys' match

practice round. The first round on the Tuesday was greeted with better weather, but it was still quite cold. The team had a solid first round to put NPBHS in 7th position. On the Wednesday, the final round day, the team dug deep to play well. We had an early start for our players and the frost was still thick on the fairways and greens. After the final round we ended up a very creditable 4th, just 3 shots behind second equal Otago Boys' and Rotorua Boys'. Overall, Otago Boys' came second based on their 4th team members score on the second day. Wellington College won and qualified along with Otago Boys' for the Trans Tasman final in 2007. NPBHS played well and we can be proud of the team's efforts. The best rounds were a 76 from Logan Heyes on day one, and a 73 from Steven Heyes on day two.

All in all, 2006 was an excellent year for golf at NPBHS, with our team being undefeated at all the college matches and good results at the Super 8 and Nationals. The 1st team for



Zach Lewis lining up at Royal Wellington



golf were Zach Lewis, Logan Heyes, Steven Heyes and Brad Hayward; the 2nd team were Rhys Newland, Matt Reid, Jamie Reid and Sachin Modgill.

Locally the members of the team have also done well; recently Zach Lewis and Brad Hayward made the Taranaki senior men's team, with Brad (a Year 10 student) being the youngest. Logan Heyes made the under 19 team, and Steven Heyes the under 16 team.

I am looking forward to a great year of golf in 2007, with the World Schools Golf Challenge in Christchurch in April. This, combined with all the other events the team will play in 2007, will make next year challenging. Thank you from myself

to all the team members and their families for their support throughout the year. Good golfing to everyone for 2007.

Mr Justin Hyde
Manager Golf



Golf - 1st Team



Golf - 2nd Team



Logan Heyes

1st XI Hockey

This year the 1st XI participated in two leagues. The first was the senior mens grade of the Taranaki Competition. This year no goals were set for this grade and it was used as a tool to develop younger players and get them used to the speed of game we would aim to play at our national tournament, Rankin Cup. The second was the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition. Our goal for this league was to win it convincingly. We qualified for the 'A' section and throughout the season managed to play some good hockey and develop very effective passing patterns that led to some big scores. We finished on the top of the table and beat Spotswood College in our semi final, 2-1. This put us into the final against Francis Douglas whom we managed to beat by 3-1, meaning that our goal had been achieved.

We also played in two tournaments throughout the year, the annual Super 8 tournament and Rankin Cup, the top national tournament. This year Super 8 was once again held in New Plymouth and was very well organised by Mr Russell and Mr Achary. Our first pool game was against Hastings Boys' and was our biggest win of the tournament at 10-0. After beating Rotorua 6-3 later that day, it was then down to our final pool game against Tauranga to decide who would win the pool and get the easier semi final. In a hard fought game where we did not play to our potential, we lost 0-2. This meant that we played Palmerston North Boys', probably our biggest rival. This game was easily the team's best performance of the tournament, however first half nerves let Palmerston get on top and we lost 1-3. In the final game we played Tauranga and again lost, this time 2-4 in a much-improved performance. This placed us 4th overall. Napier Boys' High won the tournament.



1st XI Hockey team at Rankin Cup



1st XI Hockey

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Mark Greensill, Campbell Bower, Damian Smuts, Aaron Edmunds, Callum Barnett, Rakesh Desai
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Brent Vyle (Manager), James Linehan, Thomas Arden, Mr Terry Kennedy (Coach), Scott Lilly, Matthew Graystone, Mr Corey Hopkins (Assistant Coach)
 FRONT ROW: Daniel Fleming, Shiraz Sadikeen, Cameron Ross, Tim Lepper, Sam Franklin
 ABSENT: Jamie Stones

At Rankin Cup the team goal was to obtain a position as one of New Zealand's top eight schools but after pool losses to Napier Boys' (4-0), St Paul's Collegiate (Hamilton) (4-3) and a draw with last year's runner up Christchurch Boys' (3-3) we were left 4th in our pool. Our goal of top eight may have been over but the team still wanted to finish as high as possible. However poor performances in key areas of the game meant losses in our crossover games against Rangitoto College (3-0) and Otago Boys (5-0) and a very disappointed team playing off for 15th and 16th on the final day. This was against Shirley Boys' High and a game that we dominated from start to finish, the final score being 4-0. This placed us 15th in New Zealand. The winners were Auckland Grammar and the runners up, and highest placed Super 8 School, were Palmerston North Boys' High.

Special mention must be made of Mr Terry Kennedy in his last year of coaching. Terry has done a great job over his six years at Boys' High. He has not only got the team back up to the top national tournament but has also put programmes in place that have created depth in the school. This is very important to the future of hockey in the school. Thank you also to Mr Vyle who took on the team mid year as manager and did a fantastic job.

Cameron Ross
 Captain NPBHS 1st XI Hockey

2006 Hockey Honours

The following players earned the right to wear Tiger Jackets this year: Damian Smuts, Campbell Bower, Sam Franklin, Rakesh Desai, Thomas Arden and Callum Barnett.

The Most Improved Player in the 1st XI was awarded to Campbell Bower. The Most Promising Junior in the 1st XI was awarded to Aaron Edmunds. The Most Valuable Player in 2006 was Tim Lepper.

Throughout the year the following boys represented Taranaki at their respective age groups: Cameron Ross, Rakesh Desai, Campbell Bower, Damien Smuts, Thomas Arden, Scott Lilly, Mark Greensill, James Linehan, Aaron Edmunds, Jamie Stones and Matthew Graystone.

Also further congratulations to Campbell Bower who was selected to represent New Zealand at under 16 level.

Mr Brent Vyle
 Manager 1st XI Hockey



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The 1st XI defenders protect their goal at Rankin Cup



Hockey 2nds



Hockey 3rds - Black



Hockey 3rds - Gold

1st XI Hockey Results 2006

Super 8

Pool Games		
vs.	Hastings	10-0
vs.	Rotorua	6-3
vs.	Tauranga Boys'	0-2

Semi-Final		
vs.	Palmerston North	1-3

Play-off		
vs.	Tauranga Boys'	2-4

4th in Super 8

Rankin Cup

Pool Games		
vs.	Napier	0-4
vs.	Christchurch Boys'	3-3
vs.	St Pauls Collegiate	3-4

9-16 Crossover		
vs.	Rangitoto	0-3

13-16 Crossover		
vs.	Otago	0-5

Play-off 15th and 16th		
vs.	Shirley Boys'	4-0

15th in Rankin Cup

Traditional College Games

vs.	Wanganui	3-3
vs.	Hamilton Boys'	5-1
vs.	Wellington College	0-3

Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition 2006

Stage 2 Games		
vs.	NPBHS 2nd XI	9-0
vs.	Hawera HS Boys'	4-1
vs.	FDMC 2nd XI	9-0
vs.	NPGHS 1st XI	11-1
vs.	Stratford HS Boys 1st XI	6-0
vs.	Spotswood College Boys A	7-0
vs.	FDMC 1st XI	6-0

Semi-Final		
vs.	Spotswood College boys A	2-1

Final		
Vs.	FDMC 1st XI	3-1

1st in Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition



Taranaki Senior Men's Competition 2006

Vs.	Tukapa Men A	2-5
vs.	Te Kiri Men 1	0-4
vs.	Stratford Men A	1-2
vs.	Broadway 1	9-0
vs.	Tukapa Men B	2-1
vs.	Hawera Men 1	3-2
vs.	NPC Men	1-3
vs.	Tukapa Men A	2-4
vs.	Te Kiri Men 1	0-4
vs.	Stratford Men A	0-8
vs.	Tukapa Men B	7-1
vs.	Hawera Men 1	2-4
vs.	NPC Men 1	0-4

6th Taranaki Men's Competition

Indoor Bowls

Two teams (14 bowlers) represented New Plymouth Boys' High School at the annual Taranaki Secondary School Indoor Bowls Competitions. Twelve schools were represented in a close contest. Francis Douglas College were the top point achievers comprising from the games of fours, singles and pairs. The Boys' High School pairs combination of Craig Thomason and Kent Lean won the pairs section of the competition which enabled them to compete at the Regional Secondary Schools' Tournament in Marton on Monday 18 September.

Unfortunately Kent Lean was unavailable and was replaced by Ethan England. Craig and Ethan then went on to win the pairs section of this competition. Having wins against Manawatu, Wanganui and South Taranaki. This was a first for New Plymouth Boys' High School and an excellent result for these two boys.

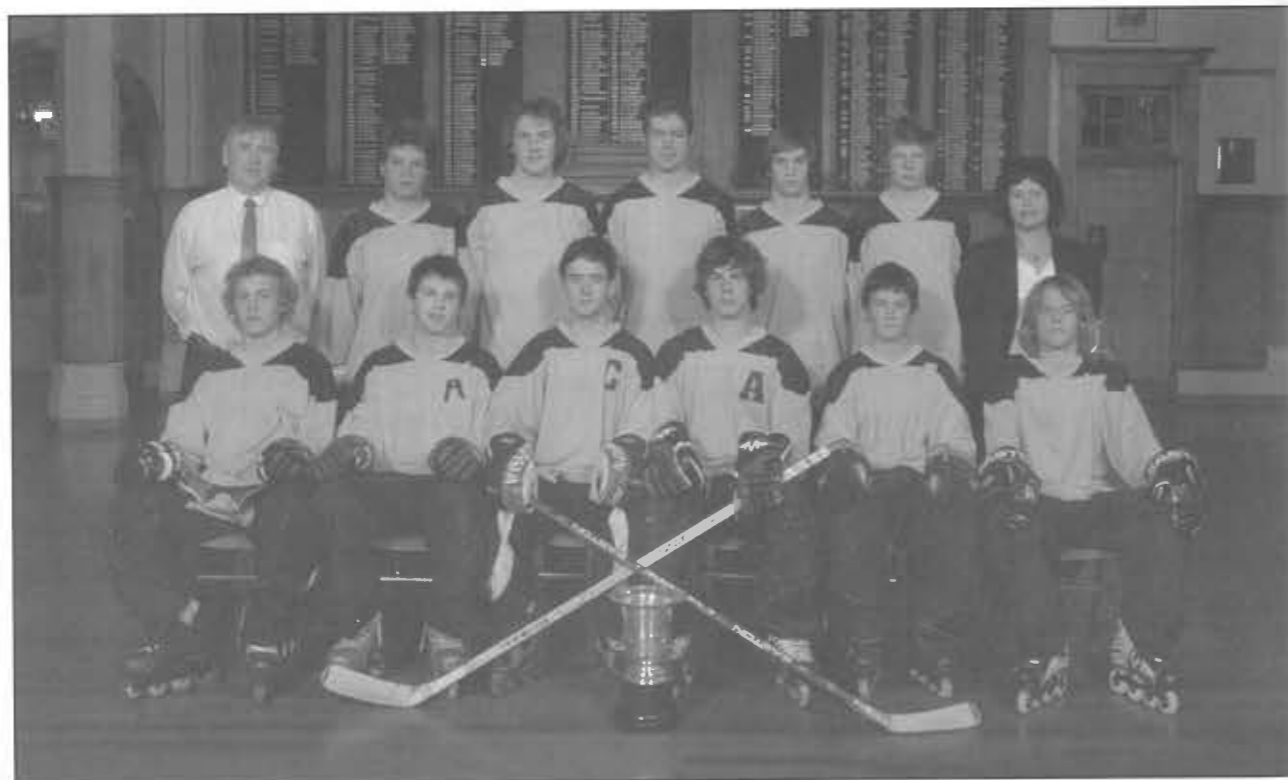
Inline Hockey National Championships

On the 30th of June the school inline hockey team travelled to Hamilton for the New Zealand secondary schools' inline hockey tournament. This is only the 3rd year the tournament has been run and, with a 2nd placing in 2004 and a national title in 2005, we had very high expectations.

We went to the tournament with the goal of defending the national title. All team members felt a massive amount of pressure and all knew that it was not going to be an easy task.

On the 1st of July pool play began. We had the first game of the tournament at 9am against Matamata College, which we won 14-0. Nine hours later we played again, this time against St. Johns, winning 11-1.

The next day we played St. Kentigens, they scored first but we stuck together as a team and wore them down to win comfortably 10-2. That night we played the last game of the day in what was to be our final pool game of the tournament against Awatapu, winning 10-0.



In-line Hockey Official



On the 3rd of July we had a massive semi-final against Fraser High who we beat in the final last year. Again, they scored first, but we picked up the intensity to come through, winning 11-2 and advancing to the national finals.

That afternoon at 5pm we played Wanganui High School in the final. The final started with an incredible amount of intensity and an extremely fast tempo. However, disaster struck when during the first quarter the assistant captain, Nick Craig, conceived a penalty contesting for the puck, meaning that we had to play with three players for two minutes. At half-time, with scores locked 2-2, the referees reviewed the rule book and decided that Nick had to leave the game and the bench and we had to play with three players for a further four minutes, this was because the person Nick hit broke his elbow. This changed the game completely and youngster Michael Roberts stepped up to take his place.

After only five minutes of play in the 3rd quarter the other assistant captain, Ali Novak, in a frustrated and angry mood, fired a slap shot at the goalie, which resulted in the goalie leaving the game with a broken hand.

With all of these game disruptions it was very hard to get any kind of rhythm. However, the team efforts, followed by outstanding strategies from the team coach, Sue Darney, allowed the team to stay relaxed, focused and positive and we ended up winning the national secondary school final 7-3 to become the best inline hockey secondary school team in the country for the second year in a row.

A special mention must be made of the Captain, Michael Taylor. He took on the leadership roll with honour and gained the respect of the players around him. He led by example, gave good advice and kept all players focused.

We have been working a long time to get this sport recognised in and by the school and with two national titles in the three years the tournament has been running we feel we have done this.

A special thanks must go to Mr Ken Lockhart, Mrs Sue Darney (the coach), last year's coach, Mr Willy Harvey, and last year's captain, Trent Kemsley, for their help and giving up their time in assisting, organising and selecting the team. Also thanks to Mrs Julia Craig and Mrs Jacqueline Novak for keeping the team fed and healthy while we were away.

Michael Taylor
Captain

Inline Hockey - Black

Due to the depth of players and strength of Inline Hockey at NPBHS, 2006 saw the selection, for the first time, of a second NPBHS team to compete at the NZ Secondary School Championship in Hamilton. The rationale behind the selection was to give up-and-coming players the opportunity

to experience the NZ Secondary Schools tournament environment whilst also developing the depth of players at the school for future championship events.

The team members of NPBHS Black were Adam Jones (Captain), Sean Phillips (Assistant Captain), Gye Simkin (Assistant Captain), Sam Horo, Josh Gallichan (goal keeper), James Konijn, Brent Taylor, Casey Luond and Jeremy Neville-Lamb. The team is coached by Mr Steve Gallichan and co-managed by Mr Brent Vyle and Ms Lyn Luond.



Coach of the black inline hockey team - Mr Steven Gallichan

NPBHS Black was entered in Division 1, a division which included not only individual school teams but also combined school teams formed in the circumstances where individual schools were unable to select teams. The result was a very competitive division. Playing in Pool B NPBHS Black's first game saw them face Eastern Suburbs (Auckland) where they achieved a 3-2 victory. Later on the same day the team continued their success defeating Ngaruawahia High 3-2. The teams' third game saw them facing Capital Hawks, a regional team selected from all Wellington Secondary Schools. Despite sterling defence NPBHS Black lost 1-8 against this very strong



NPBHS Black

FRONT ROW: James Konijn, Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Gye Simkin (Assistant Captain).
BACK ROW: Mr Brent Vyle (Manager), Sean Phillips (Assistant Captain), Josh Gallichan (goal keeper), Adam Jones (Captain), Brent Taylor, Casey Luond, Mrs Lyn Luond (Assistant Manager).
ABSENT: Sam Horo, Mr Steve Gallichan (Coach)



opposition. Despite the loss NPBHS Black were placed 2nd overall in Division 1 Pool B.

This result saw NPBHS Black through to the Division 1 semi-final where they played the winners of Pool A: Waihi District (again a combined regional team). Despite strong defence and solid team work the team lost 3-9. To give some idea of the performance and commitment of the team during the game, NPBHS Black, during one quarter, managed to score whilst shutting down and blocking all Waihi attempts, the credit belonging in large part to Josh Gallichan, the teams' goal keeper. After the game the Waihi District coach was shocked to learn that the NPBHS team they had just defeated was in fact a 'B' team, such was the spirit of the game. The loss to Waihi resulted in NPBHS Black facing Academic Colleges Group, also a combined secondary schools team, this time based on Auckland's North Shore, for the Division 1 Bronze medal. Again the game was hard fought with NPBHS Black giving everything they had. Unfortunately the regional Academic College team were too strong, the end result a 9-3 loss. The defeat resulted in NPBHS Black placed 4th overall in Division 1. This result placed NPBHS Black as the number 1 individual school team in Division 1. The team represented NPBHS with pride, demonstrating strong teamwork and sportsmanship and a never-give-up attitude on the rink.

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Also a very special thank you to Lyn and Trevor Luond who kept the army well-fed and fighting fit.

Mr Brent Vyle, Manager NPBHS Black

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Motorcross Championships

Boys' High fielded a large team of thirty riders for the secondary schools competition at the Barrett Road track on Sunday 30th of August. Nine other schools and eighty riders competed.

Conditions were fine and dry, and racing was fast and furious on a well groomed track. Motorbikes and riders took a hammering, resulting in several withdrawals due to mechanical damage and injury. Matt Hotter and Shay Burkhart were injured within minutes of each other and got taken to hospital in the same ambulance. Both turned up at school alive and well a few days later.

It was great to see so many of our young men carving it up in such a positive and constructive manner.



FROM LEFT: Gered Keene, Jeremy Fenwick, Nicholas Rayner, Dayle Keene

Results:

Year 11: 1st Taylor Shaw, 2nd Josh Smaller, 3rd Michael Stewart

Year 9: 3rd Connor Hallewell

Year 10: 1st Dayle Keene, 3rd Gered Keene

Champion of Champions: 3rd Taylor Shaw

Many thanks to the sponsors: Shell Todd, Steve McKean and the New Plymouth Motorcross Club for their support and organisation.

Mr Murlay Hill

NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships

Levin 2006 was a complete contrast to last year's sunny days. After a long drive on Saturday we turned up for the practice sessions where the boys had two runs on the downhill course. The track had been very wet due to heavy rain but had started to dry out with some long fine spells. This turned the mud to glue and some participants could not even pedal their bikes or turn the wheels by hand. The boys still loved the challenge and were happy.

It poured down all night on Saturday and did not let up on Sunday morning. The ducks were ecstatic. The track was slushy and bike control was an unknown quantity. From a spectator's point of view, it was outstanding! The boys came down the hill in all manner of positions and the times were nowhere near as fast as last year. After their races the boys were still buzzing and had huge grins. However, I don't think their parents were too happy with the state of their clothes and bikes.

We had three boys who entered for the first time this year. Josh Smaller came 73rd out of 105 riders in the U16 downhill



event. In the U15 downhill event, James Paterson-McIsaac came a creditable 33rd out of 119 riders and Sam Masters came 95th.

In other results, Nathan McArthur was 68th out of 105 riders in the U16 downhill. Jordan Chilcott came 17th and Mason Jenkins was 27th in the U19 downhill race of 75 riders, which was also a good result considering the conditions. Thanks once again to the parents who supported the boys during the weekend.

Mr Allen Jones, Teacher-in-Charge Mountain Biking



Secondary Schools Mountainbiking

Netball

On Sunday the 14th of May the New Plymouth Boys' High School netball team travelled to Stratford to compete in the first ever boys Taranaki Secondary Schools' Netball Championships.

The team was:

Michael Taylor (Captain), Cameron Ross, Jason Rolfe, Calin Erueti, Floyd Wicksteed



TSSA Netball

Adam White, Josiah Wall, Viranchi Upadhay, Jeremy Powell (played only 30 seconds in the whole tournament after sustaining a severe ankle injury!)

The day started with the team unable to find the courts, driving all around Stratford.

The first game was at 9am and we were up against the tournament favourites - Stratford High School, who play in the local league.

After doing lay-ups for the warm up and listening to Vengaboys, we managed to cause a massive upset to win in a very physical game, 15-10. This was by far the highlight of the tournament.

The next game was against Inglewood. With some great passing between the teams, the team came out on top to win convincingly 18-9 and to advance to the Taranaki secondary schools finals.

In a very wet and rainy final against Hawera High School, the game started with two quick goals from goal shoot Jason Rolfe and we were up 10-8 at the halftime break. The game remained close with scores throughout at both ends; every time we scored, Hawera answered.

With outstanding mid-court play from Michael Taylor and Calin Erueti, backed up by solid defence from Floyd Wicksteed, along with outstanding shooting from the goal attack, Cameron Ross, and the goal shoot, Jason Rolfe, the team worked very well together and we came out victorious, winning 17-16. This meant we became the first ever boys Taranaki secondary schools champions. We were rewarded with McDonald's vouchers at the prize giving for our efforts.

Although there were no staff or parents who helped out, the team would like to thank Mr. Russell for allowing us to enter the tournament and also to Mr. Bayly for allowing us to be recognised by the school by reading out our names in assembly.

Michael Taylor

Orienteering

We had a reasonably busy year in Orienteering with students competing in secondary school events and national orienteering events with mixed successes.

In March the TSSA Orienteering Championships were held in Pukekura Park. Nick Tipling won the Advanced Boys course, Daniel Fleming was 3rd and Hayden Lowe finished 4th. Jason Anderton won the Novice Boys course.



Warming up for the sprint event around the Massey campus at Albany.

In May the NISS championships were held at Waitare. Hayden Lowe competed on the Senior Boys Championship course and Jason Anderton competed on the Intermediate Boys Standard course.

In June, Hayden Lowe and Daniel Philips competed over Queens Birthday weekend in a 3-day event in various locations north of Auckland. The event consisted of 5 races including a sprint event around the Massey campus in Albany.

In July, the National SS Orienteering Championships were held in Woodhill Forest, north of Auckland. Year 12 student Hayden Lowe achieved 10th in the Senior Boys course, which is a great achievement. He was competing against Year 13 boys, some of whom had been orienteering for over 10 years – Hayden did his first orienteering course last year.

Over Labour Weekend, Hayden Lowe and Jason Anderton competed in the Wellington Area Championships in the sand dune forests south of Wanganui.

Mrs Sue Scott
Teacher-in-Charge Orienteering



A typical start on the edge of the forest – before the rain started.

1st XV Rugby

The 2006 1st XV had a great season in terms of both on-field and off-field performances. The team ended undefeated in the Under 20 club competition, 4th in the Super 8 (with the same number of wins as the second placed side) and with an overall college match record of: played 12, won 8 and lost 4.

College match reports

NPBHS vs. Te Aute College Saturday 14 May: Te Aute College

The 1st XV travelled to Te Aute College for our first traditional game of the season. A trip to Te Aute is not just a rugby game, it is an outstanding cultural experience for our boys. They are introduced to Maori culture and the people of Te Aute, and, of course stay in a whareniui.

The rugby match was a torrid encounter played in an excellent spirit. Te Aute dwarfed our NPBHS players in both the forwards and the backs and played with good accuracy and skill. Te Aute powered out to a halftime lead of 20 to 10 as NPBHS struggled to match their fired up opponents. Boys High's first half points came from a Kyle Joyce penalty and conversion, and a Peter Stevens try.

In the second, Te Aute started the stronger team and camped in the NPBHS half for the first 20 minutes. Slowly Boys' High started to make an impression on the game and break through Te Aute's defensive line. With 12 minutes left to play, Marcus Sweetman scored a good try following a concerted period of attack by the visiting team. This try seemed to lift Boys' High to a new level and, as their desire and confidence grew, they put everything into attack in search of a match winning try. The try came from Codey Rei who finished off an inspired 40 metre run by Kyle Joyce; the try came 5 minutes from the final whistle. Despite a nervous last 5 minutes, NPBHS held on to take the victory 22-20.



On top



Codey Rei - raw power

This win was built on determination and passion, and showed the extensive pre-season fitness that the boys went through was worthwhile.

NPBHS vs. Hamilton Boys' High School Wednesday 31 May: The Gully

NPBHS hosted Hamilton Boys' High School in their first Super 8 rugby game of the year. Playing on the Gully Ground on Wednesday May 31, the Hamilton 1st XV played constructive, effective and organised rugby to slowly get on top of NPBHS in the first half of the match. After both sides traded early penalties, Hamilton struck twice in five minutes mid-way through the half. Hamilton took a deserved 15-3 lead into the break. NPBHS started the second half well and attacked the Hamilton line for the first five or so minutes of the half. Hamilton repelled NPBHS's attack and scored three more tries of their own in the next twenty minutes as their forwards gained an upper hand.

Late in the game NPBHS scored a good try from Marcus Sweetman on the left wing; the movement spanning 60 metres.

However, overall NPBHS couldn't compete with the well drilled Hamilton pack who were more efficient at the break down and were more organised on attack in the inside backs. NPBHS defended well for long periods of the game and never gave up on defence. Hamilton Boys' were deserved victors, 34-10, (Marcus Sweetman try, Kyle Joyce penalty and conversion).



David Ormrod breaking free

The visitors' skill level and ability were a good indication of the level of performance that NPBHS wants to build towards this year. Players who played well for the home side were captain Bernard Hall, flanker Peter Stevens and fullback Paul Perez.

NPBHS vs. Wanganui Collegiate Wednesday 7 June: Wanganui

It is always important to have an improved performance in the College games after a loss. In the first half our performance did not indicate signs of improvement, which was frustrating as Collegiate were the only team we would face this year with a similar player profile to us. It was an opportunity for everyone to really express themselves on attack as we did dominate both territory and possession.

Due to inaccurate play from our team and a staunch defensive effort from Collegiate, we went to the break with a slender lead. Our intensity and accuracy in the second half improved and we eventually pulled away to score a comfortable 43 - 0 victory. Collegiate never looked like scoring and we scored some tremendous team tries. The player of the match was Paul Perez – his strength, evasive and distribution skills, and decision making ability making him an exciting prospect.

NPBHS vs. FDC Wednesday 14 June: FDC

The big local derby was played in front of a large and very vocal FDC crowd. The atmosphere at these games is a very special one and it definitely raises the intensity of the games – they are not always attractive to watch, but are always extremely absorbing. This year's game probably fell into the latter category. The game also reflected the two differing styles of the schools – Boys' High sides tend to base their game around attack while FDC sides base theirs around defence. Boys' High attacked through the backs with Paul Perez and Steven Barron again proving to be pivotal figures, while FDC defended stoutly and looked to score through turnovers and mistakes. In the end the final score of 22 - 13 to BHS was a fairly accurate reflection of the game.



**NPBHS vs. Tauranga Boys' College
Saturday 17 June: Tauranga**

The second Super 8 fixture of the year was played at Tauranga in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Ground and weather conditions were good considering the amount of rain that the Bay had experienced over the last fortnight.

The opening minutes of the game proved to be crucial to the final outcome. Tauranga threw everything at BHS, and only resolute defence and some poor options prevented the Tauranga team taking a very handy lead. In fact the first team to score was BHS thanks to a superb try by Paul Perez, who along with Brad Bennett, created all sorts of problems for the Tauranga attack and defence. Codey Rei kicked a penalty after some sustained BHS pressure but this was countered by a Tauranga penalty. The half time score was 8-3 which probably did not reflect the dominance that Tauranga had.

The second half was an absorbing half of rugby with neither being able to sustain field position and therefore pressure. When the BHS team managed to get into good attacking zones, poor decision making and skill execution let them down. Both teams did score a try apiece in the second half. The final 5 minutes did provide some nervous moments but the team held on and when the final whistle blew their reaction was one of exhausted relief.

The BHS effort was based around a very committed defence, solid work at set pieces, individual flashes of attacking



Leighton Price a dominating feature

brilliance, and an overall team commitment. It was a great result as BHS has not won a Super 8 game away from home since 2002. The final score was a hard fought 13 - 8 victory.

**NPBHS vs. Palmerston North BHS
Wednesday 21 June: The Gully**

The game of the season! Down 21 - 0 at half time after being completely dominated up front, in the mid field and out wide, things did not look great. However, rugby is a funny game and must be played for 80 minutes. The second half did not start that promisingly, but after 15 minutes we were gifted an opportunity, took it and never looked back. A number of tactical substitutions were made and, as the Palmerston team started to fatigue, we slowly ground our way back into the game.

With 5 minutes remaining we scored a long range try to take us to within 2 points. From the kick off we secured possession and sent the ball 'downtown' hoping to apply pressure and maybe force a mistake. The mistake did come from the final scrum of the game where Palmerston conceded a penalty for not releasing in the tackle. The penalty kick taken by Codey Rei was a difficult one but he never looked like missing, much to the relief of the team and the delight of the school. The one point victory, 22 - 21, was a strong reflection of this team's resolve. All of the players had their moments and I am sure they will never forget this very famous victory on the Gully.

**NPBHS vs. Silverstream
Wednesday 28 June: St Pats**

This game was always going to be a tough one: playing away from home, missing some key individuals, the sixth game in 3 weeks and trying to forget about the great escape in the last week.

We did not start well and were down by 21 at half time. Stream played well but we did gift two tries through an inaccurate attack, that resulted in a long range intercept try and some very weak defence. To the team's credit, the second half was a much better performance but very good Stream defence meant that we were only able to score one converted try.

The team definitely had enough chances in the second half but trying to come back from 21 points down this time around proved too much. It was a disappointing way to finish off the term, especially considering the improvements the team had made since the start of the season. The final score was 10 - 24.

**NPBHS vs. Gisborne BHS
Saturday 22 July: Gisborne**

Again, this was not going to be an easy game. The history between the two schools tells us that the home team always has a huge advantage and this again proved to be the case - although to be fair to Gisborne, we would have struggled



**NPBHS vs. Napier BHS
Saturday 5 August: The Gully**

After returning from the other side of the island with a thoroughly deserved victory under our belt, the next challenge was to front up to the other Hawke's Bay school on the Gully.

Over the years, Napier BHS have always been a very difficult side to beat, but 2006 proved to be our year. In probably our best half of attacking rugby, we went to the break 21 - 6 in front after scoring three good tries and creating a lot of chances through incisive running by our outside backs and excellent support play. In the second half we relaxed a little after scoring the bonus point try and allowed Napier in for a couple of tries.

This game was played in front of members of the 1966 1st XV so the final score 31 - 21 was a very pleasing result. The win also set us up well for our last game of the season against Rotorua BHS.

**NPBHS vs. Rotorua BHS
Saturday 12 August: Yarrows Stadium**

It was a real honour to be invited by the TRFU to play the curtain raiser to the Taranaki versus Auckland NPC fixture at Yarrows Stadium and against a school with such a strong national reputation. Like Napier, Rotorua BHS have been a very difficult side to beat over the last 7 years. They are a team who base their game around physical domination and individual brilliance, and this year proved to be no different. The only difference this year was that they were the team that was dominated; so much so that they did not make it into our 22 in the second half. The final score of 11 - 6 did not truly reflect the dominance we had. In every facet of the game we excelled. Our set piece against a much bigger pack was superb, our willingness to attack out wide even in difficult conditions was accurate and very exciting, and our defence was simply outstanding. This result was based on a very sound game plan and a total team approach.

Wins in our final three games meant that this year's 1st XV finished the Super 8 season with a 5 win 2 loss record. This is a very satisfying achievement and should give everyone a great deal of confidence going into 2007. It just proves that NPBHS is capable of competing at the very top if those involved are prepared to go the extra mile - and that is the challenge for those who wish to be a part of next year's team.

The 2006 1st XV would acknowledge the support given by family and friends who have braved long trips and variable weather, teachers who have tolerated time out of class, students who have roared from the terraces and our sponsors: Bounceback Physiotherapy, Burger Fuel, Icon Sports Waitara and Hutchins & Dick.



Open your eyes Jamie

against them at home; this is a very good side. The game was dominated by Gisborne in terms of both possession and territory. We seemed to be always having to attack from well within our 22, especially in the second half. To our credit we never gave in on defence and we continued to attack as best we could right until the final whistle.

This was a game where we were simply out-classed and out-muscled by a better team. One player who did shine above most others on the field was James Brown - since returning from Fiji for his second year at school James has proven to be a colossus and this was no better demonstrated than in this game.

**NPBHS vs. Hastings BHS
Saturday 29 July: Hastings**

For the sake of our Super 8 season it was vital that we bounced back in this game. All of the players realised this and produced perhaps their best team performance of the year to beat Hastings BHS for the first time in Hastings. The final score, 20 - 5, did not truly reflect our dominance but was very pleasing. We created a lot of breaks and managed to convert two with well constructed tries. Our intensity and accuracy up front, and our willingness to counter at the breakdown and in broken play were superb. All of the team rose to the occasion and the challenge now was to finish the competition off with two good performances at home. Players of the day were Codey Rei and Jeremy Newell.







Player Profiles

Mark Shaw (Cowboy) – Mark displayed a high level of fitness. He attained a good level of intensity on and off the field. He is an excellent lineout thrower and he communicates well with the forwards. His scrummaging was of a high quality.

Mitchell Campbell – A good team man with excellent leadership qualities. His pre-season fitness programme saw him attain an outstanding level of aerobic fitness and strength development. With an excellent lineout throwing technique and good scrummaging. Mitch needs to develop his ball carrying skills. He will be an integral part of our 2007 plan and his leadership will be vital for the team to achieve their goals.

Hamish Lawn - Hamish has worked hard on his general fitness and ball skill development during the season. He was an asset to this team. He is very capable of scrummaging on both sides and is an enthusiastic player with the ball in-hand. He could be a 'corner-stone' for the Coastal club in years to come.

Finnbarr Kerr-Newell – An excellent loose-head prop with the ability to play tight-head. He has achieved a good level of strength and aerobic fitness after a slow start to the season due to injuries. He is an excellent ball runner and made some fantastic line-breaks. The try against Napier Boys' was outstanding.

Matt Dallas - Matt is a capable player with the ball in hand.

I don't think we saw the best in him in 2006 and his fitness levels were down from last year. However, he did make an impact in most games when he came off the 'bench'.

Jeremy Newell – Jeremy is a hard-nosed athlete, and displays a high level of aerobic fitness. He sets high standards and leads by example. 'Pound for pound' the best player on the field.

Leighton Price – An excellent lineout forward with a very good 'skill set' who continues to mature as an athlete. He needs to development his aerobic fitness and power. Leighton will be an asset in 2007.

James Brown – An excellent line-out forward in most positions. He displays some good leadership skills. James is excellent with the ball in hand and needs to continue developing his aerobic capacity to enhance his work rate and play 80 minutes of high intensity football. Week in and week out, he was the best player on the field.

Gary Hofmans – A young player who is developing his 'skill set' and strength. Gary played some good games during the season. He should be a 'corner-stone' in the 2007 season.

Peter Stevens - Peter is a hard-nosed forward with an excellent work-rate. He is capable of playing in all loose forward positions. Peter's contribution to the 1st XV was immense, and he keeps on 'getting up' and giving it 100%.

Bernard Hall - He has a high work rate and excellent fitness



1st XV Rugby

4th ROW FROM LEFT: Gary Hofmans, Leighton Price, James Brown, Jeremy Newell
3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Mark Shaw, Chris Black, Codey Rei, Peter Stevens, Adam White
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Geoff Hall (Coach), Dex Newland, David Ormrod, Mr Dale Atkins (Coach), Darryl McPherson, Mitchell Campbell, Mr Martyn Vercoe (Manager)
FRONT ROW: Adam Laititi, Steven Barron, Kyle Joyce, Matthew Dallas, Bernard Hall (Captain), Hamish Lawn, Brad Bennett, Cameron Rowlands, Sean Cressy
ABSENT: Finnbarr Newell Kerr



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levels, but needs to develop a weight training programme to develop his strength in the 'tackle the ball situation'. Bernard contributes to the team performance in all games. His 'Do it' attitude was his source of leadership and the boys responded to every challenge.

Dex Newland – Dex is a good rugby player, and he plays with a high level of passion. His aerobic fitness is outstanding and he made an excellent contribution to this team.

Sean Cressy – Sean accepted new challenges by changing his playing position to halfback. His development took time but through an excellent work ethic and a willingness to look and listen he played superbly at the end of the season. He has a strong pass, excellent vision, courageous defending and a reliable kick.

David Ormrod – A very dynamic player who communicates with enthusiasm and accuracy. He has an accurate pass, excellent vision, strong defending and explosive running. David has an excellent work rate and work ethic. Was unfortunately injured during the second half of the season but always remained the 'team man'.

Codey Rei – Started the season as an outside back and finished it as our major decision maker. Codey has all of the skills to go a long way in the game: decision making, kicking, running, evasive, tackling and passing. He is an explosive player who responds superbly to pressure situations.

Kyle Joyce – A very versatile player who excelled in a number of positions this year. His vision, kicking and distribution skills on attack are real strengths. His running and defensive qualities improved during the season.

Brad Bennett – The 'rock' of the backline. Brad is a very intelligent player who consistently responds well under pressure. He is a resolute defender whose work at the break down proved vital. His attacking skills improved during the season.

Darryl McPherson – A player very capable of making line breaks and off loading in the tackle. He impressed with his willingness to learn and to improve his aerobic capacity.

Adam Laititi – A very strong ball runner and defender. His high level of fitness meant he was always willing to look for work. His positional play and kicking and evasive skills improved during the season.

Marcus Sweetman – An exciting player who is prepared to take opponents on. Marcus has genuine pace and strength and a good range of evasive skills. His defensive qualities improved during the season.

Cameron Rowlands – A strong ball runner and defender whose performances improved over the year as he increased his fitness levels. His positional play and willingness to get involved also improved during the year.

Steven Barron – A very courageous player who is always prepared to put his body on the line in both attack and defence. His defensive qualities and positional play improved during the season. Steven has a real ability to break the advantage line through excellent running lines and a willingness to attack.

Paul Perez – An outstanding player who was rewarded with a professional contract at the end of the season. He is powerful on defence and in attack.

Mr Marty Vercoe
Manager 1st XV

2nd XV Rugby

The 2006 2nd XV had a mixed season. Our placing of 6th in the Super 8 does not truly reflect the ability and effort of the team this season.

This year's college programme started at home with our first Super 8 clash of the year, against Hamilton Boys' High School. We were stepping into the unknown with this as it was our first college game, a completely different style of rugby than what we had experienced in the local U20 grade. Although we lost 14-18, we were encouraged by the commendable effort put into a game which could have gone either way against the team who was picked to, and did go on to, win the competition.

Our second college fixture was against Wanganui Collegiate. This school is not part of the Super 8 tournament and we asserted our control on them from the start, scoring thirteen tries to their one. The final score was 77-5, which included seven tries by Marcus Sweetman and three by Lagen Kumeroa.

We then went on to play Tauranga Boys' College away from home. This truly was an old fashioned 'slog-fest' where both teams showed outstanding courage on defence. The only try of the match was to Justin Boag in the first half, which was converted from the sideline by Lagen Kumeroa, giving us a 7-0 lead. Throughout the rest of the game we conceded only two kickable penalties, making the final score 7-6 in our favour.

Palmerston North Boys' High was our next game, to be played at home. For this match we were missing eight players through either sickness or injury. For us to be able to put forward a strong front, and even look like winning at times, showed the depth within the team and the ability of players to perform out of their normal positions. Unfortunately, we lost this game 10-6 through a late try to Palmerston North. After a month off from our college schedule, we returned with an away game against Gisborne Boys' High. We did not fire in this game and it was the only Super 8 game we lost by more than seven points this season. The final score was 29-12.



2nd XV RUGBY

4th ROW FROM LEFT: John Felton, Uni Watkins, Sam Saunders, Lee Kearins
 3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Blake Morgan, Jonnie Morath, Robbie Alabaster, Chad Jacob, Lagen Kumeroa
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Murray Watts (coach) James Wilson, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Luke Stenner, Matt Foreman, Sean Thomson, Mr Glen Hannah (coach)
 FRONT ROW: Floyd Wicksteed, Erwin Hebler, Justin Boag, David White (captain) Adam Morris, Brent Bishop, Cameron Miller
 ABSENT: Adam White, Darryl McPherson, Josaia Muakalou

For our last away game of the season we travelled to Hastings where, amidst some confusion, we lost 25-26. After reaching a good lead in the first half with tries from Adam White, Justin Boag and Lagen Kumeroa, we failed to score any points in the second half. This game was an unfortunate way to end our travelling season.

We then hosted Napier Boys' High for our first match of the year on the Gully ground. This really lifted us and after a slow first half, we really started flowing well in the second. A four-try haul took us to a 22-13 win.

Our final game, and the last competitive game in the Boys' High jersey for many of our players, was against Rotorua Boys' High. This truly was the hardest loss for us this season. After leading the whole game with three penalties kicked by Jonnie Morath, we went on to lose, through a try in the last play of the match to Rotorua, 9 points to 11.

Three members of the squad made it into the Taranaki Under 16s. They were James Wilson, Jonnie Morath and Lagen Kumeroa. Congratulations to them and well done to the whole squad for their efforts throughout the season.

Luke Stenner

3rd XV Rugby

The 3rds had a mixed season with some convincing wins and some narrow losses. The team ended up a credible 2nd place at the end of the round robin, only to fall in the semi-final to Spotswood College 1st XV by 3 points to 0.

The team was well lead by Nick Mitchell and Taitusi Tunavutu. Liam Jones and Lyndsay Horricks went on to represent Taranaki in the Under 16 age group.



Rugby 3rd XV

A very enjoyable season was had by all. Special thanks to Mr Steve Leppard for his help and expertise.

Mr Evan Hoskin
Coach

4th XV Rugby

At the start of the season it was announced that the 4th XV for 2006 was to play in A-grade, a grade higher than previous years.



Rugby 4th XV

After very little time together as a team, we found ourselves up against the Spotswood 1st XV. In a fairly one sided match we went down by around 70 points. We knew then we had plenty of work to do. There was a substantial size difference between us and many of the other teams. Mentally and physically we were always the underdogs going into the games.

The match against the FDMC 2nd XV gave the team some hope of a win. However, when we were robbed of victory in the dying minutes we were left wondering, "What if?" while at the same time, showing we can compete.

Tough games against the NPBHS 3rd XV, Inglewood, Hawera and Opunake High school 1st XV's, resulted in further loses. In the last game of the round we travelled to Stratford in bitterly cold conditions to face the Stratford High School 1st XV. Sitting in last place going into the match we knew, along with FDMC, that we were going to be relegated to B1 grade, so we wanted to finish strongly.

A poor start left us 7 - 0 down within minutes. However, with big efforts from everyone the team fought back to within a couple of points. The match was even throughout the 80 minutes but in the end we were unable to score one more time and again we fell just short of victory.

Relegation meant we would be up against teams similar in size. However, losing to the NPBHS under 16's on the Gully, we were given a wake-up call. Fired up and ready to go

the next week we were to play the NPBHS 5th XV. Finally, in a muddy encounter on McNaught, we came out on top to claim our first victory for the season, along with the top-dog shield.

On a high, we travelled to FDMC to face the 2nd's once again. We promised things would be different this time, and sure enough, in a physically draining match, we found ourselves sitting on two wins in a row.

However, we let ourselves down the next week by losing to the FDMC 3rd XV. Basic errors cost us the hatrick of wins. Nevertheless we had made the B1 semi-finals and were in the business end of the season. The team was working hard and by now had the 1st place spot within reach. Up against the FDMC 2nd VX for the third time, we knew that a final's placing was in sight. Another tight game lead to frustration within the team and we were beaten 15 -0 to a deserving FDMC side. Finishing in third place overall, the team was a little disappointed, however proud of the progress made throughout the season.

Big thanks to the coaches, Mr. P. Darney and Mr. B. Macarow, and manager Mr. S. Achary.

Anthony Rayner

5th XV Rugby



Rugby 5th XV

U16 Rugby

This year's U16 team showed some dominance in the B and B1 grades. This proud, physical and skilled team displayed moments of brilliance in a great season. The boys showed some real heart and determination with our highlight of the year beating Palmerston North Boys' High School U16 23-20 in a battle on McNaught field. With some brutal physicality, a resolute and composed game play, and a hunger for hits, the boys proved they deserved the win.

Other highlights included the 106-0 thumping of Spotswood College 2nd XV with almost no conversions and several hat



tricks to forwards. Going through the season without a loss and making the B1 final against FDMC 2nd XV, who we'd previously beaten, was great but we were unlucky not to lift the shield.

Special mentions must be made of Ryan Sanderson's ability to constantly fall over the try line, Gillies Kaka's goal kicking and side-steps, which kept the supporters entertained, and Sam Lawn's vice-captaincy. I'm proud to say that many of our team members have a bright future in the game at this school.

Well done to those boys who were asked to fill in for the 2nd and 3rd XV's and those who represented Taranaki. It has been an honour captaining you and best of luck for the future.

Special thanks to the coaches Mr Andrew Hope and Mr Phil Whittaker for all the support. Thanks to our supporters and families for all their help and I look forward to following all of the boys future's in the game.

Tane Hapimarika



U16 Rugby Team

U15 Rugby

Playing in the Taranaki Secondary School's B Division saw three comfortable wins, three losses and another win in the grading round. This saw the side in the B2 Division for the Championship round and resulted in three wins, a draw and a defeat of FDMC 4th XV 34 - 7 in the semi-final.

The final against Inglewood HS 2nd XV was played at the end of the week of the U15 National tournament. A very tired team played a clever game of rugby, controlling the ball and showing plenty of ticker on defence. This resulted in a deserved 16 - 0 win.

Interschool Fixtures

- V Hamilton BHS**
win 17 - 12 thanks to a last minute try to Rory Hofmans

- V Palmerston North BHS**
draw 15 - 15 also with a last minute try
- V Tauranga BC**
loss 0 - 22 against a very well drilled side.

National Under 15 Tournament - Tauranga

- V Napier BHS**
lost 3 - 13 after dominating large parts of the game but being unable to score points.

- V St Pats College**
won 16 - 8 with a very good effort in the second game of day one.
Scorers: Try Jamie Henshilwood
Penalty Nathan Keenan (2),
Greg Rowlands
Conversion Nathan Keenan

- V PNBHS**
lost 5 - 24 in a game that PNBHS forwards dominated.
Scorers: Try Baxter King
This saw the side in the bottom 8.

- V Rotorua BHS**
lost 12 - 15 in a very even game that could have gone either way.
Scorers: Tries Rory Hofmans (2)
Conversion Nathan Keenan

- V Hastings BHS**
won 13 - 10. Hastings scored right on fulltime to draw the game. After 10 minutes each way extra time, the scores were still tied. A dropped goal with 30 seconds of golden point time to go saw a deserved victory.
Scorers: Tries Daniel MacDonald,
Ben Caskey
Dropped Goal Nathan Keenan

- V Mount Albert Grammar (play off for 13th/14th)**
Lost 10 - 33 against a much bigger and stronger side.
Scorers: Tries Brock Sibbick
Penalty Nathan Keenan
Conversion Greg Rowlands

Overview

Heiden Bedwell-Curtis was an outstanding leader and player. He was ably supported by Baxter King, Daniel Macdonald, Adam Bluck and Cameron Bryant in the forwards.

Rory Hofmans and Brock Sibbick were a sold midfield with Nathan Keenan performing consistently. Jamie Henshilwood was outstanding on the wing making the best of every opportunity he was given.



NPBHS Under 15 Rugby 2006

4th ROW FROM LEFT: Ian Leppard, Callum Sampson, Callum Oliver, Joel Meuli
 3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Adam Black, Greg Rowlands, Cameron Bryant, Phillip Mischefski, Rory Hofmans
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Gordon Giddy (Coach), Ben Patterson, Ben Caskey, Brendon Fischer, Baxter King, Hamish Mellow, Josh Lowl, Mr Steve Leppard (Coach)
 FRONT ROW: Wade Sloan, Brock Sibbick, Brooke Moses, Daniel MacDonald, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis (Captain), James Cameron, Jamie Henshilwood, Nathan Keenan

Leading points scorers were Greg Rowlands 40, Nathan Keenan 71, Rory Hofmans 65 and Jamie Henshilwood 45.

All players contributed in their own way and showed development that should hold them in good stead for the future.

Thanks to parents for their support. Special thanks to Mr Steve Leppard for his efforts as manager.

U14 Rugby



Rugby Under 14

C Gold Rugby

There are always high expectations on our Gold sides to perform well and this team developed well during the season, building on skill development and game sense in practices.

The first round was used to sort out the best game plan for this group and where certain players should be on the field for this to happen.

The team approached the semi-final time with strong performances against FDMC Gold and Coastal/Opunake. The game against FDMC was a step up from the first round when we were beaten by 50 points. The 3-0 loss was disappointing on the day, but a tribute to the team and their resolve and determination to not take a backward step and to play with real pride.

The team ended up in second place and gained a home semi-final against Coastal/Opunake. After a close first half, we pulled away with some good set plays; strong defence and attack down the blind side, with forwards and backs combining well. The final score of 32-0 was a good dress rehearsal for the final against unbeaten FDMC Gold. The team was certainly up for the game, but some good pressure by FDMC and a defensive lapse let two first half tries in to a



Rugby C gold

very good No. 8. We fought back well and good kicking from Liam McBride kept us in touch. However, an opportunist try when we had a large overlap put the game beyond us. Mitch Tuck scored a fine try after some good forward driving but it was too late with FDMC winning well, 19-11.

This was a disappointment for the boys and we were also concerned for Whetu Cameron, 1st 5/8, who was badly concussed in the early stages and Kurt Tanswell who had sustained damage to an arm.

A good number of these boys showed that they will progress very well in the game. Liam McBride led the side well and showed an appreciation of how to run a game, Whetu Cameron and Sky Wanaki gave good service as inside backs and Cam Rowlands showed some courage on defence and attacked well. In the forwards, Fabian Irwin won good line-out ball, Mitch Tuck showed all-round hooker skills and looses, Nic Joyce and Hamish Fleming were consistently very good.

My thanks to Mr Jed Rowlands on his coaching while I was away overseas and congratulations to him on his World Cup win with the Black Ferns – the boys certainly appreciated this expertise, and that of Mr Robert Joyce who gave fine coaching support.

Mr Lyal French-Wright
Coach

C Black Rugby



C White Rugby



D Grade Gold Rugby

The NPBHS D Grade Gold rugby side had a successful season in 2006. The side was very skilful and, on their day, could have put up a good fight against some C Grade sides. The forwards were an extremely cohesive unit, working very well as a pack. The backs were also a good team amongst themselves and worked well together. We were the smallest team in the grade by some distance, especially in the forwards, which meant their technique and their ability to work as a pack was that much more important. This also says a lot for the adhesion to weight limits of other teams in the grade. Our team were all on or just below the weight limit and constantly came up against teams that towered over us.



Rugby D Gold

We started the season off with good wins over Spotswood (84-0) and Stratford (38-0) before a loss to Hawera under dubious circumstances. The boys continued the good form to win the remaining games by reasonably comfortable margins, apart from glitches against Opunake Coastal and FDMC Gold. We did well enough to secure a home semi final against Hawera in which we played the game of the season, beating them 41-0 and thus rectifying the wrongs done in the 1st round.

The final was to be against FDMC Gold at Sanders Park and both teams were taking a win apiece against each other into the game. It was an extremely exciting game with BHS holding a slender lead for the entire game. A barrage of penalties



against us in the second half (35-5) saw us camped in our 22 for the last 10 minutes of the game, finally to losing with a try deep into injury time, 15-12.

The boys can be proud of themselves and can take a lot away from the season and the final.

Season statistics

Played	14	534 points for
Won	10	102 points against
Lost	4	

D Grade Rugby



D White Rugby



E Gold Rugby



E Black Rugby



Skiing and Snowboarding

The 2006 ski season proved to be the best on record for a number of years. This meant that a large number of students were keen to re-trial for the school teams. After a series of races on Mt Taranaki, the following boys' were selected to represent the school at the Taranaki inter-secondary school championships.

Skiing:

- Damon Braddock
- Gye Simkin
- Nic Brown
- Eldon Vickers
- Cameron Holden

Snowboarding:

- Caleb Smith
- Shaun Porter
- Jack Price
- Cameron Rowlands
- Liam Webb

Despite good results from Damon Braddock (4th senior boys), and Gye Simkin (5th junior boys), the team found the competition very strong and finished in fifth place.

The snowboarders managed third place with strong individual results coming from Caleb Smith (1st junior boys), and Shaun



Snowboarder Caleb Smith on Mt Taranaki



Porter (2nd senior boys). Both teams then travelled to the Turoa skifield to compete in their respective North Island Inter-secondary school championships. Again the ski team found the competition very strong and finished 29th in a field of 70 schools. The snowboarding team fared much better with a creditable 11th placing. Strong individual performances saw Jake Barber and Liam Webb reach the final 20 in the slope-style event

Mr Richard Turner
Teacher-in-Charge

First XI Soccer Player Profiles

John Hight

John has had a very good couple of years, playing for the NPBHS 1st XI Soccer team. He has consistently developed over that time both individually, and as a valuable member of the team. He started this season in his familiar seven role, moving very successfully to the nine role. He has contributed hugely by scoring valuable goals, having a consistently great first touch, as well as the ability to take players on. John had a very good Super 8 tournament and shows huge potential in this sport. I look forward to seeing him develop further as a senior member of the team next year.

Bradley Hickling

Bradley started the year in the reserves; however injury to another player presented Bradley with an opportunity with the 1st team, which he took with both hands. He is one of our most technically gifted players and has the ability to make good defenders look ordinary. Bradley had a very good Super 8 tournament. To continue his development Bradley needs to work on his movement off the ball, and be more selfish in and around the penalty box.

Ryan Munroe

Ryan played the year in the eleven role. He has a good first touch and the ability to beat defenders. Ryan developed well in and out of possession and became a 1st team choice. He has huge potential and developed immensely this year, winning the Most Improved Player award. Ryan has good leadership qualities and I look forward to working with him again next year.

Mitch Edwards

Mitch joined the NPBHS 1st XI Soccer team for the two biggest tournaments - Super 8 and Nationals. He contributed hugely, showing his leadership qualities on and off the field. He has very good technical ability and gave the team the opportunity of having a back-up goalkeeper. Mitch has a large presence on and off the field and is well respected by all his peers.

Josh Richardson

Josh had a mixed year in between the post. He is a very good goalkeeper, who has immense potential as well as a lot of ability. More self-belief will ensure his full potential will be

achieved next year. He needs to develop his communication skills and start to take more leadership responsibility in the team, especially with his back four.

Kahotea 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 has good leadership qualities and has captained the side to many great wins over the past two years. KJ has contributed immensely to the success of the team, and the development of NPBHS Soccer over the past years. I have enjoyed our discussions and his input into team selection. He is very professional and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Edmond Smith

Eddie played in the nine and five roles this year. His physicality, together with his technical ability, made him an asset to the team. He needs to continue his development on his first touch and his understanding of his role within the systems. Working on these attributes, will hopefully see Eddie cement a place in the New Zealand team in the future.



Ed Smith cruises past a Tauranga Boys' player

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. Sean was my player of the year. He grew in confidence after every game and was named Player of the Tournament at Super 8 and Nationals, contributing greatly with timely goals.

Sam Broadmore

Playing in the three role, Sam offers not only good defensive play, but also the ability to overlap the eleven and create goal-scoring opportunities. He is physically capable of lasting throughout tournaments. To continue his development he needs to work on his composure under pressure, and take more leadership responsibility as a senior member of the team next year.

Vance Hoskins

Vance is a gifted player, and has the vision and technical ability to change games. Playing in various roles, his



1st XI Soccer

3rd ROW FROM LEFT Nathan Hopkins, Sam Broadmore, Mitchel Edwards, John Kerlake, Hamish Magon
2nd ROW FROM LEFT Mr J Graham, Ryan Munro, Vance Hoskin, Josh Richardson, James Graham, Viranchi Upadhyay, Mr H Russell
FRONT ROW Tyson Brandt, John Hight, Sean Ross, Kahotea Kereopa, Mathew Snowden, Edmund Smith, Rori MacDonald, Brad Hickling

knowledge and understanding is of top quality. He needs to develop his leadership qualities on and off the field to be a complete player and possibly lead the team into next year's competitions.

James Graham

James' determination and attitude, together with belief and desire, make him a real asset to the NPBHS 1st XI team. Playing in the two role, his understanding of the game is good in and out of possession. For future years, James needs to develop his understanding of various roles within different systems, plus start to develop his leadership qualities. I look forward to working with him again next year.

Mathew Snowden

Mathew's playing position changed this year to a midfield role. He is technically very good and possesses a great engine. We used Mathew's height to our advantage at set plays, allowing us to score valuable goals. He covers the ground well and built up a good combination with Sean Ross. He performed well at Super 8, and communicates and leads well on and off the field. He has contributed hugely to the success of the team as Vice Captain. I have valued Mathew's level of professionalism and input into the team, and enjoyed working with him for the past three years.

Josh Kerlake

Josh went about his business this year without any fuss or fanfare. Playing in the six role he became strong and reliable, leading by example in a quiet, consistent manner. He is technically very good and understands the system and his role within it very well. He grew with confidence with every game.

Rori McDonald

Rori started the year playing in various midfield roles. Very good technically, Rori improved immensely from last year, which is credit to his determination and desire to make the 1st XI team. He had a very good year, including a very good Super 8 tournament, and contributed well overall.

Viranchi Upadhyay

Viranchi is technically a very good player. His understanding of the three role, in and out of possession, especially in a 4-3-3 system is first class. He contributed immensely in the Super 8 tournament. Unfortunately for Viranchi, lack of playing versatility meant I couldn't carry three players in the three role, which meant he missed out on Nationals.

Tyson Brandt

In Tyson's first season playing for the school, he played in numerous roles for the team. He is technically a very good



Kahotea Kearopa shows off his ball skills

player, who possesses a good engine and the ability to win possession in our attacking third. He capped a very good year by being chosen to represent New Zealand on a tour to Chile and Argentina.

Hamish Magon

Hamish fulfilled numerous roles for the team this year. Technically he is very good, with good vision and an understanding of the different roles and how they relate in different systems. Hamish contributed with valuable goals from midfield this year. To continue his development, he needs to believe in his ability more, and take that attitude into games.

Nathan Hopkins

Nathan started the year playing in different midfield roles. He is technically very good, and has a clear understanding of different roles and systems. Unfortunately for Nathan, an injury forced him out of the squad and the talent and depth we had within the team meant he missed out this year. He has huge potential and I have no doubt he will feature highly in the future.

2nd XI Soccer

2006 Team:

Cameron Holm
Regan Bint
Thomas Pullar
Mitchel Edwards (captain)
Mathias Rosasco
Thomas Dixon
James Dixon
Jeremy Powell
David Morton
Jason Rowlands
Jeremy Dynes
Jordan Pretty
Viranji Upadhyay
Mr Page – Player/coach
Mr Vernon – Coach

It was a real pleasure to witness the development of this team in 2006. Both coaches and players established a set of genuine goals for the season and were rewarded with a great record of 11 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses. Our final overall placing of 4th was a little disappointing considering that for a large part of the season the team were genuine title contenders.

This is one of the few school teams that play against adults and therefore have to overcome physical size, lack of experience and "gamesmanship" that they would have not come across in the junior leagues. For their part, each player took responsibility and ownership every time they touched the ball and slowly, game by game, the team matured and worked for each other, and clearly set the standard in the competition.

Thank you to those parents that came out to watch and support the players each week, and to the ex-boys high students that filled in when we were short.

Coaches award for Player of the Year: Mitchel Edwards
Coaches award for Most Improved Player: Cameron Holm

Mr Nigel Vernon
Coach



2nd XI Soccer

2006 Soccer Nationals Report

Game 1, NPBHS v Nelson College – Lost 3-1

The game started brightly with chances falling to both teams and them sharing equal amounts of possession. Nelson College opened the scoring after 15 minutes. NPBHS replied with a great effort from Mathew Snowden 10 minutes later. Lack of concentration and professionalism from the NPBHS team after a Nelson College kick off, resulted in Nelson College taking an instant 2-1 lead into half time. The second half saw NPBHS with a lot more possession, pushing forward for the equaliser without success. Late in the game Nelson College scored their third goal from a brilliant individual skill thus sealing their win.

Game 2, NPBHS v Macleans College – Lost 2-1

The afternoon game saw NPBHS go out with a desire and the right frame of mind to bounce back from the morning's disappointment. The game started well with both sides playing some nice football. After 20 minutes Maclean's College opened the scoring against the run of play. NPBHS responded well, creating opportunities but failing to finish these chances off. The first half ended 1-0 to Maclean's College. The second half saw NPBHS equalise through a well-deserved goal. The game was played end to end with both sides pushing for the win. Poor defending by NPBHS saw Maclean's College take the lead. NPBHS pushed forward in numbers but could not find the equaliser.



Mathew Snowden tackles the opposition at Nationals

Game 3, NPBHS v Wellington College – Draw 1-1

Game three saw the best performance from NPBHS at Nationals. Going behind to an early goal from Wellington College, the team showed great determination and character to equalise. The game continued in the same fashion with chances falling to both teams, the game ending in a draw.

Game 4, NPBHS v St Pats Town – Lost 3-1

The game started well, with NPBHS dominating possession and scoring early. NPBHS should have been more than one goal ahead, but for some good goalkeeping from the St. Pats Town goalkeeper. The game continued in the same fashion until the last minute, when St Pats Town crossed the ball and a miss-kick with the clearance from a NPBHS defender, saw the ball diverted into our own net. The game went into extra time with St. Pats scoring early in the first half. With the confidence from NPBHS at an all time low after recent results, there was no way back. St Pats went on to win.

Game 5, NPBHS v Christchurch Boys – Lost 3-0

With team confidence dented, we started the game well and shared much of the possession. After conceding a goal before half time through some bad defending, we again didn't have the character within the team to turn the result around. Christchurch went on to win comfortably.

Game 6, NPBHS v Tauranga Boys – Lost 3-1

The final game against Tauranga was a game where NPBHS could salvage some pride and get back their winning ways. The game started well with NPBHS sharing equal amounts of possession, and both teams creating chances. Tauranga scored first, adding another just before half time. The second half saw NPBHS pull one goal back, only for Tauranga to grab a third and seal the game.

In conclusion the tournament was run very well. Our organisation and planning, both on and off the field, was first class. From a coaching and management point, I wouldn't have changed a thing from the way we prepared and approached games, and would like to thank Mr Hugh Russell, and the parents for their support throughout the week.

In terms of results, the team certainly underachieved. The bounce of the ball did not go our way and we were seeded in the toughest group. These are not being offered as excuses, just observations. I believe the team were very young mentally this year and lacked the character to come from behind in games and also lacked the mentality to finish games off when we were winning. As a result of this, confidence and results suffered.

I believe the team is capable of a top 8 finish and better. In my opinion this team can compete with the best secondary schools in New Zealand. Taking the positives from the year, we will be a better team from our experiences, in preparing for next year competitions.

Mr James Graham
Director of Soccer

Junior Development Team trip to Auckland

For the second year running we have continued with the development of a select junior team by travelling to play against Hamilton Boys' High and Auckland Grammar. It is



Soccer Development Team



important for the development of our juniors that they are exposed to a higher standard of play outside of the province. It also breaches barriers associated with travelling, then having to play and, more importantly, perform. If these barriers can be tackled earlier, in other words at a junior level, they will become the norm and easier to deal with in future years when results are paramount. NPBHS have created a template in this area which other schools plan to adopt.

A real plus this year for the select team was getting to see the New Zealand Knights Football Team train and then meeting the player's on a one-on-one basis. This was probably the first time the boys would have seen a professional team train. Observations were made about the players' technical ability and physicality, how hard they worked in training, and how similar the Knights training was to NPBHS training sessions, without the intensity.

Youth Team

This year saw Mr Alan Ross come onto the coaching staff to co-coach the Youth Development team with Mr James Graham. The side started the year very raw with a mixture of technical abilities and results. The team progressed and developed week-by-week, playing good football and getting some great results against Spotswood College 1st XI and FDMC. The team ended the year in third place, a creditable placing considering the opposition.

15th Grade Development

2006 was a great year for the 15th Grade Development side. Stacked with lots of potential and future 1st XI players, the side went from strength to strength under guidance from Mr John Winter. John did a great job in developing and moulding 16 elite players into a successful side. The team had some great results throughout the year but saved the best for last in a pulsating final in which our 15th Grade Development side came from 3-1 down at half time to win the game 6-4 against FDMC.

15th Grade United

Mr Graham Alexander came on to the NPBHS coaching staff for the first time, coaching our 15th grade reserve side. Graham did an outstanding job in moulding together a successful

side, containing great variety in terms of players' technical and tactical ability, that competed with not only our own 15th Grade Championship Development side, but every side in the premier competition. Their best result of the year was drawing with FDMC top 15th grade side, 3-3. The team went on to finish a creditable 4th in the premier competition.



Soccer Newcastle

Squash

Team:

- Jeremy Powell
William Lane
Harold Askvold
Zaryd Wilson
Warwick Millar

- Vs. Hamilton Boys' High School 4-2 Won
Vs. Palmerston North Boys' High School 3-3 Draw

National Tournament: Wellington 11-14th August

- Vs. Cambridge High School 1-4 Lost
Vs. Christs College 5-0 Won
Vs. Palmerston North Boys' 2-3 Lost
Vs. Tauranga Boys' High School 1-4 Lost
Vs. Mana High School 5-0 Won

Seeded 20th out of 36 Final Placing 22nd



Squash team



Manager Comment:

With the loss of some key players from last years' team, this year the national tournament was always going to be a "learning experience". Not helped by the late withdrawal of players, the team acquitted themselves extremely well during the 4 days of competition.

Jeremy Powell, the team captain, held his own during the entire event winning 4 out of his 5 games. Harold Askvold also played some excellent squash early on to record some very good victories. Both William Lane and Warwick Millar showed plenty of potential for the future and, with both boys currently in Year 9, they look a great prospect for the future of squash.

Zaryd Wilson never stopped trying and must be commended on his attitude, considering the quality of opposition he was forced to play against.

A big thank you, as always, to Mrs Pauline Crow for looking after the needs of the boys and making the entire trip a pleasant experience.

Mr Nigel Vernon
Manager

Taranaki Secondary School Surfing Championships

After a series of keenly contested trails held at Fitzroy beach, a team was selected for the Taranaki secondary school surfing championships to be held at Oakura beach.

The team was:

- Seniors: Conan James, Tom Dobson, Nick Moses
Intermediate: Mathis Smith, Tyler Anderson
Juniors: Mark Parthemore, Brooke Moses, Cody McLean



Surfing

The school team proved to be far too strong for the other schools and were convincing winners of the event. All sections were won by NPBHS, with Conan James 1st in the seniors, Mathis Smith 1st in the intermediates and Mark Parthemore 1st in the juniors

The team then travelled to Hamilton for the annual exchange with Hamilton Boys' High and again the school were convincing winners.

Tauranga Boys' were then hosted for a competition at Fitzroy beach and in a closer contest NPBHS were the eventual winners.

Finally, the school entered the North Island Secondary School Championships held in Raglan in September. The boys performed consistently to finish second in the team's event, with Mathis Smith placing third in the under 16 boy's final and Mark Pathemore placing third in the under 14 boy's final.

Mr Richard Turner
Teacher-in-Charge Surfing

Surf-lifesaving

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Surf-lifesaving Championships.

This event was held on Sunday 26 March at East End beach in ideal conditions and NPBHS entered three teams in the contest. As always, our main opposition was the strong Francis Douglas Memorial College team, who this year had some top competitors.

It was unfortunate that this date clashed with the TSS Triathlon but NPBHS was still able to put together three competitive teams in the four person per team series of events (2 at U-16 and 2 at U-19)

Results were as follows:

Daniel Nelson: 1st U-19 Surf Race



Photo courtesy of Daisy Day

NPBHS top junior surfer Mark Parthemore at Fitzroy beach



	1st U-19	Board Rescue (with Tim Riley)
	2nd U-19	Board Race
	3rd U-19	Tube Rescue (with Tim Riley)
	2nd U-19	Beach Flags
Tim Riley:	1st U-16	Board Race
	1st U-19	Board Rescue (with Daniel Nelson)
	3rd U-19	Tube Rescue (with Daniel Nelson)
Joel Meuli:	2nd U-16	Board Race
	3rd U-19	Board Rescue (with Michael Taylor)
Scott Nelson:	3rd U-16	Board Race
Isaac Owen:	1st U-16	Surf Race
	2nd U-16	Beach Flags.
Michael Taylor:	3rd U-19	Board Race.
	3rd U-19	Board Rescue (with Joel Meuli)
Jason Rolfe / Michael Taylor:	2nd U-19	Tube Rescue
Jason Rolfe:	3rd U-19	Beach Flags
Brock Sibbick:	2nd U-16	Beach Sprint
Logan Kumera:	2nd U-19	Beach Sprint
James Wilson:	3rd U-16	Beach Flags
Jacob Davies:	3rd U-19	Beach Sprint
Beach Relay:	1st NPBHS (A)	2nd NPBHS (B)
Taplin Relay:	2nd NPBHS (A)	Daniel Nelson / Tim Riley / Brock Sibbick
	3rd NPBHS (B)	Jacob Davies / Joel Meuli / Isaac Owen
Total points:	1st NPBHS (A)	26 points
	2nd FDMC (A)	30 points
	3rd NPBHS (B)	44 points
Team members:	NPBHS (A)	Daniel Nelson, Tim Riley, Joel Meuli, Logan Kumera
	NPBHS (B)	Jacob Davies, Michael Taylor, Isaac Owen, Brock Sibbick
	NPBHS (C)	Tim Hawkey, Troway Hayes, Scott Nelson, John Taylor, James Wilson.

This was an excellent performance by our NPBHS teams and yet again we retained the Trophy for the top secondary school in surf-lifesaving in Taranaki.

Taranaki Surf-Lifesaving U-14 Representative team

Two of our boys were selected for the Taranaki U-14 Representative team that travelled to Mt Maunganui in March for the inter-district championships. These were: Tim Hawkey and Troway Hayes. Both boys performed well in very testing and difficult sea conditions that saw surf at over 2m high rolling in throughout the two days of competition.

The team came 5th overall in the 9 team competition of 5 boys / 5 girls per region.

Taranaki SLS U-16 Representative team

Three of our boys were selected in the Taranaki U-16 Rep team that also competed at Mt Maunganui in March in the inter-district championships. These were: Tim Riley, Joel Meuli and Isaac Owen. Tim Riley performed well on both days coming 3rd and 2nd in the surf race on successive days and he combined with Joel Meuli to win the Board Rescue event. The team came 5th overall in the 9 team competition of 5 boys / 5 girls per region.

Taranaki SLS U-19 Representative team

Daniel Nelson was selected for the Taranaki U-19 Rep team that competed in the Kellogg's inter-district competition also held in Mt Maunganui in February.

NZ Surf-lifesaving Championships

Several boys competed in this premier championship event which this year was held at Oakura beach in early March. Performances of note include the following:

James Wilson:	3rd	U-19	Canoe Race
Jason Rolfe:	3rd	U-19	Canoe Race
Daniel Nelson:	2nd	U-19	Board Relay
	3rd	U-19	Board Rescue
	3rd	U-19	Surf teams
Joel Meuli:	3rd	U-16	Board Rescue
	3rd	U-16	Board Relay
Isaac Owen:	3rd	U-16	Board Relay
	3rd	U-19	Surf teams
Tim Riley:	3rd	U-19	Surf teams
	3rd	U-16	Board Rescue
	3rd	U-16	Board Relay

Joel Meuli, Tim Riley and Isaac Owen came 4th in the U-16 Taplin Relay.



Taranaki Surf-lifesaving Championships

Several boys competed in the local Taranaki surf-lifesaving championships held at Oakura beach on 11/12th February and results of note include the following:

Tim Riley:	1st	U-19	Surf Race
	1st	U-16	Board Race
	1st	U-16	Ironman
Isaac Owen:	3rd	U-16	Board Race
	1st	U-16	Surf Race
	2nd	U-16	Ironman
Daniel Nelson:	3rd	U-19	Board Race
	1st	U-19	Run-swim-run
	2nd	U-19	Ski Race
	3rd	Open	Ironman
	1st	U-19	Ironman
Michael Taylor:	3rd	U-19	Ironman
Jacob Davies:	1st	U-19	Ski Race
	2nd	U-19	Ironman
Joel Meuli:	2nd	U-16	Board Race
	1st	U-16	Board Rescue
	1st	U-16	Ski Race
	3rd	U-16	Ironman



Taranaki Secondary Schools Surf Lifesaving Team

Back Row : Mr Kevin Gledhill (Coach/Manager), Sean Parker, James Wilson, Tim Hawkey, John Taylor, Brook Sibbick.
Front Row : Logan Kumera, Gabriel Davies, Isaac Owen, Michael Taylor, Jason Rolfe, Joel Meuli.
Absent : Daniel Nelson, Tim Riley.

This was a fine effort from our surf-lifesavers. Several were also well placed in team events. Surf-lifesaving is strong in Taranaki and our boys perform well.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Teacher-in-Charge Surf-lifesaving

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Swimming

This event was held at Stratford on Tuesday 28th March and as usual NPBHS sent a team of junior, intermediate and senior swimmers to contest this popular event. Thirteen swimmers were selected to represent the school and this team was able to secure five 1st placings, four 2nd placings and seven 3rd placings.

The intermediate boys freestyle relay team set a new record of 51.05 sec in the very competitive 4 x 25m relay. This equates to a very quick average 25m swim by each team member of 12.75 sec per length.

Performances of note were:

Junior Boys

Jordan Moratti	1st	50m Backstroke
	1st	Medley Relay
	2nd	Freestyle Relay
	3rd	100m Freestyle
James Varley	1st	Medley Relay
	2nd	50m Backstroke
	2nd	Freestyle Relay
	3rd	50m Butterfly
Logan Holyoake	1st	Medley Relay
	2nd	Freestyle Relay
Miles Simkin	1st	Medley Relay
	2nd	Freestyle Relay

Intermediate Boys

Isaac Owen	1st	Freestyle Relay
	2nd	Medley Relay
	3rd	50m Breaststroke
	3rd	50m Backstroke
Sam Varley	2nd	Medley Relay
Sean Parker	2nd	Medley Relay
	1st	Freestyle Relay
Tim Riley	1st	Freestyle Relay
	2nd	Medley Relay
Joel Meuli	1st	Freestyle Relay.

Senior Boys

Daniel Nelson	1st	Freestyle Relay
	1st	Medley Relay
	2nd	100m Freestyle
	3rd	50m Backstroke
	3rd	50m Butterfly
Dex Newland	1st	Medley Relay
	1st	Freestyle Relay
	3rd	50m Breaststroke
Jason Rolfe	1st	Medley Relay
	1st	Freestyle Relay
	2nd	50m Breaststroke



Michael Taylor

1st	Medley Relay
1st	Freestyle Relay
3rd	100m Freestyle



Swimming: Taranaki Secondary School

This was a very successful meet for NPBHS and all swimmers performed well in the team environment. The usual stop-over for a huge feed of fish n chips completed a successful afternoon of competition. My thanks to the parents who accompanied us and provided transport.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Teacher-in-Charge Swimming

Tennis

The 2006 season has undoubtedly been one of the most successful for tennis at New Plymouth Boys' High School with our top four players earning the right to play in the New Zealand Secondary School's Championships held in Christchurch in April.

The boys finished seventh in New Zealand - an outstanding achievement.

Inter School Results

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|----|---|-----------------------------|------|-----|
| 1) | V | Hamilton Boys' High School | | |
| | | Seniors | Won | 6/3 |
| | | Juniors | Lost | 2/7 |
| 2) | V | Wanganui Collegiate | | |
| | | Intermediates | Lost | 4/5 |
| | | Juniors | Lost | 3/6 |
| 3) | V | Palmerston North Boys' High | | |
| | | Seniors | Won | 4/2 |
| | | Intermediates | Lost | 3/6 |
| | | Juniors | Lost | 0/9 |

Super 8 Tournament

This year the tournament was hosted by Hastings Boys' High School.

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| 1) | V | Hamilton Boys' High School |
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| 2) | V | Hastings Boys' High School | Won | 4/2 |
| | | | Won | 6/0 |
| 3) | V | Tauranga Boys' College | Won | 5/1 |

We won our Pool

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| 4) | V | Napier Boys' High School | Won | 4/2 |
| 5) | V | Palmerston North Boys' High School - FINAL | Lost | 2/4 |

A very creditable performance to finish 2nd in Super 8.

Super 8 Team

Mark	ATKINS
David	WHITE (Captain)
Jordan	STAYT
Quinn	ROSA
Sean	ROSS

NZSS Championships

Qualification Fixtures

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|----|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) | V | Inglewood High School | Won | 6/0 |
| 2) | V | Francis Douglas Memorial College | Won | 4/2 |
| 3) | V | Wanganui Collegiate | Drew | 3/3 |
| | | | (Won on countback of sets; 54-47). | |
| 4) | V | Palmerston North Boys' High School | Won | 4/2 |

In defeating Palmerston North Boys' High School the team earned the right to take part in the National Championship Finals held in Christchurch in April.

National Fixtures

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|----|---|--------------------------------|------|-----|
| 1) | V | St Kentigen College (Auckland) | Lost | 0/6 |
| 2) | V | Wellington College | Lost | 0/6 |
| 3) | V | Auckland Grammar School | Lost | 0/6 |
| 4) | V | Tauranga Boys' College | Lost | 2/4 |
| 5) | V | Wakatipu High School | Won | 4/2 |

The team finished 7th in New Zealand.

Team Members

Mark	ATKINS
David	WHITE (Captain)



Ben AVES
Jordan STAYT

Greg WHITE
Michael BAKER
Myles SIMKIN

School Championships

JUNIORS: to be played.
SENIORS: Mark ATKINS defeated Jordan STAYT

Congratulations to Mark and Jordan for making the finals of both events.

Representative Selections

Congratulations to the following boys who gained Representative Selection.

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| 1) | Central Region U16 Team: Mark ATKINS and Jordan STAYT |
| 2) | Taranaki Representative Teams |
| | Mark ATKINS - U 16's |
| | Jordan STAYT - U 16's |

Congratulations also to Jordan Stayt, Mark Atkins and Ben Aves who all played SOFFE CUP for their clubs. (This is the Premier Senior Inter Club Competition).



Senior Tennis

Inter School Teams

SENIORS

Mark	ATKINS
David	WHITE (Captain)
Ben	AVES
Jordan	STAYT
Quinn	ROSA
Sean	ROSS
Ben	ROBBINS

INTERMEDIATES

Ron	STAS
Ben	ROBBINS
Jack	SMITHERS
Jason	HOLDEN
Eli	ABRAHAM
Jason	VAN WINKEL

JUNIORS

Amrit	RAI
David	DOUGHTY
Chris	LEPPER
David	BAKER
Cameron	HOLDEN

Junior Competitions

- 1) November of 2005 saw the introduction of an ANNUAL Quadrangular Tournament for our Top 4 JUNIORS. Teams taking part were: New Plymouth Boys' High School, Napier Boys' High School, Palmerston North Boys' High School and Tauranga Boys' College.

New Plymouth Boys' High School finished 3rd.



Junior Tennis

Team Members:

Mark	ATKINS
Jordan	STAYT
Chris	LEPPER
Stuart	BELGRAVE

- 2) TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Nov 2005)

Year 9	-	1st
Year 10	-	1st

Coaching

Our players continued to benefit again this year from Tuesday and Thursday coaching by Leith Atkins.

There is no doubt that the 2nd Place in Super Eight and gaining entry into the NZSS FINALS can be attributed a lot to the extra assistance Mrs Atkins is giving to our players.

Our thanks go to Mr Russell (Director of Sport) for ensuring this coaching is able to go ahead.

All the players owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs Atkins and Mr Hope who continue to put in a lot of time and effort in





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assisting our teams.

Mr Bill Geange
Teacher-in-Charge Tennis

Touch Rugby

The 2005 year ended on a high with the senior touch team coming 4th in the National Secondary Schools' competition. After achieving 5 wins and a draw in pool play, the team lost by one point in the playoff for 3rd.

2006 started where 2005 finished with a convincing win at the TSSA Touch Tournament in Hawera. The team then progressed to the regionals where they attained a credible 2nd placing to Palmerston North. This meant that they again qualified for the Nationals, which will be held at North Harbour in December.

Several players went on to higher honours: Marcus Sweetman, Calin Erueti, Kyle Joyce and Sean Creesey attended the NZ

training squad, and Calin also represented NZ in the mixed touch team that toured Europe.

A special thanks to Coach Lara Erueti, Manager Sharon Erueti and Assistant Manager/Coach Angus Erueti.

Mr Evan Hoskin
Teacher-in-Charge Touch Rugby



Touch Team



Senior Volleyball

2nd ROW FROM LEFT
FRONT ROW
ABSENT:

James Cameron, James Brown, Mr Tim Cleaver, Leighton Price, Gary Hofmans
Cam Miller, Tim Lepper, Kahotea Kereopa, Mat Snowden, Brad Bennett
Taitusi Tunavutu, Josaia Muakalou

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Spring Arts Festival Week

The boys from Hatherly started the week off well by winning the 'House Team Quiz' on Monday.

The staff/student debate almost didn't happen when the student team organised for the event pulled out the day before the event. However, three extraordinary senior students rose to the challenge and performed an amazing impromptu debate against a well-rehearsed teacher team. The three students showed a great maturity in accepting the challenge. A huge thank you to Lee Wilson, Tushar Sharma and Kirill Radvanskiy and to the affirmative team of Mr Warner, Mr Howes and Mr Davies. The moot was "That good things take time to mature". Mr Howes opened with a melodic burst of song in German with Beethoven's Ode to Joy, then continued on to convince the audience of the importance of time needed in the greatest of cultural productions, pointing out time would have matured the negating teams impromptu debate immensely. (As if they didn't already know that!!) - very clever strategies, Mr Howes! Kirill quickly stepped up to the challenge, pointing out that, "Maturity is evil, it slowly tortures us until our lives are taken." Thanks to both teams for providing the audience with such an enthusiastic and entertaining debate and to Mr Rod Duncan for adjudicating.



The student debaters: Kirill Radvanskiy, Lee Wilson and Tushar Sharma

The 'Quickdraw' competition saw the completion of some pretty amazing drawings in the short time allocated over the lunch break. Congratulations to the winner, Ben Coventry and runners-up, Cameron Bolland and Michael Langslow.

Students were well catered for when local guitarist and songwriter Mr Mike Harding entertained us in the library. The speech finals are always an eagerly awaited evening, and this year we were very fortunate to have the skills of Mrs Sandra Johnston as adjudicator. Congratulations to all students reaching the finals section: Connor Kerr-Newell, Jake Silby, Ben Coventry, Luke Stevenson, Cameron Holden, William Tennent, Peter Molloy, Davis Sutcliffe, Jonathan Folwell, Ben Dixon, Carl Garrett, Akshay Sridhar, Scott Honeyfield, Tushar Sharma, Paul Meuli.

The standard of speeches presented this year were of very high quality. Jake Silby started the evening off by retelling some of his personal school experiences involving yoghurt, fruit and black vivids. Then the very articulate Ben Coventry tried to convince us all that, "Life is just a wild ride after all." Luke Stevenson described school to be like a circus - with the teachers the Lion Tamers. The final competitor in the Year 9 section, Connor Kerr-Newell, introduced the audience to Science Fiction and the virtues of Scientology.

The Year 10 speeches were launched by Cameron Holden, who tried to convince everyone in the room to discard their Gym memberships and train outdoors in the fresh air. Next was William Tennent's skilful delivery on the lesson of life, "Life is About Choices - it's up to us to make things Happen". Peter Molloy burst out with a sword fight battle then went

on to discuss what is the best role for mankind and tips on catching gherkins! Davis Sutcliffe managed to shock the feminists amongst us when he start talking about "The good old days, when women stayed at home and men went to work".

Jonathan Folwell was the first Year 11 to speak. His convincing speech explained how we are a nation of spectators but that we do not need to be. He told us to get out there, and that if we made an effort we would be sure to win! Ben Dixon made a powerful observation about how the cell phone companies have been so successful that they have taught us to avoid real communication. Scary, but true. Next up Carl Garrett did his darnedest to convince us that fast food is good for our health with mottos like, "A combo a day keeps the Doctor away" and, "Fast food has you running - to the loo all night". Akshay Sridhar chose a subject close to all our hearts, "Why animal experimentation should not be allowed" and convinced us all that it is not right to use animals as disposable tools.

The senior speeches launched into Bowflex grandmas, and our obsession with youth and beauty and the part the media plays in this epidemic. Scott Honeyfield passionately convinced us all that the craving for youth and beauty is out of control. Tushar Sharma took the sobering path of terrorism and how people have been pushed around for generations by their leaders. He then went on to point out the number of true freedom fighters who take the route of non-violence to make their point and lead their people. Paul Meuli ended the evening with a fine delivery. His subject is very popular in the media right now, "The new disease crowding our hospitals - obesity".

Year 9
1st place Jake Silby
2nd place Ben Coventry
3rd place Luke Stevenson

Year 10
1st place William Tennent
2nd place Peter Molloy
3rd place Cameron Holden

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



Year 11
 1st place Carl Garrett
 2nd place Jonathan Folwell
 3rd place Akshay Sridhar

Year 12/13
 1st place Tushar Sharma
 2nd place Paul Meuli
 3rd place Scott Honeyfield

William Tennent's skilful delivery won him Best Speaker Overall.

The interhouse music competition is always eagerly attended and this year was no exception. The competition song was 'Why Does Love Do This to Me', the House Groups taking up the challenge, changing the words and adding musicians to accompany their melodic voices. The ensemble groups ranged from acoustic to heavy rock.

House Singing / 120

Hatherly	114
Donnelly	88
Barak	82
Syme	75

Ensemble / 80

Hatherly	40
Donnelly	45
Barak	63
Syme	54

Total / 200

Hatherly	154
Donnelly	133
Barak	145
Syme	129

Festival week ended with the house Trolley Derby parade at interval and time trial at lunch, providing spectators with thrills and spills. The terrific turnout of speedy trolleys bodes well for the future. Keep the creative input alive. I can see this will be one of the highlights of future Spring Festivals.

Mrs Gisella Sklenars – Cultural Coordinator



The teams line up before the trolley derby

Taranakian Music Honours Board

Scott Jonas Yr 12:

In 2006 Scott travelled to Hong Kong and China as a member of the Secondary Schools Choir. He achieved Grade 7 singing exam with distinction.



Daniel Hayles Yr 13:

Daniel was awarded NPBHS 2006 Cultural Performer of the Year, in addition to the Best Pianist under 25 at the Tauranga Jazz Festival and the Manawatu Jazz Festival. He shared Best Musician at the Manawatu Jazz Festival and was one of the lead parts in the Operatic Society production of Godspell. He competed for the prestigious Muriel May Musician's Award.



Jacob Randall Yr 10:

Jacob shared the Top Musician award with Daniel at the Manawatu Jazz Festival. He played a major role in the percussion sections of the NP Orchestral concert and the NP Youth Orchestral concert.

Jonathan Fagg Yr 13:

Jonathan received the most promising saxophone award at the Manawatu Jazz Festival.



Michael Martin Yr 11:

In 2006 Michael was chosen to be a member of the National Secondary Schools Brass Band. He achieved Grade IV baritone exam with distinction and is a member of the NP City Brass Band.



Jonathan Folwell: Yr 11

Jonathan, whose cello playing was a feature of the Operatic Society production of Godspell, achieved Grade 7 cello exam with distinction. He was guest artist at the NP City Sounds Concert and received numerous awards for his cello playing, including top string player in the NP Competitions.



Jeremy Scarle: Yr 12

Jeremy received third placing in the Registered Musicians Scholarship. He was one of the guest artists at the NP City sounds concert. In the NP competitions he was awarded the Senior Scholarship for composition at NP Competitions and was winner of Senior Woodwind Award.

Saxophone Quartet:

The Saxophone Quartet - Cam Gubb, James Hewitt, Andrew King, Jonathan Fagg – received the Judge's Award at the Secondary Schools Chamber Music Contest. They were guest artists at the NP Youth choir concert and the City Harmony Singers concert.

Loungesweet:

Loungesweet had an outstanding year and received numerous awards, including top secondary school Jazz Combo at the Tauranga Jazz Festival, top Jazz Combo at the Manawatu Jazz Festival and the top award at the Super Eight Music Ensemble Contest. They also received the Mayor's Award at the Council's Youth Awards and were featured artists at the Jazz Club.

Omega Trio:

The Omega Trio was made up piano: Daniel Hayles, flute: Jeremy Scarle, cello: Jonathan Folwell. They received highly commended recognition at the Secondary Schools Chamber Music competition.



Daniel Hayles and Jacob Randall: joint winners of the Most Outstanding Musicians award

Orchestra

New Plymouth Boys' High School boasts a wide range of musically talented students and also a substantial number who are just starting to play. When boys reach a certain level of confidence and musicianship, they may join the orchestra.

The orchestra, conducted by Mrs Jocelyn Beath, rehearses during Friday lunchtimes, and its members develop their playing skills and learn to appreciate their part within a bigger ensemble. As our orchestra is small, this year it combined with the Girls' High School orchestra to form a group of diverse instrumentalists, playing at a high level to produce stirring and powerful sounds.

This year, the combined orchestra competed in the Waikato Secondary Schools Bands Competition, and received a bronze medal for their efforts. The orchestra, like many other school music groups, performs annually at the Combined Music Evening, held at Boys' High School.

At the end of the year, a large proportion of our highly talented musicians will be leaving Boys' High School as seventh form students to further their studies elsewhere. As a result the orchestra is in need of new members, particularly string players, if they are to remain able to perform at a high standard. The orchestra is a great form of social exchange, and provides a stimulating musical environment for music students to better themselves, and gain a greater understanding of playing in a large musical ensemble.

Jonathan Folwell



Orchestra

Concert Band

What a year it has been for the Concert Band. This year's band is the largest in a while, and is most likely the best sounding band too. The reason for this year's larger numbers is that last year's Junior Band consisted of many fourth formers who were then moved up to the Concert Band this year. There are also some fourth formers from this year involved with the band, such as Cameron Holden on the soprano saxophone, Ross Hawton on the flute and James Fuller and Jacob Randall on percussion. As a result of all these extra players, there are around 35 players in the band, including the Girls' High students. Unfortunately, many of the talented band members this year are seventh formers, meaning we will be losing quite a few good players as they move on to higher education and



A concert band rehearsal

pursue their careers. It will be such a pity to see them finally go.

We have been practising very hard this year to get our four pieces perfect for the Concert Band Nationals in Auckland, which we competed in during term three. We gained very good results, walking away with a silver overall and only just missing out on the gold prize. For the competition, we kept up our tradition of combining with New Plymouth Girls' High

School. Combining with Girls' High is always fun and helps us to produce the best sound possible. Our four pieces for this year were Danza Festiva, March of the Royal Guards, By Loch and Mountain and Hymnsong Variants. By Loch and Mountain was a very special piece, as it consisted of a Baritone horn solo which was played by fifth former Michael Martin. Michael had this solo recorded to use for his NCEA solo performance, and achieved a very deserved mark of excellence for the performance.

As usual, we were conducted by New Plymouth's resident jazz master, Mr Stewart Maunder, who teaches saxophone and conducts school bands in New Plymouth and is also involved with many adult bands. We were also aided by Mrs Rose Loveridge, Mrs Jocelyn Beath, Mrs Gisella Sklenars, and Mrs Scott, who played the clarinet in the band. I cannot thank these people enough for all the help, time and effort they have put into the band and it is because of them that the concert band continues to produce good results every year. Overall, the concert band has once again produced some amazing results and is continuing to sound better every year. I hope to see the same standard of performance next year.

Geraint Scott



Concert Band

- Back Row : Michael Martin, Chris Newson, Tim Harrison, Paul Andrews.
- Third Row : James Fuller, Geraint Scott, Caleb Millen, Jacob Randall, Ryan Carter.
- Second Row : Mrs Jocelyn Beath, Cameron Holden, Jeremy Whyte, Stuart Sutherland, Cameron Gubb, James Hewett, Chris Hewlett, Ross Hawton, Mr Stewart Maunder.
- Front Row : Jeremy Scarle, Matthew Hitchings, Daniel Hayles, Nick Milne, Jonathan Fagg, Andrew King, Lee Wilson, William Sklenars.
- Conductor : Mr Stewart Maunder



Stage Band

In 2006, the infamous NPBHS Stage Band was definitely at a peak of skill – as individual players and as a band. With an all-star line-up of saxophones that spanned the year groups; a posse of trombonists (they may or may not have affectionately referred to themselves as the t-bones); Nick 'Big John' Milne laying down the trumpet and organ lines; a veritable OSH-pit of guitar gods in the form of John and Josh; all complimented by what became known as "The Rhythm Section of Truth"; and led by the one and only Stewart Maunder, the Stage Band toured far and wide, pillaging and winning trophies and accolades wherever they did roam.

The first highlight of the year was a contest we hadn't attended since this player's third form year – The Montana National Jazz Festival in Tauranga. Set up in a central backpackers on The Strand, we were able to look out over the entire festival. The Strand itself was closed to traffic and filled with various jazz-loving punters and other high school jazz players listening to one of the many jazz bands that could be found in every café and bar on the street. We played an awesome set consisting of The Chicken (Peewee Ellis), On Green Dolphin Street (Ned Washington), Danny Boy (a jazz arrangement of a traditional

Welsh tune) and Attitude Adjustment (Larry Barton). For many of the younger players this was their first time performing on such a big stage in a national contest. While we didn't take out any prizes as a band, we did secure the coveted "Most Outstanding Pianist Under 25" award, on which the names of many successful NZ jazz players are inscribed.

The second contest we attended was the Manawatu Jazz Festival in Palmerston North. We played the same set here and were dubbed the Taranaki Vikings on the grounds that we had invaded from afar and pillaged all the gold. It was somewhat of a clean sweep – we were stoked to come away with best high school band, best drummer (Jacob Randall), best sax player (Jono Fagg), best pianist (Daniel Hayles) and best overall musician (shared between Daniel and Jacob). The aforementioned Rhythm Section of Truth also played an absolutely blistering set and took out the best combo award.

Our third competition took place in Hamilton at the Hauraki Plains High School Bands Festival. We changed our set - replacing Danny Boy, Attitude Adjustment and The Chicken with Jumpin' Jack (Big Bad Voodoo Daddy), Round Midnight (Thelonius Monk) which featured our amazing cellist Jonathan



Stage Band

- 3rd ROW FROM LEFT Josh Dodd, Daniel Hayles, Fergus Porteous, Jeremy Scarle, Andrew King, Caleb Millen
- 2nd ROW FROM LEFT Michael Martin, Cameron Gubb, Matt Hutchings, Mr Stewart Maunder, Chris Newson, William Sklenars, John Lamorena
- FRONT ROW Ryan Carter, Chris Hewlett, Jonathan Fagg, Jonathan Folwell, Nick Milne, Chris Hewlett, Jacob Randall



Folwell and the theme from Shaft (Isaac Hayes) which, to the delight of the Girls' High babes who had come along to play in Concert Band, featured Jeremy 'CeroC Hips' Scarle playing flute. We came away with a gold award.

Undoubtedly though, the major highlight of the year was definitely at the New Plymouth Jazz Club High School band night. In ever-enthusiastic-if-not-a-little-boisterous Boys' High band style, we ploughed through a blazing set and wowed the crowd, receiving a never-before-in-twelve-years-of-the-jazz-club's-existence standing ovation. Solos from Andrew King, Chris Newson, Matt Hitchings, Daniel Hayles, John Lamorena, Josh Dodd, Jacob Randall, William Sklenars and our very own Gerry Mulligan, Jonathan Fagg made the set all the more mind-blowing. It was truly the measure of a year's worth of hard work and rounded off our successes nicely.

Good luck to Jono Fagg, Andrew King, Caleb Millen, Chris Newson, Matt Hitchings, Fergus Porteous, Nick Milne, John Lamorena and Daniel Hayles who are leaving at the end of the year to pursue university education. And of course, Big ups - as always - to Stewart Maunder for once again commandeering a most enjoyable year of jazz. A legend indeed.

Daniel Hayles



NPBHS Stage Band after their successes

Junior Band

The Junior Band has improved dramatically from the start of the year and has had a fantastic time at the 2006 Hamilton Band Festival competitions. We gained a bronze award in the senior competition, and learnt many tips from the competition. The Junior Band has worked very hard throughout the year and produced a great sound when we opened the GHS/BHS combined annual concert. Thank you to Mr Maunder for choosing such great music to play and for all his patience and inspiration.

Ross Hawton



Junior Band

Choir

The NPBHS choir has definitely had the greatest year ever of my five years at Boys' High. We started the year preparing for the National Big Sing competition in Palmerston North. We sang three pieces and received very positive comments for our efforts.

Our next performance was the ever-popular music Roadshow, where we sang to raucous applause from intermediate and primary school students. The Blind Society concert was also well received and many very enthusiastic comments were made by the audience. Another concert was the fundraiser for the NPGHS school choir held at St Mary's Church. I think we were the most popular item on the programme, but don't tell anyone I said that. If that wasn't enough, we also sang at the Rotary Youth Concert fundraiser and received another very warm round of applause and appreciation.

Lastly we sang at the annual combined concert with Girls' High. This is always the highlight of year and as usual the choir did not disappoint. We performed a fantastic rendition of 'Workin' (with a commendable solo by yours truly), and a composition from Daniel Hayles, 'Deliver Me, O God'. Both were received with great applause.



Choir

Back Row : Mrs Jocelyn Beath (Head of Music), Jonathan Folwell, Geraint Scott, Scott Jonas, James Whitmore, Cameron Gubb, Sam Mitchell.
Front Row : Brad Carter, Ross Hawton, Nick Milne, Jeremy Scarle, Daniel Hayles, Ricky Malcolm.
Teacher : Gabrielle Barr.





Overall, it has been a fantastic year to be in the choir. It's fair to say that the choir would be lost and completely useless if not for the unwavering support of Mrs Gabriel Barr and Mrs Beath. Their support has undoubtedly made this year one to remember for the choir. Finally, on behalf of those 7th formers leaving at the end of this year (Jeremy Scarle, Daniel Hayles, James Whitmore and myself), I'd like to wish the choir the best of luck for the coming years and would like to thank Mrs Beath and Mrs Barr for all the work they've put into us over the years.

Nick Milne.

Saxophone Quartet

This year, the New Plymouth Boys' High School Saxophone Quartet reached a new level of achievement. Not only did we win the adjudicators award at the Wanganui Chamber Music Competition, play with the New Plymouth Youth Choir, and perform for the Rotary Breakfast concert, but we were able to count to 4! This may not seem like a huge feat for some people but in past years the Sax Quartet had 5 members, although we did gain another tenor player towards the end of the year.

In all seriousness, the main highlight for the year would have been winning the Adjudicator's Award at the Chamber Music Competition in Wanganui. Rarely does a jazz-based group get the chance to perform at such a competition, let alone take away the Adjudicator's Award.

Unfortunately, at the end of the year the quartet will lose three of its senior players: Jonathan, Andrew and Caleb. But I'm sure these places will be filled with fresh, 'ready-to-go' talent.

Finally, I would like to thank our musical director, Mr Stewart Maunder. As always we couldn't have got anywhere this year without his help, enthusiasm and level of musicianship. Not to mention the back-up music!!



The saxophone quartet practising for their performance

Mr Maunder - your dedication towards music at Boys' High has been an inspiration to us all. I will definitely miss the high standard of music you bring out in us. Thanks for a great four years!

Jonathan Fagg



Saxophone Quartet

Cameron Gubb, Jonathon Fagg, Andrew King, Caleb Millen, James Hewett. Teacher : Mr Stewart Maunder.

Loungesweet

2006 was a great year for Loungesweet and it has been a privilege to be a part of the huge growth in musical maturity we have undergone throughout the year. We have won a large number of awards this year, both as a band, and as individual musicians.

Our first success of the year took place over Easter at the Tauranga Jazz Festival. Here we managed to pick up the award for best high school jazz combo, as well as our pianist Daniel Hayles picking up the award for best pianist, our drummer Jacob Randall being placed runner-up to best drummer, and I was placed runner-up to best bassist. Stoked with these achievements, we charged on towards our next goal: the Manawatu Jazz Festival.

At the Manawatu Jazz Festival we played a mammoth set, with a new level of musicianship that we had never exhibited before. The crowd lapped it up, and to our delight we managed to once again pick up the award for best jazz combo, as well as best pianist and drummer, runner-up to best bass and guitar, and Daniel and Jacob shared the award for best musician.

The next event over the horizon was the Super 8 Cultural Festival. We were honoured to be representing the school in such a prestigious competition and were determined to do the school proud. There we played one of our arrangements



of Herby Hancock's Chameleon, and despite playing the song completely differently to how we had practiced, we managed to win first place and walk away with the Super 8 cultural trophy to add to the school's collection.

This year we were also proud to be the recipients of the NPBHS "Cultural Group of the Year" award and were lucky enough to be invited to play at the Tiger Jacket dinner. This was a great experience for all of us and it was an honour to receive such an award.

This year we have had many great experiences in Loungesweet and each of us has come a long way in our own musicality. Through our hard work and passion for the music we have created a living being whose achievements and successes have surpassed our wildest expectations. This being has brought much joy to us and many people alike. It has been a pleasure, and I will be sad to see the end of it.

William Sklenars
Bassist



Loungesweet: William Sklenars, Daniel Hayles, Jacob Randall, John Lamorena

The Omega Trio

The Omega Trio is New Plymouth Boys' High School's premier piano trio. Its members; the flautist, Jeremy Scarle; the cellist, Jonathan Folwell; and the piano-man, Daniel Hayles, have played together for the past three years, and are all heavily involved in the music of New Plymouth, within, and outside, school.

Formally known as Danijonemy, this talented threesome of keen and ambitious young musicians have played together on various occasions throughout the school calendar. In 2005, and this year of 2006, they, along with the saxophone quartet, Quarter to Four, competed in the Wanganui Regional Chamber Music Contest. They received the Adjudicator's Choice award in 2005 and one of the four Highly Commended awards in 2006. Such is the level of the pieces this trio plays that they play only a single piece each year, presenting it polished and prepared at the Chamber Music Contest, and

at the annual Combined Music Evening, held at Boys' High School.

The change to 'Omega' is derived from the meaning of the Greek letter 'Ω', as it is associated with the 'end-all' of things. So it will be for the Omega Trio, as Daniel and Jeremy, both of them seventh form students here at Boys' High, will leave and the group will be disbanded. However, the trio will continue, as the cellist, Jonathan Folwell, who will be a sixth form student in 2007, is currently organising two more members, a pianist and a flautist or violinist, to fill the gap of the leaving seniors.

This group has very much enjoyed their two years of playing together and the experience has undoubtedly enhanced each individual's perceptions of chamber playing.

Jonathan Folwell

Super 8 Cultural Festival - Hastings & Russell McVeigh Debating - Wanganui

On Friday 19th May Ms Gracia and I took a group of boys to Hastings for the 2006 Super 8 Cultural Competition to compete in both debating and music.

The music team were the jazz combo Loungesweet, with Daniel Hayles on keys, William Sklenars on bass, Jacob Randall on drums and John Lamorena on guitar were also competing in the music ensemble section. There was a diverse range of musical talents from the other six schools competing. Loungesweet played with their usual high energy style and their improvised solos demonstrated a high level of technical ability. The judge commented on their ability to create an exceptional balance between their instruments. Congratulations to Loungesweet for winning 1st place.

The junior debaters consisted of William Tennent, Tim Phillips and Peter Molloy. Their first debate was affirming against Napier Boys' with the moot: "That we should ban the keeping of animals in zoos". The boys easily won this debate, with Peter getting best speaker, and William scoring the highest for style! This moved the team into the finals where they negated the moot: "That fat needs to be taxed", again against Napier Boys'. For us, this was more of an impromptu debate rather than a prepared one, due to the sudden illness of one of the original team members. Whilst the boys lost this debate, they once again performed really well, and second place overall is certainly nothing to be ashamed of!

The senior debaters, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Finnbar Kerr-Newell and Tushar Sharma, got their turn to compete late in the afternoon of the Saturday. The team were up

against Hastings Boys' negating the moot: "That terrorism is justified". The boys performed superbly, with Finnbar being awarded best speaker.

Due to the lateness of the day, it was decided that the final in its original format, would not go ahead, and the winner of the competition would be decided on a count back of points from the first round of debating. Therefore the Senior Debating Team won the 2006 Super 8 Cultural Competition Senior Debating Trophy.

We left Hastings just after 5.00 pm and the juniors and music boys travelled on back to New Plymouth. The senior boys and Miss Gracia stopped in Wanganui, preparing for another day of competing for the Central Districts Russell McVeigh Debating Competition. Whilst we were not as successful at this competition, the boys debated well, affirming and negating the moot: "That NZ should have compulsory disclosure of previous convictions in criminal trials". The team debated against Nga Tawa first, then PNBHS. Both debates were narrow losses. The team then got half an hour to prepare an impromptu debate, affirming the moot: "That the NZ Government should cut taxes". Again, Finnbar showed how well he can think on his feet, arguing the case well. Tushar, however, dominated the floor with his theatrical antics and was given best speaker. The team won this debate.

All in all, it was a tiring but very successful weekend and the boys performed and behaved superbly.

Mrs Gisella Sklenars
Cultural Co-ordinator

Inter-house Debating Competition results

Round 1

Barak v Syme	Junior	won by Barak
	Senior	won by Barak
Hatherly v Donnelly	Junior	no points awarded
	Senior	won by Hatherly

Round 2

Barak v Hatherly	Junior	won by Barak
	Senior	won by Hatherly
Donnelly v Syme	Junior	won by Donnelly
	Senior	no points awarded

Round 3

Syme v Hatherly	Junior	won by Syme
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Donnelly v Barak	Senior	won by Hatherly
	Junior	won by Barak
	Senior	won by Barak



Debating

Back Row : Peter Molloy, William Tennent, Tim Phillips.
Front Row : Tushar Sharma, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Finnbar Kerr-Newell.
Coach : Kathy Gracia.

'Best Overall Speaker' – William Tennent

We will...we will...rock you...

SMASH goes the mirror to your shocking singing! Then it's out the door and CREAK goes that ladder you have just walked under. Then, when it seems your luck can't get any worse, SCREECH goes that black cat as you plant a foot right square in its face.

What a day, what does that come to - about an eternity of dirty, rotten bad luck! How many four leaf clovers would you need to get things back on track? Whoa, back it up, you need to put those superstitions, those good luck charms, those old wives tales aside – life is what you make of it!

Ladies and gentlemen, that's the point I intend to prove to you right now.

So, let's look at three simple ideas -

1. Anything is possible.
2. You make your own luck. and
3. You only get one chance at life so give it everything.

Anything is possible –

There's only one person that can set your fate in life, set your future. And sorry guys – it's not the man upstairs, it's not your teachers, it's not your family, and it's not even your mates, it's you! Any restrictions on your future are self-imposed. It doesn't matter if your family is rich or poor, intelligent or stupid, criminals or high society, life will always be what you make of it.

There will always be people who tell you what you are, or are not, capable of – that's cool, but it doesn't mean squat!

put that aside and just move on. If you want to grab every opportunity with both hands, if you want to really be the best that you can be, it is up to you. It is you that will make it happen - anything is possible!

So what about luck – you make your own luck!
Yes life will throw opportunities your way, and sometimes you'll be the right guy at the right time, at the right place, but that's not luck, that's about having the courage to grab your opportunities, having the courage to give something a go.

Tiger Woods is quoted as saying, the more he practices, the more people tell him how lucky he is, YEAH RIGHT! He didn't sink that last putt on the 18th at Augusta from luck. And what about Dan Carter, just some lucky kicks, NOT A CHANCE! Yes there's talent, but there're hours and hours and hours of preparation for every one of those kicks, or putts.

So does that mean we've got to be single minded to achieve success – forget our mates, forget our social life. No, but it does mean life is about choices, and guess what – those choices are all ours! You've got to make those choices; you've got to make that luck happen!

Now that brings me to my third point – you only get one chance at life so give it everything! Don't join the "what if club." Just imagine being on your deathbed wondering, what if I'd taken that opportunity, what if I'd fully prepared for that interview, and yep that exam, what if I'd had the self-confidence to give it a go!

Don't let the fear of failure put you off. Thomas Edison – when asked about his failed attempts to make a light bulb – responded, he had not failed, he'd devised 500 ways to not make a light bulb and he only needed one way to make it. And yes – he did find the answer! Yeah, I can see it in your faces – that guy Edison really needed a social life! And you're right!

Life is more than just a light bulb, just a golf putt, or even just the winning kick against Australia. Life is about balance. You have got to sort out this balance; you only get one chance at life so give it everything!

So anything is possible, any limitations are self-imposed, it is up to you to make it happen. You make your own luck. Just because sportsmen make that winning move doesn't mean they are lucky, they worked for it. And finally you only get one chance at life so give it everything, don't be on your deathbed wondering WHAT IF!

So – even if it's Friday the 13th, and while you're singing away in the shower, you see a familiar crack start to appear on the mirror, just keep on singing,

We will...we will...rock you...

LIFE is what YOU make of it!

Chess report

The chess teams, under the skilled leadership of Lee Wilson, have had a terrific year. The boys, as well as spending countless lunchtimes playing chess, have received expert tuition from Mr Peter Hailoo and Mr Errol Tuffrey during utility periods on Wednesday afternoons and have been attending the Taranaki chess club on Tuesday evenings. This gave the boys a strong grounding for the three competitions of the season.

The first and second NPBS teams came first and second in the Taranaki regional chess championship and this qualified them to participate in the Central Districts Secondary Schools Chess championship at Southwell school in Hamilton in July. The first and second teams gained second equal placing which was a superb result against very strong competition (twelve teams were competing). The two teams comprised of Lee Wilson (captain), Evan Andrews, Joav Abraham-Beermann, Kirill Radvansky, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Tushar Sharma, Jon Keast and Paul Andrews.

With one team only from each region qualifying to attend the National chess championships (also held at Southwell in Hamilton) in September, competition was strong for a place in the team and many more playoffs were held in the art room during the weekends preceding the event. Our team (Lee Wilson, Joav Abraham-Beerman, Evan Andrews and Tushar Sharma) gained 5th place from a very strong field. This was a superb result with the boys taking one game from each of the three top ranked schools.

The chess boys have been a close-knit group who have been inspirational to the younger members of the class. I would like to thank the boys who are leaving for their help and also in particular Scott and Coreen Wilson and Greg and Christy Andrews for their kindness transporting boys and hosting the Taranaki chess championship at our school. I would like to wish members who are leaving all the best



1st & 2nd Chess Teams

Back Row : Mary Porteous, Paul Andrews, Jon Keast, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Tushar Sharma.
Front Row : Evan Andrews, Lee Wilson, Kirill Radvanskiy, Joav Abraham-Beermann.
Manager : Mrs Mary Porteous.



TSS Chess Tournament 2006

Photo Left-Right: Paul Andrews, Joav Abraham-Beerman, Tushar Sharma, Kirill Radvansky, Mr Peter Heiloo, Lee Wilson, Mr Richard Jennings, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Jon Keast and Evan Andrews.

and hope that they are able to continue their interest in chess in the future. I would like to encourage any boys who have an interest in chess to try out for one of the teams or just to come and enjoy playing what is a great game!

Mrs Mary Porteous
Teacher-in-Charge of Chess

Global Young Leaders

At the end of the second term, 8 students: Tane Hapimarika, Matthew Tait, James Fraser, Oscar Eaton, Logan Heyes, Paul Langedijk, Samuel Bloomfield, and Logan Campbell, left for the United States of America to attend the Global Young Leaders' Conference, held in Washington D.C. and New York.

The Global Young Leaders' Conference is seen as an opportunity to learn about global leadership first hand, to understand the methods used in world politics, and to develop leadership skills. But it is so much more than that. It is a chance to travel, a chance to experience America, and most importantly, a chance to meet and get to know many people from countries all over the world.

Before we left, many of us had doubts over how much "fun" we were going to have at the conference. However, as soon as we arrived at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington after about 18 hours of flying, we realised that any doubts we had were misguided. Immediately we started to meet fun and interesting people from all over the world. Many of us thought a lot of the people at the conference would be boring, anti-social, nerdy people. Yet again we were proved wrong when we met others from interesting cultures and backgrounds that generally just wanted to have fun. As we arrived we were each assigned to one of 16 country groups. These were the groups in which we would travel and do most of the activities.

During our time in Washington, we visited many memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, and the Holocaust Memorial Museum. We went to embassies, the Pentagon City; which is a huge mall many times bigger than anything in New Zealand, visited the International Monetary Fund, and much more. We also went to listen to speakers who addressed us

about leadership and world issues. A lot of these things may not sound that interesting to many people. Most of us would agree that some of the speakers were not that amazing. But the thing was, doing all these things with great people from all over the world made everything a lot more interesting.

As Dr. Gary Weaver (one of the many speakers at the conference) said, "The way to find your culture is to leave it." By leaving New Zealand we could see all the things we take for granted, such as clean air and lots of space. Just by talking with people from other countries we realised how unique New Zealand is and what other cultures think of us.

From Washington, we travelled by bus to New York, stopping in Philadelphia and seeing the Liberty Bell. In New York, we stayed in Manhattan College which is situated in the Bronx. The college is a place with a lot of history, heaps of great food, and a pretty flash gymnasium. By this time we had all met at least a hundred people, but there were still people we had not met - there were 360 people at the conference.

In New York we saw the riches of the Rockefeller Centre, some of us met Donald Trump, we bartered with shop owners in China Town and Little Italy, we saw Times Square, we found just how big the Empire State Building is, and we had a guided tour of the United Nations Building. And those are just a few of the things we did in the 'Big Apple'.

At the end of the conference the skills we had learnt from the speakers and activities we had done were put to the test at the Global Summit. This is a simulation of a real meeting where decisions that affect the world are made. Before and during the Global Summit, we had to walk around trying to convince other country groups to vote the same way as our country on certain issues. This gave a real insight into how world politics worked, and led to pretty fierce debates between some people.

Overall, the conference was, for many of us, the best thing we have ever done. If anyone gets this opportunity in the future, take it. It will change you and your view on the world. This is not just any academic trip to America. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We would also like to thank Mr French-Wright, Mr Heaps, and Mr McLellan. Also, huge thanks have to go to the parents and families who put so much time and effort into fundraising; without you it would have never gone ahead.

Logan Campbell

WORLD SCHOOL 2006

On Sunday 15 October 2006, Toby Jordan, Nicholas Monk, Michael Hayles and Mrs Crow, embarked on a journey to attend World School 2006 in Queensland, Australia. Nineteen countries each sent one teacher and three students.



The first three nights were spent at the Tallebudgera Recreational Centre, owned and operated by the Queensland Government as part of a national drive to encourage recreation and sport for all ages. During these three days, all participants were involved in a day long trip to O'Reilly's rainforest, kayaking, a high ropes course and various team building activities. At the Opening Ceremony, it was an unforgettable sight (and sound) to see each of the 90 participants playing an African drum provided by the African Drum Café. At Tallebudgera, lectures were also delivered on the World School 2006 theme of The Environment: Sustainable Urban Communities.



Opening Ceremony: African Drum Café

From Tallebudgera, we went via Australia Zoo (owned by the late Steve Irwin) to St. Paul's School, Bald Hills (about 20km north of Brisbane), the host school for World School this year. St. Paul's is a private, Anglican school of 1500 students from juniors to Year 12 (N.Z.'s Year 13). For five nights we were home-stayed by students and teachers of the school. Here we participated in St. Paul's Open Day, where each country presented a display of their own school, city and country and delivered an item representing their country. The New Plymouth Boys' High School haka was greatly appreciated at the Open Day and our display stand was very popular with visitors.



Open day at St. Pauls School, Brisbane

While at St. Paul's, all World School participants climbed the Story Bridge, one of Brisbane's highest steel bridges- a unique two and a half hour experience never to be forgotten. We all had a wonderful time with our host families and thoroughly enjoyed a day off to do some sight seeing around Brisbane.

The last week was spent on South Stradbroke Island, a forty minute ferry ride from the Gold Coast. On our way to Couran Cove, we spent a day participating in lectures at the Queensland University of Technology. The lectures covered climate change, global warming and its effects on the Australian environment. We also visited the Kelvin Grove Urban Village, a very new concept attempting to halt Brisbane's urban sprawl and the ensuing environmental problems.

Couran Cove resort is an eco-environmental accommodation resort. Most of the week was spent working in cross-cultural seminar groups with teachers to research and prepare presentations on this year's theme. In spite of such a wide range of languages and very high temperatures in a marquee on the beach, all students were highly motivated to deliver exceptional presentations. In the small amount of free time, the students enjoyed swimming (in shark protected areas) kayaking, biking, volleyball, mini golf and basketball. One of the special memories is of eating dinner on the beach each night, accompanied by wallabies and a diverse range of beautifully coloured, noisy birds.



Kia Ora / Konichiwa

The final day of World School 2006 was spent visiting an Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Centre in Brisbane. We spent the day experiencing many aspects of Aboriginal historical and cultural significance and then being taught an aboriginal dance. In return, we performed our haka as a thanks for the hospitality shown to us. As a farewell to World School 2006, St. Paul's School hosted a farewell bush dance, barbeque and graduation ceremony. It was a very moving and sad time having to say farewell to nearly 100 students and teachers who had become like close family over the two weeks.

World School was an outstanding and very memorable experience for all of us. In such a short time, our knowledge



of 20 different cultures was rapidly expanded and we now have a world-wide network of over 100 friends to keep in close touch with and to hopefully visit in the years to come.

We are most grateful to the Languages Department for giving us this exceptional opportunity to foster our appreciation of language and to broaden our knowledge of other cultures. It has been a life-changing experience for all of us.

Michael Hayles, Toby Jordan, Nicholas Monk

Chile Trip – NPBHS and NPGHS

On September 13th a combined group of fourteen students and three adults from New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Schools arrived in Santiago, the capital of Chile for the second of our exchange visits there with our sister school San Nicolás de Myra. The boys from our school were: Paul Andrews, Ben Dowman, Rhys Harker, Scott Honeyfield, Ashok Ramanathan and Jack Taylor. Mr Stephen Harrop, BOT chairman and I, Margaret Atkinson, accompanied them.

There were many memorable highlights on our month long visit, starting with the "Bienvenidos" welcome at the school at which were several guests from New Zealand, the ambassador Mr Nigel Fyfe and the ex Chilean ambassador to New Zealand, Mr Carlos Appelgreen. The girls detected a few tears in the eyes of the guest New Zealanders at our singing of the National anthem and their waiata that followed. The boys performed an impressive haka despite a loud cracking sound at one point on the temporary stage. We met Mr Fyfe again at the New Zealand Embassy where he received us for a much appreciated New Zealand-style morning tea and a talk on the relations between the two countries.

San Nicolás de Myra had arranged a programme of special activities for our students amongst which were Chilean cooking lessons, cueca dancing, singing and lessons on the geography and history of Chile, their education system and Chilean Spanish. As well there were endless exhibitions and presentations by their students, so much so that ours actually wondered if the Chileans actually had any formal lessons at all.



With a guard in one of the interior courtyards of the presidential palace, La Moneda



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Contrasting lifestyles of the rich and poor in Santiago

Our first week in Chile coincided with Las Fiestas Patrias which is a week long holiday in celebration of their National Day. Consequently the school was closed for this time and most of our students went away to other places to the north or south of Santiago. This was a good test of their ability to cope in Spanish within their host family. On their return we went away on a tour to Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, Chile's seat of government and also its largest port.

All students enjoyed their walking tour of the city despite the city council workers being on strike and the cable cars not working. Much shopping was done, which all agreed was



In the English department Resource Room at San Nicolas de Myra



one of the highlights - the three things most liked about Chile were the people, the food and the shopping.

For me, what I remember most is the contrast between rich and poor. I was privileged to be living in the poor suburb of Quinta Normal and not in the rich area of Las Condes or Vitacura where Stephen Harrop and our students were staying. Stephen, incidentally, was lucky enough to be staying with a retired head of the army in a veritable palace. My house was very small with no maids and the street was not safe for walking. A child had been shot there the day before I arrived.

This contrast was further heightened by the facilities such as hospitals and private schools enjoyed by those who could pay. There is no such thing as the dole in Chile or national superannuation for those who have not worked.

Scott Honeyfield certainly experienced the luxury of plasma TV in his hospital room when he had to have his appendix removed. He is due to return on October 21 with, no doubt, an expanded Spanish medical vocabulary.

For all of us to hear Spanish spoken all the time did much to improve our listening and speaking skills. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have done this and to have travelled with such great students.

Mrs M Atkinson
HOD Languages

6th Form History Trip

Early on the 2nd of May, both Mr. Warner's and Mr. Wild's 6th form history classes started their journey to Waiouru. The trip started off quietly, with most of the guys just relaxing on the bus. But soon enough the stereos, games, and jokes had most of us in a stir.

On our way we took a quick detour to the Ohakea Museum and Air Force Base. An essential part of the trip's purpose, the research assignment, Ohakea turned out to be fairly enjoyable, with some good food and a guided tour of the base itself.

Now that we had all tasted the excitement this trip was going to produce, we were all keen to get to our true destination - Waiouru. However, with the length of the bus ride we were soon posing other questions such as, "Are we there yet?". A few hours later and we were indeed... in Taihape. A while later and we finally reached Waiouru.

Staying at the Waiouru base was an experience in itself. With regular speeches from people in the army, we soon learned a few rules and 101 reasons why we should join.

Over the next two days we spent most of our time at the

Waiouru Military Museum and its library. Although some of us were tired from the bus ride and the earlier than usual wake-up time, most managed to make good use of this interesting and informative museum. We made good use of the privilege of gaining access to the brilliant library, housed at the museum.

At the end of our second full day at Waiouru, we left for home. After three days of travelling, waking up early, eating army "food", and doing the occasional bit of research, all of us were ready to go.

Thanks must go to Mr Wild and Mr Warner for not only organising this trip, but for putting up with us for the duration too. It was a good experience, and most, if not all, got something good out of it.

Logan Campbell

Thailand 2006

On the 27th of June, twenty seventh formers, Mr Russell, Mr Hewlett, a few parents and a couple of Boag's mum's friends - set off for Thailand. We met at Auckland airport and travelled by airbus for twelve hours to Bangkok.

Initially I was quite apprehensive about this plane trip, not because of the altitude, potential blood clots in my legs, or terrorist threats, but because I had to sit next to Mr Russell for the whole trip. My apprehension was quickly alleviated when I discovered there were plenty of computer games on the plane, and for the next 12 hours, I destroyed Mr. Russell. We touched down in Bangkok International Airport at about 10pm Thai time. Hooping off the plane, we were immediately hit by the intense humidity of this country. Once we had all assembled, we were bused to our hotel for some much needed sleep.

On day one, we started off by visiting several sites such as Wat Poi, a Thai temple. The buildings there were about 300 years old and were very intricate in their design. In one temple there was a golden reclining Buddha, who was about 30 metres long and 15 metres high. We then experienced an authentic Thai massage, where our bodies were manipulated into positions I didn't think were possible. The Thai woman that massaged us seemed quite fascinated by the quantity of Andrew Joyce and Justin Boag's body hair. We also did some shopping along Koh San Road, where you can buy anything and everything you desire. We then experienced the mayhem of Tuk Tuk's, which are three wheel scooter cars. In these, we traveled back to our hotel at high speeds and through tight gaps.

On the second day, we were split into groups and competed in Mr Russell's version of the Amazing Race. As groups, we had to get ourselves from various destinations, such as



the Hard Rock Café, a temple and restaurants, using only public transport. My group were looking like early favourites until Bernie Hall thought it would be quicker to run across a bridge than go by boat - he was wrong. By the end there was much controversy over which group had won, as Mitch Edwards and Jonathan Fagg's group had apparently peeked at the questions before departure; Matty Snowden and Tim Lepper's group were debating on how many steps were on a temple; and the parents' team had managed to convince a Thai person to guide them around the town.

Later on that day we went on long tail boats through the heart of Bangkok. It was a shock to us to see Thai people living on the side of the canals in shanties. The quality of the water looked disgusting. But the people who called this their home seemed unfazed.

On the third day we flew from Bangkok to Phuket, an island just off the mainland. We stayed at a place called Kata Beach in an absolutely magnificent resort. We settled in there and later went out for dinner. We went out for dinner every night, but that night I particularly enjoyed the delicious food at a place called Mr Kwong's, which served delicious food. All the food we had in Thailand was divine and on returning to NZ, our food tasted quite bland.

We had the following day to ourselves. Most of us looked through shops, went to the beach and generally relaxed.

The next day, we boated out to Phi Phi Island. I fell asleep at the back of the boat next to all the diesel fumes. I later woke up and had a nice little spew, which was quite enjoyable as we went snorkeling about five minutes later. Once we got to Phi Phi Island, we learnt that this island had been dramatically hit by the tsunami; we could still see the concrete bases where buildings had previously been. Whilst there we also did a bit of swimming and got towed on an inflatable banana by a boat.

On the sixth day, we bused all the way around Phuket. This gave us an opportunity to see the difference between the tourist side of Phuket and the Phuket that the locals lived in. We ended up stopping at a go-karting place, which were a lot faster and more ruthless than NZ go-karts. Mr Russell talked it up, but was dealt to by most of the boys. Justin Boag had the most slideouts, in complete contrast to his mother who drove at about 5 kilometres per hour for the whole time and abided to all the road rules.

The following day we went elephant trekking and went to a monkey show. The monkey show was pretty sad, as it was degrading the monkeys. The only amusing moment was when my father dropped his very expensive sunglasses into the monkey pit and a cheeky little monkey stole them, ran away and began gnawing on them. Dad wasn't impressed. He tried to lure the monkey back with bananas but to no avail. In the end, he had to hop into the monkey pit and try to wrestle with the monkey. The monkey eventually released them and dad got them back - totally ruined.

On the final day, we went on a boat trip to several islands with a very funny Thai crew. We went to James Bond Island, named after the 1976 James Bond film, 'The Man with the Golden Gun'. We went sea canoeing through caves and also stopped at an island where we played soccer with the locals. On the way back the Thai crew started singing Thai songs and started dancing around. They even had a transvestite strutting her stuff and taking a special interest in David White. Erwin Hebler tried to do some karaoke but knew none of the words. Also Andrew Mason beat a Thai man in an arm wrestle and as a prize won a bunch of bananas. We capped the journey off by performing a haka to them, which was well received.

That evening we went out for dinner in Patong to a live-band restaurant. It was here that we caught up with Mr French-Wright, who was on his way back from his sabbatical. At this restaurant, we enjoyed some good songs and danced the night away. This night was the first time in my life that I had seen my father dance, to be honest I hadn't been missing out on much.

Whilst in Phuket, most of us got suits made up, including Mr Russell, who had a beige pinstripe suit made. According to him, beige is the new black.

The following day we packed up and began our voyage home.

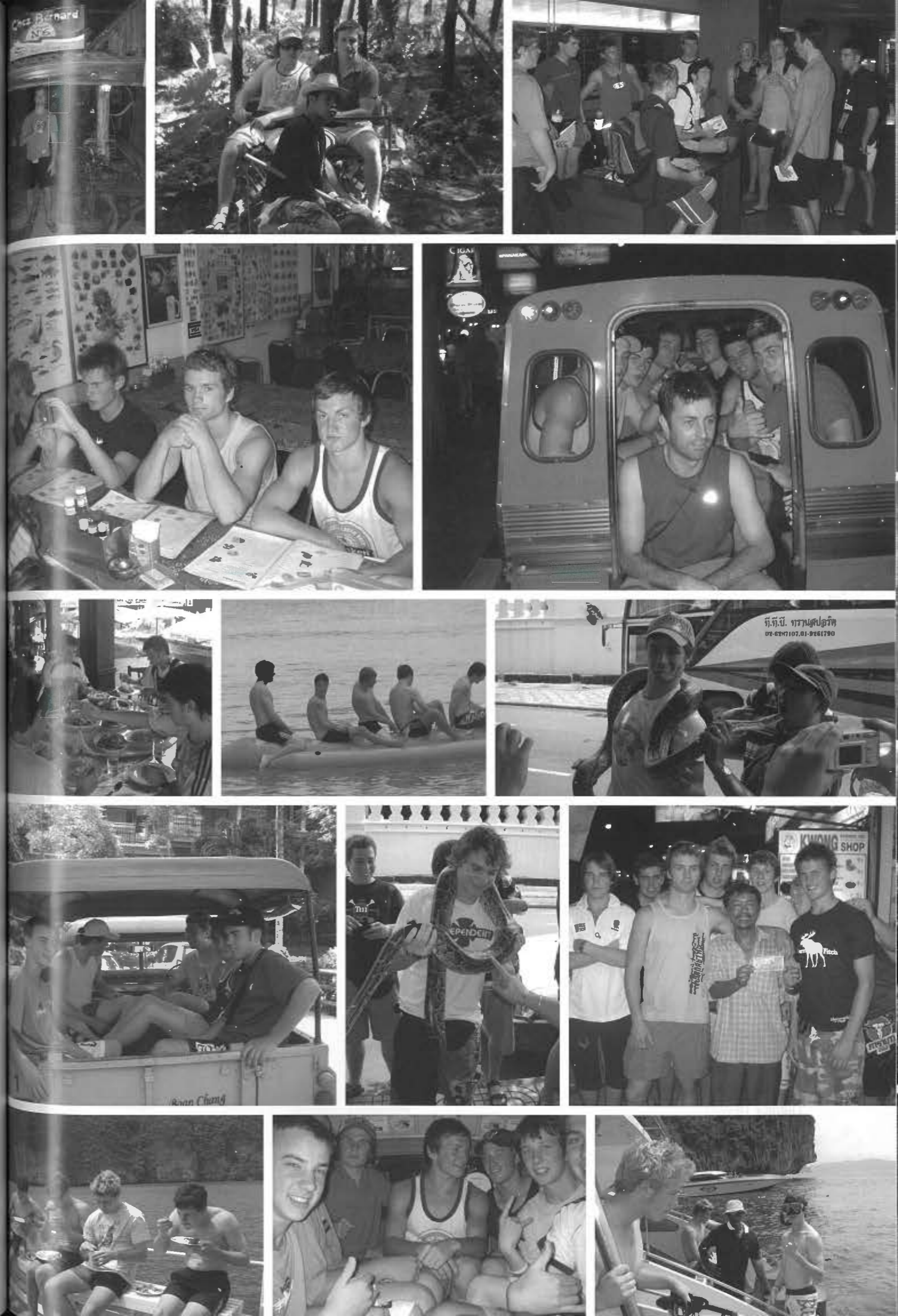
This trip was an eye opening experience for all us boys; we were introduced to a new culture and some of the friendliest people I have ever met. I think all of us realised how fortunate we are to live in NZ.

I would like to thank Mr Hewlett for looking after us in Thailand; I hope his wife enjoyed the dozens of photos he took of clouds - out the airplane window. I would also like to thank Mr Russell for giving us an opportunity and experience that will stay in our memories for a very long time.

Paul Meuli

CHAOS Christian Fellowship

This year has been filled with some fun and life changing times for the CHAOS Christian Fellowship. I'm sure all of those who experienced them will never forget them. 2006 has been a year of growth for CHAOS both in terms of numbers and commitment. We now have a large group of regulars and some boys who drop in from time to time. Boys who attend are from all year levels and come from numerous different churches and youth groups. For some too, CHAOS is their only church experience in the week.





CHAOS boys

CHAOS is held every Friday lunchtime in room 41. Under the guidance of Mr Dominikovich we study the Bible and the amazing life lessons this book can teach us.

One of the biggest events for any Christian in a Taranaki high school is Fusion. This is a day when all the high school Christian groups get together for a day to listen to rock bands, listen to high quality Bible teachers and absorb inspirational and life changing words of wisdom.

On behalf of all the students who attend CHAOS I would like to say thank you to Mr Dominikovich for your outstanding commitment to the group.

Ben Dixon

Literacy Report

This school continues to embrace the importance of reading and writing and the need to improve these skills through its Literacy Development Programme.

The development and improvement of writing skills has been the major focus this year. Under the guidance of Mr Alan Elgar all teachers have spent considerable time upskilling in this

area. The boys have definitely benefited, in all curriculum areas, from this professional development.

New literacy tests were also trialled this year. These tests provide staff with a more comprehensive breakdown of essential literacy skills and therefore allow individual teachers to recognise areas of strength and weakness, and adjust lessons accordingly.

The school is indebted to Wadsworth Bookcentre and Billings law firm for their sponsorship of the Silent Reading Programme. The aim of this programme is for boys to discover the enjoyment of reading and it has proven to be a very successful school wide initiative.

Accurate reading and writing skills are needed to ensure success at school and in the workforce. It is vital that there is a 3-way partnership (student, teacher and family) if the boys are going to improve these essential skills.

Mr Geoff Hall
Literacy Co-ordinator

Library Report

This year has seen some interesting changes. Our Teacher-Librarian Ms Kathy Gracia left to take up a new position as Head of Department at Hawera High School.

There has been a marked increase in the use of the laminating and binding services we offer. A new Cartoon/Comic section has been set up and has proved to be very popular.



Library

Back Row : Mrs J van Beers, Jesse Benge, Jesse Frost, Adam Antao (Senior).
Front Row : Matthew Barham, Ken Tang, Ben Coneglan, Josh Taylor, Michael Phillips, Steffan Stewart.
Absent : Kyle Wadsworth, Nicholas Orr.



used for research and pupils seem to have no problems sorting through the various search engines, be it Google, Epic or any of the others.

Our senior Pupil Librarian left during the year and was replaced by Adam Antao, who has proved to be a most efficient and helpful young man. He is assisted by his Deputy Jesse Benge and their team of Ben Coneglan, Michael Phillips, Matthew Barham, Kyle Wadsworth, Steffan Stewart, Ken Tang, Jesse Frost, Nick Orr and Josh Taylor.

Ms Jean van Beers
Librarian

Mathematics Competitions 2006

This year the NPBHS Mathematics students took part in three main competitions. The following are the competitions and results:

Methanex Maths Spectacular 2006

New Plymouth Boys' High School Maths Department hosted the Methanex Maths Spectacular, which is open to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

About 1000 entries were received from schools throughout the region. These entries were of a very high standard and caused the judges many hours of great deliberation before awarding prizes.

The Year 9 and 10 students from NPBHS did extremely well in winning the following prizes:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Placing, Name of student. Lists winners for Year 9 Poetry & Creative Writing, Year 9 Three Dimensional Artwork, Year 10 Three Dimensional Artwork, Year 10 2007 Central Design, and Year 10 Individual Project.

Table with 3 columns: Category, Prize, Name. Lists winners for Year 10 Class Project, Year 10 Statistical Project, Year 10 Group Project, and Year 10 Workplace project.

The quiz teams once again proved too strong for the other teams in the region winning both Year 9 and Year 10 competitions.

The winning Year 9 team was from Mr Brown's Maths class and was comprised of:

- 1. Oli Coneglan
2. Ben Coventary
3. Connor Oliver-Rose
4. Glen Rawlinson

Mr Hunter's Year 9 team came third in the same competition.

The Year 10 teams came from Mr Achary's Maths class and came first and second.

The winning team was:

- 1. Peter Molloy
2. Brendon Fischer
3. William Tennent
4. Jesse Benge

I would like to thank the New Plymouth Boys' High School Maths department for the excellent organisation of the competition, in particular:

- Mr Hunter for his secretarial work
• Mr Simpson for his treasury work and prize giving
• Mr Hope for the publicity
• Mr Page for the posters and the design and production
• Mr Brown for all quiz questions and the quiz nights
• Mrs Slater for organising the judges and running the quiz nights
• Mr Cleaver for organising the opening night and invitations

Teachers from the neighbouring schools were also part of the organising committee, namely Mrs Kathy Fagg, Ms Gail Lewis and Mr Andrew Bone from Girls' High School, with Ms Kim Goodey, from Sacred Heart Girls' College, looking after all the sponsorship.



Mr Phil Quinney from Newstalk ZB, who is a parent of one of our Year 9 students, did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies and had all parents, students and teachers glued to their seats on the quiz nights with his professionalism and wittiness. His contribution to our event was well appreciated and we, the Maths Department, would like to thank him for a job well done.

Lastly I would like to thank Ms Coryn Muir for all the help she provided in the designing and printing of invitations.

International Schools Maths' Competition

260 students from the school took part in this competition. This year was the first time we did this competition which is organised by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of New South Wales.

Of the 260 students we had 25 students who were awarded Distinction Certificates. They were the following:

Year 9

- 1. Ross Gavin
- 2. Patrick Harvey
- 3. Jamie Hatch
- 4. Thomas Jury
- 5. Connor Oliver-Rose
- 6. Joshua Taylor
- 7. Quade Elvin
- 8. Thomas Benton
- 9. Chris Baker

Year 10

- 1. Wayne Geng
- 2. Hamish Fagg
- 3. Duncan MacDonald
- 4. Peter Molloy
- 5. William Tennent
- 6. Brendon Fischer

Year 11

- 1. Samuel Varley
- 2. Paul Andrews

Year 12

- 1. Logan Campbell
- 2. Scott Honeyfield
- 3. Daniel Phillips
- 4. James Tate

Australian Mathematics Competition 2006

We had 236 boys from NPBHS taking part in this Westpac Bank sponsored competition. Overall we received 28 Distinctions, 1 High Distinction and 2 Prudence Awards for least consecutive mistakes.

The distinction winners are:

Year 9

- 1. Ross Gavin – High Distinction
- 2. Jong Woo Shin – Distinction and Prudence Award

- 3. Quade Elvin – Prudence award
- 4. Ryan Anker – Distinction
- 5. Chris Baker – Distinction
- 6. Benjamin Coventry – Distinction
- 7. Jamie Hatch- Distinction
- 8. Jordan Millen – Distinction
- 9. Sam Mitchell – Distinction
- 10. Connor Oliver-Rose – Distinction
- 11. James Varley – Distinction

Year 10

- 1. Peter Molloy
- 2. Duncan MacDonald
- 3. Robert Hayles
- 4. Matthew Girvan
- 5. Hamish Fraser
- 6. Brendon Fischer
- 7. Hamish Fagg
- 8. Jesse Bengé
- 9. Elliot Clarkson
- 10. Wayne Geng
- 11. Brodie Prichard
- 12. Chris Rutten
- 13. William Tennent
- 14. Alex Terwiel

Year 11

- 1. Jack Smithers
- 2. Steven Smith
- 3. Paul Andrews

Year 12

- 1. James Tate
- 2. Simeon Williams

Year 13

- 1. Shane Leathem

Mr Sheilendra Achary
Assistant HOD Mathematics

Outdoor Education Department and Expedition Week Report

(Mr Hewlett and Mr Dobbie)

Outdoor education has been a standout subject for all those who have taken part this year. It has been an incredible adventure. We have learnt life skills and developed skills in so many different disciplines that should help us cope with, and conquer, the challenges of the great outdoors.

Kayaking in the very 'tropical' first term was a challenge met with great enthusiasm from the boys. The early morning river trips, commencing at 6am were a very refreshing start to the day and an experience to say the least. The highlight of the unit was a day river trip on which the boys put their skills to the test on the flooded rivers and rocky white water of the Waitara River, with expert tuition from Mr Dobbie and kayaker extraordinaire Nick.



This adventure-packed term of battling the white water was followed up by the more technical discipline of rock-climbing at the YMCA, in which the walls were now the paths requiring the navigating. Our strength, technique and focus were put to the test, on both indoor walls and on the surrounding rocks of Paritutu.

In the 3rd term, after nearly 7 weeks of preparation, the boys were ready to commence what would be the toughest, both mentally and physically, 5 days of the year. Expedition Week had finally arrived. Whakapapa Village was where we said goodbye to hot chips, lasagne and coke, and hello to dehydrated food, sloppy porridge and number two's into a plastic tube. With up to 80 litre packs on board, ice axes, helmets, and pots and pans, we stumbled off towards Taranaki Falls. Following an error in navigation and a lot of bush-bashing, the troop arrived at a tarn, (small mountain lake) base camp one, setting up tent-village, with a number of the boys in fine voice singing into the night.

We awoke on Tuesday morning to a temperature of minus five, frozen tents and a layer of thick ice on the lake that had to be cracked in order to do the dishes. It was a crisp, stunning early morning setting. The day's challenges consisted of group navigation in which individuals took charge in leading a particular leg of the journey. Seven hours later, exhausted from the journey over mountainous ridges and valleys, the harsh reality of expedition week had set in. This would be our last night below the snow-line, and for some the challenge was starting to take its toll.

"What a beautiful day to be alive," said Mr Hewlett. On Wednesday, we were blessed with more fine weather. The thought of plain sloppy porridge had us rushing for breakfast, and the prospect of rising into the snow-line to demonstrate our technical skills, including crimsoning, self-arrests and snow caving, beckoned. Fully loaded we tramped uphill for the duration of the day with skid-lids, jackets and gloves appearing for the first time out of the packs. Slower, steeper, tougher, but with the group growing closer, we carved a path around and across Ngauruhoe and down into the overwhelming South Crater. The tents, once again came out of the packs as we set up base camp, this is where we would stay for two nights. Out came the shovels and waterproof layers, and the beginnings of snow caves were formed. They were to be finished the following day. The sense of achievement from where we had started and to now where we were in the National Park had hit home to most of our group, blisters and tired bodies were overlooked as we looked forward to the events of the next day.

Thursday, and what another beautiful day to be alive! There's something special about crawling out of a tent onto the snow, but it's another thing trying to force soft feet into rock-solid frozen boots. Using the Poo-tube was hopefully a once-in-a-lifetime experience and it's one I'm sure the boys will never forget. We split into two groups for today's events; Mr Hewlett took most of the boys on a summit of the Tongariro peaks and Don Patterson lead the rest up the steep slopes of Ngauruhoe. The climb was unbelievable, and on reaching the

summit the boys achieved their ultimate goal. After a speedy descent sliding on our backs we found ourselves back at the camp site and finishing off the snow caves for the remainder of the day. Some of us chose to build an igloo to sleep in having seen our instructors build one the day before. These were incredible and worked amazingly well, something I will never forget.

On our last day we began the long tramp out, navigating again in groups. With the beckoning civilization, the boys were charging out of the National Park in record time. Talk of junk food was driving our tired bodies on. After a thirty five plus kilometre trek the packs were finally thrown off and the sight of the vans was welcomed by all.

A huge thankyou must go to Mr Hewlett and Mr Patterson for their time and mentoring, as well as Mr Dobbie for his contribution throughout the course of the year.

ODE a life-changing course and something we will all use in the future and hopefully never forget.

Jason Holden
Year 12

Home Economics Department

The Home Economics Department has had another successful year, with a total of about 240 boys completing courses. We have continued to develop our programmes to suit the needs of the boys and the tertiary training institutions to which some go. There are currently Boys' High boys training to be chefs and managers at WITT, PEI and PIHMS, not to mention those boys who have gone into the forces to train as chefs and those who have found apprenticeships by themselves.

For the past three years Boys' High Home Economics results have consistently been above the national average - Who said boys can't cook?

Mrs M Fenney
HOD Home Economics



Year 12 students Peter Joe and Lagan Kumeroa whip up a chicken stirfry

ESOL Report

This year the ESOL Department has had twenty nine students from all over the world. There are thirteen international fee-paying students from Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Fiji and China. As well as these students, there are eleven dayboys who have come with their families to live in New Zealand from China, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Bangladesh and South Africa.

The end of term two saw the farewell of the exchange students, which this year included: Michael Reuter from



Justin Lee plays it cool

Germany, who was in Year 11; Romain Stas de Rochelle from Belgium, Love Calissendorf from Sweden, Pietro Roulph from Italy, and Sebastiano Neffe Roche des Santos from Portugal, who were all Year 13 students. They have all made a huge impact on the ESOL room because of their involvement with peer support and sport within our department. They tutored some of our junior students in Maths and were very popular. The departed boys have been replaced by Mathias Rosasco from Chile and Andres Gracais from Spain.

Each year the ESOL Department achieves new goals. This year Sugapriyan Ravichandran, a Year 13 student was awarded a Tiger Jacket for captaining the School Debating Team, which won the Super 8 Debate. He is a top student who is going to study medicine at Otago next year. He is also a valued member of the school chess team.

Term four has seen the welcome return of Jung Kim after a year away, and the arrival of another Korean boy, Seung Tae Han, who has just arrived from Korea to learn English in Year 9. 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 students next year.

Mrs Val Moore
Director of ESOL Department



ESOL

- Back Row: Sejun Kim, Anirut Suphasun, John Felton, Andres Garcia, Owen Yao (Jian).
- Third Row: Ken Tang (Tsz-Ching), Akshay Sridhar, Justin Lee, Ukrit Onkhow, Shium Reza, Ji-Soo Shin, Zehuan Geng.
- Second Row: Mrs Evans, Naoto Shimogo, Jason Wang, Taitusi Tunavutu, Book Kulnitayakorn, Jung Kim, Simon Mo, Justin Fynn.
- Front Row: Alfhred Li (Jia Jun), Edison Su (Kuo), Simon Li (Li Xin), Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Mrs Moore, Alex Yim, Andy Kim, Iksang Ryu.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 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 over \$15,000.00 to assist boys in teams as well as individual pursuits. Funding comes from: a generous grant each year from the PTA, school dances between NPGHS & NPBHS, and mufti-days. As well as providing financial assistance for pupils, the Council also gives donations to various national and community charities.

Each School House selects four students 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 B Bayly (Deputy Headmaster), Mr J Rowlands (Assistant Principal) and Mr K Gledhill (Staff Representative), also sit on the council along with the Head Boy (Kahotea Kereopa) who is Chairperson, a Treasurer (Paul Meuli) and Secretary (Daniel Fleming).

Special thanks must go to these three senior students for the smooth and successful operation of the Council for the year. Each year it seems we have more and more requests on limited resources and these demands have been well met by the governance and decision making skills of the group as a whole this year. Our thanks must go to Mr Hyde for allowing us to use of Lab 6 and the fact that we have moved our meetings out of lunchtimes and into Group Time has meant good attendances and vigorous debate.

Those on the Council not already mentioned are Derrin-Jesse Puata, Tim Lepper, Peter Molloy, Michael Maloney, Nicholas Monk, Ricky Malcolm, Mitchel Edwards, Jared Doherty, Jonathan Folwell, Jason Holden, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Johnny Thomason, Dylan Blythe, James Cameron, Leighton Price, Hamish Lawn, Matthew Snowden, Jordan Stayt, Geraint Scott, Shium Reza and James Tate.

Mr B Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



School Council

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Yellow Ribbon - TARANAKI HELP TRUST

This year 23 boys trained as Yellow Ribbon Ambassadors. An excellent Training Day was held during Term 2 which was enjoyed by the participants.

Following this year's Awareness Launch in assembly, two very successful events were held. Firstly "The Magnificent Sausage Eating Competition" took place over a week and was eventually won by Ron McGee who swallowed the 'snarler' in an incredible 16 seconds.

The second event put on by the Ambassadors was the Golf Challenge, where contestants aimed at targets on the gully ground. This was well supported by the students and created a popular lunchtime spectacle.

Hopefully, these events and the ongoing work of the Ambassadors ensure that the "It's OK to Ask for Help" message remains as a meaningful option for all students.

Mr Dave Moore

Unicycle Utility Period

This year, under the leadership of William Sklenars, a Unicycle option was provided for Utility Period. Each week the enthusiastic group of 9 unicycled different areas around the city, with the novice riders learning from those who were more experienced. This was a very successful exercise and culminated in a team of five attending the National Uni Weekend in Auckland at Labour weekend. The team was comprised of William Sklenars, Jason Holden, Cameron Holden, Robert Hayles and Matt Girvan.

Mrs Gisella Sklenars



Unicycling Utility Period



Robert Hayles at the Natinal Unicycle Championships



William Sklenars at Woodhill in Auckland

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Midnight Cigarettes and a Cold Wind from the East

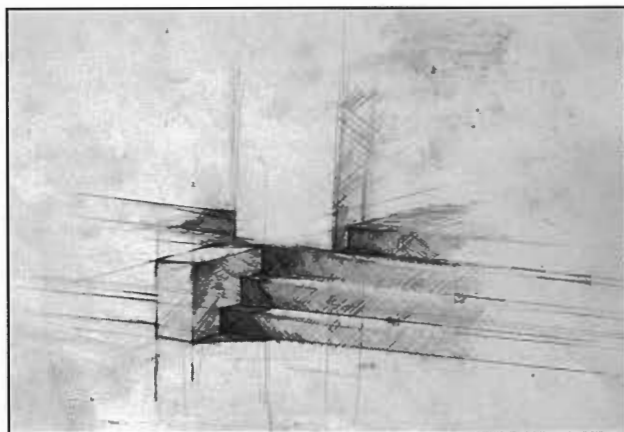
As I begin to write this I have just returned from one of my walks.

As soon as I slip silently out of my bedroom window, a gust of chilling midnight air blows across my being from the east. Indeed it is cold. I walk around my house quietly so as not to disturb my family from their sleep and slip quietly out of the front gate. From there I continue my walk towards the domain.

I stroll through the right-of-way and the wind picks up again, harshly licking my face, biting my ears and chilling my hands to the bone. I thank God for my greatcoat. It is amazing how many people do not understand exactly what a greatcoat is. They simply dismiss it as a trenchcoat, but this, I can assure you, is a calf length greatcoat, made of thick, sturdy New Zealand wool, so much warmer than any leather counterpart, it is dark blue in colour.

The streetlights throw down thick amber light that illuminates my path through the darkness. As I make my way onto Mangorei Rd I fish through my pockets to find my cigarettes, Benson and Hedges special filter 25's in their worn gold coloured box. I am a firm believer in the fact that Tailors have a discerning class about them that Rollies will never have. I take a single cigarette from the box, I bring it to my lips and hold it there as I return the gold coloured packet to my pocket and retrieve a cheap supermarket lighter. I cup my hand around the cigarette and lighter so as to shield the virgin flame from the harsh wind. A perfect orange-yellow flame glows from my lighter and illuminates my being as I draw air gingerly through the cigarette that in turn lights perfectly. The tip glows a brilliant orange against the black of the night as I tenderly draw yet more air through the cigarette and inhale the bitter-sweet smoke. This was the meaning for my walk entirely, I badly needed a cigarette.

I personally find it amusing; the amount of anti-smoking propaganda the bureaucrats in Wellington throw at the general populace. I know every cigarette is doing me damage,



Shiraz Sadikeen Year 13

but it is something I enjoy immensely and I have no intention of giving up.

I cross the dimly lit expanse of Mangorei Rd. I step over the small, knee high wooden barrier into Merrilands Domain's playground and as I look towards the ground to be sure of my footing, I catch a glimpse of the ornate collar of my best and favourite shirt. I think to myself "Sir, you have impeccable taste". Many boys would consider the wearer of such a shirt homosexual, but who are they to judge? Indeed it is for this reason that I have refrained from wearing this shirt to school mufti days, so as to avoid ridicule.

But I am in no way homosexual and it is knowing this, knowing that I am confident in my own heterosexuality, that I afford myself a reason to wear such a shirt. Indeed, I afford myself the reason to wear whatever I damn well like. I do not care what narrow minded and homophobic boys think of me. However, I do care, whole-heartedly in fact, about how I am perceived by women.

A woman's mind works in strange ways, (as if you didn't already know) and the things that attract them to men are mostly not what you would expect.

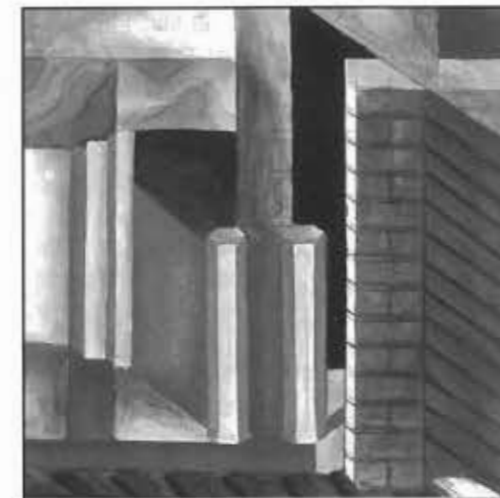
The first thing to remember is that girls just aren't the same as men! OK so you knew that. But what you probably don't know and what you've probably never thought about is how different they are.

For most guys a dream date is a girl with stunning looks, a fantastic figure and who'll be eager to give him as much mind blowing sex as he can handle. If she's got a nice personality it's a bonus, but it's not the main thing... Am I right?

For most girls, this is completely and utterly different. Her dream date is a man who will compliment her, love her and make her feel secure.

Sounds old-fashioned? It's true. Of course girls do think about looks and sex, but they are much lower on their list of priorities than they are for men. She'd much rather have a man who is nice to be with and loving than one who is aggressive and cold, no matter how good looking he is. Never forget this: On first approach, a straightforward suggestion of sex leaves the vast majority of girls stone cold. This also applies to things non-verbal. First impressions are vital and if the first thing you do is mention sex, touch her, or get caught looking down her cleavage then she will conclude that you are not for her. Remember; it is what she is looking for that matters. Go in like a sex-starved Rottweiler with your tongue hanging out and sex on your mind, you will be rejected. On the contrary if her first impression of you is someone that is likely to offer her love, affection and care she will be very interested indeed. So the most important secret of success is to give her what she wants not what you think she wants!

Have you ever noticed how a woman goes completely berserk when she finds out you have lied? "What's all the fuss about?" you think. The big fuss they make tells you



Simon Hinton Year 13

something absolutely crucial: Honesty is extremely important to women. Remember this if you are naturally honest and use your honesty to full advantage. Be honest with her even if your natural instinct in a particular situation is not to be. If you are naturally dishonest then conceal this at all costs, you're probably very good at this anyway!

A good sense of humour is amazingly attractive to most women. They want a man who is fun to be with. If you can make a girl laugh you are 90% there. If you have a good sense of humour use it at every appropriate opportunity. If you haven't, work on it, and develop one! This can be done with a little effort; watch those that have this and use their techniques, try the one that best suits your personality, experiment.

A strong personality draws most girls. They really go for a man who knows what he wants to do, no matter what anyone else thinks of him.

Girls are also drawn to confident men who are assertive, positive and do not dither.

If you are less than confident do not show it. Look confident. How do you do this? Study body language, either get a book or just observe and imitate any confident men you see around you. Stand up straight, head up high, slow steady movements, never fidget and above all eye to eye contact at all times. You know what I mean, observe and apply.

Maturity is a big turn-on with most girls. This is one reason that quite a lot find older men attractive. So it usually pays to act sensibly when you're with girls. Not to the extent that you lose your sense of humour and fun of course. Drinking beer until it comes out of your ears, falling over senseless and going on the rampage might be a good laugh when you're out with the lads, but it will not impress her. She might laugh, but inside she will be eaten up with embarrassment.

Eye contact is in my opinion, the single most important factor in gaining a girls interest and for this reason I cannot stress

the importance of this paragraph enough! Remember; there is only one part of a man's body that a girl will melt for. Your eyes! So to gain a girl's interest you must make good, strong eye contact. It doesn't matter what you look like, if you have a good strong gaze you will gain her interest! Most men go wrong here, by staring at a girl's legs or breasts there is no way you will attract her to you!

A decent smile in her direction helps also.

A lot of men think that women are turned on by very macho men, this is entirely untrue, most girls think the complete opposite. Women like their men to be sensitive. Don't take this too far however, women still want their men to act like men! But try mixing being a man with being caring and sensitive. If you find something nice or pretty, or something upsets you, tell her. You will be surprised at just how much she warms to you. Especially if that something nice or pretty is about her!

Whilst girls obviously go for good looks and a decent body it comes surprisingly low on their list of priorities. By itself it doesn't turn them on like it does you or me. Ask a girl if she is attracted by these things, she will probably say yes but deep down a girl knows she can't find any man attractive unless he cares for her too.

For this reason; if you are worried about your looks (and who isn't?), put your worry aside.

I think to myself, as I sit lighting yet another cigarette in the playground "do I really have anything to prove to some smart-mouthed stain of a boy, who, judging by his attitude, is obviously yet another sex-starved Rottweiler?" I smile.

In the end, be whoever it is you want to be, be confident in yourself, and wear whatever you damn well want to wear!

Laine Barnett Year 13



Dog : Man's Best Friend..... Yeah Right!

Brilliant rays of sunshine burst through the low-lying clouds, brightly illuminating the streets of New Plymouth. I bathed greedily in these rays as I strolled down Huatoki Street blissfully unaware of the impending danger.

Suddenly I spotted a movement out of the corner of my eye. I turned to face my arch-nemesis. He trodded along gaily on four paws, his tail wagging happily. He was white with black spots, tall and slender.

"The Dalmatian seemed quite happy with himself having probably just devoured another young man not too different to myself," I thought in horror.

Then our eyes met, his tail dropped and his eyes narrowed. I tried to hold his gaze but alas I had to break away as I realised that all that stood between me and the beast was a low white picket fence which could be easily cleared in one swift bound.

A sigh of relief issued from my dry mouth as I realised the crazed animal was restrained by a leash. Just when I was beginning to feel safe again, a feeling of dismay washed over me. The leash hung limply off the beast's collar, dragging lazily along behind the dog. Fear took me and my mind raced through all my previous encounters with these horrid animals.

I remembered the ringing in my ears after every bark, the sting of every bite and the fear; the cold, dark, all-consuming fear. Suddenly my trip down memory lane came to a screeching halt at one such encounter; the big Kahuna. The first encounter that started them all...

It was a day not too different from today. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and I was four years old. A rebel without a cause was what everyone used to call me. When the teacher told me to do some crayon drawings, I ate my crayons. When the teacher told me to go and play in the

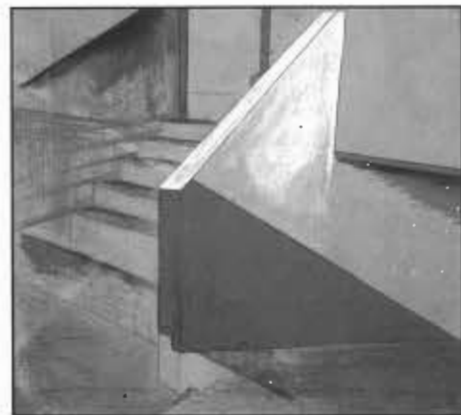
sand box, I peed in the sand box. When the teacher told me not to pick my nose, I picked my nose and ate it. Yep, life was sweet.

On this day, like most other days, I went with my Mum to my grandparents' house where she milked the cows regularly. All the while I was free to explore the harsh terrain and the native wildlife. Little did I know at the time my "harsh terrain" was my grandparents' back lawn and my "native wildlife" was just the neighbours decrepit old cat Whiskers. Anyway, today I was playing on my new miniature playground which had been erected in my honour. After trying furiously for an hour to get the blasted swing to move I gave up, convinced I would never master the elusive art of "swinging".

At that moment I had heard a beautiful sound. A humming noise coming from far off in the distance. I climbed to the top of my fort to gaze at the source of the mystical sound. As if it were a sign from the heavens, a cloud broke and a beam of light lit up the distant structure of the milking shed. It was then that I had first noticed the taint in the air; the scent of cow muck being carried to me on the wind. It was the type of smell that left a bad taste in your mouth afterwards. The sight, smell, sound and taste all worked in unison to entice me. I had to see the source of all these mystical feelings I had experienced.

Using my newly acquired mathematical skills I roughly estimated the shed to be three thousand miles away and if I left at that moment I could make it there before nightfall. I'd like to say again I was only four years old and I'm sure Einstein didn't get it right the first time either. I gathered some provisions for the long journey ahead of me, including my grubby old teddy bear Monty and a pocket full of freshly made chocolate chip cookies, courtesy of my good old Gran.

As I rounded the corner of my grandparents' house, I encountered the first obstacle in my journey, the cattle stop. This fiendish device was designed to keep cows from wandering onto the lawn and leaving their lunch behind in big steaming piles. Unfortunately this also prohibited me from travelling any further along this path, it was time for



Daniel Hayles Year 13



me to go off-road.

I veered off the driveway and pushed my way through my Gran's prized rose bushes. These deceitful bushes looked nice from a distance but as I had pushed my way through them they clawed away at my exposed legs with their razor sharp thorns. Looking back on this, it probably wasn't the greatest idea to go out exploring in my stubbies. As I emerged from the other side of the bushes I was confronted by a large batten fence. Fortunately for me the wires were not electric so I began my slow ascent.

I was making good progress and was almost at the top when tragedy struck. My feet slipped out from beneath me and I hung with one hand firmly grasping the wire and the other holding Monty's paw. With every passing moment my grip on the wire weakened; if I didn't let Monty go we would both be met with certain death. Before I could make my decision, a gust of wind came and tore Monty's paw from my grasp. He toppled end over end into the dark abyss below me.

"MonteEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!" I had yelled stricken with grief. A lone tear trickled down my cheek. I had to go on, if not for myself, then for Monty.

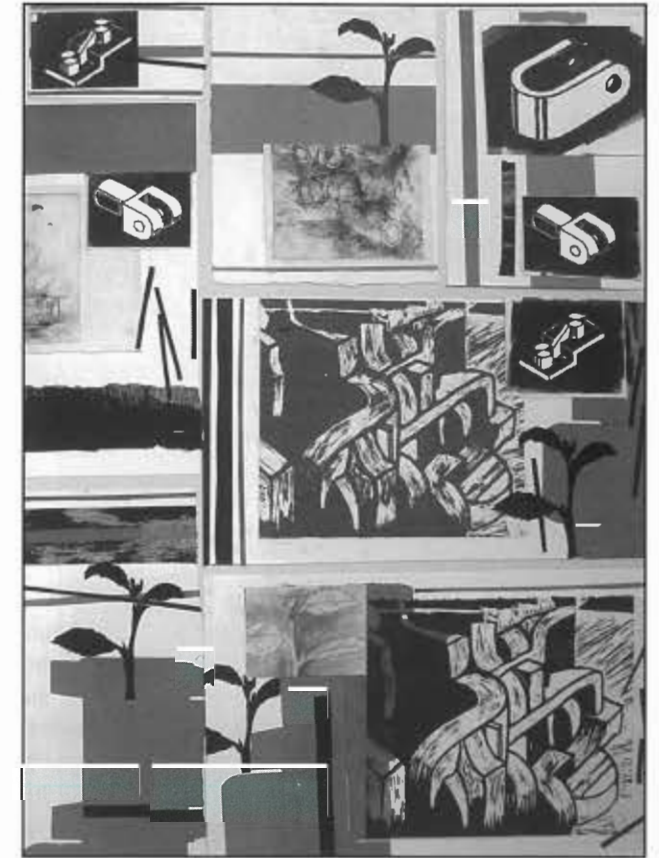
Shortly afterwards I reached the summit of the treacherous fence. I poised myself on the top, one leg already swung over the top wire and I was preparing for my descent when the malevolent wind struck again. Both my feet slipped out from beneath me and I landed spread-eagled on the top wire. I winced, paralysed by the pain, and I fell. I was too afraid to open my eyes so instead I just flailed my arms and legs wildly and braced myself for impact.

When I had opened my eyes I was lying face down in the grass still waving my arms and legs like a maniac. I rose to my feet and looked around ashamedly. Luckily no one had witnessed my cowardly display. I dusted myself off and once again set off on my perilous journey.

Soon the grass ended and I was walking on hard gravel. The sharp stones tore at the soles of my feet but I was beyond pain. My rock hard determination drove me. The milking shed was no longer off in the distance, it towered tall and magnificent right before my very eyes.

Now I had encountered the very last obstacle in my journey. Before me lay my Grandad's farm dog Bruce. I had often observed this curious creature from afar but I had never petted one before.

"Get over here Bruce," I said in a low husky voice, trying to imitate that of my Grandad. The dog perked up and ran over to me, his tongue dangling out of his slack jaw. I scratched the dog behind his ear like I had seen my Grandad do so many times before. Bruce rubbed against my leg affectionately then retreated a few paces, gnawing away hungrily at something. I followed the dog curious as to what he found so tasty. A drool-covered morsel of Bruce's snack dropped onto the ground at



Thomas Konijn Year 12

my feet. A drool covered piece of one of my chocolate chip cookies which he had swiped from my pocket.

"So you only liked me for my cookies aye? Shame on you Bruce, shame on you," I told him accusingly. He turned and came at me again, intent on getting another cookie. My mounting anger gave me courage but it also made me reckless. "Oh no you don't!" I yelled as I struck the dog a glancing blow to his nose with the back of my hand.

Bruce was not impressed. He leapt at me and sunk his teeth into the soft flesh of my face. I can still remember the feel of his warm breath on my cheek. The pain hit me like a thousand stabbing needles. I screamed and Bruce released me. The harmonious beat of the cow shed came to a halt and my Mum came rushing out. The last thing I saw was the horrified expression on my Mum's face before my own blood seeped down into my eyes and I could see no longer...

I opened my eyes to find I was back on Huatoki Street. To my immense relief I found the dog was nowhere in sight. It turned out that the dog had grown tired of waiting for me to finish my flashback and had wandered off to find something more interesting. The battle was a draw but the war is far from over.

Stephen Neil Year 12



Aaron Edmonds Year 10

The Beach

As the world left the darkness of the night behind, the sun rose out of the sea like a plump red apple. The sky was bathed in a reddish-yellow glow. The massive statue of an ancient poet, a fair distance away from the coast, looked down upon us, an aura of brightness surrounding him. It was the early light of the sun that gave the beach and its surroundings the glorious look that hundreds stood to admire each day. The sweet sound of the waves spattering onto the sand made the place very calm, serene, and wonderful. The sand was reddish with big pebbles in it here, but there it was yellow and had fine grains in it. The seemingly calm sea silently crushed huge rocks into fine stones all the time. The sun slowly rose up, changing from red, to orange, to a great yellow colour which lit up the surroundings.

The sun had risen high, and one could see far and wide across the horizon, yet they could not see much, apart from the huge statue in the ocean. But there it was; the place where three mighty seas came together, each one with its own distinct identity. The Arabian Sea to the west was green; the Indian Ocean, a dark body of water to the south; and the Bay of Bengal, with its soft blue tint was to the east. On the beach, the wind whipped the trees, which bent under its might, but the statue would not budge. There were kids running around, picking up all kinds of shells, not knowing that they might be disturbing the peaceful home of a puny crab or a snail. The shells were marvellous, some were big, some were not, some had beautiful patterns on them, others were plain, yet attractive. As the tide had set in, it concealed a thin stretch of land that connected the beach to the statue.

As time passed, the sun travelled across the sky. In the evening, its mild and dismal rays made the once lively coconut trees cast a delicate shadow on the beach. The waves became gentler as the tide had receded, and the sound they made was nothing more than that of a light drizzle. The people had gone; the only sound that could be heard was the wind, which made the coconut trees sway lazily and silently from side to side. The beach looked a lot bigger again, and a bridge had appeared out of nowhere in the ocean, leading

to the statue. The statue did not seem to be in the middle of the ocean anymore. It was a dark, unpropitious figure, silhouetted against the red sky, enduring the chill of the dark, as it had for decades.

The beach was calm once more. In the darkness, it looked indifferent. A flock of birds were returning to their nests, shrieking in hoarse voices that wrecked the silence. The sand did not seem to possess the variety of colours that it did in the morning. Little crabs aimlessly scurried about on the beach, having nowhere to go for the children had taken away the shells in which they lived. Meanwhile, lights were being clicked on in the town as people retired for the evening in the comfort of the indoors. The beacon of the nearby lighthouse was the only other light in the darkness now.

The sun had gone past the horizon, taking with it the brilliant light in the early hours of the day exposed the true glory of the beach.

Akshay Sridhar Year 11



Leighton Price Year 12



Jamie Roberts Year 10



The Last Stop

I had never thought much about death before. In cars you never know the danger. But when the tyres seem to lose grip, it all changes.

"Are we there yet?" my children chanted. I would always reply, "No!" or shake my head savagely to make them laugh. I never knew what consequences that would have.

Whenever we travelled to Wellington we always stopped at Patea for 60 cent ice creams at the West Dairy. The kids didn't realise that would be one of their last stops. But we were so happy licking our ice creams, we wouldn't have thought about it. After we licked our last licks we carried on along the road.

Now the music was pumping and, as the wheels spun on, we passed Wanganui. By Bulls we'd changed the CD. It all went downhill from there.

The kids were cramped and complaining, I couldn't take much more, but then I was saved! We'd just entered the town of Levin for a toilet stop. Our eyes peered out the window looking desperately around, before we found the sign we'd been looking for! The picture of a man. We swerved across the road and parked the car. As soon as the car doors opened the kids sprinted off like cheetahs into the restrooms. The kids didn't know this was their second to last stop.

We made it out of Levin and were back on the road again. The kids began to chant.

"Are we there yet?" Now it was all going down the drain.

Rain began to fall from the clouds which made a greasy layer of water on the road. We made it out of Paraparaumu and were on the sixth bend. The kid's chorus was echoing inside my head. It was driving me up the wall. So I turned my head to yell at the kids. As I opened my mouth to yell, the tyres began to slide and skid and slip on the wet road. By the time I was back concentrating on the road it was too late. The tyres felt the side of the road. The kids were screaming for the last seconds of their life. The left hand mirror broke against the wet grass and the pieces flew metres in every direction. Airbags burst open when the back of the car hit the life-taking tree. The screams stopped and all went silent. I looked back to see two lifeless bodies and then I knew this was their last stop. I crawled out of the carnage with a constant pain flowing through my body. A teardrop fell onto the wet grass.

I had never thought much about death before. In cars you never know the danger, but now I did.

Josh Taylor Year 11



Tom Baker Year 12



Matt Girvan Year 10



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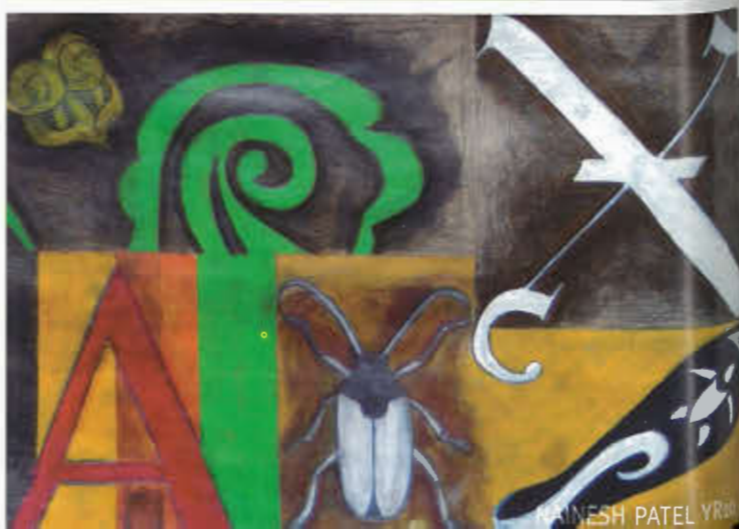
SCOTT ALEXANDER YR11



LOGAN BURTON YR11



MICHAEL HATCH YR11



RAINEESH PATEL YR20

One Wheel Wonder

"Michael!" came the yell, echoing around the yard and ringing through my ears. "Michael!" came Dad's voice again. The back door burst open and Dad stepped out, "Come and finish your homework."

"But Dad," I replied, "I've been doing homework all day. And besides, I need to practice for the nationals."

"The nationals? I've had about enough of you and your stupid half-bike. Come inside and finish your homework or you can kiss the nationals goodbye."

Dad was never able to accept unicycling as a sport. In fact, he wasn't really able to accept any sport. Mum was different. She would have supported me in anything I wanted to do. I don't know whether Dad was angry at her, or if he blamed himself, but ever since Mum left, ever since the crash, he had been different and he took it out on me.

When I finally finished my homework I sat down on my bed, eased open the drawer of my bedside table and lifted out my box. It was small but rugged; about the size of a shoebox. The shiny blue coat had lifted off in places to reveal the rusty tin beneath. The sleek padlock glistened in the dying sunlight. Mum had given me that box on my fifth birthday. I still remember that day like it was yesterday. Since then that little box had housed all of my life's treasures; my rock collection, my secret lolly stash, the money I had saved for my first unicycle - but now it held much more. I slid the key in, opened the lock and lifted the lid. I picked up the green plastic stack which lay in it and felt my whole body glow with a deep sense of pride and satisfaction. I flicked the notes through my fingers and fifteen queenly faces gleamed back at me. This wasn't just money, not just three hundred dollars. In my hands was my livelihood, a whole year of hard work, my own sweat and blood. That money was going to get me to Auckland for the unicycle nationals whether Dad liked it or not.

It had been another long day at school. The thought of soaring through the air to break the world unicycle long jump record had carried me through to five o'clock at work and I was another ten dollars closer to having somewhere to stay at the nationals. I arrived home and there was no sign of

Dad. I added the ten dollars to my box and snuck outside to do some unicycle practice. I knew I should have been doing my homework but I needed to get some training in as the nationals were less than a month away.

I heard the screech of brakes as Dad's car rolled up into the driveway and came to a halt. I glanced at my watch, it was already six thirty and I hadn't done any homework or even thought about dinner. I ran inside and rushed down the corridor but it was too late.

"You've been out on that damn unicycle haven't you?" Dad roared.

"I was just," I stuttered, but Dad cut me short.

"Oh that's it, I've heard enough. Your unicycle's banned until you can prove you're responsible."

"But I need to train for the nationals," I protested.

"You can forget your unicycle and you can forget the nationals!"

That was that. I knew Dad wouldn't budge; he would stick to his word, for now at least. I would have to let him cool off and then I could try to reason with him. It would have to be soon though because my flights had to be booked by that weekend.

After some deep thought I emerged from my room. There was no sign of Dad and I needed to clear my head. I went to the garage and got out my bike for a change. I rode down the walkway beside our house and then alongside the river. The gentle lapping of the water against the moss-covered rocks always calmed my nerves. I stopped at an elbow in the track, laid down my bike in the long, wavy grass and looked out over the waterhole. This was our special place. Tears filled my eyes as I recounted endless hours of happy family memories from past summers. A hand fell lightly on my shoulder and I spun around to look Dad in the eyes. For that one moment I felt our minds were one. He smiled and began to talk. "When I was your age I had a difficult choice to make. I was a champion golfer and could have gone pro but I chose school over my passion. I don't want you to make the same mistake. You're going to go to these nationals and I'm not going to miss a moment of it." His eyes sparkled and a grin spread across his face, "We'd better book two tickets."

Matthew Girvan
Year 10



Mr Tullett, Mrs Porteous and Mr Hill marking the Level 1 Art folios in the Old Gym. This year the folios, which are worth 12 external credits, were reduced in size from three panels to two panels, bringing them into line with the Level 2 Art folios. All Level 1 and 2 folios are marked within the school and a sample of seven are sent to Wellington for moderation.



In San Marino I'll Be Ok

"Ok. I'll pick you up in ten. Ok. See you then." I hung up.

I was cruising down the grey, tarmac road, high-rises on one side, beach with golden sand on the other. The wind was blowing lightly through my hair, I indicated, and turned left towards the maple and oak trees of the gym. My girlfriend, Kirsty, was at gymnastics, and I'd arranged to pick her up, then take her out to dinner at her favourite restaurant, the Charred Cliff.

I arrived at the gym, and looked at the clock in the dashboard of my red, second-hand Honda. Kirsty's practice still hadn't finished.

"Bother!" I thought. I got out of the car, and, locking it up, strolled coolly into the light blue gym.

Inside it was dark, and the corridor lights flickered, reminding me of the lights in the attic of my house.

I lived with my mum, and my two sisters, Katie, who was fourteen, and Jasmine, who was sixteen and my twin. We'd lived in our small three-bedroom house for six years, after our previous house had burnt down, killing my dad. We had a small veggie patch out the back, the responsibility of which was Jasmine's, and an excellent flower garden, a joint project of Katie's and mine.

Anyway, the doors opened, and out came Kirsty. She kissed me then said, "Jonny, do you wanna see my new routine?" "Sure!" I replied, trying to sound enthusiastic, even though I was dreading it. We walked in, and she began to recite her routine. I sat on a bench in front of me, and watched uninterestedly. I noticed the other girls watching with the most amazed looks on their faces, which drew my attention to her routine. Something in it awed me this time, and appealed to me intensely. It called to me like an owner calls their cat. It made me want to just join in.

Kirsty finished, and came over.

"Did you like it?" she asked.

"It was excellent, awesome, yeah!" I answered, my heart pumping enthusiasm and excitement all over my body.

"Thanks!" she beamed, then jogged off to get changed.

I walked back into the warm, spring sunlight. The thought of doing gymnastics entered my head, and bounced round it like a ball. I jumped in my car, with a conclusion firmly stuck in my brain: I would go to gymnastics next week. Kirsty skipped out of the gym, got in, belted up and we drove off to dinner.

The next week came around, and rugby practice was cancelled, meaning I didn't have to make an excuse to go to gymnastics. The final bell of the day had just rung, and Kirsty and I jumped in my car. As I drove to the gym, I hinted that I would like to have a go at gymnastics. She caught on

instantly, and said she thought it was a great idea. She even said she would help me learn. I was thrilled.

Walking into the gym, dressed in the gymnast's clothes I had purchased just two days earlier, I felt all the girls' eyes on me. Kirsty noticed, and shouted at them, "Oi! Get your own boyfriend to look at!" then motioned for me to follow her. The other girls turned back to what they were doing, muttering to each other. "Ignore them," Kirsty whispered. "They've just never had a boy here before."

She took me over to an empty part of the main gymnasium floor, and started off, showing me how to cartwheel, handstand, and flip. It took me two entire hours, but at the end, she stated, "With a bit of practise, you'll be an Olympic champion." Sweat was dripping off my brow, and my entire body was aching, but I had loved it. It was better than all the other sports I'd attempted. Even better than rugby, and that was my favourite sport.

Yet another week passed, and I approached my rugby coach.

"I can't make it to rugby practice this week, sir," I told him.

"Why ever not, son?" he asked.

"Because I have.... Um..." My brain scrambled to think of a valid excuse, then I thought of one. "I have to look after my sister Katie tonight," I uttered, "My mum's working late tonight, so yeah, that's it."

"Isn't your sister old enough to look after herself?" he enquired.

"Uh... no. She's only thirteen," I lied nervously, hoping he'd buy it.

"Um..." he said. I twiddled my fingers and tried to look confident. After a long pause, he said, "Of course you can. Just don't make a habit of it, captain."

"I won't, sir, thank you!" I yelled as I ran off along the blue lino floors of the school corridor, relieved but grateful to have been let off so easily.

I went to gymnastics for the next three weeks, but eventually the coach caught on to what I was doing.

"All right, son, what's up?"

"Nothing, sir," I replied.

"No, I can't believe that, no matter how much I want to. You're the NZSS rugby captain, and yet you're not turning up to practices. What's going on?" he stated, sure that something was up.

"Ok, sir," I decided I'd better come clean. "But you can't tell anyone. I've started doing gymnastics and I'm really enjoying it."

His mouth dropped wide open and he gasped, then recovered enough to say, "I'm disappointed in you, son. You have the potential to be an All Black captain, and yet you're just throwing it away. I hope you're really good at it." He turned and walked away.

I knew he was right, but I loved gymnastics too much to stop now. I turned to walk down the corridor, wondering how I was gonna tell the team, and especially my best mate Owen.



Michael Hayles Year 12



James Fischer Year 12



Jarrod Winter Year 10

All of a sudden I jumped. I had just walked into our team's best prop, Owen.

"Bro, what's up with that?" he asked, "Why are you doing gymnastics, you girl?"

I stepped past him (with a bit of difficulty) and walked away down the corridor. He was following me, throwing insults at me and abusing me. I was so scared that he was going to hit me that I broke into a sprint, and didn't stop until I was safely inside my car and driving home.

I wished it was easier to decide. All my friends and teachers knew now, and they said I should keep playing rugby. My mum was never home, so she didn't know, but I guessed she would side with them. Only Kirsty and my sisters supported my dream to become New Zealand's first Olympic gold medallist in gymnastics.

I had to decide. What would I do? Then I considered the evidence for both sides. I was good at both. I was the captain of the NZSS rugby team. Yet I loved my gymnastics, and it would tear me apart if I stopped. So it looked as if the decision was already made, but that didn't make it any easier in my mind. Then I saw the huge scar on my leg from being rucked, and my mind was made up: I would keep doing it.

Eight years later, I was sitting in a hotel room with my wife Kirsty, who I had married after dating for 9 years. Our kids, Sam and Tasha, were playing with the toys we had bought while shopping that day in San Marino. I had been training hard for this event, and was enjoying my last day with my family before my Olympic championship event.

I suddenly heard a ringing sound. Kirsty passed me my phone, and I answered it. To my surprise it was Owen. I hadn't seen him since the day I had stepped past him in the corridor. Since that moment, everything had changed. I lost most of my friends when I quit rugby. I got rubbish thrown at me, and I hid in the toilets crying most days. However, I had kept training, and here I was: at the San Marino Olympics.

I hung up my phone.

The next day, I walked out at the commentator's call, in my silver and black uniform. I was nervous, then I remembered what Owen had said.

"You get out there, and you prove everyone round the world wrong. Prove that you made the right choice, and that you are the best."

With that thought in my mind, I stepped out onto the platform confidently. I began my routine by running up, jumping and...

Jesse Bengel Year 10



Pyrenees

Pyrenees
soaring into the sky
their white capped tops
dominating the landscape.

Gliding down on my bike
the wind whips my helmet as
my legs spin
at the speed of sound.

The bike is glistening
so sleek, so fast, so light,
and the feeling
So exhilarating

A corner approaches
I dart to left
while not losing speed
I see an object approach.

The sun shines off it
a glistening glow
as my wheel taps
the bonnet.

On the Great Pyrenees

William Tennent
Year 10

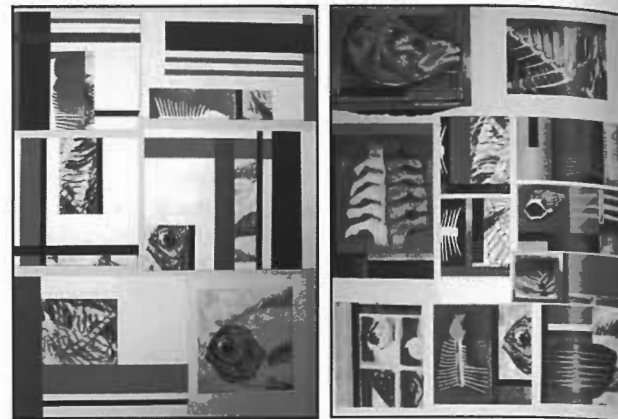
Snake Bite

The snake of deadly happiness
swirls and twirls around my arm,
flicking its harsh tongue
over worn, deceitful lips.

It glares at me
through its purple eye
before it lashes out
and buries its fang
deep into my vein,
depositing its euphoric venom.

I'm happy now
as the needle falls to the ground
and the snake slowly coils backwards
with an evil smile
upon its twisted face.

Theo Vink
Year 10



Carl Parkins Payne Year 12

Trees

Trees are planted and then trees grow.
Hindered by the cold and snow
the trees are frail
and when there's a gale
it throws their branches to and fro.

But when it comes to the end of its day,
the tree begins to swish and sway.
Giving one last frown,
the tree falls down and then gets strangled by decay

Although it's reduced to a rotten mound
the tree still spreads its seeds around.
They sit in grass
while seasons pass,
then new trees sprout up in the ground.

Brendan Fisher
Year 10

The Pocket

The pocket was
resting peacefully
on my school shirt,
helpless and vulnerable.

You gave into
temptation
and ripped it off
without thinking.

I miss my
pocket, so
well stitched
and tidy looking.

Callum Oliver
Year 10



Rainforest

The world's lungs;
filling its azure rivers with every drip,
like a silvery moon crying.
Searching for a glimpse of morning light.
Waiting; waiting for any slight sound of life.
Being greeted by its creatures;
Sssss, the sound of a slithery snake,
wrapping and winding around a deep, dark willow,
its skin as silky as a king's robe.
Brushing past the lush, blooming buds,
awakened by the radiance of the rising sun on a cloudless
morning,
while the sky's sparkling wonders trickle down as time ticks
by,
with every burst of aroma.
It is why we live in this vast wonder of a place.

Glen Baxter
Year 10



Johnny Wadeson Year 10



Paul Herman Year 11

Reunited Reliever

Slowly I opened my crusted eyes with my sheets in a mess
around me. Everything was absolutely soaked. This was not
an unusual scene for me. An uncountable number of times
I have woken bathed from head to toe in my own sweat. I
couldn't get the frightful night of when my Dad left in a flurry
six years ago, out of my head.

Dad had been drinking all night, as he usually did. He hobbled
through the door barely able to stand, and with what little
energy he had left, he whipped his hand across Mum's face.
She fell in a heap to the ground. I sprinted to my bedroom,
dived under my sheets and wept away my sorrow. This was
the only thing I believed I could do, run, run away from the
problem like an escaped convict. The next morning he was
gone. This frightening scene had been running through my
dreams and frightening my life for six years now.

I hobbled down the stairs, never truly waking from my
dreams, to see my Mum's frowning face staring back at me.
"Come on Michael, you're sixteen years old, you should be
old enough to make it to school on time at least one day
of the week!" Mum shouted grouchy. She wasn't much of a
morning person. "Quickly go and get ready, there is someone
here to see you. This may be hard for you, but just give him
a chance."

Suddenly a man walked from the kitchen. It was the man I
hadn't seen in six years, the man whose blood runs through
my veins, and the man who is my father. "I am so sorry for
how I treated you, for how I treated your mother years ago.
I was in a real mess. I had been drinking, like I always did,
I had been gambling, like I always did, and I had lost a lot
of money, like I always did. I know that is no excuse, but I
am a different man now, I have been sober for four years.
Your mother has finally forgiven me after all these years. So
Michael will you...?"

I couldn't handle seeing him; I didn't want to see him. I
pushed the man whose voice I had just heard for the first
time in six years out of the way and I ran out the door. With
tears streaming down my face I ran from my fears, as I did
so many years ago.

By the time I had strolled into class, the tears had stopped
rolling. However the thoughts of this morning were still rolling
through my mind. About five minutes had passed since the
bell had rung. At least there was one good thing about today;
our teacher was away and when we had a reliever our class
could talk and play around, without them even caring.

I saw him stooping over the paints in the corner of the room.
There was something familiar about him. "Sorry sir, I got a
flat tyre on the way to school and it took a couple of minutes
to pump it up," I said calmly with the utmost sincerity. This
excuse was a usual, even though I didn't even own a bike.



"But, you're five minutes late. That means if it only took two minutes to pump up your tyre, you would still be late," the man spoke quietly, as if a million thoughts were circling in his mind. You could tell he had had a rough day by this voice, yet there was something familiar about it, behind the sadness. "What is your name, boy?" he uttered as he turned and faced me.

"Michael?" said the man I had just seen this very morning. "Can I please see you outside," he said, immediately regaining his composure. Obviously he had changed somewhat in six years.

"No," I uttered quietly.

"Oh," the class awed at my answer.

"No!" I shouted.

"No!" I screamed at the top of my lungs. "You may not!" I didn't know what to do, so I ran, just as I had on that frightful night. I didn't stop running until I had reached the field. With my breathing deep, and my heart pounding in my chest, I hid under the tree.

I sat out there for what seemed like an eternity. I was a mess. Tears were streaming down my face, like my eyes were dams letting the water run wild. "Why? Why do you have to come back? Why do you have to be part of my life?" I managed to say quietly through my blubbing lips, more to myself than anyone else.

Suddenly the man who brought these tears out walked out of the school, as if in answer to my queries. "Michael," he said to me softly, attempting to calm me down. "I am not asking for forgiveness, I am asking for a second chance. I am asking if we can start again, from scratch. So what do you say, will you give me this second chance?" he said so quietly it was almost a whisper. With tears slowly rolling down his cheeks, he put forward his hand.

As if in answer to his running eyes, a single tear drop rolled down my cheek, and my bottom lip began to blubber. "Yes D..D.Dad," I stuttered, "A second chance." I thrust out my hand, and we shook.

A week has passed since that day and Dad and I have been in contact every day. We have just strolled into an ice cream parlour together, as we did before he started to drink. As we sat down Dad began to speak, "So is it six years of birthdays and Christmases that I owe you."

"Don't worry Dad, your arrival last week was more than enough," I replied. It really was the best thing I could have ever asked for.

"How about we go get you a bike and call it even, like you always wanted when you were a boy? Then you won't have to come up with any more of those lame excuses," he said

cheerfully as we both dug into our ice creams.

William Tennent
Year 10



Paul Campbell Year 11



Callum Oliver Year 10



Rhys Gally



The Pain of Crime

Thin wisps of smoke rose lightly from the mug. Daniel sighed as he put down the day's edition of the New York Times and wandered slowly over to the fogged window.

His thick eyebrows knitted together and beneath them his deep blue eyes were speckled with frustration. He was sick of it; sick of all the attention that his infamous father gave him.

Everyone had seen the article. For weeks after it was printed students had taunted him at every step. 'Big Craig Junior,' they had teased. Even the teachers had seemed more distant. The article was simply a page dedicated to mocking 'Big Craig the Crime Instigator'. And to add even more sting to the insult, the next page had featured an article about Stan Erwick who had been killed in a robbery gone wrong. It was just too much. He was well and truly sick of being known as the son a criminal.

Just then the bell rang and Daniel wandered down the hall. He paused for a moment to squint through the peephole where he had a clear view of the entire street with its various shadowy figures tightly hugging coats as they fought their way through the morning mist. And there, tapping his foot impatiently on the doorstep, was a short clean-shaven man, complete with black suit and black bowler hat.

The door creaked on its hinges as it scraped open. A blast of cold air struck Daniel straight in his face, and his nostrils flared with the smells of fumes and petrol.

"Good morning Master Blake," the man said with a slight English accent as he offered his hand. Daniel gave him a slight smile but ignored the hand.

"May I come in?" the man asked. But without waiting for a reply he glided smoothly past the open door. Daniel half-opened his mouth in protest, then reluctantly led the man through to the living room where he sat neatly on a chair.

"I have come about your father," the man said after a moments pause. Daniel shook his head and began to walk away. "Daniel listen!" he said with a sharp edge to his voice. "My name is Mr Russell and I am here on behalf of your father. He wishes to talk with you."

"Hasn't he heard of a phone?" Daniel grumbled. Mr Russell shook his head, "He wants to meet you face to face."

Daniel wearily ran his hand through his hair and closed his eyes. His father had left him a little over four years ago, but Daniel had managed. It had taken him a long time to adjust to life without a father, but he'd managed. Daniel shook his head angrily, who did his father think he was trying to interfere now that he had finally managed to get used to his new life? But almost as soon as he had thought this, Daniel's heart softened and he was shocked to find hot tears crawling

down his cheeks. He felt as though his heart would tear with the conflicting emotions that battled within him. On the one hand he hated his father for what he had done... but...

Finally Daniel opened his eyes. Mr Russell was peering closely at him.

"All right," he whispered, then more loudly, "All right." Mr Russell rose silently, "Be outside at nine tonight," he said as he left the room.

Daniel shivered and drew his cloak tight about himself in a futile attempt to ward off the night chill. He glanced at his watch for the hundredth time. 9:38pm. He stamped his feet impatiently. Was this all a joke? He could just imagine his father sitting in his huge chair feeling all high and mighty as he laughed at his gullible son waiting for something which was never going to happen.

Suddenly a blinding light leapt up out of the gloom and Daniel cried out in surprise. The sounds of screeching tyres and slamming doors reached his ears as dark figures bundled out of the humming car.

"There he is!" someone cried.

"Big Craig Junior!" someone else taunted.

"Get him!"

Daniel turned and stumbled wildly along the path back to his house. His breath came in jagged gasps and his heart beat a tattoo against his ribs. Shadows whipped past him, then suddenly his foot snagged on a thick root and he fell heavily, his nose breaking his fall. There was a loud crunch and Daniel tasted blood.

Quickly he rolled over. The shadows were almost on him now. They loomed threateningly against the starry sky. Before he could even lift an arm in defence the blows began raining down. Fist after fist slammed into his quivering body. Blood, sweat and tears soaked his clothes and he curled himself up in a tight ball.

After what seemed an age the blows slowly died away. But Daniel lay there for a while longer, sprawled across his front doorstep weeping silently.

Eventually he staggered upwards, his every bone groaning in protest. Abruptly his knees gave way and he fell back. Then hands were grasping him and before he knew it he was in the arms of a comforting figure.

Trembling, Daniel raised his eyes and stared into the lined face of his father. Tears rolled down the faces of father and son as they stood on the path in silent embrace.

One was soaked in blood,

The other soaked in guilt.

Peter Molloy
Year 10



'Romeo and Juliet' Poster Commentary

'Romeo and Juliet' is a tale of intertwining themes and emotions. Romeo and Juliet are in love even though their families, the Montagues and Capulets, hate each other. Because of this, the theme I chose for my poster is love intertwining with hate.

In my poster I used contrast to portray the conflicting emotions in the play. The main image of Romeo and Juliet is white, while the Montagues and Capulets are black. This is to show the difference between how they think and feel, the Capulets and Montagues full of hate and anger, while Romeo and Juliet feel love and compassion.

Another visual technique I used was colour. The blue on the left side represents the Montagues and the orange represents the Capulets. I used these colours as they are often associated with each gang, and they are also conflicting as they are situated at opposite ends of the colour spectrum. I left Romeo and Juliet white to show that they are pure and innocent. The Capulets and Montagues are black silhouettes to represent that they are violent and hateful. I outlined Romeo and Juliet with a thick red line to draw attention to them, the main image. This outline also portrays violence and hate and, although it surrounds them, their love stops them from giving in to it.

I used symbolism in my poster to portray some ideas clearly. The swords pointed at each other symbolise how the gangs hate each other and the fact that there are weapons also suggests conflict and fighting. The rip down the middle of the page symbolises that the Capulet's and Montague's feuding is trying to rip Romeo and Juliet apart but their love holds them together. I used an older looking font to represent the age in which the tale is set.

Also in my poster I included balance and layout. The silhouettes on each side balance each other out because they are symmetrical. This also portrays the idea that the gangs are no different, but still fight each other. The separation of the blue and orange down the middle balances out the poster also, and draws attention to Romeo and Juliet. The white border frames the image and draws more attention to it.

The quote I chose to use in my poster was "Here's much to do with hate, but more with love". I used this quote to reinforce the idea of how love and hate are entwined together in the play. It tells us that, although there is so much anger and hatred between the Capulets and Montagues, the love between Romeo and Juliet is much more important. It also suggests that perhaps the fighting is all meaningless and that their minor differences could be put aside.

Overall, my poster clearly portrays the theme of love and hate being together. All of my techniques, both visual and

verbal, create this idea and show it so it can be seen easily. I think my poster has a good layout and isn't too hard to decipher.

Brendon Fischer
Year 10



Brendon Fischer Year 10

Teachers

Do teachers realise the power they hold? A bad teacher can make a class's day a torment. They can bore their students with endless droning on and bully them with harsh discipline. Why would people like this choose teaching as a career? A good teacher can motivate and inspire pupils to want to learn more. Why can't all teachers be like this? What teachers do to you and teach can have a major impact a student's life during and after they leave school.

Teachers need to be welcoming and cheerful. If they are stand off-ish some students may find it unnerving to approach them. Students may not ask for help when it is needed, or ask questions. Asking questions is an essential part of schooling, there is no point in doing the work if you do not understand it. This can take away the students confidence to participate in class discussion. They may be reluctant to share their ideas if they feel that what they have to say is not valued.

Every student in the class is an individual. They learn in different ways. When teachers are prepared to be flexible in their teaching style the whole class will benefit. In "Dear Mr Cairney" the class was taught in an environment where it was alright to talk as long as they did their work as well. When Mr Cairney came along the class had to be silent, some of the students didn't learn well in that environment while some may have benefited. It would have been better if it had some time for sharing ideas and some silent working time as well. That way everyone would have benefited in their learning.

The level of interest a teacher holds for a subject is important. If a teacher has a passion for the subject they teach then that

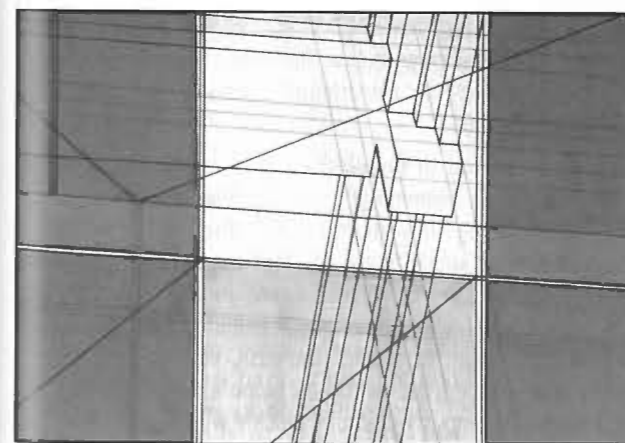


enthusiasm will be passed onto the student, and may make them want to learn more. But, if a teacher doesn't enjoy their subject then they won't enjoy teaching it and it is possible their students may also develop a dislike for the subject and may no longer try to succeed.

Some students can be reluctant learners. It would be very easy for the teacher to give up on this type of pupil. A good teacher will draw the student out and get them to think instead of sitting in the back of the class not paying attention. Students like this may turn their whole attitude to learning around and may be successful in something they thought they weren't very good at. This could lead to success in all areas of learning.

I think that teachers do realise the power that they hold. Mr Cairney from "Dear Mr Cairney" did. He knew that he held control over the boy. He was a bully and pushed him to the limits. That had a negative impact on the boy. Some teachers don't know about the influence that they have and try to be their students' friends. While these are the classes that students usually have the most fun in, they don't always learn very much. It's just a matter of having the right balance; those teachers that know they have power to open their student's minds to learning are the teachers that have the most positive impact on students.

Luke Stevenson
Year 9



Shiraz Sadikeen Year 13

The Flying Hotel

The street is busy - I hear beeping car horns and smell the fresh rain steaming up from the pavement. I have \$3.75 in my wallet and a credit card - enough to pay for a hotel room - and this is no ordinary hotel. This is The Invercargill Express and this hotel flies! From Invercargill to Wellington to New Plymouth to Hamilton and back! This hotel has wings! It is made of red brick, 10 storeys high, with 4 elevators, 2 metal and 2 glass, and right now it has landed in Wellington.

I escape out of the rain and into the hotel through the automatic door, moving swiftly into the hotel lobby. All around me are people in hotel uniforms; red, green and black. The walls of the lobby are rose-coloured marble, as are the rooms of the hotel; differently coloured marble in all the various rooms.

I pick up my key and one of the hotel staff helps me to the elevator -WHOOOSH. The doors open and I step inside. WHOOOSH - the doors close again and I feel the elevator moving, up, up, up it goes until it stops at floor number 8. The glass doors open and I step out onto the plush, green carpet. I walk purposefully towards my room; room 825.

All is quiet in the corridor. I reach my room and open the door. There in front of me is an empty space. The walls are dark green to light green marble and the floor is covered with deep red carpet. I step into the room trying to figure out where the furniture might be?

I work out my plan - there is only a TV in the room, in the top left side and I put my bag down in the top right corner then walk to the window. I see Wellington flying by far down below; tall buildings, the deep blue harbour, streets and houses all flying past!

I turn to the wall next to me and see a button. I push the button and a bed appears from the wall. The bed is covered with warm blankets and I push a button in the floor and a table comes up in the middle of the room. On the table is a bowl for breakfast, a plate for dinner and a cup for drinks.

Suddenly, a bell rings. I think to myself, "It must be dinner time," and a speaker shouts, "Tonight's meal is chicken, lasagne and a pie," my stomach rumbles and I mentally choose chicken and a pie and my mouth starts to water. "How do you get this food?" I think to myself.

Suddenly, the food appears like magic, hovering above the table and then lands gently on my plate. I move over to the table and I take the stuffing out of the chicken and eat the crunchy, golden crackling. Then suddenly, a jug appears in the air and it pours brown, fizzy liquid - it is vanilla-flavoured coke! - into my cup. I sit up and drink the cool liquid and eat all of the pie. After I have finished my dinner, I feel tiredness come upon me and I lie down on the comfy bed and fall into a deep sleep.

While I am sleeping, the hotel lands in the countryside - somewhere in the North Island of New Zealand - and the sun drops down low over the green hills. Slowly, the stars come out and shine diamond light in the night sky and I am home in New Plymouth once again.

Thomas Natrass
Year 9



Alex Ferens Year 12



Stuart Belgrave Year 11



Ross Hawton Year 10



Daniel Symon Year 13

Untitled

I looked around seeing only sad sagging bodies lying nude on the warm, crisp sand. I wanted to shut my eyes. Instead, I travelled onward over the endless amount of dull brown sand. "I never want to visit a nudist beach again in my life," I said to my sister. An look of equal disgust was painted on her face. After what seemed like a few hours, a small white sign with a few fading illegible French words on it became visible. As though someone had sent a signal to my brain, I knew, without reading a word, that my pain was over. I crossed the border with a small sigh of relief, my family close behind me.

We found a nice place to stop, now that the nudist beach had finished. It was near a lone, dilapidated looking fish and chip shack. Thankfully there were not any elderly nudes plastered all around the scenery and ruining the beautiful day ahead of me. I gazed skyward, at the dark clouds slowly drifting past overhead. The weather seemed like a warm summer's day compared to the thunder from the previous night. It was like a couple of steam trains had managed to power through our crowded hotel room.

I was stunned out of my slow daydream when I heard the words, "Let's go swimming!" After a few seconds I got up and began taking slow steps towards the chilling water. It swished around uninvitingly. My foot numbed as I stepped into the shallow, murky waves. I continued deeper, jumping over waves which could have easily engulfed me. The waves calmed and began to settle. Beneath, something slithered gently over my leg, as swiftly as some stray seaweed. My leg began stinging. I yelled out quickly with pain. My vision blurred, then slowly came back to me. I began desperately limping for shore, trying to reach it as quickly as possible. My surroundings became vague; I was swallowed by the moment.

When I made it onto land I explained what had happened. My mum took me over to the fish and chip stand. A man greeted us and my Dad attempted to explain the situation. The man knew exactly what had happened and made thunder noises and crazy hand gestures in a flurry of movement. We understood that he was talking about the thunder-storm and how it had gathered a large group of irate jelly fish in the area. My mum was a strong tower of support, especially when she blurted out, "What if it's poisonous?" The man



quickly assured us it was nothing more than a small sting. He went and grabbed an unmarked bottle. The mysterious liquid inside began pouring over my sting, slowly easing the swelling. It smelt strongly, and after a while I figured it was vinegar. The redness began to disappear as though it was a small wave swishing backward.

After that I deemed the water unfit for swimming. I decided to call it quits, well at least for that day.

Oliver Gifford
Year 9

Untitled

"I'm not going down that one!" My friend Mitchell and I were out on our skateboards. He was an only child and a bit lonely at home, so he enjoyed spending time with the other kids in the neighbourhood. Today we were riding down the steep driveways of our quiet dead end street. Mitchell's reply was, "Nah, that one would be easy." Why I did it I'll never know, but my response was, "OK then, I dare you to do it," but even as I said it, I knew it was a big mistake.

Mitchell trudged up the concrete hill, and hesitated at the top. The sun was shining in his eyes. I was dreading every moment of it. He was a good skater, but I still didn't think he could do it. The hum of the skateboard caught my attention. I looked up to see him gaining speed. It all seemed to be going well. Then it all went wrong.

His board veered to one side and clipped a grass verge. The board suddenly stopped underneath him, but he kept flying forward in sickening slow motion. He fell to the ground with a crack as his wrist hit the gutter.

Silence

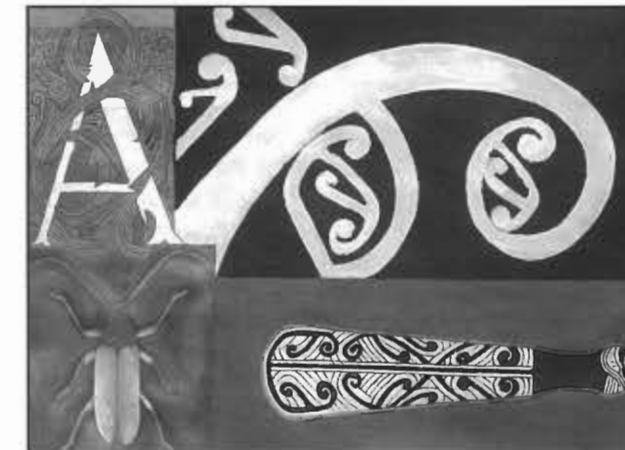
"I think I broke my arm."

It was all my fault. I could feel the sickening sensation of guilt running up my back. I was hot and cold at the same time. Sweat broke out on my forehead.

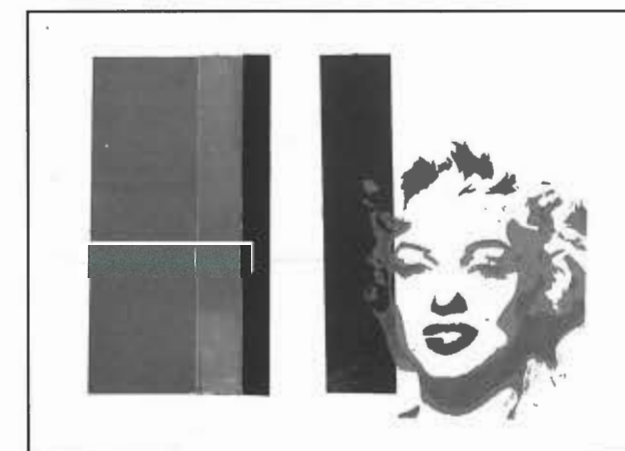
I sat down by my friend and waited for him to recover from the shock. But adult help was needed. I assisted him to his feet, and up the street to his house and his mother. On the way I thought about what a plaster cast would mean for him. No swimming, no skating and no softball on Saturdays either.

As for me I haven't ridden a skateboard since. I will never again dare anyone to do anything, they might take me up on it and that is too much of a risk to take.

Luke Stevenson
Year 9



Thomas Richardson Year 10



Jake Vanderfits Year 12



Liam Krook Year 11



YEAR NINE CAMPS Golf Camp

This year golf camp was great; everyone enjoyed themselves and some great golf was played. However, on the Monday the weather was marginal to say the least. We started off at the golf range at Bell Block, with Craig Owen giving the boys some coaching on how to drive better, which they really appreciated. After that we played the pitch and putt at the range, and found out the short game is not an easy thing for some people to master. After a brief lunch we went to the swimming pool to cool off and relax.



I guess it's time to play

On day two we left very early to get to Te Ngutu to play an Ambrose competition. The boys appreciated this type of golf format whereby, everyone plays a shot from the best position to get the lowest score for the hole and round possible. This put everyone at ease, because some of the boys were good at driving, some at iron shots and some at putting. Overall, the game was fast, fun and low-scoring. The weather was with us on that day and, although it was a little cold, it did not rain.

On day three we went out to Kaitake Golf Club and played normal stroke play for the best gross and net scores. The boys were now playing much better, and tried their hardest to win. The weather was hot on this day. Although no-one got a hole in one at Kaitake, the fields around the course managed to gobble up a few balls.



Golf Camp - boys at Westown

The final day came along bright and sunny, and we eagerly anticipated play at Westown Golf Club. This was competition day, and the boys were really eager to play well! Again, the format was stroke play. The boys put in a lot of effort to do well, and some played very well on the day. Westown can be a tricky course at the best of times, but the boys were determined not to lose as many balls, and they succeeded. At the end of the day, everyone won a prize for their efforts and had a great time.

I am looking forward to the boys who played on the golf camp taking the game more seriously, and perhaps, trying out for the 1st and 2nd teams in the future.

Mr Justin Hyde



Mr Mossop's deep reflection

Horse Trekking Camp

On the first day of camp I clambered aboard a mini-van with David Easthope, Cory Snowden, John Webby, Reece McMurray, Renn Schreiber, Matt Blackwell and Josh Julian-Murray. We set off to our first destination which was "Tranquil Trekking" at Rahotu. The horses were certainly big enough and we went for a trek along the beach. Most of our horses were calm and Dee, the main guide, was helpful. For some of the trekkers it was their first ride on a horse. We had a great day riding and finished up with some good confidence-building games, including apple-bobbing which the horses seemed to enjoy.

The next day we went to Okau which is near Mokau. After the thunder and lightning had abated, Lisa and her team of local volunteers helped us saddle our horses. Some of them were Kaimanawa horses that had been caught as wild foals in the Kaimanawa Ranges. They were excellent horses with smooth gaits and they were great to ride. We rode over rugged terrain which included much bush-clad hill country. Only the riders on the tallest horses managed to avoid wet feet when we rode through Boar Creek. The following day we returned to Okau. We went on a four hour trek all over farmland where we had the freedom to canter and gallop. "Okau Horse Treks" was definitely the highlight of the camp and I think that everyone was keen to return in the future.



YEAR NINE CAMPS



Renn Schreiber on Seamus - a wild capture Kaimanawa

On the final day we travelled to "Bonanza", which is run by Karina in Okato. We rode across farmland and visited one of the battlefields from "The Last Samurai". A few of us had the opportunity to ride one of the main horses - a part-Arab - that starred in that movie. Some of us rode ex-racehorses which was awesome because there was a lot of open space for us to pick up some speed.



Horse Riding

Overall, the horse trek was great fun and a great experience for all. Thanks go to Mrs Wipiiti for driving us safely around Taranaki and to Ms Herbert for organising everything and making this camp possible.

Jordan Stayt

Mountain Biking Camp

Day 1

The mountain biking camp started off with a trip up to Rotorua in two mini-vans. This took the best part of 4 hours. We arrived in the pouring rain and waited for the rain to settle before putting the tents up, as the teachers settled into the cabins with luxury bunks. That day we travelled 3 kms to our mountain biking starting point.

All the boys were excited and ready to go. We biked up and

down over rough terrain for a few hours with small breaks here and there. We got back to camp with all bikes still intact, and the boys only slightly shattered. We cooked dinner on the BBQ and hit the hay.

Day 2

Day 2 brought with it overcast weather. All the boys were up at 7.00 am and ready for another big bike ride. We biked for around an hour then stopped at a site where the annual time trials are held. This was a downhill track with bumps, jumps and drops, but then there was about a 200 metre uphill bike. The record on this track was 1:58 minutes but James Patterson came through with an amazing new record of 1:56. We finished that bike ride at about midday. Then we were booked into white water rafting in the afternoon. The weather turned from bad to worse as thunder and lightning filled the skies. We got into the water in big blow-up rafts which seated five boys and two instructors. The ride lasted about 40 minutes and consisted of three waterfalls, one which was seven metres high and grade five, which is the highest grade you are allowed to paddle legally. This was very exciting for all the boys, so that night there were stories to tell.

Day 3

In the morning the weather was a bit better than the day before. We packed up in dry weather and headed off to Rotorua to go to The Luge. This was great fun for most and I managed to flip Mr Hoskins and he ended up with a large cut on his elbow. The weather deteriorated turning to heavy showers and the track became rather slippery. After that adventure we got in the vans and headed to Taupo for a very 'exciting' walk around the "Craters of the Moon" in scorching heat. We then went for a bike ride to Huka Falls which was a good experience for people that hadn't seen it before.

Day 4

The last day was the only fully fine day and we were off to paintball in Taupo. We arrived and were put into teams in thick bush. We played for about 1 hour. Matt Jones won us the game with an amazing run to achieve the objective and return it 300 meters without being shot. It was now that we were put into a gravel pit around the size of a tennis court to play a game of 'everyone onto everyone'. This was designed to waste the rest of your paint balls but really it turned out to be a way to triple your bruise count. Ouch.

Chris Lepper

Taupo Camp

Thirty-three boys and four staff spent four nights at the De Brett's Resort in Taupo from the 4th of December until the 8th of December.



The highlights of the camp for me were:

- commando paintball
- white water rafting
- the luge at Rotorua
- Rock and Ropes

Our best meals were pizza and chicken, but somehow a nibbled chicken carcass found its way into one of the mountain biker's tents (a long lecture from Mr Atkins followed).

The funniest moments were:

- the chicken incident (enough said!)
- Brady Gillbanks (being himself)
- Joel Meuli's pathetic attempts at hole-in-one golf
- Kyle Still whistling at anything that moved
- Dylan Hayman exiting the raft in mid-stream after a seven metre waterfall drop
- getting caught after visiting the Hamilton Girls' High cabins
- Caine Watty getting stuck with camp jobs after throwing his helmet off the luge

On a more serious note, we got the safety message after one of us got shot in the eye with a paintball round after removing his mask a little too early.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the guys and the teachers in charge – Mr Corlett, Mr Atkins, Mr Cleaver and Miss Ellicott - for making our Taupo camp such a great success.

Joel Meuli

Tongaporutu Camp

The Tongaporutu camp is great value for money as it is one of the cheaper camps and is jam-packed full of activities.

The camp began with a short drive to Tongaporutu. There was a tennis court and an excellent fishing spot just outside the door of the Tongaporutu Community Hall, where we were staying.

One day we went for a gentle walk to see the amazing two remaining sisters of the Three Sisters. The White Cliffs tramp was awesome. Another day we went for a raft down the river, the weather was perfect and thankfully the boats didn't leak.

The food was great and there was more than enough for everybody.

I am glad I chose Tongaporutu as my Year 9 camp.

Thomas Doehring

Tongariro Camp (Tongariro Summit Group)

Day 1

We arrived at school just before 8am, packed the mini-vans and headed off to Tongariro Motor Camp to set up camp for our first night. We arrived at camp just after 1pm. We had just finished setting up camp when we were told we were sleeping in a deserted bush area two to three km from camp. We arrived in the deserted area and were split into two groups; one to set up camp and the other to go caving through confined spaces. After squeezing through small caves for an hour and a half, we all came out drenched and covered in mud.



Brandon Whyte with tunnel vision

Day 2

The next morning we woke up to hear continuous raindrops hitting our tents. Quickly everybody packed up their gear and jumped in the vans for breakfast. We then traveled into Taupo and went to some natural hot pools around two km from Huka Falls. After a nice long relaxing soak we headed to Taupo's Adventure Park, known as Rock and Ropes, for some high-flying confidence courses. After having a go at all the scary, adrenaline-pumping courses we headed back to camp.

Day 3

On the morning of day three we went to a big channel and abseiled off the bridge. The abseil was over 20 metres and



Wade Stafford abseiling into the Poutu Gorge



the horrific weather closing in made it much harder and more slippery. After a quick dash through the pouring rain to the van, we headed to camp for lunch.

The second activity was a stream bash. We arrived at the stream in all our gear ready to go. We were walking through waist-height freezing water. The first obstacle we had to conquer was a waterfall. We were harnessed to a rope and had to climb up this waterfall. There were tonnes of water pouring down into our faces. We then climbed another small waterfall and later headed back to camp for dinner.

Day 4

In the morning we went to an indoor rock climbing wall. The climbing wall had around 23 exciting climbs rated from easiest to most challenging. After lunch we headed to Rapid Sensations for white-water rafting down the Tongariro River. At first the rapids were scary but they eased off in the end. There were a few crazy rapids but most people got through them without too much difficulty.

Day 5

This was the final day of our camp and the mission was to complete the Tongariro Crossing. We had an early breakfast that morning then we got in the vans and headed for the Crossing. After about three hours we got to the plateau and decided to take a detour to the summit of Tongariro. We enjoyed fantastic views from the summit and it was a great achievement. We got back around 5pm exhausted and ready for the trip home.

Brandon Whyte



Shane White negotiates 'the gutbuster', Okupata caves



Rafting the Tongariro River



Tongariro camp on the summit of Mt Tongariro

Waitomo Camp

Day One

At 10am on Monday, the first day of our new expedition, the Waitomo campers headed off from New Plymouth. After what seemed like endless hours of winding roads, we arrived at a nice-looking campsite, the Top Ten Holiday camp in Waitomo. We quickly settled into our cabins and rushed off to the kitchen for lunch, eagerly awaiting our first activity - white-water rafting. After learning lots of useful history and enjoying the freezing cold water, we headed back to the camp for tea, some relaxation in the pool and spa, and settled down for the night.



The Waitomo campers prepare to hit the rapids

Day 2

We had breakfast and were ready to roll, all before 9am. We descended down the road to the world famous "Billy Black" show with low expectations, but came out roaring with amazement. It was a really great show with dancing pigs, giant cows and an amazingly talented dog. We returned to camp, had lunch and zoomed off to dig, tip and splash our way through rivers as we enjoyed quad biking. After we had ripped up the paddocks, we headed home for tea and relaxation in the pool and spent the evening gambling Oddfellows by playing 'President'



Waitomo Camp - Quad Biking

Day 3

The Waitomo Caves - what an experience! We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history and appreciated the knowledge of the tour guide and his ability to ignore the many hints given to him about his terrible jokes. After lunch

we travelled down a windy road to check out a little cabin to stay overnight. It was absolutely disgusting, with bugs everywhere and holes in the walls, so we left to find a nice little campsite in Mokau.

Day 4

On our final day we were up bright and early, had breakfast, watched a little TV and then drove down a very bumpy road for about half an hour. Here we were introduced to the very talented TOPEC instructors who were taking us caving. After we were geared up, we searched for the entrance to the caves only to find it was covered by poisonous shrubs. Once past the shrubs we had to fit down very tight spaces and got completely wet. After about 2-3 hours in the caves viewing the many glow-worms, bugs and little crayfish, we were happy to see sunlight and headed back to Mokau for lunch. At about 1pm we started back to the town we are proud of, New Plymouth, and discussed what a great time and adventure we had all experienced.

On behalf of all the Waitomo campers I would like to thank Mrs Slater and Mrs McVicar for making it all happen and giving us such an enjoyable and educational experience.

Elliot Bloomfield

Wellington Camp

This year the Wellington camp week was full of action-packed activities, such as paint balling, go-karting and mountain-biking. On the first day the 3rd formers were separated into three groups, red = boarders, black and blue. In the end the blue team came away with the most points and won a bigger lunch at Subway on the way home.

Paintball was a fairly intense battle and some people staggered home with nasty cuts, bruises and red blisters. But we all had fun, of course! Go-karting was one of the most enjoyable activities we went on as the track had lots of corners in it so we could do drifts.

On Wednesday we went mountain-biking in the Wellington hills. We all enjoyed this, even though there was the odd flat tyre and broken chain. On Wednesday we also went to see the Blackcaps play Australia at cricket. It was an excellent game, but unfortunately we lost.

On Thursday we went tenpin bowling and then started the long trip home. On the way back to New Plymouth we got lost and it took us an extra hour and a half to get home.

However, despite the slight diversion, everyone had a great trip and will fondly remember the amazing experiences. Special thanks must go to the teachers who organised the trip and looked after the students.

Sam Hill

From Those Leaving

They say that all good things must come to an end, and in my last year at New Plymouth Boys' High School this statement carries a lot of truth. My time here has provided me with some of the best experiences and opportunities of my life so far and I am sure that it has supplied me with the tools to create a future filled with even more exciting and enjoyable experiences and opportunities.

This school has taken a third form boy and moulded him from a boy concerned with flash-in-the-pan trends and cartoons, into a mature young man who still carries a hint of that third form boy's imagination. This has all been accomplished, of course, by the continual toil of the wonderful staff here at NPBHS. If it had not been for the ever-present threats of certain teachers or the unbridled enthusiasm of others, I would probably not be the person I am today, and that would definitely be a bad thing...maybe. I can never give enough thanks to NPBHS for the teachers who spent hours deciphering my handwriting or the coaches of numerous teams whose never-say-die attitudes were essential to getting the most out of me in pre-season fitness training.

As this group of young men prepares to head out into the big

bad world there can be no doubt that we have been prepared as adequately as possible to make the most of anything we pursue in life. I'm sure all the young men leaving will look back in years to come (even Harrison Knowles) and reminisce fondly about our days here, and know that without the times we spent at NPBHS we would probably not have achieved the same heights that we will have reached.

On behalf of this group of leavers I would like to thank all of those once again who have helped us to the stage where we can move on to the next adventure of our lives, whatever walk of life we may choose. It has been a great pleasure of mine to have known and formed friendships with the boys I have grown up with at this school and I wish you all the best for the future. All of this I know could have only been possible though the establishment of NPBHS.

I will leave you with a statement by Samuel Johnson that I feel should be remembered by those heading out into the adult world, "Exert your talents, and distinguish yourself, and don't think of retiring from the world, until the world will be sorry that you retire."

Finnbarr Kerr-Newell
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2006 Leavers

- Back Row: Shiraz Sadiqueen, Ben Chamberlain, James Whitmore, Jon Keast, Cameron Ross, Fergus Porteous, Jason Naumann, Jason Corcoran, Jonathan Fagg, Simon Li, Edison Su, Chris Newson, Hew Price.
- 8th Row: Michael Earby, Jeremy Price, Eric Thompson, Caleb Millen, Matthew Corbett, Kirill Radvanskiy, Shay Jenkin-Povey, Simon Hinton, Cameron Miller, Jeremy Scarle, Lee Wilson, Philip Plant, Matthew Foreman.
- 7th Row: Daniel Symons, Andrew Mason, Nick Milne, Andrew Joyce, Andrew King, Tim Cleaver, Jason Rolfe, Jason Johnson, David Vincent, Kondrae Mills, Khan Po-Ching, Tang Manuirirangi, Scott Pritchard.
- 6th Row: Peter Stevens, Jeremy Newell, Thomas King, Andrew Mischefski, Ben Aves, Ludi Meyer, Floyd Wicksteed, Adam White, Chris Black, Michael Tate, Jeremy Powell, Aaron Hinks.
- 5th Row: Kyle Joyce, Mark Shaw, Cody Rei, Hamish Lawn, Luke Hillenaar, Joav Abraham-Beerman, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Robbie Alabaster, Darryl McPherson, Sam King, Shane Leathem, Karl Stanley.
- 4th Row: Matt King, Ryan England, Jaimin Benton, Jacob Davies, Daniel Hayles, Brayden Barnett, Kurt Doidge, Simon Boyle, Daniel Rowland, Nathan Hopkins, Alex Lovell, Alex Yim, Rori MacDonald.
- 3rd Row: Evan Andrews, Josh Kerslake, Kieran Moorhead, Dex Newland, Gavin Wu, Sam Bonner, Matthew Dallas, Matthew Hitchings, Nathan Woods, Sam Phillips, John Lamorena, Carmelo Mondala, Christian Aherne.
- 2nd Row: Roshan Patel, Justin Boag, Fraser Cameron, Cameron Rowlands, Travis Monk, David White, Michael Taylor, Sam Kent, Phillip Barraclough, Thomas Burley, Shane O'Neill, Hamish Girvan, Daniel Fleming.
- Front Row: Brent Bishop, Paul Meuli, David Ormrod, Jake Barber, Mathew Snowden, Tim Lepper, Kahotea Kereopa, Mitchel Edwards, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Bernard Hall, Josiah Wall, Harrison Knowles, Mark Armstrong, Viranchi Upadhyay.



H1

Back Row : Joel Martin, Chris Jager, Ash Alexander, David Arahanga, Michael Baker, Matthew Sharp.
 2nd Row : Nathan Green, Codey Phillips, Glen Law, Mitchell Campbell, Rory Hofmans, Matthew Temperton, William Brown.
 Front Row : Rhys Marshall, Dylan Blythe, Sean Thomson, Karl Stanley, Simon Boyle (Group Leader), Logan Campbell, David Baker, Rhys Radcliffe.



H2

Back Row : Gillies Kaka, James Fischer, Gary Hofmans, Blake Morgan, Eli Summers, Justin Stafford.
 2nd Row : Tom Sandford, Thomas Otterson, Jason Rowland, Andy Dykstra, Wade Stafford, Travis Woodd, Brendan Fischer, Zeric Eaves, Mr G Hall (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Ben Frost, Logan Burton, Chris Ryu, Brook Duncan, Erwin Hebler (Group Leader), Ji-Soo Shin, Blake McCurdy, Jonny Thomson.



H3

Back Row : Cedar Vaimea, Ethan Ogle, Sam Ogden.
 3rd Row : Chris Rutten, Nick Brown, Mason Jenkins, Zack Caskey, Theo Vink, Jay Harris.
 2nd Row : Mr M Vercoe, Josh Hartley, Jordan Matheson, Tony Sprangers, Oliver Wayne, John Fitzgerald, Daniel Fitzgerald, James Cameron, Tim Henshilwood.
 Front Row : Martin Hebler, James England, Kyle Joyce, Ryan Harris-Hayes (Head Boarder), Fraser Cameron (Group Leader), Sean Hooper, Alex Besley, Arnold Fitzgerald.



H4

Back Row : Michael Adams, Ben Perry, Kirill Radvanskiy, Brett Symes, Lindsay Horrocks, Gordon Washech.
 2nd Row : John-Luke Kelly, Ashlee Pease, Matiu Edwards-Waretini, Jeremy Gallagher, Cameron Bryant, Shaun Bent, Ben Lagan, Ben Steiner, Mr P Whittaker (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Sam Adams, Willie Symes, Paul Donovan, Josiah Wall, Justin Boag (Group Leader), Alan Good, Christian Perry, Ryan Braggins.



H5

Back Row : George Kalin, Scott McLachlan, Hamish Alabaster, Jared Whitehead, Phil Haua, Dallas Horsfall, Taylor Shaw.
 2nd Row : Mr I McGowan (Group Teacher), Kieran Cawsey, Thomas Arden, Richard Weir, David Gower, Matthew Dick, Ukrit Onkhow, Ben Patterson, Matthew Powell.
 Front Row : Leighton Smith, Brandon Roach, Sugapriyan Ravichandran, Travis Monk, Mark Shaw (Group Leader), Robbie Alabaster, Jarred Wilson, Noel Arden.



H6

Back Row : Ryan Sanderson, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, William Jeffries.
 3rd Row : Thomas O'Neill, Timothy Phillips, Brodie Nel, Matt Hurley, Liam Jones, Blaine Dean, Matthew Muggidge.
 2nd Row : Shane Smith, Travis Klaassen, Adam Black, Sean Cressy, Phillip Peters, Matthew Barclay, Matthew Hunter, Mr A Elgar (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Kurt Gifkins, Uni Watkins, Chris Black, Jeremy Newell, David White (Group Leader), Adam Morris, Steven Barron, Nicholas Southorn.



H7

Back Row : Rhys Newland, Lee Kearins, Caleb McClutchie.
 3rd Row : Mr C Malhi (Group Teacher), Saki Kulavere, Josaia Muakalou, James Dunlop, Max Fraser-Dymond, Nathan Tobeck.
 2nd Row : Ryan Burgess, Sam Blundell, Greg Rowlands, Taitusi Tunavutu, Scott Bradley, Hamish Mellow, Lucien Purdie, Cray Taylor.
 Front Row : John Lepine, Moritz Andraschka, Cho Herewini, Dex Newland (Group Leader), Cameron Rowlands, Miles Harding, Michael Stewart, Kahanui Carkeek.



H8

Back Row : Joshua Kennedy, Glen Foreman, Sam Lawn, Leighton Price, John Felton, Alex Yim, Cory Broughton.
 2nd Row : Scott Lilly, Shaun McAree, Sean Dunn, AJ Jose, Scott Alexander, Richie Annabell, Roydon Broughton, Mr N Hunter (Group Teacher).
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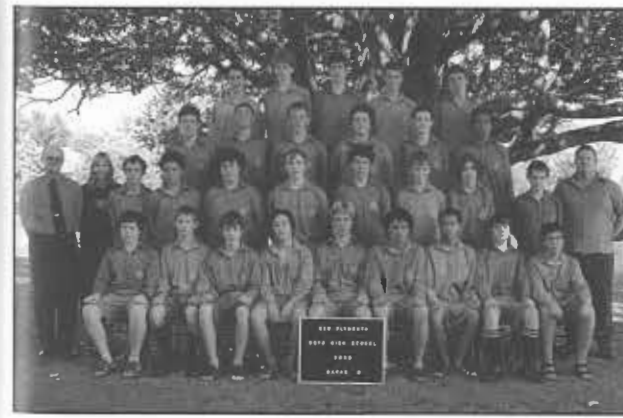
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 2nd Row : Mr J Coley (Group Teacher), Phaethon Haapu, Chris Hewlett, Chris Joe, Jamie Henshilwood, Daniel Holland, Sam Loveridge, Jamie Holdt, Zac Jackson, Ms N Ellicott (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Zac Loveridge, Patrick Harvey, John Hobson, Ross Hawton, Brandon Holdt, Bradley Hickling, Sam Hanson, Sam Highan, Greg Jacob.
 Absent : Scott Pritchard, Te One Phillips, Arapeta Nikora, Luke Johnson.



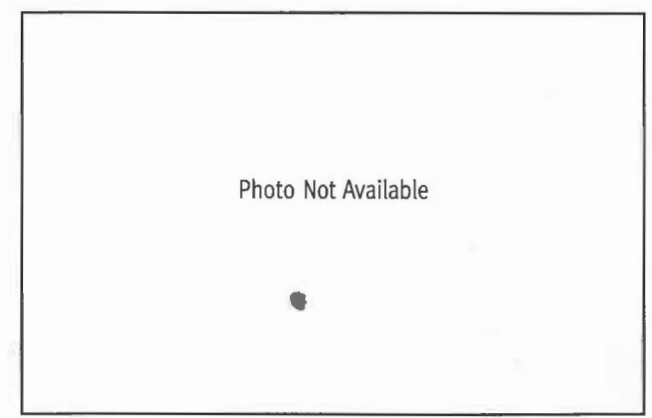
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 3rd Row : Dayle Keene, Fraser Johnston, Scott Healy, Hayden Lowe, Gered Keene, Kent Lean.
 2nd Row : Mr M Hopkins (Group Teacher), Jake Mills, Sam Howe, Kahotea Kereopa (Head Boy), Rori Macdonald, Simon Holdt, Stephen Neil, Josh Gallichan, Kelsey Matheson, Mr A Jones (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : James Le Quesne, Josh Harvey, Jade Hintz, Thomas Henderson, Daniel Hayles (Group Leader), Luke Howcroft, Charl Jacobs, Brennan Kandall, Ki Higham.



B3

Back Row : Daniel McKelvey, Andrew Gray, Simon Hinton, Charley Miles, Josh Julian-Murray.
 3rd Row : Logan Holyoake, Levi Kendall, Ian Leppard, Wade Naim, Thomas Johns, Unjah Haddon.
 2nd Row : Mr J Hyde (Housemaster), Ms S McVicar (Group Teacher), Ryan Munro, Levi Hori, Callum Livingston, Mark Greensill, Toby Jordan, Luke Liggins, Nick Howe, Cameron Jellick, Mr M Townes (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Kenneth Johnson, Jakeb Hughes, Ben Hitchcock, Rawiri Manuirirangi, Matthew Hitchings, Nathan Keenan, Peter Joe, Reece Moller, Nick Koch.
 Absent : Luke Hillenaar, Logan Moller, Tang Manuirirangi.



B4

Back Row : Joshua Iwikau, Andy Kim, Ryan Malcolm, Michael Johnson, Mathias Rosasco, Casey Luond, Deacon Katene.
 3rd Row : Mr Hyde, Willy Lane, Joshua Longstaff, Duncan Macdonald, Mark Jurisich, David Lee, Michael Kerrigan, James Lineham.
 2nd Row : Anupom Kabir, Dhruv Iyer, Makahehi Makatoa, Jordan King, Nathan Kendall, Dylan Hall, Michael Li, Thomns Jury, Mrs Slater (Group Teacher), Mr Lockheart (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Aidan Jurgens, Dylan Hopkins, Brin Kopu, Kailam Hood, Thomas King, Steven Pryce, Nathan Hopkins, Dean Jordan, Josh Lowe.



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Back Row : Carmelo Mondala, Daniel Lamorena, Tim Lee, Andrew Marfell, Shay Jenkin-Povey, Scott Jonas, Sam Masters, John Lamorena.
 3rd Row : Mr K Simpson (Group Teacher), Daniil Kedrinski, James MacLean, Jared Keil, Mike Maloney, Baxter King, Paul Morris, David Loversuch, Mr J Rowlands (Asst G/T).
 2nd Row : Nathan Maharey, Hamish Magon, Josh Lowl, Charles Loader, Josh Mahura, Jordan Makatoo, Conin James, Tas Hamahona, Wills Langslow, Mr J Hyde (Housemaster).
 Front Row : Troy Jury, Michael Mallalieu, Ryan Maloney, Jared McDonald, Jon Keast (Prefect), Chad McCracken, Jesse Malcolm, Steely-Dan Hatton-Moore, Michael Langslow.
 Absent : Adam Jones.



B6

Back Row : Kieran Mason, Tim Harrison, Ricky Malcolm, Thilina Mendis, Sheldon Joyce.
 3rd Row : Josh McLean, Trydant Murfitt, David Martin, Nick Mitchell, Nicholas Milne, Awa Maihi, Jamie Morrison, Cody McLean.
 2nd Row : Mr R Wild (Group Teacher), Thomas Nattrass, Krishneel Mani, Steven McKay, Corban Manley, Samuel Nattrass, Fraser Lodge, Leeroy McDonald-Palmer, Mr J Hyde (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Kalindu Mendis, Tupene Maihi, Zac Moller, Andrew Joyce, Paul Meuli (Group Leader), Jason Johnstone (Deputy Group Leader), Leon Johnstone, Nathan McArthur, Te Ahutoa Mane.
 Absent : Chad Jacob, Nicko Joyce, James Kahu.



B11

Back Row : Josh Lovell-Smith, Daniel Long, Christian Newland, Sebastian Rocha Dos Santos, Jonnie Morath, Scott McMahon, Sam Lovendle.
 3rd Row : Carlin Hodson-Manu, Taryn Martin, Chris Newson, Justin Lee, Shane Leathem, Philip Plant, Scott Nelson, Caylin Hunt.
 2nd Row : Mr J Hyde, Mrs V Moore (Asst G/T), Aaron Northcott, Karl Paterson, Love Callsendorff, Luke Nolly, Kerrod Hughes, Alex Lovell, Hayden Patene, Chris Lepper, Miss S Wilson (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Damien Ngatai, Joshua McKee, Corey Nicholson, Tim Lepper (Head of Barak), Daniel Nelson (Group Leader), Chad Niwa, Wayne Geng, Manahi Ngaia, Sam Nicholas.
 Absent : Jess Peters, Kale Hurlstone, Kane Hughes.



D1

Back Row : Reuben Atkinson, John Hughes, Julian Aim.
 3rd Row : D-jay Akariri-Buckley, Daniel Alldridge, Eli Abraham-Beermann, Joav Abraham-Beermann, Ben Akariri-Buckley, Josh Barrett, Jesse Benge.
 2nd Row : Mr Stephen Brown (Group Teacher), Daniel Aroa, Tim Brown, Liam Ander, Jay Arbuckle, Adam Antao, Mark Armstrong, Shane Andrews, Kallaway Abbott, Dr Nandana Ariyaratne (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Jesse Allan, Thomas Alexander, Jason Anderton, Glen Baxter, Shane O'Neill (Group Leader), Tyler Anderson, Grant Atkinson, Joseph Bailey, Mark Campbell.
 Absent : James Adlam, Ricky Andrews, Mark Atkins, Sam Adams, Sam Arbuckle.



B7

Back Row : Ludi Meyer, Callum Oliver, Cameron Laird.
 3rd Row : Adam Kelly, Lagen Kumeroa, Kieran Moorhead, Ethan Herbert, Daniel Phillips, Sam Keat.
 2nd Row : Mr S Achary (Asst G/T), Tom Jones, Connor Kerr-Newell, David Kane, James Hewett, Matt Jones, Tyrone McCabe, Mike McArthur, Hr Hyde, Mr A Evans (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Levi Manning, Zach Olsson, William McBride, Carlin Kumeroa, Finbarr Kerr-Newell, Tom O'Connor, Connor Mitchell, James Konijn, Andrew Laird.
 Absent : Ren McGee, Joel Meuli, Liam McBride, James McKerrow, Justin Fynn, Thomas Konijn



B8

Back Row : Willem Ockhuysen, Jarred Hinton, Jacob Meads, Daniel Momich, Daniel King, Phillip Mischefski, Daniel Meads.
 3rd Row : Harrison Knowles, Cameron Larsen, Isaac Owen, Adam Lalitli, Sam King, Naz Monsall, Adam Kent, Mrs Roberts (Asst G/T).
 2nd Row : Mr J Hyde (Barak Housemaster), Karl Marino, Ben Mischefski, Simon Momich, Thomas McElroy, Sachin Modgill, Peter Molloy, Nic Monk, Josh Kerslake, Zeke Parker, Mr L Wilson (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Casey McKay, Steven Masters, Josh Palmer, Jesse Puata, Andrew King, Brogan Knauf, Josh Ostler, Ethan Moeller, Rio Martin.



D2

Back Row : Corey Beaumont, Tom Bartle, Regan Bint.
 3rd Row : Matthew Blackwell, Jason Barrie, Dylan Bennett, Brad Bennett, Simon Bennett, William Corbett.
 2nd Row : Mr T Heaps (Group Teacher), Matthew Barham, Ethan Bilderbeck, Christopher Arthur, Stuart Belgrave, Henry Bartle, Daniel Barry, Ryan Anker, Kaiden Bates.
 Front Row : Zach Bellinger, Chris Baker, Thomas Benton, Joshua Blackledge, Daniel Blackhall, Mitchell Baker, Byron Andrews, Matthew Barnard, Sam Dally.
 Absent : Joel Boyland, Tom Dobson, Brent Bishop.

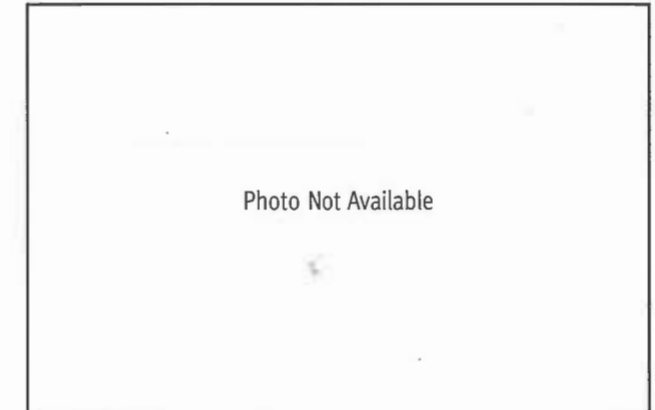
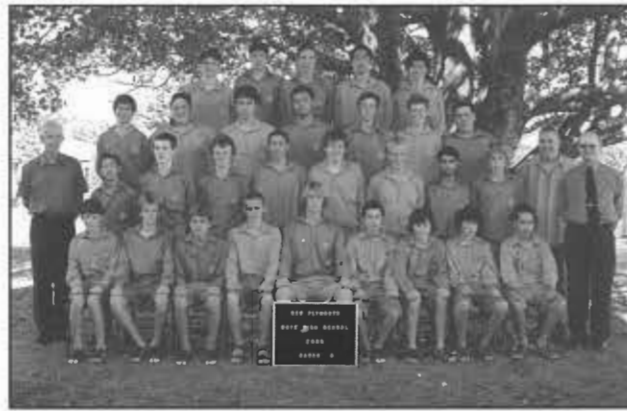


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D3

Back Row : Damon Braddock, Tom Dixon, Harley Bracken, Mace Bissell, Oliver Brankin.
 3rd Row : Paul Doody, Tom Burt, Nathan Bason, Jamie Bridger, Karl Andrews, Daniel Brotherson, Jason Holden.
 2nd Row : Mr Blair Corlett (Group Teacher), Norton Bibby, Daniel Green, Sam Bloomfield, Brent Donnelly, Callum Barnett, Campbell Bower, Donald Bruce, Johno Bruning.
 Front Row : Rhys Gally, Jarrod Birkett, Cameron Holden, Tom Baker, Ben Aves, Tyson Brandt, Stuart Birkett, Elliot Bloomfield, Fabian Bracken.
 Absent : Daniel Burgess, Nathan Grant, Kurt Doidge, James Dixon, Jordan Chilcott, Ted Burgess.



B9

Back Row : Logan Korff, Kayne Newman, Zachary Lewis, Kondre Mills (Prefect), Tayler Morgan.
 3rd Row : Matthew King (Prefect), Tamati Lichtwark, Simon O'Connor, Khan PoChing (Prefect), Garam Levchenko-Scott (Prefect), Brad Hayward, Todd Lewis.
 2nd Row : Mr R Harland (Group Teacher), Jordan Nisbet, Michael Pepperell, Scott Kearns, Kairo Muraahi, Lee Martin, James Paterson-McIsaac, Nainesh Patel, Warwick Millar, Mr W Benton (Asst G/T), Mr J Hyde (Housemaster).
 Front Row : Mathew Neville-Lamb, Gerard Miller, Jaz Nisbet, Mark Parthemore, David Morton, Cameron Miller (Group Prefect), Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Rory McPherson, Vaughn McLeod.



B10

Back Row : Connor Oliver-Rose, Caleb Millen, Jason Naumann, Tyler MacLeod, Marco Politakis.
 3rd Row : Hamiora Ngatikao, Dylan Oliver-Rose, Ses Perry, Iraia Olsen, Drew Peters, Michael Martin.
 2nd Row : Mr B Vyle (Group Teacher), Stewart Liddicoat, Chris Hemingway, Jordan Hill, Brodie Prichard, Seb Mrowinski, Dean Monti, Tim Holswich, Sam Pratt, Mr J Hyde (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Jordan Millen, Sam Mitchell, Zane Murtagh, Brooke Moses, Andrew Mischefski, Morgan Moffatt, Zeppelin Morrey, Ryan Phillips, Jonathan Moutter.
 Absent : Jared Naumann, Karl Konijn, Ryan O'Dowd, Nick Moses.



D4

Back Row : Nathanael Bunyan, Alex Bull, Jake Barber, Laine Barnett, Keone Campbell-Forsyth, Brendan Clough.
 3rd Row : Ben Caskey, Ryan Cole, Gray Barnett, Jared Bryant, Chris Caskey, James Brownlie, Sam Cadman.
 2nd Row : Ms C French (Group Teacher), Daryl Bracegirdle, Cameron Bollond, Zachary Bunyan, Ryan Brooking, Coady Clark, Ben Dowman, Andrew Carswell, Duane Bourne, Mrs M Atkinson (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Matthew Burton, Jordan Cadman, Whetu Cameron, Aaron Barber, Brayden Barnett (Group Leader), Sam Brown, Adrian Clough, Cameron Brownlie, Chaz Hanscombe.
 Absent : Sam Broadmore, Phillip Barraclough.



D5

Back Row : Ryan Croton, Blake Cowley, Steffan Fryu, Russel Doney, Ben Dixon, Kaz Cook.
 2nd Row : Mrs J Beath (Asst G/T), Oliver Coneglan, Martin Cox, Jaimin Benton, Josh Foster, Daniel Clarke, Terrence Crofskey, Jamie Cox, Mr S Leppard (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Matthew Collingwood, Ben Coneglan, Elliot Clarkson, Thomas Cox, Tim Doyle, Mark Chivers, Josh Dodd, Thomas Burnside, Leon Chiu.
 Absent : Logan Castle.



D6

Back Row : Josh Hollis, Jesse Davis, Shannon Duthie, Todd Fisher, Julian Corbett, Thomas Doehring, Tyson Kahu.
 3rd Row : Marc Dinnington, Rakesh Desai, Alex Ferens, Lane Doorbar, Luke Dymond, Clarke Demchy, Riki Harrison, Dwayne Duthie, Trent Drake.
 2nd Row : Mr K Gledhill, Ben Dalley, Keanu Cravino, Tevin Dixon, Kurt Cole, Troy Foreman, Scott Honeyfield, Broughton Elliot, Chris Devlin, Matthew De Klerk, Mr P Hewlett (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Ben Coventry, James Cresswell, Chris Cooper, Matt Dallas, Matt Foreman, Frank Crofskey, Nathan Coombs, Sam Clark, Robert Kahu.



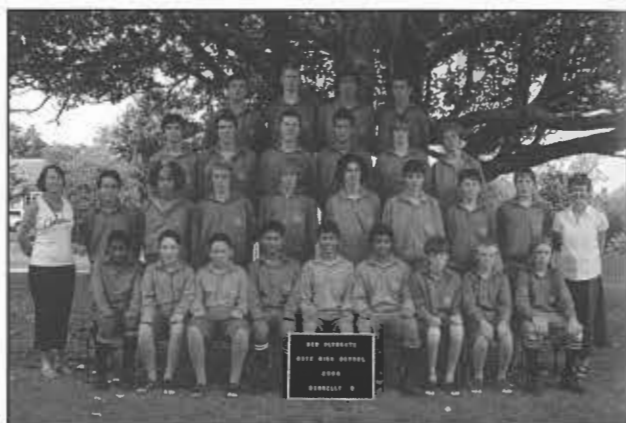
D7

Back Row : Sam Hill, Daniel Doody, Liam French.
 3rd Row : Shay Burkhart, Cameron Holm, Sam Bonner, David Earby, Aaron Edmunds, Carl Garrett, Tim Cleaver.
 2nd Row : Ms K Gracla (Group Teacher), Ryan Carter, Harrison Fisher, Rawiri Forbes, Daniel Earby, Trinity Doughty, Jordan Moratti, Dylan Crofskey, Jared Doherty, Mr J Dobbie (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Jonathon Davenport, Daniel Hine, Jayden Edmunds, Mitchell Edwards (Head of House), Michael Earby (Prefect), Jonathan Folwell, Bevan Darbyshire, Brad Carter, Richard Darney.



D8

Back Row : Josh Dick, Isaac Davies, Devon Fraser, Alex Glentworth, Michael Hatch.
 3rd Row : Jeremy Fenwick, Ethan England, Max Williams, Rhys Ellis, Ryan England, Liam Harvey, Jake Bowden-Eves.
 2nd Row : Mr G Hannah (Asst G/T), Mehamed Doughty, Callum Davison, Evan Andrews, Hayden Davison, Paul Andrews, Logan Castle, James Fraser, Logan Dravitzki, Mr P Cayzer (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Beaven Dewar, Aaron De Ridder, Ainsley Edwards, Jamie Hatch, Jacob Davies (Group Leader), Christophe Egli, Talor Court, Evander De Groot, Jesse Dravitzki-Smith.
 Absent : Ted Burgess, Matthew Foster, Matthew Armitage.



D9

Back Row : Finn Climo, Joshua Gordon, Scott Fraser, Calin Erueti.
 3rd Row : Sam Horo, Byron Gardner, Scott Evans, James Graham, James Fuller, David Ellis.
 2nd Row : Ms S Scott (Group Teacher), Max Gordon, Javan Cassidy, Sam Franklin, Thomas Burley, Kris Fairclough, Carlton Hiroa, Michael Garrett, Lacy Gardner, Mrs B Elgar (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Joshua Ferguson, Quade Elvin, Kerry Fuller, Raymond Edwards, Roshan Patel, Viranchi Upadhyay, Shaun Foster, Joel Edgcombe, Matt Duxfield.
 Absent : Daniel Falgan, Jared Gilmer, Brook Graddy.



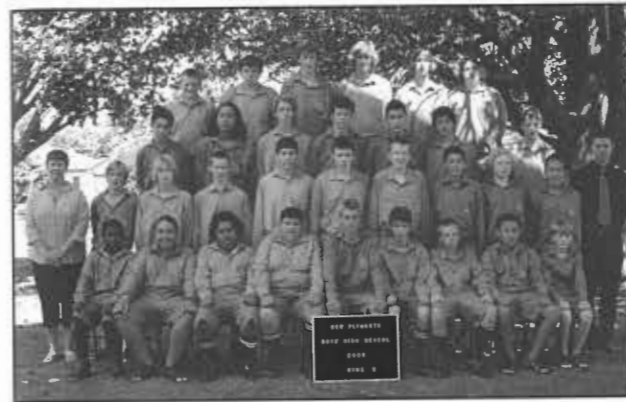
S1

Back Row : Ben Sharpe, Taani Prestney, Warren Polata, Lindsay Schrader, Shaun Pycroft, Morgan Power-Gordon.
 3rd Row : Sean Phillips, Brendan Hodge, Jeremy Mills, Vincent Sharpe, Daniel Rowlands, Peter Reeve, Sam Phillips.
 2nd Row : Mr K Rowson (Group teacher), Chris Phillips, Thomas Potroz, Kerry Roach, Jacob Randall, Shaun Porter, Aidan Prestney, Joshua Rielly, Gareth Power-Gordon.
 Front Row : Jade Richardson, Sean O'Connor, Andrew Offord, Thomas Te Keeti, Cameron Ross, Michael Peterson, Jason Schrader, Geordie Park, Nick Orr.
 Absent : Quinten Peters, Thomas Pullar, Caleb Smith.



S2

Back Row : Sam Rowlands, Damian Smuts, Zane Ritai-Davey, Steven Rolfe, Joshua Simpson, Kyle Smuts.
 2nd Row : Mr C Hill (Group Teacher), Hendriz Rawiri, Nick Rayner, Johnson Power, Michael Roberts, Shiraz Sadikeen, Ashok Ramanathan, Callum Sampson, Kristian Peters, Mrs M Fenney (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Nathan Pease, Alastar Scarle, Stacey Ruwhiu, Anthony Rayner, Jeremy Scarle, Campbell Rowlands, Matthew Rodden, Akshay Sidhar, Matt Phillips.
 Absent : Brendon Sutton, Stewart Wesselson, Chris Ridgwell-Lang, Mathew Pipe, Dean Robinson, Ezriahn Rea.



S3

Back Row : DamiePowell, Shay Richards, Kyan Rooks, Fergus Porteous, Ben Robbins, Sean Robertson .
 3rd Row : Cruz Rauner, Star Seko, Jack Rush, Lewis Schumacher, Kane Sharrock, Brad Wilson, David Sarten.
 2nd Row : Mrs P Crow, Jordan Stayt, Eddie Rush, Mat Richardson, Geraint Scott, Jason Oliver, Ryan Peters, Kishan Rai, Thomas Sinton, Sky Wanahi, Mr H Russell (Group Teacher).
 Front Row : Kyle Pillay, Leonard Pullen-Burry, Tumai Piripi, Taga P-Miskei, David Ormond, Mathew Phillips, Renn Schreiber, Jesse Pirini, Chad Quinney.



S4

Back Row : Richard Shearer, Michael Tate, Simon Ruck, Troy Shoter, Jack Smithers.
 3rd Row : James Tate, Anurag Purkayastha, Quinn Rosa, Alex Sewell, Shaun Parkinson, Daniel Simon, Scott Robertson.
 2nd Row : Mr M Hill (Group Teacher), Amrit Rai, Michael Phillips, Jonathon Wyndam-Jones, Matt Shaw, James Wilson, Wade Sloane, Kyle Still, Jeremy Raynes, Mrs M Porteous (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Glen Rawlinson, Chris Robb, Sean Parker, Adriann Steyn, Willie Steyn, Kyle Robertson, Mathis Smith, Sam Skipper, Blair Saunders.
 Absent : Codey Rei, Carl Parkins-Payne, Jordan Walters.



S5

Back Row : John Taylor, Michael Reuter, BG Yarto, Rom Stas, Troy Rumney, Eric Thompson, Steven Smith.
 3rd Row : Cory Snowden, Jacob Robinson, Hew Price, Tim Riley, Yuuki Smithers, Vincenzo Smolenski, Matthew Zhong.
 2nd Row : Mr N Vernon (Group Teacher), Matthew Sarten, Wiremu Ruwhiu, Jack Price, Jared Softe, Robbie Weston, Ben Rowland, Darryl Roberts, Peneha Ruwhiu, Mr J Warner (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Lewis Walsh, Calum Ross, Anthony Taylor, Connor Stachurski, Michael Taylor, Kane Robertson, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Gye Simkin, Andrew Smith.
 Absent : Sam Saunders, Duran Smith.



S6

Back Row : Vincent Robinson, Stuart Sutherland, Jon Shotbolt, Jeremy Price, Caleb Snowdon, Jason Sharpe, Alexander Novak, Gary Tiplady.
 3rd Row : Kurt Tanswell, Karsten Shotbolt, Brent Taylor, Kim Sculpher, Ant Tiplady, Leith Tahu, Jack Sigley, Anton Shaw, Jordan Waugh.
 2nd Row : Mr J Prasad (Group Teacher), Ethan Sanderson, Nick Redfeam, Jordan Pretty, Harley Smith, Jamie Stones, Nick Standen, Josh Sandford, Harley Russell, Tyler Stills.
 Front Row : Cameron Sampson, Tushar Sharma, Dilian Robson, Jong Shin, Jeremy Powell, Naoto Shimogo, Sheldon Ross, Leon Robertson, Jamie St Clair.



S7

Back Row : Edmundo Smith, Jack Taylor, Shane White, Rex Yarto, Zildjian Robinson.
 3rd Row : Sam Smith, Mitchell Thom, Tyler Slinger, William Rewiri, William Sklenars, Aaron Whale.
 2nd Row : Mr B Johnston (Group Teacher), Jamie Roberts, Jamie Thompson-Smith, Jeremy Smith, Thomas Wilson, David Vincent, Brock Sibbick, Corey Telfer, David Thomson, Mr R Turner.
 Front Row : Myles Simkin, Jake Silby, Jamie Reid, Matthew Reid, Lee Wilson, Matty Snowden, Alex Sprott, Alex Wilkinson, Tamati Thompson-Smith.



S8

Back Row : Peter Stevens, William Tennent, Hayden Taunoa, Sam Thomson, Jason van Winkel.
 3rd Row : Matthew Tait, Davis Sutcliffe, Sean Ross, Rayna Tito, Harley Wall, Jacob Tito, Heinrich Swartz, Craig Thomason.
 2nd Row : Mr C Nicholls (Group Teacher), Dylan Speedy, Matt Taylor, David Stevens, Ben Snooks, Sam Sutherland, Kerry Thomas, Chance Te Uira, Josh Taylor, Mr D Moore (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Luke Standliffe-White, Jeremy Whyte, Devyn Taylor, Alex Terwiel, Floyd Wicksteed, Darryl Takerei, Brandon Whyte, Luke Stevenson, Angus Swanson.



S9

Back Row : Mr M Watts (Group Teacher), Shium Reza, Samuel Varley, Mark Wansbrough, Luke Tyrer, Johnny Wadeson.
 3rd Row : Matthew Tooley, Greg Wilson, Trent Thompson, James Whitmore, Adam White, Liam Webb, Dustin Terrill, Darryn Thomason.
 2nd Row : Mr W J Geange (Asst G/T), James Varley, Jason Wang, Daniel Van Zyl, Daniel Veza, Josh Richardson, Matthew Warner, Martin Tamapua, Tom Smith, Ms M Wipiliti.
 Front Row : Oliver Smith, Roy Thomas, Eldon Vickers, Jamie Turahui, Jason Rolfe, Shaun Thomson, Simeon Williams, Mitchell Thomson, Chris Whitmore.
 Absent : Abhi Verma, Tevin Waiwiri, Shaun Thompson, Ben Upton.



S10

Back Row : Jacob Vanderfits, Marcus Sweetman, James Young, Joel Ward.
 3rd Row : Duceon Walker-Withers, Jacob Whiting, Phill Stott, Simon Mo Xianchong, Luke Stenner, Taerata Turahui.
 2nd Row : Ms V Herbert (Group Teacher), Caine Watty, Josh Smaller, Jarred Wallace, Alphred Li, Joshua Voorwinde, Shay Wetini, Tom Webb, Matt Voorwinde, Ms V Kerr (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Aaron Whittkia, Kyle Wadsworth, Joseph Roberts, Andrew Young, Nathan Woods, Alex Whittkia, Elohim Northcott, Patrick Watt, Tamati Waiariki-Rolleston.
 Absent : Zaryd Wilson, Michael Shea, Nick Vincent, Michael White, Luke Wheatley, John Webby, Kane Walsh.



S11

Back Row : Gavin Wu, Alexander Waugh, Max Whiting, Jerome Tui-Rawiri, Peter Zhou, Anirut Suphasun.
 3rd Row : Michael Wood, Ryan Watts, Hamish Girvan, Nicolas Tyson, Matt Wells, Nick Wells, Jono Gibson, Luke Woodd.
 2nd Row : Mr T Standish (Group Teacher), Ben West, Sam Young, Cam Waterhouse, Hamish Fleming, Morgan Win, Craig Welch, Jarrod Winter, Logan Rei, Mr S Page (Asst G/T).
 Front Row : Jackson Win, Trinity Wilson, Sam Wilson, Nathan Wilson, Daniel Fleming (Prefec), William Young, Matthew Girvan, Joshua Rei, Lachlan Wimsett.
 Absent : Ken Tang.

