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Back Cover Photo: Combined NPBHS NPGHS Concert Band after winning a Gold Medal at the NI Concert Band Competition (photo courtesy of TNL)



HEADMASTER'S REPORT

On March 1 the school's roll was 1,275, once again a strong affirmation that parents believed that NPBHS is setting the right course for their sons.

2007 was an exciting one for NPBHS; firstly with the 125th Reunion at Easter and then the completion of our major rebuilding of the Cramond and Alexander wings of the main school building.

The reunion was pre-eminent in our minds at the start of the year. One of the best features of our school is how the Old Boys come to the fore and put their names forward, when there are events of significance. The Jubilee Committee, under the expert leadership of Lyn Bublitz, put together a programme that had something for everyone with the emphasis on celebrating the diversity of our Old Boys and of what the school offered them.

The Jubilee book that Tom Ryder authored, with the help of a large number of Old Boys, is of phenomenal value, both as a history of 125 years of NPBHS, but also a history of Taranaki. This is a work of real significance that all will enjoy, as it chronicles the stars, the workers and those who added to the 'character and legends' of our place. It is called 'Within and Beyond the Gates' and, at more than 300 pages, will be a must for all families at a cost of only \$25.00. All NPBHS families should have one. It is available from the school office.

From the opening on Thursday evening by His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand, the Honourable Anand Satyanand, to the closing assembly and wreath laying on Easter Monday at 10.00 am, there were a host of

opportunities for friends of the school to get together.

This Easter weekend was a time to meet old friends, to rekindle associations long forgotten, to share stories, old and new, true and not so true, to look over the school and jog the memory on matters that may have been closeted for many years.

What is it that draws people back to such reunions and galvanises committed people to organise such events? What is the tie, the strong bond that answers the call and stirs the pride?

I believe it has a lot to do with how significant the high school years were to the people we turned out to be. The years from 12 to 16, 17, 18, 19, or older in some cases, are hugely formative in the transition to manhood.

In March I had the pleasure of talking to a group of prospective hostel parents and their Year 8 (Form 2) boys in Ryder Hall. After some words from me as to why I believe ours is the best boys' hostel in the country, Geoff Hall, Old Boy, teacher, and Senior Hostel Master, introduced the hostel prefects who duly took the parents and boys on a tour. I could not help but make the comment about what a transformation was going to occur in the next five years - somehow in this short time span they were going to 'morph' from the innocence of a 12 year old to the worldly wisdom of an 18 or 19 year old. This is what boys' schools are about and what NPBHS does so well at this transitional stage. Over 125 years you build up considerable expertise in the world of boys and what makes these beasts tick. Somewhere in this mysterious process of male adolescence a strong attachment forms with the school - a recognition perhaps, of just how important it was in the scheme of

who you are.

That attachment has many cords that, together, give it strength and a sense of permanence.

These cords are to do with:

- teachers (not just the dispensers of a curriculum, but men and women who espouse values/standards in their every utterance);
• comrades, friends, significant senior boys to look up to;
• traditions and history that are the legacy of being around 125 years and evolving positively;
• standards that are not negotiable;
• opportunities, sometimes called extra-curricular, but as we prefer, the co-curricular.

It is often these opportunities that are the spur to come together, the battles on the racecourse, Gully, Webster, McNaught, the gymnasium, the athletics track, the music room, the theatre stage, the mountain, the rivers, the farms, the pool, the sea. They are to do with excellence and competition, never forbidden words at NPBHS and not now. Among these is the reason people attend reunions and why the school is so important to them.

Many communities in our modern society lack the real heart that builds strength and resilience. There are many reasons for this and this is not the forum to dissect them but to venture that one of the great traditions of this school - 'giving service', is lacking in a world consumed with personal rights at the ignorance of responsibilities.

My congratulations to the 125th Jubilee Committee for their long-term planning and 'service' to the community of NPBHS through their hard work and inspiration.



Mr Lynn Bublitz was chair of the centenary and now again the 125th. His passion for the school was shared by the following committee members who made the celebration possible: Nicky Howarth (Secretary Development Office), Bruce Bayly, Jed Rowlands, Brian Bellringer, Kevin Taylor, Todd Wolfe, Peter Darney (Treasurer), Brooke Wolfe, Max Carroll, David Bublitz, Kevin Gledhill, Grant Hassall, Headmaster and also Pip Guthrie (photographer), Melissa Devine (Ball), Raewyn Wolfe (flowers), Pauline French-Wright (Taranaki tours).

The school looked a picture at the weekend with the 125th providing a stimulus for a number of projects to be completed.



Tom Ryder, wife Joan and Raewyn Wolfe spent considerable time spring-cleaning and reassembling the museum at the back of Ryder Hall. It now looks first-rate.

The bell-tower, at the head of The Gully has been re-secured, painted and re-tiled.

The ground staff, Barrie Fitzpatrick, Keith Julian and Darcy Weir (Old Boy and former NZ roller hockey representative), under the hand of Property Manager, Trevor Woodward, had the gardens and general environment looking superb.

Max Carroll standardised the photos in the Old Boys' gallery in Pridham Hall and had them all remounted. They look first-class.

Bruce Bayly (Deputy Headmaster) has, with the help of some staff members (Mr Richard Wild et al) produced a set of plaques that have been affixed to important buildings around the school. They give a brief history of the person that the building was named after. This is an important process that adds to the sense of being a part of an institution with well-founded roots.

The Jubilee was such an example of service, but so too is the school Board of Trustees. I have been blessed in my nearly thirteen years, by some outstanding chairmen - John Eagles, Geoff Ward, Warren Batchelar and Stephen Harrop - and trustees of character, determination and total support of the school.

It is timely to thank Stephen Harrop for his six years on the BOT, the last three as Chairman, and also Deputy Chairman, Rob Mills for a similar tenure and having the chairmanship of Property and Hostel, two of the largest portfolios.

These Old Boys have been superb in their dedication to the school and have been major figures in the hostel and school rebuilding programme - passionate men prepared to give so freely to our school community - we are indebted.

Congratulations to Stephen Harrop, as

well, on his elevation to the bench of the District Court in Wellington. He follows Judge Noel Walsh, who was also on our Board of Trustees when sworn on to the bench, and many others from the legal profession who have been trustees. In my time - John Eagles, John Laurenson, Murray Cochrane, Noel Walsh, the late Ian Strombom, Susan Hughes and Stephen Harrop.

Fiona Browne has also given two terms of great service to the Hostel Committee and, as chair of the Policy Committee, which kept up to date with the wide ranging modern demands for such paperwork.

Steve Ander has given sound advice to the Technology and Property Committees, as well as representing the school on the LA Alexander Trust.

We thank all four retiring trustees for their great service to the school.

This year also saw a change in the leadership structure available to our Year 13 (Form 7) senior students. I firmly believe that leadership is something that we must nurture as we would academia, musicianship, drama skills and sporting prowess. It has not been fashionable, and in fact seen to be at odds with many ideas on equality, to have a strong leadership group. We have never flagged from strong demands on our hostel prefects and have had group leaders that have performed some excellent work with their vertical groups.

Under Mr Jed Rowland's, (Assistant Principal), drive and vision, we have reconstituted (how things revolve in education!) a strong group of prefects who gained support from staff and their peers to carry out some traditional duties of importance to maintain school standards.





Many of you will identify, from days gone by, of prefects checking uniform, behaviour, manning the gates in the mornings, ensuring a clean environment, running assemblies and giving the 'lead' to all boys in the standards we want to uphold.

This is the Boys' High way and I know that nearly all parents are positively behind these standards and do actively promote these at home.

We have fifteen boys who are now badged and taking on this role, as well as the forty-one group leaders, who have specific roles in their vertical houses and the boarding prefects.

If we don't have leadership roles, how can we expect such talents to be exposed and cultivated? It was interesting to watch the progress of these boys, under the leadership/tutoring of Jed Rowlands - once again a case of NPBHS making the way and using the experiences of a proud past in a modern setting.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

A concept that had been discussed by Super 8 Principals over the past year was finalised. In the absence of a creditable qualification for our most able academics to aspire to, we have formulated our own, that we feel will be strived for.

Essentially boys look to the best 80 credits at whatever level for those at multi-level study. Based on 4 for an excellence, 3 for merit and 2 for achieved, over at least five subjects a grade point average is calculated out of 100 and those with 80 and above were declared as Super 8 Scholars for 2006 and received a certificate. Boys have embraced the idea very positively and, hopefully, this might be another spur to challenge rather than accumulate the bare minimum credits.

There were 34 Super 8 Scholars at Year 11 and 13 at Year 12.

I have no doubt that the scholarship exams are a test for the most able students anywhere. After our stellar year in 2005, the 2006 results were good, but not outstanding for us.

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

We had our scholars, who are now Old Boys, back to school to give the school's congratulations at the Scholars' Assembly.

NINE BOYS GAINED 13 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 2 BECAME NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARS.

NZ SCHOLARS:

Table listing NZ Scholars: Lee Wilson (Chemistry, Statistics, Calculus) and Evan Andrews (Chemistry, Statistics, Calculus).

HONOURS BOARD SCHOLARS

Table listing Honours Board Scholars: Paul Meuli (English), Hew Price (Biology), Roshan Patel (Art (Design)), Sugapriyan Ravichandran (Biology), Jeremy Scarle (Music), Andrew King (Geography), Mitchel Edwards (Economics).

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

As a further spur to reach up academically, all boys who gain an EXCELLENCE grade in internal or external achievement standards will receive Certificates of Academic Performance to recognise this at a full school assembly.

SOME 2006 NCEA STATISTICS

As I did last year, I have included some statistics extracted from the 2006 NCEA.

Our results are above the national averages in nearly every statistic and for decile 7 schools and a boys' school, generally well above. This should give me and the staff a real sense of achievement, but it all seems rather hollow, for a number of reasons. I have said to the staff, parents and BOT, a number of times about protecting our assessment integrity and not being seduced to lower standards in the push for higher pass rates.

It is apparent that there are huge discrepancies in the distribution of grades and pass rates between similar standards that are assessed internally or externally. Most schools have continued to push for more and more internal assessments and the likelihood of higher grades, as well as unit standards at the expense of achievement standards. I am becoming very dubious as to a real standard being set at all. The high decile schools (8-10) have fewer unit standards and less internal assessment than middle and low (1-3) decile schools. For example, in 2006, low decile schools had 55% of standards achieved via unit standards and in decile 8-10 schools, only 25%.

At the level 3, there are concerns about whether the 42 credits needed for University Entrance set a national standard and are a valid entrance requirement at all. For example, it

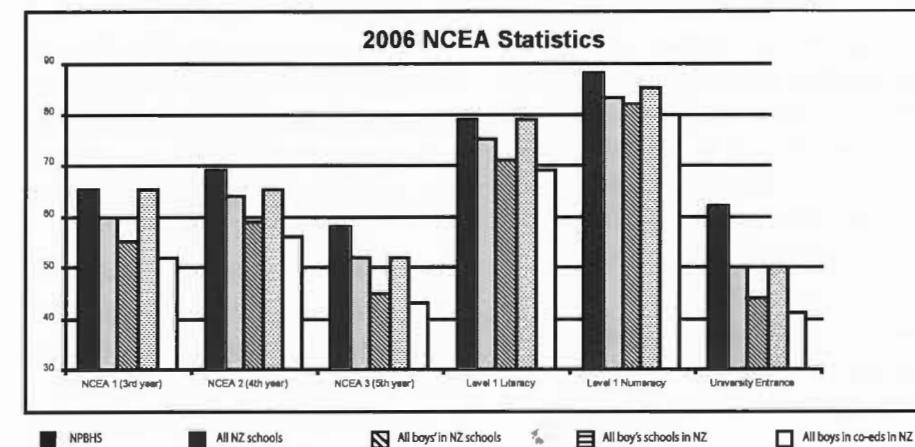
is possible for a student to get to the 42 level 3 credits without doing any external exams and almost all unit standards. The internals could have endless re-sits to assessments and less than robust moderation. No wonder universities are getting concerned about the failure rates of students, especially first year - many students are not prepared for the rigours of some varsity coursework without endless reassessment opportunities. There is talk of universities setting their own entrance test or not accepting the 42 credits as entry into restricted courses - Auckland is already doing so. In schools, more are looking at some more robust examinations with an acknowledged standard such as CIE (Cambridge International Examination) or IB (International Baccalaureate).

Recently I met with Simon Higgins who is director of CIE in New Zealand, with other staff and invited some staff from NP Girls' HS as well. We need to be open minded and look to the needs of all of our students and whether some could be better served by such exams.

To compare NCEA pass rates between schools is a dubious process. How can you compare the grades of a school that has mainly external exams, little emphasis on unit standards, a tight re-sit policy and does not have a considerable number of credits for values type education, with other schools?

The moderation procedures for internal assessments have the potential to be pretty loose, where schools choose the work to go away to moderators for checking. NZQA have said that later this year they will move towards random sampling as a method of ensuring standards are transparent and comparable whether you live in Christchurch, Orewa or Waverley.

I do not intend these comments to indicate that NCEA is a worthless assessment system; far from it. In fact, there is much to admire in the system that allows more learners to become involved positively in schooling. However, as a comparative indicator of schools' performance, NCEA results are of little validity because of the variability of practices from school to school.



- Some schools have kept to the original suggested ratio of 50:50, internal: external assessment and others, nowhere near it.
• Some schools have decided to move to more and more unit standards, which are seen as easier to pass at the lower level.
• Some schools have a policy of 1 further assessment opportunity and others keep reassessing until success is reached.
• Some schools cut out the achievement standards that have low achievement rates and substitute easier ones. This surely can't raise standards.

I would comment that it would be fair to say that there has been a lack of understanding as well as lack of confidence in the current NCEA system and assessments from sections of the community. I have always acknowledged the strengths and weaknesses of the system and am

pleased to see some of the changes that have been made. They are a part of the evolution of any new framework and gives people confidence that they are being listened to as consumers and providers of education. The change is signalled this year and a step in the right direction.

I would hope that the acknowledgement of merit or excellence performances over a range of standards will provide

the incentive for many to work to the best of their abilities. To gain an NCEA with Merit or Excellence should tell us something of the overall academic ability of students without having to look at pages of assessment results.

We also have boys doing first year university papers as a part of their Year 13 programme. We are honoured to be one of two schools asked to present our students for level 4 papers and delighted with the accord we have signed with Massey University. A group of twenty boys are presently doing a Calculus paper, taught by Mr Sheilendra Achary, one of the school's senior Mathematics teachers.

This could well be extended to other papers in the future.

In June, I announced to the boys in assembly that the Awards Committee has endorsed the recommendation





from the staff that Tiger Jackets be awarded on the following basis from the start of 2007 onwards.

The Academic Dux – as at present, but it will be presented at Senior Prizegiving each year.

Those who become New Zealand Scholars – this means gaining 3 scholarship passes and will be presented at the Scholars' Assemblies in the year following the examinations.

Those who achieve a grade point average percentage of 90 and above at level 2 or 3. This is based on the Super 8 Scholars' criteria. The Year 12 students will have their Tiger Jackets presented early in Year 13 at a special Tiger Jacket assembly. The Year 13 students will have their presented at a Scholars' Assembly early in the year following, as for (ii) above.

EHSAS (Extending High Standards Across Schools) We are indeed fortunate to be given targeted funding of almost \$400,000 to work with New Plymouth Girls' High School and Highlands Intermediate, over the next four years to bring to fruition a project that we submitted to the Ministry of Education.

The project is to meet the needs of academically gifted boys and girls in all three schools, mainly based on the Year 7 - 10 group.

The schools have each appointed lead teachers or co-ordinators, as follows:
NP Boys' HS - Mr Kelvin Simpson
NP Girls' HS - Mrs Margaret Crawford
Highlands - Mrs Juliet Maihi
and an overall co-ordinator, Mrs Karen Newbrook.

It is an exciting time for all schools with the first major task to develop the

identification tools for gifted academic students and then to apply them to form the first group.

NPBHS VISION

Mid-year saw senior staff involved in the second part of the Professional Development cycle. This looks at agreed goals for 2007 based on individuals and departments that were set back in 2006. It is an opportunity to revise these, taking into account the analysis of academic performance based on NCEA over the 2006 year but, particularly on the external examination performance. This informs individual teacher's goals as well as more general performance criteria for whole learning areas.

There are also further objectives that are set as a part of our Strategic Plan, 2007-2010, in line with National Education priorities. The ones relating to 2007 form a part of our Annual Plan. All of this is presented to the Ministry of Education by May 31 of each year. NPBHS takes this as a serious process that leads to self-improvement and helps to keep the focus on achieving our mission statement.

This vision says a lot about what we want to achieve and the values that the school encompasses. Most boys may not understand the intricacies of all the objectives and goals of the school vision, but through the way the school operates and articulates the vision, they know what is required and what the values are.

As I often relate to our young men, we can write long references on what they have achieved and who they are, but I would replace all of this with one sentence that says everything.

That is: "John is a young man of character".

I personally believe that this is self explanatory, but I wonder if the future readers of such a reference would fully understand the significance of it.

A good exercise for anybody would be to use this seven word sentence to initiate a discussion on what this means. What range of values do people of character exhibit?

I am proud to say that at NPBHS I can walk the school and see a dominant culture of our own boys that fits the intent of this sentence – they are truly people of character. It is a journey and, as such, boys are at different stages of being described by the statement.

Our school vision firmly embeds a path that, for most boys, ends up when they leave with them as young men of character. The path clearly involves a range of experiences or taking up all the opportunities that abound – character building.

Comments from the 125th Jubilee participants were very gratifying for the staff and Board of Trustees.

They confirmed that NPBHS is a school that continues to insist on:

- High standards**
- High expectations**
- High ideals**
- High levels of achievement**

It gives all boys every chance of being considered "OF CHARACTER".

The annual ANZAC assembly was well attended by special guests from Old Boys, armed forces personnel, representatives of Returned Services organisations and friends of the school. The whole school attended and gained whole-hearted plaudits for their sense of occasion and perfect behaviour which shows their respect for the day and what it represents.

I said to the assembly there will be a time when we will not be privileged to have ex-servicemen attend in person – our boys will carry the mantle of ensuring we will not forget – I am confident they will.

Our guest speaker was Lieutenant Mike Peebles, a young Old Boy (1996-2000), who has done very well in the Royal New Zealand Navy. He commanded MOA, an inshore patrol craft and is now the Navigation Officer on the frigate, Te Kaha. His words were well received by the assembly.

There was a different touch this year that gave a special emphasis. Two of the 241 of our Old Boys who died in service (1939-45) were merchant seamen, Able Bodied Seaman Harry Wood and Engineer James Lynch. Mr Mervyn Martin has been very active in getting recognition for merchant seamen who gave service. He spoke and then presented to me their veterans' badges. To have had a large number of the family of Harry Wood in attendance was wonderful and to be able to present the badge to Colleen Blair, a niece, was a real honour. Lorraine Knightbridge also read her poem - 'Battle For the Atlantic', which hit a chord with all.

My thanks to Trevor Wylde for reading the Commemoration to the Fallen, to Captain John Masters for parading the cadet unit so well and to Head Boy, Leighton Price, for his readings from the book 'Lest We Forget' and, with Head Boarder, Mitchell Campbell, for laying the wreaths.

HOSTEL OPEN WEEKEND

The hostel is a very important part of the school and, as one of the country's largest, has a significant part to play. The boarders often set a standard for other boys of the school to aspire to and are proud to do so.

Mr Geoff Hall put together an excellent long weekend for parents and prospective parents to see the school and be with their sons on site. On Queen's Birthday Monday, our 53rd rugby fixture was held on the Gully, between the Year 9's from NPBHS (Niger House) and Palmerston North BHS (College House). This is not unusual to have such a traditional fixture between two schools that have such a long held pride in such competitions, but there are some particular features that are outstanding. As a background, all of our Year 9 hostel boys, this year 50 of them, have a programme from the first few days of school attendance that culminates in the annual fixture.

The programme consists of:

- 5.45 am wake up for fitness work that has running, exercise and games.
- Early morning training for the game, as the date of the fixture approaches.
- Wonderful leadership from hostel prefects, who take on the responsibility for the full package of preparation.

I firmly believe that these boys are fortunate to be in a hostel that puts great store on this goal setting.

Fortunate because:

- They work together with a common purpose.
- They gain in fitness and confidence in themselves
- They realise what can be achieved through hard work and sacrifice.
- They realise how to support others to achieve their goals – teamship is vital.
- They gain a healthy respect for others, who might, or might not find the training easy.
- They take major steps on the path to manhood.



- It provides every opportunity for the development or nurturing of CHARACTER.
- It allows leadership to flourish.
- It breaks down some of the barriers between Year 9 and Year 13 boys and promotes healthy relationships, based on trust and respect.

I have spent some time outlining an event that, in itself, may not be hugely significant to all boys in the school, but it does illustrate the very positive benefits of young people having a real purpose in their lives.

THESE YOUNG MEN COULD NEVER BE ACCUSED OF BEING DIRECTIONLESS.

On the big day it was a treat to see the positive interaction between the Year 13 and Year 9 boys – a common purpose so evident.

For the record our boys played outstandingly to win 69 - 0. The hard work on the fitness and training field was obvious to all. Superbly prepared by the hostel prefects, I am sure that they all gained great pride and satisfaction in the process and will be stronger individually for it.

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



needs. These will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

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

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

"THE AGE OF BLAME"

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

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

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

front-up to weaknesses that they have shown.

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

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

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

I believe there are all sorts of contrary messages in our media each day to 'taking personal responsibility' for what is going to happen in your life. At school I will, and our staff will, continue to get boys to do just this.

As a country we would be much better off if we all did this - we would be a stronger society as there are no real barriers to successful lives in New Zealand - we are blessed with opportunities and there can be no few excuses for not taking them on.

Buildings have taken up the energies of a lot of people at NPBHS but the wait is nearly over for the new building to replace the Cramond block that was demolished over a year ago - in fact, demolished in May, 2006. There are a large number of staff and boys who have had to put up with less than ideal teaching conditions and have done so in an admirable manner. It is easier to suffer adversity, if around the corner

there is a superb facility to move into.

It seems to have taken an eternity, but we can now see the way it will look and function and cannot be more pleased. A genuine entrance to the school will be created and staff, boys, parents and visitors will be able to work in conditions that are first-rate, in keeping with the school.

The changing profile of the building has certainly created interest from people from Taranaki and beyond, as the construction has progressed.

WHAT DOES NPBHS HAVE AS A POINT OF DIFFERENCE TO OTHER EDUCATION OPTIONS?

- Tailors its teaching to boys' needs specifically.
- Has a high quality teaching force that knows about the business of getting the best from boys in a holistic sense.
- Can concentrate fully on the positive aspects of being male.
- Offers a curriculum that satisfies the particular needs of young men, with regard to their future aspirations.
- Has an innovative curriculum that is at the leading edge, in terms of traditional subjects, progressing to top class tertiary careers, but also introducing new subjects that lead to the highly desirable trades, design and technology areas - for 2008 these are practical technology wood, practical technology metal, technology metal, technology wood, electronics (science), electronics and control technology and design. These will give a pathway for all boys to pursue for five years at school, according to their personal needs. 2008 will see more changes.
- Has literacy, numeracy and writing projects across the school that focus resources on ensuring all boys have the skills to continue their education.
- Has a commitment to instilling discipline and traditional values as

a framework to future success and positive citizenship.

- Maintains school buildings, facilities and grounds that are second to none. This year will see the completion of a \$6 million teaching block to replace the classrooms and administration areas on Coronation Avenue, and up-grade of Technology.
- Has an acknowledged history of academic performance, with some of the school's finest results in the past five years.
- Is committed to academic integrity that empowers boys to strive for the exam results that give them the greatest future opportunities. This means a larger percentage of external examinations than most schools.
- Provides 'streaming' and acceleration for the most able boys, but smaller classes and appropriate curriculum and assessment for those who find school work more difficult.
- Has a very strong house system that ensures team work, loyalty and commitment and gives vast leadership opportunities.
- Maintains traditional occasions that are at the forefront of boys' education - ANZAC Service, whole school hakas of support on Gully Field, fundraising.
- Encourages a close liaison with NP Girls' High School that allows for social needs.
- Has active whanau support, through fortnightly meetings of Whanau Waiora.
- Provides a vast number of global opportunities to travel overseas while at school, to experience different cultures.
- Is running a pilot Gifted and Talented programme together with NP Girls' HS / Highlands Intermediate with huge support from the Ministry of Education.
- Is leading a MOE project with FDMC to increase the positive use of ICT in both schools.

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

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

I am delighted to summarise the results from the national tournaments.

We have had an **OUTSTANDING TOURNAMENT WEEK** by any measure, when you consider that we are competing in the top tier of tournaments in nearly all codes.

1st XI Hockey - 9th in India Shield. Congratulations to David Stones, Max Maaka and Brent Vyle.

1st XI Soccer - 13th in Lotto Premier. Congratulations to James Graham, Allen Ross and Hugh Russell.

Under 15 Rugby - 10th in National Invitation. Congratulations to Gordon Giddy and Steven Leppard.

1st V Basketball - 11th in Central Region Tournament. Congratulations to David Bublitz and Kelvin Wall.

U-16 Basketball - finished 6th in the Central Zone Tournament. Congratulations to Jeff Cleaver and Tim Cleaver (now in the States)

Golf - Top team in NZ Community Trust, NZSS Championships. Congratulations to Justin Hyde.

Surfing - Top team in NZ, NZSS champions. Congratulations to Richard Turner and Kane Rowson

Add to this the top performance of the 1st XV against most of the best teams in the country. Two of our opponents, Hamilton BHS and Gisborne BHS were in the last four of the knockout to find the top 1st XV. Gisborne, one of our Super 8 schools, won the final, which puts in some perspective our close 15-8 loss to them not long ago.

We are proud of our four national champion sporting teams in 2007:

- Surfing
- Golf
- In-line Hockey
- Adventure Racing (with NP Girls' HS) and of the gold medal performance of our Concert Band (with NP Girls' HS) and our Saxophone Quartet at the National Concert Band contest.

It was not an easy job determining the ANZ Teams of the Year for NPBHS in 2007!





Positive student leadership continues to be one of the cornerstones of pastoral care at NPBHS. The new prefects and group leaders were carefully selected and their function sits well with the great store we put in developing and using the leadership skills of our senior boys. It is a resource that contributes willingly and enthusiastically to proper standards, good order, positive relationships and role modelling for younger boys. My thanks to all leaders and others who have given real service to NPBHS through their unselfish efforts. In particular, thanks to the Heads of Houses – Mitchell Campbell (Hatherly), Luke Stenner (Syme), Nick Mitchell (Barak) and Brad Bennett (Donnelly). Their collective energy was instrumental in making sure the house competitions were ones to remember. Congratulations to Syme on their victory in the overall House competitions.

We have had many top quality Head Boys over time and 2007 was no exception. Leighton Price has been a deeply loyal and passionate advocate for NPBHS and has a deep feeling for what happens in it. His actions have left a lasting impression on many boys and his easy manner with boys of all ages has been a strength that has been admired.

I thank Leighton for his foresight and hard work to make NPBHS a stronger place and his work in ensuring that official functions went well. The Ball was a classic example of a job well done – the Ball Committee did outstandingly well in giving the senior boys a wonderful opportunity to show their maturity and progress towards manhood. Once again they rose to the occasion with élan.

Schools rely heavily on partnerships with a number of key groups to ensure

that they are as effective as possible. The relationship that I have had with the Board of Trustees in the past 13 years could not be stronger and more positive. I paid homage to retiring Trustees earlier in this report and I am pleased that the new Board, under Jamie Sutherland and Susan Hughes (Deputy Chair) is in the same vein. They have quickly assumed their roles and with the help of 'old hand' Rob Mills, have shown an immediate understanding of their governance roles. They are professional and relaxed about what is required and a pleasure to work with.

The partnership with Old Boys is always vital and I have highlighted the major functions for the year, the 125th Easter Jubilee. Geoff Hall has passed on the mantle of chairmanship to Todd Wolfe, after a very successful tenure and Todd has risen to the challenge superbly.

The hostel remains vibrant, with a full roll now of about 200 boys. The hostel buildings are called Carrington, Moyes, Niger, The Annex, Vege Dorm and the New Wing. The New Wing has been so called for 11 years and it was time to give it a permanent title, that reflected the commitment of somebody close to boarding. On August 17 a naming ceremony was held with the appropriate dignitaries and the hostel boys in attendance. Speeches from Geoff Hall (Senior Hostel Master), Rob Mills (former Carrington House boy and former Chairman of BOT Property and Hostel Committees) and Justine Darney (present Chair of Hostel Committee) ensued before the secret was let out by Justine – the look of complete bewilderment and surprise on Max Carroll's face was priceless – the confirmation of the appropriateness of 'CARROLL HOUSE' was obvious by the applause and congratulations of all present. The plaque with 'CARROLL HOUSE' on it was unveiled to a

thunderous haka from the whole hostel – a moving moment for all. Max is one of those 'old age' men, who believe in service before self and he has continued this service on relentlessly, without asking for personal gain, giving great joy to others and making an immeasurable difference to the school community at large.

It was a bonus to have his family there and to know that Bev was also a major part of the Carrolls in Carroll House.

The obligatory, and pleasurable, drinks and nibbles were held in the Pridham Lounge! This was also unveiled on the day as the common room in Carroll House. It houses the old photos of the Pridham House times and a nice touch was for Bob McCaw to be in attendance and to be able to hang a 1966 photograph of his accommodation in Pridham, with wife Glenys, on the steps.

These occasions bring out the best in our school family and I am honoured to be a part of it.

Neil Armitage has used his active and effective leadership of the PTA to cement another vital relationship for the school. Parents who attend the meetings are certainly well informed about school affairs and also through special forums gain confidence and are reassured about being parents in the 21st century. It can be a daunting task!

Every so often there are windfalls that allow us to progress our strategic plans quicker than anticipated, or do things that would otherwise be impossible. When this happens we all get a real lift – in October we were informed that a proposal to the TSB Community Trust had been approved to the tune of \$96,000. We are extremely grateful for



this generosity and the positive effect it will have on satisfying a lot of the dreams that staff have in relationship to ICT. The TSB Community Trust can be assured that it will be well used.

2007 has seen some real pressures on secondary schools in New Zealand, with industrial action and the continuing saga with assessment and qualifications and an ERO visit. NPBHS is founded on a strong base and I can report that we came through 2007 with flying colours – the strength of the staff, teaching and non-teaching, has been obvious and I am forever grateful to lead a team of such professionals.

Our boys, and their families, are increasingly open in their praise of the part the school has played in their personal growth. I concur with them and am proud to be a part of a staff with such a strong advocacy for the ideals of holistic education. Our boys are indeed fortunate and we all get great delight from seeing them grow so quickly in this fertile garden of opportunity. It is humbling and rewarding to be a close observer of this transformation.

L R French-Wright
Headmaster

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Chairman: J.D. Sutherland
Deputy Chairman: Susan Hughes
Board Secretary and Executive Officer: Michael Graham
Board Members:
Justine Darney, Alan Elgar, Andrew Fraser, Lyal French-Wright, Carl Garrett, Linda Lawley, Rob Mills, Kerry Mitchell, Chris Taylor.

Sub-Committees:
The Board of Trustees has various sub-

committees to manage different aspects of the school operation. These sub-committees are made up from members of the board together with co-opted representatives from teachers, PTA and members of the public as required. These sub-committees include: Hostel, Property, Personnel & Curricular, Policy, Finance, LA Alexander Trust, Executive, Whanau Waiora, Boarding Education Trust, Technology

Chairman and Headmaster are Ex Officio on all committees.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is in the first year of a new three year term. Elections for Parent Members were held in March 2007 with 8 nominations for 7 positions on the board. The board also includes representatives from the teaching staff and the students. The hard work and governance of the last board and previous boards has ensured the new board began its duties with the school well positioned and prepared for the future. It is appropriate to recognise the enormous contribution made to the Board by the previous Chairman, Stephen Harrop, the previous Deputy Chairman, Robert Mills and retiring members, Fiona Brown and Steve Ander. Late in 2006 Les Emslie retired from the positions of Board Secretary and Executive Officer. Michael Graham was appointed in his place. In his first twelve months Michael has done a superb job during what has been a very busy year. The board thanks Michael for his excellent contribution and skill in handling a number of challenging matters that have arisen during the year.

The board is concerned with matters of finance, governance and strategy. This is challenging in view of the responsibility to ensure the school maintains its high standards and maximizes the benefits

provided for boys. Our board contains excellent balance and consists of hard-working people who are committed to advancing the interests of the school. The members have a wide range of personal skills and life experience. We enjoy open and honest discussions in a friendly and reasonably informal atmosphere.

As Chairman I would like to thank each of the board members for their commitment and hard work during 2007.

THE MANAGEMENT OF NPBHS

The school is extremely fortunate to have an outstanding Headmaster, Mr Lyal French-Wright. He is totally dedicated to the school, to his staff and to the boys. He is regularly involved with the school seven days per week either working directly on school business or coaching sports teams and/or supporting other school sporting and cultural events. Mr French-Wright is supported by a very strong management team including Deputy Principal, Mr Bruce Bayly and Assistant Principals, Mr Terry Heaps and Mr Jed Rowlands. The board has a strong working relationship with the Headmaster and his management team. The confidence we have in them means management matters can truly be left for them to deal with while the board can concentrate on finance and governance.

The board extends its sincere thanks to Mr French-Wright and his management team for their excellent work during 2007.

STAFF

2007 was another busy year for the teaching staff of NPBHS. Early in the year we had a visit from the Education Review Office. The reviewers were here for just under two weeks and undertook



an in-depth study of the school's systems and care given to the boys. This visit had a significant impact on staff who are required to assist the reviewers during their visit. The report issued by ERO on the school was extremely favorable. It praised our staff for the high quality of education and commitment given by them. It also praised staff initiatives in establishing numeracy and literacy programs to assist our boys. Our staff have a large workload that they do not shirk. In addition to teaching they spend many hours on extra-curricular sporting and cultural activities which contributes to an all-round education experience enjoyed by the boys. As chairman I am continually impressed by their dedication to a tough job.

In addition to the teachers, the school employs a large number of support staff who work hard to keep the school and hostel running well. Without their support the teaching staff and management team would simply not be able to do the job they do. The board thanks all teaching and support staff for their hard work and dedication during 2007.

HOSTEL

The hostel is a substantial organization that has always been an integral part of the school. The hostel committee is chaired by Justine Darney. Justine has had experience on the committee during the previous three years. She appreciates the importance of the hostel to the school and undertakes her role with vigor and passion. The Senior Hostel Master is Geoff Hall. Geoff is outstanding in this role and the school is very fortunate to have him. His understanding of hostel tradition and his enthusiasm for its culture help to ensure the hostel runs smoothly and successfully. Hostel boys continue to perform well in both academic and sporting areas. Geoff has been supported

by a strong team of Hostel Masters who live on site with their families and by an exceptional group of prefects and Mitch Campbell, the Head Boarder.

PROPERTY

The most significant matter in the property portfolio in 2007 has been the construction of the new block. This project has taken over four years from conception through design and approval to completion. The cost was some \$5.5 million funded \$4.5 million from the Ministry of Education and \$1 million from the school's own reserves. The new block has six maths class rooms, four specialist teaching rooms, new offices for the headmaster, his deputy and assistants and the administration staff together with a new staff room. The project also included redevelopment of the ground and first floors of the Alexander Block with the previous administration offices and staff room being converted into classrooms and science labs. The new block gives additional presence to the school from Coronation Avenue. It provides a new formal entry to the school and administration area with better off-street parking for visitors. This was always a weakness with the previous main entrance into the Alexander Block. The redevelopment has also provided a new quadrangle for boys which we believe will become a focal point for the school. The New Block has been occupied progressively during the third and fourth terms. We look forward to the official opening in 2008.

During 2007 two un-named buildings were named after men who have made significant contributions to the school. The Cramond Library was named after Jeff Cramond, Headmaster during the 1970s. The New Wing in the hostel was renamed Carroll House after Max Carroll who was a housemaster and

teacher at the school for many years. The school property is large and requires constant care to keep it in good order. The property committee is one of the busiest committees of the board. This year the new chairman was Andrew Fraser. His experience as a civil and construction engineer has been invaluable in helping the school manage the construction of the new block and deal with a large variety of maintenance matters in other areas. Trevor Woodward and his team of workers do a grand job looking after the school's grounds and property on a day to day basis.

FINANCE

The finance committee is chaired by Kerry Mitchell and supported by our executive officer Michael Graham. The committee is critical to the continued sound financial management of the school and this year has again performed a great job. Funding for schools is always a battle with the operational grants supplied by government barely enough to provide the basic education services. This means the school relies on additional funds raised from the community including students families, old boys and community organisations. The board is grateful for the financial support we have received from you all. We are also delighted with significant donations the school has received during the last 2 years from the Yarrows Trust and the TSB Community Trust. At around \$100,000 each, these donations have been used to bolster computer technology in the school, an area for which the government does not provide specific funding.

PTA

During 2007 the PTA has been very successful under the chairmanship of Neil Armitage. The PTA provides a valuable communication channel between the school and parents with

its meetings, featuring interesting and informative speakers. The PTA has also been excellent at raising funds and providing assistance for property projects around the school. This year the PTA organized the replacement of the Gully Ground seating with much of the labour supplied by Peter Hall. The board encourages all parents to get involved in their son's education by coming to PTA meetings and participating beyond that.

POLICY

The policy committee works quietly behind the scenes and is chaired very capably by Susan Hughes. Our thanks go to the policy committee for their work which is generally unnoticed.

WHANAU WAIORA

Chris Taylor is again chairing Whanau Waiora during his second term on the board. Chris has a real passion for advancing the interests of maori boys at the school. He is assisted by other parents, staff members and kaumatua in providing programs to improve the education outcomes for these boys. A focus in recent times has been to improve literacy levels for the maori boys. Whanau Waiora has had success in this area but it continues to be a challenging matter with constant attention required as new boys enter the school.

YOUNG MEN OF NPBHS

Mr French-Wright has often said that the role of the school is not just to educate our boys but to make them men of character. This means that when they leave school they will be equipped to make a significant contribution to society regardless the career they choose. A critical part of this process is leadership. Strong leadership provides direction, security and pride for all the boys at the school. During 2007 the school has been extremely well served

by head boy Leighton Price and his team of prefects. We congratulate them all for their leadership and hard work during 2007.

Historically boys from NPBHS have achieved strong academic results. While much credit for these results is given to our teaching staff, the boys themselves also need to be recognized for the hard work and commitment they put in during the school year. They lead busy lives balancing study with sporting, cultural and other school activities. A large number of our sports teams and musicians have achieved high national honors during 2007. We congratulate you all.

For the school leavers, you have been a part of the school for up to 5 years and have added to its culture and tradition. The values you have learned here will serve you well for the rest of your lives. The Board of Trustees wishes you all every success in your chosen career.

**Jamie Sutherland
Chairman
NPBHS Board of Trustees**

**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 and 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 Bayly (Deputy Headmaster), Mr Rowlands (Assistant Principal) and Mr Gledhill (Staff Representative), also sit on the council along with the Head Boy (Leighton Price) who is Chairperson, a Treasurer (James Tate) and Secretary (Jason Holden).

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 use of Lab six 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 Nick Mitchell, Ricky Malcolm (left half way through the year), Nick Monk, Charley Miles, Michael Maloney, Brad Bennett, Michael Hayles, Jonathan Folwell, Jesse Benge, John Davenport, Mitch Campbell, Ryan Sanderson, James Cameron, Theo Vink (left during the year), Samuel Lye, Johnny Thomson, Luke Stenner, Hamish Fleming, William Tennent, Lachlan Wimsett and Josh Mahura.

**B Bayly
Deputy Headmaster**





STAFF NOTES

The year started with only three new staff arriving.

Mr Stephen Owen arrived from the UK to teach in our Graphics and Technology Department. Stephen has a BEd in Design, Craft and Technology and did his teacher training at Twent College in Wales. He was the HOD at Northfleet School in Kent. Stephen immediately got involved in Basketball at the school and was a regular on Friday nights at the Basketball courts both coaching and refereeing. It was with regret that, due to family circumstances, Stephen had to leave at the end of the year to head back to the United Kingdom.

Ms Katrina Ward joined the English and Art Departments after graduating firstly with a BFA from Elam School of Fine Arts and then an MA First Class Honours at the University of Auckland. Her family has had a close association with NPBHS and we look forward to her contribution.

Mrs Michelle Puckeridge (nee Angelo) also joined the English Department



having returned from working in the United Kingdom at Trinity School in Kent and Jo Richardson Community School in Dagenham. Michelle's strengths are not only in English but also in Drama and she has this year ensured NPBHS were well represented in this area at the Super 8 Cultural festival.

The 125th Jubilee at Easter was a highlight for the whole school community and it was a busy time for those staff who were on the organising committee.

Thanks must go to present staff who put their time and effort into the organising committee for the Jubilee. These were Headmaster - Mr Lyal French-Wright ; Deputy Headmaster - Mr Bruce Bayly; Assistant Principal - Mr Jed Rowlands; David Bublitz, Geoff Hall and Kevin Gledhill. Also ex staff members on this committee were Mr Lynn Bublitz (Chairperson) and Max Carroll.

A lot of staff contributed to the success and it was pleasing to see so many ex-staff returning to take on pivotal roles in the Jubilee Musical. Special thanks

must go to Mary Allan, Rosey Mabin and Meryn Ashworth in bringing together a great show.

Special mention must go to Max Carroll who was awarded a QSM (Queen's Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours) for his service to sport and the educational community over a long period. Max was further honoured later in the year by the School's boarding establishment recognising his efforts to the school's hostel by naming the "new wing", "Carroll House". Well done Max.

Term Two also saw the resignation of Mr John Howes after 29 years of teaching at NP Boys' High School. John was a teacher of English who contributed a lot to the co-curricular life of the school. He was active in the school bands over the years and had always been involved in the school tramping club. Thanks must go to Ms Sarah Kovac for taking over the classes and doing a fine job through to the beginning of Term Four when Ms Catherine Beaton took up the fulltime position.

The English Department also farewelled Byron Nicholas who, a year before, had made his way out from England to join our staff. Byron was relieved for a term by Andrew Thomson who had returned from his overseas teaching stint. Andrew had previously taught Geography and Social Studies at NPBHS before taking a position as HOD Social Sciences at Waitara. At the end of Term 3 we welcomed Mr Tony Beyer, an experienced teacher of English. Tony had moved to Taranaki in 2005 and has been Acting HOD English and Assistant HOD at Spotswood College. Before that he had taught at Auckland Grammar, Roskill Grammar and the Correspondence School. He is both a sports coach and well known in the Arts, being a published poet and writer.



Term Three seemed to be the time for change for a number of our staff. Evan Hoskin decided to take a six week break in the British Isles as a professional rugby coach. This saw the return of Mr Murray Grimwood to our teaching staff.

Talking of familiar faces we also welcomed back Mr David Mossop, not in his usual teaching role, but as our new Science Technician. We farewelled Liz Winters warmly and wished her all the best for new found mission in life, that of helping women into factory work in impoverished areas of Calcutta, India. Liz had always been highly efficient in the Science Technician's role.

Martyn Vercoe transferred allegiances back to the South Island when he took up a Social Sciences position at St Bedes, Christchurch. Martyn will be missed in boarding and also the rugby arena where he was a fine manager for the 1st XV. Mr Toby Kroon was appointed to replace Marty. Toby came to us from Auckland Grammar School and was teacher-in-charge of Scholarship and Assistant HOD Social Studies. His arrival straight after tournament week saw him leave Grammar having won the Secondary Schools National Soccer title beating Mt Albert Grammar 2 - 0.

Of all the comings and goings, maybe the toughest to beat was the resignation of Mr Tim Cleaver: part-time Mathematics teacher, Hostel master, and Volleyball coach. Tim won a competition which required him to have a series of interviews and weekends away at the sponsor's expense. The staff followed Tim's progress with interest and we all started getting more and more jealous as the finals beckoned. Then it was official, Tim had won every working man's dream, a well supplied ocean journey on a slow boat delivering a pub to the UK. "Good on ya mate".



Thanks must go to Mrs Leith Atkins who held the fort well with Tim's classes until Mr David Storey arrived to a fulltime Mathematics position at the beginning of Term Four.

The start of Term Four saw Mr Dale Atkins start his coaching of the Black Ferns with three fine wins over Australia while Mr Darryl Leath, again, managed the NZ Secondary Schools' rugby team.

Congratulations must go to Mr Allen Jones and his wife, Leanne, on the birth of their daughter Arabella, in Term Three. At the end of Term Three Mr Simon Bell, a GAP student, joined us from Bearwood College in Berkshire, United Kingdom and by Labour Weekend was one of the few staff still smiling after the World Cup. Term four saw the appointment of Old Boy, Mr Jason Ruakere, to our staff. His role is to assist with raising the expectations and aspirations of our Maori students.

Term Four also sees us congratulate staff who are moving into new positions. Congratulations go to: Mr Sheilendra Achary on his appointment to the position of Head of Mathematics at Hillcrest College in Hamilton from the start of 2008; Dr Nandana Ariyaratne on his appointment as a teacher of

Chemistry at Freyberg High School in Palmerston North; and Mr Robert Young on his appointment as Head of Graphics at New Plymouth Girls' High School.

Further changes at the end of the year for 2008 are Mrs Linda Dickson, appointed to replace Mr Brent Vyle as a teacher of Biology and Science and Mr Kevin Rowlands will replace Mr Stephen Owen who will be returning to the United Kingdom. Mr Kevin Gledhill has been granted a one year Leave of Absence for 2008.

The year was a particularly busy one, with a large number of changes and, to add to this, the staff handled superbly well the ERO visit at the beginning of Term Three and the major changes that the building programme brought about in Term Four. One hopes that staff can enjoy the holidays and return refreshed for the New Year.

All the best.

Bruce Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



STAFF

BACK ROW: Jean Van Beers, Ngaire Ellicott, Brenda Elgar, Gisella Sklenars, Gordon Giddy, Paul Dominikovich, Andrew Hope, Larry Wilson, Spencer Page, David Bublitz, Michelle Puckeridge, Gillian Corlett, Max Maaka, Christine French

FIFTH ROW: Katrina Ward, Adrienne Roberts, Kevin Gledhill, Judy Jones, Alison Slater, Pauline Crow, Troy Standish, Glen Hannah, Murray Hill, Jonathan Dobbie, Stephen Owen, Julius Prasad, Kane Rowson, Carole Meredith

FOURTH ROW: Blair Corlett, Bruce Johnson, Ken Lockhart, Brent Vyle, Peter Cayzer, Sara Kovac, Maree Wipiti, Angela Smith, Justin Hyde, Phil Whittaker, Toby Kroon, Andy Evans

THIRD ROW: Mike Townes, Robert Young, Stephen Brown, Dave Moore, Steven Leppard, Kelvin Simpson, Chris Nicholls, Evan Hoskin, John Warner, Roger Harland, John McLellan, Sue Scott

SECOND ROW: Jocelyn Beath, Monica Fenney, John Tullett, Richard Turner, Craig Thomas, Tony Beyer, Allen Jones, Phil Hewlett, Nigel Vernon, Richard Wild, Shirley McVicar, Hugh, Russell, John Sims, Val Moore

FIRST ROW: Bill Geange, Nigel Hunter, Darryl Leath, Jed Rowlands, Bruce Bayly, Lyal French-Wright, Terry Heaps, Geoff Hall, Victoria Kerr, Alan Elgar, Margaret Atkinson



STAFF 2007

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L R French-Wright, BSc, Dip Tchg

DEPUTY HEADMASTER

B Bayly, BA, Dip Tchg, Dip Sch Mgmt

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J Rowlands, BA, Dip Tchg (Senior Master, Dean Year 13/14)
 T G Heaps, BA(Hons), Dip Tchg, (Senior Administrator, Dean Year 12)

TEACHING STAFF

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 N Ariyaratne, BSc (Hons), PhD (Chem), Dip Tchg
 D Atkins, Dip PE, TTC, PG Dip Spt Mgt (HOD Physical Education, Dean Year 11)
 M. Atkinson, MA(Hons), Dip Arts (Hons), Dip Tchg, (HOD Language)
 J Beath, BMus, Dip Mus, FTCL, LRSM, IRMT (HOD Music)
 C Beaton, MA (Dist), BA (Hons), HDip Ed (PG), CELTA
 T Beyer, BA Dip Tchg
 S Brown, BMus, Dip Tchg
 D Bublitz, BPhy Ed, Dip Tchg, (Head of Donnelly House)
 P Cayzer, MTech, Dip Tchg
 T Cleaver, BPhEd, Dip Tchg
 B Corlett, BEd, Dip Tchg
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 P Dominikovich, BCM, Dip Tchg
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 E Elgar, BSc, Dip Tchg
 N Ellicott, BA Eng & Music, Dip Tchg
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 M Fenney, Dip Home Ec, Dip Health Ed (HOD Home Economics)
 C French, BA (Hons), Dip Ed
 W Geange, BA, Dip Tchg, PG Dip Couns (Guidance Counsellor)
 G Giddy, BSc, Dip Tchg
 K Gledhill, BBS, Dip PE, Dip Tchg,
 G Hall, BA, Dip Tchg, (Senior Hostel Master, Head of Hatherly House, TiC Literacy, Teacher Librarian)
 G Hannah, BA, Dip Tchg, (Dean Year 9)
 R Harland, BAg.Sc., Dip Tchg
 V Herbert, BEd, Dip Tchg

P Hewlett, BA, Dip Tchg (HOD Outdoor Education, EOTC Co-ordinator)
 M Hill, MMED, BSc, Dip Tchg
 P Hill, TTC, DFA, MFA (Hons)
 A Hope, BSc, Dip Tchg (Assist Dean Year 11, Head of Carrington House)
 E Hoskin, ATC, Dip Tchg
 J Howes, BA, Dip Tchg
 N Hunter, BSc, Dip Tchg (HOD Mathematics)
 J Hyde, BSc, Dip Ed, MEd (Hons), PG Dip Bus Admin, Dip Tchg, (Head of Barak House)
 B Johnston, TTC, Dip Tch, CTE
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 S Kovac, BA (Hon), Dip Tchg
 T Kroon, BA, Dip. Tchg
 K Laugesen, TTC, DPEOH, D Lit (RTLb)
 D Leath, BE(Mech), Dip Tchg, (HOD Science, Timetabler, Teacher i/c Rugby)
 S Leppard, Dip Tchg, AdvTC
 K Lockhart, MSc, Dip Sc, Dip Tchg (HOD Chemistry, Assist Dean Year 12)
 M Maaka, Dip Sport & Rec
 C Maihi, TTC, Dip Tchg (HOD Maori)
 S Maunder, NZ Trade Cert
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 S McVicar, BA, Dip Tchg, ESSTN (HOD Learning Support)
 D Moore, (Guidance Counsellor/HOD Transition)
 V Moore, Certificate TESOL, TTC, (Dean of International Students)
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 A Roberts, BHSc, Dip Tchg
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 A Slater, BCA, CA, Dip Tchg, (Numeracy Co-ordinator)
 T Standish, BEd, BSc
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HEAD BOY'S REPORT

I te tiimatanga o te whakaaro nui
Me wehi ki te Atua
Kia whakahoonoretia to tatou Kiingi, Tuheitia.
E noho nei ia i runga i te toroona tapu
Me oona maatua tuupuna, tamariki mokopuna.
Tihe Mauriora!
I raro i te atawhai o te Runga Rawa
I raro hoki i te maru o te maunga tapu, ko Taranaki.
Ko nga aitua kua wheturangihia, takoto, takoto, takoto mai ra.
Rau rangatira ma i waenganui i a tatou, ko nga koro ma, ko nga kuia ma, tana koutou katoa.
He mihi aroha nei ki a koe e te Tumuaki, Mr French-Wright. He mihi tenei mo to manaakitanga mooku. Me nga Tumuaki katoa. Mr Rowlands, Mr Bayly me Mr Heaps.
He mihi hoki ki oku pou tautoko, araa oku maatua. He nui toku aroha mo o korua manaakitanga ki ahau.
Ko te huinga katoa, kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi.

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E ai ki te wai, Ma wai rae tau rima, te marae i waho nei?
Ahakoa he wai pouri, ki au nei, he wai wero.

The lament asks, Who will look after the marae? This marae, New Plymouth Boys' High School. I lay the challenge and suggest that it will be our performance within these walls and beyond.

Five years have come and gone for the 7th form class of 2007, and we are all now preparing ourselves for what may lay ahead of us next year. Leaving this institute will be like removing a vital

organ, as we depart New Plymouth Boys' High School, the place in our lives that has shaped and taught us, not only academically, culturally and in sporting perspectives also through our important transformation to manhood. It is hard to believe that it is now our time to depart, especially as the memories of my first days at school are still easily found in my mind, but it is the memories like these and the knowledge gained that will stay etched in our minds forever. I now know the feeling that school leavers go through and it is hard to understand these feelings of uncertainty because as much of an important place to our lives New Plymouth Boys' High School is and has been, we have all wanted to leave for as long as we can remember. You can take the boy out of the school, but you can't take the school out of the boy is a saying I was told, and I understand that it is a true fact. I hope that in some way, we as a collective year have added to the prestige of this amazing school as a sign of acknowledgement for what the school has added to our lives.

Moving from a small school in a quiet town in the King Country of roughly 300 students to New Plymouth Boys' High School was the biggest challenge that I had faced five years ago, and looking back at that decision now I must thank my conscience for that decision.

New Plymouth Boys' High School is definitely one of the most prestigious schools in the country and has many relations world wide. The fact that we have huge opportunities and have the talent and potential to learn and achieve at such a high level makes this school what it is. Traditions that this school upholds are fantastic and something that all men of New Plymouth Boys' High School are proud of also.

At the end of 2006, the position of Head Boy was open and I thought, as well as some encouragement from friends and family, that it was a position that I could fulfil. The day that Mr French-Wright offered me the position was and is my most memorable time at New Plymouth Boys' High School. To lead this truly amazing school in such an outstanding year, it being the celebration of our schools 125th year was and has been an absolute honour for me.

Mr French-Wright I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to lead our school this year.

Part of being Head Boy is to be a role model for other boys, I think of examples for role models and Mr French-Wright you stand foremost in terms of a role model at New Plymouth Boys' High School. You are every meaning of New Plymouth Boys' High School. The control you have over the boys is truly outstanding and very professional, your presentation is always immaculate and the way you manage and command every situation is brilliant. Your respect for others, for yourself and for our school is enough to cover each boy twice over. The way you adhere to and uphold tradition is an influence to us all. Your leadership also influences all men at this school, in terms of choosing the right directions to follow and never giving up. I would personally like to thank you for the help and advice you gave me to understand and perform the role of Head Boy this year, you are a dream to work with and define all meanings of a perfect Headmaster, thank you ever so much.

To Mr Bayly, a lot of your work and efforts do go without recognition and thanks. You are forever present and a vital part of the senior management, and organisation around the school.



On behalf of the boys I would like to thank you for your commitment.

Mr Rowlands, it has been a pleasure working alongside you through your dedication to our prefect and leadership system. Your help has made our journey through the last year a breeze as leaders and the way you communicate with not only the prefects but the entire 7th form has made the experience all the more easier, thank you very much for the time you gave up to aid us.

To Mr Elgar, as the 7th form dean your role has been a huge influence on the entire Year 13. I would like to thank you for your tireless obligations and work ethic towards us and the way you can still deal with us with that wonderful smile on your face. I would also like to thank you for the advice and assistance along the way this year, thank you.

I was told earlier this year at a conference in Napier, that a captain is a reflection of his lieutenant. This year's heads of houses have served at a calibre that is second to none. I think it is wrong of me to call them lieutenant as we have worked together on the same level throughout the year. To Nick, Mitch, Luke and Brad thank you very much for your commitment,

dedication, willingness and your want to do that little bit extra. If I ever asked anything of you, you would always do it without fuss, my deepest thanks go to you all, it has been an extreme pleasure sharing this experience with you. The leadership you showed in the school and in your respective houses will be encouraging to the young men following in your footsteps.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the group of prefects. Your leadership and presence around the school has been much appreciated. I hope you all have enjoyed the opportunity to be our leaders and the experience helps you in the future.

This year's School Ball was a very eventful and successful evening. The time taken to transform the hall into a rock 'n' roll scene of the 60's and 70's was limited but the efforts put in by the ball committee and a few hammer hand hostel boys was phenomenal. The amount of work and thought put in was astonishing although some thoughts were a bit strenuous, but to Ben, Brad, Cam, Damian, Jason, Luke, Mitch, Nick and Sam your work was amazing and the innovative and creative way you converted the hall was absolutely outstanding. Many thanks must also

go out to the parents and friends that helped out with the ball as it was a huge job. Thank you all very much. Many, many thanks must also go to the wonderful ladies in the office. Your work has done wonders for me this year, your patience is awesome and you are always willing to assist with any matters. I promise I will get the gun stapler back to you that I borrowed also. To the boys, if you are ever at the office, please take the time to thank the ladies for their help and assistance.

What makes this school so fantastic is obviously the staff as a whole. To all the teachers, thank you on behalf of the 7th form for your huge input into our lives, I know that at times a lot of us were rough around the edges, but we do sincerely thank you for everything you all have done. Personally I would like to thank the teachers that I have been associated with during my time here at school. Whether it be in the classroom or being coaches or in any other way thank you. Also to the hostel masters, Mr Hall and your team have had enormous influences on my life. Being part of the hostel has given me an extra experience in terms of life skills. It has been my home for the last five years and to be involved with the hostel in general has been an absolute pleasure.



To the Year 13 boys of 2007, through the five years, friendships have been established, memories have been made, both victory and defeat have been shared, but more importantly our lives at NPBHS have been lived, and lived to the fullest. I know that we will never forget names, faces or memories, but it is important we don't lose communication and connection. I want to thank you all for the times we have all shared together and I want to see you all back here for the next jubilee. To everybody that has helped and assisted me this year I thank you very much for what you have done.

Lastly I would like to thank the most important and special people in my life, their love, commitment, support and dedication to my life is endless,

it has no limits. To my family, Mum, Dad, Tash and the rest of my whanau, I don't often get the chance to thank you for what you put into my life but to have you all here, I want to thank you for everything you have done, I love you with all my heart.

I want to wish the future leaders of the school the best of luck for the years to come. I know you will do a great job as the pride you will take into it will guide you, and I want you to leave in your given time with no regrets just as I have. To all the boys that are still here, ask not what New Plymouth Boys' High School can do for you, but what you can do for New Plymouth Boys' High School.

E ai ki te wai, Ma wai ra e tau rima, te marae i waho nei?. Ahakoa he wai pouri, ki au nei, he wai wero.

Again the lament asks, Who will look after the marae? This marae, New Plymouth Boys' High School. I again lay the challenge and suggest that it will be our performance as a school, within these walls and beyond.

I have had an absolutely amazing time here at New Plymouth Boys High School and I will always be extremely proud of this fantastic school. Thank you all very much.

**Leighton Price
Head Boy 2007**



School Prefects 2007

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Tane Hapimarika, Logan Campbell, Alexander Novak, Ben Sprott
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Sean Cressy, Sam Lawn, Sam Broadmore, Damian Smuts, Cameron Holm, Oscar Eaton, Sam Franklin
FRONT ROW: Jason Holden, Brad Bennett, Mitchell Campbell, Mr French-Wright, Leighton Price, Luke Stenner, Nick Mitchell



BARAK

The house competition got off to a good start for Barak with a 2nd in the first major event of the year, swimming sports. The day was sunny and attendance was better than in previous years so this gave the house a decent crack at doing well. The spirit shown by the boys was brilliant in supporting the lads in the pool, as well as both non-championship and championship swimmers for giving their best. Special commendation must go to Isaac Owen as even though he had another event to go to in Auckland, he stayed at swimming sports long enough to collect a lot of points for Barak.

Athletics was next and another solid but not outstanding attendance from the boys, saw us come away with 2nd overall once again. The boys showed some real talent on both track and field to come away with another great result. Well done to David Morton and Lagen Kumeroa who made wicked contributions in getting us where we got, as well as all the other athletes who went their hardest for the green machine.

Cross country was soon upon us and a beautiful day made it hot work for the



boys. After running around the muddy track, our house came in 3rd overall, with most of the boys who showed up giving it a decent crack. This result still kept us right in the competition.

Next up was the Haka, an event that Hatherly has dominated for at least the last 5 years. This year was no different as even though we seemed to be improving well at practices, on the day, we just couldn't front it with any of the other houses and we finished 4th. Disappointing to lose points here but thanks to Lagen and the other senior boys who showed great leadership in trying to get the juniors up to scratch.

Summer sports and winter sports have always been a nemesis for Barak. The boys have the talent at their various codes but motivation is a constant problem we face in these events. Well done to the cricket team and the golf team who both dominated their events, but that was about it unfortunately and overall winter and summer sports were once again a big let down.

Our debaters have a reputation of being very good. However this year, Syme

managed to put together a top side and we couldn't match it. We managed 2nd in the debating with good performances nevertheless. Good effort debaters.

The last event of the year was of course house music. Despite falling off the track a bit in the middle of the year, there was still plenty to play for. Practices were hard going as the song Stand Up by the Feelers proved tricky but after a few word changes, the B Unit stood up and won the house singing. The ensemble also went well to see Barak claim 1st overall in house music. Awesome effort boys, it was worth the wait for the first major win of the year. Big thanks to Mrs Slater for all her help and the 7th form boys for helping motivate the house. This performance gave us 3rd overall in the house competition, which was satisfying.

Firstly I would just like to thank all the members of Barak for giving your all for the house in 2007. To the 7th form leaders, Dan, Kent, Charley, Dave, Andy, Leon, Dan, Zach, Taryn, Peter, Adam as well as Chad, Jonnie, Danya and Lagen, thanks for your support throughout the year its been fun working with you.



DONNELLY HOUSE

To our Head Boy, Leights and the other heads, Mitch, Sten and Bradley, as well as all the prefects, thanks for a stunning year boys we certainly have had some great times that will be remembered for a while.

To Mr French-Wright, Mr Rowlands and all the teachers that have assisted me, not only this year but in my time at Boys' High, I am really thankful and feel privileged to have been at a school with such a great range of enthusiastic, humorous and knowledgeable staff.

Last but not least, huge thanks must go to Mr Hyde. Once again he has led the B Unit with outstanding passion, determination and character that never fails to get the boys going. He has been a great guide to help me lead the house and I could not have done it without him.

Good luck to all boys for whatever they may be doing in 2008. It's been a pleasure getting to know so many of you in my time at school and I will hopefully see you in the future. Long live the B UNIT!!!

Nick Mitchell
Head of Barak 2007

2007 was a fantastic year for the house competition, with all houses pushing each other to their limits - trying to topple each other for bragging rights seemed to spice things up nicely. For me it was an extremely enjoyable year, and while fourth place was not the most desirable result it was great to see all the boys come together and participate enthusiastically in all events.

The men of Donnelly House 2007 began the competition with high expectations but with a slow start to the competition we found it hard to claw our way back up the standings. We took points when we could but unfortunately a large number of our boys seemed to get a mystery illness the night before most of the big events and we struggled with numbers. The other houses took no time in showing their intentions for the year ahead and the men of Donnelly House knew they had to work hard to gain a victory.

The competition kicked off with the Swimming Sports. With plenty of

blue paint splashed on our bodies and big blue tarpaulins surrounding the Donnelly vicinity, we looked impressive and good to go. A strong showing from the opposition championship swimmers and a lack of swimmers in championship events on our behalf saw our overall points, going into lunchtime, very dusty. With an exciting entrance from Hatherly House after lunch the day boy houses united and sent water bombs flying. A very average chant was yelled towards the day boy houses while the NPGHS hostel cheerleaders instead of strutting their stuff spent most of the time dodging various objects that were sent in their direction. Once we had all settled down the second half of the day got underway, mainly with house activities rather than championship swimming. Some of the activities included inner tube races, body board races and a length underwater. We took full advantage of these activities and slowly ground our way back into contention for third place. Unfortunately despite some good efforts and a few solid performances we were left with the wooden spoon. Big thanks must go to Josh "Red" Gordon





for the hours put in behind the scenes preparing banners and helping to set up the night before. Cheers Red.

The athletic sports were held at a cool but fine TET Stadium in Inglewood. The men of Donnelly House wanted to make up for the last place in swimming sports. Unfortunately the mystery illness struck again and we found it hard to get enough numbers and couldn't compete with the other houses. Disappointingly we found ourselves in the deep end and had to accept another fourth place.

The pride within Donnelly blue shone brightly at the summer sports – resilience ensuring we didn't make three losses in a row. The two previous last places were put behind us as we claimed a well earned third place. We took this with arms wide open.

The cross country was the highlight of our year with our best performance, winning convincingly. Just to rub salt in the wounds of the other houses our seniors managed six places in the top ten – a stunning achievement.

Following on from the great achievement in the cross country we



all seemed to get a taste of success. The tug of war competition was fiercely contested this year and we managed to field a large senior and junior team but were beaten by a more prepared Hatherly team who all had rugby boots and gloves, on a slippery surface that suited Hatherly's boots.

We were the number one day boy house in the haka competition this year, which is always something to be proud of, placing a deserved second behind the impressive boarders. Credit must go to Tane Hapimarika for his efforts in leading the Haka and in fine tuning and giving pointers. Carrying on with the cultural side of the house competition, the House Singing saw us unfortunately placed in fourth position with the debateable song "Stand Up" by the Feelers. Thanks to Damian Aherne and his band for their awesome efforts in practicing for the ensemble.

To Luke "Schwarzenegger" Stenner congratulations on your well deserved victory in the House competition. To Mitch "tank, turtle, SMOTY" Campbell hard luck on second place but it's about

time. To Nick "sing/rock star" Mitchell well done on third – it was good battle, consider yourself lucky. To Leighton thanks for your behind the scenes hard work and leadership that often went unrecognised. To the group leaders and prefects: John, Tom, Campbell, Sam, Steffan, Scott, Cameron, Rakesh, Josh, Ben, Simon, Jason, Oscar, Sam and Tane thank you for your enthusiasm and participation throughout the year, it was much appreciated.

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

To the seventh form of 2008: make the most of your last year at school, get involved and thoroughly enjoy yourselves. Your seventh form year is one you will look back on forever and never forget.

Brad Bennett
Head of Donnelly 2007

SYME HOUSE

The first house points were up for grabs in the tug-of-war very early in the year. Although Syme had a good team, some of it failed to show on the day, which resulted in a disappointing third equal place, which was not the best start to the year.

The first major house event of the year was swimming sports an event which, during my time at school, Syme had never lost and looking at the swimming

talent we had, it was no surprise that Syme came away with an overall win and twenty house points. It was a day of mixed weather but that did not prevent it from being a fantastic event for everyone.

Athletics was to follow, as the entire school moved out to the Inglewood track, for what was to be an outstanding day. This was another fantastic display of house spirit, as many people were keen to get involved in any way they could in a range of events and house relays.



This was a close fought day between all the houses but again resulted in a win, and twenty more house points to Syme, building our lead on the other houses.

Cross country was the first major event where Syme struggled against both the determination and house spirit of Hatherly and the strength of cross-country runners in Barak, finishing in third place overall.

The haka competition, which came in early June, is a traditional event in the house competition and one seen as very important to many senior boys. It was not a pleasant day and the haka competition was forced inside to Ryder Hall where, as usual, Hatherly were dominant and won. A final placing of third was disappointing for Syme. However, we still held the top spot in the overall house competition.

The summer and winter sport days were both crucial in providing Syme with house points which would get us into a good lead, going into the last few rounds. Both of these events were won by the house because of consistency across the whole board, to finish usually first or second in softball, cricket, tennis and touch in summer,





as well as in the winter codes of rugby, basketball, hockey, soccer and golf. I was really proud of the effort put in on these days by both senior and junior boys, as we achieved good results in all sports, which allowed us to get maximum points from both events.

This year, Syme's debating team was second to none. The charismatic and articulate team showed real determination in three separate debates over the year, to take ten points from debating. Thanks must go to James Tate for organising the team, and Jason Oliver and William Tennent in the senior team, as well as Mr Warner for assisting them with preparation.

The final event of the year was singing. Syme went into this event with a ten point buffer over Hatherly and needed at least third place to secure the Cramond Cup for 2007. An ordinary display in the house song was saved by an outstanding ensemble organised by William Sklenars. A win to Barak and a final placing of second, meant we kept the boarders out and won the house cup.

Thank you Mr Page for the time and energy you put into Syme this year. Without your input, it would not have been the success that it was. This is also true of all the group leaders in Syme - Dean, Rods, Jase, James, Novak, William, Matthew, Josh, Sharpy and Ali who put in a top effort over the year, along with all the other senior boys in the house who were always keen to help out.

Mitch, Brad and Nick you have all been fantastic. Thank you so much for all you have contributed to ensure this has been an unforgettable year. The effort all the houses put into every event was a true reflection of your hard work and commitment.

Finally, thank you to NPBHS and all the 7th form boys for some very memorable years and ones I will never forget. This year has been outstanding and I wish all the best to everybody who steps up for Syme in the future.

Luke Stenner
Head of Syme 2007

HOSTEL REPORT

A change is as good as a holiday. There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction. You've changed a lot. You haven't changed at all. Don't fear change, embrace it. I've changed my mind. Never change a winning combination.

WHY CHANGE?

We change in order to improve, to develop, to progress, to succeed, to experience something different, to have fun, to get another chance.....

I believe when change is made those who make it have all the right intentions; even if the change is made by you. However with changes come challenges and we all have a responsibility to accept these challenges if we want positive outcomes from the change. Unfortunately we do not always accept these challenges and therefore the change tends to have a negative outcome.

We are all exposed to change.

The changes that boarders, boarding parents and hostel staff have been and are exposed to have presented everyone with new challenges. We all have a responsibility to embrace these changes and challenges to ensure positive outcomes.

- Change: Lowering of the drinking age. The challenge for the boys is all about self discipline. It is about making mature and safe decisions that are right for you and your mates. It is about acting with honesty and integrity. The challenge for parents and hostel staff is to reinforce the idea of safe and appropriate decision making.





• Change: NCEA. The challenge for the boys is about extending themselves and not looking for short cuts or excuses. It is about always looking to do your very best and not being content with the minimum standard. The challenge for parents and hostel staff is to provide on-going encouragement.

• Change: Technological developments. The challenge for the boys is to use these tools in a responsible manner so you are able to take full advantage of what they have to offer.

• Change: Opening of Carroll House. The challenge for the boys is appreciating what is new but also acknowledging and respecting what has gone before. It is about acknowledging the traditions of this school & hostel. The challenge for hostel staff is to uphold these standards and traditions, often in the face of resistance.

• Change: Climatic. The challenge for the boys is to look after the environment starting with their backyard / their 'home' - their school. The other challenge they must embrace is being able to adapt to unpredictable situations. The seasons are now very different just as moving into a new environment whether it be for those who have come into boarding this year or those who are leaving at the end of the year. The challenge for parents and hostel staff is to provide the boys with continuing support and guidance.

• Change: The school & hostel profile. The challenge for the boys is to respect these differences whether it be different cultures, different value systems, different outlooks on life or different interests.

• Change: Greater focus on youth rights. The challenge for the boys is to accept that responsibility comes first;

once they have sorted that condition they are then entitled to their rights. The challenge for parents and hostel staff is to enforce the premise that responsibility comes before right.

• Change: Personal (both physically & socially). The challenge for the boys is to stay healthy, to participate in activities, to take advantage of all opportunities that are presented, to set goals and stay focussed and to always look to grow as a person.

• Change: Hostel Staff. The challenge for the boys is to accept these new members to the Hostel family and allow them to continue the great work that has done by past staff. The challenge for the hostel staff is to continue to work hard especially when things are not easy.

• Change: The leavers. The challenge for the leavers is to be good, work hard, remember your Boys' High years fondly, keep in touch and accept all new opportunities with a smile on your face. In the words of Mahatma Ghandi "Be the change you want to see in the world."

I believe that as boarders they are better equipped than most teenagers to deal with these changes and challenges.

WHY THE HOSTEL?

• The Hostel provides a supportive environment that emphasises the partnership between boarder, family, school and hostel.

• The Hostel places high expectations on the boys - the Hostel expects all boys to be honest, responsible, adaptable, respectful, committed, focussed and positive. The Hostel continues to put the boys into situations where this must happen.

• The hostel has a very clear set of rules that the boys are made to follow. These rules are fair and are aimed at assisting the boys during this real period of change in their lives.

• The Hostel has a tradition based on setting the example for others. Everyone buys into this because they believe in it as others before have; they know it has stood the test of time. This tradition has not and will not change.

HOSTEL HIGHLIGHTS:

1. The Year 13 leaders, especially Mitch Campbell (Head Boarder), Logan Campbell (Head of Carrington), Sean Cressy (Head of Moyes), Leighton Price (Head Boy), Sam Lawn (School Prefect) and Damian Smuts (School Prefect).

2. 2006 academic results with pass rates of: Year 13 - 56% (Sugapriyan Ravichandran, gained a scholarship) Year 12 - 69% Year 11 - 88%

3. The involvement & support of families and friends at special school events like Swimming Sports & Prizegiving, at special hostel events like Open Weekend & Niger Trophy, at report evenings and at sporting fixtures.

4. The Carroll Cup competition which has proven to be the closest for a number of years.

5. The performance of the Niger Trophy team in convincingly beating College House, FDMC and Taranaki Primary Schools.

6. The opening of Carroll House and Pridham Lounge.

7. Christmas Dinner, which again



highlighted the quality of our kitchen staff and the ability of our boys to respond to formal occasions.

8. 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. Mitch Campbell representing the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rugby team, Sean Cressy representing a New Zealand Development Touch Rugby team, Rory Hofmans and Regan Verney being selected in national Rugby League squads and Damian Smuts winning gold in the shot put at Nationals.

9. The ERO visit which was a very positive experience and report which clearly presents this Hostel as one of the best in the country.

For this Hostel to be able to provide the opportunities it offers requires 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 Michael Graham (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: 2007 Head Boarder Mitch Campbell and other prefects: Sean Cressy - Head of Moyes House, Logan Campbell - Head of Carrington House, Steven Barron, Ryan Sanderson, Jared Whitehead, Sam Lawn, Thomas Ardern, William Brown, James Fischer, Tony Sprangers, Josh Abbott, Blake Morgan, Gary Hofmans, Damian Smuts, Ethan Ogle, Leighton Price (Head Boy), Lee Kearins and Rhys Newlands. 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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Geoff Hall Senior Hostel Master 2007





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Steven McKay



Kerry French



DJ Akariri Buckley



Makahesi Makatoa



Ben Coventry



Glen Baxter



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Nick Craig



Michael Mallalieu



Meka



Myles Simkin



Jared Wallace



Julian Corbett



Tom Smith



Steven Haami



Luke Kerot



Moyes House



Carrington House



HEAD BOARDER REPORT

2007 has once again proven to be a very demanding year for the hostel. A year full of highs and lows but at the end of the day successful.

The Inter-House competition has been, and will always be, a tough task for Hatherly. Nevertheless the men of the hostel embarked on their first mission; the ever so controversial swimming sports. Realising it was a numbers game we relied on a huge amount of participation. The boys emptied the tank but were unsuccessful and placed third. The athletics was much the same with Syme's outstanding individual talent meaning they were comfortable winners. It was a gutsy effort from the men in red and with another third placing we knew we had to show some real character to get back on track. With a shaky start now behind us we stepped up to the mark with some excellent results in cross country, summer and winter sports, tug of war and a stand-out performance in the haka competition. This year the Inter-House competition was again fiercely and fairly contested. I would like to congratulate Luke, Nick and Brad for their superb leadership of their respective houses. Full house participation proved to be the key element to this year's effort and being outnumbered 2:1 I felt the Hatherly gave it nothing less than 100% all year.

Once again the new Year 9 boys proved to be a unique bunch of young men who showed a lot of ticker and pride through their early morning trainings in the build-up to Queen's Birthday weekend. The much anticipated Niger Trophy match was played in true boarding spirit between New Plymouth and Palmerston North. Our forward pack created quality go-forward ball

for our well drilled backline and, as a result, we completely dominated the College House side winning 69 - 8. Daniel Couchman captained the side and the players to shine were Issac Hekenui, Jake Parker and Max Wakelin. With great momentum going into both the Francis Douglas and Taranaki Primary Schools games we proved to be far too strong. Our team performance resulted in two very well deserved victories. These boys should be very proud for what they achieved and with such talent and dedication a number of them have big futures ahead. Thanks to the coaches who spent many early mornings training the young lads.

The Day-Boys vs Boarders game was played at the end of term three and was, like always, a hot topic between the guys. The hostel boys were fully aware of this year's versatile Day-Boys team. With very few 1st XV players involved it was a chance for the new blood to shine in the black jersey. Playing like men possessed and doing our utmost to convert possession into points, we tried as hard as we might but unfortunately suffered a narrow loss.

Like always, 2007, just as 2006 saw many staff changes. With the departure of Mr Cleaver who went overseas on the Speights boat, Mr Vercoe who took





Boarding Prefects 2007

3rd ROW FROM LEFT Thomas Ardern, Tony Sprangers, James Fischer, Damian Smuts, William Brown
2nd ROW FROM LEFT Joshua Abbott, Gary Hofmans, Leighton Price, Jared Whitehead, Lee Kearins, Ethan Ogle
FRONT ROW Steven Barron, Blake Morgan, Logan Campbell (Head of Carrington), Mitch Campbell (Head Boarder), Sean Cressy (Head of Moyes), Sam Lawn, Ryan Sanderson

up a position at St Bedes and Mr Maaka, the hostel was dealt a big blow. But in their places we welcomed Mr Vyle, Mr Vernon and Mr Bublitz. These are guys that set high standards and have settled into their roles very well so the blow has not been felt.

A special mention must go to those boarders who have achieved special accomplishments this year. Leighton Price, a very proud and respected hostel boy, was named Head Boy for 2007. He has led the school with passion and dignity. In rugby, Steven Barron and Leighton were named in the Hurricanes Secondary Schools, team which won the national tournament in Christchurch. They were also selected in the Taranaki U18 team. We also had a large number of boarders in

the Taranaki under 16s team: Andy Hamilton, Keni Baledrokadroka, Adam Black and Heiden Bedwell-Curtis. Andy and Heiden also were selected for the New Zealand under 17s training camp for 2008. Rory Hofmans was selected for the New Zealand under 16s league team. Sean Cressy had an outstanding year in touch, being selected for the New Zealand under 19s, New Zealand Maori under 21s and New Zealand elite academy. Damian Smuts is a national Shot Put champion. Regan Verney was selected in national Rugby League and Touch-rugby development squads.

Finally, I would like to thank the team of prefects of 2007. You guys have made this year a very successful and enjoyable one. Your hard work and support has made my job a lot easier. To the hostel

masters who have given us all support and opportunities both in and outside of the classroom, thank you for making this an enjoyable and memorable year.

To the guys returning next year, make sure you uphold the traditions and standards of the school and hostel. Be grateful for the opportunities that are given and have no regrets.

Mitch Campbell
Head Boarder



INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

An event on the calendar which is always looked forward to is the Inter-House music competition, which was held at the end of term 3. All Houses presented spectacular renditions of the popular Feelers song, "Stand Up". The judges certainly had a tough time deciding the winner. Top points to Barak, followed closely by Hatherly, then Donnelly in 3rd place.

The music ensembles presented a wide range of genres this year, ranging from Barbershop to Bands to percussion. Top marks went to the Syme group, 'Percussion Plus' with Barak in 2nd place and Hatherly 3rd.

The points scored are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: House, House Singing, Ensemble, Total /200. Rows include Hatherly, Donnelly, Syme, and Barak.

NPBHS SPEECH FINALS

This is another annual event I look forward to, and this year the quality of speeches presented by our students was exceptional. A huge congratulations to all those selected to take part in the finals.

Year 9: Callum Rutherford, Jay Maaka, Hayden White, Mitchell Keast, Edward Lawley

Year 10: Dhruv Iyer, Samuel Lye, Greg White, Chris Harold, Ben Coventry

Year 11: Peter Molloy, William Tennant, Matthew Girvan

Year 12: Carl Garrett, Sam Varley, Jonathon Folwell, Akshay Sridhar, Eli Abraham-Beerman

SPEECH RESULTS

Year 9: 1st Place Jay Maaka, 2nd Place Hayden White, 3rd Place Callum Rutherford

Year 10: 1st Place Ben Coventry, 2nd Place Chris Harold, 3rd Place Dhruv Iyer

Year 11: 1st Place Peter Molloy, 2nd Place William Tennant, 3rd Place Matthew Girvan

Year 12: 1st Place Jonathon Folwell, 2nd Place Carl Garrett, 3rd Place Sam Varley

Best Speaker Award: Jonathon Folwell

Gisella Sklenars
Cultural Coordinator





YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year Eleven, including Art, Electronics, English Applied, Enterprise Management, Geography and Graphics, Home Economics, Horticulture, Japanese, Maori, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science Applied, Self Management, Spanish, Technology (Metal), and Technology (Wood).

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes, including Wadsworth's Books Prize and PTA Prize.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table listing Public Speaking prizes, including 1st Prize.

ESSAY

Table listing Essay prizes, including 1st Prize.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table listing Special Prizes, including performance in the STAR programme.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table listing General Academic Excellence prizes, including 3rd and 2nd Aggregate, and 1st Aggregate.

YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year Twelve, including Accounting, Design, Economics, Electronics, English, Enterprise Management, Graphics, Home Economics, and Self Management.



Table listing subject prizes for Year Eleven on the right page, including Horticulture, Japanese, Latin, Legal Studies, Maori, Mathematics, Music, Outdoor Education, Painting and Printmaking, Photography, Physical Education, Spanish, Sports Studies, Technology (Metal), and Technology (Wood).

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes, including Wadsworth's Books Prize.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table listing Public Speaking prizes, including 1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory.

ESSAY

Table listing Essay prizes, including 1st Prize.

MUSIC

Table listing Music prizes, including Choir General Excellence and Most Outstanding Senior Composition.

SPECIAL PRIZE

Table listing Special Prizes, including contribution to the Maori profile and STAR Sound Recording Programme.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table listing General Academic Excellence prizes, including 3rd Aggregate, 2nd Aggregate, and 1st Aggregate.

YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year Thirteen, including Biology, English Language, Classical Studies, Computing, and Design and Painting.



Jason Van Winkel



Anthony Rayner



Oli Breakin



Tom Baker



Darryl Greig



Jason Holden



Carl Parkins Payne



Leon Johnstone



James Fischer



Ryan Sanderson



Regan Bint



Cameron Holderl



James Fischer



Thomas Konijn



Jai Simkin

Electronics	Charley Miles
Enterprise Management	Cameron Holm
Geography	Jason Holden
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Matthew Reid
History (Brian Bellringer Prize)	Sam Franklin
Home Economics	Peter Joe
Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) and Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)	Blake Nielsen
Latin	Matthew Tait
Music and Excellence in Performance in the Jazz Genre and Commitment to Music in the school (Take 5 Trophy)	William Sklenars
Photography	Alex Ferens
Physical Education	Zac Lewis
Printmaking and Computing (Best practical) (Gen-i Prize)	Adam Kent
Science	William Brown

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Scott Honeyfield
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Andrew Tippett

ESSAY

1st Prize (Ward Cup and Taranaki Daily News Literary Excellence Prize)	James Tate
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SPECIAL PRIZES

Senior Drama Performance (Wilde Drama Cup)	Jesse Davis
Best Performance in the Gateway Programme	Tom Bartle
Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Scott Jonas
Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup)	Concert Band
Interhouse Music (John Dobson Memorial Cup)	Barak House
For the International Student whose strong academic performance is matched by a significant contribution to the wider life of the school	Edison Su

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

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) Damian Aherne

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

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) William Sklenars

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

Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize) Mitchell Campbell

Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) and For loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the School. (Jack West Centennial Medallion) and For contribution by a Year 13 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the school (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) Leighton Price

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize), 1st in Physics)	Jason Oliver
Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship)	Daniel Momich
Dux (Academic Excellence Cup, Tiger Coat Award and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup), 1st in Calculus, 1st in Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economic Scholarship), 1st in English (White Memorial Prize), 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize)	James Tate



YEAR NINE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year 9 students including Art, Graphics, Health and Physical Education, Home Economics, Horticulture, Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Technology, Latin, Maori, Music and Performance Music (Best Performer) (Music Works Prize), Performance Music (Best Student), Science and Spanish, and Social Studies.

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes (PTA Prizes) awarded to Darren Alexander, Carlin Honnor, Daniel Jacobs, Richard Newsome, Cyril Panaho, Callum Rutherford, and Jacob Tomlinson.

CERTIFICATES

Table listing certificates awarded to students such as Adlam Sam, Aebig Chris, Avery David, Berry Jordan, Blyde Christopher, Butterworth Kris, Chau Ben, Davies Brendan, Davy Jayden, De Beer Terrence, Dickson John, Faapoi Jonathan, Feringa Liam, Gillespie Kyle, Girvan Joshua, Gray Callum, Hall Chaz, Hine Isaac, Hopkins Braden, Jenkins Elliot, Johnson Henry, Kearns Caleb, Knowles Hayden, Lahood Michael, Lawley Edward, Lewis Wade, Li Jack, Maaka Jay, Mabin Andy, McComb Samuel, McDonald Matthew, Mellow Ashley, Murray Ethan, Olsson Ricky, Petersen Matthew, Philp Beau, and Porter Simon.



Table listing awards for Year 9 students in Mathematics, Performance Music, Social Studies, Spanish, Art, Technology, Spanish, Technology, Science, Social Studies, Maori, English, Social Studies, English, Social Studies, Performance Music, Mathematics, English, Science, Home Economics, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and English, Social Studies, Art.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table listing Public Speaking prizes for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Prize awarded to Callum Rutherford, Hayden Whyte, and Jay Maaka.

ESSAY

Table listing Essay prizes for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Prize awarded to Joshua Girvan, Dallas McLeod, and Hamish Franklin.

MUSIC

Table listing Music prize for All-Round Participant and High Achievement In Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) awarded to Jacob Tomlinson.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table listing Special Prize for Best Junior Cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy) awarded to George Thony.

Table listing Special Prize for contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school awarded to Isaac Hekenui.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table listing General Academic Excellence prizes for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Aggregate awarded to Billy Rodenburg, Christopher Miller, and Daixun Zhang.

YEAR TEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year 10 students including Art, Economics, Electronics, Enterprise Studies, Graphics, Health and Physical Education, Home Economics, Horticulture, Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), Maori, Mathematics (Best Student), Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize), Music, Performance Music (Best Student), Performance Music (Best Performer) (KBB Prize), Social Studies, Spanish, Technology, Workshop Technology (Best Student) (Olex Cables Prize) and Workshop Technology (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award and Blackwood Paykels Prize), and Workshop Technology (Best Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize).



EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (PTA Prize), Winner Name (Leon Chiu, Andrew Fowler, Christopher Harold)

CERTIFICATES

Large table listing names of students and their respective subjects for certificates (e.g., Alldrige Daniel, Science, Social Studies, English, Art)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (3rd, 2nd, 1st Prize Moss Cup and Prize), Winner Name (Dhruv Iyer, Christopher Harold, Ben Coventry)



ESSAY

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (3rd, 2nd, 1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)), Winner Name (Connor Oliver-Rose, Jeremy Raynes, Tangai Te Mapu Tupere Maihi)

MUSIC

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy), Junior Performer of the Year (Stewart Maunder Cup)), Winner Name (Brad Carter, Marcus Laurence)

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (3rd Aggregate, 2nd Aggregate, 1st Aggregate), Winner Name (Luke Stevenson, Jeremy Raynes, Jongwoo Shin)

CAVE BURSARIES

Table with 2 columns: Award Name (For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 9, For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 10), Winner Name (Daixun Zhang, Jongwoo Shin)

SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS

Large table listing various sports awards and their winners (e.g., ADVENTURE RACING - Jason Holden, BASKETBALL - Max Williams, etc.)



RUGBY - WATTS CUP MOST IMPROVED in 1ST XV	Jason Sharpe
RUGBY - LEUTHART CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST to 1ST XV	Mitchell Campbell
CLAYBIRD SHOOTING - JOHN AXEBY TROPHY SENIOR CHAMPION	William Symes
SKIING - OHAKUNE OLD BOYS' TROPHY SENIOR SKIING CHAMPION	Oliver Brankin
SQUASH - DOW ELANCO CUP SQUASH MVP	Harald Askevold
SOCCER - BURMESTER TROPHY MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	Vincent Sharp
SOCCER - RUSSELL HOOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Joshua Richardson
SOCCER - COACHES CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM	John Hight
SAILING - OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SAILOR	Gye Simkin
SURFING - SMITH CUP MOST OUTSTANDING SURFER	Tyler Anderson
SWIMMING - CHALLENGE CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Issac Owen
SWIMMING - SYKES MEMORIAL CUP SENIOR CHAMPION	Tim Riley
TENNIS - BURGESS CUP MOST IMPROVED	Quinn Rosa
TENNIS - MCKEON CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	Simon Momich
TENNIS - CANDY CUP SENIOR CHAMP	Jordan Stayt
VOLLEYBALL - SOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Callum Oliver

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS - DEMPSEY SHIELD SWIMMING	Dayboys - Brad Bennett
DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS - PEASE CUP RUGBY	Dayboys - Brad Bennet
INTERHOUSE - BARES CUP CRICKET	Barak - Nick Mitchell
INTERHOUSE - GOLF	
INTERHOUSE - STEVENSON CUP TENNIS	Hatherly - Mitchell Campbel
INTERHOUSE - HOLDER CUP SOCCER / BURBANK CUP SWIMMING / KERR CUP RUGBY /	
HANSARD CUP ATHLETICS / CRAMMOND CUP INTERHOUSE CHAMPION	SYME - Luke Stenner

SPORTSTEAM OF THE YEAR - ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR	Golf Team - Zac Lewis
1st XI CRICKET & A WINTER SPORT - DONNELLY CUP	Sam Broadmore
THE BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN - WOLFE CUP	Brad Bennett
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - COLLEGE TROPHY	Mitchell Campbell

JUNIOR SPORTS AWARDS

JUNIOR ATHLETICS - SHOTPUT	Isaac Hekenui
JUNIOR ATHLETICS - HERMON CUP 400M	Issac Robinson
JUNIOR ATHLETICS - 3000m / TRIPLE JUMP / LONG JUMP / GRIEVE CUP 1500M / 800M	Lachlan Bunn
JUNIOR ATHLETICS - HIGH JUMP / JAVELIN / 100M / 200M / DISCUS	Connor Wilson-Puhara
JUNIOR ATHLETICS - BENNET CUP CHAMPION	Connor Wilson-Puhara
CROSS COUNTRY - NOAKES CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION	Josh Taylor
HOCKEY - THE GEURSEN STICK MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Alexander Iverson
IN LINE HOCKEY - MVP JUNIOR PLAYER	Anthony Taylor
RUGBY - JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS	Lachlan Bunn
RUGBY - MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP YR 10 IN RUGBY	Brock Sibbick
RUGBY - U15s CUP MOST PROMISING PLAYER	Thomas McElroy
SHOOTING - CORP CJ HAMBLYN CUP JUNIOR SHOOTING CHAMPION	Lyall Sanderson
SOCCER - BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER	Cameron Brownlie
SWIMMING - FOX CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION	James Varley
TENNIS - HERBERT SMITH CUP JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPION	Amrit Rai

DAYBOYS vs BOARDERS - BALLANTYNE-TORCKLER CUP	
WINNER OF THE YEAR 9 CROSS COUNTRY RACE	Dayboys -Hayden Whyte

SPORTSMAN - BRAD BENNETT CUP YEAR 9 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Mitchell Brown
SPORTSMAN - DUCKMANTON CUP YEAR 10 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Brock Sibbick
SPORTSMAN - DUCKMANTON CUP YEAR 10 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	William Young



UNIVERSITY GRADUATES 2007

Graduates from University of Waikato

Name	Degree
Adam Benton	BSc (Tech)
Malcolm Bijker	BA

Graduates from Victoria University of Wellington

Name	Degree
Andrei Alexeevich	BA
Shanon Barnett	BA, LLB
Remi Bint	BDes
Kyle Bridgeman	Dip Sec Tchg
Peter Campbell	BCA
Richard Dobson	BEd (Hon)
Robert Ferris	BCA
Jeremy Frampton	BA(Hon)
Robert Gordon	BA, BCA
David Hill	BSc
Geoffrey Hinton	BCA
Patrick Landrigan	BCA, LLB
Rene Le Prou	BCA (Hon), MA
Lachlan Lepper	BA, BTM
Mathew Lister	BA
Damien Martin	MSc
Barend Meyer	BA, BCA
Lloyd Percival	Dip Commerce
Paul Prouse	BA (Hon)
Andrew Rae	Dip Prim Tchg
Nicholas Roughan	BCA, LLB
Richard Slater	BMus(Hon)
Mathew Sole	BA(Hon)
Samuel Stewart-Jacks	BCA(Hon)
Douw Steyn	BCA(Hon)
Campbell Sutherland	BA
Daniel Thomson	BCA
Bian Wu	BCA

Graduates from University of Otago

Name	Degree	Left School
Mark Bland	BSurv	2002
Alexander Blyth	BSc	2002
Ryan Bridgeman	BCom	2003

Ryan Cantlon	BSurv	2002
Ryan Hill	BSc(Hon)	2002
Robin Janata	PGDipClinPharm	1999
Kritesh Kumar	BSc	2003
Matthew Logan	BCom, BA	2001
Jeremy McMillan	BSurv	2002
Lee Noyes	BTchg(Prim)	1994
Xinning Qiu	BSc	2002
Simon Robinson	BCom	1998
Edrich Rodrigues	MB, ChB	2000
Frederik Steyn	PhD	1996
Brendon Wesley	BAppSc	2001
Colin White	BMLSc	2000

Graduates from Massey University

Name	Degree	Left School
Selwyn Watkins	MBSt	1964
Paul Laurence	BEd	1989
Timu-o-te-rangi-Niwa	MEd	1994
David Le Breton	Grad Dip Bus St	1996
David Peters	BAvi	1998
Aaron Bishell	BSc(Hon)	1999
Edward Spence	MMgt	1982
Mathias Suchy	Grad Dip BusSt	1998
Regan Brien	BDes	2000
Ronie Asi	BEd(Prim)	1992
Timothy Chadwick	BDes	2000
Rhys Williams	BBS	1996
Aaron Wong	MInfSc	2001
Samuel Lander	CertArts(Hum&SocSci)	2001
Michael Gordon	BDes	2001
Janick Ruchti	BBS	2001
Andre Visser	BBS	1999
Nikolas Filer	BDes	2002
Lawton Lonsdale	BDes	2002
Leighton Markham	BEng(Hon)	2002
Nathan Ransfield	BEd(Prim)	2002
Nicholas Jones	BDes	1998
Daniel Boobyer	Dip Photo	2003
David Sander	BBS	2003
Ian Leonard	BEd(Prim)	1978
Lee Farrell	BBI	2000
Alexander Smith	Dip FashDes&Tech	2004



TIGER JACKETS 2007

- Academic** Cam Rogers
James Tate
Mark Greensill
Scott Honeyfield
Ethan Ogle
- Adventure Racing** Jason Holden
Campbell Bower
Callum Barnett
Thomas Wilson
Hamish Fleming
- Athletics** Shaun Thompson
Brad Bennett
David Morton
Damien Smuts
- Badminton** Andrew Marfell
- Basketball** Logan Campbell
Nick Vincent
Harley Wall
Shannon Duthie
Jared Keil
- Choir** Nicholas Milne
Scott Jonas
- Cricket** Ben Sprott
Chad Jacob
Dean Robinson
Sam Broadmore
Liam McBride
Sam Saunders
Nick Joyce
Matt Shaw
- Cross Country** Alex Ferens
Tyler Griffen
Matthew Rodden
- Golf** Zachary Lewis
Logan Heyes
Matt Reid
- Head Boy** Leighton Price
- Head of House** Nick Mitchell
Mitchell Campbell
Luke Steiner
Brad Bennet
- Hockey** Rakesi Desai
Sam Franklin
Damian Smuts
Thomas Ardern
Callum Barnett
Campbell Bower

Inline Hockey

Jazz Band

Rugby

Saxophone Soccer

Stage Band Student Rep Tennis Touch

- Cam Rogers
Mark Greensill
Ethan Ogle
Sam Franklin
Alexander Novak
William Sklenars
Cameron Gubb
Chris Hewlett
Robbie Weston
Jonathon Folwell
Geraint Scott
Tim Harrison
Ryan Carter
Michael Martin
Stuart Sutherland
Mitchell Campbell
Leighton Price
Cody Rei
Brad Bennett
Steven Baron
Adam Laititi
Sean Cressy
Gary Hofmans
Jason Sharpe
Lagan Kumeroa
Luke Stenner
Hamish Alabaster
James Hewett
Josh Richardson
Sam Broadmore
John Hight
Cameron Holm
Jack Smithers
Bradley Hickling
Edmund Smith
Tyson Brandt
William Sklenars
Damien Aherne
Quinn Rosa
Adam Laititi
Kyle Joyce
Blake Morgan
Brad Bennett
Sean Cressy

DUX SPEECH

Kiora
It's hard to put into words the feeling of receiving this award. Pride doesn't quite express the amount this means to me. I think musical sensation William Sklenars summed it up nicely in four "Well, this is cool."

It all started for me five years ago. I walked into this hall with my little mate and we were looking at these big boards on the walls and deciding what we were going to achieve in the next five years. Naturally, the fine tuned athlete that I am, I told him I was going to get my name on that board by being the cross country champion. He told me he was going to be soccer captain; and not to be outdone I shot-gunned getting captain of the 1st XV. We got all the way round the hall, (I let him have long serving staff board), and I saw this board up here. And at that moment, I turned to my friend and I said to him "Bro, what's a Doux?". He just goes, "man that's the biggest geek or something, you don't wanna get that". Of course I took geek to be academically successful, and secretly that's the day I started planning this speech. And yes, I'm afraid that's the best opening I could come up with in five years.

Just for the record, I got 98th in the cross country; David Morten just pulled away from me towards the end. And although has been rumoured I could have beaten Mitch into the 1st XV, I thought I'd let him have the opportunity, and I settled for a place in the mighty 6th XV...reserves. But as the old saying goes, one out of three ain't bad.

Basically, I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the people

that have helped me over the past five years.

Staff. Not just the teachers, but all staff at this school are the most dedicated people I have had the pleasure of knowing. I've been fortunate enough to get to know most of the staff over the five years I've been at this school, and not one have I found unapproachable. Of course, those who played a hands-on role in teaching me, and passing on their pearls of wisdom, do deserve great praise. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the diverse range of teachers I've had.

Ralph Emerson once said "The great teacher is not the man who supplies the most facts, but the one in whose presence we become different people." I truly believe every teacher that I have encountered at this school has changed my perspective on life in some way. A special mention must go to Mr Achary, who I've had for three years in Maths. Always willing to go that extra mile, and often giving up his spare time; his attitude mirrors that of many of the staff here at school. This school is really unlucky because unfortunately Mr Achary is moving to Hillcrest College next year, and he will certainly be missed by the majority of his students. And that's not just because they enjoyed winning his money in the various 'legitimate' sweepstakes he ran. Mr Gledhill would also be gutted if I didn't mention I'd had him for three years too... Thanks for that. And thanks must go to Mr Simpson, for passing on the best maths joke ever written.. What did zero say to eight? Nice belt.

I also owe a lot to my family. I think I have over a dozen family members here tonight, which just shows the support that got me to this point. Hope they're not doing anything too embarrassing

up there... At the end of the day, yes it is night, and it's my family that's always been there for me. I never will be able to thank you enough, but I do realise the positive impact you have had on my future, and I do appreciate it. And just to settle a long running dinner table dispute, I do believe the brains come from both sides of the family.

A huge mention must also go to you boys. Although the environment provided here is ideal, it is you guys that make this school great. Over the past five years I've made so many mates, who I have no doubt, will become life long friends. I look forward to bumping into you all around the world because I can assure you there are some extraordinary lives ahead of some of the young men in this room. A special acknowledgment must also go to the boys who are just as worthy of receiving this award tonight, and who have pushed me to perform to my best; Jason, Scott, Sam, Oscar, Daniel, and Steven Barron. I'm sure you all have big futures ahead of you.

Now I'm not going to give any foolproof advice on getting good marks; you are all big enough and certainly ugly enough take responsibility for your own learning by now; Those who focus

on achieving their best will always get what they deserve, you reap what you sow every time. Also to the younger boys in the hall, I leave here confident you will do a great job in upholding the schools reputation, in that regard there.

Although I haven't made a single duck joke yet, I'm almost ready to leave the floor so we can get back to celebrating the enormous amount of talent within this school. To conclude I would like to make a reading from one of the most inspirational authors in history, who has provided motivation to me for over 15 years now. Ten points if you can guess the author...

Fox
Socks
Box
Knox

Knox in box.
Fox in socks.

Knox on fox in socks in box.
Socks on Knox and Knox in box.
Fox in socks on box on Knox.
Chicks with bricks come.
Chicks with blocks come.
Chicks with bricks and blocks and clocks come.





Look, sir. Look, sir. Mr. Knox, sir.
Let's do tricks with bricks and blocks,
sir.

Let's do tricks with chicks and clocks,
sir.

First, I'll make a quick trick brick stack.
Then I'll make a quick trick block
stack.

You can make a quick trick chick stack.
You can make a quick trick clock stack.

Wise words from Dr Seuss, I couldn't
have put it better myself.

Thank you all, good night, and good
luck.

James Tate



ATHLETICS

It was a memorable year for athletics with some outstanding individual performances by some of our top athletes. In particular we saw the continued emergence of Damian Smuts and David Morton to consistently figure amongst the best in the senior ranks of Secondary Schools athletics.

NATIONAL ATHLETICS

The National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held in Christchurch in December 2006. NPBHS sent four athletes to this event and their results follow:

- Damian Smuts won himself a bronze medal in the Senior Shot Put with a best throw of 16.04m. This is a new school record and the third time this year Damian has improved the mark. Damian also performed with distinction in the Senior Discus throwing 40.71m for sixth placing.
- David Morton targeted the Senior 1500m. David ran third in his heat and sixth in the final in a smart time of 4.04.26. Worth noting that the first five finishers in this race were all Year 13 students.
- Rory Hofmans finished tenth in the Junior Long Jump with a best leap of 5.73m. In the 100m he made it through to the semi finals and finished seventh here. His fastest time in qualifying races was a lively 11.61 in his quarter final.
- Jacob Meads competed in the Senior High Jump. Jacob cleared 1.70m to place thirteenth overall.

SCHOOL SPORTS

The thunderstorms that were predicted for this year's Athletic Champs never eventuated and instead the school basked in glorious autumn sunshine.

The athletic sports were the best for the past three years, in terms of participation and enthusiasm of the non championship and the championship young men. All four houses should be congratulated on the way they contributed to the day.

All three age groups had close battles and it must be said that the quality of the junior championship demonstrated that the school has been blessed with some fine athletes, which is good news for all sporting codes. Damian Smuts once again demonstrated that round, heavy objects are aerodynamic, smashing his own shot-put record from last year, throwing 17.18 meters.

The House competition was fierce. Donnelly, Barak and Hatherly were separated by 9 points with second and third place being separated by a quarter of a point. A great day and hopefully a benchmark for the following years.

Individual Results:

Junior

- 1st Connor Wilson-Puhara
- 2nd Lachlan Bunn
- 3rd Isaac Robinson

Intermediate

- 1st Vincent Sharp
- 2nd Rory Hofmans
- 3rd Levi Kendall

Senior

- 1st Codey Rei
- 2nd David Morton
- 3rd Steven Barron

House Results

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

TSS ATHLETICS

The 2007 Taranaki Secondary School Athletics Championships took place on a cold and occasionally rainy day

at the TET stadium in Inglewood on March 17. NPBHS had an exceptional day winning twenty-five titles, with Hawera and FDMC managing just six each. Damian Smuts (all six throws) and David Morton set Taranaki records and David (2) and Connor Wilson-Puhara broke school records. Year 9 boy Lachlan Bunn had a memorable day winning his four individual events. Junior and Intermediate relay teams were successful, but our Senior team was disqualified.

Title winners were:

Junior

Connor Wilson Puhara
80m Hurdles School Record 13.44

Lachlan Bunn	
800m	2.20.58
1500m	4.50.01
Long Jump	5.40
Triple Jump	10.37

Intermediate

Chris Lepper
100m Hurdles 22.45

Rory Hofmans	
100m	12.08
200m	24.55

Daniel O'Leary	
800m	2.17.25
1500m	4.39.05

Cameron Holden
3000m 10.00.36

Vincent Sharp
Long Jump 5.70

Senior

Codey Rei	
200m	23.24
Triple Jump	12.64
Robert McLeod	
400m	53.18
David Morton	



800m		2.03.30
1500m	School Record	4.09.93
3000m	Taranaki Record	8.59.46

Lee Kearins
300m Hurdles 44.89

Jacob Meads
High Jump 1.70

Damian Smuts
Shot Put Taranaki Record 16.85
Discus 42.71

Brad Bennett
Javelin 48.70

Four other athletes performed with distinction without actually winning an event. Isaac Robinson was second in Junior 100m, 200m and Triple Jump. Luke Rice was second in both the Intermediate 100m and 200m. Levi Kendall ran second in the Intermediate 800m, third in the 400m and third in

the 1500m. Charl Jacobs was second in the Intermediate 3000m in a time of 10.05.

Seventeen athletes were selected after the meet to represent Taranaki in the North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships in Auckland a fortnight later. These boys were Isaac Robinson, Connor Wilson Puhara, Nathan Maharey, Lachlan Bunn, Kurtis Rowe, Rory Hofmans, Luke Rice, Cameron Holden, Vincent Sharp, Codey Rei, Lagen Kumeroa, Robert McLeod, David Morton, Jacob Meads, Damian Smuts, Brad Bennett and Lee Kearins.

NEW ZEALAND ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four NPBHS students were selected to compete for Taranaki in the National Provincial athletics championships held in Inglewood in early March. In the 19-and-under age group Damian Smuts

won the Shot Put title. His best throw of 15.29 was comfortably the best of the New Zealand entrants. Worth noting that in this event the shot weight is 6kg as opposed to the High School weight of 5kg. Peter Joe ran 11.96 in his 100m heat and failed to progress.

David Morton broke 2 minutes for the first time in the 16-and-under 800m heats. He improved further in the final running 1.57.67 which won him the bronze medal. David went one better finishing second in the 1500m race running a personal best 4.01.41.

Rory Hofmans qualified for the 100m final in this age group running 11.70. He ran 11.65 finishing seventh in his final. Rory finished eighth in the Long Jump leaping 5.57.

NORTH ISLAND ATHLETICS

Thirteen boys from NPBHS were part of the Taranaki athletics team which



traveled to Auckland for the North Island Athletics Championships. It was the schools best ever performance at this event with some quite extraordinary individual performances.

David Morton won two Senior titles and improved his own school records in the process. In the Senior 3000m David was triumphant in 8 minutes 55.65. He followed this up with a win in the Senior 1500m clocking 4 minutes 02.13.

Damian Smuts was equally dominant in the Senior Shot Put. Damian threw 16.12m to comfortably win this event and followed this with a big personal best in the Discus of 43.41m. This was good enough for third place.

Brad Bennett threw the Senior Javelin

47.95m. This impressive distance was good enough to secure third place.

Rory Hofmans was another to record a personal best performance. Rory ran 11.41 in the Intermediate 100m to claim second place. Rory ran seventh in the Intermediate 200m final.

Connor Wilson-Puhara was another to improve on his own school record. Connor ran the Junior 80m Hurdles in 12.50 to win this event and he did so with a cast on his broken arm.

Other boys to feature in the top 10 were Vincent Sharp who was fifth in the Intermediate Triple Jump and eighth in the Intermediate Long Jump, Robert McLeod who was seventh in the Senior 400m and Jacob Meads was ninth in the Senior High Jump.

Congratulations to Damian Smuts, David Morton and Brad Bennett for achieving their Tiger Jackets this year. As this magazine goes to print a number of our top athletes are training for the National Secondary Schools athletics championships. This is the major event of the year and will hopefully see continued success for our best performers in Wanganui in early December.

**Paul Dominikovich
Master in Charge Athletics**



Athletics Team

3rd ROW FROM LEFT Hamish Fleming, Jason Holden, Glen Baxter, Levi Kendall
2nd ROW FROM LEFT Mathew Phillips, Isaac Robinson, Cameron Holden, Connor Wilson-Puhara, Chris Lepper, Lagen Kumeroa, Nathan Maharey, Chaz Hall
FRONT ROW Peter Joe, Jacob Meads, Brad Bennett, Damian Smuts, Codey Rei, David Morton, Rory Hofmans, Mr Paul Dominikovich (Manager), Daniel O'Leary, Isaac Owen, Alex Ferens, Lachlan Bunn
ABSENT: Robert McLeod, Luke Rice, Kurtis Rowe



TOP SIX BADMINTON

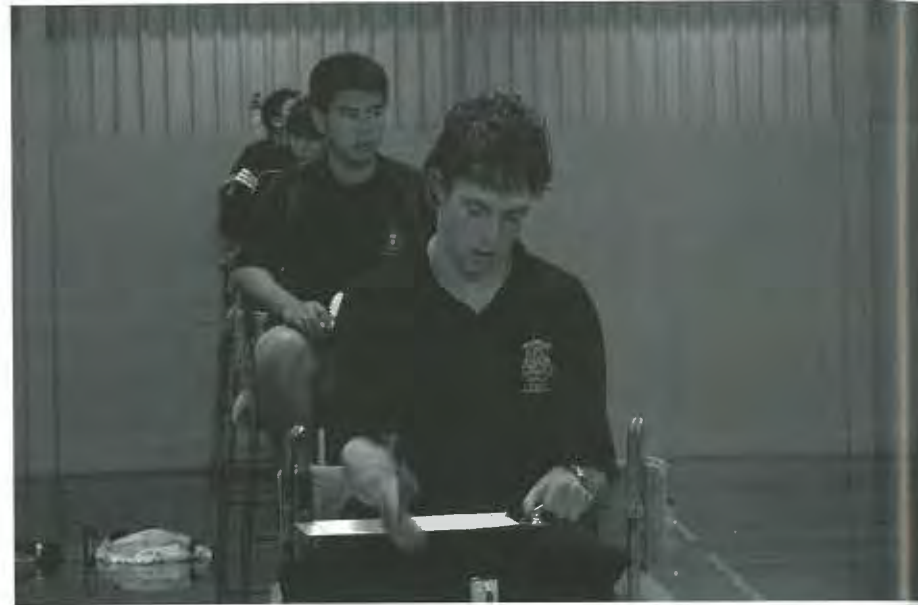
This year the Top Six had high expectations, with the bulk of the team returning. Our first fixture against Hamilton Boys' was a tough battle and although we lost 5 - 1 this was by far our best result against them for quite some time with most matches going to three games. With a fairly experienced team we had the potential for a good finish at the Super Eight tournament. Unfortunately a loss to Tauranga on the first day meant that we were never going to reach the final placing that we were capable of but the team did not give up. By the end of the tournament we had beaten Rotorua Boys', Hastings Boys' and Napier Boys' and ended a creditable fourth. Our best result for a number of years.

At the Taranaki Secondary School Championships our seniors were far too good. Andrew Marfell, the senior champion, playing Ashok Ramanathn in the final of the singles and then combining with him to win the doubles. Unfortunately our juniors were not as successful and were knocked out in the early rounds.

Our last interschool of the year was against Wellington College. Typically they are very strong and beat us convincingly but this year we put up somewhat of a fight and managed to win 2 matches to lose 4 - 2.

The team was captained and coached by Andrew Marfell. His service was invaluable and he will be a big loss next year.

Phillip Whittaker.



BASKETBALL 1ST V

The 2007 basketball season started early in term one with trials to pick a team for the Western Heights tournament in Rotorua. Due to the majority of the previous years team leave school the squad that was picked was young and inexperienced. The training squad of fifteen players comprised two year 13 boys, five year 12 boys and six year 11 boys. The squad was then cut to thirteen for the remainder of the season. The boys were: Logan Campbell (captain), Harley Wall, Shannon Duthie, Jared Keil, Nick Vincent, Julian Corbett, Jarred Hinton, Max Williams, Callum Oliver, Daniel King, John Taylor, Hamish Fleming, and Morgan Win.

INTERSCHOOL FIXTURES

Our first interschool game was played against Auckland Grammar during the 125th jubilee celebrations at Easter. The boys realised that they were a part of a very special occasion that not many boys or men could say that they had done. For more than half the team it was their first experience of playing a senior college match. Offensively, Jared Keil and Harley wall were the standouts scoring 17 and 19 respectively while Shannon Duthie worked hard and pulled down 11 rebounds. Unfortunately for us Grammar had a pair of six foot eight twins who slowly ground us down. The boys showed a good fighting spirit but in the end went down by ten points, 62 - 72.

A very confident Hamilton Boys High was our next opponent. Being a young team we really put a focus on improving from our last team performance. Even though we had a tough loss our performance for most of the game was at a good level, in particular defensively and on the boards. A drop in concentration right after half time led a half time lead turn in to a 10 point deficit. We were unable to get back to a position where we could challenge for the lead and eventually lost by approximately 10 points.

PNBHS were our next opponents. On a very cold morning the team did not have the best preparation and as a result played poorly. Too many



1st V Basketball

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Jarred Hinton, Callum Oliver, Julian Corbett, Shannon Duthie
 2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Morgan Win, John Taylor, Mr Bublitz (Coach), Max Williams, Harley Wall
 FRONT ROW: Daniel King, Hamish Fleming, Logan Campbell (Capt), Nick Vincent, Jared Keil



unforced errors and a lack of focus for extended periods of time saw us get beaten convincingly 67 - 82. It is note worthy that PNBHS finished fourth in the country in 2007.

LOCAL COMPETITION

The premier competition on Wednesday nights has traditionally been difficult as the teams the boys play are older, stronger and wiser. The season started with some heavy defeats but as the season progressed the boys continued to come together as a team beating the eventual champions and pushing other teams close. Our inexperience in tight situations late in the game cost us a spot in the semi-finals as we lost our last two games by narrow margins and as a result missed a semi-final berth by one point. Next year the expectation will be a top four spot.

SUPER EIGHT

Our goal this year was to make the top four of the tournament which was held in Hastings. We had the easier of the two pools with Gisborne, Napier, Hastings and ourselves.

Our first game was against an always tough Hastings Boys high side. We played sensible /controlled basketball but a bad third quarter in which we only managed six points meant that by the start of the third quarter we had too much of a mountain to climb. The bigger Hastings boys sapped all our energy and we ended up losing by seventeen points, 65 - 81.

Our second encounter was against Gisborne. Each member of the team contributed positively and we played some exciting basketball. Defensive pressure caused lots of turnovers and we were able to get out in transition. An easy win 102 - 51 was the result.

The third game was a must win against

Napier Boys as the victor would advance to the top four. We made the worst start possible and found ourselves down by 17 points at half time, inexperience being a big factor once again. A couple of defensive adjustments at half time and better spacing in our offence saw us claw our way back and we finished strongly , holding on for a one point win 69 - 68.

We then crossed over with the eventual winners, PNBHS. At half time we were down by a solitary point but a terrible 3rd quarter a pattern that ended up haunting us all season saw us get out scored 29 - 8. PNBHS then shut up shop and never let us back in the game. We eventually lost by 22 points 66 - 88.

The third and fourth play off saw us up against Rotorua Boys. Earlier in the year Rotorua had beaten us by 30 points so we knew we would have our work cut out. The game was a good encounter with the lead changing many times. A Rotorua three pointer with eighteen seconds to go pushed them out to a five point lead which is where it ended 65-69. So our goal of top four was realised but with a little more experience and concentration we possibly could have finish higher. A highlight was Jarred Hinton making the tournament team as a year 11 student.

ZONE 3 TOURNAMENT (NZSS qualifying)

After a positive super 8 we travelled to Wanganui quietly confident that we could qualify for the National tournament. Our pool was: Wellington College, Otaki, Hawera, Wainuiomata, NPBHS. We needed to finish in the top two of our pool.

Otaki were first and we easily disposed of them 99 - 55. A good team effort with everyone contributing was the start we needed.

Our second game was targeted as a must win as the winner of this game was predicted two finish second in our group. We started positively and were cruising at half time up by ten points. Hawera fought back well in the third quarter but we still had a three point lead going in to the fourth. Unfortunately, for us we developed the fourth quarter blues instead of our customary third. We scored 8 points and Hawera scored twenty. As predicted the winner of the game qualified second and ended up qualifying for the nationals. Unfortunately one bad quarter cost us a trip to the nationals. Valuable lessons learned the hard way.

After the disappointing result, I thought the boys picked themselves up well for the next two games. Firstly we beat Wainuiomata easily with an outstanding defensive display. And our last pool game was against a talented Wellington College team. The team played well, in particular Max Williams who had his best game I have seen him play for the school, dominating scoring and rebounding. Unfortunately any slim chance of still qualifying in the top two were gone as we were not able to compete with the quality of the Wellington shooting going down 69-86.

We limped through the rest of the tournament and finished a disappointing 11th.

The season had ups and downs, but with the majority of the boys returning next year I think the lessons we learned this year will help us improve mentally. The boys have a better understanding of what can happen at tournaments if you lose concentration for short periods of time. Also with another year of growth, the boys will be able to cope with the physical demands of top school boy level basketball.

My thanks to Sue Darney who volunteered her services at both tournaments and kept the boys really well fed and offered some sound advice in times of reflection. Dennis Duthie for providing the evening meals and Kelvin Wall for managing the team for the important part of the season.

D. Bublitz

1ST XI CRICKET

Dean Robinson captained this year's side, with staff members Mr Kane Rowson and Mr Blair Corlett Playing in the Premier club competition.

The highlight of the season was making the Super 8 final for the third year in a row. The game was against Napier Boys and the result was a six wicket loss after having Napier 3 - 25.

Dean Robinson lead the batting statistics for college games with 466 runs, from Matt Shaw with 240 runs and Ben Sprott, 224 runs.

Robert McLeod lead the bowling statistics for the college fixtures with 26 wickets, Fraser Johnston 19, and Liam McBride 12.

Honours board Performances

Dean Robinson 110no vs. Hastings Boys' High School

Representative Honours

Ben Sprott NZ U19, CD U17
Dean Robinson CD U17

GILLETTE CUP

NPBHS faced old rivals Wanganui Collegiate in the play-off for the winner of the Wanganui / Taranaki Region, of

the Gillette cup Tournament. NPBHS won the toss and put Wanganui in to bat on a good hard deck. Wanganui posted a total of 200, with Rob McLeod taking 1 - 49, Chad Jacob 1 - 27, and Dean Robinson 1 - 51. NPBHS replied scoring 181 in their 50 overs. Liam McBride 29, Matt Shaw 27, and Sam Broadmore 22. A loss by 20 runs, and being knocked out of Gillette Cup Tournament.

SUPER 8 GISBORNE

vs PNBHS

NPBHS won the toss and batted on a good wicket scoring 176 runs off its 50 overs.

Sam Broadmore 59
Sam Saunders 34
PNBHS were dismissed for 65
Fraser Johnston 2 - 24
Rob McLeod 4 - 10
Liam McBride 2 - 8

vs Rotorua Boys

Rotorua won the toss and decided to have a bat on a slow wicket. NPBHS bowled them out for 159 runs in the 42 over.

Nick Joyce 3 - 31
Liam McBride 3 - 25
Rob McLeod 2 - 27
NPBHS scored the winning runs 9 wickets down and with 1 over to spare.
Dean Robinson 32
Sam Saunders 36
Ben Sprott 21

vs Hastings Boys

NPBHS won the toss and batted on a good pitch with a fast outfield. NPBHS scored 252 - 6 off 50 overs.

Dean Robinson 110no
Ben Sprott 34
Sam Broadmore 21
Hastings boys scored 204 before being bowled out in the 46 over
Fraser Johnston 4 - 16
Nick Joyce 3 - 32



vs Napier Boys

NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat, on a good wicket and fast outfield. NPBHS scored 211 - 9 off its 50 overs

Ben Sprott 33
Dean Robinson 38
Sam Broadmore 34
Matt Shaw 38

Napier Boys batted extremely well to get the total with the loss of only three wickets. They were 15 - 3 in the early stages.

Fraser Johnson 2 - 28
Chad Jacobs 1 - 29

INTER SCHOOL FIXTURES

vs Wellington College (Wellington December 2006)

Wellington College batted first scoring 154, with Cody Rei taking 3 - 40 and Andrew Mason 4 - 55.

NPBHS replied with a batting collapse of just 67 runs. Sam Broadmore 13, Matt Shaw 14 and Chad Jacobs 12. Taking the initial lead from the first innings Wellington amassed another 280 runs, Chad Jacobs taking 3 - 52, and Cody Rei 2 - 52. Thus setting NPBHS a daunting task of chasing 376 runs to win.

NPBHS were never in the run chase managing to score only 148, with Matt Shaw scoring 34, and Cody Rei 39. A loss by 228 runs.

vs Auckland Grammar School

NPBHS lost the toss and were put in the field after a long trip to Auckland. Grammar posted a large total of 360 and this placed NPBHS on the back foot for the remainder of the match. Dean Robinson taking 3 - 83 off 26 overs and Liam McBride 2 - 51 off 21 overs.

NPBHS replied scoring 212 with Matt Shaw scoring 41, and Liam McBride 50.



Auckland Grammar then scored a quick fire 138 before declaring its second innings. Fraser Johnson taking 4 - 58. NPBHS were then set 287 to win in 62 overs, but only managed to get to 160 before being bowled out. Dean Robinson top scored with 51, and Sam Broadmore with 25. A loss by 127 runs

vs **Hamilton BHS**

NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat first on a good wicket, posting a score of 187. Dean Robinson 96, and Ben Sprott 37. Hamilton replied scoring 107 with Rob McLeod taking 5 - 37 off 18 overs, and Fraser Johnson taking 3 - 20 off 14 overs. NPBHS then scored 152 - 7 declared, setting Hamilton a target of 233 off 65 overs. Hamilton were all

out for 220, 13 runs short of the target. Liam McBride taking 3 - 20, Josh Palmer taking 3 - 44, and Rob McLeod 2 - 46. Win to NPBHS by 13 runs.

vs **Rotorua BHS**

NPBHS lost the toss and were but in to bat on a wet and green pitch, scoring 141. Top scorers were Matt Shaw 51, William Young 23, and Liam McBride 23.

Rotorua replied making only 85 runs, with Rob McLeod taking 5 - 9 off 16 overs, and Josh Palmer taking 2 - 14 off 12 overs.

Rain then became a major factor in the game forcing NPBHS to score a

quick-fire 65 runs declared with Dean Robinson scoring 21. NPBHS then set Rotorua a very sporting target of 122 off 40 overs, believing they could again bowl Rotorua out cheaply and in the overs left. Rotorua were more resolved at the crease in their second innings, scoring the required runs for the loss of 5 wickets and with 5 overs to spare. Rob McLeod taking 3 - 33, and Fraser Johnson taking 2 - 19. A loss to Rotorua by 5 wickets.

vs **Wanganui Collegiate**

The traditional game against Wanganui Collegiate was washed out.

Kane Rowson



1st XI Cricket

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Phil Mischefski, Fraser Johnston, Scott Evans
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Nick Joyce, Ben West, Matt Shaw, Kane Rowson (Coach)
FRONT ROW FROM LEFT: Sam Saunders, Sam Broadmore, Dean Robinson (Captain), Ben Sprott, Chad Jacobs, Liam McBride



SECOND GRADE CRICKET

NPBHS had two teams in the North Taranaki Men's Second Grade competition in the 2006/2007 season. One side was made up of mostly senior boys and the other was mostly younger lads coming through. Both teams had some very good games and a few good results but in general struggled against the vastly experienced men's teams. The senior side's highlights were an upset win over Fitzroy away from home and a brave fight back against NP Marist to narrowly lose when humiliation looked ominous. The team was made up of a large group of players with rotation being used to utilise the full squad. Occupying the crease was the main issue this team faced as we always struggled to bat out the 45 overs. With the bat, Liam Ander, Stu Birkett and Luke Nolly all contributed well. However, only very rarely did our top order show stability and when this happened, we tended to perform well. Our bowling attack was very solid with new-ball bowlers Liam Ander and Scotty Evans always taking early wickets. They also had good back up from medium pacers Josh Rei, Matt Harold and Finn Climo who, when they got it in the right areas, were capable of taking wickets and containing runs. Luke Nolly was the main spinning weapon and he was consistently economical, picking up a few wickets along the way. A huge thanks to all the boys who played, as it was an enjoyable season. Also thanks to Mr Simpson who managed the team exceptionally well and offered good advice.

COLLEGE MATCHES

A 2nd XI was picked from the two second grade sides to play in four college matches. This schedule included three-day games against Hamilton BHS and

Rotorua BHS, a two-dayer against FDMC and a one-dayer against Wanganui Collegiate. The results were mixed with a narrow outright win against Rotorua 2nd XI, a first innings win but outright loss to FDMC and two outright losses to Hamilton and Wanganui by significant margins. This team was guided by the one and only Blair Corlett but was really let down by poor catching and ground fielding. Had this been better, the team could have had far greater success as the bowling attack and batting line-up were solid enough. Nevertheless, great times representing the school were had in these matches and they were a good bunch of boys to play cricket with.

Nick Mitchell

YEAR 9/10 CRICKET TEAM

The Year 9/10 Cricket team competed in the national community trust knockout tournament. Gaining fifth place in New Zealand.

The top eight tournament was held in Taupo and the team was placed in Pool B, with the other teams being Otago Boys', St Pat's (Wellington), and Tauranga Boys'.

St Patrick's (Wellington)

The first game was against St Patrick's and NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. The team scored 149 runs, Ben Hitchcock 30, Kane Robertson 28, William McBride 15. St Patrick's replied, scoring 131 before being bowled out. William Sandafar 2 - 25, William Young 2 - 23, and Mitchell Brown 1 - 12. A win to NPBHS by 10 runs.

Otago Boys

Otago Boys won the toss and elected



to bat, scoring 221 for 7 off 50 overs, William Sandafar 2 - 45, and Conner Oliver-Rose 2 - 23. NPBHS replied scoring 195 off its 50 overs, with Conner Oliver-Rose 27, William Young 33, Josh Sandford 28. A loss to Otago by 26 runs.

Tauranga Boys

Tauranga boys won the toss and elected to have a bowl of a green pitch. NPBHS were in trouble early and managed to get to a total of 95 off 30 overs before being bowled out. William Young top scoring with 29, and William McBride 15.

NPBHS then produced an excellent fielding effort to have Tauranga boys in trouble 7 down before they got to the small target. Mitchell Brown 3 - 15, William McBride 2 - 17, and Conner Oliver Rose 2 - 16.

A loss to Tauranga by 3 wickets.

Play offs

These results during pool play placed us in the play off for 5th and 6th positions in New Zealand. The game was to be played against last years beaten finalist, St Bede's College (Christchurch). NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat on a wet and overcast morning NPBHS were 74 for 2 after 12 overs when the rain finally came down and ended the day's play. This meant both teams shared the final placing of fifth.

Kane Rowson



CROSS COUNTRY

It was a busy second term for the cross country team as we travelled all around New Zealand for the various races we participate in. The team trained well and built up depth in each age group, but unfortunately was not strong enough for the trophies and medals of previous seasons. Nationals in Christchurch was a particular highlight for those selected for this memorable trip. Below is a record of the results of 2007 including the road relays in the third term

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country was held on Thursday, 3rd May in fine conditions on the familiar Te Henui courses. Congratulations to all those who ran to the best of their abilities, regardless of overall placing. Well done to the following boys for placing in the top ten in their age groups:

Table with columns for age group (Junior, Intermediate), rank, name, and time. Includes names like Josh Taylor, Chaz Hall, Lachlan Bunn, etc.

Table with columns for rank, name, and time. Includes Warrick Millar (23.21) and Tom Webb (23.22).

Table with columns for rank, name, and time under the Senior category. Includes David Morton (22.28) and Tyler Griffen (24.10).

There was a hiccup in the recording of the senior results as some students were led down the wrong chutes at the finish. Therefore, for the House competition, it can only be judged from Junior and Intermediate scores as the Senior scores are not completely accurate.



Cross Country Team

4th ROW FROM LEFT: Chris Devlin, Charl Jacobs, Ben Hitchcock, Levi Kendall, William Tennent, Lachlan Bunn, Matthew Hurley, David Ellis, Cameron Brownlie, Gerard Miller
3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Henry Johnson, Matthew Bishell, Daniel Jacobs, Ben Chan, James Adlam, Jesse Bengo, Josh Lowe, Hayden Whyte, David Avery, Kieran Stancliffe
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Josh Taylor, Mathew Phillips, Connor Stachurski, Chaz Hall, Darren Alexander, Mr Paul Dominikovich (Coach), Glen Baxter, Chris Cooper, Sean Parker, Gye Simkin, Edwards Lawley, Mr Joe Holden (Assistant Manager)
FRONT ROW: Peter Joe, Isaac Owen, Matthew Rodden, Alex Ferens, Jason Holden (Captain), David Morton, Tyler Griffin, Cameron Holden, Daniel O'Leary



Table with columns for name, Junior, Int, and Senior scores. Includes Barak (1391, 1850, 1539) and Donnelly (1915, 2121, 2002).

This meant a win for Donnelly with a first and a second, Hatherly was second overall and Barak and Syme shared third.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR EXCHANGE

A change of venue saw 37 boys travel to Auckland for the annual exchange with AGS on May 16th. The format is first four runners (top 8) over the five year levels score and although we were competitive across all levels Grammar were that little bit better and retained the Mildenhall Cup. Boys to place in the top four of their age group were:

Table with columns for name, rank, and year level. Includes Lachlan Bunn (4th Year 9) and Josh Taylor (2nd Year 10).

SUPER 8 IN TAURANGA

A very similar team to the one above travelled to Tauranga for the Super 8 Cross Country on May 21st. All eight schools and fields of nearly fifty runners made for some competitive racing. The team were impressive in all three age groups beating arch rivals Napier each time. Unfortunately, the host school, Tauranga Boys' College were too strong for us, coming from nowhere in recent years to claim the shield by an unprecedented win of all

three grades. David Morton continued his fine form by winning the Senior race by an emphatic 50 seconds. This is only the third individual title for the school in Super Eight history. The three man teams to take second placings were:

Table with columns for age group, name, and rank. Includes Year 9 (Chaz Hall, Lachlan Bunn, Darren Alexander) and Senior (David Morton, Cameron Holden, Tyler Griffin).

TSS CROSS COUNTRY

May 24th saw the team head to Hawera for the Taranaki Secondary School races. This event consists of six man teams on the school age groups. We had won all three age groups for the previous three years and did so again comfortably in 2007. Boys who comprised the winning teams were:

Table with columns for age group, name, and rank. Includes Junior (Josh Taylor, Lachlan Bunn, Darren Alexander, Ben Hitchcock, David Avery, Chaz Hall) and Senior (David Morton, Alex Ferens, Tyler Griffin, Matthew Rodden).

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

A selected team of thirty six boys flew to Christchurch for the National Cross Country over the weekend of June 16. Driving rain and freezing conditions made it an extremely gruelling race. The commitment and courage of our athletes was inspirational. The standard is very high and our teams were competitive in all age groups, although we were short of the desired medal positions. To be in the top ten in New Zealand in the three age groups is commendable and something achieved by just five schools. Results are below with the team being first six across the line.

Table with columns for age group, name, 3000m rank, and 6th rank. Includes Lachlan Bunn (28th, 12.21) and Chaz Hall (37th, 12.29).



Table with columns for name and rank. Includes Gye Simkin (8th) and Peter Joe (11th).



Henry Johnson	162nd	14.43
Under 16	4000m	9th
Josh Taylor	47th	14.46
Cameron Brownlie	54th	14.53
Ben Hitchcock	78th	15.16
Mathew Phillips	92nd	15.28
Josh Lowe	135th	16.15
Connor Stachurski	138th	16.19
Gerard Miller	145th	16.31
Jason Schrader	160th	16.55
James Adlam	171st	17.30
Chris Devlin	181st	20.08

Senior	6000m	8th
David Morton	14th	20.29
Isaac Owen	71st	21.42
Tyler Griffin	81st	21.52
Cameron Holden	82nd	21.52
Jason Holden	105th	22.26
Alex Ferens	115th	22.37
Sean Parker	119th	22.43
Matthew Rodden	134th	23.03
Charl Jacobs	157th	23.31

Gye Simkin	165th	23.35
David Ellis	170th	23.44
Glen Baxter	179th	24.04
Chris Cooper	189th	24.25
Peter Joe	197th	24.45
William Tennent	201st	25.03
Matthew Hurley	208th	26.10

WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE RELAY

Monday, September 3rd saw the twenty-ninth running of the Wanganui Round the Lakes relay around Virginia Lake in cold, fine conditions. The Year 9 race doubles as our Dayboys/Boarders race for the Ballantyne/Torckler Cup. It was a very close race, but the Dayboys prevailed and finished seventh overall. This team was Chaz Hall, Hayden Whyte, Edward Lawley and Kieran Stancliffe. The Boarders were less than one minute behind and claimed third in the B race.

The Under 16 race saw our top team finish a creditable fourth and our second team was also third in the B race.

The Senior race was less successful with our top team coming midfield in ninth place and the B team managing fourth. David Morton ran strongly for the second fastest time of the day.

TSS ROAD RELAYS

Sunday, September 9th was the final race in the form of the Taranaki Secondary School Road Relays around Brooklands Zoo. The Intermediate race for Years 9 and 10 was a convincing win for our top team in a very fast time. These boys were Josh Taylor, Ben Hitchcock, Cameron Brownlie and Darren Alexander. Our B team claimed second place well ahead of FDMC best runners. The Senior race was much closer with



FDMC finishing within a minute of our four best runners. The winning team was David Morton, Jason Holden, Tyler Griffin and Cameron Holden, again, in a very respectable time. Our B team claimed third position.

Final Comments:
Congratulations to all the boys who trained hard to represent their school in cross country in 2007. The effort and dedication displayed was inspirational. Thank you to the parents who supported the team and in particular, Joe Holden and Joe Morton for your ongoing loyalty and help with a large group of runners. Thank you once again to The Fronrunner, The Devon Hotel and the School Council for your tangible assistance to the team. Congratulations to Alex, Matthew, Jason, David and Tyler for attaining Tiger Jackets this year. Thank you to Chris for your efforts in producing a web site for the team. Congratulations

Jason for the leadership you displayed throughout the year. To you, Alex, Matthew and Peter your contribution to the team over the years has been superb. The team wishes you well for your next stage in life. The focus now turns to 2008 with the goal for all to be a better athlete and to continue to raise the standards in our sport.

**Paul Dominikovich
Master in Charge Cross Country**

CYCLING

The first event for the year was the North Island Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships at Ngaruawahia. Due to other commitments, many of our riders were unavailable. Steven Rolfe made the trip and he placed 18th in the road race.

The other secondary school event for

the year was the Nationals at Levin and Feilding. Hayden Patene, Clarke Demchy and Steven Rolfe competed in the under-20 boys' road race with Hayden finishing 13th, less than four seconds behind the winner. Steven and Clarke were 33rd and 37th respectively. William Tennent rode in the under-17 boys' road race and finished 15th. The next day was the points race with Hayden 24th and Steven 59th in the under-20's and William 43rd in the under-17's.

All of these boys have trained hard this year. Hayden had the distinction of being selected in a New Zealand under-19 development squad.

Thanks to Racheal and Jeremy Cottam for managing the boys while they were away.

**Mr K Simpson
Cycling Coordinator**





ADVENTURE RACING

The first half of 2007 has seen a number of successes in adventure racing and endurance sports. As part of the build up for the Hillary Challenge, four teams from NPBHS and NPGHS headed across to Hastings for the Go - 4 - 12 adventure race, held in the last weekend of April. In just its second year this event has gained national secondary school status and teams from as far afield as Auckland and Wellington were there, including long time rivals, Auckland Grammar.

The 12 hour race started in the rain at 5:30am with some problem-solving activities before a 6km run/cycle took the teams of four to the start of the kayak leg. This leg took over two hours and included a stream bash halfway down to pick up a couple of checkpoints. Low water flows and sluggish sit-on-top kayaks meant the racers were cold, wet and tired by the time this leg was finished. The next leg involved a long mountain bike climb, (500m in vertical height gain), and an incredible downhill run to transition point 3. At this transition each team had a number of decisions to make to gain points on some of the optional activities - archery, orienteering, and high ropes course - before embarking on the long rogaine and trek back to the finish point. Decisions made here were to prove critical because if teams got back late significant penalties were picked up. Finish was back at Camp David by 5:30 pm, and if time permitted, points could be scored by getting 'flushed' down the water slide.

NPBHS had a successful day with our 'A' team of Jason Holden, Callum Barnett, Campbell Bower, and Hamish Fleming winning the boys' event. Following Opuake High School in second place our "B" team of Hayden

Patene, Toby Jordan, Thomas Wilson and Chris Jager continued the Taranaki domination by taking out third place, while our 'C' team of Matthew Rodden, Tom Webb, Cameron Holden, and Daniel Phillips took out fourth place. Our girls team of Grace Power, Stacey McCoy, Georgie Opie and Tessa were third in the girls event - out of close to 30 teams participating this was a great achievement. Thanks to Joe Holden, Steve Fleming, and Rob Needs from Kiwi Outdoors for their support in the vital role of support crew and providers of spaghetti and jellybeans.

In mid-May the combined NPBHS/NPGHS Hillary Challenge team headed across to Tongariro National Park and the Outdoor Pursuits Centre to contest the annual Hillary Challenge event. This event is arguably the toughest secondary school event in the country with ten teams contesting the finals, having had to qualify in October the previous year. Our team members were Jason Holden, Campbell Bower, Callum Barnett, Hamish Fleming, and Thomas Wilson. From NPGHS we had Grace Power, Laura Lobb, and Georgia Opie.

The first two days tested both brain and brawn with a series of initiative and problem solving scenarios. For example one event involved a search and rescue exercise to find an injured parachutist. Once found they had to get her down from the tree, treat the injuries, and evacuate to the road within the hour. This was typical of the activities which tested a wide range of skills. The first night saw the teams giving a 5 minute presentation on a pre-determined topic. Our topic was Paparoa National Park. Many hours prior to the event had gone into the writing and rehearsing of this presentation.

Days three and four were the expedition days. This year teams had the privilege of

using the army training area northeast of Waiouru. The teams were dropped off in the rain and wind at 1200 metres above sea level, with two days to get to as many points on the map as they could by 5pm the following day. The terrain was stunning with Kaimanawa wild horses, red tussock, and unexploded shells all adding to the adventure. Our team's reputation had preceded them with them being allocated one of the fittest instructors to accompany and score them on this journey. Fortunately the weather improved on the Thursday and the teams were able to enjoy being dry for a change. Our team averaged between 5 and 6km per hour when not running (carrying full packs), and covered a huge amount of terrain. On the Thursday they started moving at 7am, and stopped for only a 10 minute lunch. The rest of the time they kept moving, reaching the campsite about 4.30 pm. Thursday night saw the teams assessed on their camp craft, and briefed in preparation for the adventure race the following day.

The adventure race day saw the teams paired and started at 30 minute intervals, with key rivals kept apart so no one would be completely sure of how well they were doing in relation to the others. We knew we were probably in the lead at this stage, but not by much. The only results we had been given were at the end of day 2, when we were told that we were leading, but not by much. We had the third highest score in the trek/rogaine, but again the top few teams were close.

The adventure race consisted of a 6 km run, followed by a 50 m abseil down the Moawhango dam. Our team blitzed the abseil, beating the record time by 5 minutes.

A 45 minute paddle on the lake was followed by a 12 km mountain bike

ride. We had the misfortune of a broken derailleur only 1.5 km into this leg. Hamish Fleming then performed an outstanding feat of endurance by running with the bike up the hills, and free wheeling down with the help of a tow from Campbell Bower. Despite this setback we managed the fastest time for the adventure race out of all the schools, but only by 7 minutes.

At the end of the mountain bike leg the teams reached what they thought was the finish line, only to be told they still had one more activity to complete, the infamous Waiouru army assault course. Only once this was over could the teams enjoy a well earned rest.

The prizegiving and formal dinner that night saw the team gain first place, continuing the winning tradition that we have established at this event. The event is incredibly tough (Callum Barnett lost 6kg during the week), and the competition gets stronger each year.

Thanks must go to all the supporters who made this achievement possible. We had generous sponsorship from KCL properties (Bryce Barnett), Billings Lawyers, Reeves Middleton Young, Events Taranaki (Selwyn Brown), George Mason, The Plymouth Hotel and Kiwi Outdoors. Thanks also to Joe Holden, Steve and Bridget Fleming, Ms Scott, Mr Dobbie, Mr Thomas, the New Plymouth Orienteering Club and the Mountain Safety Council who all contributed in various ways.

Students wanting to get involved in adventure racing and try out for next year's Hillary Challenge team need to see Mr Hewlett.

Phillip Hewlett
TIC Endurance Sports

HILLARY CHALLENGE SPEECH

On the morning of the 26th of May, the combined New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Hillary Challenge team departed to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in the Tongariro area. There we would spend the following week battling the elements, day in and out, while trying to tackle extremely difficult mental and physical challenges that would push the body to absolute breaking point. The team, consisting of Callum Barnett, Campbell Bower, Hamish Fleming, Thomas Wilson and myself, Jason Holden, and Grace Power, Georgie Opie and Laura Lobb, was one that had been selected from weeks of training and adventure races. We were, no doubt, now keen for this, the pinnacle event of all this hard work and sacrifice, dead-set on regaining the winner's title.

To the challenge itself now. Days one and two were made up of ten one hour challenges in which the team had absolutely no prior knowledge of the tasks ahead. The instructor simply hands over a detailed instruction sheet highlighting the purpose or goal of the hour and then teams are left to go

about doing it in whatever way they can think of and in as little time as possible. Included in these random but trying activities were GPS orienteering courses in marshes, rock climbing and various high rope initiatives, multiple kayaking and rafting scenarios. One of these saw the team blindfolded and then told to kayak through buoys in a set route with only the verbal commands of the team to direct them. Other initiatives demanded more on the mental thinking skills, such as having to create free standing bridges over pools and weirs given only the limited and very minimal equipment provided. This was followed up by challenging search and rescue scenarios where the team had to successfully find, treat and evacuate a "parachutist" blown into a forest.

Following this rigorous testing of teamwork and of how well the eight members worked as a tight unit, the current results were released after dinner on the second night. Our perseverance had paid off, and the team was in very high spirits as the event organiser read out our names placing us in first place with a small, but all the same promising, lead over second place.





The ten school teams then promptly left dinner and set about packing their 60 to 80 litre packs for what would be the next step of the challenge.

Thus the third day had all teams shuttled in a van convoy to the Waiouru army camp, and driven many miles into the restricted tussocky, but very mountainous, hills for the two days of rogaining where endurance and pinpoint navigation would determine which team came out on top. Then set loose armed with maps, compasses and not exactly a whole lot else, the ten teams set out in various directions to cover as much ground as humanly possible while passing through checkpoints along the way which varied in value dependent on the time and difficulty in reaching them. A full day of non-stop rain, chafing, sleep deprivation, and the body's continual screaming for rest did nothing to deter the New Plymouth team as we reached camp, just going on 5pm, cooked dinner and went to sleep under a fly which seemed like luxury at the time, preparing ourselves once more for another hard day at the office.

We woke up the next morning bright and early keen to get going. The day was fine and sunny which put us in a good mood. At 7am we set out, straight up a big hill to get the day off to a great start. This was the make or break day for the rogain as we knew to make it to the finish line and collect enough points would require a massive effort. The pace was quick and we did well collecting all the points that we had lined up in our careful planning the night before. The navigation was done really well on this day and all the points were located fairly easily.

The course was made really interesting because we kept coming across unexploded bombs and massive craters all over the place. Bombs could even be

heard exploding in the distance! Part of the course was actually closed because it was under live mortar fire. There were also helicopters in the sky and we were passed by convoys of army personnel. It was like we were in a live war zone.

Finally, exhausted, we tramped over the finish line at 4:30pm really happy with our effort but worried at how we had gone compared to other teams. Nine and a half hours of tramping over a distance of about 40km had us feeling pretty smashed but this was not the end. We had to set up camp carefully as we were being assessed on our camp craft in which we gained full marks. Dinner was demolished at record speed and we set to work packing our bags preparing for the adventure race the next day. Mr Hewlett informed us that we had got third in the Rogaine which meant that we needed to win the adventure race in order to gain enough points to win overall. We went to bed that night knowing we were right in the competition and in with a good chance.

Around 7:30am the next morning we were up, fed and raring to go. In the adventure race teams were sent off, two teams every half an hour. We were in the second to last group leaving at 8:30am and were paired up with Cambridge High. We lined up on the start line pumped and ready to give it our all. The adventure race started with a 5km run in which we gained a slight lead over Cambridge. At the end of the run we had to quickly put on harnesses and abseil down the face of a dam one at a time. We did this a lot faster than Cambridge and had our whole team done in the time it took them to get three people down the dam. Quickly discarding the harnesses we sprinted to the next transition which had us paddling four kayaks over 4km with two people to a boat and only one paddle adding to the challenge.

The next leg was a 12km mountain bike and we set off well in advance of Cambridge. Two km into the ride one of our bikes broke down but with great team work we managed to keep going at

a decent pace. Full of relief we reached the next transition area in a good time glad to be rid of the useless bike.

The last leg of the race was the army assault course. It was awesome fun running through deep mud, climbing over obstacles, under cargo nets, through tunnels and finally making the sprint to the finish line where we all collapsed totally exhausted. It was the best feeling to finish the race knowing that we had given it our all. Later that night was the formal dinner and prizegiving. We sat around nervously as team placings were called out from tenth through to first. It was the best feeling and a great relief when our team was called out in first place.

I'd like to thank our coach Mr. Hewlett for all the time and effort that he put in and for keeping team morale high with his puns. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Fleming who took care of the Girls' High side of things and Ms. Scott who helped with training and transporting bikes to the event. Also thanks to all the parents who put in a lot of time and money.

Jason Holden



Hillary Challenge

3rd ROW FROM LEFT Campbell Bower, Grace Power, Callum Barnett
2nd ROW FROM LEFT Mr Hewlett, Hamish Fleming, Mrs Scott
FRONT ROW Thomas Wilson, Laura Lobb, Georgie Opie, Jason Holden



NATIONAL ROGAINING COMPETITION

Suzanne Scott

Over the first weekend of March five students made the trip to Marlborough to compete in the NZ National Rogaine Champs. This 24 hour event, in the Kaikoura ranges was in hot, dry, and very steep terrain.

The two teams had 3 hours to plan their courses with a total of 4000 points to chase. A big "hole" in the map caused by unavailable terrain posed interesting planning choices, with teams having to decide whether to attempt a rugged circuit or stay in the easier country on the hash house side. Both BHS teams chose to do the circuit which saw them out at night in the hills negotiating some tricky, rocky ridges.

At the end of the 24 hours the "A" team had 1800 points, were nineteenth Mens team and second Juniors while the "B" team had 1400 points, twenty-sixth Mens team and third Juniors.

Overall this was a huge experience for the students who all put in maximum effort and with very pleasing outcomes. As training for the Hillary Challenge it was a great success.

TSSA ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This was the third year that this event has been held and it was once again a success. Competitor numbers keep increasing and this year over 160 students competed. The event was a 3 hour rogain on a city map course that was based at East End Reserve and included areas out to Lake Rotomanu and up and down the length of the Te Henui.

A NPBHS team of Hamish Fleming and Jason Holden were the overall winners, getting all available points with twenty minutes to spare. Other BHS teams competing were Toby Jordan and Thomas Wilson who were third boys and fifth overall, and Billy Rodenburg and Rhys Ellis who were fifth boys and fifteenth overall. Well done to all these students. It was a big achievement, particularly to those who then went on the next day to compete in the school athletics day at Inglewood.

S Scott Teacher-In-Charge





TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' DUATHLON

This event was held on Sunday 24th June at Lepperton and NPBHS were represented by five athletes in the 2.5 km Run 15 km Cycle 2.5 km Run course. Athletes began and finished on the Lepperton School fields by completing a lap before heading out on the roads. There was some keen competition especially in the Senior Boys' event which saw Francis Douglas Memorial College student Nathan Coombes (the NZ Sec School's Duathlon champion) win in a tight tussle from his fellow competitor Edward Rawles in a great contest.

William Tennent came fourth in the Senior Boys' event in a very fine effort coming home no more than three minutes behind the NZ ranked leaders. William is a talented athlete and is showing much potential in both Triathlon and Duathlon.

The Junior event saw Jordan Murray and Hayden Brooks from NPBHS have a close tussle at the head of the field and they were rewarded for their efforts by securing second and third spots respectively with Billy Rodenberg coming home in fourth position.

K Gledhill
Teacher-In-Charge Duathlon

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON

This event was held at Ngamotu beach on Sunday 25th March and was notable for the large number of our Year 13 Physical Education boys competing (26) along with the serious athletes in the 250m swim 10km cycle and 3km

run. Unfortunately due to an error in setting out the course the marshalls declared later that the run course was indeed not the 3km we all anticipated but a mere one and a half km.

Isaac Davies was the best of the Physical Education boys, performing well in the strong field which included two NZ age group development squad members to come home in 9th position.

Daniel Hine and William Tennent (two of our talented and committed triathletes with plenty of potential) competed very well with Daniel coming home in a very creditable third place performance against two NZ ranked athletes. William Tennent was not far behind gaining fifth place in a very competitive Senior Boys field.

The Junior Boys event also saw our boys perform well. Hayden Brooks came second, Edward Lawley third Billy Rodenberg seventh and Luke Kernot eighth.

This event is a popular one on the sporting calendar and attracted the biggest field ever and NPBHS yet again was up the front, in leading the way. There are some promising triathletes at the school and I wish them success next year and in the future.

Kevin Gledhill
Teacher-In-Charge Triathlon

GET2GO

The first Taranaki regional Get2Go competition was held on Thursday 6th September. This is a team challenge for juniors modelled along the same lines as the Hillary Challenge. The format was of four challenges based around the outdoor pursuit activities



of mountain biking, kayaking, orienteering and rock-climbing. Teams rotated around the various challenges and had approximately 60 minutes at each venue to tackle the task and score points for the overall results. The team with the most points on each region's day will be invited to attend the five day long grand final competition on Great Barrier Island, held in the last week of Term Four.

Three teams from BHS were entered in the competition with all three consisting of students from both BHS and GHS. On the day these teams placed first, second and third, with the first team clearly dominating most events. So our congratulations to all students who competed and our best wishes to the top team who have qualified for the grand final.

Boys competing were:

- Top team:**
- Mathew Phillips Y10
 - Cameron Brownlie Y10
 - Edward Lawley Y9
 - Chaz Hall Y9
 - Billy Rodenberg Y9

- Other two teams:**
- Ben Hitchcock Y10
 - Jordan Millen Y10
 - Henry Johnston Y9
 - Lachlan Bunn Y9
 - Isaac Robinson Y9

S. Scott

NPBHS GOLF

This year has been very busy for the golf team. The first event was against Auckland Grammar with a team of nine: Zachary Lewis, Steven Heyes, Logan Heyes, Brad Hayward, Matt Reid, Sachin Modgill, Jamie Reid, Rhys Newland and James Linehan. As the morning progressed we were well ahead, with some very easy wins for Steven, Logan, and Brad. The overall result was a 7 to 1 win to NPBHS the best result we have had against Auckland Grammar. The closest match of the day was between the two opposing captains, our captain being Zachary Lewis, which ended in a half.

Next was the regional final - this was played at Manukorihi Golf Club on Friday, 19th May. The weather conditions were perfect for golf and we decided to bring along the development squad as well, which gave us three teams. The team members were NPBHS 1: Zachary Lewis, Brad Hayward, Steven Heyes and Rhys Newland; NPBHS 2: Matt Reid, Sachin Modgill, Logan Heyes and James Linehan; and NPBHS 3: Jamie Reid, Brennan Kendall, Damien Powell and Kishan Rai. The pressure we

knew would come from the Koreans from Spotswood College, and we were right. The boys all played well, but unfortunately, the NPBHS 1 team came in second by two shots to the Koreans. However, because of the rules only NZ citizens and permanent residents can play in the National Finals. Therefore, NPBHS will have a team in the National Finals in Wellington later this year, so technically we won. NPBHS 2 came in third and the development team NPBHS 3 gained a creditable sixth place. In addition, this year Logan Heyes gained the best nett score of 69, but unfortunately, Brad Hayward who had the equal best gross of 70 lost by a countback.

The last event for May was the college fixture against Hamilton Boys' High School. The team was in great form, Zachary Lewis, Logan Heyes, Steven Heyes, Brad Hayward, Matt Reid and Sachin Modgill. We had the best result to date a 6 to 0 win in the matchplay against Hamilton Boys'. Most of the matches finished early with big defeats. Zachary's match was one of the hardest, going down to the last holes but Zachary came through to win in the traditions of NPBHS. The first team

members - Zachary Lewis, Logan Heyes, Steven Heyes and Brad Hayward - have grown into the best Secondary School golfers in the country, and they have had to work doubly hard to keep up with their school work and play golf for the school which I as manager have appreciated.

WORLD SCHOOLS GOLF CHALLENGE

Christchurch 7th-15th April

The first official day of competition brought out fine weather on the Tuesday after our wet arrival. The course was slow to start with, but sped up throughout the day. The team did fairly well with Zachary on 75, Logan 81, Steve on 78 and Sachin 77. This put us in fifth spot overall.

Wednesday found us at Harewood Golf Club. The weather was fine but with wind gusts of 30 to 40 Km/h. Unfortunately, the teams scores blew out slightly but the wind also affected other competitors' scores. We finished with Zachary 77, Logan 80, Steve 79 and Sachin 82. Overall, we were still holding onto fifth place by an ever





increasing margin, but not gaining on fourth spot.

The team played Waitikiri Golf Course on Thursday. The weather was cold, but sunny all day. Overnight there had been snow falls on the ranges. The team tried hard on this course and pulled back on the opposition. With Zachary scoring 83, Logan 83 Steve 79 and Sachin 78.

The Templeton Golf Club was in good shape, but the wind was gusting between 80 - 100 kmh. Unfortunately the wind chill factor was -5. However, the team got down to business and played well with Zachary 76, Logan 76, Steve 80 and Sachin 79.

The team had finished fifth overall. Zachary ended up tenth equal, Steve and Sachin twenty-fourth equal and Logan thirty-first equal, out of a field of 198 players. Sachin took home a trophy for finishing third in the Gross Second Division competition, which was an added bonus for the team. The result was better than we expected, and a credit to the players involved.

A big thank you to all those who got the team to Christchurch - Harvey Norman, Health 2000, Whitcoulls, Golf

Zone, The National Bank, Butchers Gemtime Jewellers, Screen Art, The Links Real Estate, Gen-I, BNZ, ASB, The Bag Shop and Westwill Properties Limited. Finally, thanks must go to all the people who helped at the NPBHS and the parents to make sure we were ready.

SUPER EIGHT

Golf at NPBHS has been very busy so far this year. The 1st and 2nd golf teams went to Super Eight in Rotorua, and arrived to a wet and windy welcome. However, the team played their practice round before the rain became heavy. On the first day of play two rounds were played, and the first team ended up 18 shots behind Hamilton Boys', with Rotorua Boys' in third place and with Zach Lewis having a 70 in the first round, and Matt Reid ending up with a 72 in the second round.

In the evening the wind got up to 100kmh and 80mm of rain fell over night. The course the following morning had a lot of tree debris and surface water for the players to contend with. However, the teams tried very hard to catch up, and got as close as

12 shots for the first team. Finally, both teams ended up second, the first team 18 shots behind Hamilton Boys', and the second team 23 shots behind Rotorua Boys'.

The team that went to Rotorua was Zach Lewis (captain), Steven Heyes, Matt Reid, Brad Hayward, Sachin Modgill, Logan Heyes, Rhys Newland and James Linehan.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS GOLF FINAL Hutt Golf Club

We left New Plymouth on the 27th August at 6.00am to get to Lower Hutt for the National Secondary Schools Golf Final at Lower Hutt. The trip to Lower Hutt was quick and the weather good. Our practice round was at 11.48 and we made it with 20 minutes to spare. The team had not played Hutt Golf Club before, and were keen to see if it had any surprises. The practice round took about five hours, and the guys were satisfied that they were ready for the following day's challenge.

Day 1 started off quite cold and overcast, and the ground was soft but

all the team members had good solid first rounds, with Zachary hitting a 70 to take the lead in the individual competition. Logan and Brad fired rounds of 76 and Steven a 73, giving us a lead of 3 shots over Rathekeale and 7 shots over Shirley Boys'.

Day 2 was the opposite becoming quite sunny and hot and the team were fired up to play well. All the team members gave their best rounds to build on the lead we had. In the end, we pulled away to a five shot win over Shirley Boys'. Unfortunately, Zachary was suffering from a stomach bug and fired an 80. However, Steven shot a 70 to end up tied individual winner, Brad hit a 73 and Logan a 76.

This is the second time that NPBHS has won the Nationals for golf and with two of the same players from that first win, Zachary Lewis (captain) and Logan Heyes. It is an achievement to win it once, but to win the nationals twice in golf is a great achievement.

Zachary said at the press interview that we have a great golf team at NPBHS and that this will continue, as the talent coming through is good. The team played with real spirit and, in the proud traditions of NPBHS, achieved their goal. I am proud to have been connected with their achievement, and wish Zachary and Logan all the best for their golfing futures, and a big pat on the back goes to Steven and Brad for their golf at Nationals, and maybe another National title in the future.



DEVELOPMENT TEAM 3rd Golf Team

The development team, made up of Brennan Kendall, Damien Powell, Jay Maaka and Blake McCurdy, played in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Stableford competition. The development team qualified First in North Taranaki ahead of Francis Douglas B over three weeks of play at Waitara, Fitzroy and New Plymouth Golf courses.

The final was held at Stratford Golf Club, playing an 18 hole course. The conditions were fine, but the wind was blowing so hard that the bags kept blowing over. However, the team performed well and ended up second on 110 points behind the winners Hawera High School on 112 points.

The last events of the year for the golf were the Interhouse Golf and the School Golf Championships. Both of these events were highly contested. The Interhouse Golf was won by Barak followed by Syme with only one point separating the two, third was Hatherly and fourth Donnelly. The tough competition reinforces the fact that golf will be strong at NPBHS for quite some time, with young players coming through who are very good at the game.

The School Golf Champs were played at Ngamotu Golf Club in ideal conditions, with fifteen players hoping to be champion. The 1st Team members finished first, Logan Heyes setting the pace with a great 69 off the stick while, in the end, Zachary Lewis could not catch him, finishing on a 72. The best nett was James Linehan with 68, followed closely by Sachin Modgill with a nett of 70.

Finally, I would like to thank all the team members this year for their efforts

for golf at NPBHS, through Super Eight, the college fixtures, World Schools Golf, and the teams historic victory at nationals, in this the 125th year of NPBHS. Zachary and Logan have been great players who have now entered the elite bracket of players in the country. I am proud to have known them, and have appreciated over the years the sacrifices they have made to play for the school. I wish both of them well for their studies in the future and a big thank you to all the other members of the teams. Golf at NPBHS will continue to be strong for 2008 and beyond with our current players, and the new ones who come to the school in 2008.

Justin Hyde
Manager NPBHS Golf

1ST XI HOCKEY

The following players earned the right to wear Tiger Jackets this year: Mark Greensill, Cam Rogers and Ethan Ogle.

The Most Improved Senior Player in the 1st XI was awarded to Chris Lepper. Ethan Ogle was awarded the Most Valuable Player for his performance in the goal during the season.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent Taranaki at their respective age groups: Rakesh Desai, Damian Smuts, Campbell Bower, Thomas Ardern, Mark Greensill, Aaron Edmunds, James Linehan, Jamie Stones and Lewis Walsh.

Brent Vyle
Manager 1st XI Hockey

1ST XI HOCKEY CAPTAINS REPORT

The 2007 year has been a mixed one for the 1st XI Hockey team. We once again





competed in two leagues. The first was the Senior Men's Taranaki Competition, the goal this year was to make the semi-finals, a feat which has not been done before by the 1st XI. The season started off for us with a stunning draw against defending champions Stratford, we later again drew with them in the second round, however in the semi-finals they showed their experience over us, winning well. This was very disappointing for the team who played so well over the competition, but we did reach the goal we set and proved that we deserve to be in the men's grade. The other was the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition. Our goal was to defend our title, which we did comfortably, winning convincingly against FDMC 6 - 0 in the final. This year a new annual fixture was set up against Auckland Grammar, the top schoolboy team in the country. We played a

brilliant team game only to lose in the final minutes 3 - 2. This showed that we had the ability to compete with the best in the country.

We also played in two tournaments throughout the year, the annual Super 8 tournament and the India Shield. This year the Super 8 was held in Napier. Our first pool game was against Hamilton Boys', drawing with them earlier in the season we knew it was going to be a tough game, but keeping our cool we won 2 - 1. Our next game was our easiest, beating Wellington College 4 - 0. Our final pool game was against eventual winners Palmerston Boys' who proved too tough, beating us 5 - 2. Our semi-final game was against Napier Boys'. We played some of our best hockey but some poor decision-making at crucial times meant we had to go to a stroke off, which we lost. The

next day, still disappointed by the loss, we never really got into the game and in the end lost to Tauranga College, and that meant we came fourth in Super 8.

At India Shield the team goal was to come in the top four so we could be promoted to the Rankin Cup. The tournament didn't start off as we would have hoped. We dominated Christ's College for most of the game but failed to put our goals away and in the last few minutes they scored a lucky goal to rob us of a win with Sam Franklin and Damian Smuts having a solid defensive game at the back. The next day we put that behind us and played a great passing game, cutting easily through Rotorua Boys' defence to win 3-0 with James Linehan scoring a stunning goal from the baseline. Our final pool game saw us revert to our bad habits and we lost 2 - 0 to Rosehill College. Thomas



1st XI Hockey



Ardern was the only real performer in that game, playing well in the middle with his usual grit and determination. However, this meant we did not make the top eight. This left us very angry with ourselves and unfortunately for St Bede's College we took it out on them winning it 7 - 0. Campbell Bower played outstandingly, setting up goals and scoring a hat-trick himself. Our next crossover game was against an improved Hamilton Boys', we both played well and the game ended with a nil all draw and that meant we had to go to strokes. Our goalie, Ethan Ogle, made three amazing saves in a row for us resulted in us, winning the stroke off easily. Our final game of the tournament was against Bethlehem College, a game in which we had a bit of fun, enjoying playing together for the last time. We ended up finishing the tournament in ninth position.

To all the boys, it's been good playing with you this year, and to the boys returning next year, good luck. To those of you leaving it's been a pleasure over the last few years and I wish you all the best in the future.

In terms of managing, many thanks to Mr Vyle for all the organising you did over the year and the trip to parliament was much appreciated by the boys. And to our Assistant Coach Mr Maaka, thank you for all the time you gave up for the team, and even though we didn't always agree with the fitness training we wouldn't have lasted half the week at tournament without it. Also to our Coach Dave Stones, thank you for all the extra time you gave up in between work to improve our skills and make us a better team, there's no two ways about it, we would have been half the team we were if it wasn't for you.

Rakesh Desai
1st XI Captain

1ST XI HOCKEY RESULTS 2007

SUPER 8

Pool Games

- vs. Hamilton BHS 2-1
- vs. Palmerston North BHS 2-5
- vs. Wellington College 4-0

Semi-Final

- vs. Napier BHS 0-0
- 1-3 Strokes

Play-off 3rd and 4th

- vs. Tauranga BHS 2-5

4th in Super 8.

INDIA SHIELD

Pool Games

- vs. Christ's College 0-1
- vs. Rotorua BHS 3-0
- vs. Rosehill College 0-2
- 9-16 Crossover
- vs. St Bede's College 7-0
- 9-12 Crossover
- vs. Hamilton BHS 0-0
- 3-1 Strokes

Play-off 9th and 10th

- vs. Bethlehem College 1-1

9th equal in India Shield.

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

- vs. Auckland Grammar 2-3
- vs. Wanganui Collegiate 4-2
- vs. Hamilton BHS 2-2

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' COMPETITION 2007

Stage 2 Games

- vs. Stratford HS Boys' 1st XI 7-0
- vs. NPGHS 1st XI 14-0
- vs. NPBHS 2nd XI 4-0
- vs. Spotswood College Boys' A 12-0
- vs. FDMC 2nd XI (defaulted)
- vs. Hawera HS Boys' 1st XI 11-1

vs. FDMC 1st XI 4-0

Semi-final

vs. FDMC 2nd XI 11-0

Final

vs. FDMC 1st XI 6-0

1st in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition.

TARANAKI SENIOR MEN'S COMPETITION 2007

- vs. Te Kiri Men 0-1
- vs. Stratford Men A 3-3
- vs. Hawera Men 1-5
- vs. Tukapa Men A 5-3
- vs. Broadway 6-0
- vs. NPC Men 1-2
- vs. Te Kiri Men 3-4
- vs. Stratford Men A 1-1
- vs. Hawera Men 0-1
- vs. Tukapa Men A 1-0
- vs. Broadway 5-0
- vs. NPC Men 4-0

Semi-final

vs. Stratford Men A 0-4

4th in the Taranaki Senior Men's Competition.

INLINE HOCKEY

On Friday the 29th of June the 1st V Inline Hockey Team traveled to Hamilton to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Inline Hockey Championships. The tournament in its 4th year now was proving to be getting more and more competitive. After holding the national title for the last two years the boys felt a lot of pressure but were determined to uphold the schools strong reputation and make it three in a row.

After spending four hours on the open road and an hour or so driving



around the back roads of Hamilton searching for our motel we were finally all settled in. We woke early on the Saturday morning eager to rip into our first pool game against the 2005 finalists, Hamilton's Fraser High. Yet after breakfast we learned this would not be the case. One of the Taranaki teams already at the rink informed us that the day's play had been called off due to heavy condensation on the rink. This effectively makes it impossible to skate and not slip over, which left the tournament coordinators no choice but to delay because of the increased risk of player injury. The humid and wet overcast weather was to blame making this the first tournament we've all been a part of that has been delayed due to poor weather conditions.

With the boys raring to go on the Sunday we managed to defeat Fraser

High 5 - 1. Also that day we managed to make easy work of Hamilton Boys' B 11 - 0 and Awatapu College 3 - 1 even though pool play game times were halved to make up the lost time. On the Monday morning we defeated Auckland's Glendowie College 11 - 2 which concluded pool play.

Qualifying first in pool A meant that we were going to be meeting last year's finalists Wanganui Boys' in the semi-finals. With the games now back to regulation time this gave us a chance to play the intense and precise type of hockey our school was well known for. Scoring a few quick goals early on was all we needed to wear down our opponents leading to the convincing final score of 10 - 2.

That night we were all set for the final against "controversial" tournament

favourites Hamilton Boys' High A. After watching them play throughout the tournament we were certain that we had a fight on our hands. The game began very physically with huge amount of intensity which led to one of the Hamilton player being sin-binned for one and a half minutes for boarding. We saw this as our chance to draw first blood and did so through a brilliant pass from Michael Roberts to Ali Novak standing right next to the goal. After a strong first quarter we found ourselves three goals up which gave us the foundation to play a solid, defensive game. To the boys credit they all stuck together and dug deep for the last 3 quarters and only conceded one goal. We ended up skating our way to victory with a final score of 4-1 making this our third national title running.

A special thanks must go to Sue Darney (coach), Anna Carrington (B team



Inline Hockey

2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Ken Lockhart (Manager), John Taylor, Scott McMahon, William Langslow, Ms Susan Darney
 FRONT ROW: Anthony Taylor, Sam Franklin (Assistant Captain), Alexander Novak (Captain), Nick Craig (Assistant Captain), Michael Roberts
 ABSENT: Kerry Thomas



coach), Mr Tullett and furthermore the two cooks on camp, Julia Craig and Jacqueline Novak. Without their time, money, input and work before and during the tournament none of this could have been possible.

It has been a privilege to represent the school in last four years and to captain the team in my final year. A big thanks must also go to Mr Lockhart for all the time, money and effort put into the sport, as without him there would be no inline hockey at Boys' High and certainly no national titles.

Alexander Novak Captain

A special mention must be made of the captain, Alexander Novak. He took to the leadership role with honour and held the respect of all the players around him. He led by example, gave good advice and kept all players focused. This team was a special team in the way they bonded together both on and off the rink, this was exemplified in the way they played with all players having scored goals in the tournament (except the goalie).

Ken Lockhart Manager

INDOOR BOWLS

98 secondary school pupils representing 10 schools took part in a Taranaki Secondary Schools' Indoor Bowls Tournament held at Central Division Bowls Hall on Wednesday 29 August. 14 NPBHS students entered two teams of seven players.

Team one included Matthew Barham (Singles), Craig Thomason, Kent Lean

(Pairs), Ethan England, Dylan Oliver-Rose, Michael Phillips and Michael Hatch (Fours). Simon Hickey (Singles), Johnny Morath, Taryn Martin (Pairs) Nick Mitchell, Matthew Rodden, Daniel Long, Luke Stenner (Fours) and Tane Hapimarika as reserve made up the second team.

Matthew Barham, one of the youngest singles players played extremely well and only lost one game and finished third equal in the singles. The fours team of Luke Stenner, Nick Mitchell, Daniel Long and Matthew Rodden won all their games winning the fours part of the competition. They then went on to represent North Taranaki at the Regional Secondary School Tournament between North Taranaki, Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawatu. Luke Stenner was unavailable for this event and was replaced by Craig Thomason. At this tournament the NPBHS 'once a year bowlers' were out played by the experienced bowlers from Taranaki and Wanganui. They did have a win against Manawatu and were place third equal.

Thank you to

Mrs Atkinson (Teacher-in-charge) and Mr Noel Knight (Coach)

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPS

Just before a downpour started on April 1st, the TSS Mountain Biking Champs were held at Lake Mangamahoe with four schools represented. Eleven Boys' High students participated, including three unicyclists. The conditions were calm but muddy and the downhill track was extremely slippery. The unicyclists



were a unique addition this year and performed well under the conditions, while having a great time.

There were a good number of junior boys which bodes well for future events. A special mention of Mason Jenkins must be made as he had a broken thumb, his lower arm in a plaster cast and he still managed 1st in the senior boys' downhill event.

Results:

Unicyclists (Overall)

William Sklenars	1st
Matt Girvan	2nd
Josh Girvan	3rd

Senior Cross Country

Jarrod Bell	1st
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Junior Downhill

Ryan Hunt	1st	1min 26s
Elliot Jenkins	2nd	1min 27s
Phillip Northcott	3rd	1min 45s

Senior Downhill

Mason Jenkins	1st	1min 09s
Andrew Carswell	5th	1min 19s
James Paterson-McIsaac	7th	1min 23s
Josh Ostler	8th	1min 26s
Vincent Robinson	9th	1min 44s

A. Jones TIC Mountain Biking



MOTOCROSS

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Motocross competition was held on Sunday 26th of August, after being postponed twice due to wet weather. The repeated postponements diluted the original enthusiasm and the field of riders on the day was not as large as expected.

The competition was held on a dry track and racing was fast and furious. A full range of rider skill and experience was represented with hardened motocross veterans up against enduro and trail riders. The motorbikes also ranged from the latest competition machines to fun hacks that had obviously been well thrashed by their owners.

Although the racing was serious this is a fun day and is a great opportunity for the boys to ride hard out on a high quality national standard track, while being supervised by the New Plymouth Motorcycle Club volunteers at the Barrett road track.

Results:

- Yr 9 1st Hamish Stening
- 2nd John Watson
- 3rd Tainui Cross
- Yr 10 5th Shane Smith
- Yr 11 5th Gered Keene
- Yr 12 - 13 1st Shay Burkhart
- 3rd Michael Stewart

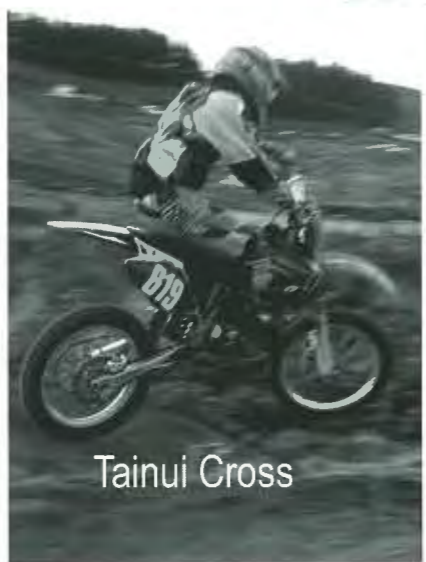
Murray Hill



Michael Stewart



Shay Burkhart



Tainui Cross



Jordan Wilson



Hamish Stening



1ST XV RUGBY

The 2007 was always going to be a very long and hard season. This is exactly how it played out. The team played 21 college matches winning 11, losing 8 and drawing 2.

NPBHS 17 - Hilton College (Natal, South Africa) 11

The NPBHS 1st XV played Hilton College from Natal in their first game of the 2007 season. Hilton College is a private boy's school, 60kms from Durban, with a good pedigree in rugby. The match provided the Hilton boys with the chance to stay with the NPBHS players and families and enjoy some Taranaki hospitality for two days.

Hilton College started the game very well. They play a very South African style of rugby, using their big, powerful forwards to gain possession and then use their hard running inside backs to get over the gain line. This style of play provided early dividends when they scored in the 8th minute of the game to take an early 5 - 0 lead. As the first half wore on, the home side started to adjust to the physical, forward oriented Hilton game plan. Debutant first five Myles Harding made a decisive break on the Hilton 22 metre line, mid-way through the first half, and sprinted 20 metres to score under the bar as the home side hit the lead for the first time. As the first half neared its end, the two sides traded penalty goals to leave NPBHS leading 10 - 8 at the break.

The NPBHS backs always looked dangerous throughout this match and with some quick passing and guile just after half time; they created a scoring chance for their right winger Adam Laititi, who scored close to the posts. Codey Rei's conversion put the home side out to a handy 9 point lead. This deficit seemed to inspire the Hilton

team who came charging back at the home side. They camped in the NPBHS half for most of the remainder of the match. In a tense last 10 minutes of the clash, NPBHS managed to hold on for a 17 - 11 win.

NPBHS players to shine were; Codey Rei, Lindsay Horrocks and Jason Sharpe.

NPBHS 36 - St Paul's Collegiate (Hamilton) 0

NPBHS travelled to St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton for a school fixture that was last played in 2005. Both teams had several players unavailable due to injuries and other sporting commitments but the game was still an important clash for both schools as they prepared for a busy season ahead. St Paul's Collegiate started the game well and had a lot of early field possession, as their forwards had a slight edge over their visitors. However, as the first half wore on, the NPBHS pack started to provide more ball for their talented backs. Two tries to Fullback Steven Barron mid-way through the half, took NPBHS out to a 10 - 0 lead at the break.

The second half was totally dominated by NPBHS, as we ran in a further 4 tries. Three further tries went to Barron, to take his personal haul for the game to 5 and Rusi Vukula also dotted down for NPBHS who ended winning 36 - 0. Players to shine for NPBHS were; Barron, Vukula, Lindsay Horrocks and Mitch Campbell.

NPBHS 19 - Auckland Grammar 3

The annual fixture between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Auckland Grammar had some added spice to it this year. The fixture was part of NPBHS's 125th jubilee celebrations. The match was played on our famous Gully ground in front of 4000 plus fans, many of whom were vocal old

boys of NPBHS, back for the school's jubilee. The match was played in near perfect conditions that helped promote attractive, fast-flowing rugby. In the early exchanges Auckland Grammar had the best of field position and possession. Grammar were first to score when their first five-eight Matt Edgar landed a penalty in the 20th minute. As the first half wore on, New Plymouth Boys' gradually started to get into the game. After coming close to scoring a number of times, NPBHS finally got on the score sheet, 5 minutes before the break, with a 42 metre penalty from their first five-eight Codey Rei. As the teams went to the break, the scores were locked at three a piece.

The second half started with more assertiveness from both sides. The New Plymouth side were gradually able to gain more and more possession from their bigger Grammar opponents. This gain in possession meant their talented backs could make some inroads into the Grammar territory. NPBHS were also able to rely on the massive boot of Rei to pin Grammar in their own half. Two more Rei penalties in the 9th and 19th minute of the second half swung the game in the home side's favour, as NPBHS took a 9 - 3 lead.

With 8 minutes to play NPBHS winger Gillies Kaka provided the match highlight by scoring a wonderful individual try. The winger received the ball on the Grammar 10 metre mark, beat 2 defenders, chipped the Grammar fullback, gathered the kick and scored in the corner. Rei continued his fine day with the boot by slotting the conversion from the sideline. Another Rei penalty with 3 minutes left saw the final score; New Plymouths' High School 19 Auckland Grammar 3.

The home side deserved their victory as they dominated the second half, by







the final whistle they were well and truly on top of Grammar. Key players in the NPBHS victory were Kaka, Brad Bennett, Rei and loose forward Hamish Alabaster. It was NPBHS's 1st ever win over Auckland Grammar at the Gully Ground and their first victory over Auckland Grammar in 17 years, the win was all the more special as it was in front of its old boys and at its school's 125th jubilee celebrations.

NPBHS 12 - St Stanislaus College (Bathurst, NSW) 12

The first game of our quadrangular tournament at the Scot's College in Sydney, was against St Stanislaus from Bathurst. This game was an excellent opportunity for some of our extended squad members, four of whom were making their 1st XV debuts, to shine.

After a relatively scrappy opening 20 minutes, NPBHS starting to make some good inroads into the St Stan's half. NPBHS were then rewarded when debutant winger Johnie Morath sped over in the corner after 25 minutes, to open the scoring. As the first half wound down, NPBHS were guilty of not completing a couple of handy scoring opportunities and the half time score remained at 5 - 0 to NPBHS.

NPBHS had the best possible start to the second stanza after 5 minutes of the spell, when flanker Lee Kearins, also on debut, crashed over wide out to double NPBHS's lead. His try was well converted by Codey Rei from out wide. From this point on in the match the game was dominated by St Stan's. The team from Bathurst found a new gear and played some passionate, hard working rugby. They were rewarded with tries in the 60th minute and a late try with 4 minutes to play to bring the sides level. A frantic last few minutes saw the two sides hang on for a draw. The final result was 12 points all.

NPBHS 17 - The Southport School (Gold Coast, Queensland) 30

NPBHS were at full strength for their much anticipated battle with The Southport School from the Gold Coast, Queensland. The Southport School have been the bench mark in Australian school boys Rugby in the last 5 or 6 years and NPBHS were keen to see if they could compete against their highly respected foe.

The Southport School leapt out to an early 6 - 0 lead thanks to two penalty kicks in the first 10 minutes as NPBHS struggled to adapt to the referee and the high paced game of The Southport School. Gradually as the first half wore on, NPBHS started to get back into the game as they started to enjoy more and more possession. NPBHS were finding it very hard to break down the tight and very well organised Southport School defensive line. Just before half time NPBHS got some reward when their tour captain Brad Bennett slotted a 35 metre drop goal to send the scores in at 6 - 3 at halftime.

The Southport School were first to trouble the scorers in the second half, when NPBHS were again penalised and the resulting penalty stretched The Southport School's lead to six points. NPBHS then enjoyed a sustained period of attack in The Southport School's



half and after some immense pressure finally broke the Southport School's resolute defence when lock Leighton Price crashed over in the corner. 1st Five Codey Rei slotted the conversion, to put NPBHS in the lead 10 - 9 with 20 minutes to play.

The Southport School showed their class as they quickly bounced back. Southport School took advantage of a screwed scrum on the half way line, went to the blindside and caught the NPBHS defence napping, to score their first try of the match and re-take the lead. In the next 15 minutes the game opened up dramatically as both sides tried to nail the game. It was The Southport School who scored a further two tries too one, who finished the game the stronger. NPBHS's second try was again scored by lock Leighton Price. In the end The Southport School deserved their win in a highly absorbing and entertaining match. Standout players for NPBHS were; halfback Sean Cressy, Bennett, Price and Props Baxter King and Tama Rangipunga.

NPBHS 3 - The Scots College (Sydney, NSW) 0

This fixture against the quadrangular tournament hosts was a great way to end our tour of Sydney. The Scots College is a proud rugby school, who



lined up in 2007, with a big and mobile side. The match started very evenly with both forward packs striving to gain the upper hand. Chances in the first half to both back lines were limited and handling areas let both sets of backs down at crucial moments. As the first half finished the scores were locked at nil-all.

As the game wore on NPBHS started to look the more threatening side but could not turn this into points. Too many half chances were not converted as some good defence kept the visitors out. Then with 15 minutes to play, NPBHS were handed a penalty in a handy position and replacement centre Codey Rei converted the chance, to take NPBHS to a handy 3 - 0 lead. Despite a tense last 10 or so minutes, NPBHS held out for a narrow victory.

Players to shine for NPBHS were; Steven Barron, who made a big impact off the bench in the second half, tour captain Brad Bennett, Leighton Price, and Flankers Hamish Alabaster and Luke Stenner.

NPBHS 10 - De LaSalle College (Auckland) 32

New Plymouth Boys travelled to De LaSalle hoping to continue its recent run of good form. De LaSalle are one of the top rugby schools in Auckland and have a strong team in 2007. NPBHS started the game well and were right in the game at half-time with the score 12 - 10 to the hosts. In the first half the NPBHS points came from a Steven Barron try and a penalty and conversion from Codey Rei. As the match wore on the bigger De LaSalle pack started to dominate the NPBHS pack. With their tails up, De La Salle deservedly stretched their lead throughout the second half to take a deserved win. Best of the NPBHS players were Bose Yanuyanutawa, Hamish Alabaster and Steven Barron.

NPBHS 20 - Te Aute College 16

The NPBHS vs Te Aute fixture is one of our traditional games each year and is of huge importance to both schools who play for the Webb trophy. NPBHS were fired up for this clash as they were aware of Te Aute's reputation as a good side in 2007.

Te Aute started the stronger side as their abrasive running game got well over the gain line. Te Aute were the first side to post points through a penalty. This sparked NPBHS into life and NPBHS scored two tries before half time to Rusi Vukula and Codey Rei. Both tries were converted by Rei and he also added a penalty to give NPBHS a 17 - 6 lead at the break

The second half was a classic, dour struggle as both teams tried to make the decisive play of the game. Te Aute played with real passion and kept hammering away at the locals. Te Aute finally got their reward when they scored a try with four minutes remaining. This set up a tense finish, as NPBHS held on to a slender lead for a deserved victory. Outstanding for NPBHS were Jason Sharpe, Lindsay Horrocks, Brad Bennett and Steven Barron.

NPBHS 55 - Wanganui City College 0

NPBHS travelled to Wanganui to play Wanganui City College for the first time in 12 years. These two teams did not play annually, but with the recent resurgence of Rugby at Wanganui City College it was good time to restart the annual fixture.

The early exchanges of the match were tightly contested with both sets of forwards hammering away at each other. The NPBHS backs made the first decisive move of the match when they spread it wide to their right winger Lagan Kumeroa who scored in the corner. Wanganui kept smashing into the NPBHS team as the visitors started to gain more and more possession. The weight of possession finally cutted when NPBHS fullback Steven Barron crashed over twice before half time to help NPBHS to a 19 - 0 score line at halftime. NPBHS's other points came from two Codey Rei conversions.



NPBHS 3 – Feilding Agricultural High School 15

NPBHS travelled to Feilding to take on Feilding Ag as a warm up for their upcoming Super 8 campaign. On a wet and windy day the NPBHS forwards had no answer to the well drilled Feilding Ag forwards who out-muscled their Super 8 counterparts both at set piece and in the loose.

The half time score was 10 - 3 in favour of the home side, the NPBHS points coming courtesy of a Codey Rei penalty.

In the second half NPBHS enjoyed slightly more possession but could not force that into points. At the end of a disappointing 70 minutes for NPBHS the home side had run out deserved winners 15 - 3.

NPBHS 3 – Hamilton BHS 50

NPBHS's first Super 8 game of the 2007 season was away at the 2006 champions, Hamilton Boys'. Hamilton Boys' showed right from the first whistle what a class unit they are and totally dominated this Super 8 fixture. NPBHS gained some set piece ball but it was mainly presented on the back foot.

Hamilton managed to break down the NPBHS defence with some skilful back play and with their ability to keep hold of the ball due to their inferior ability at the breakdown.

Hamilton took a 22 - 3 lead into the break and kept scoring at regular intervals throughout the second spell. NPBHS's points came courtesy of the boot of Codey Rei. NPBHS did enjoy more ball in the second half but

couldn't find a way through some stoic Hamilton defence. The final score was Hamilton 50, NPBHS 3, a humbling score line for the visitors who were outplayed and out-muscled in all aspects of this game.

NPBHS 45 - Wanganui Collegiate 3

NPBHS hosted Wanganui Collegiate in their annual traditional game at the gully. It was the 2007 NPBHS 1st XV's first game in front of the school for the season. NPBHS started well and gained some early ascendancy up front against the bigger collegiate pack. It wasn't long before NPBHS opened the scoring through a try to Brad Bennett. NPBHS continued to dominate possession and took a healthy 31 - 3 lead into the break.



1st XV Rugby

3rd ROW FROM LEFT: Andy Hamilton, Baxter King, Steven Barron, Leighton Price, Mark Atkins, Jason Sharpe, Bose Yanayanutawa
2nd ROW FROM LEFT: Mr Geoff Hall, Tane Hapimarika, Luke Stenner, Lindsay Schrader, Craig Thomason, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Gary Hofmans, Miles Harding, Mr Dale Atkins
FRONT ROW: Hamish Alabaster, Adam Laititi, Codey Rei, Mitch Campbell (Captain), Brad Bennett (Vice Captain), Sean Cressy, Lagen Kumeroa, Jonnie Morath
ABSENT: Edward Darney, Gillies Kaka, Lindsay Horrocks, Kyle Joyce



The quality of NPBHS's performance in the second spell was disappointing as they struggled to continue their free flowing football of the first spell. They added just two more tries in the second stanza to run out comfortable winners in this annual clash. Tries in the match for NPBHS went to Adam Laititi, Codey Rei (2), Rusi Vukula, Steven Barron, Brad Bennett with Rei adding 6 conversions and a penalty.

NPBHS 25 - FDMC 25

Always an important game on NPBHS's Rugby calendar is our battle with local rivals FDMC. Whilst this game is not a traditional fixture it is now an annual game. NPBHS took a while to get into the match as they struggled to subdue a fired up FDMC forward pack with nothing to lose. NPBHS were also on the wrong side of the penalty count early on as it took the home side a while to adjust to the referee. Later in the first spell NPBHS sprung into life and scored two good tries to Leighton Price and Lagan Kumeroa to take a 12 - 3 lead into the break. Probably one of the major turning points in the match occurred on the stroke of half time when NPBHS winger Rusi Vunuka was sent to the sin-bin for apparent hands in the ruck. This ruling meant NPBHS played the start of the 2nd half one man short, in that time FDMC scored two tries to take the lead. Once NPBHS were restored to its full team they came storming back into the lead 25 - 18 with 5 minutes to play thanks to a Steven Barron try and two penalty goals from Codey Rei. FDMC showed great courage to launch one last attack and score near full time to draw level and despite a late drop goal attempt from NPBHS that's how the scores stayed.

NPBHS 8 – Tauranga BC 24

NPBHS hosted Tauranga Boys' in their second Super 8 match of the 2007 season. NPBHS were looking to

rebound after a disappointing first up match against Hamilton in this year's Super 8. The home side started well and had a lion's share of possession in the first half. Sadly poor option-taking and poor handling let the home side down. Tauranga took both their two chances in the first spell to take a 12 - 3 lead into the break. The second spell was a carbon copy of the first as NPBHS had lots of the ball but kept coughing it up at vital times. Tauranga, as good teams do, made the home side pay. The only bright spark of the second spell came through a good team try that was finished off by Johnnie Morath.

NPBHS 5 – Palmerston North BHS 25

This traditional game is one of the highlights of the year for both school's 1st XV's. Both teams cherish the scalp of its opposite dearly. This year's game was to be dominated by PNBHS from the outset as they looked the hungrier team and played some good rugby throughout. NPBHS had to make a lot of tackles in the first spell as PNBHS dominated possession especially at the breakdown as their desire and better body position paid dividends. PNBHS took a 10 - 0 lead into the break and never really looked like giving that lead up. The only bright spark of the second half for the visitors came through a very good individual try to their replacement flanker Bose Yanayanutawa who beat 4 defenders in a 40 metre charge to the line.

NPBHS 32 - St Pat's Silverstream 8

The Boys' High vs Stream clash has been played since before the Second World War so it is an important match for both schools. NPBHS were fired up to play well as they were playing in front of their school and due to the fact that they had not beaten Silverstream in four years.

The match started very well for the home side as they camped down in their visitors half for most of the first spell. They got some good reward in the form of tries to Johnnie Morath and Lindsay Horrocks. Early in the second spell Stream fought back at NPBHS to close the lead to 15 - 8 but their resistance was thwarted by two more NPBHS tries, one to NPBHS's outstanding first five Codey Rei and another try to winger Morath. NPBHS cleared out for a confidence- building 32 - 8 victory against their old foes.

NPBHS 36 - Westlake BHS (North Shore, Auckland) 34

This fixture was a good chance for both teams to play a match before their respective competitions started again in earnest in term three. Westlake are a proud rugby school that always performs well in the Harbour Secondary Schools competition. NPBHS dominated the first half of this clash at the Gully. Tries in the first spell came to wingers Lagan Kumeroa, and Johnnie Morath, Codey Rei and their livewire hooker Tane Hapimarika. NPBHS lead their northern rivals 24 - 3 at the break. NPBHS picked up where they left off early in the second half as fullback Steven Barron scored and Rei again dotted down. At 36 - 6 with less than 20 minutes to play NPBHS thought the match was safe as houses. As it turned out they were nearly proven wrong as Westlake came charging back into the match. Westlake scored 4 converted tries to get within 2 points of their hosts in an exciting end to a good match.

NPBHS 8 - Gisborne BHS 15

NPBHS were fired up to give one of the power-houses of New Zealand secondary schools rugby a good run on the Gully. The first half of this clash was fairly even as both forward packs struggled for dominance over each other. Gisborne scored the only try of



the first half as their talented backline struck on the back of some good front football. The half-time score was 8 - 3 to the visitors. Early in the second half NPBHS levelled up the game thanks to a try to debutant winger Tai Tuivutu. NPBHS turned down a penalty kick and spun the ball wide, their gamble paid off as their winger speed over out wide.

As top sides do, Gisborne came storming back at their hosts and scored another good try through their talented backs to take a 15 - 8 lead into the last 20 minutes of the match. To the home side's credit, they never gave up and kept hammering away at the Gisborne line. A vast majority of the last 15 minutes were played in the visitor's half but no reward was forthcoming to NPBHS as Gisborne held on for the spoils.

NPBHS 34 - Hastings BHS 24
NPBHS dominated the early stages of their Super 8 clash with Hastings on the Gully. Their backs looked sharp from the first whistle as they created lots of space in the Hastings defence off the

back of a good platform laid by their forwards. NPBHS scored 3 good first half tries to flanker Bose Yanayanatawa, winger Lagan Kumeroa and fullback Steven Barron. NPBHS took a 24 - 3 lead into half time. Another try to Johnnie Morath just after the break stretched the home side's lead to 34 - 3. As they have done in previous games this season, NPBHS switched off for the last 15 minutes and let Hastings in for 3 converted tries near the end of the match to even the scores up a little. NPBHS running out victors 34 - 24.

NPBHS 17 - Napier BHS 10
An away win in the Super 8 Rugby competition is always a cherished victory. NPBHS were determined to keep building on some improvements they had made in previous weeks. NPBHS started poorly as Napier's forwards managed to get some good go forward from some good one-off forward play and strong breakdown work. Napier held the upper hand for the majority of the first stanza and deserved their halftime lead of 10 - 3. With pride on the line NPBHS came out and produced a gutsy second half comeback. They

drew level early in the second half through their powerhouse front rower Jason Sharpe who continued his impressive rookie year in the NPBHS engine room by crashing over from a forward drive. As the 2nd half wore on it looked as though the game may end in a 10 all draw but NPBHS pivot Codey Rei had other ideas. Rei who played very well throughout the clash seized the opportunity for the visitors and beat 3 tacklers in a 30 metres dash to the line to seal victory for NPBHS with less than 2 minutes left.

NPBHS 14 - Rotorua BHS 28
Having never beaten Rotorua at home, this was always going to be a tough final game and so it proved to be. Rotorua's use of a strong wind, dynamic running and support play aided by some very average defence on our part meant that they had a commanding 28 - 0 lead at half time. To the credit of the boys they did not give up in the second half and, if not for a couple of poor decisions, could well have won the game. In the end the 28 - 14 loss was probably a fair reflection.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Tane Hapimarika - Tane displayed a high level of strength and power after spending the pre-season in the gymnasium. He started the last 6 games at hooker and this was due to his physical approach that was required in the College matches. Tane's scrummaging was of a high quality and he combined well with Mitch and Rowdy.

Mitchell Campbell - (Captain) Good team man, with excellent leadership qualities. His 'can do it' attitude inspires others to follow. Excellent lineout throwing technique and a very good scrummager. Mitch's ball-carrying skill was a sight to behold.

Jason Sharpe - Rowdy has worked hard on his general fitness during the off season and has attained a high level of fitness. He has changed from loose forward to prop. He was an asset to this team and his scrummaging improved during the season. Well played throughout the season.

Baxter King - The 'RED BOOTS' looked great! He worked solidly during the season and should be the cornerstone of the front row in 2008.

Edward Darney - A good loose-head prop who played well above his weight. Lacks a little bit of aerobic fitness but always give his best when coming off the bench. Enjoys the game when he has got the ball 'inhand'.

Lyndsay Schrader - Lynsay is a hard-nosed athlete and displays a high level of aerobic fitness. Good defensive player and made a high number of tackles in all games. The best example was when Lynsay made a covering tackle in the PNBHS game. 'Pound for pound' the best player on the field.

Leighton Price - Excellent lineout forward with a very good 'skill set' who continues to mature as an athlete. He had a mixed season in terms of performance, however the bigger the game the better he goes.

Gary Hofmans - Is an enthusiastic player who struggled because of his lack of body-weight. Always gives his best but wasn't able to make an impact during the year.

Mark Atkins - Mark is a talented athlete who started the season with no experience as a loose-forward. However he developed his work-rate and understanding of the game to become the first choice No. 8.

Heiden Bedwell-Curtis - High work-rate and excellent aerobic fitness levels. Needs to develop a weight-training programme to develop his strength in the 'tackle the ball situation'.

Luke Stenner - He displayed a high level of general fitness and this allowed him to be the mainstay of the loose forward trio. He is a good transition player.

Bose Yanuyanutawa - Bose is a good rugby player and he plays with a high level of aggression. He needs to develop his understanding of the New Zealand game.

Lindsay Horrocks - A very aggressive player who always made an impact whether he started the game or came off the bench. Lindsay took full advantage of the opportunities he was given.

Sean Cressy - Sean's halfback-specific skills really developed this year. Unfortunately, he had to play with an injury for most of the season. An excellent team man.

Codey Rei - The points machine. An excellent kicker both at goal and tactically and when he decides to run, very deceptive. His defence improved markedly during the season.

Brad Bennett - Mr Reliable. It was not surprising that our flattest part of the season coincided with Brad's injury-enforced absence. An excellent team man both on and off the field.

Miles Harding - A player who developed during the season and hopefully will be able to build on this over the pre-season. A player with great potential.

Andy Hamilton - Andy had limited playing time but when given an



opportunity always gave it 100%. A player with great potential.

Adam Laititi - Adam struggled at the start of the season to find his rhythm. By the end of the season after moving into centre had re-discovered his form on attack and especially in defence.

Jonnie Morath - Jonnie was a big improver during the season. A greater level of self-belief meant that, by the end of the season, he had developed into a fine finisher on the wing.

Lagen Kumeroa - Lagen is a fine athlete with pace and deception. He took full advantage of the opportunities he was given and improved with every game he played.

Steven Barron - A very deceptive player both in terms of strength and speed. Steven constantly broke the line and scored some memorable tries. His positional play is outstanding.

Gillies Kaka - Gillies is a player with huge potential but he does need to spend time in the pre-season training.

Kyle Joyce - Kyle is a very talented player who, at times, does not believe enough in his ability. A very accurate distributor and kicker.

Geoff Hall



2ND XV RUGBY

This year the Second Fifteen coaches had selected a strong and mentally focused team to face the upcoming Super Eight season. Once again the team had been registered in the local Under 20's competition which we used as a good preparation to find strong combinations, to be able to gel with the surrounding players and to put team tactics into practice before the Super Eight season got under way.

The way things were shaping out we knew we could set some high goals, both as a team and individually, such as top two in the Super Eight.

TRADITIONAL GAME

**Vs Wanganui Collegiate at McNaught
Wednesday 6th June
Win 34 - 12**

This is the annual event between New Plymouth and Wanganui that has taken place for many years. After coming off a well deserved win from Hamilton we were keen to put some phases together, try a couple of game plans and run the



ball around. The Wanganui forwards put up a good fight against our pack as they were a lot smaller than we were.

Tries: Saki 3; Tai 2; Liam 1
Conversions: Jonnie 1; Kyle 1

SUPER EIGHT GAMES

**Vs Hamilton Boys' High at Hamilton
Wednesday 30th May
Win 13 - 5**

The first Super Eight game of the season. We knew that Hamilton would be a tough match as they were the defending champs from last year and have a great record. The game started off very evenly, with great defense from both teams and no holes anywhere. Hamilton preferred to play a tight game whereas we played a more expansive game. This resulted in frustration from the Hamilton team, (a penalty), giving 3 points to us from the boot of Morath. From here we lifted our tails even more and got on top of the Hamilton team in the second half to take the game out although the score didn't really reflect our second half dominance. The boys

were pleased with this win and knew we could go up from here.

Tries: Lee Kearins
Penalties: Jonnie Morath
Two Conversion: Nathan Keenan

**Vs Tauranga Boys' High at McNaught
Saturday 16th June
Win 21 - 14**

Tauranga play a similar type of game to us as their team was similar in size to us. After a couple of good wins following the Hamilton game the team was gelling now. We thought we may have the upper hand on this game as Tauranga were coming off a long bus ride. The game started off evenly with most of the first half being played in the middle 50m of the field. We were lucky to break the Tauranga line off second phase, once we picked the tempo up a bit, and went into the break 10 - 0 up. The second half was the same as the first with lucky breaks from both teams in the second or third phases and both teams dotting down twice. A great effort from the boys but work around the fringes was needed after this game.

Tries: Andy Hamilton; Bose
Conversions: Jonnie Morath 1
Penalty: Jonnie Morath 3

**Vs Palmerston North Boys' High at Palmerston North
Wednesday 20th June
Loss 19 - 7**

With three wins under our belt the team travelled to Palmerston feeling relatively confident. However, the day wasn't to be ours. We started off solidly making good go-forward ball, but the team wasn't familiar with the clay surface and on a frosty morning the ball was extremely slippery. These conditions were not suited to our expansive game



plan and after five minutes fifty-fifty balls were being thrown left right and centre and the error count grew rapidly. Not long after this Palmerston scored a nice 40m try off one of our errors and, from there on in, the team's heads dropped. Half time score 12 - 0. With many changes occurring with 15 minutes to go the team picked up a level and shut down Palmerston's attack. The team created a good try for Taitusi with five minutes to go after a solid set phase play. Unfortunately it was too late for us with Palmerston already having a 19 point lead. This game showed what we had to work on to stay in contention for taking out Super Eight this year.

Try: Taitusi
Conversion: Nathan Keenan

**Vs Gisborne Boys' High
Saturday 21st July
Win 23 - 13**

The game versus Palmerston had been a knock back for the boys and the aim of taking the competition out had just got a tad further away from us. The boys started off solidly on attack and we utilized the first 20 minutes of the game, as Gisborne seemed to be asleep, with good phases and two classy runs down the sideline by our newest team member Corey Telfer. With these tries and the golden boot of Jacob we edged away to a 19 - 3 lead into the break.

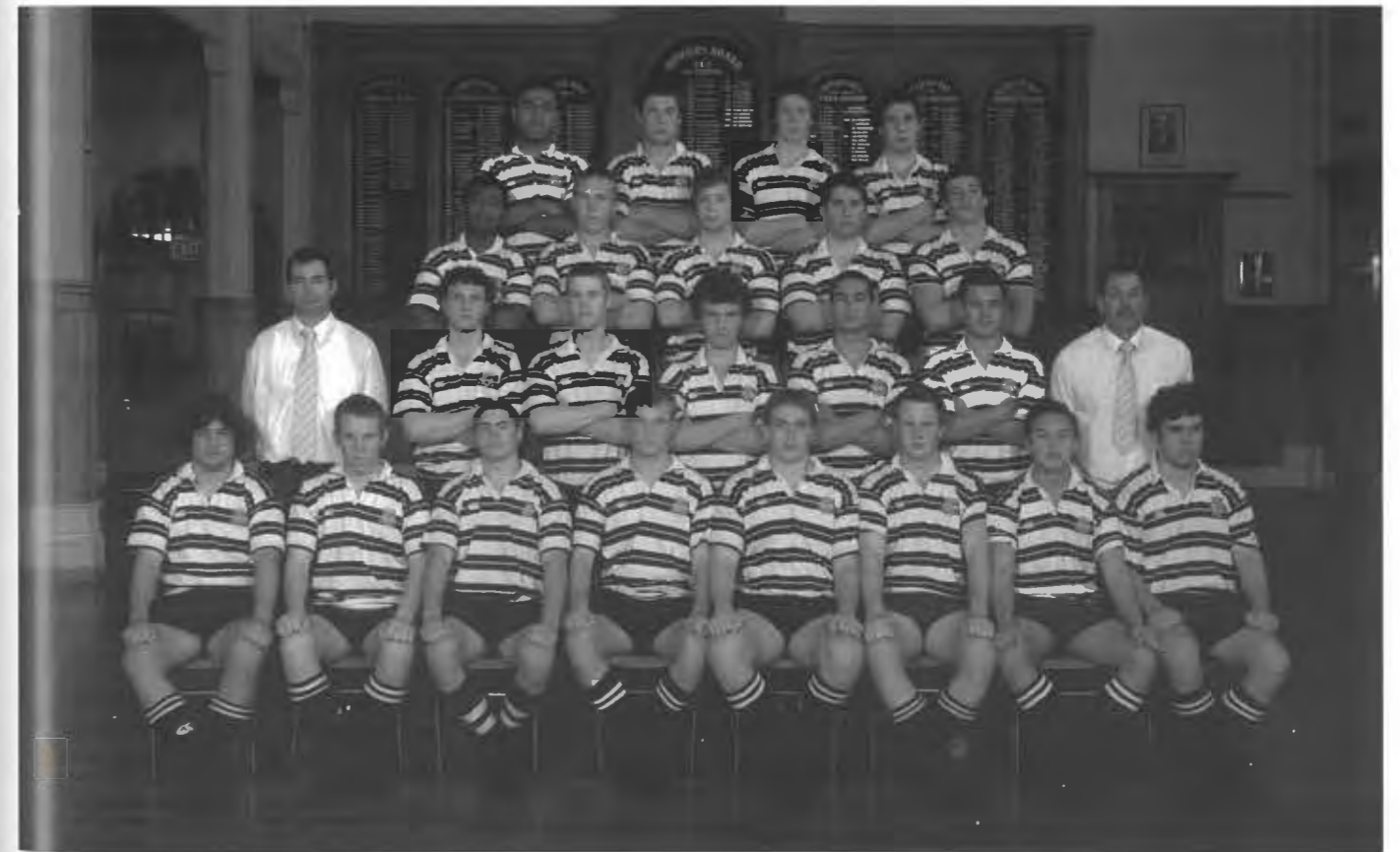
The second half was a totally different ball game with Gisborne scoring two quick tries which lifted their tails up. New Plymouth then spent most of their

time defending the goal line. Although there were a number of penalties awarded against us for offsidess we defended like our lives depended on it and held Gisborne out for the remaining 20 minutes to secure the match.

Tries: Corey Telfer 2
Conversions: Chad Jacob 2
Penalties: Chad Jacob 2;
Nathan Keenan 1

**Vs Hastings Boys' High
Saturday 28th July
Win 22 - 12**

Two goals were set for this match - a win, and a bonus point. We knew that Hastings had so far not had the best run and with focus these goals were easily



2nd XV Rugby

4th ROW FROM LEFT
3rd ROW FROM LEFT
2nd ROW FROM LEFT
FRONT ROW
ABSENT:
Lewis Politini, Sam Saunders, Sam Thomson, Lee Kearins
Taitusi Tunavutu, Taryn Martin, Simon Hickey, Liam Jones, Jonnie Morath
Mr Glen Hannah (Coach) John Marshall, Ed Darney, Sam Cadman, Andy Hamilton, Miles Harding, Mr Murray Watts (Coach)
Nathan Keenan, Sam Lawn, Lagen Kumeroa, Chad Jacob, Blake Morgan (Captain), James Dunlop, Charles Loader, James Wilson
Corey Telfer



in our reach. Once again we started off strongly and ran the Hastings forward pack around, which produced a try to Jacob in the left hand corner from a nicely placed box kick from Keenan. After this we dropped our level and ended going into the break with a 5 - 0 lead. The second half saw the Hastings team tire a bit which we took advantage of and piled a further 17 points onto them. With Hastings scoring 12 points against us we spent the remaining 10 minutes defending our line desperately again and held the Hastings forward pack out, to take out the game with a well deserved bonus point.

Tries: Chad Jacob (2), Miles Harding, James Wilson
Conversion: Chad Jacob

Vs Napier Boys' High at Napier Saturday 4th August Win 17 - 13

This was probably the most crucial match of the tournament. We had a solid build up during the week and were prepared for the challenge ahead. Mr Watts gave us an inspirational speech before we hit the field. Just like the week



before, we started off with a hiss and a roar piling 14 unanswered points onto Napier, within the first 10 minutes, off a lot of quick pill. We let Napier edge their way back into the game through some clumsy errors and went into the break 14 - 10. The second half wasn't very exciting - both teams defending well, with neither team crossing the line and each conceding 3 points.

Tries: Lee Kearins; Corey Telfer
Conversions: Nathan Keenan 2
Penalties: Nathan Keenan

Vs Rotorua Boys' High at Rotorua Saturday 11th August Loss 17 - 5

This was the last game of the year, the last game for the seventh formers in the Boys' High colours and our chance to take out the Super Eight title for 2007. After some small speeches by the seventh formers we all hit the field focused on the task ahead, but with an enormous amount of pressure lying on our shoulders. Rotorua hadn't had a win this season and we knew they would be eager to get one under their belts. The first 15 minutes were incredibly even,

with good defense shown by both teams. We camped down in Rotorua's 22 for a long period of time but couldn't turn this into points due to a more ball-hungry Rotorua side. Unfortunately off a charge down, Rotorua crossed our line and we knew we were in trouble because, on past records, they are a team that picks themselves up when they get a taste of the lead.

As time ticked on and calls went against us the pressure started to build up even more and we started to crack, making silly errors. After hard running by our centres we gained a lot of ground and scored in the corner, but by now it was too late to take away a win against the more confident Rotorua side. As the final whistle went a sense of heartache was felt across the team with the dreams of winning Super Eight gone.

Try: Sam Saunders

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bus axle breaking 2 minutes out of Egmont Village after Palmerston game.
- Mr Watts classic yellow and Blue Tracksuit.
- Mr Hannah's inspirational speeches.
- Having a well deserved win over Tukapa Under 20's who were stacked with Senior B's players.
- The singing on the bus trips home.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the team to thank Mr Watts and Mr Hannah for giving up your time to coach us. Your experience and knowledge is second to none. You have taught me a number of skills and techniques that I can take into my game into the future and I know that the other players will too. To the supporters making all the noise



on the sideline, thank you for coming week in and week out. We appreciate it immensely and a lot of the time it is your cheering and support that drives us to pick our game up.

The team - thanks boys for a great season. It has been one of the best years for me. I have enjoyed playing alongside you. You all have tremendous skill and ability. I hope we keep the friendships made this year in years to come and I look forward to seeing your names in rep rugby in future years.

To Saki it's a shame you had to leave us so early in the season. The yards you made every time you got the ball put smiles on our faces, or a lot of the time, frowns on the forwards faces when they saw you three quarters of the way up the field.

Taryn Martin

5TH XV RUGBY

We started our season in the open weight B-Grade competition with a game against our 6th XV (7th form social team) on one of the wet racecourse fields on April 28, losing 63-5. This result reflected how little practice time we had prior to the game and that we still had not formed as a team. Our next game saw us travel to Hawera to face their 2nd XV, a game where we did not play as a team, defeated 47 - 7. We headed to Waitara High School the following weekend, facing their 1st XV. After a hard fought 70 minutes, we came out with a win, 22 - 12. We were at home for our next game, against the Francis Douglas Memorial College 4th XV. Following a shocking first half effort, we came from 13-0 down to win 24 - 13. On the day of the School Ball we were up against the FDMC 3rd XV, playing well but on the receiving end

of some dodgy refereeing, going down 22 - 10. Following Queen's Birthday we were up against our Under 15's on the Wednesday, losing 54 - 10, and on the Saturday, the Inglewood 2nd XV, who had lost all of their games so far. We ended up winning 51 - 0.

The second round saw us facing Waitara 1st XV on the racecourse, with strong winds making the game tough for both sides. In the end we prevailed 29 - 10. The last weekend of term 2 we played our 6th XV on the racecourse in one of our best of the season that came down to the final 2 minutes, a close loss 15-10. There was a game scheduled on the 1st Saturday of the holidays, against the Hawera 2nd XV. The racecourse was wet, cold and muddy, which we used to our advantage in the first half, up 10 - 0. But they came back in the end to defeat us 12 - 10. Term 3 came and we were up against the Under 15's on the Wednesday, playing well but losing

32-5 in a rough but enjoyable game of rugby. The weekend came and we faced the FDMC 4th XV again, with 2 players admitted to hospital, one with a concussion and one with a broken collarbone, coming from a hard fought loss 32 - 14. Following this we defeated the FDMC 3rd XV 15 - 12. The final pool game for the 5th XV season was against Inglewood 2nd XV, which they defaulted.

We finished the round robin in 5th place, to play off for the B2 Grade Championship against Waitara, FDMC 4ths and Inglewood. We played the Waitara 1st XV in the semi finals, going down 24 - 12.

A big thanks to our coaches for the season, Mr Leath, Mr Achary and Mr Whiting, and all the boys who played well in every game.

Cedar Vaimea and Chris Jager





6TH XV RUGBY

In 2007 a group of young men decided to create a 6th XV rugby team. Some were TFF bred, others hailed from all other sectors of the sporting society. Their goal was to succeed the glamour days of the mighty 4th XV (2006) and introduce a new breed of 7th formers to terrorise the B Grade..... and did they what.

The team boasts such stars as Smutsy, D Sleaze, Craaaaaaaaaaig, Ed, Deano, Rods, Daisy, Legs, Rusty, Nat, Danya, Ogle, Kesh, No Sax, Brownny, Snowy, Spud, Wells, PJ, Fish, Blake Kneel-Son, Tooooooooooooooooooooo, Carl, Lilley, Simon, Greenland, Abbo and Dev. This group of fine young men had quite an outstanding season really, fronting up for 16 games in all conditions and coming away with 15 wins, including the final. The team's winning formula included no practises and the ability to play in every position on the paddock. Standout players for the season were Zach "Legs" Lewis,



who scored 16 tries, David Lee, who put in many bone crunching tackles each week and Craig "show us your calves" Thomason, whose Irish Jigs set fire to the hearts of the team and supporters alike. Memorable moments included the victory over the U15's on the Gully, Waitara's five minute "intimidating" tap dance, and of course, the massive victory in the final. Big thanks must go to our inspirational coach, Julius "Kieran Crowley" Prasad, who unfailingly showed up to every game, and guided and mentored us throughout the season. Also to our loyal supporters who followed us throughout the season. They were a big inspiration. You know that, we know that. Thanks also to Hugh Russell. It was reeeaaalllly rude not allowing the team's soccer star to play all year. We hope the "Institution" of the 6thXV continues for many years to come.

Regards,

6th XV Senior Management

C GRADE GOLD RUGBY

C Gold started off with high expectations for the 2007 C grade competition. We couldn't have got off to a better start defeating our main rivals for the season, Francis Douglas Under 15's; 15 - 12, due to a last minute try by Anthony Taylor. We followed this up with emphatic victories over the other teams we faced, until we played Francis Douglas again, this time losing a disappointing 18 - 12. We finished the regular season strongly (beating Francis Douglas again), to finish in second place. We just beat Spotswood in the semi-final to set up a showdown with Francis Douglas Under 15's again. The final was a tight affair, with Francis Douglas leading 3 - 0 for most of the game until they got a heart breaking intercept try. They then put the game out of reach. Boys' High managed a consolation try to number, 8 Jacob Tito. Final score 13 - 7. I hope Mr Hope and Mr Whittaker were happy with the season and we thank them for the time they put in. Big ups boys for the season.

Thomas Cox
Anthony Taylor

C GRADE WHITE RUGBY

C grade can be a very interesting grade to coach, as you have a diverse group of talents and a wide age range to meet the weight restrictions. 2007 was no different, with the diversity from some Year 9 boys who had not played much rugby before, to Rawiri Manuirirangi, a winger from Year 12.

In the preliminary games it was obvious that the team had some real strengths in the loose forwards and some backs with good evasive skills. The team struggled to gain good ball

and was, quite properly, placed in the C2 grade. Mr Rowlands and I, as coaches, decided that we should take a skills based approach as we had a larger squad, 30 in fact, and we would make a lot of substitutions to keep up the momentum.

It seemed to work with the season ending up as an unbeaten one, although there was a 29 - 29 draw with Hawera and a 17 - 17 draw with Stratford.

It was exciting for parents and boys to be a part of a team that were not all the most dedicated of trainers at times, but they turned up to play on Saturday. The loose forwards, Zac Bunyan (captain), David Ellis, Andrew Laird and Josh Prentice were outstanding, week in, week out and gave a great lead for the others in the forward pack to follow. Praj Kongthongluck, Arnold Fitzgerald and Mark Martin trained hard on their fitness and always were committed to winning the ball for the backs, who really sparkled at times. Damien Ngatai and Aaron Whitikia showed real skill early on in the season, but Logan Castle and Lane Mitchell were top performers, going back or forwards. On the wings Daniel Blackhall scored some fine tries and Drew Waitaiki and Ryan Phillips showed some fine touches at 9 or 15.

The highlights of the season were the 38 - 12 win over Hawera in the semi-finals and then the finals win over Stratford. This was a very close affair that could have gone either way but the boys found the resolve to hold out in the last few minutes and completed a season of competition without a loss. The final score 10 - 5.

My thanks to the core of boys who played and practiced so well and gave other boys a chance to use their skills and be a part of a successful school team.

Some boys in this side will go a long way in the game - we will watch their futures with interest.

Lyal French-Wright
Headmaster

C BLACK RUGBY

After two impressive performances in grading games the team was put into the C1 grade. This was always going to be a big ask but proved to be a good decision as we were (nearly) always competitive.

Hopes were high after the first couple of games. A two point loss to Spotswood was followed by a great performance against the Gold team where going to sleep to concede 2 tries in the last 3 minutes cost what would have been a famous victory. Things went downhill following this performance. We got well and truly thumped by FDMC u15's. We thought we were pretty good and didn't switch on mentally and got taught a good lesson about preparing properly before a game.

The season continued with some close wins and losses and the team did well to qualify for the semi-finals against FDMC.

Although we lost against the eventual competition winners, this was a really gutsy performance. For once everyone seemed to be fired up together and the team tackled and contested strongly throughout the match.

It would be fair to say that the team didn't really fulfil its potential this year. There was a hard core of boys who attended every practice and really worked hard to improve. But it's impossible to develop a team when there are only 10 - 12 people at

practice. Unfortunately this happened quite regularly over the second half of the season.

And as usual there were a significant number of boys who were keen to play rugby but who just weren't fit enough to do so. Hopefully the message has got through and those who choose to play next year will do the pre season work required so they can enjoy their rugby.

All in all though it was a real pleasure coaching this team. A great bunch of guys who got on well with each other and never game up.

L. Wilson

D GRADE GOLD RUGBY

It is always going to be called a good season when you can come away with the trophy at the end, but season 2007 was more than a good season for the D Gold team. I don't think there are enough superlatives to describe the season this team had or in fact to describe what a great bunch of guys this team was.

At the trials in April there were about 70 third, fourth and fifth formers all fired up for the season ahead. Eventually the 70 were whittled down into the 24 that comprised D Gold.

Things looked good at the start of the season with grading games and convincing wins against Spotswood Coastal/Opunake and Hawera all by 80+ points. As the season proper began, it eventuated that Stratford would be the main competition with scores between the two sides as close as eleven points.

Two highlights of the round robin play were an awesome 51 - 7 thrashing of FDMC Gold in windy conditions and





a faultless 107-0 hiding of Hawera. In the semi final the boys put a complete display on the park against a 'new' looking Coastal/Opunake side to win 61 - 0

As predicted the boys came up against Stratford in the final and in some very wet and muddy conditions came away with a 20 - 7 win and the D1 title for 2007.

The team was ably captained at different times during the season by Gene Fowell, Willy Lane, Daniel Couchman and Raymond Edwards

To go through the season unbeaten is a massive achievement (the only team to do so in Taranaki from secondary school grade up to senior A). It was a goal of the boys to keep the 'losses column' clear once they realised they had the ability to do it, and to go through and do it is a great achievement.

In a team that had such a good season it would be wrong to single out any players for comment. What I will say is that the majority, if not all of the

players in this team, have the ability to play for the 1st XV or even higher in the coming years.

A comment also needs to be made about the supporters who turned up to cheer the boys on and transport the boys to Hawera, Stratford and Opunake, some to these towns on more than one occasion, Without you the boys wouldn't be able to play. Also to Tony Arnold for giving up his time to travel from Hawera to help coach, as well as Dave Wilson and Kauri Fowell who also helped at trainings during the season.

Finally the summary of the points for and against: NPBHS D Gold, games 12, points for 624, points against 77.

**Blair Corlett
Coach**

D GRADE WHITE

Highlights of the 2007 season were the clashes with the other Boys' High team in the grade, the come from behind win at Hawera and the magnificent victory at Inglewood. Local derbies are always a significant part of Boys' High rugby and this season proved no different. The final game against the Black team was our finest, with the difference between the teams being our inability to finish when we had them at our mercy.

The game against Hawera showed that never giving up brings rewards. In a nail-biter, the lead changed seven times, with the end result being decided by an earlier missed conversion. Starting half an hour late the game seesawed until our team swept from the half way to score after time was up on the clock, snatching victory by three points.

However the greatest game of the year was at Inglewood, when the team took on the top of the table and previously unbeaten Inglewood side. Led by example, as always by Duane Bourne, the boys were outstanding as they battered their way into a five point lead, then for the last ten minutes defended desperately to hold Inglewood out. The final whistle saw two exhausted sides (much like the first series victory against the Boks in South Africa) slumped on the ground. Had the team shown up with the game they displayed that day, we would certainly have given the finals a real scare.

Thanks go to the parents who supported week in and week out and to those boys who showed up to practice regularly, willing to listen and learn. Thanks also to co-coach Nigel Hunter whose coaching style should more probably be found in Spanish or Italian soccer. No need for the blind spectator to be worried about



missing the key moments, the side-line commentary was outstanding and the passion unbelievable.

**A Elgar
Coach**

E GRADE WHITE

In a grade where most of the larger, eligible boys played up a grade, the Boys' High teams struggled this year. Our team was tiny compared to the opposition sides and lacked rugby maturity and thinking at times. The positive aspect was that we made it to the semi-finals. We had a record of two wins and seven losses and both of our wins were against the other Boys' High team. We had a couple of close games and some severe losses but the boys kept playing despite the fact they knew they were getting a hiding.

By the end of the season, most of the boys had grown their rugby skills but some more than others.

Three boys were selected in the Taranaki Under 13 squad - Brayden Jones, Zeb Urbahn and Trent Spicer. It was the first

year of rugby for Trent and he showed real pace on the wing, scoring most of our team's tries. Zeb become more confident as the season went on and showed promise with his defence as well as his attacking runs. Jonno Moutter was also an inspiration towards the end with his ball-scavenging techniques and hunger and proved a useful loose forward. Unfortunately he had a season-ending injury in the penultimate game and the team suffered in the semi-finals.

The game does not revolve totally around the better players and many others had an input that was steady and useful throughout the season although not always flashy. Thanks must go out to parents and supporters who braved the wintry Saturday elements to support and encourage the young lads to participate and be active. All the best for the following seasons.

**Allen Jones and
Dave Moore
Co-Coaches**



UNDER 15 RUGBY

Under the captaincy of Brock Sibbick the Under 15 side was one of eight teams in the B division of the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition. After two rounds it finished in second place, (after losing to NPBHS 6th XV and Hawera High School 2nd XV once and beating both teams once), scoring 458 points with 191 against. In the semi final the team defeated Hawera High School 2nd XV 35 - 17 but then lost the final to NPBHS 6th XV 8 - 31 - a very good result against much older and very good sportsmen.

Interschool fixtures were played against:

- Hamilton BHS resulting in a 3 - 20 loss, with Ben Caskey scoring a penalty - a disappointing effort against a very physical side.
- Tauranga BC resulting in a 10 - 7 win, with a try to Issac Hekenui and a penalty and conversion to Ben Caskey - a game we dominated totally except on the scoreboard.
- FDMC U15 resulting in a 29 - 5 win - tries to Kane Sharrock, Issac Robinson, Ben West, Chad Niwa and Issac Hekenui, conversions to Ben Caskey (2) - a poor first half but very good second half effort.
- Westlake BHS resulting in a 13 - 15 loss, with a try to Brock Sibbick and 2 penalties and a conversion to Ben Caskey - a game we dominated except at the end of each half only to lose to a last minute try.

The forwards were often up against much bigger and stronger opposition but always battled hard. In general play they provided very good ball for the backs. Jade Hinz, Steven Haami, Dylan Crofskey, Tom McElroy and Tom Webb all produced consistently good efforts while David Kane improved out of sight.



The backs were able to use the good ball provided, scoring some excellent tries. Brock Sibbick was outstanding on attack and defence with the ball and also with his organisation of the team. Lachlan Bunn and Isaac Robinson showed plenty of potential for the future. Chad Niwa and Kane Sharrock made the most of the opportunities on the wings. Ben Caskey was a very safe fullback and attacked well. He was outstanding with his good kicking, scoring 194 points from six tries. Chad Niwa (12), Kane Sharrock (11), Lachlan Bunn (10), Isaac Hekemi (10), and Jade Hinz (9), were the leading try scorers.

Thanks to the parents for their support of their sons. The various methods of support were always interesting. Thanks to Marty Vercoe, Colin Maihi and the 1st XV for their assistance at practices. To Carlin Kumeroa, a special thanks for

his continual attendance and support at practices and games - he now knows what a coach goes through. Hopefully he will be back playing in 2008 but if not he will always have a job with his bucket.

National Under 15 Rugby Tournament – Pukekohe

On Sunday 26th we travelled to Manukau where we settled into the Motor Camp then dined at Manurewa RSA. On Monday 27th we travelled 30 minutes to Pukekohe for the Opening Ceremony.

Game 1 v Napier BHS Loss 15 - 26

After giving away a soft try from a lineout and two others from missed tackles we found ourselves 0 - 21 after 20 minutes. A penalty before half time

was countered by another Napier try from a muck up at the kick off. 3 - 25 at half time. A much better second half where we dominated possession, saw tries to Kane Sharrock and Ben Caskey with Ben converting his own try. We returned to Manukau for lunch and then back to Pukekohe for the afternoon game.

Game 2 v Otago BHS Loss 9 - 10

Another early try saw us down 0 - 7 after 3 minutes into the wind. An even battle ensued until half time saw us at 0 - 7. We dominated the second half and led 9 - 7 through three Ben Caskey penalties, but another muck up from the kick off saw Otago kick the penalty goal. Carlin Kumeroa kicked the bucket! Back to camp for dinner at the RSA and a quiet night.

Tuesday 28th

A later start meant a lie in, then to Pukekohe.

Game 3 v Tauranga BC Loss 8 - 17

A better start but we were still down 0 - 7 by half time playing with the wind. A very good second half into the wind saw us lead 8 - 7 through a Ben Caskey penalty and a Dylen Crofskey try. Tauranga ran on two late tries. The return trip to Manukau saw Captain Leppard (team manager/van driver) claim an island (traffic island that is) after getting into the wrong lane. After a swim, dinner at the RSA then lessons in Line Dancing for the team which they excelled at. The same cannot be said of some of the parents.

Wednesday 29th

Losing the first three games placed us in the bottom 8 – the Blue Light Trophy.

Game 4 v St Pats Wellington Won 33 - 15

A much better start saw us lead 10 - 0 through a Chad Niwa try/Ben Caskey conversion and penalty. St Pats came back with two tries to go to half time 10 - 10.

We dominated the second half with tries to Kane Sharrock and Lachlan Bunn with Ben Caskey getting two conversions and three penalties. Dinner was at Manukau City and a visit to farewell the All Blacks to the World Cup followed.

Thursday 30th

Game 5 v Christchurch BHS Won 29 - 15

Another good start saw us out to a 12 - 3 lead with Jade Hinz and Chad Niwa scoring and Ben Caskey converting, but we went to sleep to allow CBHS to lead 12 - 15 at half time. The second half was spent under pressure but a breakout

try to Kane Sharrock, Ben Caskey conversion and penalties, and a final Isaac Hekenui try, (from a lineout move which Ben converted), saw the win. It was a very good defensive effort.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent at Rainbows End with dinner and a farewell haka at the RSA.

Friday 31st

After we packed and cleaned camp we travelled to play the plate final.

Game 6 v Otago BHS Loss 17 - 18

After an early try to Kane Sharrock, the Otago forwards started to dominate with a 5 - 7 lead at half time and then 5 - 18 lead with 15 minutes remaining. A very good fight back with tries to Isaac Robinson and Ben Patterson, and a conversion to Ben Caskey saw us trail by one point with 3 minutes remaining. Unfortunately time ran out.

Overall placing 10th and 2nd in the plate division.

The return trip home was noted for Mr Leppard getting lost again – this time with the help of some of the team.

We struggled in set pieces in the forwards but Jady Hinz, Tom McElroy, Tom Webb, Shaun Bent all competed very well in general play. The backs made very good use of the ball provided. Wings Chad Niwa and Kane Sharrock were outstanding - always looking for work. Lachlan Bunn showed real potential while Josh Sandford was solid.

Captain Brock Sibbick, even though carrying an injury, lead by example both on and off the field. He, like a number of the players, could go far in the game.

Thanks to Mr Leppard for his assistance

and report writing and to Icons Sport and Mr Bennett.

Gordon Giddy

1ST XI SOCCER

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

NPBHS v Auckland Grammar Venue: New Plymouth

Score: Loss 0 - 10

This was a pre-season game against the national champions to celebrate the school's 125th anniversary. The first half was an even contest with both sides sharing possession and goal scoring opportunities. New Plymouth were 0 - 1 down at half time. In the second half, Grammar proved too strong with their slick one touch passing, in every department, taking full advantage of a tiring New Plymouth to create opportunity after opportunity. The game ended with a comfortable win to Auckland.

NPBHS v Wanganui Collegiate Venue: New Plymouth

Score: Win 5 - 0

A game where New Plymouth dominated from the first to the last minute creating numerous chances. The Wanganui goalkeeper had an excellent game keeping the score line down. New Plymouth won comfortably.

Hamilton Boys' High v NPBHS Venue: Hamilton

Score: Win 1 - 2

New Plymouth started the game strongly, dominating possession and creating good scoring opportunities, culminating in New Plymouth opening the scoring through a John Hight free kick, which was saved by the goalkeeper followed up by Tyson Brandt to finish off. The half ended 1 - 0 to New Plymouth. In the second half, Hamilton



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came back into the game sharing equal possession, only to see New Plymouth increase their lead to 2 - 0 against the run of play. Hamilton went on to create goal-scoring opportunities but could only manage to score one with 8 minutes remaining. New Plymouth held on for a good win.

PNBHS v NPBHS
Venue: Palmerston North
Score: Draw 2 - 2

PNBHS started the game very strongly, dominating in every department across the field. Josh Richardson made numerous quality saves to keep the score 0 - 1 down at half time. The second half saw PNBHS start strongly but failed to capitalise and increase their lead. New Plymouth realised the high tempo game they adopted was not working, changing tactics by

slowing the tempo. This caused PNBHS to lose their rhythm, breaking up their slick, fast passing game. As a result of this change in tactics, New Plymouth began to get a foothold in the game, winning the ball back and keeping possession well, which progressed to New Plymouth dominating the game, with the score New Plymouth down 0-2. Corban Manly came on as substitute with 25 minutes remaining, and made an instant impact, scoring after 10 minutes on the field. With one minute to go, it looked like New Plymouth were not going to find the equaliser. A lapse in concentration by a PNBHS defender, presented Corban Manly with a goal scoring opportunity, keeping a cool head, to finish. The game ended in a draw. This result meant both teams would be represented at the nationals.

NPBHS v St.Pats Silverstream
Venue: New Plymouth
Score: Loss 3 - 5

A game that started evenly with both teams sharing equal amounts of possession and creating good goal scoring opportunities. New Plymouth opened the scoring only for St Pat's to quickly equalise. Both teams went on to create further opportunities, the first half ending 1 - 1.

A game that sea-sawed and could have gone either way, New Plymouth increased their lead taking one of their many chances ten minutes into the second half. St Pat's came back again through a good individual goal to tie the game. St Pat's went on to take the lead for the first time twenty minutes into the second half. New Plymouth



increased their tempo and began to dominate possession, scoring an equaliser. Poor individual defending and lack of communication in the last ten minutes by New Plymouth, led to St Pat's scoring twice to take the win. The score was not a fair reflection on the game.

NPBHS v Wellington College
Venue: New Plymouth
Score: Win 3 - 1

Windy conditions and a poor playing surface resulted in a scrappy game. Tyson Brandt opened the scoring after 10 minutes from a corner kick, which he headed in with precision. Wellington equalised 10 minutes later from a counter-attack. New Plymouth went on to take the lead just before half time, through a 22 yard shot by Sam Broadmore which had lots of top spin and deceived the keeper, finding the back of the net. Second half - New Plymouth stretched their lead to 3 - 1, Wellington scoring a lucky goal to make for an exciting finish. New Plymouth battled on for the deserved win.

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NPBHS v Gisborne, 8-1 win.
A slow start to the tournament by New Plymouth saw them concede an early,

poorly defended, goal. This gave New Plymouth the wake up call they needed to find their intensity. They went on to dominate the game, scoring eight goals for a comfortable opening win.

NPBHS v Roturoa Boys, 3-1 win.

A rainy afternoon provided a platform for a rough, physical encounter. Once again New Plymouth conceded early, but went on to equalise matching Roturoa's physicality. New Plymouth carried on in the second half to grind out a well-deserved win.

NPBHS v Hamilton Boys 1-2 loss.

An even contest with Hamilton seeking revenge for the loss earlier in the year. Hamilton came out, starting the game strongly, controlling possession, turning their possession into goals, going into half-time a well deserved 0-2 up. The second half saw New Plymouth change systems to a more attacking 4-3-3 pushing players forward. New Plymouth started to control possession and tempo of the game, going on to score a goal with twenty minutes remaining. New Plymouth continued to dominate for the remaining twenty minutes but failed to find the equaliser with the game ending in a disappointing defeat.

This meant NPBHS finished runner-up

in their group and would play PNBHS in the semi final play off.

Semi Final:
NPBHS v PNBHS, 0-0 full time.
NPBHS win 3-1 on penalties.

This was a highly anticipated game by New Plymouth and ended up to be a pulsating tactical affair. New Plymouth adopted a 4-3-3 system to PNBHS 4-4-2. The game opened with both sides sharing equal possession and creating few goal scoring opportunities - both sides defences up to the task. The second half carried on where the first half left off, but New Plymouth edged the shots on goal tally. The game ended in a 0-0 draw, thus resulting in a penalty shoot-out. This added huge drama for the New Plymouth supporters behind the goal. New Plymouth went on to hold their nerve in front of goal and Josh Richardson in goal for New Plymouth was in outstanding form to save PNBHS penalties. New Plymouth won the game 3 - 1 and progressed on to the final.

Final:
NPBHS v Tauranga Boys 2-3 Loss.

Gusty, windy conditions played a huge part in the Final. New Plymouth defended poorly, not adapting or adjusting to the windy conditions and conceded 3 goals during a ten-minute



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period, in the first half. In the second half, tactics were made clear, push forward, use the wind and attack at every opportunity. New Plymouth came out with a determination to succeed at all cost. Tempers were running high with several players picking up yellow cards. New Plymouth fought back to 2 - 3, scoring two quick goals as the intensity lifted with every minute that passed going on to score two more goals, which were disallowed by the referee. As the time faded away, New Plymouth couldn't find that equaliser and the game ended with Tauranga winning 2 - 3.

Unfortunately New Plymouth did not get the win, but the level of performance throughout the tournament was a credit to the boys. The attitude and professionalism they showed throughout the week, on and off the field, was first class.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped support the team throughout the tournament. The management team appreciated your assistance and contribution to the success of the team.

James Graham
Director of Football

PLAYER PROFILES:

John Hight
2007 has seen John have an outstanding year playing in the centre midfield role. He is technically gifted, goes past good defenders with ease and possesses a powerful shooting ability with both feet, scoring valuable goals throughout the season. As vice captain, John has been a great leader for the younger members of the team both on and off the field. I have personally enjoyed working with him over the past three years. He has a

bright future and huge potential to go on to play at higher honours in soccer. I wish him well for the future.

Bradley Hickling
Bradley is one of our most technically gifted players and has the ability to make good defenders look ordinary. Bradley has had a very good year and has continued to develop in the No. 9 role, scoring valuable goals. I look forward to working with him again next year as a senior member of the squad.

Ryan Munro
Ryan played the year in the 11 and 9 role. He has a good first touch and the ability to beat defenders. Ryan developed well in and out of possession and added balance to the team when playing in the 11 role. He has huge potential and developed immensely this year.

Josh Richardson
Josh had an outstanding year with lots of memorable performances. Most notable was the semi-final penalty shoot out against Palmerston North Boys' High, when he saved penalties to help the team win the game. Josh has huge potential and a lot of ability to go on and play higher. He is very professional and works very hard at training. I have enjoyed working with Josh over the past three years and wish him well for his future.

Jack Smithers
Jack has had a good first season with the first team. His strengths when playing in the right back role are his defensive qualities. He is very determined and strong in the tackle. For Jack's development, he needs to work on his distribution and composure when under pressure. I look forward to his development next year.

Edmund Smith
Eddie played in the 5 role this year. His physicality, together with his technical ability, made him an asset to the team. He has matured as a player developing his strengths whilst working hard on his weaknesses. He has a good sense of humour and is well liked by his fellow players. He went on to cap the year off by representing New Zealand Secondary Schools on their tour of China. I have enjoyed working with Eddie for the past four years and wish him well for his future.

Callum Ross
Callum played in the 4 role in a 4-3-3 system. His understanding of the role and how it relates to other roles in and out of possession, is excellent. His knowledge of the game and the understanding of game he shows are first class. He is technically sound with both feet and has good vision.

Sam Broadmore
Playing in the midfield this year, Sam offered not only good defensive play, but also the ability to overlap the strikers and create goal-scoring opportunities, centrally or out wide. He has good fitness and is physically capable of lasting throughout tournaments. He has been a good captain showing good leadership skills both on and off the field. I have enjoyed working with him over the past three years including his input into the team. I wish him well for his future.

Cameron Holm
Cameron's play in the centre back role, is technically sound. He is a good tackler and his determination to win the ball is first class. He has been a great leader on and off the field. Cameron is very professional always giving 100% at training and games. I have enjoyed working with him and wish him well for his future.

Charl Jacobs
Charl played in the 3 role. He has good fitness and he improved immensely throughout the year with every game. He has a good left foot and an ability to overlap and get quality crosses in. I look forward to Charl's progression and development next year.

Fraser Johnston
Fraser made his debut year for the 1st XI Soccer this year. He settled in well playing in the right midfield and left back roles. He is technically a good player with good vision and an ability in the air. Fraser contributed to a lot of good team performances this year. He is good to work with and I look forward to his development next year.

James Young
James started in the reserves this year, but with his impressive performances, broke into the 1st XI team. He made his debut in the Super 8 competition with impressive performances, scoring goals, including one in the final. He is a good defender and has the attributes needed for the centre back roles, especially in possession at set plays with his height advantage. I look forward to developing James further next year.

Liam Ander
Liam was in and out of the 1st team this year. Technically Liam is very good and showing deception with the ball at his feet. He made huge contributions to the team, having a very good Super 8 tournament, helping the team reach the final with a great semi-final performance coming off the bench. I look forward to working with him again next year.

Vincent Sharp
Playing in his debut year for the 1st team, Vincent excelled. He improved with every game, gaining confidence and developing understanding with

his fellow players. He can play as a striker or in an attacking right midfield role and contributed some important goals throughout the year. For Vincent to further develop, he needs to work on his role out of possession. I look forward to working with him again next year.

Jarred Winter
Jarred's play in the striker's role, had an interrupted season through injury and illness. A technically sound player, Jarred has an ability to receive with both feet. His strength is his movement off the ball and his ability to score goals. I look forward to working with Jarred in future years.

Tyson Brandt
Tyson is technically a very good player, possessing a good fitness and an ability to win possession back for the team. He can play in a variety of roles, but mainly this year he played as an attacking midfielder, contributing some valuable goals. He is very professional and enjoys training. Tyson went on to cap the year off by being chosen to represent New Zealand in the Under 20 World Cup in Korea. I look forward to working with him again next year.

Corban Manley
Corban made the transition from the reserve team into the 1st team with ease and confidence for his maiden year. Playing in the striker's role, his ability to hold the ball up with his back to goal, whilst playing players in, was his strength. He enjoys the physicality of the game and made a great impact against Palmerston North Boys' High by scoring two late goals to draw the game in our traditional fixture. To continue Corban's development, he needs to work on his movement off the ball and work hard on secondary movement into the box to score more goals.

SECOND XI SOCCER

This year the NPBHS 2nd XI soccer team was made up of mostly Year 11 and Year 12 students, all moulded together by coaches Mr John Winter and Mr Spencer Page. The basic team line up was different virtually every week with various players being called up to the 1st XI. During the course of the year players were brought up from the youth team and we even had the pleasure to play with some ex-1st XI players who were home for university holidays.

At the start of the season a lot of the younger players got their first taste of men's grade football. In this league the opposition are bigger and more physical than the youngsters are used to. For these players it was a big learning curve and we had to really work hard to get some points on the board. In this stage of the season we struggled to play consistently and the results were very up and down. We suffered a few losses but also achieved some good victories. These teams were not looking forward to facing us in the next round because they knew we were going to improve. And that's just what we did.

When the second round came to play we showed that we were able to do well against the men's style of play. We were climbing up the ladder fast with a large number of wins and were beating teams that had beaten us previously. We had to face the hardest teams at the end and we pulled off some remarkable results. One of our biggest achievements was drawing with eventual league winners New Plymouth Rangers, stopping their sixteen game winning streak. In this game we had to battle the conditions and were unlucky not to capitalise on some of our chances. We ended up fifth in the league of eleven teams, being





only four points away from coming third. Over this season we have gained valuable experience and our skills have developed to a much higher level. Many thanks to the supporters and all who gave up their time to help - without you we wouldn't be able to play.

Paul Hermann

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO AUCKLAND

For the third year running we have continued with the development of a select junior team. We travelled to Hamilton Boys' High because Auckland Grammar were not able to host us. This year we also played St Peter's School in Cambridge for the first time. It is important for the development of our juniors that they are exposed to a higher standard of play outside the province. It also breaches barriers associated with travelling, then having to play and more importantly, perform. If these barriers can be tackled early - ie - at a junior level, they will become the norm and easier to deal with, when the time comes at 1st XI level and results are paramount. NPBHS has created a template in this area where other schools can see the benefits and want to adopt. The results went against us this year, but we were competitive in both games losing by one goal in each game. The education associated with travelling and performing, where the players improved in terms of how to prepare personally for games physically and mentally. The trip met the expectations and outcomes from a coaching point of view.

CANOE POLO

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

Senior A team (GHMD): Thomas Wilson, Donald Bruce, Leigh Elliot, Steven Smith, Ben Dixon

Junior A team (Pig Hunter): Keegan Marshall, John LePine, Rhys Radcliffe, Ryan Burgess, Keiran Cawsey, (Tim Phillips-part season)

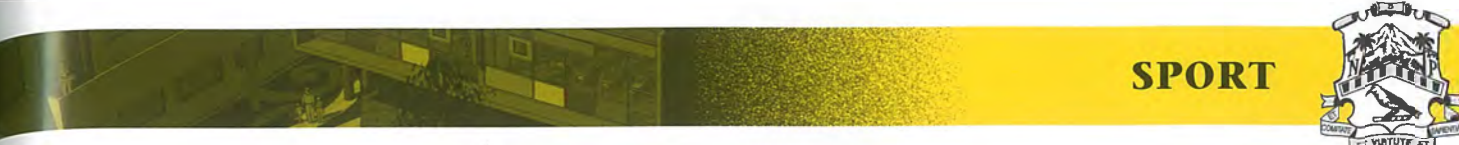
Junior B team (Shark Attack): Greg White, Matthew Barclay, Leighton Smith, Brandon Roach, Kyle G, (Leighton Smith-part season)

This year three NPBHS teams represented the school in the Canoe and Kayak Taranaki Canoe Polo League, the Senior Team and two Junior teams. Canoe polo is a sport where two teams of five try to get the ball (that luckily floats) into nets suspended at each end of a 50m long pool. Players are not allowed to paddle with the ball so players pass or hit the ball (with paddle) back and forth along the pool. Hitting the opposition with your paddle or touching the opposition's boat is not allowed. Fortunately that is where the contact rules end and players are



allowed to ram and flip oppositions boats, rip the ball out of people's hands and push people over if they have the ball. Once flipped, or sunk as it is called, players have to either roll themselves back up on their own or with a team mates help, or leave the game while they empty their kayak. The Senior Team managed to qualify for the semifinals by a small margin and then proceeded to win the semifinal against Moturoa. In the finals they faced The Inglewood A Team, a team that had beaten them every time they had played them but they managed to win by a single goal scored by Steven Smith right at the end of the game, taking away the Canoe Polo League Challenge Trophy. Steven Smith was also awarded most improved player of the season at Prize giving.

The two junior teams progressed solidly considering the limited amount of practice time available early in the year. The two teams were strongly supported by Y10 boarders who made up 10 of the 12 players in the two teams. During the early games, the junior teams were pounded by players of 2 or 3 years experience but they remained resolute in the face of the power imbalance. By the end of the first tournament they were playing a much more coordinated



game with consequently greater scoring opportunities. They fought bravely on the finals night in May to stand at 3rd and 4th places respectively. For the juniors, Keegan Marshall and Ryan Burgess were the awarded players.

SPRING TOURNAMENT

Senior A Team (Chilli-Con-Canage): Thomas Wilson, Donald Bruce, Leigh Elliot, Steven Smith, Ben Dixon

Junior A team (Team Honda/Pig Hunter): Corey Broughton, Ryan Burgess, Keiran Cawsey, Keegan Marshall, Brandon Roach, Greg White

Junior B team (Team Taliban): Matthew Barclay, John LePine, Tim Phillips, Rhys Radcliffe, Leighton Smith, Shane Smith

Once again NPBHS were represented by 1 senior & 2 junior teams during the second tournament. The three teams immersed themselves in the action of the spring tournament. The seniors had gained a good deal of self-confidence and improved skills during the early games in the year and their determination and never-say-die attitude paid off with

solid performances right through the spring competition. They retained the Challenge Trophy even though they had to default a game due to other school commitments. It's fair to say they dominated. The junior teams also had a very positive spring competition with lots of goals scored and improved skills and team work. This time they were the ones with a bit more experience and paddled home to a solid one-two finish on the final night - Team Honda/Pig Hunter taking home the bacon. Well done to Keiran and John for particularly keen mid-field work during the season.

Mr Dobbie (Coach/Manager) and Thomas Wilson



TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo is the second most popular sport in the world with over 100 000 000 people worldwide participating in it. It is a Martial Art that originated in Korea, based on older Korean style arts and Karate. Although there is no school club, many people within the school participate in it around the province in different clubs. Taekwondo is a very competitive sport with many provincial tournaments being held, along with a National Tournament that each year many people enter from around the country.

On October 13th this year's national championships were held with two students from NPBHS entering: John Hughes and Sebastian Mrowinski. Both John and Sebastian had won gold in the Mount Edgecombe Regional Tournament leading up to Nationals. At last year's National Championships John lost in the first round, so was eager to do better this time around, and in the end won his division easily, picking up gold in his division for New Plymouth in the Heavyweight 8 to 6 grade division. Sebastian lost his first round against an opponent who was a much higher rank than himself, but came back later on in the tournament and ended up taking bronze in the Featherweight 6 to 8 grade division for New Plymouth in his first ever National Tournament.

The tournament itself was one of the most successful National Tournaments to date, with over 400 participants from 40 clubs around New Zealand.

John Hughes



SAILING

The school sailing team this year had high goals and we decided to practise hard and travel to many regattas to achieve these goals. The team consisted of Alexander Waugh, Gye Simkin, Michael Hatch, Stuart Sutherland, Matthew Burton, Hamish Fraser and Jamie Hatch. Our first two major regattas were at Lake Ngaroto in the Waikato and Wellington where we attended a sailing regatta. At Ngaroto we sailed in 420's and national coaches Ross and Logan Sutherland offered advice on tactics and training, then the team competed in the North Island Sailing Championships and performed well being top in the silver fleet and 6th place overall. Our top selection travelled to Evans Bay in Wellington where we placed top of the silver fleet and 5th place = overall. These events helped the team bond and were a huge lot of fun and were successfully organised by Mr J. Sutherland and Mr N. Simkin.

We returned from these events to compete in the Secondary Schools Sailing Championships in which Gye Simkin and Nathan MacArthur were 1st, Matthew Peterson and Matthew Burton were 2nd, and Stuart Sutherland and Jamie Hatch were 3rd to take a clean sweep for NPBHS in the 420 class. Leon Johnstone in Touch of Glass won the Starling class undefeated. This event was followed by trials to find which of the secondary schools in the region would represent Taranaki at the Nationals. Our main opponents were Francis Douglas. The weather conditions were very windy which helped us to win comfortably with seven wins and no losses. After these results we were confident and our goals were raised. With the Nationals being held in New Plymouth we put pressure on ourselves to race well and entertain

our family and friends. In the end our expectations of success floundered after some upsets against strong teams, we only managed fourteenth place. While the nationals result was disappointing we know that we are a new team that will get better if we keep practicing.

Gye Simkin



SURFING

2007 has proved to be one of the most successful that a school surfing team has experienced for a number of years. In February the team successfully defended the Taranaki intersecondary school title with a very convincing victory over the seven other schools entered. The under 14 section was won by Conner Anderson while Michael Mallelieu, Tom Smith and Tyler Anderson came 1st, 2nd and third in the Under 16's and Mathus Smith and Taylor Haskell came 1st and 3rd respectively.

This was followed by outstanding performance against Hamilton Boys High who visited during the annual summer sports exchange. The team then travelled to Raglan to compete in the prestigious New Zealand Secondary schools surfing champs run by the Raglan Surf Academy. The competition was held at Manu Bay in good 3 - 4 foot surf over two days. Outstanding

individual results included Tyler Anderson winning the under 16 Division and Mathis Smith finishing third in the same division. In the Under 18 Division Michael Mallelieu showed his competitive experience placing first winning the show piece final, with Tom Smith placing a commendable third place. With four of our 9 surfers getting finals berths and the other team members getting through their first two heats of the competition, the team won the overall teams placing

and the title of New Zealand Secondary School surfing champions, holding off Gisborne Boys High School (2nd), and Mount Manganui high school (3rd).

The school extends its congratulations to Tyler Anderson who has had an outstanding year in competitive surfing and has been rewarded with selection into the National squad.

R.Turner and K. Rowson



Surfing



SURFLIFESAVING REPORT

NZ Surf lifesaving Champs

This year the National champs were held in Gisborne mid March and several boys from the school competed.

The most successful performance in the sizeable surf was Isaac Owen who surfaced in 2nd place in the competitive U-16 Surf Race closely behind Dylon Dunlop Barrett also from New Plymouth who has now won this event two years in succession.

Isaac Owen combined with Scott Nelson and Joel Meuli to secure third place in the U-16 Board Relay

Isaac Owen combined with Daniel Nelson (Ex NPBHS) to come third in the U19 Board Relay.

TARANAKI SURFLIFESAVING CHAMPS

Several boys performed well at the local Taranaki championships and these are the results.

Isaac Owen 3rd Open Surf Race
2nd U-19 Surf Race

Tim Riley 3rd U-16 Surf Race
2nd U-16 Ironman
2nd U-16 Board Relay

Joel Meuli 1st U-16 Ironman
1st U-16 Board Rescue
1st U-16 Board Relay
1st U-16 Board Race
1st U-16 Ski Race
1st U-19 Double Ski
1st U-19 Ski Relay

Scott Nelson 1st U-16 Board Relay
2nd U-16 Ski Race
2nd U-16 Board Race

Daniel Taunoa 3rd U-16 Beach Flags

2nd U-19 Surf Teams
2nd U-19 Board Relay
2nd U-16 Board Rescue
2nd U-19 Beach Relay
2nd Open Beach Realy
1st U-19 Canoe Race

Tim Hawkey 2nd U 16 Board Relay

Steven Haami 3rd U -16 Board Rescue

John Taylor 3rd U- 16 Ski Race
2nd U -16 Board Relay

TARANAKI REP SELECTIONS

NPBHS students were represented in the age grade representative teams selected to contest the NZ Surf league Regional team competition held at Mt Maunganui in February.

Taranaki U -14's

Steven Haami, Troway Hayes, Isaac Robinson

Taranaki U -16's

Joel Meuli, Scott Nelson, Isaac Owen

Taranaki U 19's

Daniel Nelson (ex NPBHS)
Kevin Gledhill (Manager)

Kevin Gledhill TIC Surf lifesaving

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SURFLIFESAVING

This event was held on Sunday March 4th at Ngamotu beach in reasonably calm conditions which saw 8 schools involved and 58 competitors. NPBHS entered 2 teams in the event and was very successful, the Gold team securing 1st place with the Black team securing 2nd place.

Each team was composed of four athletes (two at U-16 and two at U-19) and our teams dominated in all individual and team events gaining 1st and 2nd in each event which is very rare. The Francis Douglas team was a distant 3rd.

Results:

Surf Race:
1st Tim Riley
2nd Joel Meuli

Board Race:
1st Joel Meuli
2nd Tim Riley

Board Relay:
1st Tim Riley, Joel Meuli
2nd Scott Nelson, John Taylor

Tube Relay:
1st Tim Riley, Joel Meuli
2nd Tim Hawkey, John Taylor

Taplin Relay:
1st Tim Riley, Joel Meuli,
Brook Sibbick
2nd Tim Hawkey, Scott Nelson,
John Taylor

Beach Relay:
1st Gold team
2nd Black team

Beach sprint: (U-19)
1st Logan Kumeroa
2nd Joel Meuli

Beach sprint: (U-16)
1st Brook Sibbick
2nd Scott Nelson

Beach flags: (U-19)
1st Logan Kumeroa
2nd Daniel Taunoa

Beach Flags: (U-16)
1st Brook Sibbick

2nd Scott Nelson

Teams:
Gold Team:
Tim Riley
Joel Meuli
Logan Kumeroa
Brook Sibbick

Black Team:
Tim Hawkey
Scott Nelson
John Taylor
Daniel Taunoa

Kevin Gledhill TIC Surf lifesaving

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING

This event was held at Stratford on Tuesday 27th March and NPBHS were entered in all events undertaken at Junior Intermediate and Senior categories. Although this years team was not as strong as in some earlier years we were still a very competitive group of athletes who encouraged each other to produce their best individual and team performance. Our Intermediate boys are particularly strong and dominated in their events.

Results:

Junior Boys
James Varley 2nd 50 m Butterfly
2nd Medley Relay
3rd Freestyle Relay

Intermediate Boys
Isaac Owen 2nd 50 m Backstroke
2nd 50 m Breastroke

Sean Parker 3rd Place Breastroke
2nd Medley Relay
2nd Freestyle Relay

Senior Boys

Tim Riley 1st 50 m Butterfly
2nd 50 m Breastroke
2nd 100m Freestyle
2nd Medley Relay
1st Freestyle Relay

Thirteen swimmers were selected to represent the school at this event and my thanks are extended to the parents who supported the team in providing their vehicles to transport the boys. All of the team and their drivers / parents were rewarded with our traditional feed of Fish n chips at the completion of the event.

Kevin Gledhill TIC Swimming

SKIING

2007 has proved to be a disappointing ski season for the local ski field and as a result it was not possible to hold the Taranaki intersecondary school ski champs. However the school ski champs were transferred to the Turoa skifield and in August 38 keen snowboarders and skiers boarded a bus for a day trip to the center of the island. Dispite poor weather conditions it was possible to hold the event with the eventual winners being Tyler Anderson (boarding) and Oliver Brankin (skiing).

From the results of this competition Oliver Brankin, Gye Simkin, Jackson Braddock Pajo, Nick Brown and John Marshall were selected to represent the school the North Island intersecondary school ski champs. The team found themselves up against some very strong competition but managed to achieve a creditable 35th out of a field of 98 schools.

The snowboarding team of Chris Rowlands, Edward Lawley, Edward



Darney, Caleb Smith, Lindsay Schrader, Jake Vanderfits, Liam Webb, Campbell Rowlands competed in a similar event a week later and put in a strong performance to finish 18th in a field of 52 schools.

R. Turner

TENNIS REPORT

The 2007 year was not one of our most successful tennis seasons. We will aim for an improvement in 2008.

INTER-SCHOOL RESULTS

a) V Hamilton Boys' High School

Seniors won 5/4
Juniors lost 3/6

b) V Palmerston North Boys' High School

Intermediates lost 0/9
Juniors lost 3/6

c) V Wanganui Collegiate

Seniors lost 3/6
Juniors won 5/4

Team Members:

Seniors

Mark Atkins
Jordan Stayt
Ben Robbins
Quinn Rosa (captain)
Simon Momich
Eli Abraham
Chris Lepper

Intermediates

Simon Momich
Eli Abraham
Stuart Belgrave
Sam Howe



Jack Taylor
Chris Lepper

Juniors

Amrit Rai
Ben Caskey
Michael Lloyd
Miles Simkin
Greg White
David Baker

NZSS Championships:

- a) V Hawera High School won 6/0
- b) V Francis Douglas Memorial College

lost on countback of games after tying 3/3

SUPER EIGHT TOURNAMENT

This year the tournament was hosted by Napier Boys' High School

Pool Play:

- V Napier Boys' High School (B) won 4/2
- V Hamilton Boys' High School drew 3/3 but lost on countback of sets
- V Palmerston North Boys' High School lost 0/6
- V Hastings Boys' High School won 5/1
- V Rotorua Boys' High School won 6/0

The team finished fifth. Palmerston North Boys' High School won the tournament.

Team Members:

Jordan Stayt
Ben Robbins
Quinn Rosa (captain)
Amrit Rai
Simon Momich

Representative Team Selections:

Congratulations go to the following students who gained selection for Taranaki Rep Teams.

- a) Mark Atkins
Taranaki Senior "A" Team; U16 Reps
- b) Jordan Stayt
Taranaki Senior "B" Team; U16 Reps

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Junior Champs:
Amrit Rai - Champion
Ben Caskey - Runner Up



Volleyball

- b) Senior Champs:
Jordan Stayt - Champion
Mark Atkins - Runner Up

At the end of the year New Plymouth Boys' High School is hosting the Junior Quadrangular Tournament between New Plymouth Boys' High School, Napier Boys' High School, Palmerston North Boys' High School and Tauranga Boys' College.

Thanks to Mrs Atkins for her continued coaching and support of all the players. Thanks also to Mr Hope for all the great work he does with the Junior team and for being available at all times to help transport all the teams.

W J Geange
Master I/C Tennis

UNICYCLING AT BOYS' HIGH IN 2007

For the second year unicycle was offered as an option for Utility Period and started off with a team of 13. Each week the enthusiastic group of 13 unicycled different areas around the city, with the novice riders learning from those more experienced. A team of eight attended the National Uni Weekend in New Plymouth at Labour weekend. The team comprised of William Sklenars, Jason Holden, Cameron Holden, Henry Johnson, Robert Hayles, Matt Girvan, Josh Girvan & Jordan Millen.

For the first time ever, a unicycle section was added to the TSSA Mountain Biking

Champs. First place being awarded to William Sklenars, second place to Matt Girvan & third Josh Girvan.

Over the Term 3 Holidays Henry Johnson (year 9) and William Sklenars (year 13) attended the Australian National Unicycle Champs in Sydney, representing NZ with great results and both competitors bringing home medals.

Henry Johnson was placed first in the Junior Street competition, the Junior High Jump and Junior Trials competition.

William Sklenars, competing in the Open Men's category, won first place

in the Elite Men's Off Road competition (like mountain biking but on one wheel), second place in the 100m, 400m and 10km races as well as managing to break the Australian record for the Flying 100m race, averaging a speed of 32.2km/hour.

G. Sklenars



TOUCH RUGBY

The Senior Touch Team finished off 2006 in fine fashion by getting a very creditable second at the Secondary School Touch Nationals, held at Albany Stadium, in December. Not only was it great to make the finals, it was also a bonus being able to play on the No.1 field at the Stadium and with the game telecast on Sky Television.

Kyle Joyce, Sean Cressey, Roydon Broughton and Darryl McPherson were all named in the NZ training squad. Sean Cressey was also selected for the NZ Under 19s.



The team played its first inter-school game against Hamilton Boys' High School early this term. However, we lost the first game by two points and lost the second game by one try after a drop-off and both sides were down to three players.

Although we have lost four senior players, the team has successfully qualified again for the Nationals in 2007, to be held at Palmerston North in the last term of this year. The team won the TSSA Touch Tournament and came third at the regionals last weekend.

A special thanks again goes out to Lara Erueti, Sharon Erueti and Angus Erueti for their superb coaching and management skills which have helped to make the team a very competitive unit.

Evan Hoskin - Teacher In Charge

**STAGE BAND**

There was a fair bit of uncertainty for the Stage Band coming into 2007. Several years of hard work and perseverance had built us up to a marvellous climax towards the end of 2006, after which many players left for university. This left some new openings and after a period of auditions, the band was filled afresh with excitement and expectation. Our first gig was the Easter 125th Jubilee reunion. Here a lot of last years old boys joined us. We jammed an extremely high energy set which featured some huge solos from old boys and students alike. This gig really gave some of our new players an injection of confidence in their playing.

We ran with the success from Easter playing gigs at Devon and Highlands Intermediate schools in the lead up to



our first competition for the new band: the Waikato Band Champs. At this gig the band united like never before and Mr Maunder lead us headlong into battle. Our soloists attacked with screaming lines, reinforced by the heavy artillery of the rhythm section, which after a year of getting to know each other's playing had developed a solid groove. The judges awarded us a Gold Medal,

as well as runner up to Best Band which we were all extremely stoked with.

This year has been the last of my five year journey with the Stage Band. It has been a pleasure, and has been vital to my musical growth. After being a part of this year's band and witnessing the comeback after last year's losses, I have no doubt that the Stage Band



Stage Band



MUSIC HONOURS BOARD



SCOTT JONAS Y13
2007 National Secondary Schools'
Choir



MICHAEL MARTIN Y12
2007 National Secondary Schools'
Brass Band



GERAINT SCOTT Y12
2007 National Secondary Schools'
Orchestra



will continue to excel next year, and in years to come.

William Sklenars
Stage Band Bassist 2003 - 07

ORCHESTRA

This year's orchestra began as a combination of the New Plymouth Boys High and Girls High musicians but after a hectic year, we have decided to go our separate ways. Our own school orchestra is growing all the time as more players are joining in and we are beginning to create a wonderful sound. Unfortunately, we are still short of string players but we make up for this lack with large clarinet and trumpet sections. We are currently playing Pachelbel's Canon, We Are the World and my own arrangement of a piece called Candle on the Water, which features in the movie Pete's Dragon. I am delighted to have the orchestra playing one of my arrangements and they are doing a fantastic job of playing it. It is a pleasure to conduct this orchestra and I hope to get them performing to an audience sometime next year.

Geraint Scott
Conductor

SAXOPHONE QUARTET

This year we had two saxophone quartets, the original quartet, named "The Sax Factor" and the second quartet named "GCDC". Both quartets began working on a program for the Chamber Music festival in Whanganui early in the year. We also performed at the New Plymouth Club as our first performance of the year. This gave us confidence to prepare us for Chamber Music. With this festival over we headed in different paths of musical

styles in each quartet. "The Sax Factor" having two alto saxophones, one tenor sax, and one baritone sax. "GCDC" had the typical lay out of a sax quartet with one soprano, one alto, one tenor, and one baritone.

The next event was a performance for "Sax Factor" for the opening of a new Performing Arts centre at Highlands Intermediate.

The annual gig at the New Plymouth Jazz Club was the time for both quartets to show off their talent, along with the NPBHS Stage Band.

The main target for "Sax Factor" was to compete in the North Island Concert Band festival in Palmerston North. Our performance of Fur Dich went exceptionally well, as we were awarded a Gold medal, the highlight of my year in our sax quartet.

The final performance of the year was reserved for the yearly spring concert. NPBHS and NPGHS combine to produce a variety of music performed to the public.

This year has been very eventful and enjoyable. I can see that next year will be an exciting year, with similar performances to attend, and hopefully come away with another gold medal.

Cameron Gubb
Year 12

ROCKQUEST

2007 was a very busy year for New Plymouth Boys' rock bands, making up nearly half of the fifteen finalists in the Smoke Free Rock Quest Regional Final. Held at the TSB Showplace, our bands entered were Statuary, Trampled Underfoot, East Side Spatter Punks,

Eternal Riot, Flying By, and Pillar of Fire.

Controversially, none of our bands placed in the top three, but we did manage to pick up some astute awards. The Best Musician Award went to James Fuller of Trampled Underfoot, after giving us an inspiring drum performance during his set, and Best Lyrics Award went to James LeQuesne of Statuary, for his word craft in the song "If I", that was submitted at the Regional Heats.

Thanks to Smoke Free New Zealand, some great sound mixing, excellent music, and an excited crowd, the night was an absolute success.

Chris Caskey

ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK

This year we were very fortunate to have 3 members of NZ's top percussion group 'STRIKE Percussion' in residence at Boys' High for the whole week. This provided opportunities for the whole school through performance and workshop sessions. The week ended with a public performance in Ryder Hall.

The 2nd Annual Burger Fuel Trolley Derby was a great success too and was held in perfect conditions on Thursday 2 August. In front of a large and very vocal crowd 11 trolleys raced down the Gully path at breath-taking speeds.

While there were no official winners, as representatives of the World Trolley Derby Organisation were unable to be present to scrutinise the racing, the 'three seater couch' proved to be a crowd favourite as it hit the bank, expelling its three man team onto the path. 'Sparky'



provided a realistic smoke screen and 'Cardboard Cut Out' didn't quite make the grade.

This years trolleys and drivers were:

Oli Coneglan and 'Couch Comfort'
William Sklenars and 'Speed Racer'
alias 'Sparky'

Ian Leppard and 'Rocket Pipes'
Brendon Fischer and 'Cardboard
Cut Out'

Aaron de Ridder and
'The Fastest Italian'

Christopher Robb and 'Crowd
Splitter'

Matthew Barclay and 'De ja vu'
Elliot Jenkins and 'The Tub'

Kyle Robertson and 'Grand Prix'
Tim Phillips and 'Cow Cocky'
Nathan Green and 'The Tank'

G. Sklenars
AAs Co-ordinator

SUPER 8 CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Junior Team Account

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Cultural Exchange team went for a trip to Gisborne. Teams travelling included the drama team, and the senior and junior debating teams. The junior debating team consisted of Jongwoo Shin (first speaker), Jeremy Raynes (second speaker), and Jeremy Smith (third speaker).

We set off on Friday 4 May at 5:30 am in a squished mini van, driven by the teachers; Mr Standish, Miss Ellicott, and Mrs Puckeridge. We were told that a ride of 8 hours was to come, which actually took 12 long hours. We stopped at McDonald's in every town that had one. When we got to Gisborne then we realised that they only had 30 minutes to spare until our debate started. What a day.

All the teams were welcomed in with a Maori Powhiri with the haka performed by Gisborne High School. We were then offered dinner. We negated the moot: 'School uniforms should be abolished.' The junior team started off the debate at 7:30 pm and won against Tauranga Boys' High School, convincingly. Jeremy Smith was awarded best speaker of the day, from his remarkable statement about mufti clothing being fruit salad and uniforms being baked beans. We were suppose to do a final debate, because we had reached the finals, but limited time did not allow us to do that, so the final results depended on the score we had set. Therefore, we did not know the final results for the junior debating category, and had to wait anxiously until the next morning.

That night we celebrated our victory against Tauranga, with cold mince pies (we did not know how to work the microwave properly, so our mum, Mrs Puckeridge, helped us), and Milo just for us. Later, we played Texas Hold 'em Poker with the seniors and Mr Standish.

Next Morning, we had a fresh start with cereal (with milk and sugar) and toast. Before the debate between NPBHS seniors and Tauranga seniors took place, William Tennent presented his speech in the Super 8 Oratory competitions (result = second). While the seniors which consisted of Peter Molloy, William Tennent, Jesse Bengé negated about their moot of 'Physical force is a justifiable punishment for children,' Jong went to compete in the Super 8 speeches competition (result = fourth). Both Jeremys went to take part in the drama because of a kind request from Mrs Puckeridge.

The drama team performed a scene from a play from William Shakespeare, 'Romeo and Juliet.' Some other

performances were very creative, but the NPBHS drama team scooped up a satisfactory placing of third.

Later, we found out that the senior debating team had defeated their opposition. William Tennent was awarded best speaker and the judge commented on his 'perfect' debate. However, they had limited time and had to prepare a debate for the finals within 30 minutes, negating the moot: 'New Zealand should stay out of overseas conflict,' against Napier Boys' High School. Unfortunately they were closely beaten in a heated argument. However, Peter Molloy was awarded best speaker and the judges mentioned his performance as the best they have seen at his level. The senior team rebutted incredibly well and confidently considering they had not experienced the senior style of debate (having a rebuttal during the opposition's speech).

At the prize giving, we found out that we, the junior debating team, was placed second, losing the opportunity to become champions by a mere one point. New Plymouth Boys high school had a top three placing in everything except for the Junior oratory which was a 4th place. We had a delicious lunch which consisted of pies, potatoes, pumpkins and buttered bread.

We left Gisborne on a gruelling ride with a satisfactory sensation, towards Rotorua late on Saturday afternoon. We stayed that night at a dodgy backpackers and had Burger King for dinner. After that we went to Pak n' Save and bought lollies for the trip home to New Plymouth the next day.

That night we watched a thrilling movie then listened to the screams of the seniors waxing themselves out of pure pleasure. Then all the students

and the teachers had another exciting game of Texas Hold em' Poker.

The next morning, we woke up and had breakfast. Some of us had milkless cereal because of a lack of milk. We packed all our belongings and threw them out the window (where two of us caught them at the bottom).

Almost all of us hopped into our minivan (Ricky Malcom stayed behind as he had a Geography Field Trip in Rotorua the next day) and Mr Standish led the way to New Plymouth.

We got home to New Plymouth Boys' High School at about 1:30pm, where our parents picked us up and took us home.

We were all glad to be back home, but the memories of this joyous trip would linger on until we forget.

Jong Shin and Jeremy Smith

TSB TOPEC NO. 4

On the 6th of August 2007, the fourth week of Term 3, our class went to TSB TOPEC. The teachers in assistance were our Geography teacher, Mr Hewlett, and a volunteer teacher, Mr Standish. We were organised into three random groups and assigned into cabins, where we neatly 'dumped' our travel bags. Then we assembled inside the lounge where one of our instructors-to-be explained TSB TOPEC and some basic rules, such as; 'Do not lick the batteries in the fire alarms as they are connected to the main power source.' He also told us that there are no bad weathers, just bad and unsuitable clothing. Soon after, this instructor carefully explained our first activity and suitable clothes

we should take. It was called 'The Mud Run.'

We quickly got back to our cabins and dressed up in non-cotton clothing - cotton absorbs heat from our body when wet - and set off to the mud run. Another instructor asked us to follow him while he ran down to the route where our activity took place. Our obedient class followed him until we realised he ran in circles just for fun. Finally we arrived at a lake where we were given helpful tips about crossable and un-crossable rivers and how to cross them. We managed to cross the river without anybody drowning and into the bushes where there was the promised mud. The mud was knee deep and got to a point where we had to swim in it.

After the mud run, we cleaned ourselves and had a break with our packed lunch. We explored the TOPEC and played on the ropes located outside our cabins. Soon after, we were in for our second activity.

The three groups were assigned to different activities and rotated around as the week progressed. My group was to orienteer through the wilderness. We were briefly spoken to about how to efficiently complete the task and the safety measures. We went off to the mountain and our instructor dropped us off in the middle of nowhere, giving us a few maps and compasses before leaving us. Talk about rejection. We managed to powerfully force through the wilderness and back to the minivan, some of us satisfied with our adrenalin rushes. The other teams went rafting and came back with joyous grins on their faces. Later that night, we had dinner, (meals were prepared by one of the teams in turns), and Mr Hewlett taught us a game called 'Mafia.'

Next morning, we had our breakfast and made our lunches. We were told that we had a four hour rafting activity today. We drove to a farm near Waitara and prepared for the exciting rafting experience we were about to undertake. We had a lot of fun while rafting and learned the most creative names of rapids, which we forgot in about 30 seconds. A fascinating part of this activity was the Maori history behind one particular site along the river of Waiwhakaiho. That night we had dinner prepared by another group and had a Table Tennis Tournament which included almost the whole class. Our world champion, the famous Mr Hewlett was the victor for the day, followed by our fellow class mate Lewis Walsh.

Next morning, we had the usual routine of having breakfast and making our lunches. We were than notified of our next activity, rock climbing. We changed into some suitable clothing and put on the harnesses and carabiners provided for us. Then we headed to the Paritutu rock in a minivan, where our rock climbing experience was going to take place. When we reached our destination, we hopped off the minivan and headed to the vertical part of the famous rock. The first thing we noticed was the foul smell. Covering the beachside of the cliff were seals. We swiftly rushed past the creatures and arrived at the foot of the cliff standing right in front of our noses. We glanced back at the massive waves crashing behind us and gulped at the sheer force and height the waves were capable of. Some of us could feel the adrenalin rushing up just by staring at the waves and the height we were up to, glancing down at the rumbling sea below. Our instructor skilfully climbed up the rock, attaching sturdy ropes on the joints on the rocks. Then it was time for us to go. We attached our carabiners on the ropes





and slowly went across the bulky face of the rock. At the midway, we stopped for a short break and had chocolate biscuits. Soon after, we arrived at a place to do other activities. There were two basic rock climbing courses and a rope which ran between the main rock to another part of the rock, with the rumbling sea between the two. Many of us had a go on almost all the activities. Soon after, as it seemed, it was time for us to go back to TOPEC so we managed our way through the rest of the bulging rock and walked across the beach to arrive at the minivan again.

In the afternoon, the whole class went up the mountain, just tramping for fun. We gladly picked up the frozen bihydrogen oxide (also commonly known as ice) and had snow fights. That night, we played a game called 'Predator.' This involved some of us being characterised as herbivores, carnivores, elements, and human. It was a game of basically a massive tag. There was five food and water stations each hidden through out the whole TOPEC. The herbivores had to collect all of them when the carnivores only had to collect the water. The carnivores had to tag the herbivores, and the humans and elements had to tag all of them, because they were immortal (herbivores had eight lives and the carnivores had four). The game was great fun with lots of screaming involved. We finished the night off with a cup of hot steaming Milo.

We woke up suddenly realising that today was the last day for activities. All of us were to go tramping on Mt. Taranaki, spending a night there. My group had the special opportunity to participate in the 'Bridge Jump,' before going up the mountain. We basically jumped off a bridge, protected by safety gears of course. The activity was extremely exciting, giving us another

series of adrenalin rushes. Mr Standish and even Mr Hewlett had a go on the extreme swing as well. Then it was time to go tramping. We packed all our necessary equipment, with of course, suitable clothing, and headed to the mountain.

It was a brief climb, and my group had the privilege of spending a night in an already-made-cabin, able to stay there for free, as it was coincidentally the Conservation Week. The night was very memorable as we had tomato noodles for dinner and went to bed at 6pm at night, embracing the brilliance of the nature, with the occasional gigantic mouse passing outside our cabin. There was some foolish typical boyish behaviour involved at bed time but everyone was asleep after about 3 hours. Next morning, we briefly had breakfast and headed down the mountain. Thinking about how we were going home that day.

At TOPEC, everybody chatted about their night, while having mince pies and doughnuts for lunch. After lunch, there was the prize-giving, all of us receiving a certificate for completion of TOPEC. We all thanked all our instructors for taking such a good care of us during the five days. And slowly, one by one, the cars of the parents started rolling in.

TSB TOPEC was definitely an experience we would never forget. Everybody had a great time and enjoyed the stay. There was the occasional typical young men behaviour, involving cabin intrusion, but it was still all good. Overall, on behalf of our class, I would like to say thank you to all our instructors for being so nice to us, providing us with helpful education and unforgettable, treasurable, and priceless experiences; to Mr Hewlett for organising this and without whom all of this could not happen, and also, his famous puns

entertaining us the whole week. Thank you to Mr Standish for helping us have fun, the Taranaki Savings Bank for contributing a little money for all of us to make the whole experience lower in cost. And last, but not least, all of our parents who allowed all of us to have the opportunity to participate in this and financially helping us (and maybe also staying anxious and caring for us even when we were away).

Thank you all, for everything.

Jongwoo Shin

CHAOS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CHAOS is the school's Christian Fellowship group. It meets Monday lunch for prayer and Friday lunch for Bible studies. It has been great to meet with a core group of regular guys and see them grow in their faith. It has also been a pleasure to see an increase in guys dropping in from time to time and I trust the studies have been of benefit to you.

There seems to be an upswing of interest in spiritual matters amongst the students of the school at present. In response to this CHAOS has now put its weekly Bible studies online so a wider audience has an opportunity to study along with the group. Visit www.npbhs.school.nz and search under "culture" for the link.

The group continues to enjoy supporting a World Vision boy in India. It is amazing to read of what a few dollars can do for his family, school and community; it is hoped that we can support Mukesh over the years

by showing the love of Jesus through meeting the very real needs in his area. It is not possible to recount this year's journey and it has been different for all involved. A recurring theme however, would be the need and desire to live in His strength. God wants to empower and equip all of us to live like Jesus did. A lofty goal perhaps, but it means a life of purpose and meaning for those who truly seek it.

Paul Dominikovich
Christian Fellowship
Coordinator

LIBRARY

We have enjoyed a successful year with lots of new books arriving. Our pupil librarians have been a really nice group of lads', reliable and efficient and have done a good job. Headed by Adam Antao with deputy Jesse Benghe they are Ben Coneglan, Jesse Frost, Keegan Marshall, Ken Tang, Naoto Shimogo, Michael Phillips, Matthew Barham, Ethan Murray, Steffan Stewart, and Chris Taylor.

The cartoon/comic section established last year has really taken off (as was expected!!!) with lots more titles from Shakespeare to war and of the course the old favourite Asterix added.

The Library after school has become a Homework Study Centre with help available to pupils from teachers in various subjects on different nights. Now that exams are fast approaching more and more students are making use of our facilities which is great.

On behalf of Mr Geoff Hall, Teacher with Library Responsibilities, Mrs Nicky Howarth (who relieved for me whilst I was away overseas for a few weeks) and myself we would like to thank staff and

pupils for their support during 2007 and look forward to 2008 being another great year.

Jean Van Beers
Librarian

LITERACY REPORT

A new study of New Zealand student achievement, released by the Ministry of Education in 2006, reveals that boys continue to under-achieve with reading and writing at school. This report again highlights the need for families to take a more pro-active role in encouraging their boys to read. As a school we continue to promote the importance of reading through our Silent Reading Programme. I would like to acknowledge and thank Wadsworth's Bookcentre and Billings for their continued support of the Silent Reading Programme. The awards they have kindly donated have provided the boys with that added incentive to enthusiastically embrace the programme. Both businesses recognise the importance of our boys having the necessary reading skills to cope with the demands of education and the workforce.

I would like to challenge all parents / guardians to ensure that their sons read for at least 20 minutes each day. If this challenge is met their reading skills will improve.

Forty boys were presented with awards in assembly this year. Paul Tito, Andy Slater, Max Carroll QSM and Paul Wadsworth were involved in this year's presentations.

Geoff Hall
Literacy Co-ordinator



YEAR 13 HISTORY FIELDTRIP

On the morning of Wednesday March 14 the Year 13 History class, accompanied by Mr Wild and Mr Warner, boarded the bus that would take us to Auckland, and the Auckland War Memorial museum. The trip took us through the humble town of Ngaruawahia, where we stopped for lunch. We also stopped at the Rangiriri Museum where we were attended a presentation on the history of the area.

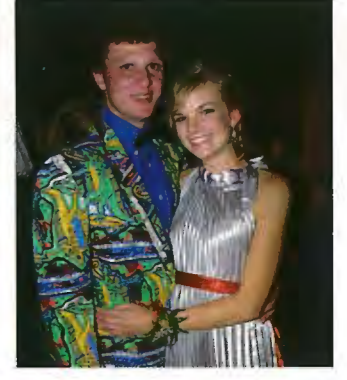
Finally, we arrived at our accommodation on Queen Street that evening and, after a short break, a quick feed and an approved movie, we went to bed.

The next day we went to the Auckland War Memorial Museum and, after a tour of the building, began our assignments. After a long day at the museum library we enjoyed an evening lecture on Queen Elizabeth.

Friday was the last day of the trip and after another half day at the museum we said our goodbyes and headed home, stopping again in Ngaruawahia, and also Te Kuiti, before arriving back in New Plymouth.

Thanks must go to Mr Wild and Mr Warner for organising everything, and to the museum staff for all their help along the way.

Richard Wild



CHESS

This year has been an exciting one with the formation of two new chess teams - the members of our very successful team from 2006 now attend university. A very enthusiastic group of boys have taken up the sport and they have frequented the Art rooms during most lunch times to practise.

Peter Heiloo and Errol Tuffery have very kindly given up an hour a week to tutor team members and some of the boys have also attended chess club on Tuesday evenings. With such enthusiasm all bodes well for the future of chess in the school.

The Taranaki chess tournament was held at Francis Douglas Memorial College on Sunday 24 June. It was a five hour marathon with seven rounds and five competing schools: Francis Douglas; New Plymouth Boys High; Sacred Heart; Hawera High; and Spotswood. The tournament was won narrowly by Francis Douglas with the two New Plymouth Boys' teams a close second



and third. The margin between first and second place was a mere two and a half points and half a point between second and third place. Tyler Stewart was one of two unbeaten players from the day.

M. Porteous

YELLOW RIBBON 2007

Throughout 2007 there have been a group of year twelve students hard at work in the school spreading the Yellow Ribbon message. This message is one that we all recognise, "it is OK to ask for help". As Yellow Ribbon ambassadors it was our job to provide advice and support to any students who approached us. We were trained to direct them to appropriate places so they could seek the help they required. Our job was not to counsel the students but provide an easy and accessible link between them and the help they required.

A major part of our role was to promote Yellow Ribbon's message and we did this by holding a promotional week full of games, challenges and prizes. In this week we held events such as a Fear Factor, full of nasty food and vomit and custard eating competitions. We also distributed Yellow Ribbon cards to every student and that card put them into the draw to win prizes such as Rock Shop vouchers and ski hires. As a way to raise money for Yellow Ribbon we held the "big golf shoot" off the gully sponsored by Burger Fuel. Though we held many exciting events, the most popular by far was the teachers verse Yellow Ribbon Ambassadors game of BLAT!!! (dodge

ball). This really got the students interested as they love nothing more than seeing their favourite teachers getting hurt..... For a good cause.

The Yellow Ribbon ambassadors would like to thank Carolyn Hooper and Mr Moore for the time they put into training us and all the support they provided over the year. I would also like to thank all the students who were committed to their roles as Yellow Ribbon ambassadors.

Remember that it is OK to ask for help!
Benjamin Dixon- Key
Ambassador

Photo: (left to right) Michael Pepperell, Jong Shin, Jacob Tomlinson, Nick Coppelstone, Tyler Stewart, Alex Sewell, James Hewitt and Akshay Sridhar.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK

The week started bright and early on Sunday the 9th of September. Meeting at the outdoor ed room at 6.30am we were ready for an awesome week where we could put into use the many skills that we had learnt throughout the year. After final gear checks and waiting for the odd piece of forgotten equipment to arrive, the class departed for the mountainous central North Island. The group arrived in good time, considering that in Bell Block one van had to turn around and return to school to pick up two pairs of forgotten boots, luckily remembered before it was too late. The vans were parked near the Château Tongariro and were quickly unloaded. Extremely heavy packs were hoisted onto backs and the group departed. The first day was a day to get in some last navigation practice as we tramped for 4 hours to a place called Soda Springs - near the beginning of the Tongariro Crossing. The weather was not flash and the group put up tents as a light drizzle began to fall. Dinner was cooked and we were in bed not long after dark.



The next morning the weather was still dodgy but after a quick meteorology lesson we were reassured that it would clear. Camp was carefully packed up, as one of the many assessments involved in the week was keeping to the environmental care code, (basically having as little environmental impact as possible). Packs were again heaved onto backs, with a few more grunts than the previous day, and the tramping began. The group had to walk a very steep section of track, climbing nearly 300 meters to gain access to the

snow covered south crater of Tongariro. Conditions were a misty white out. A compass bearing was taken and the group navigated their way to a possible snow caving site on the flanks of Mt Ngauruhoe. The snow was found to be sufficient and we were given some last minute tips before we took up shovels and began digging our snow caves. We greatly enjoyed this experience and by nightfall all the caves were complete. A cold night was spent sleeping in the caves where temperatures resembled those found in your fridge.



As promised the next day was a stunner and the group finally got to apply sun block and remove most of the layers that had become a second skin. On this third day we were divided into three groups of four and were assessed on our snow craft as we moved around the amazing terrain, climbing peaks including Mt Tongariro. We greatly enjoyed the day and were pleased with our achievements. One group set up a tent in the hope of escaping the cold, but the rest returned to their snow caves where they enjoyed a well earned sleep.

The next morning everyone was woken up early as the fourth day was to be a long one. The group was again divided



into the groups from the previous day and tramped a solid nine hours from their snow caves to the last night's tent site in more sunshine. This day was also important for assessment. Students had turns at leading and navigating their groups to certain destinations on the way to the final campsite. After reaching the campsite we all cooked our final dinner and stories were exchanged as we climbed into our tents for the last time.

The next morning final navigation tests were done and a straightforward walk completed to reach the vans and civilization. A toilet with a seat was one of the things we were more than happy to get back to, along with motorized transport. This was a great week full of experiences that we will remember for a long time.

Our thanks to Mr Hewlett, Mr Dobbie and Mr Don Paterson for the time and effort that they put in to assuring that the week was a total success. Without them we would never have been able to experience what we did.

Hamish Fleming
Year 12

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics Department has had another successful year, with a total of about 240 boys completing the courses. We have continued to develop our programmes to suit the needs of the boys and the tertiary training institutions to which some of them go. There are currently Boys' High boys training to be chefs and managers at WITT, PPEI and PIHMS, not to mention those boys who have gone into the forces to train as chefs and those who have apprenticeships by themselves.

For the past three years Boys' High Home Economics results have consistently been above the national average – who says boys can't cook?

Monica Fenney

ESOL

The ESOL Department has twenty eight students from all over the world this year. There are twelve international fee-paying students from Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Fiji and China. As well as these students, there are eleven



day boys, who have come with their families to live in New Zealand from China, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Bangladesh, Japan and South Africa.

The end of term two saw the farewell of the exchange students who this year included Max Rimek from Germany and Alexander Krenek from Austria - both Year 12 students. They made an impression on the ESOL room because of their involvement with peer support and sport within our department. They have been replaced by Tomas Fernandez from Chile and Achim Kluppelberg, who is from Germany. They have both been helped to settle in by Nuka-Aage Lyberth, a Year 13 exchange student from Greenland. He has been with us all year and has made a huge impact on us all because he has embraced the kiwi culture and fitted in so well.

Each year the ESOL Department achieves new goals. Last year Sugapriyan Ravichandran, a Year 13 student, was awarded a scholarship in Biology. This year the department has no scholarship candidates, but we had another first. Wayne Geng made the speech semi-finals. He is the first ESOL student to achieve this honour. Tom Xiong has just arrived from China in Term Two to learn English in Year 9. He cannot speak any English at all, so has been given a Teacher -Aide, Mrs Smith, to help. 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.

Val Moore





FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

On the 1st and 2nd of August, a handful of Boys' High students joined with others from around Taranaki for the Fonterra Science and Technology Fair. This yearly event has had a resurgence in the last two years amongst secondary schools.

Students had a choice of entry topics and sections including scientific investigation, technological development, photography and journalism. Most of the boys entered scientific investigations, with nine collecting over \$1700 in prizes on the Wednesday evening prize giving. All students who entered are to be congratulated for the effort they put into their projects.

The prize winners were:

- Matthew Tait gained a Merit in the Year 11-13 Scientific Investigation and two special prizes.
- Daniel Momich gained second place in the Year 11-13 Scientific Investigation, one special prize and a \$1000 Dow AgroSciences Tertiary Scholarship.
- Sam McComb gained a merit in the Year 9 Scientific Investigation and two special prizes.
- Geoffrey Hewlett, David Sulzberger and Corey Bryson all gained a Merit in the Year 9 Scientific Investigation.
- Aaron Saunders received a special prize.
- Chaz Hall and Braden Hopkins received first place in the Year 9 Scientific Investigation, Best Year 9 and 10 Exhibit, and Runner Up in Fair. They were presented with two trophies.

Those who entered scientific investigation or technological development sections spent the day at the venue participating in the Science Olympics - a series of events that required students to use, and learn some new, scientific skills. Events included measuring the height of a building with a clinometer, egg races, an optical maze and building a Heath Robinson machine to move a marble from a table to a cup in the most complicated way possible.



All who participated in the fair enjoyed not only the day but also the process they went through in carrying out their projects. Thanks must go to Mr Lockhart who inspired his Year 9 class, as well as some of his senior students, to get involved and enter projects.

P. Cayzer

40 HOUR FAMINE

This year 'The Famine' needed to be postponed a week because of WOMAD. The group of four students running the weeks events, Daniel Phillips, Rick Malcolm, William Sklenars & Scott Honeyfield wanted to promote the idea that the '40 Hour Famine' cause was not about starving yourself for 40 hours, but making students and public more aware of the cause. An amusing lunchtime event had students sculling 2litres of milk. The senior winner was Ryan Hickling and the junior winner, Conner Kerr-Newell. The first round of interhouse debating had students battling over 40 Hour Famine related topics.



A successful fundraiser was the senior school 'Rave' held in the old gym. This proved to be a very successful event with three local DJ's giving their time freely. Over \$800.00 was raised. The week culminated in a joint effort with NPGHS students at Puke Ariki Landing, where they built a cardboard village to use as a base, and groups of street performers and buskers collected for the cause. This raised over \$700.00.

Congratulations to the committee and their willing and talented helpers. A fantastic effort, \$2620.00 in total.

Gisella Sklenars
Cultural Coordinator



GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE

For a number of years now, New Plymouth Boys' High School has had the honour of being able to nominate a select few of its pupils to attend a Global Young Leaders' Conference in America. Each year, between eight and twelve students get to go on this incredible experience that is both intellectually and socially rewarding, as the students involved learn much about world issues, and make lasting bonds with new friends of various race and culture, from all over the world.

This year, nine students: Jonathan Folwell, Cameron Gubb, Gye Simkin, Stuart Sutherland, Thomas Pullar, Adam Antao, Akshay Sridhar, Hayden Patene, and Carl Garrett were selected to attend this year's Global Young Leaders' Conference in Washington D.C and New York, between the dates of the 1st and 12th of July.

During their time in America, the boys learned much about the world, and about themselves. During the daily meetings in their assigned country groups, the boys discussed current world issues, leadership qualities, and values, but also grew as functioning groups with people from all walks of life. However, the conference was by no means all work and no play, with many sightseeing opportunities and times for social interaction. During the week the boys spent in Washington, they were taken around Union Station, Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall, and various international embassies, to name just a few. It was in Washington where the boys participated in the first UN simulation, where, as members of the Peace and Security Council, they were delegated to resolve a multi-factorial conflict by finding a peaceful

solution, which taught them elements of diplomacy. After their week in Washington, the



whole conference moved to New York, via a short stopover in Philadelphia, where the boys saw a lot of the founding buildings of American government, and enjoyed such culinary delights as the 'Philly Cheesesteak', a large roll filled with minced steak and melted cheese. In New York itself, the boys experienced the crowded and bustling nature of a busy city with a trip to the famous 'Times Square', and saw various NY icons on site visits. In Washington, the conference had been based in a hotel complex, but in NY, the accommodation was the prestigious Manhattan College University. During the stay in NY, the boys visited the UN building, and it was in this building that the final simulation, the Global Summit, involving all the conference participants, took place. The evening following this last event was the final night of the conference and the final social gathering, the NY dinner cruise. The night was danced away on board a cruise ship that sailed around NY harbour, and everyone was able to relax. The next morning, after a series of sad goodbyes on all parts, the conference ended, and the boys departed for home, after a brief stop over in Los Angeles.

Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the wonderful experiences they had on this trip. Those in sixth form in 2008 wishing to go should approach their dean or Mr Heaps and register interest.

T. Heaps



THAILAND

On the Tuesday of term two's final week, teachers; Mr Russell, Mr Vernon, a parent - Adrian Hofmans, and twenty or so boys bearing a very strong resemblance to Steve Irwin in the school provided travel clothes, gathered outside the school, loaded the vans and were off for what would be the first leg of an outstanding ten days in Thailand's, Bangkok and Phuket areas.

Four and a half hours travelling by van to Auckland's airport, and a further twelve and a half to Thailand did nothing to knock the Boys' High spirits, as we arrived in the capital Bangkok at about midnight their time to a huge heat wave. Travelling by public transport to our hotel, we all pretty quickly recognised the Thai relaxed approach to driving and their

minimal rules compared to our own. Even at midnight, people three to a little scooter raced by cops without any helmets on, and truck trailers were loaded to the max with Thai's. Finally we collapsed into bed in the early hours of the morning.

On waking up the next morning, we were all pretty stoked to know that our hotel was in the middle of 2km's of Thai markets either side of the road, where everything was dirt cheap, and you could easily purchase a t-shirt for about four New Zealand dollars, genuine - I swear. Our time in Bangkok was filled with numerous activities, and this is surely what will make the trip more memorable in years to come. The following are just a few of the things we did:

- A snake show that we got to by using the longboats and river canals.

- Pythons, cobras and crazy Thai guys daring snakes to bite them, with us only a few feet away. It was an incredible display, and to be so close to the deadliest snakes on earth was amazing.

- Then we competed in our own equivalent of The Amazing Race. This was an exercise set up by Mr Russell so we could get our bearings in the city without his aid and to use public transport. It was an incredible experience dicing our way through alleys, markets, food-stalls, dogs with rabies, and thousands upon thousands of people.

- On various days we used the Thai longboats to get from place to place; huge six cylinder Nissan skyline engines on the back of a two person width boat, 20 people in length was something to marvel at as they raced through the grotty canals and rivers. Mr Russell pointed out that the tarps on their



sides were so the filth didn't flick into our faces. As we later found out, the Thai's swim in the river, they wash in the rivers, they crap in the rivers and they even do their teeth in the rivers.

The Thai temples that the boats took us to were fascinating - there we found a golden statue of Buddha, lying on its side spanning 50m long by 12m high. More pure gold than one could ever imagine, truly fascinating.

Then it was off to Phuket and for a beachy paradise and yes, a whole lot more pirated DVDs were purchased, and yes wave upon wave of cheap clothing. The tuk-tuks in both places were an experience in themselves as your crazy Thai driver sped you through head-on traffic and pulled wheel-stands, with you on the back of this three-wheeled creation hanging on for dear life. No drinking water in Thailand was something that was hard to come to grips with in such a warm tropical climate and having to buy 5 plus bottles of water a day. The night markets - on a few nights we were all taken to Thailand's famous "go-go bar streets" with girls, and guys dressed as girls, all with an eye for the Boys' High crew. Many "shows" were offered but what goes on tour, stays on tour.

A mystery trip to the Phuket go-karts was well welcomed as boys got a good chance to deal to Mr Russell but with a pretty legit excuse. The fact that you had to front up with the full price of



the go kart if you damaged it had a few people nervous in another display of the strange Thai policies to foreigners and tourists.

A day trip of sea canoeing, caving, flips off boat and some pretty stellar honey-pots was good as we could kick back and reflect on the amazing time we had had so far.

Then the following day we were off elephant trekking, riding on top of a big hairy tough-skinned beast was a little different to what your prior perception had been, but some stunner views were there to be seen in another unforgettable experience.

It was pretty evident the following day that a group of boys' had succumbed to



the Thai local food with power chucks and a few pretty pale looking faces, but we won't go into that any further. The disappointment of not being allowed to buy bb-guns was a bit of a let down, but as I'm told, the previous year's groups and their performance with them in past years of something similar to a third world war didn't do much for our cause.

A major thank you on behalf of the boys' to Mr Russell for all your time, planning and attention to detail making this trip an unbelievable experience for all who are fortunate enough to go. Also to Mr Vernon, the boys all appreciated you coming. A superb trip, oh and I've been told I have to slip this in here -there is an educational value to this trip. But I wouldn't want to bore you with that now would I. So, do geography or at least pick it up in year 13 for this experience, a trip I'd recommend to all

Jason Holden
Year 13
Geography Student





INTERNATIONAL SPACE SCHOOL

This year, myself and Leela Rai from NPGHS had the opportunity to represent NZ at the International Space School in Houston, Texas, where we were joined by 35 other students from countries ranging from Bolivia to the South Africa for the experience of a lifetime.

Over the two-week period, we learnt an immense amount - through lectures, tours and just by talking to people and getting to know things from their perspective. On the first day we were interviewed and assigned our teams; Getting to Mars, Living on Mars and Working on Mars. I was part of the Red team, which was responsible for designing the spacecraft to transport the crew safely to Mars and back. My task was to design the command and service modules of a Mars lander. As team spokesperson, it was also my job to make sure that our team coordinated tasks with the other two teams.



During the first week, we were shown around the Johnson Space Center complex. We were able to witness some of the world's most prolific research bases in the space industry. One of the highlights of our trip was the Saturn V display. It was truly awe-inspiring to witness some of mankind's greatest achievements - the rocket that



launched the first manned module to the moon.

We also had the chance to try out Challenger mission simulations at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences and the St George Observatory. These allow people to experience the work-environment of astronauts and ground-staff, and highlight the skills required for the jobs.

Over the second week, we attended many lectures from NASA officials and engineers. Some of the notable speakers were astronauts Andy Thomas (Australia) and Chris Hadfield (Canada). Most of the host families were employees in space-related companies. We were also lucky enough to have Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko as a guest at our evening gathering at Mamacitas, a Tex - Mex restaurant.



TROLLEY DERBY

At the final presentation, we had the chance to be heard by some of the top scientists in the space industry.

In the evenings, we were able to relax our overworked minds. Pool parties, bowling, movies, mini-golf, high speed jet-boat rides, and dinner gatherings at some great restaurants allowed us to chillout and experience life in Texas. We were also entertained by the American possum and a frog that evaded us in the pools for four days in a row.

All in all, this was definitely an inspirational experience for me. I have gained so much from space school, not only from the experts, but also from fellow students like me. This trip has reinforced my desire to pursue a career in the aerospace industry. I thoroughly encourage any interested students to apply as soon as possible; this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Akshay Sridhar

Once again one of the highlights of the Spring Arts Festival was the Trolley Derby competition organised by Mr Geoff Hall. Many intrepid students drove their carts down the track with exciting results for the spectators.

The second NPBHS Trolley Derby was held in near perfect conditions on Thursday 2 August. In front of a large and very vocal crowd eleven trolleys wound their way down the Gully path at breath-taking speeds.

While there were no official winners, as representatives from the World Trolley Derby Organisation were unable to scrutinise the racing, the three seater couch proved to be the crowd favourite.

This year's drivers and trolleys were:

- William Sklenars and 'Sparky'
- Elliot Jenkins and 'The Tub'
- Christopher Robb and 'Crowd Splitter'
- Ian Leppard and 'Rocket Pipes'
- Kyle Roberston and 'Grand Prix'
- Nathan Green and 'The Tank'
- Brendon Fischer and 'Cardboard Cut Out'
- Tim Phillips and 'Cow Cocky'
- Matthew Barclay and 'Déjà vu'
- Aaron de Ridder and 'The Fastest Italian'
- Oli Coneglan and 'Couch Comfort'

A huge thanks to all of the trolley teams (drivers, designers, support crew and medics) and to Burger Fuel for again sponsoring the event.

Geoff Hall





FLIGHT

I rub my hands together as I drop my tired body onto the lush, teal couch. Cream apartment ceiling tiles stare back at me blankly, as I ponder the day's proceedings. Nothing seems enjoyable. Eating seems like a daily ritual, but still a burden.

"You know Julie, I really don't want anymore of that processed pasta crap." "How about, you get a better job, Matt. This is all we can afford okay?" she calmly replies to me.

I release my head back down onto the sofa in a disgruntled defeat. I'm tired of fighting her, every day, about everything. She walks past the servery and hands me my plate and mug, but I just stare at her. Hair starting to frizz, wrinkles, age showing, I ponder with a blank face. She places the plate and my coffee down beside me, and goes to retrieve her dinner. The coffee rushes to my nostrils.

"It'll be okay, just cut me a bit of slack. You know Matthew, I'm trying too. We'll get through this somehow," she says, smiling her reassuring smile, and sitting down with her meal. I feel the 'good angel' appear on my left shoulder, urging and pleading me to forgive and give in, but somehow I just can't lift the now apparent grudge. So I sulk, still staring at the ceiling, and ponder some more. The smell. Contemporary coffee is so unmistakably hard to ignore, so distinct that it takes me right back to that airport in the nineties.

The twilight Sydney pavement gave a cool and crisp feel. Clouds of breath danced out in front of me, breaking as I strode, then were finally swallowed by the modern airport entrance. Contemporary coffee aroma,

everywhere. We made our way to our gate, but while strolling past a wall of glass, something inside me made me pause for the view. Radiant shades of dark blue sketched the vast skyline, as man-made birds pierced its glory with a glowing beacon of sight and sound. Eyelid flickering, I paused some more. A million kitchen lights sprinkled sparkles over the valleys, some million miles away, and spilled onto the lanes of Sydney international runways. Tonight, was special. My friend reminded me to hasten, so we quickly made our way towards the gate.

Out on the court the aircraft was larger than I had imagined. Its size increased as we grew closer. Haze red tension. Nerves began to set in. Worry. This was the most important flight of my life. Anxiety swam within. My face warmed. I instinctively grasped my left pocket scanning for the valuables. Still there. Soft, soothing reassurance seeped slowly into the body. I stopped, and remembered to breathe. My friend turned around in curiosity, but I kept my eyes on the craft and strode towards it. She obediently followed.

The aircraft roared in take off, and a smile made its way through me. I was sending my own beacon into the sketch. As we rose, our new vantage point of the harbour was realised. Simply spectacular. Thousands of tiny boats docked, at home at the wharf, as the blue and yellow water twinkled for leagues within the bay. The tired grey hustle and bustle of the city had morphed into an exciting array of lights and buzz, as the night from the Tasman crept closer. Surprisingly no chill, but I tightened by jacket buttons anyway.

So long ago since two strangers missed the bus, gave up and went and got coffee. My head slowly turned towards my friend, unnoticed, and tried to guess

her thoughts. Body language. Her pose was something different. Something I wasn't used to. Perhaps she sensed the tension up here? My mouth opened, but I didn't have the right words. The pilot glanced back at me, then turned a blind eye. It seemed he was anxious also. I tapped the pocket again. Still there. I felt it time to put it to use.

A gust of isolated wind brushed past the hot air balloon, as I pulled the ring from my left pocket, and got down on one knee in the cabin. I looked up at my friend, as she was staring out over the sunset lit bay. Straight hair blowing in the wind and reflecting rays, perfect skin, her 25 year old celebrity face simply radiant, Julie was beautiful. She turned herself round and looked at my pose and her hands rushed to her mouth, but not fast enough to hide an excited smile.

"Would you, Julie, do me the honour of becoming my wife?" I pushed out, smiling. Nerves were pulsing. I could feel my heart in my throat, jumping ferociously. I waited for what seemed like forever, then finally through the glare in one squinted eye I could see her crying. Crying, smiling and nodding.

I stood up and hugged her, and squeezed her so tight. The outside of her jacket seemed so cold, and something inside me was hugging her just to warm it up. She squeezed back, arms jolting as the joyful tears came. I felt them too, although I couldn't stop laughing. We were in love in the sky, and I was so happy. So, so happy.

A faint sob awakes my reminiscent day dream, and I pull my head up and look over at Julie. Her face, looking towards the floor. Something in her then senses my movement, and she turns her teary face towards me and asks if I'm going to eat my dinner. I get up straight away,

and embrace my poor partner.

"I'm sorry honey," I plead. "We will get through this somehow."

Chris Caskey
Year 12

WINNER AT LAST

I threw down my pen and held my head in my hands, groaning. Damn university, damn lectures, and damn assignments. I couldn't be bothered working, so why work? Life has no point. We work, why? To get a job, why? To make money, why? To retire happy, why? Without a purpose, life is pointless, a bunch of animals making their way around the earth living on primal instincts. And then what? We all rot, our existence meaning nothing, a mere flutter in the regular beat of eternity. So why live? Why force ourselves, to slave away in the pursuit of money and fulfilment? In the end it all passes on, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, forgotten.

I walked out of my house and climbed into my car. I drove, half in a day dream, a feeling of gloomy hopelessness settling around me. I don't have a purpose, a drive, so why struggle to etch out a living in this pointless world? I couldn't kill myself, that was too far! But what to do? What to do?

I turned my car into a side street. There to my left was a side entrance to the famous Sandhill Park, reputed by many as being the most beautiful park in the country. It consisted of small clearings amongst a myriad of curving walkways framed by perfectly trimmed bushes. A walk should clear my head, or at least give me something else to think about. I parked my car and wandered through the entrance. The paths were nice, but they were too neat; the rows of perfectly

clipped plants all lined up reminded me too much of life. We were like plants, forced into living the way society said we should. A life of constant work, no purpose, no end. Just neatly clipped years, merging together in the winding path of life. I followed the path, and entered a clearing. I didn't recognise it at first, but then I saw the large wrought iron gates, and the winding path making its way to the clearing that I stood in. I was standing in the middle of a memory I had buried and hoped to forget. I sat down heavily on a seat as the shock of that night came racing back.

I leapt out of the front door, slamming it shut as I sprinted down the cracked concrete driveway and into the street. He came crashing out after me, boots thumping as he made chase. Hot tears streamed down my cheeks, blurring my vision. Through my black eye I could see the wrought iron gates of Sandhill Park. I ducked inside, hoping to lose him amongst the meandering pathways. The park looked much less welcoming at night, normal enough shrubs became monsters trying to ensnare your feet and drag you to your death. I ran down the track, wincing at the pain as sharp rocks opened small wounds on my bare feet. I wasn't crying anymore, too scared to cry. He sounded closer. I turned, lost my footing and fell, spraining my wrist as I hit the ground. Then he was on me, grabbing my shoulders hard enough to bruise and hauling me to my feet. He hit me round the head.

"Runnin' away eh," he grinned, "Something else you need beating out of you." I struggled hopelessly, fresh tears flowing on. "You'll learn not to mess with me, wont ya?"

I nodded, a fierce determination settled in my stomach. I tensed. "Not a chance," he laughed, tightening his grip, "If you are really good I'll only beat you a little." Another chuckle. He

let go with one hand so he could hit again.

I kicked out with all my might, catching him on the base of the knee cap with a solid thunk. He roared in pain and let me go. I stumbled away, falling onto my back. He lunged, I scrambled backwards, jumped to my feet and ran out of the clearing. "You have nowhere to go," he called. "Don't come crying home to me later, you'll get no mercy!" His threats faded into the night as I ran on.

Eventually I came to a stop, gasping for breath.

"You are wrong," I thought, "I have somewhere to go — the police." I limped on and was enveloped by darkness.

A bird chirruped, the sun shone. A lone tear trickled down my cheek, I brushed it away, angrily. "You're gone now, never to cast your putrid shadow on this world again. I never will be like you, I vowed, not your drugs, alcohol, unemployment, gangs. Never. Ever.

Whatever you were, I'll be the opposite. I won't rot my lungs out in prison, or beat a man — or child. I won't steal, break, or destroy. I won't... I won't... I won't be you." I spoke aloud, startling myself. It was a revelation; to live is to lift the lone finger to him, to his life, to what he did to me. To say you never truly lived, were never truly happy, but I am, will be. "I'll live, be happy - you couldn't take that away from me. Ha, I've beaten you!" I walked away, whistling, living, lifting the lone finger.

Chris Hewlett
Year 12

THE STONY RIVER

The frozen wind clung to us, stinging like fire. The deep, black river raged





raucously beneath us, rattling the ground. Minuscule insects climbed in, over, all around us, clicking madly. Small stones had wedged themselves beneath big boulders and began to creak. The noise consumed my consciousness.

The silvery remains of our winter protection leaped into life. The pungent aroma assaulted my nostrils as the soot swirled sneeringly around us. Sparks then flared flirtingly into existence but diminished into puffs of faint black smoke to be carried by the cold mountain air. The acrid stench lingered, eating at my airways and lodging in my throat, threatening to overpower my taste buds.

The sooty sand trickled towards my blanket, tickling me, taunting me. It penetrated the fabric, spreading through me like an infection, destroying my final reserves of comfort. The bare bumpy ground poked and prodded me, offering no respite and feeding my hunger for sleep as I tossed restlessly.

The flimsy material of our earth-coloured tent let in the dull moonlight, illuminating my surroundings and casting shadows across my companions wrapped cosily in their blankets, sleeping soundly. How I envied them, away in their dream world, while I was stuck here painfully awake on this cold, noisy, endless night.

Connor Oliver-Rose
Year 10

FATHER

The door opened and a ghastly sight reached my eyes. My father walked into the room and he smelt of death. His pack dropped to the floor and our

eyes met. The strain in his eyes was clear.

"Got a beauty son." His voice rasped as he spoke and needed an urgent drink. I noticed his teeth had mud stuck in between the front two.

Blood stains were down his back from top to bottom. His hair was full of sticks and mud as if he had washed his hair in the dirt. As he turned around, I noticed a fresh gash in the side of his leg with blood trickling out the side.

"Where's your mum?" He sounded exhausted, and looked it too.

"She's gone to town."

At first I was afraid because of the sight that I was seeing. Once I saw the blood I grew concerned about what excitement had happened during the hunt. Then I realised it was blood from the pig. I stood up and got him a beer from the fridge.

"Not now son, I'll get cleaned up first."

Suddenly I was desperate for news. "What happened? How big is it? Are any of the dogs ripped?"

"Whoa, whoa, hang on a minute. I'll tell you everything if you get me some clean clothes."

And with that he left the room leaving a dreadful stench behind. I also left and headed in the opposite direction towards my father's room. Emptiness filled the room as if no one had been there at all.

John Dickson
Year 9

FIRELIT - MEMORY

The cool dark night was cut in two by the raging fire that blasted through the night sky. The orange-lit faces stared dazedly at the inferno; small conversations ran off into the night. The laughter of kids could be heard vaguely over the roar of the flames. The flames twirled into the darkness like a ballerina, gentle, but powerful at the same time. Quietly I sat there enduring the company, blankly gazing at the dancing light. The bonfire had had a tradition in our family for generations, but slowly, it had changed for me from a night of fun and fantasy, to a bore and a chore. Too old to run around with the cousins and too young to make conversation with the aunties and uncles, I sat by myself staring aimlessly at the fire. My mum and dad's stories registered in the back of my mind. They talked about work and political issues, they were separate to me, 'not related' as I always told my schoolmates.

Fire, a flicker of dancing light, began to take over. It enveloped me. My eyelids began to sink but did not close. The fire burnt into my mind, revealing the forgotten memory that occurred all those years ago.

The high pitched squeals of noise awoke me from my slumber. I sat still in my bed clutching my sheets. Whining sounds circled the room, pounding on my eardrums. My body stiffened, my heartbeat quickened. Panic flowed to my limbs. Suddenly I realised what was wrong, I had to get out of here! As the choking smell hit my nose, I jumped out of bed.

Instinct took over. I charged towards my bedroom door. The sound of the fire alarm above was deafening. Three steps at a time, I flung myself up the stairs towards my parent's room and the inferno. Thoughts of terror raged in my skull adding to the panic that

controlled my body. Bad thoughts began to fester in my head. Do my parents know about the fire? Have they managed to get out? Confusion ensued. The smoke began to take its hold. My eyes stung, tears running down my face. My throat burned with every inhale of air. Thought processes began to break down and awareness began to waver.

At the top of the stairs, to the right, flames enveloped the doorway. The fire, stunted for growth for a few seconds because of the tiled floor, allowed me to take my chance. With a quick look to my left I saw my exit. Survival took over; my face tucked into my chest I brushed past the flames. Fleeing towards the back door I carried myself away from danger. Clamping my hand on the door I twisted it hard - deadlocked. In a frenzy I began to furiously kick the door. On the third attempt bearing the full force of my mass, the door broke open with a splinter of wood.

Bang! The door did a full circle slamming into the outside wall. Outside I clambered, a glow of red and orange pursuing me. Oxygen poured into my lungs, to breathe fresh air never felt so good. Collapsing to the ground, I sat in silence as the full magnitude of the fire hit me.

Then a call blasted out from behind me, "Karl!"

A dark figure wrapped in a pink dressing gown pounced upon me.

"Are you okay?" the familiar sound of my mother's voice questioned.

"Yes fine," I responded with relief. My heart skipped a beat as I came back with my own question.

"Where is Dad?!" my voice screeched with urgency.

"He's trying to put out the fire with the garden hose from the front lawn," Mum said, emotion filling her voice. "But there is no stopping it - the fire engine's at least five minutes away."

Suddenly it hit me; we were going to lose our home. My heart sank. My home

for my entire life was being burnt to the ground. I began to sob. Head in my hands, the tears trickled down to my arms, dripping off my elbows towards the ground.

I visualised the fire creeping into my room, burning the walls at first, engulfing my height chart. From there the monster would move on to my toy boxes, my comic books and my basket ball cards. Then it would reach the end of my bed where the sheets would quickly ignite. My prized possessions turned to ash. Finally the flames would reach the window where my Gilbert Barbarian lay; eventually it would become engulfed in the flames that curled around the ball, melting into nothingness.

Abruptly I awoke from the vivid memory. "Karl, you want a drink mate?" the shadowy figure of my dad asked. Startled, I looked around. The bonfire still burnt with the intense heat — just as it did on that fateful night.

I returned to my dad, his face inquisitive, with caring eyes. The figure of my mum sat behind my dad, her face bathed in the orange glow. "Karl?" he questioned again.

A smile began to spread across my face, "No thanks, I'm fine Dad." I turned back towards the fire, the smile still smeared across my face, "Everything's perfect."

Karl Paterson
Year 12

THE VALLEY

Once a popular campsite for families, the elderly, fishers and people just wanting a quiet relaxing holiday spot, 'The Valley' has become a place of abandonment. Overgrown weeds and grass drip with fresh morning dew — shrubs have mutated into bushes and the trees filter sunlight. Bugs of all races infest the land — competing with pest animals such as rats and rabbits. The buildings — kitchen, laundry, the hall, toilets and showers — have become a haven for graffiti and gangs needing a hideout.

An old, leaky wooden boat lies overturned and broken next to a green lake with rotting docks. Moss grows like bacteria on the old damp wood. There is no movement in the water; no fish can be caught here anymore.

Rabbits hop along the gravel, stopping to sniff the air before going about their day. 'The Valley' is no longer a camping spot — it has become a place of danger and mystery. The title of natural beauty has dissolved as gangs have vandalised the grounds and Mother Nature has used her powerful forces to break down the surroundings, and cover them with thick weeds.

A small raindrop falls from the sky and breaks against a small stone. Clouds of grey and black gather above, preparing to release their tears. Raindrops start to fall, then become more rapid to create a fierce pattern. The small forest of overgrown grass becomes a seaweed substitute. The pouring rain forms rivers and lakes. Rats scatter to shelter.

This is 'The Valley' at its worst; vandalised, overgrown, infested, no longer loved, groomed or enjoyed. The rain begins to ease. It leaves behind





puddles, soggy mud and slipping banks. Sunlight twinkles through dripping trees, and animals begin to creep. Remaining water slips away, but droplets hang from every blade of grass, leaf and branch.

Kyle Wadsworth
Year 10

CROCODILE REARS

Kuji watched the flock of wild goats gently pick its way between the eroded anthills. He lay very still, sinking the expansive weight of his body down below the surface of the river until only the top of his nostrils and eyes showed. His powerful tail rippled out behind, swaying gently to counter the current that was urging him down towards the sea. He could feel the cool water pushing against his jaws. He had heard the goats coming from some distance away when the pale light of the stars had still reflected off the greasy black water. The noise of their clip clopping hooves had echoed across the hard dry earth down into the water where Kuji lurked. The crocodile recognized the sounds immediately and knew the goats were coming to drink. They would come to the same place on the riverbank just as they had for the past two mornings. Kuji's bloodshot pale yellow eyes gleamed.

He moved his massive reptilian head to one side, assessing their progress and with a smooth movement of his rear legs, moved out towards the middle of the river. Behind him the sun had cleared the horizon and was gathering itself to leap up into the sky. Already, the land was flooded with brilliant light. To the north, it fingered the tops of the mangrove swamp that fringed the great gulf. Ten miles wide, the mangroves

formed an impenetrable barrier of twisted roots and stinking grey mud.

It was a world made for creatures that hunted or hid in its gloom, the only part of the continent untroubled by the glaring sun. As the sun's rays grew stronger so the appearance of the land began to change. The low range of hills beyond the river flared into glowing brands of orange, brown and yellow rock. In an instant the shadows melted away into the deepest cracks and crevices. There was a moment of anticipation while the coolness of the night fought a last battle and failed. A warm breeze began to stir, ruffling the surface of the river where Kuji lay in wait.

The flock was led by a grizzled old male with curling horns and a shaggy grey beard which dangled under his chin. He was thirsty, and impatient to drink. Kuji could hear him bleating bad-temperedly, pushing the others towards the river. There were six of them, just as there had been yesterday and the day before. They paused only for a moment before the billy goat trotted towards the bank where he stopped and looked around. He cocked his head and listened. Reassured, he gave a bleat and jumped down to the damp sand at the water's edge. The rest of the herd followed him one by one.

Kuji eased forward and with two more thrusts he was gliding across the twenty metres that separated him from the little flock. Kuji had marked his prey, a well developed young kid who was the last to drink. From ten metres away the crocodile watched the little hooves skittering across the red sand. With infinite care, he drifted closer. He was very near now, the energy for the attack building inside him. The kid lowered his muzzle. As it did so, Kuji saw the old male flinch and throw up

its head in alarm. For one split second, crocodile and goat stared at each other. Then Kuji swung his tail in a powerful heave, dug down with his back legs and with jaws gaping came up out of the river in one fluid movement. For an instant, the massive frame of the crocodile hung suspended over the little goat. Then seizing it by the head Kuji fell back in a great splash of water dragging the goat under, crushing the air from its lungs.

The rest of the flock fled in blind panic, barging into one another, desperate to get away from the water. The river boiled and seethed for a few more minutes then settled down again to its former serene state, and the day got under way.

Nathanael Bunyan
Year 13

MADE IN WANAKA

The icy chill cut my face as I walked home from school. Winter had kissed me with her inviting blue lips and left a void of lust. At that moment I yearned for the Wanaka I once knew. The Wanaka that had given me so much, when I had asked for so little. Almost instantaneously I was taken back....

Our Wanaka weekend start deep in the middle of a harsh winter. As we drove through the Wanaka gorge, huge bodies of greenery hung to the tall walls around us. The window wipers chased each other as they pushed off the winter queen's tears. The sun fought furiously with the clouds to make a late afternoon appearance. The clouds gave up the battle and let the sun reveal its beauty. The sun glistened over the Remarkables and God's zone had come

to life. We drove to our lodge on Lake Wakatipu. The roads were icy so we had to be cautious.

When Dad opened the old oak door of the lodge the aromas of rimu and kauri wood invited me to indulge my senses in a buffet of sound, smell and sight. I dropped my heavy bags, ran through the narrow hallway into the lounge where the ancient stone chimney fire was burning. I looked around and saw an enormous window. Outside were Lake Wakatipu and various mountains. I had to get a closer look.

I went outside to the shore of the lake. The smooth pebbles caressed my bare feet. I knelt down and looked into the lake. The water was azure blue and the smoothed over pebbles looked as if they hadn't been touched for centuries. A small fish swam gently through the water like a ballerina to the middle of the lake. I followed it carefully with my eyes. Mount Remarkable looked utterly spectacular. The lake reflected a new world; a world of beauty, a world that had been untouched, a world that included mountains carved by godly chisels, snow that could be mistaken for clouds and greenery so vivid yet so vague. The mountains were singing to me. The kakapos, howling wind and moving shrubs all contributed to make a symphony of winter.

It was getting dark and the sun was disappearing behind the fast moving clouds. Mum was calling me. I went inside the lodge. The fire was crackling and I lay down on the bearskin rung to close my eyes for just a moment. I was in the Wanaka highland. The magnificent landscape looked like it went on to the end of the earth. Shades of rustic brown, green and white played with my imagination. I gently ran my hand through a grass with long strands. It cut me, but not on my hand, on my

heart. I knew I had to leave Wanaka someday, but I was hoping that day wouldn't come. The wind pushed me back with every gust yet it felt like the wind was trying to dance with me.

I was climbing to the top of the mountain. It was so cold. The cold was all around me. I could feel it in my fingertips, toes and at the tip of my nose. I had to battle on, the peak of the mountain was so close. Finally, I had made it. Exhausted, I looked around for any sign of life. In the distance there was a house on the lake. Small puffs of smoke were coming out of the chimney. A boy lay by the fire. He looked familiar. It was me. Was this a dream? How did I get here? How would I get back? It felt so real. Wanaka had put her ancient spell on me.

I woke to sounds of howling winds. I looked up towards the mountain over the lake. In the moonlit reflection of the mountain on the lake, I saw a silhouette of a person on the peak. With a blink of an eye the person was gone and so was I. I was back on Devon Street walking towards my house. I didn't feel winter anymore. All I felt was Wanaka.

Samuel Howe
Year 12



TWO YEARS LATER

Midday summer and the shiny sand of Hot Water Beach invites me with its beautiful bay between two strips of sharp volcanic rock. The vibrant blue mass smoothly reflects the light of the furnace in the sky. The hill I stand upon rolls down past the large dominating mansions covered in shiny corrugated iron and dark stained wooden panels. The hill stops abruptly with a short drop onto the sand below. The beach extends to the edge of the slowly trickling stream and continues down the white beach laced with razor blade sharp shell fragments until it meets the side of a once active volcano. The rock sticks out in abrupt and odd shapes, its edges holding many memories of cut hands and feet. Pohutukawa trees litter the edges of the now extinct volcano, its red flowers standing in memory of the once flowing lava. Tiny dots cover the sand like litter in the distance, some laying horizontally, some standing and moving. Barely a noise is heard over the glorious roar of the ocean.

Down on the beach the waves roll in casually but with tremendous force hydrating the once dry and shiny sand. People swim energetically in nature's perfected swimming pool trying desperately to catch or evade the incoming waves. "CRASH!" The waves tumble over the people in the water. Screams of laughter emerge from the water as the smaller children rise from the waves forcing down on them. Seagulls emerge from what little clouds litter the hot summer sky overhead keeping a sharp eye on what little food may adorn the earth.

Two years later and the transformations are startling. Bigger and better million-dollar bachs laced with expensive looking building materials, unfaded by



the equator-like sun have popped up higher above the bay. The pohutukawa trees covering the volcano have expanded out and grown up showing this proudly with the increased number of fiery flowers. The river based at the beginning of the great white beach has, to my eye, expanded and sunk deeper into the sand. Greater numbers of dots gather like little communities on the beach basking and moving under the immortal gaze of the fire in the sky. The brown deck on which I stand displays a perfected image of the bay. A new happier vibe emerges from the bay as the increasing numbers of children laugh and kick up the sand while adults walk unemotionally towards the distant end of the bay.

Everything has changed except the magnificent sparkling mass of water continuing its never ending process.

Sam Hill
Year 11

THE FIXER

I strode out into the gloomy workplace and a dizzying wall of fumes and heat hit me. The stench in the workshop was absolutely overwhelming; it smelt like a busy petrol station on a sweltering hot summer's day. I heard a clanging of steel on steel and looked over to see the owner of this domain with half of his body buried under an old ute.

The clamour stopped as he heard me approaching and he scraped out from under the ute. He slowly got to his feet. His eyes met mine and I saw no emotion; they were pale blue like his dirty overalls. His face was deeply wrinkled and his smoky hair was matted.

He wasn't a big man but for some reason he made you feel small and insignificant, as if you were a small child talking to a proud adult. He asked me what I wanted with a voice that was low and as clear as a bullfrog. I muttered back that my car was broken and in need of repair, so he nodded and walked purposely past me and I caught a whiff of his smoky scent.

As I waited for him to return I let my eyes wander the dark shed. There were remains of old cars everywhere and looked like it had never been cleaned. I turned around and saw him silently standing in front of me like a ghost in the moonlight. He grumbled that my car would be fixed in a few days.

I whispered my thanks and quickly turned on my heel and hastened for the bright opening that was the door, and with one final glance at the lone figure standing in the middle of the workplace, I gladly stepped out into the brilliant sunshine.

Shaun Burton
Year 9

THE GETAWAY

So much to do, so little time. Work, sport, schoolwork, homework, all with deadlines, all with expectations from other people. Tick, tick, tick, time is ticking by. Have I done enough today? Am I on time for the meeting? I wish I could just throw it all away and stop, relax. I wish no one was relying on me and I could just lie down and just forget about the world. Just forget.

I sit down in the bus on the window seat three rows back. Looking out I see all the tall grey concrete buildings. The overshadowing clouds threatened to pour down a bucket load of rain. I cringe as the bus's fumes fill my nose and I promptly close the window. I know I have to finish the essay before I get to school but I'm just so tired of all this work. Unmotivated, my head rests on the back of my seat. My mind departs from my head as the gentle bumping of the bus has me drifting off to sleep.

Drifting, on an ocean, warm and deep blue. I float toward a beach. A beach shimmering like gold, with palm trees creating patches of shade that look very inviting. I remember this beach, I've been here before. I was thirteen, laid back and had no cares in the world. My salty hair that had only been washed in the surf covered my ears. My short, but stocky, physique enabled me to be quite a good surfer. I wore loose, bright clothing and flip-flops which topped off my good looks. I remember back then life was easy.

It was Lolemanu Beach and was found around the coast of Upolo, Samoa. I remember being here with my family just relaxing. We would stay in fale, small sleep outs with no walls, because it was so hot. We would either rest

under a mosquito net and read a book or check out the beautiful marine life using snorkels and scuba gear. At dinner time we would all gather around a large table in the main fale. I remember the smell of breadfruit and taro covered in coconut cream wafting around the room. We would indulge in the native spoils and be very content afterwards. On this beach there were no essays, no stress, no complications, just the freedom to live.

I dream about leaving this wonderful beach in our friendly Rav-4 my parents had hired. Ah the Rav-4. That car was well used and a little shabby but it sure did its job. It would take us from one side of the island to the other, listen to our conversations and share in all our jokes. It would show us the country, from the giant waterfalls that would demolish the cliff sides, to the ample coconut plantations with their tall, slender legs piercing holes in the sky. We would spend a lot of time in our car going here and there, but unlike the tedious trips in the ruddy old bus back home the time spent in our maroon Rav-4 was of high spirit. It was a time for fun and relaxation. The car became our friend, part of our family.

One time our brother, the Rav-4, took us to a ferry bound for Savaii, the biggest island Samoa has to offer. I exited the car and gazed over the edge of the boat. The cool breeze took away a fraction of the heat that was beaming down from the glimmering sun. I inhaled the crystal clear oxygen. I looked over at the propeller that I could hear purring gently and caught sight of the exotic fish that were swimming calmly throughout the multicoloured patches of coral. It was a sight to see, nature at its best. I climbed up a white ladder that led to the roof platform where other people were chatting among each other. There were no worries on this boat. I felt so

free. Free to think about things other than 1 + 1. I stood on the rails at the bow with my arms raised. It was like a scene from the movie 'Titanic,' except this boat wasn't going to sink.

The ferry did a complex manoeuvre and cast on with a splash to a nearby jetty. It was now facing backwards so all the cars could reverse off. The huge variety of luscious trees, pretty flowers and ornate birdlife made Savaii very colourful. This was complemented by the islanders' love of painting their buildings rosy pinks and fluorescent yellows. Instead of the calm, quiet beaches of Upolo, the swell would charge through the beaches of Savaii like a stampede. These would create huge, barrelling waves that would peel right along the coral reef. Big, jagged boulders would jut out from the cliff sides and water would gush out of the surface holes in time with the swell. The island locals would love to inch toward these blowholes like a matador attempting to get as close as they could to a bull. Even though the environment was more rustic and craggy, I felt free. The only pressure around me was the pressurised volcanic rocks that made up the cliffs and my only concern was if I had put enough sun cream on. Time was my side.

I could've stayed there forever. But I knew that it was not a possibility and I know that it is not possibility now. Soon the bus I am really in will stop. Soon I will have to wake up and go to class. Soon I will have to meet my deadlines. Tick, tick, tick, soon I will have to face reality.

Paul Hermann
Year 12

THE BEACH

Greg MacKenzie stared out of the car window at the fading glow of the setting sun as it loomed over Eastbourne Beach.

"Thanks mum," he said.

"Well, you do deserve it," she replied and she was right. Greg's parents had divorced and his mother worked a double shift as a nurse in the nearby hospital.

"Almost there now," she called back. As she parked the car Greg got more and more anxious. The beach was barren and devoid of life yet its golden sands sparkled with an inviting lustre. As soon as the car came to a stand-still Greg undid his belt. He bounded out of the car before his mother could even place her hand on the release catch. As she got out Greg was already halfway down to the overlook of the beach.

"Don't run off, stay where I can see you!" she yelled after him in vain. She smiled to herself and walked down after him. As she slipped off her sandals she dug her feet in under the warm sand and sighed to herself. The water sparkled like the stars in the night sky and the waves washed over the shores gently buffing the sand. But not all was right. If the beach was so peaceful and serene why couldn't she hear Greg over it all?

"Greg!" she called out. Only the crashing waves answered her.

"Greg!" she repeated. Still nothing. She started to get worried. Where was he? Why didn't he answer? What was wrong?

"Ok, you've had your fun, come out





now!" she yelled yet again to no avail. By now she was starting to panic. She walked across the beach calling for him without success. Her mind went through a series of paranoia-driven scenarios each one worse than the last. The sands lost the inviting appearance and gained one of menace. The waves turned into hands scraping the sands trying to drag her in. A lone gull called from above like a vulture circling its meal.

"Mum?" a small voice called from behind her. Mrs MacKenzie turned round in relief to see her small boy covered in sand from head to toe. She knelt down and embraced him.

"I thought I'd lost you. Where were you?" she asked with a mixed tone of anger and relief.

"Under there," he pointed to a large mound of driftwood.

"I found this," he said as she let go. She looked at it and tried to fight her first impressions of it, thinking it was only the paranoia coming back to haunt her.

"What do you think it is?" she asked hoping her boy would help bring her back to a more peaceful reality.

"It looks like a really white stick but I think I'm wrong." Then she realised it wasn't the paranoia. It was reality. It was a bone. She took his hand and the bone and briskly walked to the car.

As they strapped themselves in Greg asked, "Where are we going?"

"The police station," she replied sharply. As she reversed out of her parking space she took one last look at the beach. The sun was almost set. As the car roared off the beach lay still. Waiting for its next

visitors.

Steven Innes

Year 11

(Winner of Year 11 Essay Competition)

A CAR TOO FAR

Now even the clouds crawling across the sky seemed to have ground to a halt. The day had started off promising plenty of blue sky, all of the guys together. Where had we gone wrong? From my vantage point on the couch I could see some of our failed attempts at entertainment; on the floor in front of Josh sat an abandoned Xbox controller, the words "Main Menu" flashing on the screen. The old Atlas Major lay crippled in the paddock. It now looked like it had been decorated by a bunch of armless hippies. Painting it had been mildly entertaining, but I think one more paintball and it would have collapsed under the weight. Now it seemed the popular activity had turned to lying on the couch, watching the second hand circumnavigate the clock face.

"Hey," Stef piped up.

"What?" Josh grunted through closed lips.

"I know what would be more fun than shooting Tom's old, dead van - shooting live, moving ones!"

"What are you talking about?" I was wondering where he was going with this. Stef jumped out of his chair.

"Grab your guns and follow me."

My leather work boots made short work of the long grass in the paddock. Trailing behind me I left a deep imprint.

"Dude, where are we going?"

"You'll see..."

I followed on, trying to hide my intrigue and excitement. Eventually we came to the edge of the road which marked the back boundary of our land.

We stood atop a tall, flax-laced dirt bank which blanketed the road below in a dark grey shadow. 100 meters to our right stood the edge of the Lake Mangamahoe forest. Stef carefully positioned himself at the edge of the bank and lay down, sheltered under a thick flax bush. Around the corner sped a white Toyota Hiace. "Ptth!" The familiar sound of carbon-dioxide filling the expansion chamber propelling a small paintball through the air at high velocity filled my ear drum. A small, green circle appeared on the rear-side panel of the van. We all instinctively dropped to the ground, but the driver didn't seem to have noticed he had just been shot at.

"What a great idea!" We all congratulated Stef. This was to be the cure for our boredom.

We set to work. We would take turns, seeing who could hit a car from the longest distance, or seeing who could land the most rounds on each car. Or sometimes we would all just let loose in an onslaught of red, green and blue pellets. Those were the most fun. And no cars would ever stop. Afternoon grew into evening, into night, and it still wasn't getting old. After one particularly long quiet patch we spotted a white station wagon slowly making its way up the road. It looked lost. Eventually the wagon ground to a halt on the road-verge just next to where the bank ended, a stone's throw from where we were perched.

"Let's give him a fright," I whispered, through smiling lips. "Three, two, one..."

Sixteen rounds per second from three guns is a LOT of paint. In seconds we had the windscreen coated. They wouldn't have been able to see a thing! Then the police car turned its lights on...

"Oh crap, let's get out of here!" Stef whispered, with a look of absolute panic on his face. Out of nowhere,

three more police wagons arrived.

"Quick, into the forest," I replied. We sprinted towards the forest boundary. The barking and spluttering of the police dogs made my neck hairs stand on end. It wasn't until I reached the fence that I noticed Josh was no longer with us. I tuned around just in time to see a dog plunge into the flax bush he was hiding in, and clamp its vicious jaws down on thigh. He let out a horrible shriek.

The next two hours were the most exhausting, most terrifying, but strangely the most exhilarating two hours of my life so far. We ran, and we ran, and we ran. Down banks, over fallen trees, and through rivers. My mind was focused solely on dodging trees, and making sure I didn't lose Stef in the darkness. Finally the bashing of undergrowth, yelling, and barking dogs that had been chasing us faded to nothingness and I was left with just the intense thumping of blood in my ears. I found refuge on a nearby tree stump. My leather work boots were by no means made for running in, and as a result I no longer had any skin left on the backs of my heels or on my big toes.

"That was freakin' great!" Stef exclaimed.

"Heck yes!" I agreed. "What a legend of an idea that was! I hope Josh is okay though, that dog didn't seem too friendly..."

"Meh..." Stef didn't seem too worried, "Let's go home."

William Sklenars

Year 13

THE CATHEDRAL

Back in 1940 the cathedral was different. Outside the heavy grey smog clung to the normally baby blue sky imposing a blanket of grey depression upon Coventry. The cathedral stood tall and proud like a statue boasting the heroic prowess of some long forgotten monarch. The large ancient oak doors were the swords of this monarch, warding off the imposing industrial gloom from this great, holy place of God.

Inside the smell of freshly melted wax proved more enticing than the heavy atmosphere outside. The abundance of robes and decorative silverware gave an air of faith to the room like He was watching; He would listen. At the north end was a shrine depicting his son on the crucifix. The model's face was carved with a melancholy expression. Its only clothing was a small morsel of cloth balancing on his boney waist. On the left of the altar was a polished wooden stand and before it lay a mass of wooden benches like rows of soldiers lined up in order, taking commands from their officer. Only a handful of people were on these benches. An old woman sat in the front reading a Bible passage to herself, reciting it to herself in mumbles. A poorly clothed mother and daughter sat in the middle rows holding each other's hands. Next to the fragile little girl lay a propaganda poster titled: 'Your country needs you!' with a portrait of a man pointing with an accusative look. The girl waved her legs to and fro on the bench until she turned to her mother and asked when her father was coming home. The woman turned to her and told her that hopefully it would be soon.

Sixty six years later the cathedral had changed dramatically. No more did the

toxic fumes of industry plague us. No more did the strong aroma of candle wax drift us away to our own version of nirvana. No more.

A bus weaved through the rainbow assortment of cars as it tried to find a space in the carpark of a thousand cars. As it slowly came to a stop the doors opened releasing a stream of miniature blue uniforms which proceeded to flood through the arch way entrance, the numerous pillars splitting the torrent like rocks in a river. Behind the arches were the ruins of the once proud but peaceful cathedral. On one side of the ruins stood the slightly charred shrine of the crucifix, the same shrine from before. Its burns were a result of the incendiary devices used in the bombing. His state now seemed to mimic his melancholy expression. Although more people were in the cathedral they had come here not for purposes of faith, but for tourism.

A child dropped a lolly wrapper on the floor in front of a piece of art left to attract more attention to the cathedral. It was a wooden model of two humanoid shapes intertwined together. A strong, but soothing, gust of wind blew through the roofless ruins dragging with it a brown paper bag which clung onto one of the shape's hands. A man in baggy clothes picked up the bag and put it in a bin he was carrying and started to curse under his breath about how kids should pick up their own litter. Many more pieces of art stood around the walls of the cathedral. None of them faith related, except one piece which was a wooden crucifix made of the charred beams of the old cathedral. The smell of the memorial flowers gently glided its way to the group around the crucifix. The group of blue uniformed school children chattered incessantly about the art works they had already seen not





really showing any enthusiasm about it. They took the cathedral for granted. They just wanted to go home, to get it over with but I could have stayed here within these walls of memories for hours.

Only I felt at home here.

Steven Innes
Year 11

TORN

A tear swells in my eye as I look upon my favourite collection of wood, metal, rope and plastic; the playground. I can see the warm sun strung high in the sky, a burnished marionette, guided by the hands of Mother Nature. It shines its radiance over the beautiful playground and the fresh bark that provides its foundation. Shouts of joy and laughter echo across the grounds and I can't stand it any longer. I need to be on that playground. So I run. The wind rushes past my face and slides through my hair like soft fingertips. I can smell the aroma of freshly cut grass and almost taste the salty potato crisps on my tongue. I'm here.

The bark feels rough beneath my bare feet, slightly heated by the sun's rays. I look in wonder at the rounded timber planks that complete the playground, lightly covered with furry moss. They tower over me, strong and stable, a rich chesnut colour in the morning light. I run my hand over the pale green moss that's scattered over them, and feel it brush faintly against my palm like worn carpet. Each plank is infused with the love and joy of the people who play on it every day. Of us; the children. As soon as we step onto the bark, it's like the rest of the world disappears and

nothing else matters. The cool metal bars are like old friends and, as we clutch them, they make sure we don't fall. We squeal as we slide down the chute and chuckle as we climb on the timber. We spin around until we fall over, dizzy.

As I look upon the playground it's as if it's a child too, as eager to play with us as we are with it. Its stairways are wide and flat, open palms beckoning us forward. The birds are chirping, and small dandelion seeds brush gently against my cheeks. As I walk towards the heart of the playground, however, a hand wraps around my wrist and snaps me back to reality. It's time to go. Bark changes to grass and I turn my head for one last glimpse. I can see the trees swaying in the wind, waving goodbye. The playground looks sad now, casting its colossal shadow over the grounds. But in my mind I make a promise. We'll meet again.

Seven years have passed since the day I made that promise. And now, as I return to my favourite collection of wood, metal, rope and plastic, I see how much it's changed. The first thing I notice is the rough concrete path that cuts through the dry, grassy stubble. It feels foreign, grimy and lifeless under my shoes. Mother Nature has gone. The sun, once friendly, has been cut loose from its strings. It stalks through the sky, emitting a reddish glow and casting evil shadows over the grounds.

As I near the playground, the smell of oil and smoke fills my nostrils and burns deep into my lungs. I can feel the flakes of rust fizz on my tongue and stifle my breathing. I gaze around and see that the once bustling playground with children in every gap and corner is now void of all life. Up ahead, the bulldozers and cranes that rip away at the playground are the only things that

remain. I see their dark metal coats glint with malice and I wince as they roar with bestial rage. Like giant termites feeding on a dying tree, their massive talons slice through its branches and tear out its roots. Cries of agony are swallowed by the buzzing drone of the monstrous machines.

As I slide my hand across the corroded metal bars, I feel them crumble beneath my fingertips. The rounded wooden planks lie twisted on the ground while the love and joy ebbs out of them. All the memories.... It's time for me to go. As I walk away I take one last look at the place that has given me so much. The swaying trees lie dry and baked under the burning sun. The machines bite at the last support, and the playground groans in pain as it finally collapses. A tear swells in my eye.

Brendon Fischer
Year 11

MY NEIGHBOUR

Disaster struck as the man cast a wide shadow when he entered the dimly lit room. He made the room feel some what bigger. I felt some reluctance towards the suspicious figure dressed in black pants, ripped and tattered from scuffing on the ground. He closed the door as slowly and as quietly as a mouse. He looked liked he had just had a fight with the high pressure hose.

I sunk even further into my chair. The block of wood with very little padding seemed to be even more uncomfortable. The taste of saliva in my throat was making me dry retch. He took off his cowboy hat and placed it on the rusty old mustard coloured door knob. His long dark black wiry hair blew in the

wind that was thundering through the southern wall. "Who are you?" I yelled as I shook with fear. He said nothing.

I still didn't know his name, but then again I think I didn't want to know. There was now a puddle where the frightening figure was standing; he was now inching ever so slowly towards me, not taking his grim cat-like eyes off me.

As he got closer my eyes were squinting desperately trying to see who or what it was. I was shivering not because it was cold, but because I was so scared.

Overcome by the foul stench that was like superglue and stuck to everything in sight, I screwed up my nose and thought, man do I need a clothes peg! It was horrible, as though he had been sleeping with the pigs down at the local piggery. Then all of a sudden a loud groan sounded from the man. "I am your neighbour, so watch out or else."

By then I was so scrunched up in my chair I could hardly be seen. He then turned around and exited the same way he entered dragging his feet as he went out the door into the icy cold elements.

Matthew McDonald
Year 9

SPEECHES

My name is called
The time has come
I want to flee
I want to run.

With sweaty hands
And trembling knees
I get to my feet
And everyone sees.

I think of the worst
I accept my doom
I take uncertain steps
To the front of the room.

I gather my thoughts
My mind is untwirled
In one solid line
I address the world.

Matthew Girvan
Year 11

A CHANGE OF SEASON

The deafening screech of the wind filled the air. As far as the eye could perceive into thick swirling mists, rain was pounding and beating its fury into the ground. Dirty pools formed at my feet. Pools which fed into tiny streams of water, winding through tall thrashing grass. Streams which quickly found their way down muddy banks until they fed into the churning river below. The river charged over mud, rock and stone like a bull, pausing for nothing. Unstoppable. Rolling over colossal rocks with a horrendous rumbling. Unstoppable. Finally rushing out into the sea, feeding its power and fury to the seething mass. Towering waves surged up out of the depths, raising their heads to the black sky. As leviathans of the deep they fought a terrible battle, hurling themselves against one another. Long tongues of spray whipped off their backs. The whole ocean was restless, heaving and tossing as one gigantic body.

The icy wind picked up tiny droplets of water and drove them at my vulnerable body. Tiny biting stings continually found uncovered skin. The sharp tang of salt was rich in the air, along with an electrifying mood of fear and excitement. The wind howled. The



thunder growled, blasting out its beat from the heavens. First a long slow rumbling, like the purr of a dangerous beast. Then growing in volume. Louder. Faster. Becoming a crescendo of noise; reaching a climax with a final flurry of beats; sinking slowly back down, leaving the steady chatter of rain in its wake.

A terrified bird croaked its misery from its perch under a huge tree, tossing and turning in the furious wind. Above, the ominous purple-black clouds twisted in a wild dance, dark and powerful as they rolled from east to west. A single chilling droplet slid down my forehead. It reached the tip of my nose and paused for a moment, as if it were a traveller having lost its way. Slowly it began to elongate, feeling the earth's tug. Further and further it stretched until finally it was hanging by a single thread. Then it snapped and dropped through the air.

Yet now my cheek is washed in warmth, as the sun peeps down between fuzzy clouds. They are huge and immense, yet almost a comfort as they bumble slowly across the sky, tripping and spinning in their curious way. It is like watching an everlasting explosion caught on camera and played back in slow motion, as they collapse upon themselves before boiling out again. Huge cloud columns support the soft cloud roof that gently blankets the land below.

The piping of birds drifts serenely over the lush grass, accompanied by the murmur of a breeze that barely ruffles the heads of trees. Everything is blanketed in a light film of water that glistens and flashes as it catches rays of heaven sent light. From ground to sky nature boasts an impressive display of vibrant colours, as numerous as the hues of an artist's palette. The sea is calm and flat, unmoving as if frozen in



time. I breathe in deeply, smiling and savouring the fresh air, so pure it feeds the soul.

High in the air a lone bird wheels and soars, basking in fingers of golden warmth. Steam rises in wisps from the ground, coiling lazily in swirling currents of air. Clear beads of water glint like little jewels as they hang from the undersides of leaves. The land is under an enchantment, a spell of beauty and freshness. The bird, now a mere black spot in the endless blue, drifts over this mesmerising land, and with it my soul glides also. Without limit. Without restraint. Free.

Peter Molloy
Year 11

HELP

The children trudge on, slowly fading away
Their minds racing, their bodies slowing
They are struggling to stay alive
They are always on the move
No one cares for them, no one knows them
But they are there and they need your help.

Their suitcases are dusty, ragged and worn
They have trekked all day but have gone nowhere
Children hoping for a miracle
Adults knowing there won't be one
Their lives are unknown to the rest of the world
But they are there and they need your help.

As the day grows weary, so do the people

Wishing this torment would come to an end
Hope is what fuels these people
Hope of a better tomorrow
But the hope is dying, shrivelling to none
But it is there and it needs your help.

Another day passes and so do more people's lives
Meaningless in the greater scheme
The sun will soon rise to start another day
Not all who started will rise with it
Their torture isn't realised by us
But it is there and it needs no help.

These people are longing for us to help
Who are you to turn them down?

Frazer Stevenson-Bone
Year 11

SEASONAL PONDERINGS

Winter has fallen, like a silk veil of serenity over my property. The vast expanse that is the lawn releases the sweet scent of clippings into the dense morning air. Drops of dew sit delicately atop each slender blade of the grass, glistening in the crimson light of the morning. Row upon row of shrubs sway, side to side, in the chilling breeze. At their base the few winter flowers remaining cling delicately to the topsoil, their roots losing grip. Birds, like refugees, are on the move, seeking solace wherever they can.

Droplets of condensation caress the solitary tree guarding the sunrise to the east. Its dark cragged branches create eerie silhouettes against the vibrant colours of the sunrise. On it, leaves are non-existent. Only scrawls of bark and sundry patches of supple wood

underneath remain. Behind the tree, the sun, etched into the morning sky, casts a faint glitter onto the landscape below. This vision brings me a warm feeling. This is deftly thrust aside as a gale of freezing wind snaps me out of my temporary state. I cast my gaze to Harry, my portly feline companion, hunting for prey, neglecting the fact that they are sheltered away.

When the gentle breezes and the ecstatic chirps of the birds fill the air, summer has come around. The sun claims its throne in the middle of the sky, illuminating the spirits of all around. The solitary tree has awoken from its deep slumber and has started to sprout leaves again. A frail curtain of ripe bark has covered the exposed wood underneath. The refugees have left their shelters and have taken perch on its cragged limbs once more. Harry prowls the great expanse that is the lawn, playfully pawing at the monarchs fluttering above his head.

A multitude of flowers have appeared amongst the shrubs. At their base the winter braving flowers have found foundation and are firmly rooted to the soil of the garden. The great wall of fog that had once blocked the view has passed on, exposing a view of magnificent beauty. At the base of the bluff I can see the rolling hills that the winter fog disguised. Between the hills a great river carves itself into the valley, like a snake through desert sand. The sun's rays dance on the crystal blue waters, casting a sparkle into my eye. The sound of a horn erupts into the air, drowning out the voices of the bird's chirping choir, as the midday train clatters across the coarse stone bridge. Its fluorescent red paint creates a stunning contrast with the emerald green countryside. As I start to grow weary, I amble to a sunny spot on the slope of the lawn and nestle myself into

the warm grass beside Harry. I carefully stroke his soft fur. As I lie there I think how lucky I am to live where I live. In a place that is majestic no matter what the season.

Alex Besley
Year 11

TIDES OF CHANGE

As lunchtime ticks by, Oakura beach basks in its glory. The summer sun shines off the smooth stones lining the water's edge. The frothing water from the rolling waves of the sea washes over the pebbles, crunching them, grinding them together, like the waves crunching the sand on the shore. Flags flap in the light breeze, a brilliant yellow and red, as a fish flaps in its dying moments of life, on the beautiful black sand. The sun gleams, glistens and glows off the brilliant blue water. Rays reflect off the sea, bouncing off the spores of the dandelions floating in the sky, creating a brilliant, natural light show. Wafting up to my nose are aromas from every direction, wrapping around my tongue, sending my taste buds tingling. To the left I can almost taste the salt from the crispy, hot chips just withdrawn from the crackling deep fryer. To my right the smell of the salt water floating in the light breeze from the colossal bright blue Tasman Sea.

Piercing the sound of the rolling waves, possessing a beauty of its own, is laughter. Laughter from the excited children. Laughter from the parents as their children play on the shipwreck emerging from the rocks. Laughter everywhere - it is all part of the joyful time that everyone experiences at the beach. Looking towards the point, an IRB swings around the line of rocks,

swings around the wreck, dodging, darting, this way and that. Out the back of the boat, smoke is projected towards the clear blue sky above, creating a lone cloud towards the otherwise clear heavens. A man makes his way along the beach, walking along the water's edge, sinking deeper and deeper with every step in the soft sand in the shallow water. He makes his way to the fish fluttering in the pools of liquid left by the retreating tide. Ever so deftly he takes his sleek sharp knife from beneath his belt. He raises it above his head, and waits patiently for the fish to savour its final moment of life.

As the sun sheds its last rays of the day on the seaside, the eeriness sets in. The sun, having now lost its shining brilliance in the final moments of dusk, now sets a red glow over all of its surroundings. Smoke rises in the distance. A growing bonfire, red, yellow, a brilliant fiery scene, leaving in its wake the charcoal wood, like the sun leaving its surrounding in a deep dull darkness. What were once the fragrant aromas of the seaside have now been smothered with the stink of smoke and fish guts. Smoke engulfs my nose, my mouth, my lungs, smothering my senses and what was once an inviting scene at the waterside, now drives away the crowd, as they revolt in the pungent stench of the fish remains. The sea is now but a gentle ripple, slowly washing away the footprints of the day's visitors, the holes from the flags, the sandcastles from the children, the imprints, the memories, and the emotions of the day at the beach.

Debris covers the rock line. Newspapers, towels, food scraps - sure to be washed away as the tide rolls steadily further towards the road. What is left is a clean slate for the beach to start anew tomorrow. At the water's edge a lone couple strolls, adding some life to this

once active, yet now lifeless, beach. A step is skipped here and there, as they dodge the remains of this morning's catch. The day is over, the beach is clear. Exhausted but reflective, the local lifeguards drag the IRB slowly towards the shed huffing and heaving it up the dull sand beneath its hull. The door creaks closed as the shopkeeper slides the key into the hole to lock up for another night. The car parks that were so heavily in demand now lie bare. Another day is over, yet still the shipwreck stands.

Every day, at every time, through laughter, through tears, through good times, and bad, as the tide comes in, and the tide goes out, the wreck stands in the water, the one constant overseeing this place of continual change.

William Tennent
Year 11





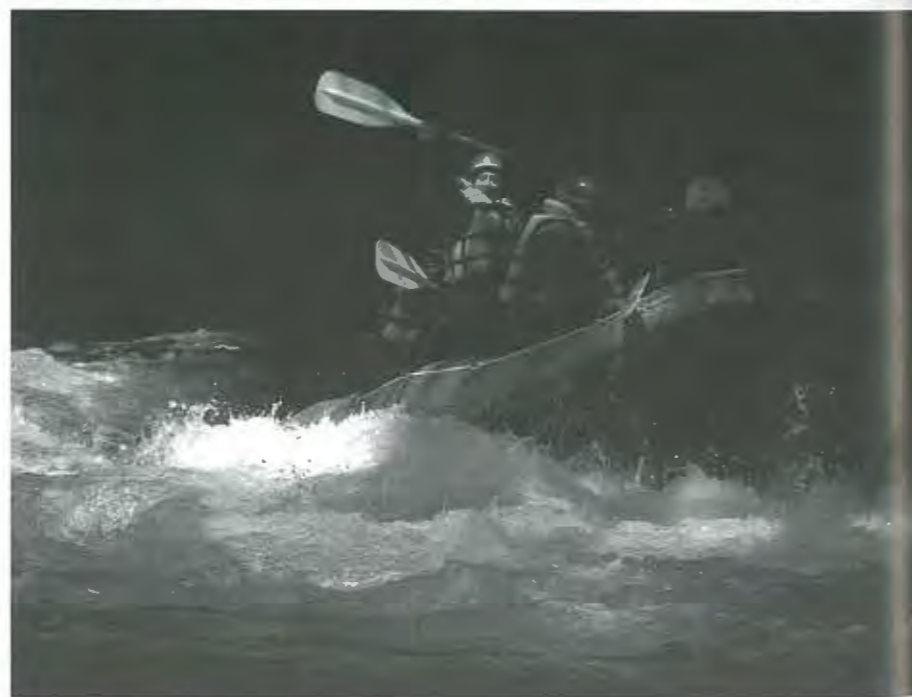
TONGARIRO YEAR 9 CAMP

Day 1: We were at school just before 8am where we packed the mini-vans with the gear we had left in the outdoor-education room the day before and we headed off to Rock 'n Ropes just out of Taupo. After a day full of excitement we headed to Tongariro Motor Camp where we stayed just for the night. Before we went to sleep that night we learnt how to pack our packs so they were nice and tight and we would be able to fit more gear into our packs.

Day 2: We had an early start to the morning knowing that we had a great big mountain that we were going to climb. At about 10.00am we headed into Turangi where we went indoor rock climbing. At 12.00am we were at Mt Ruapehu Visitors Centre where we had lunch. After lunch we headed up the mountain driving to the scoria flats where we parked, put our packs on our backs and we set off up the mountain. On our way up we kept having breaks and drinking water to keep our bodies working. When we reached a certain point we stopped and looked around for a place to set up camp. Once we found a nice plain we set out tents up and started to cook our tea. After a hard days work tramping we needed a good long sleep for the morning.

Day 3: We woke up with the sun's light beaming into our tents. When we opened our tent door we could see that we were above the clouds and all we could see were the peaks of Mt Taranaki and if we looked up we could see the icy peaks of Mt Ruapehu. After we had breakfast we practiced sliding down a little slope with our ice axes stopping

us from going down the whole slope. Soon after that we set off to one of the peaks where we had lunch, took some pictures and went down inside the dome. We saw the Crater Lake and some spectacular views. After this we headed back down to where our tents were but this time we took a different route and slid on our backsides most of the way down. When we got back down we moved our tents to one area where we were all together. Soon after



that we started to cook our tea which was pasta with sauce and parmesan cheese.

Day 4: We had an early start to the morning waking up at about 6.30am. The weather wasn't the best - we could only see about 5 meters in front of us - so it was a mission to pull down our tents and put our gear on and get it all together. It was a fun tramp off



the mountain sliding down some of the way and jumping other parts of the way. When we got down to the van on the scoria flats all of us were so relieved to have known that we had completed Mt Ruapehu. When we got back to the camp we got all of our gear and laid it out in the sun for about two hours to let it dry. After lunch we went into Turangi to go white water rafting down the Tongariro river. We went over huge rocks, around them and even got stuck between them. After rafting we went back to camp and had tea and after tea we went caving in the Okupata caves, which was really fun and exciting. We got back to the camp feeling really tired so we had a nice hot shower and then went straight to bed.

Day 5: This was the final day on our camp so we had to make the most of it. Before we set off for the big drive home we went abseiling into the Poutu Gorge - that was a good burst of adrenalin rush. On our way home we stopped in Taumararui to gas up and then we had a long trip home in the van.

I am glad I chose Tongariro as my Year Nine camp.

Ryan Burgess

MOUNTAIN BIKE CAMP

The Year 9 mountain biking camp was a thrill to all who took part in it. As soon as we hit the road we all knew we were in for some thrills and spills. The travelling was good and we stopped a few times. This included an unscheduled stop we hadn't planned on when one of the bikes fell off the trailer!! We arrived in Rotorua around lunch time and set up camp at Rotorua's thermal holiday park. After the boys had a good feed we were off to hit some trails in the well known Whakarewera Forest. Fortunately no serious injuries happened on the trails and we returned to camp exhausted, but buzzing after our tough ride. Back at the camp site we had a refreshing swim and relaxed our aching bodies in the hot pools followed by a BBQ tea.

The next day, after breaky, we hit the remaining trails of Whakarewera Forest. This ride was a cruel 4 hour thrill with one major crash from an attempt off a 4 - 5m jump where one of the guys tried to be Superman and came up short!! After the ride we went back to camp and had a good

lunch before leaving to go rafting on the raging Kaituna River - with a big waterfall. Receiving instructions from the instructors first we were then ready to hit the raging rapids going over two 2m waterfalls and then a final 7m drop. It was a frightful but exhilarating plunge as the whole raft submerged and popped back up. Having survived the extreme Kaituna waterfalls we headed back to camp feeling really proud of ourselves. To finish the day off we had dinner and yet another soak in the hot pools.

On Wednesday we had breakfast then made our lunch and packed up the camp site, setting off for a fun day at the luge before leaving Rotorua to travel to Taupo. On the way we drove to Aratiatia Dam where we watched the flood gates open, then we continued our journey to Taupo. Once there we went straight to the Craters of the Moon to ride some more trails. After another day of thrill seeking we went to De Brett's Thermal Resort for the final night. Rapidly devouring our dinner we then set off to the pools where we spent a fun time going down the hydro-slide



and resting in the hot pools.

The final day of camp we were all feeling a little exhausted but knew we had another great day ahead of us. We had breakfast, made our lunch and packed up our gear then headed straight for paintball. This got everyone's adrenalin pumping as we ran through the bush getting shot at. By the end of the game we were all nursing painful bruises, some more than others, but we had had an awesome time. It was finally time for us to head back to New Plymouth all of us with big grins on our faces, weary bodies and some great stories to tell.

Jackson Win

FISHING CAMP

Having just been humiliated by Reo Martin as I walk around the ground looking for inspiration and information for this article, (as he loudly tells me, and any one else in earshot, about his 6 kg. snapper caught at Turangi Rd and shows me the picture on Josh's phone), I decided to pen this report myself so that I can tell you all the fisherman's truth about our camp.

There were only six boys brave enough to head north with Mr Lockhart and myself to surf cast off north Taranaki beaches. The first day is usually spent at Waitara and Waitara did not disappoint us. We went home that night with fish for tea.

Tuesday we headed off on the camp proper to Marakopa - Marakopa did disappoint us. Apart from being quiet and peaceful there were no fish, even when we fished the incoming tide next morning. We had seen the waterfall and after all the rain the previous week it was awesome. Next on to Waikawau

- awesome tunnel but still no fish. After settling in to camp at Mokau we went back to Awakino to set the net and try our luck again.

Early morning we head back to the net. As it is slowly dragged in the fish start to emerge - then the task of getting them out of the net. Back to camp for breakfast with buckets of fish and, since it is the last day, we will be able to take them home.

Mokau river on the rising tide through the morning did not disappoint. Steadily through the day the fish came in. At lunch time everyone had at least one fish. We were very happy to eat the last of the supplies, grab our icecream and fall into the van for the journey home. For the last four days we had had fantastic weather, caught fish and had miles of beautiful coastline virtually to ourselves. Not a bad way to finish the year.

Roger Harland

WAITOMO CAMP

Day 1:
We sat in anticipation waiting for the van. With the sun on our shoulders we were eager to set off. Finally the van pulled up, we put on the gear and set off on our 4 day journey. Two hours later we entered Waitomo. We came up to the campsite and all rushed out of the van to see paradise. After unpacking we went on a walk in the true lime stone country, we came back exhausted but there was more. We had to go on a treasure hunt in our two separate groups. Most people were already exhausted but found out they could relax in the pool afterwards. So group one set off and group two lazed in the pool. When group one got back

group two jumped in the van ready for the hunt. We got to the destination and set off doing team activities and caving. In the end we found the treasure and went back to camp for tea, a shower then a good night's rest.

Day 2:
With the morning sun on warming our backs we ate our breakfast and waited to hear our activities for the day. Group 1 would be doing black water rafting followed by the quad bikes and Group 2 would be doing the same thing at different times. Both groups set off, my group was 2 so we had the quad bikes first up. We met our instructor and headed off. We thought we would just be driving round the flat paddocks but we soon saw that we were going up steep hills and down big drops. It seemed only a few hours of riding because it was so much fun, we couldn't stop looking at the scenery. At the end of the trek we thanked our instructor and headed off for lunch. After lunch we arrived at the black water rafting spot and geared up. This was a surprise for us, as we had no idea what it was. We jumped in the cave's river and floated down on rubber tubes. We were all nervous but soon relaxed and started going down rapids and jumping off the waterfalls. We eventually saw light and jumped out of the cave's freezing water. We said a huge thanks to the guides and went back to camp to swap stories and hit the sack.

Day 3:
The morning came too soon and we were back up again, this time we all knew what we were doing and that was going to Hamilton. We were going there for the whole day to play paintball and have a look around. We had breakfast, grabbed our wallets and headed out for the day. The trip seemed to take forever but we finally got there. We parked up the van and were given



our instructions. Everybody went their separate ways, it was a time to have a look around and go to MacDonald's. We found our way back to the van and swapped stories of where we had been. Ms McVicker turned up and so did Ms Slater. We were told paintball was the next stop and immediately everybody's faces lit up. We slid into the van and cruised down the highway, turning off to a paintball course. We soon got the gist of the game, everybody started firing, and it was a hail of bullets gong in every direction. The instructor called us in he said the next course was speedball game where you have to get a ball but there would be 100 s of bullets trying to stop you. We got in position and ran for the ball only to see bullets coming our way. The game soon ended with everyone sore and tired. The van arrived to take the wounded back to Waitomo, the trip was awfully quiet with everyone feeling very tired. As soon as we reached Waitomo it was tea, showers then a good night's rest.

Day 4:
The wind woke me up. It was the final day and the weather showed us that too. The blustery wind chilled me. We

found out we had one more activity and that was to learn about the caves in the museum, surprisingly we all enjoyed it as we got to go through fake caves and fun stuff like going through narrow gaps. Then we went to the Ruakui Caves which was an amazing walk. After that we went back and packed up ready to get on the road again. The trip seemed long but the stop at Mokau was just what we needed and the fish and chips were the worlds best. The final leg of our journey was a windy one. We jumped off the van one final time and said a huge thanks to Miss McVicar and Miss Slater then went home for a rest.

I would just like to say thank you to Miss McVicar and Miss Slater, without you two this camp would not have been possible.

John LePine

HORSE TREKKING

During the Year Nine Outdoor Education Week 2006 the following boys spent five days riding horses: Jamie Adlam, James Cresswell, Joshua Ferguson, Shaun Foster, Ben Frost, Tim Henshilwood, Sam Higham, Rory McPherson, Tumai Piripi, Leon Robertson, Karsten Shotbolt, Jordan Stayt and Renn Schreiber.

Sunday was spent at "Bonanza" in Okato with Karina Corbitt. For some boys, it was their first time on a horse. Mr Turner assisted on this particular day and his skills got the nod from Twinkle, his mount from "The Last Samurai".

The other four days were based at "Okau Horse Treks", near Mokau. Every morning began with catching the horses. The sight of our boys fanning out across the home paddocks, each armed with a halter and lead-rope, provided good entertainment - for the horses. While some horses would nonchalantly wander off, just out of reach of their would-be riders, there was the occasional high speed break away group of horses. Sooner or later, and after a few bucks from Connie, Driver Don's mare, we would be in the saddle.

Lisa Garrod, owner of "Okau Horse Treks", and Sue Rivers, guide and instructor, quickly had our boys improving their trotting, cantering and jumping skills. Bareback team games were fun. The true NPBHS competitive spirit was evident throughout with, for example, barely a glance at the relay "batons" (compact pieces of horse dung) - all eyes were focused on the finish line, whatever the challenge.

Our days were spent trekking over wild plateau country, up and across rivers, up and down steep hill country and



through bush and pine forests. There were a few falls but, fortunately, no injuries.

After the horses were put away each day activities varied. Most of the boys enthusiastically put on fresh clothes –

from a well-stocked dress-up box. Gear ranged from a stretchy Superman outfit to a full-length, lacy evening gown. Our boys were introduced to Lulu, a pet chicken, and challenged to capture her. None of our fourteen-year-old boys were successful. It took four-year-old Leisha,

Lisa's daughter, to show our boys how it was done. Leisha also made catching her own pony, Peanut, look easy, along with putting on a halter almost the right way and tying up her pony without the knot coming undone. Another challenge was where the boys split into two teams and placed themselves either side of a very muddy pond for a tug o' war. The losers' fates were not difficult to imagine. The winners' victory was short-lived – the local girl guides soon had them rounded up for their non-optional mud bath. Even Josh, who ran very fast and very far, couldn't escape. A wash in the river soon restored the mud people to recognisable teenagers again.

Finally, the big bonfire kept everybody warm till late and provided a chance to reflect on camp in the firelight.

Special thanks go to Maree Wipiiti and Don Penwarden for their skilful assistance.

Vanessa Herbert



Rory on Black



Taking a break on tablelands



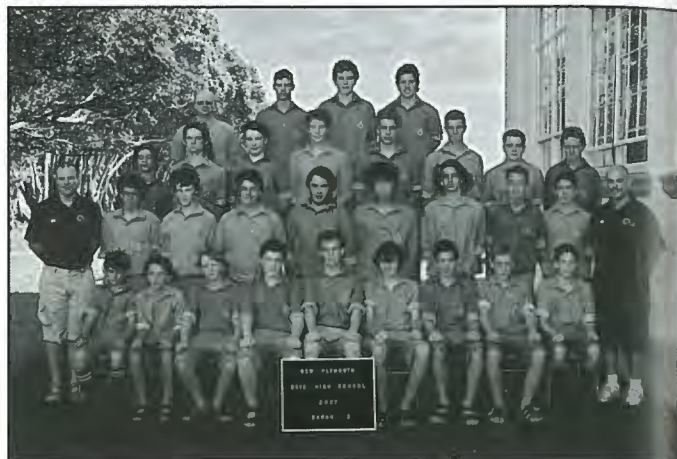


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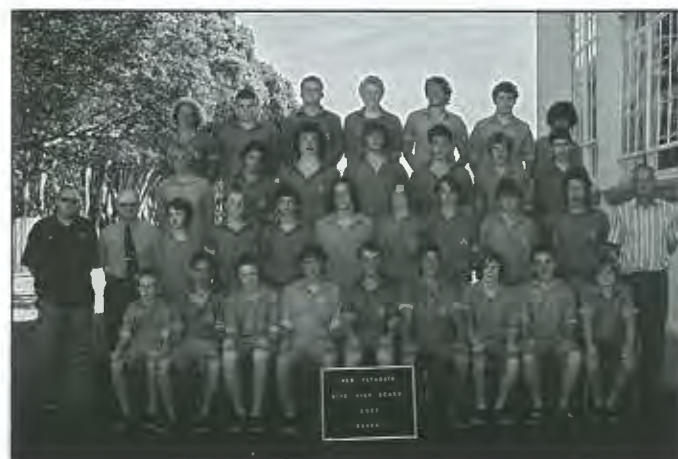
Barak 1

Back Row: Miss K Ward, Mr Hyde, Thomas Richardson, Tim Hawkey, Michael Hine, Mr Nicholas.
 Third Row: John Hobson, Skyler Jones, Te One Phillips-Tuteurouho, Loyd Hinton, Jesse Heslop, Luke Johnson, Chris Hewlett.
 Second Row: Sam Hanson, Troway Hayes, Chris Joe, Daniel Holland, Zac Jackson, Louis Ja, Brandon Holdt, Brad Hickling.
 Front Row: Ryan Hickling, Geoff Hewlett, Zac Loveridge, Sam Higham, Jay McKinlay, Patrick Harvey, Jamie Holdt, Greg Jacobs, Jordan Kumeroa.
 Teacher: Mr Byron Nicholas



Barak 2

Back Row: Mr Hyde (Housemaster), Scott Healy, Fabian Irwin, Matt Trotter.
 Third Row: Kelsey Matheson, Nathan Hughes, Stephen Nel, Gerard Keene, Cameron Hooper, Dayle Keene, William Martin, Brennan Kendall.
 Second Row: Ryan Hunt, Ivan Ikkvics, Jake Mills, Sam Howe, Jung Kim, Regan Habibi, Kyran Ngatai, Charl Jacobs, Mr Young.
 Front Row: Henry Johnson, Brayden Jones, Ki Higham, Thomas Henderson, Kent Lean, Josh Harvey, James Le Quense, Alex Iversen, Daniel Jacobs.
 Teacher: Mr Thomas



Barak 7

Back Row: Carlin Kumeroa, Keegan Marshall, Ren McGee, Callum Oliver, Joel Meull, Ethan Herbert, Justin Fynn.
 Third Row: Thomas Konjin, Regan McClelland, James McKerrow, Sean McKerrow, Connor Kerr-Newell, David Kane, James Hewett.
 Second Row: Zac Olssen, William McBride, Sam McComb, Matt Jones, Conner Mitchell, Tom O'Connor, Tom Jones, Cameron Laird.
 Front Row: Ryan Marshead, Tyrin Maxwell, Andrew Laird, Tyrone McCabe, Daniel Phillips, Lagen Kumeroa, James Konjin, Michael McArthur, Eddie Konjin.
 Absent: Levi Manning, Te Kohu Ngatia.
 Teachers: Mr A Evans, Mr R Young, Mr J Hyde (House Master).



Barak 8

Back Row: Daniel King, Daniel Mornich, Jarred Hinton.
 Third Row: Dallas McLeod, Thomas McElroy, Daniel Meads, Willem Ockhuysen, Jacob Meads, Naz Monsall, Simon Mornich.
 Second Row: Joshua McIntyre, Zeke Parker, Nick Monk, Isaac Owen, Peter Molloy, Sachin Modgill, Karl Marino, Casey McKay.
 Front Row: Adam McLoughlin, Ethan Moeller, James McDougall, Galilee Monsall, Adam Laitti, Josh Palmer, Brogan Knud, Brad McLaughlin, Rio Martin.
 Absent: Braeson Marino, Connor McLaughlin.
 Teachers: Wilson, Roberts.



Barak 3

Back Row: Mr Hyde (Housemaster), Ian Leppard, Andrew Gray, Levi Kendall.
 Third Row: Ms McVicar (Group Teacher), Callum Livingston, Jayce Jordan, Daniel McKelvey, Ben Hitchcock, Levi Horl, Toby Jordan.
 Second Row: Nick Koch, Beera Miller, Rawiri Manuirirangi, Mark Greenhill, Logan Hoyowaka, Isaac Julian, Nick Howe, Nathan Keenan, Kenneth Johnson, Mr Townes (Asst Group Teacher).
 Front Row: Ivan Kagadly, Chad Jones, Caleb Kearns, Mitchell Keene, Charley Miles (Group Leader), Marcus Laurence, Louis Keen, Katene Manuirirangi, Mitchell Keast.
 Absent: Thomas Johns.



Barak 4

Back Row: Mr Hyde, Duncan MacDonald, Michael Kerrigan, Andy Kin, Michael Johnson, Danny O'Leary.
 Third Row: Joshua Longstaff, Mark Jurkitch, Casey Luoni, Joshua Wilkau, Jordan King, Binh Koppu.
 Second Row: Mr Lockhart, Adam Jurgens, James Linahan, Ethan Kibby, Willy Lane, Hayden Knowles, Dhrav Iyer, Nathan Kendall, Mrs Slater.
 Front Row: Simon Porter, Josh Lowe, Luke Kernot, Michael LL, David Lee (Group Leader), Alexander King-Tabsteau, Dylan Hopkins, Dean Jordan, Anupom Kabir.
 Absent: Robert McLeod.



Barak 9

Back Row: Mr Justin Hyde (House Master), Tayler Morgan, Kayne Newman, Logan Korff.
 Third Row: Chris Miller, Michael Popporell, Gavan Lanchenko-Scott, Steven Innes, James Paterson-McKaie, Nainesh Patel.
 Second Row: Mr R Harland (Group Teacher), Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Jaz Nisbet, David Morton, Lane Mitchell, Gerard Miller, Matthew Neville-Lamb, Mark Parthenore, Zac Michel, Mr J Tuller (Asst Group Teacher).
 Front Row: Dylan Moratti, Scott Moyes, Rory McPherson, Josh Perrett, Zachary Lewis (Group Leader), Vaughn McLeod, James Patu, Mark McMahon, Jason McMahon.
 Absent: Jean-Luc Kelly, Brad Hayward, John Marshall, Jordan Nisbet.
 Teacher: Mr Harland.



Barak 10

Back Row: Daniel King, Daniel Mornich, Jarred Hinton.
 Third Row: Dallas McLeod, Thomas McElroy, Daniel Meads, Willem Ockhuysen, Jacob Meads, Naz Monsall, Simon Mornich.
 Second Row: Joshua McIntyre, Zeke Parker, Nick Monk, Isaac Owen, Peter Molloy, Sachin Modgill, Karl Marino, Casey McKay.
 Front Row: Adam McLoughlin, Ethan Moeller, James McDougall, Galilee Monsall, Adam Laitti, Josh Palmer, Brogan Knud, Brad McLaughlin, Rio Martin.
 Absent: Braeson Marino, Connor McLaughlin.
 Teachers: Wilson, Roberts.



Barak 5

Back Row: Mr J Hyde (House Master), Josh Mahura, Sam Masters, Mike Maloney, Scott Jonas, Tim Lee.
 Third Row: Matthew Lamb, Charles Loader, James MacLean, Jared Kell, Baxter King, Nathan Mahaney, Jared MacDonald.
 Second Row: Mr J Sims (Group Teacher), Steely-Dan Hatton-Moore, Masuri Shadrock, Makahesi Makatoa, Jesse Malcolm, Josh Low, Daniel Lamorena, Chad McCracken, Michael Mallalieu, Mr K Simpson (Asst Group Teacher).
 Front Row: Michael Lahood, Cameron Loft, Troy Jury, Edward Lawley, Andrew Marfell (Group Leader), Ryan Maloney, Adam Landers, Daniel Lowe, Jack LI.
 Absent: Tas Hamahona, Damien Hobbs, Michael Langslow, William Langslow, Jordan Makatoa.



Barak 6

Back Row: Teira Mahe, Xieran Mason, Tim Harrison, Thilina Mendis, Sam Nattraas.
 Third Row: Lerroy McDonald-Palmer, Alex McQuilkin, Awa Mahi, Jamie Morrison, Steven McKay, Sam Lust, Thomas Nattraas.
 Second Row: Andy Mabin, Zac Moller, Tupere Mahi, Jay Maaka, Max Lumb, Corban Malney, Daryon McFarlane, Fraser Lodge.
 Front Row: Jamie Malter, Bevan Low, Kalindu Merdis, Nick Mitchell, Leon Johnstone, Ricky Malcolm, Te Ahu Mane, Nathan McArthur, Ethan Macley.
 Teachers: Mr Wild, Mr Hyde.



Barak 11

Back Row: Mr Justin Hyde, Scott McMahon, Jonnie Morath, Christian Newland, Daniel Long, Alex Krewek, Beau Philip.
 Third Row: Karl Paterson, Caylin Hunt, Sam Lovendick, Scott Nelson, Luke Nolly, Chris Lepper, Josh Lovell-Smith.
 Second Row: Mrs Val Moore, Rick Olsson, Chad Niwa, Seung Han, Jess Peters, Kerrod Hughes, Nuka Lyberth, Hayden Patena, Wayne Geng, Joshua McKee, Mrs Puckeridge.
 Front Row: Matthew Peterson, Sam Nicholas, Cyril Panoho, Corey Nicholson, Taryn Martin, Joshua Parkinson-Lilly, Manahi Ngatia, Damien Ngatai, Tim Penn.
 Absent: Chris Ryo, Carlin Hodson-Manu, Aaron Northcott.



Donnelly 1

Back Row: Tim Brown, Mark Atkins, Eli Abraham-Beermann, Josh Barrett, Julian Alm.
 Third Row: Jesse Bengie, Daniel Aroa, Daniel Alldridge, Ben Akari-Buckley, D-J Akari-Buckley, Glen Baxter.
 Second Row: Mr Stephen Brown, Jesse Allan, Thomas Alexander, Tyler Anderson, Adam Antao, Jesse Frost, Liam Ander, Joseph Bailey, Sam Gulliver, Dr Nandana Arjaratne.
 Front Row: Mark Campbell, Sam Adams, Chris Aebig, Jamie Adlam, John-Paul Hughes (Group Leader), Gene Atken-Fowell, Isaac Bailey, Connor Anderson, Tate Allen.
 Absent: Jay Arbackle, Reuben Atkinson.
 Teachers: Dr Nandana Arjaratne, Mr Stephen Brown.



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Donnelly 2

Back Row : Joshua Hartley, Matthew Blackwell, Dylan Bennet, Henry Bartle, Chris Arthur, Ryan Anker.
 Third Row : Daniel Barry, Darren Benton, Simon Bennet, Brad Bennet, Stuart Belgrave, Regan Birt, Mitchell Baker.
 Second Row : Mr T Heaps, Daniel Balsom, Thomas Benton, Daniel Blackhall, Ethan Bildersbeck, Alex Bartley-Catt, Joel Boyland, Byron Andrews, Matthew Barnard.
 Front Row : Matt Bishell, Sam Dally, Zach Bellinger, Chris Baker, Tom Bartle, Jamie Black, Matthew Barham, Codie Grayling, Sheldon Barnett.
 Absent : Mark Black, William Corbett.
 Teacher : Ms V Kerr.



Donnelly 3

Back Row : Oliver Brankin, Harley Bracken, Karl Andrews, Brent Donnelly.
 Third Row : Hayden Brooks, Daniel Green, Jason Holder, Callum Barnett, Sam Bloomfield, Tom Baker, Tane Edwin.
 Second Row : Blair Corlett, John Brunning, Elliot Bloomfield, Cameron Holden, Donald Bruce, Stuart Birckett, Jarrod Birckett, Mitchell Brown.
 Front Row : Jackson Broadlock-Paja, Corey Bryson, Josh Bricker, Fabian Bracken, Campbell Bower, Tyson Brandt, Norton Bibby, Christopher Blyde, Lewis Bloomfield.
 Absent : Daniel Burgess, Josh Bruns, Mr D Bublitz.
 Teacher : B Corlett.



Donnelly 8

Back Row : Jamie Hatz, Max Williams, Rhys Ellis, Matthew Foster, Hayden Davison, Ethan England.
 Third Row : James Fraser, Scott Clifton, Paul Andrews, Devon Fraser, Callum Davison, Liam Harvey, Jake Bowden-Eves, Jeremy Fenwick, Logan Dravitzki.
 Second Row : Mr P Cayzer, Stanley Faases, Callum Gray, Breezin Farquhar, Michael Hatz, Matthew Armitage, Isaac Davies, Jonathan Fiaipoi, Aaron De Ridder, Ainsley Edwards, Mr G Hannah.
 Front Row : David Dudson, Evander De Groot, Beavan Dewar, Talor Court, Rakesh Desai, Christophe Egli, Nick Donghi, Adam Farr, Jesse Dravitzki-Smith.
 Absent : Hot Burgess, Tevin Dixon.



Donnelly 9

Back Row : Finn Climo, Scott Evans, Scott Fraser, James Graham, Kris Fairclough.
 Third Row : Raymond Edwards, Sam Horo, Lachie Fenwick, Misilke Fonott, David Ellis, Byron Gardner, Nathaniel George.
 Second Row : Shaun Foster, Max Gordon, Kerry French, Carlton Hiroa, James Fuller, Sam Franklin, Lacy Gardner, Mark Black.
 Front Row : Hamish Franklin, Kyle Gillespie, Joel Edgcombe, Connor Findlay, Josh Gordon, Josh Ferguson, Chae Hall, Quade Elvin, Jordan Flanagan.
 Absent : Matt Duxfield, Daniel Faigan, Jared Gilmer.
 Teachers : Mrs B Egan, Mrs S Scott.



Donnelly 4

Back Row : Chris Caskey, Coady Clark, Brendan Clough, Laine Barnett, Alex Bull, Cameron Bollond, Aaron Barber.
 Third Row : Zachary Bunyan, Ben Caskey, Ryan Brooking, Gray Barnett, Jared Bryant, Nathanael Bunyan, Whetu Cameron.
 Second Row : Ms C French, Jordan Cadman, Cameron Brownlie, Ben Downman, Sam Cadman, James Brownlie, Lachlan Burns, Andrew Carswell, Sam Brown, Mrs M Atkinson.
 Front Row : Urala Buresova, Stephen Butchart, Kris Butzenworth, Adhish Achary, Chaz Hanscombe, Matthew Burton, Shaun Burton, Duane Bourne, Lance Burgess.
 Absent : Sam Broadmore, Keone Campbell-Forsyth, Adrian Clough.



Donnelly 5

Back Row : Josh Dodd, Thomas Cox, Jonathan Feasey, Russell Doney, Benjamin Dixon, Josh Foster, Mark Chivers.
 Third Row : Matthew Doney, Matthew Dickson, Teona Cappel, Thomas Harbridge, Martin Cox, Tom Burnside, Elliot Clarkson.
 Second Row : Mrs Beath, Turama Cassidy, Stuart Christensen, Kaz Cook, Daniel Clarke, Terence Crofskey, Ben Coneglin, Shae Rasmussen, Ben Chau, Mr Leppard.
 Front Row : Jake Church, Jonathan Beazley, Matt Evans, Oli Coneglin, Steffan Fry, Morrison Capper, Leon Chiu, Jaime Carr, Ryder Cawsey, Thomas Cook, Matthew Collingwood, Logan Castle, John Dickson.
 Absent : Mr Leppard, Mrs Beath.



Donnelly 10

Back Row : Matthew Harold, Rhys Harker, Hamish Fraser, Harald Akeveld, Oliver Guthrie, Saki Kulavere, Andrew Fowler.
 Third Row : Nick Harvey, Kingston Hana, Damian Aheme, Leonard Harris, Tyler Griffin, Scott Good, Hamish Fagg.
 Second Row : Mr J Howes, Maraatu Hapimanka, Alex Harfield, Zac Hadley, Jason Buchanan, Cam Gubb, Chad Hoskin, Khalin Greenbank-Gill, Aidan Gavin, Mr E Hoskin.
 Front Row : Te Anu Hapimanka, Ronald Benton, Jared Howcroft, Tane Hapimanka, Ben Hadley, Robert Hancock, Trevor Garlick, Josh Giddy, Christopher Harold.



Donnelly 11

Back Row : Dylan Haggart, Steven Heyes, Michael Hayles, Darryl Greig, Logan Heyes, John High, Joel Garrick.
 Third Row : Jeremy Dymes, Leigh Elliot, Steven Haam, Ross Gavin, Kieran Girling, Cole Greig, Nick Craig, Ramsey Glasgow.
 Second Row : Mr D Leahy, Jordan Hughes, Matthew Graystone, Daniel Harvey, Oliver Gifford, Chris Geller, Taylor Haskell, Paul Hermann, Carl Hayman, Carlin Honor, Danyon Healy-White, Robert Hayles, Oscar Eaten, Simon Hickey, Cameron Hopkirk, Jordy Haggart, Adam Gillespie, Braden Hopkins.



Donnelly 6

Back Row : Jesse Davis, Shannon Duthie, Julian Corbett, Thomas Doehring, Riki Harrison.
 Third Row : Tainui Cross, Troy Foreman, Dwayne Duthie, Kurt Cole, Alex Ferris, Clarke Demchey, Broughton Elliot, Josh Hollis.
 Second Row : Millan Kauka-Kahu, Ben Dalley, Tevin Dixon, Tyson Kahu, Nick Copstone, Christopher Devlin, Robert Kahu, Chris Cooper.
 Front Row : Jamie Clement, Ben Coventry, Sam Clark, Matthew De Klerk, Scott Honeyfield, Frank Crofskey, Nathan Coombs, Darren Collins, Adam Colless.
 Teachers : Mr Hewlett, Mr Dominikovich.



Donnelly 7

Back Row : Daniel Earby, Sam Hill, Josiah Abbott, Matt Dill, Aaron Edmunds.
 Third Row : Harrison Dredge, Jayden Edmunds, Dylan Crofskey, Jordan Morati, Shay Burkhardt, Carl Garrett, Trinity Doughty, Jonathan Folwell.
 Second Row : Daniel Hine, Bevan Darbyshire, Paul Doody, Troy Davies, Ryan Carter, Jared Doherty, Brad Carter, Johnny Davenport, Richard Darney, Tim Bonner, Jayden Davy, Michael Bonner, Edward Darney, Cameron Holm, Randal Stevens, Terrence De Bee, Ben Bonner, Brendan Davies.
 Teachers : Mr Dobbie, Mr Gledhill.



Hartherly 1

Back Row : Johnathan Barrett, Michael Baker, Ash Alexander, Joel Martin, David Arahanga, Chris Jager, Keni Baledrokadroka.
 Second Row : Rhys Radcliffe, Codey Phillips, Nathan Green, Matthew Sharp, Jarrod Bell, Rhys Marshall, Matt Temperton, David Baker.
 Front Row : Mark Martin, Joseph McNaught, William Brown, Logan Campbell, Josh Abbott, Mitch Campbell, Matthew McDonald, Ethon Field, Kyle Simonsen.
 Teacher : Mr Max Maaka.



Hartherly 2

Back Row : Andy Dykstra, Wade Stafford, Matthew Feringa.
 Third Row : Travis Woodd, Gilles Kaka, Brendon Fischer, Jason Rowland, Liam Feringa, Logan Burton.
 Second Row : Donald Oterson, Tom Sandford, Max Hom, Kimble Stevenson, Thomas Oterson, Isaac Hekenui, Warwick Millar, Blake McCurdy.
 Front Row : Kaiti Tapara, Johnny Thomson, Morgan Kawana, James Fischer, Blake Morgan, Gary Hofmann, Jesse Thomson, Luke Hoys, Ben Frost, Mr Hope.



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Hartherly 3

Back Row: Michael Ho, Theo Vink, Zac Caskey, Cedar Vainnes, Max Rimek, Chris Rutton, Daniel Fitzgerald, Jordan Matheson.
 Second Row: Elliot Jenkins, Paj Kongthongluck, Georg Thony, Tynan Matheson, Sean Hooper, James Cameron, Tim Henshildwood, Arnold Fitzgerald, Mr Martin Vercoe.
 Front Row: Martin Hebler, Ben Hubbard, Nick Brown, Mason Jenkins, Tony Sprangers, Ethan Ogle, James England, Alex Besley, Puriyawat Prapatsorn.
 Absent: Kyle Joyce.
 Teacher: Mr M Vercoe.



Hartherly 4

Back Row: Ashlee Pease, Mitchell Paterson, Andy Hamilton, Gordon Washer, Ben Lagan, Ben Steiner.
 Second Row: Drew Waitaki, Isaac Hine, Shaun Berk, Cameron Bryant, William Symes, Paul Donovan, Jakeb Hughes, Mr P Whittaker.
 Front Row: Richard Newsome, Jordan Wilson, Josh Moffitt, Damian Smuts, Lindsay Horrocks, Christian Perry, Ryan Boot, Ryan Braggins, Kaleb Hamilton.
 Absent: Sam Adams, Bose Yanuyanutawa.
 Teacher: Mr P Whittaker.



Hartherly 5

Back Row: Jack Arnold, Ben Patterson, Hamish Alabaster, Lewis Pollini, Phil Haua, Dallas Horsfall, Scott McLachlan, Jordan Rahui.
 Second Row: Noel Ardern, Matthew Chung, Matthew Powell, George Kalin, Richard Weir, Keiran Cawsey, Meka Maurini, Edwin Lee.
 Front Row: Leighton Smith, Martin Weir, Max Wakelin, Tom Ardern, Jared Whitehead, Jarred Wilson, Brandon Roach, Sam Grylls, Tyril Jones.
 Absent: Thomas Bowers.
 Teacher: Ms Ellicott.



Hartherly 6

Back Row: Kurt Giffins, Blair Roguski, Adam Black, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Matthew Hurley, Matthew Barclay.
 Second Row: Taylor Gray, Thomas O'Neill, Brodie Nel, Liam Jones, Matthias Muggenidge, Tim Phillips, Phillip Peters, Levi Naim, Mr T Cleaver.
 Front Row: Nic Southorn, Lyall Sanderson, Shane Smith, Ryan Sanderson, Sean Cressy, Steven Barron, Jerem Wichman, Keigan Burgess, Beau Aston.
 Teacher: Mr T Cleaver.



Hartherly 7

Back Row: Ashley Mellow, Greg Rowlands, Frank Mucalo, James Dunlop, Nathan Tobeck, Michael Stewart, Jade Hintz.
 Second Row: Akif Rafeeq, Kahanui Carkeek, Miles Harding, Taitui Tunavutu, Hamish Mellow, Scott Bradley, Cho Herewini, Sam Blundell, Wade Lewis.
 Front Row: David Avery, John Le Pine, Daniel Couchman, Rhys Newland (Group Leader), Mr C Mathi, Lee Kearns, Michael Lloyd, Ryan Burgess, Frazer Harrison.
 Absent: Keigan Burgess.
 Teacher: Mr C Mathi.



Hartherly 8

Back Row: Arden Donnelly, Scott Alexander, Cameron Lawrence, AJ Lose, Jake Parker, Glen Foreman, Mitchell Tuck.
 Second Row: Joshua Kennedy, Richie Annabell, Scott Lilly, Sean Dunn, Shaun McAree, Daniel Macdonald, Darren Alexander, Mr N Hunter.
 Front Row: Samuel Lye, Patrick McAree, Jordan Berry, Andrew Tippett, Leighton Price, Sam Lavin, Regan Verney, Grey White, Jayden Poingedstre, Cory Broughton.
 Absent: Mr N Hunter.
 Teacher: Mr N Hunter.



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Syme 1

Back Row: Brendan Hodge, Jeremy Mills, Morgan Power-Gordon, Warren Poata, Quinten Peter, Peter Reeve.
 Second Row: Mr D Atkins, Andrew Offord, Jason Schraeder, Lionel Randall, Michael Peterson, Dan Potroz, Sean Phillips, Connor Wilson, William Potroz.
 Front Row: Nich Orr, Daniel Reeve, Jade Richardson, Geordie Park, Jason Van Til, Lymay Schraeder, Gareth Power-Gordon, Chris Phillips, Finnbar Porteous.
 Absent: Sean O'Connor-Burrell, Aidan Prestney, Taani Prestney, Caleb Smith, Thomas Pullar, Dean Robinson, Vincent Sharp, Mr Bayly.



Syme 2

Back Row: Michael Roberts, Ashok Ramanathan, Steven Rolfe, Zane Ritai-Davey, Anthony Rayner.
 Third Row: Cam Rowlands, Nick Rayner, Ryan Peters, Jamie Spike, Callum Sampson, Tamakehu Rangipunga.
 Second Row: Mrs Fenney, Chris Rowlands, Kieran Stancliffe, Stacey Rowhlu, Alastair Scarle, Akshay Sridhar, Malachi Rapira, Raj Reddy, Bailey Raumat-Katene, Mr C Hill.
 Front Row: Jarrod Rice, Arran Richards, Brook Tarasiewicz, Matt Phillips, Matthew Rodden, Sky Wanahi, Kristian Peters, Richard Robbins, Nathan Pease.
 Teachers: Mr C Hill, Mrs M Fenney.



Syme 3

Back Row: Star Seko, Kyran Rooks, Ben Robbins, Lewis Schumacher.
 Third Row: David Sarten, Cruz Raumer, Kishan Rai, Damien Powell, Kane Sharrock, Billy Rodenburg.
 Second Row: Kyle Pilly, Jessie Pirini, Thomas Sinton, Jordan Stary, David Porter, Taha P-Misike, Eddie Ruzh, Isaac Robinson.
 Front Row: Jay Rodger, Chad Quinney, Liam Phillips, Mathew Phillips, Jason Olivec, Leonard Pullen-Burry, Ben Sinton, Tyler Wisniewski, Regan Robinson.
 Absent: Gerald Scott, Kenny Sinclair, Tumul Pipipi, Ryan Peters.
 Teachers: Pauline Crow, Hugh Russell.



Syme 4

Back Row: Scott Robertson, Jack Smithers, Alex Sewell, Troy Shoter, Richard Shearer, Michael Phillips.
 Third Row: Mathis Smith, Dion White, Cameron Rogers, Quinn Ross, James Wilson, Wade Sloane, Jeremy Raynes, Callum Rutherford.
 Second Row: Mr Hill, Sam Skipper, Jared Rook, Thomas Rowlands, Josh Roguski, Kyle Still, Jonathon Wyndam-Jones, Tim Ryder, Amrit Rai, Callum Salisbury, Mrs Porteous.
 Front Row: Glen Rawlinson, Chris Webb, Matt Sanger, Kyle Robertson, James Tate, Sean Parker, Jared Sattler, Kurris Rowe, Blair Saunders.
 Absent: Carl Parkins-Payne, Matt Shaw.
 Teachers: Mr Hill, Mrs Porteous.



Syme 5

Back Row: Connor Stachurski, Kane Robertson, John Taylor, Tim Riley, Jaly Slesser, Jacob Robinson, Cory Snowden.
 Third Row: Steven Smith, Robbie Weston, Wesley St George, Yuuki Smithers, Darryl Roberts, Vincenzo Smolenski, Jared Sofie.
 Second Row: Mr Vernon, Anthony Taylor, Will Sandifer, Billy Smith, Peneha Rowhlu, Jack Price, Matthew Zhong, Trent Spicer, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Mr Warner.
 Front Row: Aaron Saunders, Calum Ross, Andrew Smith, Gye Simkin, Ben Rowland, Matt Smith, Akif Sohail, Taylor Simpson, Lewis Walsh.
 Absent: Troy Rummy.
 Teachers: Mr Vernon, Mr Warner.



Syme 6

Back Row: Harley Smith, Stewart Sutherland, Nick Redfern, Chris Ridgwell-Lang, Brett Taylor, Vincent Robinson, Gary Tiplady.
 Second Row: Matthew Stephenson, Ethan Sanderson, Naoto Shimoyu, Kurt Tannwell, Josh Sandford, Karsten Shortbok, Jong Shin, Sheldon Ross.
 Front Row: Cameron Sampson, Tyler Stewart, Courtney Stewart, Joseph Stanton, Alexander Novak, Spek Vukala, Leon Robertson, Jamie St Clair, Jacob Kogut.
 Absent: Nick Standen, Tyler Stills, Caleb Snowden, Jaime Stones, Jordan Pretty, Harley Russell, Hamish Stenning.



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Syme 7

Back Row: Corey Telfer, Jack Taylor, Shane White, Mitchell Walvir, Brock Sibbick.
 Third Row: Luke Rice, Thomas Wilson, Matthew Reik, Jeremy Smith, Sam Smith, Edmund Smith.
 Second Row: Kyja Street, Alexander Sprott, David Thomson, Joshua Thomson, Jamie Roberts, Jamie Thompson-Smith, Jason Thomson, Jamie Reid.
 Front Row: Myles Simkin, David Sulzberger, Bradley Thomson, Alex Sparrow, William Sklenars, Jaemyn Toa, Shaun Tilby, Jake Silby, Tamati Thompson-Smith.



Syme 8

Back Row: Stephan Stewart, Tavis West, Jason Van Winkle, Rayna Tito, Sam Thomson, William Tennent, Hayden Taunoa, Ben Snooks.
 Third Row: Deryn Taylor, Chance Te Uira, Jacob Tito, Harley Wall, David Stevens, Heinrich Swartz, Alex Terwell, Craig Thomason.
 Second Row: Mr T Standish, Matt Taylor, Brandon Whyte, Josh Taylor, Sam Sutherland, Carl Steller, Steffan Stewart, Tyla West.
 Front Row: Luke Stanchiff-White, Hayden White, George Zhang, Jacob Tomlinson, Matthew Tait, Zac Simeon, Angus Swanson, Dylan Turner, Chris Taylor.
 Teacher: Mr T Standish.



Syme 9

Back Row: Liam Webb, Samuel Varley, Mark Wansbrough, Daniel Vesa, Daniel Van Zyl.
 Third Row: Dustin Terrill, Matthew Warner, Elson Vickers, Luke Tyne, Johnny Wadson, Darryn Thomason, Jamie Turshul, Zeb Urbahn.
 Second Row: Mr W George, James Varley, Martin Tamapua, Mitchell Thomson, Jason Wang, Matthew Tooley, Shaun Thomson, Simeon Williams, Mr M Watts.
 Front Row: Oliver Smith, Harshal Upadhyay, Kris Vaughan, Roy Thomas, Joshua Richardson, Chris Whitmore, Tom Smith, Ryan Vas Ngam, Brad Vallintine.
 Absent: Sandy Perrett.



Syme 10

Back Row: Andrew Young, Owen Yao, James Young, Jacob Whiting, Jarred Wallace.
 Second Row: Vanessa Herbert, Patrick Watt, Aaron Whitiakia, Joe Roberts, Joel Ward, Tom Webb, Ducheon Walker-Withers, Tamati Waiariki-Rolleston, Matthew Wallace, Caine Watty.
 Front Row: Sam White, Matt Voorwinde, Jacob Ward, Luke Sterner, Jason Sharpe, Hunter Ward, Garth White, Jesse Watt, Mitch Walker.
 Dylan Walte, Nick Vincent, Eddison Siu, Kyle Wadsworth, Simon Mo Xianchong, Elohim Northcott, Josh Smaller, Jake Vanderlits.
 Absent: Joshua Voorwinde, Alex Whitiakia.
 Teacher: Vanessa Herbert.



Syme 11

Back Row: Logan Rowlands, Anirud Suphasun, Peter Zhou, Max Whiting, Josef Zaloum, Nick Wells, Jono Gibson, Sam Young.
 Third Row: Sam Wilson, Ryan Watts, Michael Wood, Cody Rei, Matt Wells, Hamish Fleming, Morgan Win, Ben West.
 Second Row: Mr R Turner, Lachlan Wimssett, Jordan Waugh, Logan Rei, Mark Smith, Craig Welch, Jarrod Winter, William Young, Nathan Wilson, Kane Willems-Blacktoppa, Mr S Page.
 Front Row: Zhihao Zhou, Jackson Win, Trinity Wilson, Logan Wilson, Alexander Waugh, Joshua Rei, Matthew Girvan, Joshua Girvan, Kane Wilson.
 Absent: Ken Tang.

