

TARANAKIAN 2008

*Character x 2
Adam A*

*Not as much a headmaster
as you were a good mate.
Definitely an amazing role
model as well. You will
be sorely missed.
Ben C*

Thanks for the great cricket
years
Thanks for everything

Wills L

*To a true top bloke...
No matter what time it was your
office door was always open. You
weren't the school's headmaster,
you were the students'
headmaster.
Ben Dixon*

*Just to let you
know, we finally
won a cricket final.
Falcons 20/20
champions 2008.
Harald A*

*Thanks Mr French-Wright for the time, effort
and mana you put into NPBHS..
There is only one Mr French-Wright!
Logan N*

*of humour, very much
enjoyed*

Chris H



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HEADMASTER'S REPORT

On March 1 the school's roll was 1,241. This affirms New Plymouth Boys' High School as a school that parents believe in. We are indeed lucky to be continually blessed with strong and dedicated Boards of Trustees who have, first and foremost, the boys of this school at the centre of their thinking. The Board's aim, pure and simple, is to give the boys the best education possible, by providing the facilities and the staffing to give boys the widest range of opportunities.

I think the role of the staff is to motivate our young men to make the most of the opportunities presented to them. These two conscious efforts by Board and staff, along with the hopes and aspirations of all the parents and community ensure that NPBHS is able to celebrate and honour each year, via the Awards Dinner and Prizegivings, the fine upstanding young citizens that go to this school. For our leavers, this is a culmination of five years of education at NPBHS, where the expectations and values expressed regularly by deans, group teachers, classroom teachers and at school assemblies, have been designed to forge our charges into young men of character.

The continued success of our leadership model, of re-introducing prefects into our already robust student leadership system, has allowed for more of our young men to be positive contributors to our culture. The prefects, along with the group leaders, have the opportunity early on in the school year to make their mark.

Events in the first few months of the school year such as tabloid sports, swimming sports and athletics, bring out the best in student leadership. It was impressive to see the large number of senior boys who were able to engender group and house spirit by their communication skills and through force of personality, were able to cajole and enthruse reluctant juniors to have a go, without fear of ridicule.

This development and growth in confidence sets up many of our young men for their roles in adult life. I would like to congratulate and thank our group leaders, prefects and other seniors who have exhibited great leadership skills and enthusiasm. The house competition won by the 'heart of the school' Hatherly House, was a credit to the Heads of House. To Harley Wall - Head of Syme; Nick Joyce - Head of Barak; Hamish Alabaster - Head of Hatherly; Carl Garrett - Head of Donnelly and BOT Representative, and to Hamish Fleming Head Boy - I congratulate you all on your leadership this year. Hamish Fleming has taken on the mantle of Head Boy this year and done a fine job. The boys have followed him and his organisational skills and his ability to forge solid foundations for support have been a feature of his leadership. He has maintained the dignity of the office and, at all times, been an exemplary role model to others.

The school is very holistic in its approach to education. Our aim is to produce well-rounded young men who have a sound knowledge base, so as to be able to work in this information age. New Zealand's future as a developed nation will depend on growth, job creation and social development, being driven by knowledge. Young men who have that knowledge of information acquisition, information analysis and information display combined with the ability to be adaptable and flexible will be tomorrow's winners. A part of this environment is to be able to demonstrate what is learned by examination.

There is no doubt the introduction of endorsements to NCEA has enabled students to gain higher honours through the system by gaining not only level 1 NCEA but by gaining either an overall 'Achieved', 'Merit' or 'Excellence' endorsement at that level and all levels. This has raised the stakes and the competition.

Last year eight boys gained twelve Scholarships, with David Momich and James

Tate becoming New Zealand Scholars, due to them gaining three scholarship passes each.

Scholarship Results - Honours Board in Ryder Hall: 8 boys gained 12 scholarships as follows:

MOMICH Daniel	Chemistry, Physics, Statistics
TATE James	Statistics, Calculus, Accounting
FISCHER James	Art Painting
CAMPBELL Logan	Statistics
HEYES Logan	Statistics
OLIVER Jason	Statistics
TAIT Matthew	Statistics
HONEYFIELD Scott	Statistics

With NCEA endorsements being awarded as a result of gaining 50 credits at excellence level or 50 credits at merit or above, the boys certainly rose to the occasion with our level one results being the most impressive. 12 students were endorsed with excellence and 63 students were endorsed with merit. This was a fine result at Year 11 and should pave the way for excellent results in the upcoming exams.

The Super 8 Scholar system is in its second year, aimed at promoting young men to strive for excellence. This was certainly the case with 43 Super 8 Scholars at Year 11, compared to 34 in 2006. In Year 12, there were 19, compared to 13 in 2006 and for the first time, we were able to award a Super 8 Scholar status at Year 13. This is very pleasing and appears to show the motivating effect of recognising those boys that strive to do their best.

Academic Tiger Jackets were first awarded in 2006, to James Tate and Scott Honeyfield for attaining a GPA of 90 plus on the criteria set out for Super 8 Scholar status. This is an exceptionally high level of attainment over 5 subjects and a benchmark has been set with eleven Year 12 boys and four Year 13 boys reaching the GPA threshold of 90.

YEAR 13	NCEA LEVEL 3
CAMPBELL Logan	90.0
TAIT Matthew	91.45
TATE James	99.06
MOMICH Daniel	100.0

YEAR 12	NCEA LEVEL 2
CRAIG Nick	95.68
FOLWELL Jonathan	93.93
GUBB Cameron	91.09
HEWLETT Chris	92.03
JORDAN Toby	91.5
JOYCE Nicholas	91.45
MONK Nicholas	92.0
ROWLANDS Cam	93.81
SIMKIN Gye	90.81
SRIDHAR Akshay	102.5
VARLEY Sam	92.65

This year has been a very eventful year in terms of movement in senior management. On May 30, we farewelled Mr Jed Rowlands, Assistant Principal, as he moved on to his new position as Director of Business Development and Customer Focus at WITT, (the Western Institute of Technology). This role is an important one as WITT continues to gain strength and repositions itself to meet the needs of Taranaki and sees both WITT and NPBHS maintaining close links which, in the end, benefit our senior students going on into tertiary education.

At the end of May I was given the opportunity by our Board of Trustees to attend the International Boys' Schools' Conference in Toronto, Canada. This allowed me to experience at first hand the best practices of Boys' Schools abroad and affirm that what we are doing is best practice. It was very clear that our continued emphasis on literacy and our push on writing, introduced by Mr Alan Elgar, has helped us stay ahead of the field internationally.

The presentation at the conference that moved me the most was entitled 'Things we should probably be teaching, but aren't'. It covered the life skills topic of 'values' and, importantly Civics. The focus was on

communities and how do we make our students better citizens.

It certainly gave me a chance to reflect on what we do at this school and how we prepare our students. We do a fine job, but there are always ways in which you can improve.

One focus this year was to bring into the Year 10 programme more of these life skill topics. At the start of December, when Year 9 boys are on camp, the Year 10 boys have classes in the morning where we include the Real Life Game, a careers course, and work on communication skills with the boys.

This year we introduced Financial Literacy into the programme and also, a session on Civics, run by our school's Chaplain, Mr Kevin Dixon who covered many topics from weddings to funerals and discussed relationships and what it is that defines being a good citizen.

The ability to bring back fresh ideas and be able to reflect on best practice is an important element in being a life long learner and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees for their support.

While I was away, the school was honoured to have the then Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Helen Clark at school, for the official opening of the new Alexander Block. In the two hours Ms Clark was here, she was able to lunch with the hostel boys, talk to and answer questions from our Year 13 men, talk to the full assembly, assist with the unveiling of the Maori carving at the new entrance to the school, unveil the plaque inside the new entrance that commemorates the occasion and have a walk around the school. She was very well informed about the school and was very congratulatory about our achievements, past and present.

It was an occasion to remember and our senior boys certainly made it a success by giving Ms Clark a resounding haka.



The Maori carving that fits superbly at the entrance to the school, was beautifully worked by Mr Hemi Sundgen. Our thanks go to Mr Chris Taylor, Chairman of Whanau Wairoa and BOT member, for organising the carving's creation. We should all be proud of it and recognise its significance to NPBHS and Taranaki.

The completion of the new building was the culmination of a huge amount of planning and foresight by previous and present Boards and thanks must go to all involved for providing NPBHS with a new block that captures the spirit and essence of the school in such a successful way.

A special mention here goes to Mr Les Emslie, who was Executive Officer of the school from March 1993 until he retired in November, 2006. Sadly, he passed away in early November of this year. Les oversaw many changes here, but none were more important to him than seeing that the new teaching and administration spaces in the Alexander project were made both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

When it comes to showing what this school is about, one only has to look to the tributes and actions our young men of the school showed their Headmaster in his final few days here at NPBHS.

The passion in the hakas and the respect shown in the assemblies for Mr French-Wright will long be remembered and the guard of honour at the New Plymouth airport for Lyal and Pauline was a touch that really was inspirational. To the young men of the school, well done, both for the way you saw your Headmaster off and for the way you have moved forward. The culture that developed under Mr French-Wright lives on in you boys. You are young men of character and I'm sure, with the coming of our new Headmaster early next year, that same culture will be evident and will grow and flourish under Mr Michael McMenamin's leadership of the school.



One of the hallmarks of the success of any large institution is how it copes with change. We have had changes in the senior administration for much of this year and I would like to thank Mr Darryl Leath for stepping up from his new role as Assistant Principal and going directly into the role of Acting Deputy Headmaster. I am sure the whole school would agree with me that he has done an outstanding job. Thanks must also go to Mr Alan Elgar in taking on the role of Acting Assistant Principal and to Mr Terry Heaps, a special thank you, for your leadership and guidance over the year.

Indeed at this point it is important to thank all of the teaching staff and support staff. None have missed a beat and I thank them for their dedication, their professionalism, their judgement and their commitment to the care of the boys and young men of NPBHS.

Our success as a school has been chronicled in newsletters throughout the year and affirms the holistic nature of the school. Behind these programmes 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 give thanks to this outstanding group. We have had another good year, in terms of success in the sporting and cultural arenas and I was delighted to attend the school Awards Dinner, held at the Plymouth, so all the recipients of Tiger Jackets and their parents could attend. The evening highlighted the talents the boys have and I think it appropriate that I summarise the nominees for the various awards that evening.

Wolfe Cup for Best Sporting All-rounder:

Jarred Hinton - 1st V Basketball, 1st Volleyball, Athletics, 1st XI Cricket
Fraser Johnston - 1st XI Cricket, 1st Soccer

Peter La Tour - 1st V Basketball, Athletics, Touch

Winner - Jarred Hinton

Performing Artist of the Year:

Chris Caskey - Singer and Songwriter for his band 'Statuary'; won people's choice at the Rockquest regionals; his song 'City' placed in Top 4 in the national 'Play it Strange' Secondary Schools' Songs competition.

Cameron Gubb - Silver medal winner for solo saxophone performance at NZ National Concert Band Festival; Saxophonist in Epsilon, which won the regional Chamber Music Competition.

Michael Martin - 1st place U-19 Brass section of NP Brass Band Competitions; winner of the Mulraney Cup for a slow melody; NP City Band Person of the Year; National Secondary School Brass Band for four years.

Jonathan Folwell - Won NPBHS Year 13 Speech Competition and best Overall Speaker; played the cello in the winning Chamber Music Group in the regional competition.

Akshay Sridhar - Gold winning member for solo saxophone; NPBHS Senior Jazz Band and Concert Band.

Winner - Jonathan Folwell

Cultural Group of the Year:

Rock Band - Statuary - People's choice at Regional Rockquest; played at Amped Waves Youth festival; LMNOP at Youth Festival Okurukuru Winery concert.

Stage Band - 2nd place Tauranga Jazz Festival; Silver Medal at Sydney International Music Festival.

Chamber Music Group - 'Epsilon' - 1st place Regional Chamber Music Competition; Top 12 in National finals.

Winner - Stage Band

ANZ Bank Sports Team of the Year:

Golf Team - Winners of the National Secondary School Golf Title, 2008; undefeated in College games for three years.

1st V Basketball Team - 3rd in Central Region; 3rd in Super 8; 8th in New Zealand Secondary School Tournament.

Inline Hockey Team - National Secondary School Champions for the fourth consecutive year.

Adventure Racing - Winners of NZ Go-4-12; NZ Secondary School Adventure Racing championships; part of the winning Hillary Challenge team.

Winners - Golf Team

ISC Sportsman Of The Year:

Brad Hayward - No 1 Golfer in School Team +1 handicap; 3rd equal individual at National Secondary School's Golf Tournament; played for Taranaki Golf Team; Ranked the 38th amateur in New Zealand.

Damian Smuts - NZSS - 2nd place in Senior Hammer; NZSS - Shot-put title, a NZ Record of 17.74 m; named Athlete of the NZ Tournament.

David Morton - Middle Distance Running, 9th in 3000m at Nationals; 15th in National Cross Country.

Hamish Fleming - Adventure Racing; TSS Rogaining Champion; member of winning NZSS One day team; member of winning Hillary Challenge team; 8th in Rotorangi Gutbuster.

Nick Craig - Inline Hockey, NZ Reps at Oceania Championship against Australia; NZ U-18 side; NZ Junior Olympics side.

Hayden Patene - Cycling - NZ U-19

Cycling Team; 9th place in Australian Race with NZ Team (1st New Zealander home).

Daniel Hine - Triathlon - 3rd in U-19 Junior Men's World Champs in Vancouver; 10th in NZSS Triathlon.

Winner - Nick Craig

Once again, the results reflect a school that unashamedly rates itself as one of the best all-round schools in the country, in every sense of the word.

- A school unafraid of the word 'competition'
- A school totally accepting of the concept of 'fair play'
- A school that has high expectations and standards of its top performers and
- A school that rewards these top performers in such a unique and visible way with the 'Tiger Jacket'

Schools are most definitely about partnerships and I would like to thank our parents for sharing your sons with us. I know you want only the best for your sons and I thank you for the huge amount of self sacrifice you put in to make sure that they get the best opportunities possible. I would like to think that we have not let you down in any way in providing that service.

To the Old Boys of our school, I thank you for your committed and continual support and, in particular, I thank Mr Max Carroll and Ms Maree Wipiiti, for the continuity and drive required to maintain this special link with our community.

We had two special Old Boy connections at Senior Prizegiving. Firstly a group of life-long friends that regularly gather together to celebrate the collective honour of being part of the 1948-49 NPBHS 1st XV. They presented a rugby ball trophy, lathed by Mr Alan Luxton. Secondly, our special Old Boy Guest was Mr David Walter, QSO, JP.



As an Old Boy, David typifies what it is to be of service to your community and it was fitting that the school would honour him for his involvement laying the foundations of Taranaki's infrastructure and its future potential.

Indeed, potential is what we look forward to - young men of the school reaching their potential in the future, is the desire of everyone involved in this school. In terms of infrastructure, education is a key cornerstone to any community. We would hope that through the opportunities you have received by attending NPBHS you will make your mark on this community.

At New Plymouth Boys' High School we are committed to building a strong platform, with a clearly defined set of expectations and responsibilities that promote growth. Importantly, schooling is not a process that you do to people, but more something you do with people and I hope you have enjoyed the journey as much as we have.

B L Bayly
Acting Headmaster

HEADMASTER
'Last Assembly'
Friday, August 8, 2008

Mayor Peter, and Rosemary, fellow Principals, PTA, Old Boys, Board of Trustees, friends, staff, whanau, men of the school; and my wife, Pauline.
Whanau Waiora - Lindsay McLeod, Joe Broughton - what a great honour. I feel like a Taranakian, in fact have for quite a while - wherever you are in your lives, embrace it closely. I have certainly learned a lot about things Maori in my time here and am a better New Zealander for this exposure with a better understanding and recognition of how important the past is to seeing a positive future.

Music - What a thrill this has been for me, our boys should be competing at the Waikato Festival today, performing superbly as they have over the years and gaining another Tiger Jacket point - the fact that you are here means a lot to me and you will still get a Tiger Jacket point for today's performance. To Jocelyn Beath, Stewart Maunder and Mary Allan - what a legacy you have created for our musicians.

Board of Trustees - service of the highest order. The selfless, committed, supportive governors of regard.

Principals - fortunate in Taranaki with a group of fine schools and fine principals, who are good friends and superb collegiality.

Old Boys - a group that never left school, from some 60 years ago. Humbling in their dedication in ensuring that the formative years and friendships endure. A group here today and tomorrow, from 1967/68 1st XV with a full day's reunion programme tomorrow with a game to watch on the Gully versus Napier and concluding with a dinner tomorrow evening. A special foundation from the past who have regular reunions and Max Carroll is pivotal to this.

Why did I go teaching? To earn some money so that my wife, Pauline, and I could get



engaged and then married, but there was also another underlying thought, that I could make a difference. When I told my father that I was going to teach he replied, 'you will now be in a position where you can make a real difference in peoples lives'. I have been fortunate to teach at a range of schools, Gore High School, Christ's College, Linwood High School, Cashmere High School, Christchurch Boys' High School and New Plymouth Boys' High School - alongside a large number of people who wanted to make a difference as well. What a privilege this has been, working with people who understand the needs of adolescents and understand the need to provide opportunities that bring out the best in young people - bring out the character.

People ask me about my philosophy on what is needed in a top school - it is not rocket science and many of you have heard this from me before. For the students of the school, I want what I would want for my own children.

What does this entail?

- Being taught by men and women who have a passion for what they do.
• Being taught by people who care for how they develop as contributing citizens of our communities.
• Being able to develop intellectually, sportingly, culturally, creatively,

- Being taught by people who have passion, enthusiasm, humour, inspiration and who care.
• Working with people who understand the needs of adolescents and who are prepared to create and nurture the opportunities required to build CHARACTER - yes, that word again.

Not all of these people are teachers in the classroom. They could be non-teaching staff, PTA, Old Boys, friends of the school, community leaders - they all come in contact with our boys and all have an influence, in line with the values and expectations I have expressed.

The old adage of "It takes a whole village to bring up a person" is very pertinent here. The village here is our wider school community and it does a superb job at NPBHS.

The last week has been a succession of 'lasts', which I am not too keen on - prefer the first, second and thirds, to 'lasts'. Last Board of Trustee meeting, last BOT hearing, last 7th form Common Room assembly, last PTA meeting, last enrolment night, last staff meeting, last hostel meeting and now, last assembly.

For me and Pauline, this has been so

incredible, a bit overwhelming really. We have some wonderful gifts that will remind us of NPBHS, of individuals, of families, of groups vital to the school, of Taranaki and of New Zealand - memories for life.

We have had letters, cards and e-mails from so many people who feel connected to us, either through the school or personally - they say a lot to me about how important our school is in the lives of boys, parents, the community. To me the comments reflect what people think about the school so everybody should bathe in this positivity - it is more about the whole school and not me, personally.

At one stage I thought that when it was time to go from NPBHS I would do what a former teacher of 40 years at Christchurch GHS did - he had always said that he would never face farewells, so derived a cunning plan - at the end of Term 2, in the year he decided would be his retirement year (we had a 3 term year back then), he travelled to the United Kingdom and sent a letter to the Headmaster, saying how he had enjoyed his 40 years service, but he would not be back for Term 3. Some felt quite cheated that they could not wish him all the best for his future and schools need celebrations like this - to parade what makes them so successful and to celebrate everybody's input.

What has been overwhelming and yet gratifying, has been the manner of openness that boys, in particular, have exhibited in getting their feeling for their school out there.

Much of what Celia Lashlie had said came through and also showed great progress - it showed in different forms.

- The music - passionate, proud, skilled.
• The Kapa Haka - passionate, proud, skilled.
• The whole school Haka in the quad on Tuesday - passionate, proud, together, emotional.
• Boys who came to my office, passed



by me in the corridors, on the driveway, at some meetings - open, articulate, expressive, up-front, gutsy, proud, perceptive.

I am so proud that you have felt comfortable enough to say what you felt - boys are not meant to be good at this - you are - you have started to break the stereotype of grunting, emotionless, staunch males - you are better for this, it is manly.

I thank you all for making the last 13 1/2 years so rewarding for me, to be allowed the privilege of heading our school - so many successes, many more successes than disappointments, there are those boys who we could not turn around, but no regrets. I would not have had it any other way, the Boys' High way.

I look around, reflect as I have done quite a bit in the last few weeks - what a great school, what a great student body, what a great village that is nurturing our young men - it gives me real confidence for the future of our country.

I met my wife, Pauline, when I was 15 years old, 43 years ago - the same age as our Year 10/11's, a frightening thought. She is an extraordinary person, who brought up our two children wonderfully well and supported me in my career - allowed me the space required to be a successful school leader by my own definition, I suppose. She made sacrifices for this to happen - allowed me to do for others what I wanted for my own children. The 'golden rule' for me.

We leave with many friends, many memories, many images of young people and adults who have a similar passion for life. I will be proud to be an Old Boy, an honour bestowed on all ex-staff members - to keep a watchful eye on your progress and the progress of the school in the future, just as I hope you boys will when you leave the 'gates' and face your fates.

I thank all of you for the part you have played in the life of NPBHS - for your good wishes to us and invite you all to take the time to call if you happen to be in Qatar. My father did not know many Maori words, but he did often say 'Ake Ake Kia Kaha' - whatever you come across in life be strong and give 100%.

BOYS:

I don't know how many times I have been asked:

- What are the things you have remembered most?
• What is the worst part of the job?
• Do you like being a Headmaster?
• Memories - so many, so vivid.

Obviously, sporting ones - but just too many to talk about:

- E-grade, giving their all, who I have coached since 1971.
• Super 8 - what a great concept.
• 1st XV Rugby - our rules, no jeering.
• Beating Grammar last year.
• Paul Tito - his wedding at school.
• Soccer - up with the best at national tournament.
• Golf - NZ champions
• Inline Hockey - what a great sport.
• Adventure Racing and Endurance - the new breed.
• Cricket - some superb innings, bowling. Regan West - a superb left arm fast bowler who featured in the newspaper today.
• Music - the present group and in the past, Leigh Kereopa, Hayden Chisholm - world class.
• Boys going overseas.
• ANZAC Services - Old Boys, community involved.
• Camps - Year 9 and TOPEC.
• Basketball.
• Academic success - boys who still stay in touch. Kory Gibson. Those who overcame difficulties.



- Arrogant Year 9 boy on the Gully, who became a Head Boy.
• International students - Michael Gigmai, who still remains in contact by e-mail.
• Tiger Jacket assemblies.
• Awards Dinners.
• Leavers (7th form) Dinners.

Pet hates:

- Drugs and negative effects of them - waste of human potential.
• Rudeness and lack of respect for others.
• Bullies - those who pick on others, think they have a right to make other lives miserable.
• Boys who give in too easily - don't 'guts' things out.
• Those who let the school down by poor behaviour or dress that reflects poorly on us all - to me school is bigger than the individual - old fashioned idea - I don't think so!
• Those who would drop rubbish rather than walk to a bin.
• Graffiti - total lack of respect.

Finally, in the 13 1/2 years there are very few students I have not liked. I have not liked some behaviour and attitudes, but very few boys I have not really liked. Even boys who have been expelled - often come up and say 'how are you sir, how is the school'. No hard feelings, they have taken responsibility for their actions and moved on - not blaming me.

This school has been the best thing that ever happened to me - I have loved my time here - it has been a joy to come every day.



My wishes for the future:

- That some of you go teaching - you would be brilliant teachers. You would make positive changes to our communities.
- I wish that you will find the best in people.
- I wish that you will find the glass ½ full - not ½ empty.
- I wish you will take up many opportunities to have a go at things.
- I wish you can find joy, fun and happiness without resorting to drugs or excess alcohol.
- I wish you can follow your dreams (Hayden Goodrick).
- I wish in the future that I meet up with many of you as Old Boys and as you grow through the school.
- I will keep an eye on your progress from afar.

This is a lucky day – 08.08.08 – in Chinese terms, I believe a very lucky day!

I am taking it that this means I am lucky to have been at NPBHS. Lucky to have been Headmaster. Lucky to be moving to a new challenge.

I wish you all the very best of luck in your futures – remember it is amazing how your



luck changes when you put in some hard work and set some goals.

Lyal French-Wright
Headmaster
8 August 2008

LYAL'S FAREWELL SPEECH

Mr Bayly, Mr Elgar, Staff, Hamish, men of the School

Asslum Alaikom – Peace be upon you

A hearty greeting to you all on this special night. As I had shared with a number of you before I left, occasions such as the Leavers' Dinner would be what I would miss most about NPBHS. It is one of those traditions that should endure because it is of such significance to 7th form leavers.

Most of you have been at Boys High for five years and have experienced what it means to be in a place that has had a profound effect on who you are and on what you will achieve in the future.

The night is a time for reflection, to share some laughs, some tears, some highs and a few lows with the people who have been through education at NPBHS. You have a common bond, an undeniable force that has assisted you to be who you are at this moment.

It is a time to be unselfish, to look around at the staff who have stood alongside you in your journey towards manhood; wise, dedicated, caring and forceful teachers who are among the best on the business.

I stand by my statements of the past that I have worked with none better and doubt there are any better – a part of manhood is recognizing those who have assisted you

and acknowledging it in the proper fashion. For most, it just means a simple "Thank you for what you have done to get me to where I am now." It could be in the classroom, music, sport, leadership or in putting you back on the straight and narrow when the need arose.

We always knew that the 7th form of 2008 was going to be a special one. So many young men with a real purpose in life, some colourful personalities, real characters but without malice, a large number of "givers," such talent and potential and so many achievers – a group full of CHARACTER.

I am sure that all of you can look in the mirror and be proud of the person that looks back. A lot will happen in the next five years – use the base that you have established while at NPBHS to be the springboard for what you will do next.

You all mean a lot to me and this does not change because I am on the other side of the world. I have my tiger jacket hanging in my office – the conversations it has elicited with staff, visitors and students have given me great pleasure. To talk about the institution of NPBHS is still easy for me. The pride I will always have in NPBHS I know, will be no different to what you men will have. Take this passion into whatever you do in life.

I wish you all the best in your exams and congratulate all of you for making NPBHS a better place for you being there.

Enjoy the night and enjoy the occasion.

Lyal French-Wright

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Chairman and Headmaster Ex Officio on all Committees

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is in the second year of a 3 year term. The Board comprises of seven members elected by parents together with a representative from the teaching staff and the students and the Headmaster.

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 2008.

The Management of NPBHS

During the last thirteen years the school was extremely fortunate to have Mr Lyal French-Wright as Headmaster. Mr French-Wright resigned in August 2008 to take up a new principal position overseas. As our Headmaster he was totally dedicated to the school, to his staff and to the boys. Mr French-Wright will be fondly remembered as an outstanding Headmaster at New Plymouth Boys' High School. Mr Jed Rowlands, one of the Assistant Principals, also resigned during the year in order to take a position at the Western Institute of Technology. Mr Rowlands also had a long history at the school and his contribution has been much appreciated.

Mr Michael McMenamin has been appointed as the school's new Headmaster. Mr McMenamin will start duties at the beginning of the 2009 academic year. For the last five years Mr McMenamin has been the Principal at Freyburg College in Palmerston North. Prior to that he had been the Deputy Principal at NPBHS so is already known to many people at the school. Mr Darryl Leath was appointed to replace Mr Rowlands as Assistant Principal. Since Mr French-Wright's departure in August Mr Bruce Bayly has been Acting as Principal, Mr Leath has acted as Deputy Principal and Mr Alan Elgar has acted as Assistant Principal.



As Acting Principal, Mr Bayly has stepped up and done an excellent job in his capacity as Acting Principal. The Board is appreciative of the work he has done this year.

The Board has a strong working relationship with the Headmaster and the 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, Mr Bayly and the Management Team for their excellent work during 2008.

Staff

2008 was another busy year for the teaching staff of NPBHS. 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 educational 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 2008.

Hostel

The Hostel is a substantial organisation 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 3 years. She appreciates the importance of the Hostel to the school and undertakes her role with vigour 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 Hamish Alabaster, the Head Boarder.

Property

The most significant matter in the Property portfolio in 2008 has been the final completion of the New Block. The school was privileged to have the Prime Minister officially open the New Block in June. The building took over 4 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 6 maths classrooms, 4 specialist teaching rooms, new offices for the Headmaster, his deputy and assistants and the administration staff, together with a new staffroom. The project also included redevelopment of the ground and first floors of the Alexander Block with the previous administration offices and staffroom 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 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. The Chairman of the Property Committee is 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 done 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 student's families, Old Boys and community organisations. The Board is grateful for the financial support we have received from you all.

PTA

During 2008 Neil Armitage retired as President of the PTA. He has been replaced by joint Presidents Tony Lendrum and Lenise Young. 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. 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 programmes to improve the educational 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

The role of the school is not just to educate our boys but to make them men of character who can make a valuable contribution to our society. This means that when they leave school they will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and values that are required for 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 2008 the school has been extremely well served by Head Boy Hamish Fleming and his team of prefects. We congratulate them all for their leadership and hard work during 2008.

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 honours during 2008. 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
November 2008



STAFF NOTES – 2008

Hatched, matched and dispatched

The start of 2008 saw the "hatching" of a number of new staff to New Plymouth Boys' High School, as well as some young teachers to keep the stables full for the future. However Boys' High School was not the place to be in 2008 if you wanted the status quo. Our karma rubbed off on the Rt. Hon Helen Clark..... and on a large number of staff.

In January the Headmaster wrote in the newsletter "One of the characteristics of NPBHS is that we have a stable staff and therefore do not need to employ many new staff each year". Maybe he should have written "One of the characteristics of NPBHS is that we have a stable of staff and therefore they are likely to bolt.....Of those who joined the staff this year these remain for 2009:

- Mr Falaola Wainiqolo, formally the HOD of Technology at Suva Grammar joined



the Technology department. He has a keen interest in rugby and athletics, but we have been waiting for the Kava welcome (and are still waiting.....)

- Mr George Poole came to New Plymouth Boys' from Northhamptonshire in the UK. He literally turned up on our doorstep, after the school had unsuccessfully searched the country for a qualified chemistry teacher. One weekend over the holidays, George knocked on the Headmaster's window to enquire about any possible vacancies!

- Mrs Linda Dickson, an exceptional teacher of Biology with great experiences in Deaning and Teacher Support, decided to save on fuel costs and to join us after teaching at Waitara High. Although she and her family farm in that area, her sons attend NPBHS and are keen sportsmen. Linda offers great academic strength to the Biology Department.

- Mr Justin Bigwood returned to fill a position left vacant by the departure of Victoria Kerr. He last taught here in 2002 before leaving for the drier climate of the South Island's West Coast.



- Tineka Twigley, a very talented languages teacher, joined us to support the Languages Department as a specialist part-time teacher of Spanish. Well-liked and respected by the students, Tineka quickly enhanced the department and the learning of languages.

New Plymouth Boys' High has always had a staff that get "matched" - some even get married. Blair Corlett married Teresa on the 28th of March. We now wait to read the hatched column in 2009!

We also "match" staff with experiences that challenge and reward them for years of great service:

- Mr Alan Elgar and his wife Brenda spent the September holidays in Chile as part of the combined BHS and GHS exchange to our sister school, San Nicolas de Myra. Many staff were concerned how the cowboy lover (no Brokeback Mountain jokes permitted) would cope in the land of the BIG steak. But Alan and Brenda thrived in the culture and had life changing experiences (if not a change in dress sense - though Alan was not allowed to buy spurs).

- Mrs Mary Porteous accompanied the World Schools group to Italy in Term 4. It's hard to understand, in the land of Ferrari, how Mary managed to enjoy herself by



looking at art for three weeks. But at least she didn't get lost!

And there are the great matches that staff compete in or that exist between staff and students:

- Sue Scott finished in the top third in her age grade at the Orienteering World Champs in Portugal.
- Dale Atkins again coached the Black Ferns to success over the Aussies.
- Darryl Leath finished his six years as manager of the New Zealand Schools' rugby team with the same success as Dale.
- Staff again beat the students in the annual rugby match. Although there was some call for Dingo Russell to actually front up and play, and a hope that Spencer Carlos would



actually pass a ball, the staff did complete the impossible. They all survived the match without need for medical attention. There was some call, as in sport, for the instant resignation of the coach from the sixth XV dominated students' team. However the coach's career was saved by the (yet to be delivered) promise of a staff drinks break.

Boys' High School also prides itself on its extra-curricular calendar. Some staff applied themselves to this in 2007/2008 and this year we welcomed:

- Jonny Tim Hunter born 1 April;
- Isla Grace Marie Kroon born 14 June;
- Riley James Hope born 9 July;
- Duncan Arthur Poole born 11 October.
- Also baby Bublitz

However there were those who had been on the staff but were "dispatched" as follows:

- Mr Garry Carnachan, a former Principal of Opunake High, and more recently manager of the Hurricanes Super Fourteen team, joined us this year to teach mathematics. He was an exceptional teacher with life experiences that excited and encouraged both students

and staff. Always keen to challenge himself, Garry applied for and succeeded in gaining the position as CEO of the NZ Secondary Schools' Sport Council. However, being the man he is, he continued to teach at NPBHS until a suitable replacement was found. However after a term of doing both jobs, Garry understandably decided he did need at least five hours sleep a night.

- Mr Murray Grimwood came out of retirement - again! The Technology Department was looking for a young, energetic, experienced teacher as a replacement for Kevin Rowlands. I guess that would make their appointment a Merit pass? But who needs youth in years, when it is in the heart, and Murray again added vitality and enthusiasm, as well as huge technical knowledge to the department.
- Ms Victoria Kerr managed only slightly better horsemanship than Jed Rowlands, making it over three fences and a graveyard, as she left to take up a position of Deputy Principal at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Unfortunately for the boys this was not a good move. No longer could they use false names and fake ID if they were caught by GHS staff in the cemetery.

- Mr Jed Rowlands departed at the end of May. Also a keen horseman, he bolted from the stable but could only manage the short course, crossing the first fence to take up a position as Director of Business Development and Customer Focus at WITT. Jed typified all that is great about the staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School; not only did he achieve a proud academic record as a teacher and HOD Mathematics, but he also took an active role in the co-curricular side of the school as both a cricket and rugby coach. He strove to achieve greatness for the school and its students.

- Mr Kevin Rowlands joined us this year from Spotswood to teach Technology. He too will be missed by our school as he was highly experienced, having taught at WITT,



and with a love for the outdoors and sport. Initially he thought he would keep active and involved in education instead of retiring and doing little. But early in Term Three he decided that a good thoroughbred should spend its retirement in greener fields. The irony of such a decision was his replacement - Mr Murray Grimwood.

- Mr Alan Sparks, a qualified engineer, who offered exceptional teaching skills and knowledge, joined our Mathematics Department after bringing his family over from Essex to start their new life in New Plymouth. He also brought a keen passion for football and golf. He was the first to bolt at the end of Term One. This was not a willing departure, but one due to the bureaucracy of the Ministry of Education. Alan had trained, as some teachers do, "on site" in the UK. However, regardless of his obvious competency in the classroom, to become a fully registered teacher in New Zealand meant he had to retrain here. Given the need to financially support his family, Alan made the decision to shift back to England.

- Mrs Jennifer Willoughby joined us during the year as the replacement mathematics teacher for Garry Carnachan. An exceptionally talented teacher she quickly gained the respect of the students. Sadly she announced she would leave at the end of

the year to join family. Distance from family is always difficult, and NPBHS has always insisted that family must stay number one. Although hugely missed, we do respect her decision and wish her well.

We also were fortunate to have the services of the poly-filler crew. Josh Hamilton in Mathematics, Michael Somers in English, Sara Kovak in English, Kim Zimmerman in Art, John Lykles in Health and Physical Education, and Jeff Simpson in Science.

The staffing at NPBHS is wider than the teaching staff. Joining those bolting from our teaching stable were staff who do keep the place running (and often cleaned up the #\$\$\$ in the stable). Mrs Nicky Howarth left from the Development Office, Mr Darcy "massive" Weir from the Ground Staff, and Shirley Kemp from the Hostel Laundry. With the stable looking bare, and the door still open, the leader of the thoroughbreds, Lyal French-Wright decided he should adapt from the grass tracks of New Plymouth to the sandy tracks of the Middle East. Early in June he announced to the staff his appointment as Principal of an International School in Qatar. As mentioned, our luck at New Plymouth Boys' High School was missing this year, so maybe it was fitting that Lyal announced his resignation to the wider school community on Friday the 13th, after 13 years of service. Much has been written about Lyal, and

much said at the numerous functions held to bid him farewell. A truly remarkable man, Lyal was devoted to the school, leaving it a much better place, and to the young men of the school. He wanted them to feel valued by the school, and for them to go on in life giving value back to society. He therefore made sure that he had the best possible staffing, the best possible facilities, and the best possible school ethos. Lyal was highly respected by the students, staff, old boys and the community. He walked the talk! And walking with him around the school, one was always mesmerised by his ability to know each student by name, and to know his interests outside the classroom.

As a result of all these many changes, staff were asked to take on tasks and responsibilities outside their normal roles. I am extremely proud of the way these challenges were taken on without complaint, and with such a high level of professionalism. I am grateful to all staff for their selfless way of offering so much time to the young men of the school in a world where there is increasing pressure on time.

I personally thank ALL of you for your huge commitment and support this year. I trust you have planned to have time with family and friends over the break and enjoy a well deserved rest.

Darryl Leath





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- BACK ROW: G Corlett, J Dobbie, J Hyde, P Cayzer, G Poole, S Leppard, T Standish, B Corlett, A Slater, M Maaka, G Giddy
- FIFTH ROW: L Dickson, K Dixon, T Kroon, R Harland, N Vernon, D Bublitz, C Nicholls, J Hamilton, S Kovac, E Hoskin, K Rowson, S Maunder, N Ellicott, C French
- FOURTH ROW: M Porteous, A Roberts, A Smith, M Townes, M Hill, C Hill, R Wild, G Hannah, S Brown, P Whittaker, J Sims, M Wipiiti, M Watts
- THIRD ROW: B Elgar, J Willoughby, M Somers, R Creery, T Beyer, D Storey, L Wilson, J Warner, H Russell, J Jones, C Meredith, C Beaton, M Fenney
- SECOND ROW: S McVicar, S Page, A Evans, J McLellan, D Moore, A Jones, P Hewlett, D Atkins, J Tullett, C Thomas, A Hope, K Lockhart
- FIRST ROW: N Hunter, S Scott, V Kerr, T Heaps, B Bayly, L French-Wright, D Leath, A Elgar, G Hall, J Beath, M Atkinson



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L R French-Wright, BSc, Dip Tchg

ACTING HEADMASTER

B Bayly, BA, Dip Tchg, Dip Sch Mgmt

ACTING DEPUTY HEADMASTER

D Leath, BE(Mech), Dip Tchg, (HOD Science, Timetabler, Teacher i/c Rugby)

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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)

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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- D Atkins, Dip PE, TTC, PG Dip Spt Mgt (HOD Physical Education)
- M. Atkinson, MA(Hons), Dip Arts (Hons), Dip Tchg, (HOD Language)
- J Beath, BMus, Dip Mus, FTCL, LRSM, IRMT (HOD Music)
- C Beaton, MA (Distctn), BA (Hons), HDip Ed (PG), CELTA
- A Beyer, BA, Dip Tchg (Acting Asst HOD English)
- J Bigwood, BA, Dip Tchg
- S Brown, BMus, Dip Tchg
- D Bublitz, BPhy Ed, Dip Tchg, (Head of Donnelly House)
- P Cayzer, MTech, Dip Tchg
- B Corlett, BEd, Dip Tchg
- R Creery, BEd
- P Crow, BA, Dip Tchg, ESSTN (Teacher Support, Specialist Classroom Teacher, Dean Year 10)
- L Dickson, MVSc, Dip Tchg
- J Dobbie, BSc (Zoology), Dip Tchg
- P Dominikovich, BCM, Dip Tchg
- B Elgar, BSc, Dip Tchg
- N Ellicott, BA Eng & Music, Dip Tchg
- A Evans, BEd (Hons)
- M Fenney, Dip Home Ec, Dip Health Ed (HOD Food & Nutrition)
- C French, BA (Hons), Dip Ed
- W Geange, BA, Dip Tchg, PG Dip Couns (Guidance Counsellor)
- G Giddy, BSc, Dip Tchg
- G Hall, BA, Dip Tchg, (Head of Hatherly House, Teacher i/c Literacy)
- J Hamilton, BEd
- 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)
- M Hill, MMED, BSc, Dip Tchg
- P Hill, TTC, DFA, MFA (Hons)

- A Hope, BSc, Dip Tchg (Assist Timetabler, Assist HOD Mathematics)
- E Hoskin, ATC, Dip Tchg
- N Hunter, BSc, Dip Tchg (HOD Mathematics)
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- J Willoughby, MSc(hons), P.G. Dip Business Admin, Dip Tchg
- L Wilson, Dip PE, Dip Tchg (Assist HOD Physical Education)
- K Zimmerman, Dip Tchg



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HEAD BOY 2008

2008 is coming to an end, and what a fantastic year it has been. This year and my time at NPBHS seems to have flown by. I have always been told to make the most of my time at school, as in the future these times will be well remembered. As I approach the end of my schooling career I understand that this is definitely true. This stage of schooling is an amazing one, not only academically but also personally in the development that occurs. I remember coming to this school as a third former and being amazed at how huge and hairy the 7th form students seemed to be! Time flies, and before I knew it I was one of them.

The time between this transition has been amazing. Boys' High is a school teeming with opportunity. This is what sets this



school apart. Everything is on offer. From Adventure Racing to debating, it is all there. From my first day at school I have always tried to take every opportunity thrown my way, and at least 'give it a go'. This philosophy has led me to where I am today, and has left me with no regrets.

Being named Head Boy for 2008 was the proudest moment of my life. After all those great young men who I had looked up to in awe, I found it a great honour to join their ranks. My great-grandfather, Handley Brown was also Head Boy of this school making this appointment even more special. This year has been superb and I feel I have truly developed as a person through the challenges and hurdles I have had to overcome.

One of the many highlights of 2008 was definitely the school ball. This year, due to a visit from the Prime Minister, the time for the ball committee to set up was dramatically reduced from the expected five days, to half a day. The ball committee really stepped up and did a fantastic job, working late into the night, and even returning the morning before the ball to finish setting up. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those guys on the committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the ball. Nick, Rolfe, Hayden, Dave, Ben, Harley, Joyce, Moro, and Carl. Cheers guys. A special mention must also be made of the staff and parents who also joined the committee to help set up. Mr Leath, Mr Page, Mr Elgar, and Mr Dixon, your help and generosity was hugely appreciated, as you went well beyond the call of duty.

The teachers at NPBHS are what make this place so special. We have so many who not only teach their classes during school time exceptionally well, but also coach a sports team, or take a music group in their own time. This is often taken for granted and expected, but a teacher does not get paid for helping with extra-curricular activities and it is done out of their own goodwill. Thank you to all my coaches who have helped me

over the years. Special thanks must be made to Mr Hewlett who gave up endless hours to train the Hillary Challenge team.

The inter-house competition was again a great event this year. The house leaders did a top job leading their respective houses, Carl, Nick, Harley and Hamish thank you for your help this year, and well done Hamish on leading the boarders to victory. The inter-house competition is a great part of the tradition of this school, and all the best for the leaders next year.

2008 has been an interesting year for NPBHS, with the departure of Mr French-Wright and Mr Rowlands. Next year will be very exciting; full of change and new ideas.

I'd like to thank Mr French-Wright and Mr Rowlands for their help and leadership throughout the first part of this year. Mr French-Wright has been an inspirational leader of this school for the past 13 years, and in my short time with him he has been a true role model of mine. His caring and yet strong and authoritative persona earned him huge respect from the boys. This showed at his farewell assembly. The applause heard at the end of Mr French-Wright's speech was the loudest I have ever heard from the school. It was also a highlight of my year when at this assembly I had the honour of presenting him with his very own Tiger Jacket. The look on his face was priceless.

Mr Bayly has done a stunning job of taking up the position of acting headmaster and has been great to work with. Mr Leath has done a superb job in the deputy principal role and his work with the prefects has been much appreciated. Mr Elgar and Mr Heap have also been a great help to me this year. Mr Russell is another teacher who has gone out of his way to help me in my role as Head Boy.

The prefect team was made up of a great bunch of guys this year, and it was a pleasure to work with you all. Your leadership around



the school is vital, and I hope you all feel you have strived to uphold the standards of NPBHS to the best of your ability. From what I have seen you have all put in an honest effort and done a great job.

The office ladies are vital to the running of the school and the huge amount of help you have given me this year has been immensely appreciated. These ladies are awesome! It was great to have Mrs Knight along on the Geography trip to Thailand this year. I still remember how some of the boys tried to buy absences from you with their remaining Thai currency on the flight home!

The most support I have received this year has been, without doubt, from my parents and family. I thank you for this. You are my best sponsors.

My time at Boys' High, and this year in particular, can be summarized by a quote from Nathan Fa'avae a famous adventure racer. "Prioritising, there are so many things to do and I have a passion for everything". For those returning next year I urge you to take those opportunities presented to you and make the most of what this school has to offer. If you manage your time wisely, and sacrifice what is unimportant, you can

fit in an amazing amount. This quote is most fitting;

"Now is the operative word. Everything you put in your way is just a method of putting off the hour when you could actually be doing your dream. You don't need endless time and perfect conditions. Do it now. Do it today. Do it for twenty minutes and watch your heart start beating."

Thank you.

Hamish Fleming



School Prefects 2008

- Back Row: James Wilson, Stephen Rolfe, Lewis Politini, Ben Dixon, Hayden Patene
- Middle Row: David Morton, Logan Burton, Campbell Rowlands, Miles Harding, Nick Craig, Nicholas Monk, Ben Coneglan
- Front Row: Nick Joyce, Carl Garrett, Hamish Fleming, Mr French-Wright, Harley Wall, Hamish Alabaster, Gye Simkin





BARAK HOUSE

After an "alright" performance last year and many promising young athletes coming through the ranks of Barak, along with the house still under the guidance and leadership of Mr Hyde - the heart and soul behind Barak House - expectations were high for a good result.

Swimming was the first event and the house did not disappoint. With outstanding performances from Isaac Owen, Jarred Gray and the other championship swimmers the house was carried to a comfortable win. A good turnout from the boys, which has been missing from previous years, also aided the cause. The 2008 swimming sports also saw a step up in the set up of Barak's area, with credit going to the senior boys of the house for their tireless dedication to having a good time and making all events enjoyable. Swimming sports also saw the arrival of some unexpected complications. A small fire on one of the barbeques brought a quick end to gourmet cooking on the top terrace. It also resulted in the idea of a personal barbeque at all events going up in flames.

Onto Athletics Day with Barak full of confidence after the success at swimming. Again the House's top athletes shone out with Uriah O'Connor placing first overall in the juniors, David Morton first overall in the seniors and sprinter Liam McBride making irreplaceable contributions. Thanks to the success of the many others who placed in their events. A small turnout from the House saw these outstanding efforts go to waste resulting in Barak slipping to second behind Hatherly.

Cross Country was another outstanding result for Barak with David Morton again leading from the front with his victory in the senior boys' race. Big ups also go to John Marshall who gutsed it out to be the first runner home in bare feet. Again a strong turnout and overall performance from the house saw us take another first.

The Haka has been a struggle for the House over the last few years, being something that many boys are not experienced with. Coming to grips with the actions, timing and idea of the haka is a struggle for most. After the performances in the practices leading up to the event my confidence was low but through great leadership on the day by Lagen Kumeroa and the boys bearing up, we were able to come out with an acceptable third.

Great performances from the debaters saw another deserved second place for Barak. While not up to the quality of Syme, we still maintain our standards as consistent performers always near the top when comes to debating.

Summer and winter sports have been the real stumbling block for the House. Poor performances in these events over the last three years has really cost the House. The talent is not the problem in the codes involved, but commitment and turnout on the day. It is a shame not all codes could turn out victories like the golf team who again were clear winners over the other houses. I stress the importance of gaining good results in these events if the house is to be successful.



Going into singing only a few points behind Hatherly, we were hoping for some luck. We needed to take out a first and for them to finish last or second to last for us to have a chance. A good performance by the house with our song 'we're not gonna take it' saw us grab first in the house singing. Unfortunately we were just outclassed in the ensemble by the other houses. Barak finished a good second overall but again, Hatherly proved too strong and took out first. This reflected the overall competition results with Barak close but just not quite good enough to take it out. Congratulations though boys, a well fought second. Many thanks go to Mrs Slater for again being there, to take control of singing and for all your help, to Mr Hyde for the great song choice and the endless hours of work you put into this event and all of the others and the 7th formers for your leadership.

To all the 7th formers and group leaders, thank you for your support and efforts this year. The contributions you made to the events are irreplaceable. To David and Hayden your work as deputies has been amazing. To the other heads of houses, Hamish, Carl and Harley, congratulations for success as leaders of NPBHS for 2008 and thank you for the competition throughout the year.

Lastly to Mr Hyde, you really are the true leader of Barak House. Your passion, commitment, dedication and motivation could be beaten by no other. Sorry we could not take first this year but best of luck for you and all of Barak for next year.

Nick Joyce
Head of Barak 2008

DONNELLY HOUSE

The Donnelly Force came into the House Competition Season with a lingering vengeance, after falling short of the standard in prior years.

The year pulled itself to a start with the annual "tug-o-war" tournament. Unfortunately for Donnelly we didn't quite have the mongrel or the muscle on the day; we put up a fight given the numbers but eventually fell short and finished well short of the required quality for a victory.

The Swimming Sports was next in line on the year's calendar. Not renowned for producing fish and dolphin-like swimmers, Donnelly house was never expecting to take the championship easily. The combination of a controversial swimmer and some general trouble making involving signs unfortunately resulted in a loss on the day. House spirit must be mentioned though; we lost in style, we definitely knew how to make the most noise.

Athletics was a big day for Donnelly, the culmination of great all-round athletes gave us a fighting chance this year. Consistency was the key, however lack of overall numbers and participation led to our downfall on the day. Narrowly missing a second placing, Donnelly stood a close third. Whilst the result was still sub-standard we remained hopeful of improvement.

Summer Sport was where Donnelly finally began its improvement. A hard fought

victory in the cricket and a top placing in softball and consistent strength in all other disciplines set up a promising final result for Donnelly House.

The cross country was an event Donnelly House was well suited for this year. Taking out every junior placing and with placing in the intermediate race in the top three as well as five in the top 10 in senior, Donnelly was hopeful for at least a second placing. Unfortunately though, the age old demon of participation took Donnelly to a disappointing 3rd placing overall.

The Haka competition was soon creeping up on Donnelly House. After numerous practices and a couple of Haka's which I had the honour of leading, the competition was upon us. On the day the Haka was well led by Mark Atkins and Te Aru who deserve the thanks of the whole house for the terrific job they did. Unfortunately we lost not only our timing but also the competition. We learnt once again the lesson that it's not the loudest Haka which wins but the one with the best presentation overall.

The House Singing competition is always one all houses work hard for. This year was no exception, Donnelly thrashed the song

"fast times in Tahoe" to the point where I'm sure all will cringe at the sound of it for a good few years. On the day we gave it our all, but, like the haka it was loud but a little out of time. Even with the effort of Jessie on the guitar and a rather painful front-flip off the stage from me, we still only placed third. The ensemble however was expected to be an awesome show, Chris Caskey's musical genius resulted in a performance to be remembered and one I was honoured to be a part of, playing the piano. The placing of first was a tribute to his and Ben Dixon's endless efforts in organisation. The overall placing of Donnelly in the competition was the ever familiar third, given the combination of points.

The Winter Sport heralded further pressure for Donnelly, we had to do well or else last place was guaranteed and would be a horrible end to the year. The House showed its class on the sporting field once again. The Turf Hockey team fought hard and not losing a single fixture, easily took the win. The soccer team was a definite winner side, unfortunately though, the lack of a third former in the side resulted in the tournament winning side being disqualified which was gutting for the house and especially the team. Basketball dominated all other teams





Brendon Fischer Yr12

Vincenzo Smolenski Yr12

Mathis Smith Yr12

Zac Moller Yr12

Matt Voorwinde Yr12

John Hobson Yr12

Danie King Yr12

Ben Dowman Yr13

Dylan Spencer

Glen Baxter Yr12

Kerry French Yr12

Chris Hewlett Yr13

Sreng Hong Yr12

and took out their competition easily. The rugby team just missed the finals in a count back after a draw, leaving them in third. The overall 2nd placing in the sport competition was a good effort from the boys and was a tribute to the organisation of the house.

The debating team had a tough year. Unfortunately timing resulted in the senior team frequently being robbed of top speakers in the school, resulting in a dismal last placing followed up with the loss of the juniors.

It has been an amazing experience leading Donnelly in this final year at school and has been a learning experience invaluable to me. Thanks to all the boys of the house for the efforts they put in for the house in the competition this year, the participation overall was awesome and the cooperation at house assemblies and events made my job as leader significantly easier and I thank you for that.

A very important thanks must go to Mr Corlett who I worked with throughout the year to try and achieve the best for the house. Whilst we were both inexperienced in our positions, we worked together to develop methods which will hopefully see a fantastic future for Donnelly House. Thank you for your guidance and enthusiasm for the house and I wish you all the best in the coming years as House Master.

Another thanks to my group leaders, your organisation and enthusiasm in events was vital to Donnelly House. A very important thanks must go to my Deputy Ben Dixon and Nick Craig, thanks to you both for all the work you did this year in Donnelly House. Thanks Ben for sorting every detail imaginable, the work you did often was unnoticed by most but was greatly appreciated. To Nick for always bringing your enthusiasm to the competition, particularly your enthusiasm at our house meetings, I still clearly remember the Haka you led, it was truly like no other.

This year has been filled with both huge challenges and enjoyment, and is one I will never forget. Congratulations to Hamish and Hatherly for their victory and to Harley and Joyce as well for their efforts.

I wish the best to everyone and encourage you all to take advantage of the numerous opportunities available within the school which so often are taken for granted. To next year's Donnelly, good luck and take on the challenge, you have the skills to win so make sure you take full advantage of them. Make the most of it, but, most importantly enjoy it, I definitely did along with the rest of my team. Once again, I wish all the best to everyone and I look forward to looking up on the House Competition Board to see a victorious Donnelly House.

Carl Garrett
Head of Donnelly 2008

SYME HOUSE

After winning the house competition in 2007, Syme House had high expectations to keep the trophy in our hands. In order to do so we needed to up our game in Haka and House Singing, and continue our strong sporting legacy.

The year started with swimming sports, which we've dominated for years. Unfortunately a stacked Barak House stole our thunder, as we settled for second place. Great individual performances in Inglewood on athletics day allowed a number of boys to gain overall placings. However, a lack of participation from the rest of the house saw us slip to an undeserving fourth place.

The highlight of the year for me was how well we fronted up at the Haka competition. After weeks of practice, and plenty of lecturing from Chance and I over actions,

second place was a valiant effort and our best placing in years.

We were very underprepared for house singing, and a lack of practice time translated into a sour performance of Pokemon. It was a laugh, and should've got us more votes for originality. I'd also like to extend thanks to Geraint Scott and all the rest of the Syme House ensemble for trying to give us at least a shot at higher than last place. In the end though, our rendition of Phil Collins didn't pay off without Ashok in a gorilla suit.

Congratulations to our solid debators, as the only Syme team to take out an inter-house competition. You guys were solid all year, and the shining light of a dim year.

Finally I'd like to thank Mr Page for his commitment to Syme House, and the amount of time he has put into making Syme House competitive. To all the boys, in order for us to be dominant again, we need everyone's participation. It might also help if I had more seniors than I can count on one hand at assemblies. Nevertheless, best luck for the future, and I hope next year Syme can bounce back and rightfully reclaim the title as the best house at New Plymouth Boys' High.

Harley Wall
Head of Syme 2008



HOSTEL REPORT

The Olympics Games is all about over 10000 athletes from 205 different countries converging on one famous world city every four years to compete for just over 300 gold medals. The Olympics is about

- Excellence – striving for your best possible result.
- Endurance – pushing yourself all of the time to achieve personal excellence.
- Honesty – being able to look yourself in the mirror each day and say that you have given it your best shot. Playing the game within the rules.
- Challenge – challenging yourself, taking yourself out of your comfort zone and making no excuses.
- Respect – respect for others, respect for time honoured traditions. Sportsmanship.
- Loyalty & pride – being proud of what you are doing and who you are representing.
- Sacrifice – making short term sacrifices for long term rewards.
- Enjoyment – having fun.
- Spirit – coming together as one group, forgetting about differences and encouraging each other.
- Friendship – meeting new people.

These are the same values that the Hostel tries to instil in all boarders.

An interesting comparison is also the fact that those who do not abide by the Olympic spirit are found out and removed. Similarly those who do not abide by the Hostel spirit, the Hostel Creed, are found out and removed.

The challenge for you all is to accentuate the key Olympic values you already adhere to and work on the developing the others. It is important to remember that you are still young and that the years you spend in the hostel are your development years.

The hostel provides you with an outstanding environment to do that. Do not under

estimate or under value this environment and the people who have a strong role to play in the environment in helping you to achieve the values of the Olympic Creed.

2008 has been a successful year. The obvious gold medals have been Niger, Inter House and Dayboys vs Boarders. While the not so obvious 'golds' have been all of the top bloke type efforts. Boys giving it their best shot, not complaining, getting on with things, playing within the rules, not making excuses, fronting up and being overwhelmingly positive about life.

Like all years we have had boys who have forgotten about the Olympic spirit. I sincerely hope that they have learnt from their forgetfulness.

All successful athletes require support teams – mentors, coaches, nutritionists, analysts, sports psychologists, administrators, medics, equipment & kit handlers. A huge thanks to all of the hostel staff, kitchen staff, laundry staff, cleaners, grounds staff, group teachers, tutors, scripture team and hostel committee. Your support definitely contributes to the success of this team.

Thank you to all of you boys for your efforts through 2008. You are what gives this place its spirit. Your job has not finished – true Olympians make enormous training sacrifices and then battle to the very end in order to achieve success. Every one of you needs to do exactly that for your upcoming exams. Work hard right up to your final exam.

Finally, to the leavers I hope you leave this place with no regrets and happy memories.

Remember, if all of you were to live your lives following the key Olympic values you would live your life with a huge smile on your face and in your heart.

2008 Hostel Highlights

1. The Year 13 leaders, especially Hamish

Alabaster (Head Boarder), Logan Burton (Head of Carrington), Miles Harding (Head of Moyes) and Lewis Politini (School Prefect).

2. 2007 academic results with pass rates of: Year 13 – 76% (James Fischer and Logan Campbell gained scholarships)

Year 12 – 81%

Year 11 – 80%

3. 100% of our junior boys achieving their Junior Diploma.

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

5. Winning the Inter House competition with outstanding results recorded in athletics, summer sports, haka, rugby singing and debating.

6. The Carroll Cup competition which has again proven to be the closest for a number of years plus the introduction of the Little Mangorei challenge.

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

8. Christmas Dinner which again highlighted the quality of our kitchen staff and the ability of our boys to respond to formal occasions.

9. 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. Individuals who have excelled at a national level are: Isaac Hekenui, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Peter LaTour and Jackson Ormond.

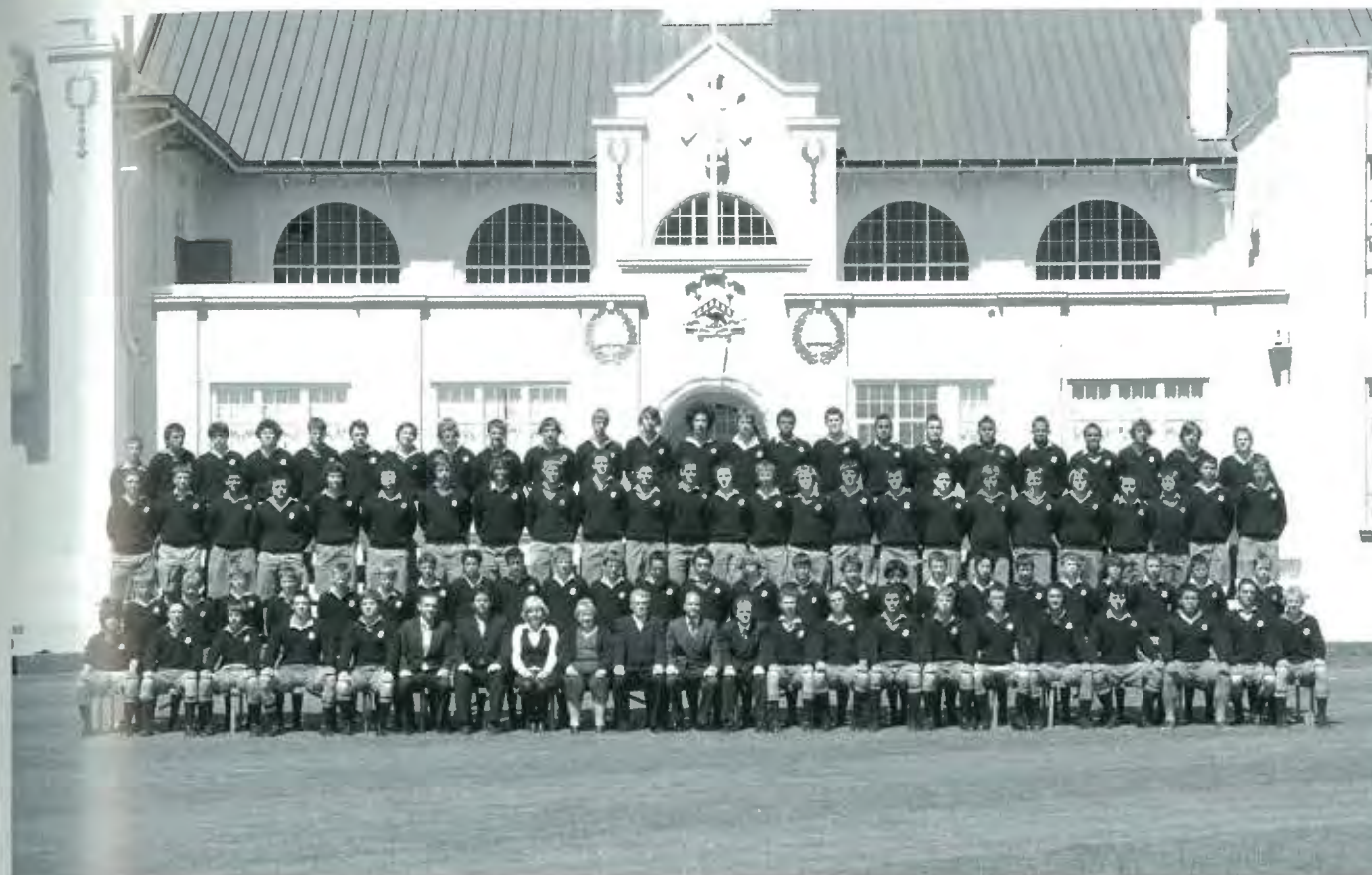
10. The number of boys being rewarded with Top Bloke awards.

11. The 'High Tea' to farewell the headmaster, Lyl French-Wright.

COR LUDI

Geoff Hall

Senior Hostel Master 2008



Moyes House



Carrington House



HEAD BOARDER REPORT

2008 has once again proven to be a very demanding year for the hostel. A year of highs and lows, but in the end very successful.

The inter-house competition has been, and will always be, a tough task for Hatherly. Never the less, the men of the hostel embarked on their first mission, the swimming sports. There is always a realisation it is all about the numbers so we fully relied on participation. The boys all went hard but still failed to dominate, coming in third place. However, the athletics was much different as our team effort and talented individuals gave us the top finish. Then came the cross country and

with the day school houses going all out we came fourth. After that disappointing result we stepped up our game and won the summer and winter sports, haka, tug of war, music and the debating. This meant that overall we won the Inter-House competition. This was an outstanding result as it was an improvement on last year's second place.

The Year 9 boys proved to be a unique bunch of young men who showed they were strong athletes in their morning training before the Queen's Birthday weekend. The Niger match was played in true boarding spirit between New Plymouth and Palmerston North. Our forward pack created quality go forward ball for our talented backline and as a result we dominated College House 31 -

0. Jamie Shrubbsall captained the side well. The players to shine were Daniel Chapman, Jared Verney and Lachlan Boshier. Thanks to all the coaches who spent many early mornings training the boys.

The Dayboys vs. Boarders rugby game was played near the end of term three. There was a lot of pre-match talk, with both teams having an even distribution of 1st group players. The only difference proved to be was that we played with true hostel spirit. The final score was comprehensive and thoroughly deserved: 39 - 10.

A special mention must go to those boys who have achieved special accomplishments this year. In rugby Jackson Ormond was selected in the Hurricanes Secondary Schools team.



Hostel Prefects 2008

Back Row: Andy Hamilton, Scott Bradley, Matthew Hurley
Middle Row: Brodie Nel, Travis Woodd, Chris Jager, Cedar Vaimea, Lewis Politini, Jackson Ormond
Front Row: David Thomson, Thomas Otterson, Logan Burton, Hamish Alabaster, Miles Harding, Kimble Stevenson, Peter La-Tour



Boarders XV 2008



Niger Cup 2008

Heiden Bedwell-Curtis was selected in the New Zealand u17s and also along with myself and Alipate Umu made the Taranaki u18s. We had a good number of boys in the u16s with Ben Patterson, Rhys Marshall and Jade Hintz all making that team. In the u13 Andrew Temperton, Giovanni Habel-Kueffner and George Hardwick Smith made that side. Peter La-Tour had an outstanding year in basketball making the all-star team at nationals and competing with distinction at regional and national athletics championships. Isaac Hekenui made the New Zealand softball team. Alex Besley and Brendon Fischer were also fortunate to

represent the school at the Global Young Leaders Conference in the USA.

Finally I would like to thank the team of prefects for 2008. You guys have made this year very successful and enjoyable. Your support has made my job easier. To the hostel masters, thank you for making this an enjoyable and memorable year and also to the matrons, thank you for taking such good care of us over the years.

Hamish Alabaster
Head Boarder (2008)





HOUSE SINGING
Spring Festival Week

Our week started out at assembly on Monday with musical entertainment from the Cassidy family band and at lunchtime a concert by the New Plymouth band Leiden.

On Monday evening the annual speech finals were held in the staffroom, and as usual our students presented themselves at an extraordinarily high level of accomplishment. It was a truly entertaining evening and a huge thank you to our adjudicators Keryn Broughton and Paul Shearer.

The results are as follows:

Year 9

- 1st Matt Baxter
- 2nd Ryan Kiely
- 3rd Ashir Sohail

Year 10

- 1st Joshua Girvan
- 2nd Callum Rutherford
- 3rd Hayden Whyte

Year 11

- 1st Connor Kerr-Newell
- 2nd Chris Harold
- 3rd Luke Stevenson

Year 12/13

- 1st Jonathon Folwell
- 2nd William Tennent
- 3rd Peter Molloy

The Overall Winner: Jonathon Folwell

On Tuesday, even though the weather was less than favourable, pavement art with Mr Hill was a great success. Much interest was created at interval on Wednesday with a parade of trolleys destined for the lunchtime trolley derby and entertainment from the saxophone quartet.

Throughout the week many students took the opportunity of viewing local artist,

Jordan Barnes at work in residence in the Library. Jordan was also singer and guitarist from our guest band Leiden.

The winner of our Poetry competition themed "Spring" was Tyler Stewart (Year 10) and the Group Class photo competition judged by our Artist in Residence was D05's 'Sunflower'.

This year we were very fortunate to have NPBHS old boy Chris Cruikshank from Radioworks as MC for our afternoon of entertainment during the annual Interhouse Music competition. Our judges were Annand Rose (NP Singer Songwriters) and Alan Steedman (Studio 15). A big thanks to the Star Course Sound Recording & Studio students, with the help of their tutors from Studio 15, Alan and Dave Carnaghan, for providing exceptional sound for the competition.

The results are as follows:

HOUSE SINGING

Barak	39/60
Hatherly	36/60
Donnelly	30/60
Syme	27/60

ENSEMBLE

Donnelly	30/40
Syme	28/40
Hatherly	28/40
Barak	22/40

OVERALL PLACING

Hatherly	64/100
Barak	61/100
Donnelly	60/100
Syme	56/100

Spring Festival week is also the showcase for the last battle of Interhouse Debating. The wins were as follows:

- SYME – 5 wins
- HATHERLY – 4 wins
- BARAK – 3 wins

SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual NPBHS swimming championships were held on Friday, February 22, in excellent weather. The day started off overcast, but that burnt off mid way through the morning to reveal a fantastic day.

The quality of the swimming was again outstanding, with many of the school's top swimmers represented in most, if not all, events. The championship was tightly contested in two of the three age groups. The senior title was a two horse race and was eventually taken out by Jared Gray with 52 points from Isaac Owen on 50. Well done to Sean Parker for taking out 3rd place with 20 points. The intermediate title was easily won by Jordan Moratti (46 points) from Patrick Harvey (28 points) and Jeremy Raynes (22 points). Things were more even in the junior championship which was shared between Lewis Win and Ben Nelson, both with 30 points. Vincent Lamont was back in third with 16 points.

The house competition was dominated by Barak House who won convincingly, proving too strong with their depth of championship swimmers, taking the title by 55 points from Syme House. Hatherly and Donnelly had a tight battle to avoid the wooden spoon with Hatherly eventually coming third by just 3 points over Donnelly.

	House	Points
1	Barak	361
2	Syme	305
3	Hatherly	251
4	Donnelly	248





ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE 2007

Scholarship Results – Honours Board in Ryder Hall

8 boys gained 12 scholarships as follows:

Student	Subject(s)
MOMICH Daniel	Chemistry, Physics, Statistics
TATE James	Statistics, Calculus, Accounting
FISCHER James	Art Painting
CAMPBELL Logan	Statistics
HEYES Logan	Statistics
OLIVER Jason	Statistics
TAIT Matthew	Statistics
HONEYFIELD Scott	Statistics

These boys have done extremely well with particular congratulations to Daniel Momich and James Tate, who are New Zealand Scholars for 2008 due to their 3 scholarship passes and gain \$2,000 per year for 3 years at University.

James and Daniel have been close academic competitors over the years and, in a very close set of results, Daniel Momich will be awarded the Stephen and Matthew Harrop Cup and prize for the best performance by a NPBHS Year 13 boy in 2007.

NCEA Endorsements

This is the first time these have been awarded as a result of gaining 50 credits at excellence level or 50 credits at merit or above. This is a very pleasing list that shows a commitment to achieving at a high level.

YEAR 11

ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE AT LEVEL 1

(12 boys)

CLARKSON Elliot	GIRVAN Matthew
MOLLER Zachary	RASMUSSEN Shae
FISCHER Brendon	HAYLES Robert
MOLLOY Peter	SMOLENSKI Vincent
FRASER Hamish	MacDONALD Duncan
OLIVER Callum	TENNENT William

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 1 (63 boys)

ANDERSON Tyler	FRASER Scott
LEPPER Chris	SLOANE Wade
ANDREWS Byron	FRENCH Kerry
LIGGINS Luke	SMITH Mark
ARBUCKLE Jay	GENG Zehuan
LINEHAM James	SPROTT Alex
BARBER Aaron	GREIG Cole

MEULI Joel	STAFFORD Wade
BARNETT Gray	HARRISON Riki
MOMICH Simon	STAYT Jordan
BAXTER Glen	HARVEY Nicholas
MORATTI Jordan	STEVENS David
BENGE Jesse	HAWKEY Tim
O'CONNOR Thomas	STILL Kyle
BENT Shaun	HEBLER Martin
OWEN Isaac	VOORWINDE Matthew
BESLEY Alex	HILL Samuel
PARTHEMORE Philip	WARD Joel
BLOOMFIELD Elliot	HINTON Jarred
POLITAKIS Marco	WATT Patrick
BURTON Matthew	HOLDEN Cameron
PRICE Jack	WILLIAMS Max
CARSWELL Andrew	HORN Max
PRICHARD Brodie	WIN Morgan
DICKSON Matthew	JIA Feng
RAYNER Nicholas	WOOD Michael
DOEHRING Thomas	JONES Matthew
REID Jamie	WOODHEAD Trydant
EDMUNDS Aaron	KALIN George
RUTTEN Chris	ZHONG Matthew
FAGG Hamish	KING Daniel
SHOTBOLT Karsten	

YEAR 12

ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE AT LEVEL 2 (7 boys)

CRAIG Nicholas	HEWLETT Christopher
ROWLANDS Cam	VARLEY Sam
FOLWELL Jonathon	JORDAN Toby
SRIDHAR Akshay	

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 2 (35 boys)

ANDER Liam	FLEMING Hamish
JAGER Chris	SMITH Thomas
BARRETT Josh	GARRETT Carl
JOYCE Nicholas	SMITH Steven
BURTON Logan	GUBB Cameron
McKERROW James	SMITHERS Jack
CLOUGH Brendan	HAROLD Matt
MONK Nicholas	TANG Ken
COOPER Chris	HARRISON Tim
NEVILLE-LAMB Jeremy	TAYLOR Brent
COX Martin	HATCH Michael
OTTERSON Tom	VAN WINKEL Jason
DAVISON Hayden	HERMANN Paul
RAMANATHAN Ashok	WALL Harley
DIXON Ben	HEWITT James
SCOTT Geraint	WILSON Thomas



ELLIOT Leigh	HOTTER Matthew
SIMKIN Gye	
ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE AT LEVEL 1 (2 boys)	
SUTHERLAND Stuart	WANSBROUGH Mark

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 1 (49 boys)

ABRAHAM-BEERMANN Eli	ENGLAND Ethan
NEWMAN Kayne	STIELLER Carl
ANTAO Adam	EVANS Michael
NIELSEN Logan	TAYLOR John
ASKEVOLD Harald	HINE Michael
OSKUHUYSEN Willem	TAYLOR Jack
BARTLE Henry	HOWE Sam
OLIVER-ROSE Dylan	THOMSON Sam
BELGRAVE Stuart	HURLEY Matt
PATENE Hayden	VAIMEA Cedar
BROWN Tim	LEE Tim
PATERSON Karl	WESTON Robert
CASKEY Chris	LOADER Charles
PEPPERELL Michael	WHYTE Jeremy
ONEGLAN Ben	MAIHI Awa
PETERS Quinten	YOUNG Sam
CORBETT Julian	MASON Kieran
PULLAR Thomas	YOUNG James
DONNELLY Brent	McBRIDE Liam
RIDGEWELL-LANG Chris	ZHOU Peter
DOWMAN Ben	MEADS Jacob
ROLFE Steven	ELLIOTT Broughton
MORTON David	ROOKES Kyran
ELLIS Rhys	NEL Matthew
ROWLANDS Logan	

YEAR 13/14

ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE AT LEVEL 3 (4 boys)

CAMPBELL Logan	MOMICH Daniel
TAIT Matthew	TATE James

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 3 (14 boys)

BLOOMFIELD Sam	HEYES Logan
LEWIS Zachary	SKLENARS William
EATON Oscar	HOLDEN Jason
LOVENDIE Sam	WAYNE Oliver
FRANKLIN Sam	HOLM Cameron
MILES Charley	HARTLEY Nicholas
HONEYFIELD Scott	OLIVER Jason

ENDORSED WITH EXCELLENCE AT LEVEL 2 (2 boys)

PERENS Alex	FISCHER James
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YEAR 13/14

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 2 (36 boys)

AHERNE Damien	DESAI Rakesh
LOVELL-SMITH Josh	RICHARDSON Josh
ARDERN Thomas	FRASER James
MITCHELL Nicholas	RODDEN Matt
ARMITAGE Matthew	GREIG Darryl
NEWLAND Chris	ROSA Quinn
BAKER Thomas	HADLEY Ben
NIELSEN Blake	SMUTS Damian
BARNETT Callum	HAPIMARIKA Tane
NOVAK Alex	SPRANGERS Tony
BENNETT Simon	JOHNSTONE Leon
PARKINS-PAYNE Carl	STENNER Luke
BROWN William	KENT Adam
PHILLIPS Daniel	VANDERFITS Jacob
BROWN Nicholas	LEAN Kent
RAYNER Anthony	WAUGH Alexander
DEMCHY Clarke	LONG Daniel
REID Matt	WELLS Matt

ENDORSED WITH MERIT AT LEVEL 1 (45 boys)

BARNETT Laine	GUTHRIE Oliver
LAIRD Cam	SMITH Edmund
BARRON Steven	HAYLES Michael
LAWN Sam	SPROTT Ben
BARTLE Tom	HICKEY Simon
LEE David	VINCENT Nicholas
BENNETT Brad	HIGHT John
LEVCHENKO-SCOTT Guram	WATTS Ryan
BINT Regan	HOFMANS Garry
MARFELL Andrew	WEBB Liam
BOWER Campbell	HUGHES John
MORGAN Blake	WELCH Craig
BRACKEN Harley	JACOB Chad
MROWINSKI Seb	WHITING Max
BROADMORE Sam	JONAS Scott
NEIL Stephen	WILLIAMS Simeon
BUNYAN Nathanael	JONES Skyler
OGLE Ethan	ZALOUM Josef
CADMAN Sam	KEARINS Lee
PRICE Leighton	CRESSY Sean
KIM Andy	RYU Chris
FRY Steffan	KONIJN Thomas
SANDERSON Ryan	

Super 8 Scholars:

This is the second year that we have awarded Super 8 Scholar status to boys who have a grade point average of 80 plus (out of 100) from the best 80 credits in NCEA. It is for Years 11, 12 and 13 boys and uses



4 for an excellence, 3 for a merit and 2 for an achieved as multiplier over 5 subjects. It certainly rewards very high achievement over a wide range of academic disciplines.

At Year 11 we had 43, compared to 34 in 2006 and at Year 12, 19 compared to 13 in 2006. It is the first time we have awarded Super 8 Scholar status at Year 13. I am very pleased with these results.

NCEA LEVEL 3 (Yr 13)

Table with 2 columns: Name and GPA. Includes CAMPBELL Logan (90.0), EATON Oscar (80.9), HARTLEY Nicholas (83.12), HOLDEN Jason (81.09), HONEYFIELD Scott (85.18), MOMICH Daniel (100.0), OLIVER Jason (89.06), SKLENARS William (84.37), TAIT Matthew (91.45), TATE James (99.06)

NCEA LEVEL 2 (Yr 12)

Table with 2 columns: Name and GPA. Includes CRAIG Nick (95.68), FOLWELL Jonathan (93.93), GUBB Cameron (91.09), HARRISON Tim (88.76), HATCH Michael (84.87), HERMANN Paul (88.64), HEWETT James (86.51), HEWLETT Chris (92.03), JORDAN Toby (91.5), JOYCE Nicholas (91.45), MCKERROW James (86.0), MONK Nicholas (92.0), ROWLANDS Cam (93.81), SIMKIN Gye (90.81), SMITHERS Jack (83.12), SRIDHAR Akshay (102.5), TANG Ken (88.16), VAN WINKEL Jason (83.43), VARLEY Sam (92.65)

NCEA LEVEL 1 (Yr 11)

Table with 2 columns: Name and GPA. Includes ANDREWS Byron (86.93), LINEHAN James (81.51), BARNETT Gray (79.75), MacDONALD Duncan (100.92), BAXTER Glen (82.5), MEULI Joel (81.87), BENGE Jesse (92.18)

Table with 3 columns: Name, GPA, and Name. Includes MOLLER Zachary (99.37), BESLEY Alex (87.62), MOLLOY Peter (102.75), BURTON Matthew (93.7), MOMICH Simon (90.18), CLARKSON Elliot (99.37), OLIVER Callum (92.62), DOEHRING Thomas (81.25), POLITAKIS Marco (85.3), FAGG Hamish (91.81), PRICE Jack (82.56), FISCHER Brendon (104.55), PRICHARD Brodie (87.62), FRASER Hamish (96.62), RASMUSSEN Shae (92.16), GIRVAN Matthew (105.5), SMITH Mark (83.95), GREIG Cole (92.87), SMOLENSKI Vincent (95.37), HARVEY Nicholas (85.56), SPROTT Alex (80.31), HAWKEY Tim (88.1), STAFFORD Wade (80.06), HAYLES Robert (94.75), STEVENS David (91.5), HEBLER Martin (82.75), TENNENT William (106.66), HILL Sam (83.3), WIN Morgan (83.43), HINTON Jarred (82.27), WOOD Michael (85.06), HOLDEN Cameron (81.17), WOODHEAD Trydant (84.56), KING Daniel (88.25), ZHONG MATTHEW (83.64), LEPPER Chris (85.31)

If you are wondering how a GPA can exceed 100, we use a multiplier of 1.2 to any credits that are at a level above what would normally be expected. e.g. If a Year 11 boy was doing level 2 credits where the norm is doing level 1 credits.

Tiger Jackets

2006 was the first time we had awarded academic Tiger Jackets to James Tate and Scott Honeyfield for attaining a GPA of 90 plus on the criteria set out for Super 8 Scholar status. This is an exceptionally high level of attainment over 5 subjects and a benchmark has been set with eleven Year 12 boys and four Year 13 boys reaching the GPA threshold of 90.



TIGER JACKETS FOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

YEAR 13 - NCEA LEVEL 3

Table with 2 columns: Name and GPA. Includes CAMPBELL Logan (90.0), TAIT Matthew (91.45), TATE James (99.06), MOMICH Daniel (100.0)

YEAR 12 - NCEA LEVEL 2

Table with 2 columns: Name and GPA. Includes CRAIG Nick (95.68), JORDAN Toby (91.5), SIMKIN Gye (90.81), FOLWELL Jonathan (93.93), JOYCE Nicholas (91.45), SRIDHAR Akshay (102.5), GUBB Cameron (91.09), MONK Nicholas (92.0), VARLEY Sam (92.65), HEWLETT Chris (92.03), ROWLANDS Cam (93.81)

SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZES 2008

YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table with 2 columns: Subject and Name. Includes Art (National Art Supplies Ltd Prize) - Mitchell Baker, Economics - James Varley

Table with 2 columns: Subject and Name. Includes Electronics and Japanese (Conversation) - Matthew Barham, English Applied (PTA Prize) - Andrew Fowler, Enterprise - Michael Li, French (French Embassy Prize) and History - Jeremy Raynes, Geography - Dylan Hopkins, Graphics (Gordon Harris Ltd Prize) - Steven Haami, Home Economics - Andrew Smith, Horticulture (Best Student) - Zachary Bunyan, Horticulture (Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize) - Jared Wallace, Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) - Oliver Coneglan, Latin and Physical Education - Connor Oliver-Rose, Maori - Jordan King, Mathematics - Jamie Hatch, Mathematics (Applied) (PTA Prize) - Jesse Pirini, Music (Best Performer) (Rock Shop Prize) - Marcus Laurence, Science Applied (PTA Prize) - Troy Jury, Self Management - Ben Snooks, Spanish - Garry Hutchinson, Technology (Metal) (Best Student) and Technology (Metal) (Design) (Olex Cables Prize) - Tim Phillips, Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize) - Samuel Smith, Technology (Wood) (Best Student) - Kaleb Hamilton, Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Masters Ltd Prize) - Chad Niwa

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table with 2 columns: Subject and Name. Includes (Wadsworth's Books Prize) - Ross Gavin





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

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize Connor Kerr-Newell

ESSAY

1st Prize Tahn Nickson

SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Cadet (Wadsworth's Cup and Prize) Dillon Shields

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate Oliver Gifford
2nd Aggregate Sam Mitchell
1st Aggregate Sam Mitchell
(Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting(Gledhill Cup and Prize), and 1st in English) Jong Woo Shin

YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Biology (Tabor Prize) Duncan MacDonald
Computer Science (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) Elliot Clarkson
Design (Tabor Prize) Hamish Fraser
Electronics (Tabor Prize) Thilina Mendis
English (Applied) (PTA Prize) Michael Peterson
Enterprise (Tabor Prize) Jonathan Hobo-Tuck
Gateway (Tabor Prize) Brendon Hodge
Home Economics (Tabor Prize) Daniel Early
Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) Alastar Scarle
Horticulture (Practical) (Alexander Trust Prize) Peter Reeve
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Jack Price
Latin (Tabor Prize) Vincenzo Smolenski
Legal Studies (Tabor Prize) Alex Sprott
Maori (Tabor Prize) and for Contribution by a Year 12 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school Chance Te Uira
Mathematics (Applied) (Tabor Prize) Te Aru Hapimarika
Music (Tabor Prize) James Fuller
Music (Best Performer) (PianoWorks Prize) Jacob Randall
Outdoor Education Cameron Holden
Painting (Tabor Prize) Mathis Smith

Patrick Harvey Photography (Tabor Prize)
John Le Pine Physical Education (Tabor Prize)
Michael Phillips Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)
Thomas Natrass Science (Tabor Prize)
Self Management (Tabor Prize)
Sports Studies (Tabor Prize)
Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize and Olex Cables Trophy)
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)
Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

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

ESSAY

1st Prize Brendon Fischer

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Performance in STAR Sound Recording Programme (Studio 15 Prize) Sam Hill
Best Performer in the STAR programme Max Horn

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Graphics, Best Project Work in Graphics (L V Giddy Memorial Prize) and 1st in Geography) Matthew Girvan
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including Highest Number of Excellences for a 2008 Year 12 student in 2007 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize)
1st in Accounting (Gledhill Cup and Prize), 1st in Economics, 1st in Mathematics, Highest Grade Attainment in 2007 NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and 1st in Physics) William Tennent
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Chemistry, 1st in English and 1st in History) Peter Mollo

Matthew Voorwinde
Simon Momic
Michael Wood
Nainesh Patel
George Hodges
Jonathan Morath

Gered Keene

Tom Sandford
Daniel Fitzgerald

Chris Hemingway

Shae Rasmussen
Matthew Zhong
Sreng Hong
Brendan Fischer
Zachary Moller

Brendon Fischer

Sam Hill

Max Horn

Matthew Girvan

William Tennent

Peter Mollo



YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup) Ken Tang
Classical Studies and Enterprise and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize) Toby Jordan
Computing (Best Student) James Hewett
Computing (Best Practical) (Gen-i Prize) Christopher Cooper
Design Willem Ockhuysen
Economics Sam Varley
Electronics David Morton
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) Carl Garrett
Gateway Henry Bartle
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) and Painting (National Art Supplies Ltd Prize) Michael Hatch
History (Brian Bellringer Prize) Eli Abraham-Beerman
Home Economics Matthew Evans
Horticulture (Best Student)
(Fruited Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) Cedar Vaimea
Horticulture (Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize) Logan Burton
Latin Nicholas Monk
Legal Studies (Howe Family Cup and Prize) Sam Howe
Maori and for contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school. (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) Harley Wall
Music Jonathan Folwell
Photography Broughton Elliott
Physical Education Nicholas Craig
Science James Young

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Stuart Belgrave
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Alex Sewell
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Jason van Winkel
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Jeremy Whyte

MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) and Most Outstanding Senior Composition (Mary Allan Trophy and Prize) Geraint Scott
Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Michael Martin
Outstanding Service to Music in the School (Noel Lynch Cup and Prize) Cameron Gubb

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) and 1st Prize for Public Speaking and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and

Prize) and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize) Jonathan Folwell

Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup) Stage Band

Interhouse Music (John Dobson Memorial Cup) Hatherly

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

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

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) Carl Garrett

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

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) Ben Dixon

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

Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize) Hamish Alabaster

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) Hamish Fleming



GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Geography and 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize))

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

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup, Tiger Coat Award and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st Prize in Essay (Ward Cup and Taranaki Daily News Literary Excellence Prize), Excellence Performance in the Jazz Genre and Commitment to Music in the School (Take 5 Trophy), Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy), 1st in Calculus, 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1st in English (White Memorial Literature Prize) and 1st in Physics)

SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS 2008

Sports Prize List for Senior Prize-giving

BADMINTON Cook And Lister Cup - Open Champion Ashok Aiyer

ADVENTURE RACING Adventure Racing Prize Service to the Sport Hamish Fleming

BASKETBALL Peter Lay Trophy - Most Improved Player Daniel King

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS Keller Cup - High Jump Jarred Hinton Edmonds Trophy Discus Brock Sibbick Beckbessinger Cup 100m Jarred Wallace Challenge Cup 200m Jordan King Cartwright Cup - Long Jump Triple Jump Javelin Hagenson Cup - Intermediate Champion Logan Rei

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Wild Cup - Senior Shotput Champion Alipate Umu Old Boys Cup - 100m Api Dawa Herbert Smith Cup - 200m Lagen Kumeroa Snowden Cup - Javelin Frank Tawaka High Jump Triple Jump Long Jump Gary Fowler Cup - Athlete Of The Year Peter La-Touhi Discus Mark Atkins Old Boys Shield - 400m Mason Memorial Cup - 800m Fookes Cup - 1500m 3000m Senior Champion David Morton

CRICKET Giddy Shield - 2nd XI Most Improved Player Callum Davison Parkinson Cup - 1st XI Bowling Fraser Johnston

CROSS COUNTRY Dominikovich Cup - Leadership In Cross Country 1911 Cup - Senior Champion David Morton

CYCLING ANZ Cycling Cup - Most Outstanding Rider Hayden Patenaud

GOLF Shearer Cup - School Golf Champion Brad Hayward

HOCKEY Simonson Cup - Most Improved Player Chris Leppa Dion Jordan Memorial - Most Valuable Player Aaron Edmunds

IN LINE HOCKEY Inline Hockey - Senior MVP Michael Roberts

RUGBY U15s Cup - Most Promising Player William Mcbride 2nd XV Cup - Most Conscientious Player John Marshall Taylor Cup - Player's Player in 1st XV Heiden Bedwell-Curtis Watts Cup - Most Improved in 1st XV Josh Sandford Leuthart Cup - Contributed Most to 1st XV Miles Harding

1948-49 1st XV TROPHY This is a new trophy to the school, which has been donated by the 1948-49 1st XV . It was one of the most successful 1st XVs the school has produced. The team still has regular reunions and at the last one the team agreed to donated a trophy to the player who exemplifies the character of the team and does the most to keep the



spirit intact . Alan Luxton, a member of the 1948-49 team, lathed the trophy out of a Kauri block. Liam McBride

CLAYBIRD SHOOTING John Axeby Trophy - Senior Champion Callum Livingston

SKIING Ohakune Old Boys' Trophy Senior Skiing Champion Gye Simkin

SQUASH Dow Blanco Cup Squash MVP Harald Askevold

SOCCER Burmester Trophy - Most Improved Player Brandon Holdt Russell Hooper Cup - Most Valuable Player Tyson Brandt Coaches' Cup - Contributed Most to the Team Charl Jacobs

SAILING Outstanding School Sailor Gye Simkin

SURFING Smith Cup - Most Outstanding Surfer Tyler Anderson

SWIMMING Challenge Cup - Intermediate Champion Jordan Moratti Sykes Memorial Cup - Senior Champion Jared Gray

TENNIS Burgess Cup - Most Improved Amrit Rai McKeon Cup - Intermediate Champion Amrit Rai Candy Cup - Senior Champ Jordan Stayt

VOLLEYBALL Soper Cup - Most Valuable Player Kyle Still

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS Dempsey Shield - Swimming Day Boys - Joel Meuli Pease Cup - Rugby Boarders - Miles Harding

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION Bates Cup - Cricket Donnelly - Carl Garrett Stevenson Cup - Tennis Syme - Harley Wall Burbank Cup - Swimming Barak - Nick Joyce Holder Cup - Soccer

INTERHOUSE GOLF Golf Hansard Cup - Athletics

Kerr Cup - Rugby Cramond Cup - Interhouse Champion Hatherley - Hamish Alabester

SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR ANZ Bank Team Of The Year Golf Team

1st XI CRICKET & A WINTER SPORT Donnelly Cup Liam McBride

THE BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN Wolfe Cup Jarred Hinton

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR Colleges Cup Nick Craig

JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZES 2008

YEAR NINE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES Art Keegan Pulman English Hayden Wood History Mitchell Rattenbury Home Economics Alister Hickey Horticulture and Horticulture (Best Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize) Mitchell Holyoake Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Dawin Kweon Latin James Mundell Maori Shae Raumati-Katene Mathematics Conrad Fraser Music Layton Otene Performance Music (Best Student) Hamish Harting Performance Music (Best Performer) (Music Works Prize) and Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy) Alex Hall Science William Livingstone Spanish Joshua Burmester Technology George Hardwick-Smith

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES Albertsen Derek Mathematics, Science, Music, English Aro Mitchell History, Geography, Latin, Technology Barnes Charles English, Mathematics, History, Art, Spanish



AWARDS

Batchelor	Joe	English, Mathematics, Spanish
Baxter	Matthew	English, Science, Art
Bevan	Connor	Economics, Geography, History, Health & Physical Education, Technology
Boon	Henry	Mathematics, English, Geography, Health & Physical Education, Art
Brown	Sam	English, Mathematics, Science
Bullot	Brad	English, Mathematics, History, Science, Technology, Horticulture
Burrell	Tom	Geography, Technology, Graphics
Clark-Puia	Thomas	Mathematics, English, Technology, Art, Maori
Crombie	Ben	Health & Physical Education, Graphics, Home Economics
De Bruyn	Dylan	English, Science, Economics, Geography, History
De Grey	Liam	Science, Music, Home Economics
Ellis	Ben	English, Geography, Health & Physical Education
Fisher	Alistair	Mathematics, English, History, Japanese
Fynn	Dylan	Mathematics, Science, History, Art, English
Habel-Kueffner	Gio	English, History, Technology
Hine	Jackson	Mathematics, Science, Geography
Honnor	Kieran	English, Mathematics, Science, Art
Jacob	Daniel	History, Science, Horticulture, English
Jager	Nick	Geography, Home Economics, Health & Physical Education
Jones	Simon	English, Science, Home Economics, Technology
Lamont	Vincent	Mathematics, English, Spanish
Lockhart	Greg	Mathematics, History, Latin
MacDonald	Alex	Mathematics, History, Science, Horticulture, Technology, English
Modgill	Sanjay	English, Economics, Geography, History, Technology, Horticulture
Moller	Jordan	English, Science, Technology
Niederberger	Cody	Mathematics, English, Home Economics, Music, Technology
Raynes	Christopher	English, Mathematics, History, Japanese
Reeve	Matt	Mathematics, English, Technology
Read-Brass	Jacob	History, Art, Maori
Roach	Philip	Mathematics, Geography, Science, Home Economics, English
Robb	Dan	Mathematics, Geography, Science
Sanchez	Jose	Mathematics, English, History

Simeon	Lewis	English, Mathematics, Science
Smith	Billy	Mathematics, Latin, Technology
Spencer	Tyler	English, History, Spanish
Temperton	Andrew	Mathematics, Geography, History, Spanish, English
Thomas	Jamie	Mathematics, Science, History, English
Van Kooten	Antony	English, Technology, Graphics, Spanish
Weir	Nathan	English, Mathematics, Horticulture
Whitmore	Kieran	English, Science, Economics, Geography, History, Technology
Wood-Larking	Jaden	English, Mathematics, Science

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd	Ashir Sohail
2nd	Ryan Kiely
1st Prize	Matthew Baxter

ESSAY

2nd	Keegan Pulman
1st Prize and For All-Round Participation and High Achievement In Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)	Matthew Reeve

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy)	Jonathan Sinclair
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JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Charles Barnes
Joe Batchelor
Henry Boon
Thomas Clark-Puia
Mark Houwers
Simon Jones
Ryan Kiely
Vincent Lamont
Nathaniel Manning
Lane Simkin
Zac Simpson
Antony Van Kooten
Hayden Wood

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Health and Physical Education)	Lane Simkin
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Economics)	Zak Simpson
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Fuji Xerox Prize) (including 1st in Geography and 1st in Graphics)	Mark Houwers



AWARDS

YEAR TEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Finnbar Porteous
Electronics	Samuel Adlam
English	John Banks
Enterprise	Ben Chau
Geography	Robert Wood
Graphics	Jared Rook
Health and Physical Education	John Dickson
Home Economics	Richard Robbins
Horticulture and Horticulture (Best Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize)	Christopher Blyde
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Aaron Saunders
Maori	Cyril Panoho
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)	Jay Maaka
Music	Azeem Raziff
Performance Music (Best Student)	Jesse Watt
Performance Music (Best Performer) (KBB Prize) and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)	Matthew Lamb
Science	Matthew Stephenson
Spanish	Kyle Simonsen
Sports Performance	Alex Iversen
Technology	Adam McLoughlin
Workshop Technology (Best Student) (Olex Cables Prize) and Workshop Technology (Best Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize)	Keegan Marshall
Workshop Technology (Best Craftsmanship and Design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award and Blackwood Paykels Prize)	Henry Johnson

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES

Aebig	Chris	Geography, Science, Mathematics, Latin
Berry	Jordan	English, Art, Maori
Butchart	Stephen	History, Mathematics, Home Economics
Butterworth	Kris	Science, Geography, History, English, Mathematics, Art, Enterprise
Gillespie	Kyle	Geography, History, English, Enterprise
Girvan	Joshua	Geography, Science, Mathematics, Latin, English
Grant	Ben	Science, Mathematics, Spanish, English
Hancock	Robert	Geography, English, Music
Harrison	Fraser	Science, Economics, Geography, History, English, Home Economics

Hewlett	Geoffrey	Science, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Spanish, Art
Hine	Isaac	Geography, English, Mathematics, Music
Honnor	Carlin	History, Science, English, Mathematics, Art, Horticulture
Hopkins	Braden	Science, Art, Enterprise
Jacobs	Daniel	Science, Geography, Music, English
Jones	Tyrl	Geography, History, Science, Art, Electronics, English
Kearns	Caleb	Science, Art, Horticulture, Home Economics
Lawley	Edward	Science, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Latin, Art, English
Mabin	Andy	Economics, English, Performance Music
McLachlan	Brad	Science, Economics, English, Mathematics
Mellow	Ashley	Science, Enterprise, Electronics
Miller	Chris	Science, Economics, Latin
Newsome	Richard	History, English, Art
Ngatai	Tyrone	History, English, Graphics
Poingdestre	Jayden	Economics, Geography, Maori
Porter	Simon	Geography, Economics, Technology, Art
Reeve	Daniel	History, Science, English, Music
Richards	Arran	Science, Mathematics, Horticulture, English
Schultz	Brody	Geography, History, Mathematics, English, Enterprise
Sohail	Akif	Science, Geography, English
Sulzberger	David	Science, Mathematics, Latin, English
Thony	George	History, English, Enterprise
Tomlinson	Jacob	English, Geography, Performance Music
Weir	Martin	Economics, English, Home Economics
White	Garth	Geography, Mathematics, Spanish
Whyte	Hayden	Economics, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Technology
Wilson-Puhara	Connor	English, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Art
Woodmass	Brett	Economics, English, Art

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd	Hayden Whyte
2nd	Callum Rutherford



ESSAY

Table with 2 columns: Award description and Winner name. Includes 3rd, 2nd, and 1st prizes for Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Public Speaking.

MUSIC

Table with 2 columns: Award description and Winner name. Includes All-Round Participation and Junior Performer of the Year.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table with 2 columns: Award description and Winner name. Includes contribution by a Year 10 Maori student and Best Aptitude and Training in a Cadet.

JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

- List of names: Chris Aebig, Darren Alexander, John Dickson, Joshua Girvan, Ben Grant, Chaz Hall, Geoffrey Hewlett, Braden Hopkins, Matthew Lamb, Edward Lawley, Jay Maaka, Samuel McComb, Jayden Poingdestre, Billy Rodenburg, Jacob Tomlinson, Hayden Whyte, Robbie Wood, Brett Woodmass, Daixun Zhang.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table with 2 columns: Award description and Winner name. Includes 3rd Aggregate and 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Fuji Xerox Prize).

CAVE BURSARIES

Table with 2 columns: Award description and Winner name. Includes Academic and Sporting Excellence in Year 9 and Year 10.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES 2008

Graduates from University of Waikato

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Richard Henderson, Shaun Thomson, Fraser King.

Graduates from University of Otago

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Mohamed Majeed, Rhys Adams, Matthew Brookes, John Coker, David Fraser, David Gibson, Andrew Gilkison, Karl Gorringe, Peter Green, Mark Henderson, Ryan Hill, Clayton Jeftha, Kritesh Kumar, Andrew McKay, Jean-Pierre Meyer, Xinning Qiu, Peter Wilms, Kerri Wilson, Mark Wilson.

Graduates from University of Canterbury

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Andrew Waite, Ashton Peters, Benjamin Haines, Craig Mulvay, Hadleigh Brien, Leon Fromont, Mark Henwood, Robbie Thomson, Sam Creery, Tom Schurr.

Graduates from Lincoln University

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Daniel Logan.

Graduates from Victoria University of Wellington

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Kyle Bridgeman, Peter Cadman, Brendon Dallas, Andrew Darney, Richard Dobson, Kieran Enright, Samuel Goddard, Moriz Hartmann, Sebastien Henderson, William Hockings, Simeon James, Jared Kennard, Steven Lorth, Timothy McVicar, Barend Meyer, Daniel Morrison, Brett Murphy, Shane Nielsen, Cade Ogle, Matthew Rogers, Kim Rutherford, Ying Yau Tong, Paul Wolfram, Jackson Wood, Bian Wu, Bowen Zheng.

Graduates from University of Auckland

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Joshuan Subramaniam, Siman Abdul Azeez, Jargil Santos, Jarrod Michael Ward, Nathan Moore, Gordon Davenport, Nathan Moore, Tesua Muakitangata.

Graduates from Massey University

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Anthony Ander, Nicholas Axten, Jeremy Booth, Tony Clow, Patrick Crofskey, Cameron Elgar, Lee Farrell.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Degree. Includes Daniel Fischer, Ivan Goldsworthy, Andrew Helms, Jay Johnson, Darryn Joseph, Tony Kemp, Xuchu Liu, Scott Parker, Christian Patten, Uriah Ryken, Kim Seng, Jake Snowdon, Brent Spice, Logan Whitehead, Brent Wilson, Gary Wood.





TIGER JACKETS

Academic

Cam Rowlands
Nick Craig
Jonathon Fowell
Cam Gubb
Chris Hewlett
Nick Joyce
Gye Simkin
Akshay Sridhar
Sam Varley
Toby Jordan
Nick Monk

Adventure Racing

Thomas Wilson
Hamish Fleming
Carl Garrett
William Tennent
Cameron Holden

Athletics

Shaun Thompson
David Morton
Peter LaTour

Badminton

Ashok Ramanathan

Basketball

Shannon Duthie
Jared Keil
Harley Wall
John Taylor
Peter La Tour
Callum Oliver
Max Williams
Jarred Hinton
Daniel King

Cricket

Liam McBride
Nick Joyce
Phil Mischefski
Fraser Johnston
Vincent Sharp
Scott Evans

Cross Country

Tyler Griffen(2007)

Cameron Holden
Sean Parker
Issac Owen
Hamish Fleming

Cycling

Hayden Patene

Football

Tyson Brandt
Jack Smithers
Bradley Hickling
Charl Jacobs
Thomas Pullar
Callum Ross
Paul Hermann
Liam Ander
Fraser Johnston
Vincent Sharp
James Young

Golf

Steven Hayes
Brad Hayward
Jamie Reid
Sachin Modgill
Steven Heyes

Hockey

Cam Rogers
Mark Greensill
Matt Graystone
Jordan Stayt
Chris Lepper
James Lineham
Jamie Stones

Inline Hockey

Nick Craig
Scott McMahon

Jazz Band

Jonathon Folwell
Stuart Sutherland
Robbie Weston
Cameron Gubb
Geraint Scott
Chris Hewlett
Tim Harrison
Ryan Carter
Michael Martin

James Hewett
Jacob Randall
Ben Dixon

Leadership

Hamish Alabaster
Carl Garrett
Hamish Fleming
Nick Joyce
Harley Wall

Rock Band

Chris Caskey

Rugby

Hamish Alabaster
Baxter King
Andrew Hamilton
Jackson Ormond
Ben Paterson
Sam Thomson
Mark Atkins
Hayden Bedwell-Curtis
Liam McBride
Bose Yanuyanutawa
Miles Harding
Nick Joyce
Daniel McDonald
James McKerrow

Sailing

Stuart Sutherland
Michael Hatch
Gye Simkin

Squash

Harold Askevold

Surfing

Michael Mallelieu
Tyler Anderson

Tennis

Jordan Stayt

Triathlon

Daniel Hine

Volleyball

Chris Jager

DUX SPEECH

Tonight is undoubtedly the highlight of my time at New Plymouth Boys' High School; it is a great honour for me to receive this award. To finally achieve this four year old goal is immensely satisfying for me, and I could not have hoped for a better end to my high school days.

The last four years have been an extraordinary experience for me – and I have much to be thankful for. The school has provided me with numerous opportunities to develop myself as a person, the most memorable being my trip to America for the GYLC and the ISS, and also the Youth ANZAAS Forum in Dunedin earlier this year. We were indeed very fortunate to have Mr French-Wright as a headmaster – his continual efforts to ensure the best possible 'NPBHS experience' for all students provided the opportunity for us to excel in a wide range of activities.

I take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all my teachers for their guidance and support. To Mr McLellan, you have been a truly inspirational teacher over the past four years; thank you for your patience, in particular when we discussed fragile political matters in class, to Mr Lockhart for the positive energy that he added to our chemistry lessons with explosive success; to Mr Page, who, incidentally came up to me last week with a question for a first time in the entire year – it was a huge honour for me to be able to help out someone who is otherwise eternally correct. He might also have noticed that for the last three years, the Dux has been a member of Syme house and, if you want to know the probability of this happening again next year, you only need ask Mr Simpson, who has reinforced that 'you either believe in statistics, or in lies'. Also to Mr Prasad, who took every opportunity to point out to me that I was hopeless at darts and therefore a danger to the equipment in the physics staffroom, yet inspired me to perform to the best of my ability.

I would also like to thank my family for their unwavering support; to my parents, who have always believed, reaffirmed and cemented in me the importance of hard work and perseverance – your years of worthy advice have paid off time and time again. I appreciate every little bit what you have done to help me throughout my life, and thank you again for your support and encouragement.

In my attempt at becoming a well-rounded student, I have tried my hand at badminton, chess, cricket and hockey – I'm sure Mr Hamilton, coach of the 2nd XI hockey team, will back up the prodigious skill and exemplary sportsmanship that allowed me to score two breathtaking goals – in three years and 50 games.

Music at New Plymouth Boys' High reached a new peak this year, with the Stage Band's first ever overseas trip. We are all grateful to Mrs Beath, Mrs Sklenars and Mr Maunder for organising our amazing trip to Sydney. We all certainly have memories from the trip that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. I myself have developed greatly as a performer, and I extend my thanks to Mr Maunder for his advice over the years. Good luck to all the leaving senior musicians - Cam, Jonathan, Michael, Geraint, Ben, Ryan, Tim, James, Chris and Stu; it has been a pleasure performing with you all; your commitment to music has been outstanding. The doors are wide open for any young musician who wishes to participate in the band – I appeal to all junior musicians to come forward and help strengthen our amazing music department.

A special mention must go to all the seventh formers this year, because they are the very people who have made this last year a memorable one. Although they may have set a new record for the number of evictions from the common room in a single year (not to mention their issues with rats, microwave ovens and go-kart tracks in the common room), I can assure you that they are a fine



group of young men, many of whom have very promising careers ahead of them. Be proud of what you have achieved at school, and set your goals high – challenge yourself every step of the way, strive to do your best, and as long as you do the hard yards, you will find that things will fall into place. Remember Mr. Prasad's advice – "Don't be a liability and don't be a parasite." A special thanks to the boys who have motivated me to do my best academically – Chris, James, Sam, Michael, Gye, Nicholas a.k.a Hank the Tank – you have set a great example with your positive attitudes, and I am confident that the younger students will follow suit. To Hamish, the Heads of Houses and all the prefects – you have set very high standards this year, and my congratulations to you on being exemplary leaders.

To conclude, I would like to read a very simple quote on life - from a 'simple man with complex tastes' – Bill Watterson's comic book genius Calvin and Hobbes:

"Life is like topography, Hobbes. There are summits of happiness and success, flat stretches of boring routine, and valleys of frustration and failure."

Our job then is to make sure that our navigation skills are up to scratch and that we enjoy our way to the peaks.

And now, for the Stage Band to display the talent and skill that earned them the title of "Cultural Group of the Year".

Thank you.

Akshay Sridhar



ATHLETICS

It was a memorable year for athletics with a number of school records and a handful of quality performances.

Inter School Athletics

In November 2006 a number of our athletes competed in an inter-school meet which served mostly as a trial for Nationals in December.

Cory Broughton won the Under 16 shot put and had useful jumps to finish second in both the High Jump and Triple Jump.

Josh Taylor ran a stunning 3000m race to win the Junior event. His time of 9.52 is just 4 seconds outside David Morton's school record.

Jacob Meads was second in the High Jump clearing 1.75m.

Damian Smuts easily won the Senior Shot Put from Brad Bennett and was second in the Discus.

David Morton won the Senior 800m and was second in the 3000m. Jason Holden ran 4th in this race and joined a small group of athletes who have broken 10 minutes for the 3000m.

From this competition and previous form, seven athletes were selected to go to Nationals in Wanganui on December 8th and 9th. Those selected were Damian Smuts, David Morton, Jason Holden, Rory Hofmans, Jacob Meads and Brad Bennett all

Senior and Josh Taylor in the Under 16 age group.

National Secondary Schools Athletics

A team of 7 Athletes travelled to Wanganui for the National Athletics Championship over the weekend of Dec 8 and 9, 2006. Hot and sometimes blustery conditions saw some outstanding competition.

Damian Smuts was one of the stars of the whole championships winning the Senior Shot Put title. His best throw of 17.74m was a New Zealand Secondary Schools record, broke his own school record - again - and 1.30m ahead of 2nd place.

Rory Hofmans competed in the senior 100m with distinction, qualifying for the final and finishing 7th in this glamour race. Rory clocked a swift 11.08 in Round 1 with a useful tail wind.

David Morton ran 9th in the final of the senior 3000m in 9.15.

Jason Holden competed in the Open 2km Steeplechase and finished 10th in a smart time of 6.44 just one second outside the school record.

Jacob Meads had the worst of the wind in the Senior High Jump. A clearance of 1.75m saw him placed 10th.

Josh Taylor placed 11th in the junior 3000m. Josh clocked 10.11.

Brad Bennett threw a respectable 46.84 to finish 12th in the Senior Javelin.

School Athletics Sports

The 2008 athletics day at the Inglewood, Taranaki stadium has to be the most positive athletics day in memory according to some of the longer serving members of staff.

The atmospheric conditions, or perhaps the thin air up in Inglewood, could have had an influence on the high jump results where two records were broken this year. The more likely reason for the records was the high level of ability of the two boys.

The House competition came down to the last few relays with Hatherly breaking their athletics day drought, coming away victorious. Well done, Hatherly.

Individual Results:

- Junior
1st Uriah O'Connor
2nd Daniel O'Keefe
3rd Matt Baxter

- Intermediate
1st Logan Rei
2nd Brock Sibbick
3rd Darren Alexander

- Senior
1st David Morton
2nd Peter La-Tour
3rd Mark Atkins

House Results:

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

Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics Sports After the school athletics sports a team of 50 boys was selected to represent NPBHS at the TSS Athletics sports held on Sunday March 16. The weather was fine and the school dominated winning over half the titles on offer.

Junior

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Uriah O'Connor (80m Hurdles, 13.79), Jahi Wickstead (800m, 2.23.81), Matthew Baxter (1500m, 4.48.86), Logan Moheloa (Shot Put, 9.95), Daniel O'Keefe (Triple Jump, 11.43).

Intermediate

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Lachlan Bunn (400m, 56.20), Darren Alexander (800m, 2.12.66).

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Brock Sibbick (Discus, 34.26), Logan Rei (Javelin, 32.80), Long Jump (5.79), High Jump (1.62).

Senior

Table with 3 columns: Name, Event, Time. Includes Jonnie Morath (400m, 52.44), David Morton (800m, 2.06.61), Frank Tawake (Javelin, 50.86), Peter La-Tour (Long Jump, 5.96), Chris Lepper (300m Hurdles, 48.37).

Others to excel without taking a title included Juniors Chris Blyde who was 2nd in Shot Put and 3rd in 200m and 300m, Liam Feringa who placed 2nd in both High Jump and Triple Jump; Intermediates Jarred Wallace with 2nd in both 100m and 200m, Kurtis

Rowe finished 2nd in both 400m and Discus and Isaac Hekenui who was 2nd by 1cm in Shot Put; Seniors Alipate Umu throwing the Shot Put 13.50m for 2nd and Justin Stafford clearing 1.80m for 3rd in High Jump.

North Island Athletics

Eight boys from NPBHS were part of the Taranaki team that travelled to Auckland over the weekend of April 5 - 6 to take part in the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. A summary of their results follows:

Peter La-Tour had the best results of the weekend. He cleared 1.90m in the Senior High Jump for 3rd place and achieved another 3rd result in the Senior Triple Jump with a leap of 13.27m just 10cm off the longest standing school record (P Johns, 1962, 13.37m).

David Morton was amongst the best in both the Senior 1500m and 3000m. David ran 4.04 for 6th place in the 1500m and his





8.57 was the second fastest 3000m ever for NPBHS and placed him 5th just 2 seconds off his own school record.

Uriah O'Connor jumped impressively for 4th in the Junior Long jump with 5.37 and 5th in the High Jump with 1.65m. Uriah also threw the Shot Put 10.32 for 15th place.

Jonnie Morath doubled up in the Senior 200m and 400m. He placed 10th in the 200m in 23.73 and 9th in the 400m in 52.88.

Matthew Baxter had a memorable weekend for the wrong reasons. Too ill to start his Junior 3000m, Matt ran a courageous 4.57 in the 1500m for 13th. A few hours later Matt was undergoing emergency surgery at Taranaki Base Hospital to remove a bursting appendix!

Darren Alexander was in both the Intermediate 800m and 1500m. He ran 2.12 for 12th place in the 800m and his time of 4.29 saw him place 15th in the 1500m. Daniel O'Keeffe jumped 10.64 in the Junior Triple Jump for 8th place. He also ran 41.41 for 12th spot in the 300m.

Chris Blyde ran 13th in the Junior 200m in 26.57 and went one better with a 12th place in the 300m clocking 42.03.

There were also some good relay results with the Junior boys 4 x 100m including Uriah, Chris and Daniel placing 4th.

Currently the school's best athletes are preparing for the National Secondary Schools event to be held in Hamilton in December. Congratulations to Peter La-Tour for being awarded a Tiger Jacket in Athletics this year.

Paul Dominikovich
Master in Charge Athletics

BADMINTON

Super 8 badminton was once again held in Hamilton this year so another early start was required to drive up. Travelling for three hours and then playing is never an ideal way to start a tournament and unfortunately for us the effects of this were felt straight away with losses on the first day to Tauranga Boys', Napier Boys' and Hamilton Boys'. Hamilton once again was far too strong. Napier was beatable, but we just couldn't capitalise on any advantages we got. Tauranga were a similar strength to us but also managed to play consistent badminton to capitalise on any advantages we had against them.

Day two saw the dreaded match against Palmerston North Boys', the regular

champion, who disposed of us easily. Rotorua Boys' have been good competition for us over the past few years and are at about our level. All games were evenly matched and in the end the match went down to the last game. A 3 all draw resulted and we managed to win on count back. Our only win of the tournament. A disappointing 5th place but something to build on with only one player leaving. The players that travelled to Hamilton were Ashok Aiyer, Glen Baxter, Thilina Mendis and Lawrence Barr.

The TSS championships were this year held at Star Gym. A slightly different system was used this year with our top 4 playing instead of our usual two junior and two senior combinations. Unfortunately a burst appendix for Thilina meant a late



replacement was needed so Brandon Gausted was called in to take the number 4 spot.

With only the top 3 teams in the region attending, only games against Spotswood and Francis Douglas were played. Both oppositions were beaten rather easily and play was finished early in the day. Unfortunately with the team format being played a senior champion could not be found but it would have been one of our top 2, Ashok or Glen so they played off in our school championship, Ashok eventually prevailing after a close battle.

Well done to all who represented the school this year and a big thank you to all those who turned up every Thursday night to practice with and train against our school representatives.

Mr Whittaker
Teacher In Charge



BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL 1ST V

At the start of the 2008 basketball season the team had aspirations of a successful year. Nine of the 2007 squad had returned and with a squad of twelve for the year there was only room for two new members. Once again the season started in late March with the annual team building weekend to the Western Heights tournament in Rotorua. Due to summer sporting commitments the team was without two players Jared Hinton and Peter La-Tour. The ten that travelled were Harley Wall (Capt), Shannon Duthie, Jarred Keil, Julian Corbett, Max Williams, Callum Oliver, Daniel King, John Taylor, Wade Stafford and Philip Baldwin. These twelve boys made up the team for the season.

Interschool Fixtures

Our first interschool game was played against Auckland Grammar at Auckland Grammar. The team was a bit rusty offensively and managed only 57 points against a very young Grammar side. What was very encouraging was a solid defensive effort where Shannon Duthie controlled the boards. The good defence that the boys demonstrated in this game, restricting Grammar to 34 points, ended up being the reason for the success that followed in the season.

Hamilton Boys' High travelled to New Plymouth for the team's next interschool. The team was keen to improve on their last performance which they did outclassing a young Hamilton team by 28 points. A good team performance and good shooting was the difference between the two teams.

PNBHS were our final opponent in the interschool programme and again we had a home game. The previous season the PNBHS team finished fourth in the country and have always been quality opponents and one of the hardest teams to beat over the years. This was going to be our toughest challenge of the year. The team started well and the game lived up to what we had expected with



the scores level with nine seconds to go. A time out by us and a resulting shot from the base line with three seconds to go saw the team home with a two point victory. And more importantly three wins from three for our interschool fixtures.

Local Competition

The premier competition on Wednesday nights has traditionally been difficult as the teams the boys play are older, stronger and wiser. The goal for the season was to make the semi finals. The season started with some good wins and some close losses to the top teams in the competition. As the season progressed the boys were a lot more competitive this year with a year more of growth and experience. Because the Wednesday night league was our only regular basketball it was important that all the team members got to play and develop.

Our goal was reached and the team finished in third spot for the season. The minor semi final was a poor game from the team with a

bad offensive display and lazy rebounding. This resulted in a loss to the fourth placed team, UFALA.

Super Eight

Our goal this year was to make the final of the tournament which was held in Palmerston North. The one tough game in our pool was a re-match against PNBHS. We were confident going into the game , but a very fired up Palmerston came out and out muscled and out hustled us. We were never allowed to get into the game and we eventually lost by a flattering 12 points. The rest of the pool games were much easier contests. A win against a much improved Hamilton Boys' High team by 10 points and then a victory against the PNBHS B team, who were a late replacement for the Gisborne Boys' High team who pulled out of the tournament. These two wins and the one loss saw us qualify second behind PNBHS in our pool .

Our semi final was against Rotorua Boys High. This game seemed to meander along without much energy from either side. The boys eventually lost in a disappointing performance by 2 points. This was a blow to the boys as the final against PNBHS was in our grasp. Poor shooting again cost us. The team finished on a high with an easy victory for third and fourth, one place off our goal with Max Williams and Peter La-Tour both making the tournament team for 2008.

Zone 3 Tournament

(NZSS qualifying) After missing the National tournament last year the team were determined to qualify out of Zone Three. The zone is basically that of the Hurricane's region, encompassing New Plymouth across to the Hawkes Bay and down to Wellington. There were a total of twenty teams at the tournament. Our pool consisted of last year's national champions, St Pats College Wellington, William Colenso College, Hutt Valley High, Horowhenua College and ourselves.



Results were:

v William Collenso	won	116-37
v Hutt Valley High	won	77-61
v St Pat's	lost	64-105
v Horowhenua	won	103-42

These results placed us second in our pool. A quarter-final victory would see us into the semi-finals and assure us a spot at the National tournament.

Our quarter final was against an old foe Wellington College, who had dominated over the last few years in terms of results against the two teams. The team played their best basketball of the season outscoring College 30 - 12 in the first quarter. We were able to hold on and win 77 - 67.

The semi-final was against PNBHS B - the fourth time we played them this season. After the previous game the guys found it difficult to get themselves up and the team went down 78 - 65.

The playoff for third and fourth was against Francis Douglas and the boys were far too good winning 98 - 54 giving us a final placing in Zone Three of third place. Another successful tournament as our goal was top four.

Nzss National Championships

The Nationals were held in Palmerston North where the top twenty-four teams from around the country met to do battle. There were four pools of six teams with the top two teams qualifying for the top eight, the middle two teams for the middle eight and so on.

Our pool consisted of:

- Westlake Boys' High
- St Andrew's College
- Mana College
- Rotorua Boys' High
- Shirley Boys' High
- New Plymouth Boys' High

Before we left for the tournament, and after seeing the draw, we thought we could

possibly get in the top two or three in our pool. This would give us a chance of making the top ten. This would be an outstanding achievement for us due to the fact that the boys had no real experience of playing at this level due to not qualifying the year before.

The team had an inconsistent display on offence throughout the pool games - a trend that had occurred all year. After winning our first game against Shirley Boys' we probably had one of our worst games of the year against Mana College. We were aiming to come out of the first day with two wins but instead were 1 and 1.

The second day was exciting as there were lots of upsets and scenarios developing as teams lost games they shouldn't have and teams beating teams they shouldn't have. It was a real reminder to the coach about never letting your guard down in tournament situations. After one of our best games of the season against a very confident St Andrew's of Christchurch, who had the New Zealand Under-18 point guard, what transpired was a three-way tie between us, Mana and St Andrew's. Mana then lost a game against one of the weaker teams at the tournament meaning we qualified second behind Westlake Boys'. This was a great achievement and the first time a Boys' High team had been in the top eight for well over a decade.

Our quarter-final was against the eventual runners-up, Fraser High School. The Fraser team had four great shooters, which was too much fire power for our team, even with an excellent defensive display, getting most of their points from behind the three-point line.

The next game was for a chance to play off for fifth and sixth. We had a real chance against St Johns of Hamilton who we had played early in the season. Unfortunately some late errors and tired decision making saw us go down by two points.

Our final game against Westlake was always going to be tough as the Westlake team contained three New Zealand age-group players. We were even for three quarters before falling to some pretty tough defensive pressure. We therefore left the tournament finishing in eighth position. The best a Boys' High team has done since 1991 which the team can be very proud of.

The season had ups and downs and we managed to achieve three out of our four goals for the season, and with six 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 schoolboy level basketball.

My thanks to Sue Darney who volunteered her services at two tournaments and kept the boys really well fed, to Dennis Duthie for providing the evening meals and to Kelvin Wall for managing the team for the season.

A special thanks need to go out to the following businesses for their support in sponsoring the individual team members for the National tournament:

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David Bublitz
Teacher In Charge
Basketball



BASKETBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

This year the team chosen to play at Western Heights HS Tournament was made up of roughly an even number of Year 9 and Year 10 students. The aim is to have a steady stream of top athletes going forward into the senior squad. I feel the team achieved this aim this year as their successes and growth, as players, was excellent. The results from Western Heights saw us make the final, only to lose to Westlake Boys' Junior team, whose programme is second to none in the country.

The Development Team then played in the Monday night Taranaki Secondary Schools League, against other college First V's. While not expecting to make the top four, we did come sixth, which was very promising. The size of the other teams was a factor early on, but by the end of the season the skills our team had, meant the games became close-fought affairs.

The highlights for the team were winning the Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Title in a convincing manner and then coming third in the Central Zone Junior Tournament, held here in New Plymouth. We were only

a few points away from the top teams and really showed that in future years we will be a competitive force.

Congratulations go to all boys for a successful season and best wishes go to the boys for their future careers.

The team was : Lachie Fenwick (Captain), Lewis Win, Derek Albertsen, AJ Hoskin, Ben Crombie, Danyon MacFarlane, Lachlan Bunn, Hayden Brooks, Matthew Wallace, Alex Bartley-Catt, Jordan Harries and Lewis Bryant

Bruce Bayly
Coach



CANOE POLO

Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition

Young people from six different schools around Taranaki converged on Tuesday evenings at the Bell Block pool to play canoe polo. Boys' High School had students in five different teams across two divisions. Canoe polo can be a physical game, but initially players had difficulty just staying upright in their kayaks. Initially this was frustrating but players soon came to terms with balance in a kayak and learned to guide them successfully around the pool. Canoe polo is an exciting, fast-paced game that requires strength and good balance. Learning to roll in a kayak is definitely an advantage! The senior league produced some good physical games that gave players a better idea of how the game is played at the adult level.

Two competitions were run this year, one in the first two terms and a second, short competition in the third term.

The teams in the second competition were:

Sitting Ducks: Henry Boon, Mitchell Green, Jayden Ford, Taylor Patene and William Allen

Boarders 1st V: Matthew Barclay, John LePine, Shane Smith, Ryan Allen, Scott Howatson and Duane Bourne

Boarders 2nd V: David Avery, Arden Donnelly, Lyall Sanderson, Jake Parker and Jordan Berry

GNB: Nathaniel Manning, Liam Paterson (combined with 3 girls from Girls' High)

People's Republic of Tom: Tom Wilson, Steven Smith, Leigh Elliot and Toby Jordan

People's Republic of Tom won the senior division and Sitting Ducks came third in the Junior division.

Mr. P. Cayzer and Mr. J. Dobbie
Coaches and Managers



Central West Regional Tournament

The National Secondary Schools Canoe Polo Qualifying Tournament was held at Horowhenua College pool, Nelson Street, Levin on Sunday 9th March.

The team, consisting of Thomas Wilson (capt), Carl Garrett, Ben Dixon, Leigh Elliot and Steven Smith, met at the ODE gear room at 6.00am for final gear check and pack up. Mr Cayzer drove the team to Levin while Mr

Dobbie (and young supporters) joined the team at the Horowhenua pool.

Should the team be successful in achieving a top four finish at this event, they would be eligible to enter the National SS Canoe Polo finals held at Rotorua in April.

The first game scheduled was against PNBHS B (their second team) and proved a 'raw' introduction to playing in the strongest region for Canoe Polo in the country. After

over-coming a barrage of attacks, the lads fought back to achieve a very respectable draw against a determined opposition.

The following three games were against the strongest teams in the competition, namely Otaki A, PNBHS A and Horowhenua A – coming off second best each time. (To put the level of competition into perspective, Otaki A was to become the top Division I secondary school team in the country and Horowhenua A, third.)

Exhausted after playing four intense games in three hours, they narrowly went down to PNBHS B in the play-off for fourth place. However, due to the depth of the competition (and character?) in the region, we were awarded entry to the National SS Canoe Polo competition. Unfortunately we were unable to field our strongest team due to commitments to other sporting codes and so had to decline the opportunity.

Many thanks to Mr Cayzer for sharing his driving skills, and Mr Dixon for providing a (not quite winged) chariot for transport.

Mr Dobbie
Teacher In Charge
Canoe Polo





1ST XI CRICKET

CRICKET 1ST XI

Matt Shaw captained this year's side, with staff member Kane Rowson, playing in the Premier club competition, and coaching the side. The highlight of the season was coming third in the Super 8 tournament and an excellent college game win against Rotorua Boys' High.

Honours Board Performances:

Liam McBride
8 - 31 off 19 vs. Rotorua Boys' High School

Representative Honours:

Matt Shaw CD U17
William Young CD U15
Ben Hitchcock CD U15
Ben West CD U15

Super 8 Gisborne

Once again the Super 8 Tournament was held in the Gisborne. The weather was excellent

for the four days, and the standard of pitches allowed good quality cricket to be played. The NPBHS team was very young with many of the players making their college game debuts. The team came third after beating a much more experienced Napier Boys' High side that were the defending champions.

Rotorua Boys' (Game 1)

NPBHS 168
Matt Shaw 84, Matt Dickson 20
RBHS 172- 7
Mitch Brown 2 for 31 off 10

The game ended in controversy as Rotorua Boys' played two ineligible players who were at the school on their gap year from England. NPBHS were awarded the points from the game.

Gisborne Boys' (Game 2)

GBHS 162
Fraser Johnston 3 for 31, Mitch Brown 2 for 35
NPBHS 164 - 0

Conner Oliver- Rose 98no, Matt Shaw 51no
Win to NPBHS by 10 wickets

Palmerston Boys' (Game 3)

NPBHS 90
Matt Shaw 34, Vincent Sharp 24
PNBHS 94 for 4
Jarred Hinton 2 for 44
Lost to PNBHS by 6 wickets

Napier Boys' (Play off for 3/4)

NBHS 213 for 6
Fraser Johnston 3 for 29
NPBHS 215 for 4
Matt Shaw 64, Conner Oliver-Rose 52,
Vincent Sharp 38no
Win to NPBHS by 6 wickets, and an overall third placing

Inter-School Fixtures

Wellington College (December 2007)

NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat, ending the first day afternoon session at



CRICKET SECOND GRADE

85 - 5 against an impressive bowling attack. The weather then played a major role in the game with the second day being a complete washout and the covers leaking. The game ended in a rained out draw.

A one day game was played on the third day, with Wellington winning the game in the last over of the day. Top performances in this game were Dean Robinson 73, and Scott Evans taking 4 - 28 off 10.

Auckland Grammar School

Auckland Grammar won the toss and elected to bat on a good deck on the top field. They posted a score of 253 off 102 overs. The best of the NPBHS bowlers were Mitch Brown 4 - 53 off 32, Fraser Johnston 2 - 31 off 31 and Jarred Hinton 2 - 51 off 21.

In reply NPBHS were 14 - 1 at the end of play on the first day.

The weather then played a major role, cancelling out the entire second day of play. The game ended in a draw.

Hamilton Boys'

Hamilton Boys' won the toss and elected to bat on a good deck that looked like it would play low and slow later in the game. Hamilton score 145, with Fraser Johnston taking 4 - 42 and Scott Evans taking 3 - 57 NPBHS could only manage to put 106 on the board, after struggling to play Hamilton's three pronged spin attack.

Top scorers were Ben Hitchcock 22, and Conner Oliver - Rose 33.

In the second innings Hamilton scored 236, with Scott Evans taking 4 - 44, and Mitch brown taking 2 - 28.

In response NPBHS were bowled out for 164 in their second innings. Top scorers were Matt Shaw 32, William Young 25, and Scott Evans 25.

Lost to Hamilton Boys' by 111 runs

Rotorua Boys'

Rotorua won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch with very little grass on it. They struggled from the outset with very tight bowling and fielding from NPBHS, and were bowled out for 65. The best of the NPBHS

bowlers were Fraser Johnston 4 - 21 off 13, and Mitch Brown with 4 - 26 off 9.

NPBHS replied with 145, top scorers William Young 35, and Ben West 29.

Rotorua again struggled to bat well against some exceptional bowling from Liam McBride. They ended up scoring 121 but because they were trailing by 78 runs from the first innings, NPBHS only required 43 runs to take the outright victory.

The top performance during this innings was from Liam McBride taking 8 - 31 off 19 overs and thus placing him on the school honours board.

NPBHS scored the required runs losing just the one wicket and gaining a 9 wicket victory over Rotorua.

Wanganui Collegiate

Wanganui won the toss and elected to bat on a really good wicket. They batted exceptionally well to post 325 runs. The best of the NPBHS bowlers were Fraser Johnston with 3 - 75 off 22 overs, and Liam McBride with 2 - 42 off 10.

NPBHS replied by scoring 202, off 72 overs. The best of the batsman were William Young 42, Conner Oliver-Rose 24, and Liam McBride 24.

The follow on was then enforced by Wanganui, and NPBHS had to put the pads straight back on. They posted a score of 145 runs, with William Young 42, and Liam McBride 58 scoring the majority of these. This left Wanganui 24 runs to score to gain the outright victory, which they achieved, one wicket down.

Kane Rowson

NPBHS had one team in the North Taranaki Men's Second Grade competition. The season started poorly with three heavy losses. In each game we batted first and were unable to post a decent total. It was obvious that we had some very good bowlers and our fielding was solid. The batsmen were told that they needed to do their job so that we could be competitive. From that point on, the season turned around. We played eleven more games and won eight of them. The boys started to have more confidence in themselves and team spirit was good. We finished equal fourth on the points table.

Phil Mischefski

Captained the side brilliantly and opened the batting. Phil was called up to the first eleven in the latter part of the season.

Matt Dickson

Kept wickets very well and opened the batting. The highlight was his 53 against Marist when he anchored the innings. Matt also played some games for the first eleven.

Vincent Sharp

Batted in the top order and contributed well, especially his mature 45 against Woodleigh to steer us to victory. An excellent catcher.

Kane Robertson

Came into the side late and scored 32, 24, 17 and 26 in the four innings he played. A talented batsman who perhaps plays too freely at times, Kane has a lot of potential.

Ben Hitchcock

Mainly a first eleven player, Ben played five games for us, the best was his 75 against Fitzroy which set up the win.

Warwick Millar

Unable to bowl due to a back injury, Warwick worked hard on his batting and ended up being our most prolific run-scorer. His best innings were 61* against Marist and 66* against Fitzroy.



Ben West

An excellent wicket-keeper and solid lower-order batsman. Ben was called up to the first eleven halfway through the season.

John Dickson

A bowling all-rounder with massive potential, John opened the bowling and took 25 wickets in the season. He always displayed a mature attitude.

Will Sandifer

Bowled leg spin and took 7 wickets. Will was probably under-bowled as we often had to defend small totals and our seamers were very effective. He is also an innovative batsman who contributed well.

Josh Rei

An accurate left arm swing bowler who took 11 wickets. A great team man who made a good effort with the bat as well.

Callum Davison

A left arm fast-medium bowler who took 24 wickets. Callum unsettled most batsmen with his short, aggressive line. He was instrumental in helping us to win games while defending modest totals.

Jarred Hinton

A right arm fast-medium bowler who took 10 wickets and was called up to the first eleven. Jarred is a very talented bowler and was almost unplayable at times.



Raymond Edwards

A right-arm medium pacer who took 7 wickets and was always hard to score from. A great team man who should develop into an excellent bowler.

Chris Gellen

An accurate medium pacer who bowled beautifully against Fitzroy, taking 5 - 14.

It is not easy for schoolboys to compete with grown men but these boys handled themselves very well and can be proud of their growth as cricketers.

Mr K Simpson

Manager

NPBHS Second XI Cricket Interschool Competition

V Hamilton BHS

NPBHS -145
Willie McBride 49, Warwick Millar 22
And - 90 - Kane Robertson 32, William McBride 26
HBHS - 183
Callum Davison 4 for 46, William McBride 3 for 29
And - 57 for 1

Outright win to HBHS by 9 wkts

V Rotorua BHS

RBHS - 196
Josh Rei 4 for 27
And - 135 Callum Davison 3 for 21, John Dickson 2 for 23
NPBHS - 215 for 6
Warwick Millar 76, William McBride 30, Vinnie Sharp 64

Game washed out with NPBHS needing 145 to win in 55 overs

V Wanganui Collegiate

NPBHS - 193
Vinnie Sharp 41, Warwick Millar 50, Alex Sprott 46
And - 149 for 9 - Kane Robertson 39, Vinnie Sharp 27, Kyle Pillay 34
WCS - 74
Davison 5 for 28
And - 264 for 6 - in 75 overs

Outright win to WCS by 4 wkts

CRICKET YEAR 9/10

The Year 9/10 cricket team competed in the National Community Trust knockout tournament, winning the Taranaki Regional sections with wins over Inglewood High school, and FDMC.

The team then played the Wanganui/Kapiti Coast winner, which was Wanganui Collegiate. The game was played down at Collegiate on their number one ground which was a privilege for our players. NPBHS won the toss and elected to bat on a very good deck, posting a score of 181. Top scorers were Josh Roguski 50, and John Dickson 66. Wanganui batted very well, and with the NPBHS team giving away to many runs via extras, the game was taken away from the young NPBHS side. Wanganui won the game by four wickets and the right to represent Central Districts at the New Zealand Top 8 Finals.

Kane Rowson



CROSS-COUNTRY

The 2008 cross-country season turned out to be the most successful season the team has had. We won everything on offer in the local races and seemed to get second place in everything else. Second to AGS was disappointing, second in Super 8, again was frustrating, but to have two six-man teams second in New Zealand was a triumph and something to celebrate. What follows is a recap of the major races of the 2008 cross-country season.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Thursday afternoon, May 15th, saw the running of the school-cross country over the familiar Te Henui courses in fine warm conditions. The racing was close in all three age groups with less than 1 metre separating the leaders in the Intermediate race. Congratulations to David Morton, Darren Alexander and Charles Barnes for their victories. David's achievement of winning his fifth school title is a meritorious effort and quite possibly a unique achievement.

Auckland Grammar Exchange

The fourth running of this event for the Mildenhall Cup took place around the

Auckland Domain in fine conditions on Wednesday 21st of May. The Cup is decided over the five year groups and consists of two races. After the first race NPBHS had a small lead due to a strong performance by our Year 9 runners and an equally impressive result by our Year 10s against last year's National champions. Jamie Thomas won the year 9 race with Matt Baxter second. For Year 10, Darren Alexander was second and Chaz Hall third with less than a metre between these two yet again. Auckland Grammar had too much depth in the senior fields, however, which saw them retain the Mildenhall Cup 78 to 102. David Morton won overall for the third straight year to score first for the Year 13 boys with Chris Cooper third. Josh Taylor ran sixth overall for second place in the Year 11 race. Unfortunately, Auckland was too strong in the Year 12 age grouping and this was the difference in the end.

Super 8 Cross-Country

NPBHS was the host school of this year's Super 8 event. Vogelstown Park was chosen as the venue and it was an excellent, challenging course run in cold, fine conditions on Monday, May 26th. Seven schools were in attendance and the field sizes were in the forties for each of the three

races. Tauranga proved to be the best school once again with New Plymouth second and Napier third. Top three for NPBHS were:

Year 9 (2nd place)		
Charles Barnes		5th
Jahi Wicksteed		7th
William Livingston		12th

Junior (1st place)		
Josh Taylor		1st
Darren Alexander		2nd
Chaz Hall		6th

Senior (2nd place)		
David Morton		4th
Cameron Holden		6th
Isaac Owen		7th

Congratulations to Josh Taylor for becoming just the third runner from our school to win an individual title behind David Morton (twice) and Hayden Balantyne.

TSS Cross-Country

Thursday, May 29th dawned fine and still for the teams third race in nine days. FDMC was chosen as the course this year in a break from the traditional Hawera venue. Home advantage is significant in cross-country,





but with Nationals to be held over the same course it was a great opportunity for our team to race the track three weeks before the majority of our opposition. As usual, we were dominant in the Intermediate and Senior races, but the Junior race proved tight with a strong FDMC team and a concerning lack of depth for us. The team was successful in all three teams races for the fifth year in a row. Top six in each race were:

Junior (1st place)

Table with 4 columns: Name, Rank, Age Group, Distance, Time. Lists Matt Baxter, Charles Barnes, William Livingston, Jahi Wicksteed, Henry Boon, and Brendon Osment.

Intermediate (1st place)

Table with 4 columns: Name, Rank, Age Group, Distance, Time. Lists Josh Taylor, Darren Alexander, Chaz Hall, Edward Lawley, Cameron Brownlie, and Kieran Stancliffe.

Senior (1st place)

Table with 4 columns: Name, Rank, Age Group, Distance, Time. Lists David Morton, Isaac Owen, Cameron Holden, Sean Parker, Hamish Fleming, and Jared Gray.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, Time. Lists Kieran Stancliffe, Robbie Wood, Callum Gray, Josh Girvan, Ben Chau, James Adlam, and Josh Lowe.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, Time. Lists Senior 6000m results for David Morton, Isaac Owen, Sean Parker, Hamish Fleming, William Tennent, Cameron Holden, Charl Jacobs, Jordan Moratti, Jason Schrader, Mathew Phillips, Chris Cooper, David Ellis, William Young, and Coady Clark.

NZSS Cross-Country Relays

A new event on the sports calendar during tournament week saw students selected to represent Taranaki in this provincial event. Fourteen of the twenty boys selected were from NPBHS and traveled to Auckland for the 3.5km, four-person, cross-country relays held on Monday September 1st. The Taranaki Junior A team finish 4th with Matt Baxter and Charles Barnes in this team. The Intermediate A team placed 3rd with Josh Taylor and Darren Alexander part of this team. Taranaki's senior team was all New Plymouth Boys' students and they finished 4th. This team was David Morton, Isaac Owen, Cameron Holden and William Tennent.

Wanganui Round the Lake Relay

Eleven teams of four traveled to Wanganui on Monday, September 8th for this traditional race. The Year 9 race doubles as cros-country's Dayboys/Boarders race. The Dayboys were triumphant for the third year in a row claiming the Ballantyne/Torckle Cup and third place overall. This team was

Jahi Wicksteed, Charles Barnes, William Livingston and Matt Baxter who recorded a very fast individual time.

We knew our U16 teams were strong and they did not disappoint with a close third place to the top team of Josh Taylor, Darren Alexander, Edward Lawley and Chaz Hall. The B race was convincingly won by our team of Gerard Miller, Cameron Brownlie, Robbie Wood and Kieran Stancliffe.

The Senior A team placed fifth in a competitive race with just 63 seconds separating the top five teams. David Morton ran the first leg and claimed the coveted prize here for the fastest first lap running the 2.2km course in 6.28 minutes. The other team members were Isaac Owen, Cameron Holden and Hamish Fleming.

TSS Road Relays

On Sunday, September 21st the Annual TSS Road Relays were held. We continue to completely dominate the local scene with our senior teams taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the Intermediate boys claiming 1st, 2nd and 4th. Our senior winning team was David Morton, Isaac Owen, Josh Taylor and Coady Clark with the Intermediate winners being Chaz Hall, Matt Baxter, Darren Alexander and Kieran Stancliffe.

Final Comments

The season didn't have the travel of previous years, but still had plenty of highlights with an impressive group of young men who train hard and race with courage for their school. Congratulations to Cameron, Sean, Isaac and Hamish for their Tiger Jackets this year.

Mention needs to be made of David Morton for his leadership and for his contribution and achievements throughout his five years in the team - quite extraordinary. Thank you to Chris Cooper for his work in setting up and maintaining the team's website which can be viewed on the school site. I would also like to acknowledge the other Year 13

boys who were a part of the team over their time at school. For those returning, I trust you are eager to scale even greater heights as we plan for season 2009 and Nationals in Nelson.

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, some of our riders were unavailable. Steven Rolfe made the trip and he placed 16th in the Under-20 road race. He finished in the chasing bunch, just 30 seconds behind the winner. Hayden Brooks also competed, finishing 47th in the Under-16 road race.

Hayden Patene was unable to attend the North Island Champs as he was selected in the New Zealand Under-19 cycling team. The team raced in Australia and Hayden finished 9th overall and he was the first New Zealand rider. Hayden also competed in the Auckland 1000, a gruelling event featuring some of the best cyclists in the country. He finished 9th overall in the Men's A grade, a stunning achievement for a schoolboy.

Next was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships. Hayden Brooks won the Junior Boys time trial and in fact clocked the fastest time of the day. Arran Richards was third in the same event.

The last event for the year was the Nationals at Levin and Feilding. Hayden Patene and Steven Rolfe competed in the Under-20 road race with Steven finishing 24th and Hayden 44th. Hayden Brooks rode in the Under-16 road race and finished 28th just 9 seconds behind the third place-getter. The next day



was the points race with Hayden Patene 15th and Steven Rolfe 29th in the Under-20's.

All of these boys have trained hard this year. Hayden Patene had the distinction of being awarded a Tiger Jacket for his achievements in the sport.

Mr K Simpson

Cycling Coordinator





TRIATHLON

WORLD TRIATHLON

I recently returned from Vancouver and feel very proud to have been selected to represent New Zealand and wear the silver fern.

Training went really well in the build-up to racing in Vancouver. I owe a big thank you to my coach Graham Park, who provided me with food and lollies and really good advice. I would also like to thank Roger Nightingale who pushed me through those gruelling training rides and runs which is one of the main reasons that I made it.

This was my first experience of travelling, having never been out of the North Island before. Arriving at the International airport in Vancouver was a relief. I soon found my way around the city and went sightseeing with some of my team-mates. I saw a huge bear, some wolves and heaps of native birds.

I had to learn the race course, so I biked and ran around it every day to become very familiar with it. Swimming in Stanley Park Bay was something that no one looked forward to as it was so cold. You had to really psych yourself up to getting into the



water and I think that surfing in the 'Naki helped me as I just got on with it. I was thrilled to find that my dad had been able to make it to Vancouver to watch me race. He was in Canada for work but I never thought he could get to see me race.

Race day was extremely cold with the water temperature being only 10 degrees and the air temperature around 8 degrees - I had a great swim and managed to stay with the lead group and came out in 8th place. I was feeling good but cold and I had one of my best transitions ever, hopping on my bike, which moved me right up to the front of the pack.

The bike was awesome - it was three laps around Stanley Park, very hilly with lots of corners which was a course that suited me and I biked as hard and as fast as I could for the 21 km ride, coming off the bike in first place, which was a bit of a shock. I was so cold it took me a long time to put my running shoes on - it was so frustrating.

Once I finally had them on I sprinted out of transition, still in first place, with the crowd spurring me on. The crowd support I got was amazing, with not only the New Zealanders, but also lots of other nationalities shouting

"Go Kiwi". The person that was the loudest was Shorty Clarke, shouting "Go the Naki". I led for one kilometre before an American screamed past me; the one who would go on to win the race. Then a fellow kiwi came up beside me and I ran with him for almost a kilometre before he broke away. I would not give up the third placing for anything but I knew the cold was affecting my run pace as I started to feel dizzy. I cannot remember the last part of the run or finishing as crossing the finish line I was exhausted, on the verge of hypothermia and very dizzy.

The award ceremony was held the next day at GM stadium, which is a huge indoor ice hockey stadium. It was a real thrill to go up on stage to receive my bronze medal. After the medal ceremony the NZ team did the haka and it was awesome - the crowd went wild! Athletes from other countries were all swapping their team jackets and heaps of them wanted mine, but I wasn't going to give it up for anything.

We spent the rest of our time in Vancouver chilling out after all the hard work was behind us, having a good look around the city. We watched the Elites Race - Gomez is the man! The trip home was long and tiring and another adventure on its own. I was so



jetlagged that I slept fourteen hours straight the first night that I was at home in my own bed.

I am grateful for all of the support and sponsorship which allowed me to compete and I would dearly love to do it all again and represent New Zealand in another triathlon in another country. My goal is to keep my spot for next year's world champs being held in the Gold Coast with my long-term goal to go to Kona and race the Ironman.

Daniel Hine
Year 12
New Zealand Representative
Winner of the Bronze Medal

Taranaki Secondary School Triathlon Results

Sunday March 30 2008

Senior Boys		
3rd Place:	D Hine	34.47
4th Place:	W Tennent	36.09
5th Place:	T Brandt	40.21
6th Place:	H Brooks	40.41

Junior Boys		
1st Place:	B Rodenburg	40.37
2nd Place:	H Brooks	40.41

3rd Place:	D Alexander	41.12
4th Place:	J Hine	43.00
5th Place:	L Kernot	44.41
6th Place:	M Houwers	46.10

Taranaki Secondary School Duathlon Results

Sunday May 18th 2008

(2km run - 15km Bike - 2km Run)

Senior Boys		
2nd Place:	D Hine	43.10

Junior Boys		
1st Place:	C Hall	46.13
2nd Place:	E Lawley	48.35
4th Place:	B Rodenburg	50.10
5th Place:	L Kernot	55.43
6th Place:	L Patterson	56.59

Taranaki 1/2 Marathon Results

Sunday Oct 2nd 2008

(21km Run)

Junior Boys		
17th Place:	Chaz Hall	1 hr 29 mins
Unknown Place:	B Rodenburg	2hr 02 mins

Mr N Vernon
Teacher in Charge

GOLF

COLLEGE MATCH

Auckland Grammar

We arrived in Auckland to good weather for golf. This year we have a new first team: Steven Heyes (captain), Sachin Modgill (vice captain), Brad Hayward and Jamie Reid. The second team is Damien Powell, Ben Caskey, Sanjay Modgill and Kishen Rai. The venue was Remuera Golf Club, one of the best clubs in the Auckland region.

Auckland were determined to do well against NPBHS, but the players for NPBHS thought otherwise. The result was 6.5 to 1.5 win, with the best result by Brad Hayward of a 7 and 6 win and no-one losing a match for NPBHS. This continues the strong run of golf against Auckland Grammar since 2006.

Hamilton Boys' High School College Match

The match against Hamilton Boys was played at New Plymouth Golf Club. The weather for the day was fine but quite windy. The team from Hamilton had a point to prove against NPBHS, because we had beaten them 6 to 0 in 2007. Both Steven Heyes and Brad Hayward played well, winning their matches 8 and 7, and contributing to the team's overall win of 5 to 3 over Hamilton Boys'.

Regional Finals Stratford Golf Club

This year NPBHS entered three teams for the regionals to qualify for the National finals in Wellington. The first team was Steven Heyes, Brad Hayward, Sachin Modgill and Jamie Reid. The second team was Damien Powell, James Linehan, Sanjay Modgill and Kishen Rai, and the third team Ben Caskey, Myles Simkin, Chad Quinney and Matthew McDonald. The weather was cold but good and the greens very quick which confused a lot of the players.

The first team qualified for nationals coming second to Spotswood by three shots on 221, the second team came third on 228, and the third team fifth on 249. Steven Heyes had the best gross on 71. The result for the first team gave them the drive to play well in the National finals at Hutt Golf Club.

Wellington College College Match

The trip to Wellington was in bad weather which made the team apprehensive about the conditions they would face on the golf-





course. However, overnight the weather cleared and the wind died away. The Mirimar Golf Links was in good condition. Although not a long course, the holes were designed to be very challenging. The first team played and drew 2 - 2 with Wellington College. A great effort by all the members in the run-up to nationals.

National Secondary Schools' Golf Title Defence

The team arrived in Lower Hutt with a purpose, to become multiple winners of the National Schools' Golf title. The weather was good when we arrived, and the course was in great condition, considering all the rain that Wellington had had the previous two weeks.

The practice round gave the team a feel for how the course was playing, and it was good, the greens were soft and good running fairways at the Hutt Golf Club, the venue again for the Nationals again.

On Wednesday 3rd September the day had arrived for the first team to play to retain their title. The team knew the opposition would not be easy, and they were right!



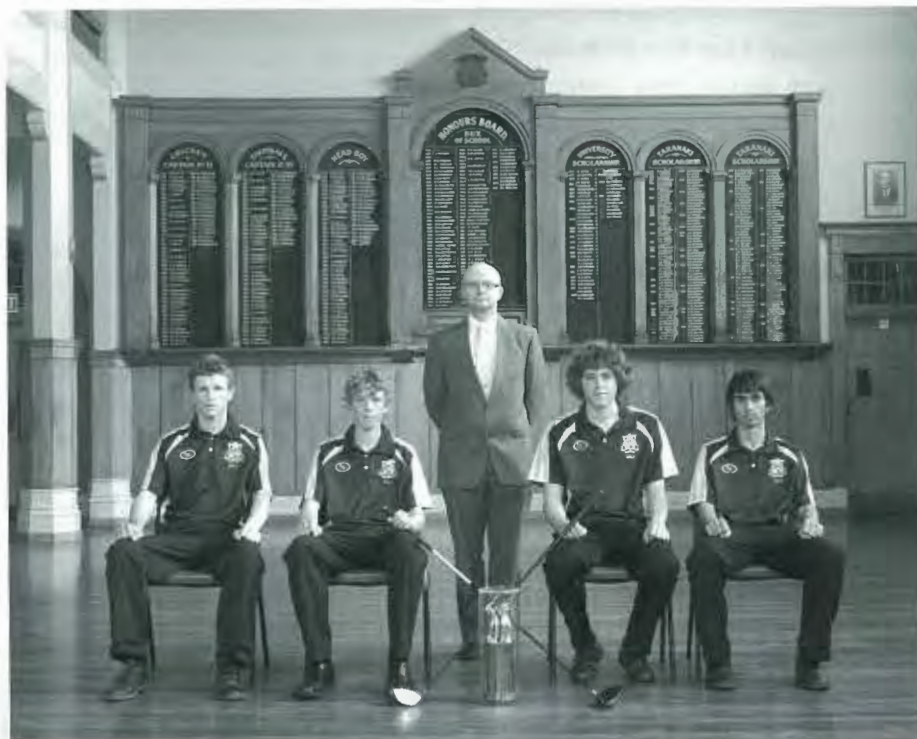
All of the team members: Steven Heyes (captain), Brad Hayward, Sachin Modgill and Jamie Reid got off to good starts. During the first round, one of the Rathkeale team members had a hole-in-one on the 18th hole. However, NPBHS played exceptionally well to compensate for this. Brad had the best round of the morning with a one-under 69, helping put the team three shots into the lead. Steven had a 78, Sachin an 84 and

Jamie a 78 for the first round. With this solid start the team continued to play well in the afternoon to hold onto the lead. However, the team did better than that as they increased the lead to eight shots over Rathkeale College. In the second round Brad scored a 78, Sachin a 78, Jamie a 74 and Steven a 72 thus, securing the National title win for NPBHS. Overall, the result means that the first golf team became only the fifth school to have multiple back-to-back wins for the National title - a great achievement for the young men of the NPBHS golf team.

We can be proud, not only of their result at Nationals, but also their performance throughout the year, upholding the traditions and sportsmanship of the school well, and into the future, as three of the team will stay together for 2009.

Justin Hyde
Manager NPBHS golf

Brad Hayward, Jamie Reid, Steven Heyes (captain), Sachin Modgill: National Secondary School Champions 2007 & 2008



HOCKEY

HOCKEY 1ST XI

With nine boys leaving the First XI last year it was going to be a hard task for the younger boys to step up. Adding to this was the fact that the school's hockey turf suffered major damage and was unfit for use during the whole season. Despite all this, however, the boys showed real determination, coming away with fourth place in Super 8 in Tauranga and first in the Secondary Schools' competition with a hard-fought victory over Francis Douglas for the third year in a row. Unfortunately these results did not carry through to the national Indian Shield competition in Dunedin where we placed fourteenth.

Chris Lepper this year took over as captain and showed great leadership and proved to be an inspirational role-model for the younger players, especially developing players in the First XI. Chris also won most

improved player. Seasonal players such as James Linehan, Matt Graystone, Lewis Walsh, Jordan Stayt, Mark Greensill, the Cams and Jamie Stones once again proved to be valuable assets to the team. Junior players like Noel Ardern, Brandon Roach, Alex Iversen, and Lane Simkin improved remarkably and showed great potential for future years as First XI players. Chris West deserves a special mention this year as the team's goalie, who provided the team with a reliable last line of defence. Aaron Edmunds was a phenomenal player who deservedly won the award as the most valuable player at Super 8 and for overall season performance. Thanks must also go to Elliot Bloomfield, Sonny Nguyen, Raymond Walker (chewy) and David Porter who contributed to the team at various times throughout the season.

Special thanks to David Stones as coach, who really gave the boys a chance to develop as individuals and as a team. A positive man

with truck-loads of enthusiasm, he inspired the young men of the team, and despite working in Auckland, made himself readily available, even giving up a free trip to Fiji to coach his team at the National Tournament. Also Max Maaka, who attended every game, providing much encouragement for the boys on and off the field, taking practice sessions and improving the fitness of the players, and Rose Lepper who was 'Mum' to many of the boys for a week at Super 8.

A huge thanks must also go out to parents of the boys for all their effort and work they put in with extensive travel and support this year, and I hope to see them again next year. I would also like to thank Heather and Michael Greensill and Jessemy Hamilton for their assistance with the boys at the national tournament in Dunedin.

Troy Standish
Manager





HOCKEY 3RD BLACK

The BHS Black team had a great season under the coaching guidance of Mike Greensill. They were a young side and were considerably smaller than all of their opponents but they made up for their lack of size by using their superior fitness, skill and better tactical approach to the game.

The team scored 107 goals in 16 games, which was the second- best attack out of the sixteen school teams. The team ended third

at the end of round one, and third at the end of round two. This resulted in a play-off with Inglewood High School who went on to win the grade. We were unlucky to lose in extra time with a goal disallowed. This was probably the best performance by the team with all members giving 100%.

Special thanks must go to our captain Sam for motivating and inspiring the team.



JUNIOR HOCKEY

This year was a great year for junior hockey at NPBHS, not just with results but also with the number of teams. This year we fielded our largest number of teams yet with five in total – four junior and one senior.

The season ended on a high with the Second XI coming third in the secondary schools A grade competition behind two First XI teams. Also, NPBHS Black came third in the secondary schools B grade competition, just missing out on a finals placing with a nail-biting game against Inglewood in the semi-finals, losing in a sudden death.

Both NPBHS Gold and the Development Team showed excellent promise and, although we lacked the coaching numbers to match the teams, both teams gave it their all and showed real perseverance throughout the season. The broken turf at the beginning of the season threw a wrench in the work and made it hard on both players and their families with travel.

I'd like to take the chance to thank all the coaches, players and families that helped out this season. It was a great one and I'm looking forward to next season with new of the New Plymouth turf being up and running.

J Hamilton
Teacher in Charge

INLINE HOCKEY

On June 21, the Inline Team travelled to Tauranga to take part in the Tauranga Boys' High School sports exchange for the first time. The team had a large number of new players and our aim was to quickly establish player combinations and control the puck. We were successful, winning both games comfortably 15 - 0 and 13 - 0.

On Friday July 4, the team travelled to Hamilton to take part in the Secondary Schools' National Tournament. We had set our sights high, aiming to retain the title which the team has held for the last three years. We had two games on the Saturday, the first against Wanganui High School. They have been fierce competitors in recent games and have always pushed us hard. This year was no different; the score of 9 - 3 did not truly reflect the true intensity and competitive nature of the game. Our second

game was against Kerikeri High School. This was a very hard game which we lost 4 - 2 but it gave us a good wake up call to tell us to pick up the work rate and to play smarter hockey if we were to retain our title. Our last pool game was against Tauranga Boys' High which we won comfortably 11 - 3.

In the quarter-finals we played Paraparaumu College which was very physical and close until the last few minutes when we scored a few goals, eventually winning 5 - 3.

In the semi-finals we played our best game of the tournament beating a very strong Hamilton Boys' High School 7 - 1. We controlled the puck right from the start and never gave them a chance to control the game.

The finals were against the only team that had beaten us in four years, Kerikeri High School. We knew they were beatable but

we would have to play smart, controlled hockey. The whole game was goal for goal until it was 6 - 6 with thirty seconds to go. Michael Roberts had a break out and shot the puck into the back of the net to give the victory 7 - 6 and retaining the title for the fourth year in a row.

Special thanks must go to our awesome coach Mrs Sue Darney, our manager Mr Ken Lockhart and the other parents that helped, as we could not have done it without you.

The Team - Gye Simkin, Michael Roberts, Ant Taylor, Brent Taylor, Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Michael Langslow, James Konijn, James Finnerty and Scott McMahon.

Gye Simkin





MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Taranaki Secondary School Mountain-Biking Championships were held on Sunday 6th April. After the long, dry summer there had been enough rain the previous week to make the track reasonably soft. There was a strong contingent from Boys' High and some tight racing. Jackson Hine and Jesse Pemberton battled it out in the Junior Downhill with only one tenth of a second separating them in the end. Tynan Matheson started the Cross-Country late, rode a borrowed bike and still managed seventh in the Cross-Country and fifth in the Downhill. It is good to see so many junior boys competing and this bodes well for the future. The overall results are as follows:

Senior Boys Cross-Country

1st Jackson Win 22min 35s

Junior Boys Cross-Country

2nd Liam O'Neill 17min 25s
 3rd Scott Valintine 17min 38s
 4th Rhys Chilcott 17min 40s
 6th Vincent Lamont 17min 54s
 7th Tynan Matheson 17min 58s

Junior Boys Down Hill

1st Jackson Hine 1min 16.7s
 2nd Jesse Pemberton 1min 16.8s
 3rd Ryan Hunt 1min 24.6s
 4th Elliot Jenkins 1min 25.7s
 5th Tynan Matheson 1min 45.4s
 6th Liam O'Neill 1min 59.0s
 7th Scott Valintine 2min 16.0s
 8th Vincent Lamont 3min 11.0s

Thanks to the parents and families who came to support the boys as well as the New Plymouth Mountain-Bike Club and Steve McKean for organising the event. It is always good to see boys on bikes rather than on the couch!

A Jones

Teacher in Charge
 Mountain-Biking



Tynan Matheson competing in the Junior Boys Cross Country



Scott Valintine competing in the Junior Boys Downhill



MOTORCROSS

Shell Todd TSSA Motorcross Champs

New Plymouth Boys' High fielded a much smaller team of entrants this year, which may have been a consequence of the event being postponed to the fourth term due to weeks of wet weather in term three.

The New Plymouth club and Coach McKean did a fantastic job of organising a full day of races for the boys and they deserve real credit for the facilities and time that they give of freely in support of our young men. Young riders in Taranaki are very lucky to have access to a club which has built up a national standard track – and which hosted the 2008 National Championships.

There were no rides in the ambulance for our boys this year, although there were the usual falls, bumps, bruises and damaged machines. It is good to see riders on an assortment of bikes - motorcross, enduro and trail – some of which may not be seriously competitive. Competing and having a blast on a fast, technical track is really what the day is all about and the number of riders in each race is large enough to ensure competitive racing for all skill-levels and bike-types.

Results:

Year 10
 2nd Tainui Cross
 3rd Mitchell Keene

Year 11
 2nd Shane Smith

Murray Hill
 Teacher in Charge

NAVIGATION SPORT

HILLARY CHALLENGE

2008 saw eleven teams from around the country and one team from overseas (Singapore) assemble at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre of NZ for the final of the Hillary Challenge. This was the 8th year the event had been held and a strong field had qualified - Rotorua Boys' and Girls', Whangarei Boys' and Girls', Auckland Grammar and Diocesan, Mercury Bay Area School, Cambridge High School, St Paul's Collegiate, Upper Hutt College, Opunake High School, Thames High School, Middleton Grange, NPBHS, and Raffles School from Singapore (winner of a shortened version of the Hillary Challenge in Singapore at the end of last year). It is interesting to note that adventure racing in NZ seems to be stronger in the provincial areas rather than the large city areas, perhaps reflecting the better access these areas have to the outdoors and suitable areas to train and compete in. Having Mt Taranaki on our doorstep has certainly helped our team train for the Hillary Challenge.

Sunday night (May 19) saw the teams assemble for the briefing and an inspiring talk by a past Coast-To-Coast race winner. The theme of the talk centred around the fact that early failures can be overcome. She

had come second to last in her first Coast To Coast event, yet years later went on to win it.

Monday and Tuesday saw the teams complete a rotation of one-hour initiative activities, six on each day. Teams were scored on task completion, and on how well they worked together as a team. In other words, the process that they went through to achieve the goal. Some challenges were quite physical. For example, having to run in large gumboots through a swamp for an hour retrieving 'toxic' canisters located with an avalanche transceiver. Another involved carrying and towing a person on a kayak around a course as many times as possible, completing challenges after each circuit. Another involved taking bikes apart, paddling them across a river, then putting them together and cycling a circuit. Another involved building a raft and then paddling in moving water to reach as many checkpoints as possible.

Some of the challenges were quite intellectually challenging. General knowledge was tested, but only if teams could answer in Morse code or the phonetic alphabet, and demonstrate sign language. Another activity involved swimming a pool to memorise 100 shapes on a grid, then





finding those shapes and recreating the grid at the other end of the pool. Another involved two members of the team being blindfolded, three not being allowed to move or see what was going on, and three who had to act out the instructions to the 'speakers' so the blindfolded students could do the tasks (eg. arrange the numbers 1 to 10 in correct order).

Some of the challenges involved specific skills. A 'patient' with a broken leg had to be treated, put in a stretcher, then hauled up a cliff. First aid, plus rope and rigging skills were needed for this. Climbing and belaying skills were needed to scale the confidence course to put up a Velcro-backed OPC sign. Cooking skills were tested in an activity requiring building a bridge over a swamp to retrieve the ingredients to make a pizza over a fire.

On the Monday night teams had to present a 5-minute skit on a pre-arranged topic. This year they had to choose an explorer

who encapsulated the values of OPC and Sir Edmund Hillary. Our team chose Bear Grylls, and for the first time ever, top-scored the presentation. William Tennent in a bikini probably clinched it for us; a sight to behold!!

At the end of the first two days we were in front with a score of 1499, about 250 points ahead of the rest of the field.

Wednesday and Thursday saw the teams head to a mystery destination (turned out to be the Chateau) to begin the rogaine. This involved carrying full packs and navigating to as many 'checkpoints' as possible (features like stream junctions, high points etc). There were 82 points to choose from, and so careful route planning was needed to ensure that a suitable route was chosen. At the checkpoints the OPC instructor accompanying the team confirmed whether the navigation was correct, and points were scored. A campsite also needed to be found for the Wednesday night by 5.00pm or significant points were

lost. Over the two days our team travelled about 18 hours and covered close to 60 km, much of it off track or road. The navigation of Hamish Fleming and Cameron Holden was also superb, meaning we ended up with the second highest rogaine score out of the schools, with Opunake beating us and closing our lead on them.

After another night camping in the cold (all the water froze), the teams got up on the last day ready for the adventure race. From our guesswork we knew we still had a lead, but not by much over Opunake. It all came down to this last day. The 12 teams in the challenge left in pairs with a staggered start, beginning at 7.00am. We were scheduled to leave at 8:30 am, head to head with Opunake.

The race started with a mountain bike-ride, and at first the transition, one and a quarter hours later, both teams were neck and neck. The second stage involved a 16 km run through scrub and a stream, with an



abseil and climb out of a stream thrown in for good measure. Both teams got a bit lost during this and wasted about 30 minutes; fortunately it was both teams that got lost. By the end of this stage we had a 10-minute lead on Opunake, and had overtaken two other schools who had left beforehand. The adventure race then reached OPC and the team had to then complete 4 tasks on the high ropes course, with everyone having to do one activity, ranging from the trapeze to the rickety bridge blindfolded. Then teams ran to the pool where they all had to cross on a single rope without people or equipment touching the water. This was followed by another twenty minutes of running to the swamp area, where students were presented with four pages of instructions on how to programme a GPS with five waypoints, then had to run to find those points. This was where we excelled, with Hamish Fleming quickly working out how to programme the GPS. The team then completed the activity, and were the first across the finish line, overtaking four teams ahead of them. Again the skill of using a GPS proved to be vital. Opunake came in 19 minutes later, and despite them coming to within 50 points of us by the start of the last day, we extended our lead to 120 points to win overall, though, with a total score of 4281, quite a narrow lead.

What was pleasing though was the dominance of the Taranaki teams, with third



place over 400 points behind Opunake, and fourth place a further 400 points behind.

Congratulations then to the team of Hamish Fleming, Thomas Wilson, Carl Garrett, Cameron Holden, William Tennent (NPBHS), and Georgie Opie, Stacey McCoy, and Tessa Murray (NPGHS). Preparation started over six months prior to the event and their hard work has been rewarded. Thanks too to the many people in the community who contributed to the training of the team, were support crew in races, and helped with organising sponsorship. Special mention goes to Joe Holden, Steve and Bridget Fleming, Nic Collins and Robert Newbrook from Egmont Orienteers,

Taranaki Mountain Safety Council, Warren and Jo Garrett, Paul Murray and Anthony Wilson, and staff members Mr Dobbie and Mr Thomas.

Adventure racing is also an expensive sport, and we are grateful for the generous sponsorship and support received from The NZ Community Trust, George Mason, Billings Lawyers, The Devon Hotel and Conference Centre, Events Taranaki Ltd, Quality Hotel Plymouth International, Reeves Middleton Young, The National Bank, Moturoa 4-Square, Kiwi Outdoors, and Bryce Barnett.

Thanks too to the main sponsors of the event itself, Genesis Energy and Bivouac Outdoors. Without them the event could not run.

Preparation for Hillary Challenge 2009 will start at the end of this year. There is also a junior version of the Hillary Challenge (GET TO GO) that we will be getting underway shortly, with the finals at the start of December. Anyone interested please see Ms Scott or Mr Hewlett.

S Scott
P Hewlett



GET 2 GO

A few days after we had completed the regional competition my Get-2-Go team found out we had qualified to go to the nationals at Great Barrier Island. My team consisted of three girls (Erin Paterson, Elly Fleming and Bridget Billing) and five boys (Cameron Brownlie, Matt Phillips, Edward Lawley, Chaz Hall and me - Billy Rodenburg). We were really excited to be going but it would mean a lot of hard work in training leading up to the finals which were being held in the last week of school for the year.

After many training sessions we were finally on our way to Great Barrier. We headed up to Auckland expecting to hop on a boat that would take us across to the island but the seas were so rough that no ferries were sailing so we were stuck in Auckland. What a catastrophe! We stayed at a backpackers with nothing to do, just hanging around waiting for the weather to clear. We spent two days in Auckland in which we just lazed around and wished we were over at the island.

Finally the ferry could leave port although we had to go to Sandspit as the Auckland Ferry still wasn't sailing. The trip across



was really rough and there was sick lining the edge of the boat! But soon we got there and unloaded and went to our cabins. After we had unpacked, the event coordinator, Darren, explained what we would face during the next few days. We went to bed feeling all hyped-up with the fact that we would soon be racing.

The first initiative was the Blind Dinghy where four people with blindfolds rowed a dinghy around a buoy. The other half of



HASTINGS PAK'N'SAVE GO 4 12

On Friday 4th April, 28 students from New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Schools headed for Hastings for the annual New Zealand Secondary Schools' Adventure Racing Champs. This was the third year this event had been held, and our boys team had a proud record to defend, having won the event the last two years. The event itself has grown each year, and we fielded six teams, the largest group we have ever taken, and the largest school presence in the competition.

The event started with the race-briefing on the Friday night, then we headed back to camp for hours spent studying maps, planning routes, and preparing for the next day.

The Saturday dawned fine, though we couldn't see much dawn when we emerged from tents at 3:45 am. An hour's travel saw us at Ocean Beach, where the teams waited in anticipation of the start and twelve hours of non stop-racing. The race consisted of a number of sections when compulsory and

Before leaving for the long haul back to the base. The final challenge was to successfully drop an egg two storeys. We were one of only two teams who did this, which was probably because ours landed on the grass not the concrete like all the rest.

After packing all the gear up it was prizegiving time. We came fourth which was a respectable placing out of ten teams. The ride home took a long time. Three hours on the ferry meant that we got to the mainland at 11:00pm and after stopping for dinner in Auckland we got back to good old Taranaki at 5am. We had been awake for nearly 24 hours.

It was a fantastic trip and we had a great time.

Billy Rodenburg

GET 2 GO TARANAKI REGIONAL FINAL

26 August 2008

Three teams competed in the Get2Go Challenge, a competition in the form of an adventure race. Consisting of students from both BHS and GHS the teams completed over six hours of activities: mountain-biking including a tyre tube change for bonus points, sculpting in sand a hill modelled from a contour map, navigation challenges, raft building and paddling them down the Te Henui, kayaking and orienteering. Starting at the Waiwakaiho river mouth and moving on to rafting and kayaking on the Te Henui river and finishing at Pukekura Park the day was non-stop action and the competition was intense.

Out of the fourteen teams representing schools from around Taranaki, our three teams placed first, second and fourth with an Opunake team achieving third place. The winning team will get to compete in the National finals at Great Barrier Island in December. Good luck to them and well done

to all those competing. You represented your school with conviction and showed good sportsmanship.

Thanks to the Year 13 students for helping on the day and assisting with training events. A big thanks to the organiser of the competition - Don Paterson from Adventure Dynamics - and thanks as well to volunteers from Orienteering Taranaki, and the Taranaki Mountain Bike Club for helping to plan and run the event.

Students were:

Winning Team: Edward Lawley, Billy Rodenburg, Chaz Hall, Briana Dolan, Hannah Roebuck, Hollan Roebuck, Hannah Sturmer, Liam Paterson

Second Placed Team: Robbie Wood, Alisha Rust, Emily Roughan, Jordelle Simkin, Issac Manuel, Emily Butler, Hayden Wood, Pirima Osborne

Fourth Placed Team: Joshua Girvan, Shaun Burton, Jean Brady, Bridget Billing, Tyne Hesselgrave, Portia Smith, Sam McComb, Connor McGechan





optional checkpoints could be picked up in an attempt to get the maximum number of points possible, with good navigation skills being essential. There were five transitions which provided the opportunity to restock with food, pick up/drop off bikes and generally get support for the next leg.

The first leg started in the dark still at 6:00am with a 9km beach run to Waimarama Beach, via a 220 m climb to an optional checkpoint on the way. At the first transition, points could be gained by completing optional activities. These were a kayak course in the surf, demonstrating a number of knots, and throw-bagging.

Leg 2 involved a mountain bike ride, with a climb of around 400m height over about 12 km to the second transition where again points could be gained from thistle-grubbing, a golf activity, and picking up points on a bush track.

Leg 3 was continued on the bike, about 16 km of biking to the start of the gorging section, where teams grabbed their tubes and plunged into the freezing waters following the river for about one and a half hours. The end of this saw a 5m jump from a dam into the river to get the checkpoint, then a run back to the bikes, and another kilometre on to the transition.

Leg 4 saw the teams travelling on foot to find eight optional checkpoints en-route to the next transition. There were checkpoints inside four different caves plus at the bottom of an 8m abseil. The most difficult cave involved one member having to dive underwater for about 1m to resurface in another air space where the checkpoint was. Some teams really struggled to find these cave checkpoints due to errors on the map, and only the teams that persisted and thought outside the square were able to locate them. This was the winning or losing of the race for some. A steep climb then followed, and teams descended to the Tukituki River for the next transition point.

Leg 5 saw the teams carrying their bikes across the river, then another mountain-bike ride to the next transition via twenty-seven orienteering checkpoints that they endeavoured to pick up as many of as they could manage. Timing was important as serious points would be deducted for teams finishing late, and the teams knew they still had a long run over Te Mata peak. Transition 5 was at the base of Te Mata Peak.

The final leg involved a climb over Te Mata Peak (a 300m climb) picking up two checkpoints before descending to Havelock North High School where the finish line was.





It was a successful day for our teams with our 'A' team of Hamish Fleming, Carl Garrett, Thomas Wilson, and Cameron Holden becoming National Champions and retaining the title. Our 'B' team of Tom Webb, Hayden Patene, Coady Clark, and William Tennent managed second place, while our 'C' team of Grey Barnett, Danny O'Leary, Cameron Brownlie, and Matt Phillips performed very well but suffered in points missed from not finding the caves. Our junior team of Chaz Hall, Edward Lawley, Billy Rodenburg, Lewis Walsh, Henry Johnson, and Liam Paterson did very well in an event aimed at older secondary students. Our mixed team of Toby Jordan, Chris Hewlett, Jordan Millen, and three students from Girls' High also had a good race. Our all-girls team gained second place only just behind Napier Girls', both teams well ahead of the rest of the field.

Special thanks go out to the parents and staff who travelled with the team, and enjoyed an intensive day of activity. They were Ms Scott, Joe Holden, Anthony Wilson, Steve and Bridget Fleming, Nic Collins, Nick Johnston, Greg Banks, and Dave Jordan.

Mr Hewlett

ORIENTEERING AND ROGAINING

Eastbourne Rogaine

On February 16, ten students from BHS and GHS travelled down to Wellington to compete in the Eastbourne rogaine. It was a novel event in that teams could go out for any twelve hours out of the eighteen hours between the start on Saturday at 5pm and the finish on Sunday at 11am.

Entries were a little disappointing with only 21 teams entered in the twelve hour race with a lot more teams entered in the six hour. It was a great event and all those entered learned a lot from spending time navigating in the dark.

The results may have been different but Carl badly twisted an ankle and spent much of the night at A and E with the course setter. The rest of his team started again after they got him back to base but were never going to catch up the lost time.

Results in the 12 hour event:

Hamish Fleming and Cameron Holden; 1st Junior and fourth overall.

Billy Rodenburg and Edward Lawley; 2nd Junior and 12th overall

George Opie, Tessa Murray, Erin Paterson; 3rd overall and 1st junior women.

TSSA Rogaine Championships

On March 6th this year over 200 students competed at Lake Mangamahoe in the fourth TSSA Rogaine Champs. This is a three hour event held from 6pm - 9pm where teams of two to five students run and walk to get to as many of the control points as possible in the three hours, finishing the race in the dark. It was a temperate evening



following after the school's athletics day at Inglewood where many rogaine competitors had already competed in several track and field events.

With 18 senior boys' teams and 7 junior boys' teams, there was plenty of competition and experience told for a lot. Those who had previously competed at Lake Mangamahoe knew better than to try and short cut through the blackberry covered hillside while those teams who did try shortcutting had only scratches and slow times to show for their efforts as what looked a short distance between tracks on the map became a huge bushbash on the ground.

All BHS teams acquitted themselves proudly and in his fourth TSSA rogaine Hamish Fleming, teaming up with Cameron Holden once again gained all points available on the course with time to spare. They were the first team home, winning the event as well as the Senior boys grade.

A week later around 100 students competed around the bush and park areas of Huatoki Domain. Orienteering differs from Rogaining in that you go out as an individual, not a team, and complete a set course rather than choosing which control points to go to. Competitors set off at two-minute intervals with the pressure of knowing that one mistake will see the next runner catching up. In most grades results were clear-cut but on the Intermediate course results were affected by a control which had been thrown in a stream giving those running later in the event a time advantage over the first runner who had to retrieve the control.

Well done to all placegetters as well as to all students who competed.

Results:

Senior Boys

- 1st Hamish Fleming, Cameron Holden
- 3rd Peter Molloy, Gray Barnett, Tim Hawkey
- 5th William Tennant, Isaac Owen
- 6th Goady Clarke, Toby Jordan
- 7th Matt Phillips, Josh Taylor
- 12th Chris Hewlett, Akshay Sridhar

Junior Boys

- 1st Edward Lawley, Chaz Hall
- 2nd Billy Rodenburg, Hayden Wood, Liam Paterson
- 6th Dean Braithwaite, Dylan De Bruyn, Alexander Fleming, Matt Carr

ORIENTEERING

Nine boys competed at the National Secondary Schools' Orienteering Championships near Hamilton during the Term 3 holidays achieving some very good results.

We took a short break en-route at Piopio to remind us of the navigation skills required

over the next few days. Some boys were recovering from jet-lag, others some mystery virus.

For the seniors, the challenge was a 6.5 km course on open hilly farmland with intricate rocky outcrops. Navigation was tight and they needed sharp skills to stay in touch with their map. The wet farmland made it tricky to keep one's footing. There were surprised and elated faces on our supporters when Hamish Fleming was seen at a midpoint control within grasp of a podium finish. He placed 7th amongst boys who have many years experience and training. The other boys achieved well above their expectations and abilities.

In the Intermediate age group, a 5 km challenge, the controls were set amongst the hillside rock formations and proved to require some fine navigation or else errors could occur. Edward Lawley must have had his sights on a placing as he made some very good route choices enabling him to get 7th. The others also achieved excellent results.

The next day, three Boys' High teams were formed and entered the schools' team relay event, (a touch/tag after each team mate has finished their own course). Our two senior teams first-leg runners set off in the mass start; an adrenaline pumping moment for most. Both our seniors appeared within seconds of each other, at the halfway control.





As spectators, we were given the pleasure to watch the orienteers approach a control high up on the hillside, then punch it, while others were still trying to identify the rock feature described on their map. The runner would then hurtle /skid/ slide and stumble down a wet grassy slope to yet another control before they disappeared again into the farmland beyond. The seniors had a very challenging course and out-performed most of their opposition.

The Intermediate team had a slightly shorter course and had some stronger teams challenging them.

Team A: Hamish Fleming, Thomas Wilson, Coady Clarke.

Team B: Edward Lawley, Carl Garrett, Cameron Holden.

Team B were rewarded for their efforts with a 3rd placing for Senior Boys' team. With most competing in their first schools event, their finish times and placings were a credit to them all.

TSSA Orienteering

On March 12th around 100 students competed as individuals on a set course around the bush and park areas of Huatoki Domain. Competitors set off at two-minute intervals with the pressure of knowing that one mistake would see the next runner catching up. In most grades results were clear-cut but on the Intermediate course results were affected by a control which had been thrown in a stream giving those running later in the event a time advantage over those running early. Well done to all competing.

NPBHS Results:

Senior Boys – Long course

1st Hamish Fleming 23.45 min
2nd William Tennant 26.21 min
3rd Cameron Holden 34.45 min

Junior Boys – Intermediate Course

1st Edward Lawley 19.59 min

2nd Billy Rodenburg 21.06 min
3rd Liam Paterson 21.25 min

NZ Secondary Schools Team

Two students from NPBHS were selected to be part of the NZSS Orienteering team to compete in Queensland, Australia on 23 and 24 September. This was a huge achievement and the first time a student from this school has made the team – and we have two boys!! Well done to them both.

The students:

Liam Paterson, Year 9, is from an orienteering family. He has competed at many orienteering events over the past ten years culminating with a win in the Boys 14 Year grade in the National Orienteering Championships in Easter this year. Edward Lawley, Year 10, is new to orienteering competing in his first event last year. He placed well in the NZSS National Championships in July this year and his relay team was first in the Senior Boys' grade.

Results:

Junior Boys Individual

Edward Lawley 4th

Liam Paterson 22nd

Junior Boys Team 3rd

RUGBY

Although not a vintage year for the First and Second XV, junior rugby had a very good season. The school fielded twelve teams in the TSSRFU competitions which had a changed structure from 2007 with three Premier divisions and four Under 15 divisions. Grading took longer than anticipated but most teams found their right grade.

At the end of the competition rounds we had nine teams in semi-finals with seven making it through to the finals (two division finals involved two NPBHS teams). Of the five finals contested we won four:

- Premier 2 the 6th XV (managed by Mr Prasaad) defeated U15A
- U15 Div 1 - U15B (Mr Corlett) defeated FDMC at Yarrows
- U15 Div 3 - U15D Black (Mr Leppard) defeated Central
- U15 Div 4 – U15E White (Mr Jones/Mr Moore) defeated U15 Yellow (Kayne Neuman/Karl Petterson)

Congratulations to these teams and coaches. Thanks to all the parents and supporters of all the teams for making it a successful season.

One area of concern was the unreliability of some players who failed to turn up to practices and, even worse, to games on Saturdays. This frustrated the teams who had to play with less than fifteen and the staff who had given up their time to coach. Players and parents should note that, should this continue, we will reduce our team numbers and only select those prepared to commit fully.

Representative Honours

- **Hurricanes Schools** - Jackson Ormond,

• **Taranaki Under 18** - Hamish Alabaster, Mark Atkins, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Andy Hamilton, Baxter King, Lagen Kumeroa, Daniel MacDonald, Jackson Ormond, Sam Thomson, Alipate Umu, James Wilson.

• **Taranaki Under 16** - Brooke Moses, Dylan Haggart, Ben Patterson, Jade Hintz, Thomas McElroy, Rhys Marshall, Josh Sandford, Benjamin West, Brock Sibbick, Jared Wallace, Issac Robinson, Lachlan Bunn, Chad Niwa,

• **Taranaki Under 14** - Jahree Kee-Sue, Tim Ryder, Zeb Urbahn, Trent Spicer, Jamie Sandford, Jahi Wickstead,

• **Taranaki Under 13** - Gio Habel-Kueffner, George Hardwick-Smith,

RUGBY 1ST XV

2008 was not a vintage year for the 1st XV with a college match record of 5 wins, 1 draw and 7 losses. The team was a young one and unfortunately their lack of experience counted against them where in four games they could have won with a greater ability to operate under college match pressure. The real positive from this year is that 26 players from the 1st Group are returning in 2009. This year of development will hopefully pay dividends next year. As with all sports teams the costs of playing have risen considerably. We would like to thank the following major sponsors Burger Fuel and Bounceback Physiotherapy and match day sponsor Hutchins & Dick. Frank Hutchins has become somewhat of a good luck charm having sponsored 3 victories on The Gully over the last 3 years.

The pre-season focus for 2008 was on the Taranaki U20 competition and on 3 sevens tournaments. The U20 competition is an excellent opportunity for the school to showcase its rugby talent around the grassroots rugby fields of Taranaki and for that we are very grateful to the TRFU for allowing us to participate in the first round of this competition. The down side is that it is not ideal in preparing the team for their college match programme. The sevens team competed successfully at the local Dewars competition, the Super 7s in Hamilton and the National Condor Sevens in Auckland. College match programme:

vs. **Te Aute College, May 10, Te Aute. Lost**

This is always an outstanding game to start our college match season. The trip to Te Aute is about more than rugby - it is a true school

experience. The game was always going to be a difficult. Te Aute is always a completely different proposition when playing at home and this game proved to be no different. Both teams were disjointed in attack but organised and strong in defence which meant making the most of scoring opportunities was at a premium. We dominated territory and possession but made poor decisions or mistakes at crucial times and as a result failed to put the game out of reach. Te Aute had one length of the field opportunity in the second half and scored. This proved to be the difference.

vs. **Auckland Grammar, May 21, Auckland. Drew 10 - 10.**

Again this was a game of missed opportunities. The weather was perfect for the annual match against Grammar, who started off strongly and dominated





Shane Smith



Scott Howatson



Jamie Carr



Ben Furze



Tainui Cross



Richard Weir



Kurt Gifkins



Logan Dravitski



Ben Frost



Mitchell Keene



Taylor Mackie
Tynan Matheson



Year 11 start



Richard Weir



Tim



Cody

possession and territory for much of the 1st half. We struggled to hold on to our ball as the Grammar forwards were adept at turning us over, and we found it almost impossible to win a lineout. Not surprisingly Grammar took the lead with a try wide out after 10 minutes following a break in midfield. But despite their having a lot of the ball Grammar rarely looked like scoring as BHS defended strongly. We always looked dangerous from turnover ball and after 25 minutes Miles Harding was able to finish off a sharp backline move wide out to leave it all tied up at 5 - 5 at half time. The BHS forwards got more than a rev up during the break and the second half proved much more even up front. We had several chances to take the lead with the backline making breaks just about every time we ran the ball, however rugby is all about taking opportunities and we didn't. After 15 minutes Grammar put in a good kick from 1/2 way which took a cruel bounce back into the arms of the following players and they scored, again unconverted, to lead 10 - 5. From then on in it was pretty much one way traffic as the BHS forwards superior fitness allowed us to take charge and dominate territory. With just less than 10 minutes to go Jackson Ormond broke through for the umpteenth time, this time from 1/2 way. He weaved his way through a number of defenders to score a brilliant solo try wide out. Liam McBride struck the conversion well but it stayed dead straight into the cross breeze, just outside the posts. BHS came straight back onto attack but Grammar defended well so we were unable to score again and the match ended in a draw which meant we retained the Faull Cup as last year's victors.

vs. FDC. May 28, FDMC. Won 22 - 19.
This year's traditional match against FDMC was played at FDMC in perfect conditions. Previous form means little in these games with both teams keen on getting bragging rights as the top Taranaki team for the year. After an intense and scrappy 35 minutes FDMC lead by 9 - 0 at half time, courtesy

of 3 penalties. Plenty of endeavour and intensity but not much constructive rugby and that's about all that can be said of the 1st half. As is becoming the norm, 1/2 time provided a time to stop and think, and the results were pretty much immediate, with excellent team tries to Lagen Kumeroa and Brock Sibbick in the 1st 10 minutes after the break, 1 of which was converted to secure a 12 - 9 lead. That lead lasted for about 15 minutes before FDMC came back with an unconverted try following a strong forward drive from a line out. Superior fitness began to tell from here on in as we dominated territory and possession and Liam McBride kicked a penalty to re-take the lead. A few minutes later Hamish Alabaster went over in the middle of a forward drive, converted by Liam and we were looking comfortable with an 8 point lead with 5 minutes to go. However failure to gain possession following the kick off proved costly as FDMC used the ball well and hit back with an unconverted try wide out, which made for a nervous last couple of minutes before the final whistle.

vs. Hamilton BHS, June 4, The Gully. Lost 0 - 70.
Too big, too strong and too fast. Our very young and inexperienced boys could take a lot of pride from their efforts during this match. They worked hard and never gave up but were outclassed by a very professional outfit who played an amazingly high standard of rugby.

vs. Wanganui Collegiate, June 11, Wanganui. Won 40 - 0.
This year's traditional match against Collegiate was played at Wanganui in perfect conditions. For the second time in 2 games we were up 5 - 0 within a minute of kick off, and this set the pattern for the half where BHS dominated territory and possession against a willing Collegiate team. Both teams were keen to move the ball with BHS looking much more likely to score, and it was only a lack of patience which prevented a blow out, although 3 more converted tries saw a half time lead of

26 - 0. The second half started with promise but was ultimately frustrating for both sides (and their supporters) as the referee decided it was time to show his knowledge of the law and take every possible opportunity to blow the whistle. He knew the laws very very well! 2 late tries brought some consolation and the game finished with a very comfortable score line.

vs. Tauranga BC, June 21, Tauranga. Lost 7 - 12.
This was a replay of the performances against Te Aute and Grammar. A flat start without any great intent or purpose eventually led to a 0-7 half time score. Neither team impressed during a blustery and wet first half, the only score coming from a try following a quick tap penalty awarded to Tauranga from lam out. Half way through the second half Tauranga set up a solid forward drive which resulted in an unconverted try being scored wide out and they lead 12 - 0. NPBHS finally burst into life with 5 minutes to go, finding holes in the Tauranga defence and Lagen Kumeroa scored under the posts to bring up his 100 points for the season. The game re-started with a minute to go NPBHS held onto the ball for a full 3 minutes and looked likely several times but eventually the urge to kick became too strong, Tauranga tidied up and another game that should have been won ended up in the loss column.

Miles Harding was awarded the man of the match after some heroics on defence and Andy Hamilton had a strong game in the midfield but there weren't many who would have been satisfied with their performances in this game.

vs. Palmerston North Boys' High School, June 25, The Gully. Lost 8 - 17.
A wet and sloppy field and intermittent cold and heavy showers during the game didn't really suit the NPBHS game plan. Perhaps it was a blessing in disguise as the forwards finally decided to step up against a bigger pack and maintained parity throughout the



first half. At half time NPBHS led by 8 - 7. PNBHS started the second half with greater forward intensity and they established a major territorial and possession advantage for the whole of the second half. NPBHS were totally committed in defence and PNBHS couldn't find a way through, despite coming very close at times. A late try inflated the score in PNBHS favour. This was an outstanding team effort, led by captain Hamish Alabaster who picked up the player of the day award. Andy Hamilton had a powerful game at centre and Heiden Bedwell-Curtis continued as usual with a huge work rate, especially at the break downs.

vs. St Pats Silverstream, July 2, Silverstream. Lost 6 - 10.

The second game in a row on a wet and sloppy field with intermittent cold and heavy showers. Both teams struggled to penetrate and most of the first was spent between the 22's. A poor start after halftime proved costly as Silverstream established some control up front and after 10 minutes they kicked a penalty to even it up at 3 - 3. The score stayed that way until 4 minutes from time when a Silverstream crossed for a good try following a re-gathered chip kick. The rest of the game was spent inside the Silverstream 22. However, NPBHS couldn't find away through the defence and the game finished with Silverstream on top. John Marshall had his first start in a traditional match and ended up as the player of the day after impressing with his industry around the field. Not much of a day for the backs although Miles Harding and Andy Hamilton stood out with their defensive efforts and Josh Sandford was efficient at half back.

vs. Gisborne BHS, July 25, Gisborne. Lost 7 - 12.

Very wet and cold but at least it wasn't windy. The first half was played mostly between the 22's as both sides found it difficult to move the ball in the conditions. Against a significantly bigger pack we put in a strong forward effort and had dominance at scrum time and held our own in the breakdowns.

After 20 minutes Lagen Kumeroa crossed for try number 22 for the season, converted by Liam McBride. It stayed at 7 - 0 until the last play of the half when Gisborne dived on a loose ball in goal following a scrum to make the halftime score 7 - 5.

Gisborne started the second half with more purpose and dominated the first 10 minutes. However, the defensive effort from NPBHS was superb, especially close to the goal line. After fighting our way back to half way Gisborne put together an excellent inter-passing movement which finished with a try just beside the posts. The remainder of the half was very even with both teams having a couple of opportunities but neither was good enough to turn them into points so the game finished as a 12 - 7 victory to Gisborne.

Mark Atkins led the forwards with a huge game from No 8 but all of them deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. Another difficult day for the backs, but Josh Sandford distributed well from half back and Miles Harding and Andy Hamilton were solid in the mid field. This was the 3rd close loss in a row against quality opposition which is heartening in terms of performance.

.vs Hastings BHS, August 2, Hastings. Won 30 - 3.

After all the grotty weather it was a pleasant surprise to find Hawkes Bay in spring-like conditions. The field had dried out considerably from days of heavy rain and the footing was good. Both teams took a while to get into the game with lots of hard work but not much penetration so much of the play was between the two 22's as has been usual this season. As the first half went on NPBHS gradually took control up front with the exception of the scrums where Hastings had a slight edge. With 10 minutes to go in the half, Mark Atkins scored a fantastic individual try after receiving the ball on his 10 metre line and weaving in and out past a number of defenders. So, at half time the score was 5-0 which was a pretty fair reflection of the effectiveness of both

teams. The second half was a different story NPBHS came out looking far more confident and used the breeze effectively to play the game in Hastings half. After 5 minutes Liam McBride scored after making a clean break. Hastings came back with a penalty from the kick off and then put pressure on again before NPBHS were awarded a scrum just inside the 22. A well worked move off the back of the scrum and error free passing saw a great try to Jackson Ormond 80m later. The flood gates opened up after this and tries followed to Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Jackson Ormond and Hamish Alabaster, the last one following another long run from Mark Atkins. 6 tries in all and all scored, out wide.

.vs Napier BHS, August 2, The Gully. Won 15 - 13.

Sunshine at long last. In front of a very large crowd New Plymouth played perhaps their best game of the Super 8 season. The New Plymouth forwards led by the loose forward trio of Curtis Alabaster and Atkins provided an excellent platform for the backs to express themselves. The work at the breakdown! in the lineouts and an enthusiastic kick chase plan meant that the team was able to apply sustained periods of pressure which ultimately led to two well taken tries from Miles Harding and Jackson Ormond. Leading by 7 with 15 minutes to go New Plymouth was reduced to 14 players. The team responded to this challenge and managed to keep a very determined Napier team at bay until the last seconds of the game when Napier scored a try right in the corner. The conversion! Which would have meant a drawn game, thankfully fell short and New Plymouth escaped with a thoroughly deserved victory.

.vs Rotorua BHS, August 2, The Gully. Lost 3 - 24.

In the final Super 8 game of the year, New Plymouth had a stiff breeze behind them for the 1st half and used it well to have a reasonable early territorial advantage. After a couple of near misses for both teams, Andy

Hamilton opened the scoring with a penalty after 15 minutes. Things remained pretty even until Rotorua began to exert some pressure with their big forwards and this eventually wore down the NPBHS defence and Rotorua crossed for a converted try on the 25 minute mark. 7 - 3 would have been a reasonable reflection of the first half. However, the lead was extended by another 7 points when Rotorua strolled over for a soft try following a tap penalty from close range. The second half began promisingly for both sides, with lots of opportunities being created, but some poor handling along with some very good scrambling defence put a stop to any scoring. Eventually the big Rotorua pack bullied their way over from a lineout after 15 minutes of the second half and the score remained at 19 - 3 until a minute from full time when they repeated the dose to pick up the bonus point and a 24 - 3 victory. The score could well have been 40 - 20 but neither side made the most of their chances. This was a typical gutsy effort against much larger opposition. No real star performances although Brock Sibbick was the obvious candidate for the Burgerfuel player of the day after a strong game on both attack and defence.

RUGBY 2ND XV

The Second XV rugby season started early with fitness training in the heat of the summer afternoons on the gully. Head coach Mr Watts and forward's coach Mr Hannah looked comfortable in the shade of the Western terrace, but we were sweating in the heat as we ran 40 - 20s and laps. Then we ran some more 40 - 20s and laps - the coaches still looked comfortable in the shade of the Western terrace, but were claiming a degree of fatigue in their voices from shouting at us.

The 2008 Second XV had eight Year 11 boys in the squad to join the Year 12 and 13s. We began the season playing in the local Under 20 Competition- these guys were big, drank beer, had full beards and hated being beaten by schoolboys. This was something we tried to help them cope better with!

Our Skipper was the uncompromising loose forward John Marshall, a player who gives 110% every game, along with his No 8, Adam Black. These guys were everywhere on the field, menacing the opposition teams. They got heaps of support from Dylan Crowskey and Rhys Marshall off the back of the lineout.

But you know what they say - "It all starts in the front row" -Props Ian Leppard, Dylan Haggart, Hamish Mellow and big Kenni, along with Hookers Mitch Tuck and Jade Hintz showed good technique against much larger front rows and were not beaten all season at scrum time.

Lock and No2 jumper Thomas McElroy was the moneymen at lineout time with Alipate Umu covering the No4 jumper, and often proving to be a line-breaker.

Jakeb Hughes and David Thomson shared the half-back duties with Taylor Haskell at 1st 5/8th and Gary Tiplady at 2nd 5/8th. His defence was consistently outstanding. He was supported by centre and another

great line-breaker, Taituse Tunavutu.

Our "speed merchants", as Mr Hannah liked to call them, were Corey Telfer and Nathan Maharey who both finished well on the wings.

Our fullback Warwick Miller proved to be a great place-kicker and clearance kicker who gained us good territory this year.

We managed to beat Stratford, Okiawa, Clifton, Coastal, Inglewood and our bogie team, NPOBs in their semi-final - a great way to finish our club season!

College Fixtures:

Hamilton Boys' High Lost 0 - 36

This was our first college fixture and we knew it was going to be the toughest. We were right. We were out-muscled by a very mobile and well-drilled forward pack who provided their backs with excellent go-forward ball. This was a rude awakening to how physical our competition was and let us know how much we had to step it up. It was a great character test for us - could we make that step up?

Wanganui Collegiate Won 52 - 3

This traditional fixture was played in desirable conditions against an average-sized team and we dominated all over the field, with Alipate Umu, Corey Telfer, and Corey Broughton all scoring two tries each and Warwick Miller getting five conversions.

Palmerston North Boys' High Lost 15 - 19

We played well in this game and could have won if it wasn't for the dodgy refereeing. This team thought they were going to come here and beat us by 40 points at least. Probably the only time I've been happy with the game after a loss. Good job boys.

Tauranga Boys' High Lost 22 - 3

This was the game that the team should be most disappointed about, as we never





fronted up. Skills wise we could have/should have won easily. We did not. We played catch-up rugby the entire game.

Hastings Boys' High Won 36 - 7

This game was our first away win for our Super 8 season and the whole team played well with the forwards supplying the backs with quality ball, which the backs used to get Taituse Tunavutu over the line three times, all of which he converted himself. Good effort all-round.

Gisborne Boys' High Lost 22 - 6

This game was played in terrible conditions and we were fatigued by the twelve-hour bus trip. Another team we could have easily beaten if we were on form.

Napier Boys' High Won 23 - 15

We played very well in this game for a very deserving win against a strong team. Alipate Umu and Taylor Haskell both scored very good tries. A great effort boys.

Rotorua Boys' High Won 19 - 10

We played poorly in spots, against a team that had had a rough season. They came looking for a physical contest and for a win to finish the season. We managed to front up and hold them out. A good way to end the season boys.

Year's Highlights:

Bus breaking down in hillbilly-ville. Gav's great driving on the way back from Gisborne. Mr Hannah's inspirational speeches. Mr Watts' coaching kit.

Mazza's skins. Rotorua game. I don't think I can say what for though.

Finally, I would like to take this time, on behalf of our skipper John Marshall and the whole team, to thank Wattsie and Mr Hannah for the season. It was a great experience and I look forward to using the skills you have taught me next season. To

all the supporters who followed us around the North Island and those who turned up every week - thanks heaps for your support it pulled us through some tough times.

To all the guys who stood in for injured squad members over the season; if it wasn't for you guys we wouldn't have been able to field a team. Thanks to Heinrich, in particular, who broke his arm for us! We could have had well over thirty players in our team photo if we had included everyone who played a game for us.

To the team - thanks for the season boys! It's been the best for me playing alongside you. For those who are leaving, good luck next year, and to those who are staying, I look forward to playing alongside you next year.

Dylan Haggart



RUGBY 3RD XV

The Third XV for 2008 definitely had its fair share of ups and downs. Overall the team was fairly young, comprised of mainly fifth formers, and did our best to succeed in adversity. We started the season as a squad of strapping young lads with great individual skill, but had a long way to go in terms of fitness and teamwork. This became apparent in our first match-up against Hawera 1st XV.

We headed into the game in high spirits, as we had great expectations for the 2008 season. However, the magic wasn't there and Hawera proved the better team, immediately gaining an increasing lead. Our lack of organisation was showing; we even had front-rowers kicking for touch at one stage. After an abysmal first half, the boys showed some promise in the second, but the end result was still in favour of Hawera. Our overall performance was quite poor, and we were determined to improve.

Our next match-up was against Inglewood, and we were itching to show our coaches and ourselves that we were able to play a decent game of footy. We played as a team, worked hard and as a result, came out on top. We were all thrilled by the outcome, but realised we needed to maintain it if we wanted a shot at winning the grade.

We were now faced by a traditional rivalry; the Francis Douglas Second XV. The boys' performance in the first half was particularly impressive, showing great co-operation and scoring a few tries. However this game play was not consistent, and due to mistakes and a general lack of discipline, FDMC came back to win literally by a lucky bounce on the posts. The whole team was gutted, but the result served only to strengthen our resolve for the upcoming match.

We all knew Central were going to be rough and tough. One of our boys even got a smack to the face. However, we kept our discipline

and though the score was close, it was clear we had earned the victory. It felt good to win again, and we were eager to secure another.

However, this did not go entirely to plan as our next match was against Spotswood 1st XV, a definite contender for the top team of the season. They outclassed us plain and simple, gaining a hefty lead and deserving the win they were awarded. This game opened our eyes, and allowed us to see the need for improvement on a few aspects of our game, especially tackling.

We travelled to Opunake for our next game against the Coastal First XV. Continuing the lose/win pattern of our season so far, we once again came out on top, with pride showing clearly. As Waitara First XV had dropped to a lower grade, we had ended the first round of the season 50-50. This was not what we considered to be a satisfactory result, and we knew we had to step up our game for the second half of the season.

Our first game of the second round was once again versus Hawera. This time we were better prepared and fought hard against the current top-of-the-table team. While the score was pretty big against us, we felt it did not justify the actual game which was very close. We played well. We even found we were the first team to score any tries against Hawera, but a loss was still a loss.

Inglewood was our next opponent, and once again our boys proved to be the superior team. With a bit of heart, and some great tactical plays, we were too much for our opposition and secured a great win.

Our next match was against Francis Douglas at their school grounds. Like our first, this game was very close as both teams were defending superbly. The end result was a draw and while we knew a little extra could have given us a win, we were grateful not to lose this time around.

Next week found us facing Central, this time on their turf in Toko. The weather conditions were horrible, but this could not excuse our sloppy play and the mistakes we made which ended up costing us the game. Our whole team was disappointed, knowing full well that we could play better and that we should have beaten them. Our hopes for semi-finals were dwindling, and we knew we would have to make the next one count.

Although we still had a chance of getting a semis spot with a loss against Spotswood, a win would guarantee us one, and so our next game was crucial. Considering how badly we had lost the first time, our improvements against Spotswood this time around were substantial. The result was much closer but unfortunately we could not manage a win, and our chance to make semis was on shaky ground. We later found out that when the





points were tallied, Inglewood had pushed us out of semi-finals, even though we had beaten them twice. The team was pretty angry after discovering this, but we knew we could do nothing to change things now. Our final game for the season was against Coastal, who we had beaten in the first round. However it seemed now that we didn't have a shot at the finals, we had lost our drive to win. This showed on the field, and Coastal secured a victory which, in all fairness, they really deserved.

Although our final result for the season was pretty average, the boys showed great potential, and I wish them the best for their future endeavours within the sport. A big thanks must also go out to Mr Whittaker and Mr Hope, who made sure we showed up for trainings twice a week and did their best to ensure we were prepared for each match. Cheers.

Brendon Fischer and Ben Steiner

RUGBY 6TH XV

Like forty-two angry lions we attacked the signup sheets like they were baby antelopes who had strayed away from their mothers, all of us frothing at the prospect of a Premier Two title. All forty-two impressed the senior management with their pre-season conditioning and willingness to learn the game. Unfortunately senior management was not willing to hold any form of practice over the entire season so the team had to be cut down to the thirty two who had any sort of rugby experience whatsoever, plus one up and coming talent who goes by the name of Nicholas Monk - this year's Craig.

The season started off with a game Sixth XV fans couldn't have been happier with. Even with three yellow cards, one red, a team brawl and two judiciary hearings we were able to overcome Hawera Second XV 36 - 0. With a few public and official

complaints put aside, we were ready to continue our winning form - and that we did, winning every game by at least twenty points and leading the round robin table with maximum points. The highlight of the round robin would have to be our match vs the NPBHS U15s. As the midday sun beat down on McNaught, thirty two of the finest tuned athletes graced the field and we began our pre-game rituals. The Sixth XV chant boomed throughout the ground which sent chills down the spines of our opposition and sent them running with their tails between their legs. They never regained composure and the Sixth XV easily won the match 32 - 12. After being referred to by senior staff as wild animals with no futures we wanted to prove ourselves in the semi-finals. Senior management were worried that our minds were more focussed on the big night that we had planned and not on the game. However we lived up to our reputation, demoralizing our FDMC counterparts 31 - 12.

It came to finals day and the boys were a bit nervous after the U15s' strong performance in their national competition. However, after a few fireworks and some strong advice from the almighty Prasad, our confidence returned and we hit the U15s with everything we had. With their first and second XV imports they thought they had a chance. But they didn't. Sixth XV 31 - NPBHS U15s zero, zilch, zip, nothing, nada. What a game. What a night.



We would like to thank Mr Bublitz and all the other staff who showed us their strong support throughout the season.

Cheers to Mr Russell for his ongoing assistance to allow soccer players to play for us, maybe you could help out Mr Prasad next year. First is a lot better than 23rd.

Thanks to our fans and the First XV boys who showed us their support, we couldn't have done it without ya. However, maybe you should have taken a few notes so you would learn how to actually win a game.

Thanks to Tane Hapimarika, Josh Smaller, Luke Nolly, Jonnie Morath, Adam Leatham (FDMC), Tony Sprangeers, Josh Abbot, Tyson Kahu, Matt Dick and all you other players for your "assistance" throughout the season.

And how could we forget the mythological, almighty Mr Julius Prasad. Coach of the greatest team ever to grace the historic field of the NPBHS gully. May his wise words of wisdom run throughout our veins for eternity. If it wasn't for you, none of this could have happened. A true champ. You ARE the Sixth XV sir.

6th XV! 6th XV! 6th XV!

PS Unfortunately the run could not continue and the side was soundly beaten by the staff team 31 - 19.



RUGBY 4TH XV

2008 started off as a promising for the 4th XV. After many of the squad missed out on higher honours the rugged squad of 23 was named and coached by Mr Lyal "TED" French-Wright and Mr Darryl "Leatho" Leath.

The season started with games against the much fancied NPBHS 6XV and the FDMC 3rdXV. With the 6XV consisting of senior Yr13 students this was always going to be a difficult match. But rampaging runs by Cedar "SBW" Vimea, and some crunching defence meant that the Fijian coached 6XV struggled to win.

As for the FDMC 3rdXV - they didn't turn up.

The middle of the season was a mixture of wins, some losses and a huge amount of injury. Our game against Central was to be Mr French-Wright's last as coach of the team. In a last second dive at the line, with rain pouring down, we scored and gave "Ted" a winning send off. On behalf of the team, I want to really thank Mr French-Wright. As a headmaster we all knew he was a very busy man, but he was at every practice and would be there every Saturday to coach us. A big man, with big red bands, he stood on the side line wet or fine. You are the man "Ted".

The end of the season saw us fight our way into the finals with a great win over the very confident Inglewood second XV. Huge defence and a little gamesmanship from Mr Leath saw us beat Inglewood 17 - 7 and make it into the finals for the second year in a row.

Finals day at Sanders Park is a big event and the team fronted with passion. After a stirring speech about Ali and his Bike, we were ready to front against Central. Having only just beaten them 15 - 14 in pool play, we knew it would be a tough game. But on

the day Central were the better team and we lost 7 - 22.

A big thanks to all the boys who played for the mighty 4XV this year. It was an awesome season with some great wins, close losses and a hearty attitude by everyone.

The 4XV Senior Enforcers

RUGBY UNDER-15 A

The 2008 season was one of the most successful in recent seasons. The team finished second in the TSSRFU Premier 2 grade losing only two games, unbeaten in three traditional Interschools and fourth placing, (the schools best ever result), in the National Under-15 Tournament - an outstanding season by a group of very promising young players. Issac Robinson was an inspirational leader ably supported by all of his team. Willie McBride was the standout forward, (11 tries), Issac Robinson, (61 tries), Lachlan Bunn, (8 tries), Tyler Wisnewski, (12 tries), and Matt MacDonald, (122 points including 11tries), were the key backs. They benefitted hugely from the coaching assistance of international coach Ian Snook despite his departure for Italy mid season.



A thoroughly enjoyable season from a team of outstanding young men who have a huge future in the game.

TSSRFU Premier Competition

After winning seven grading games by 50 points plus, the team was placed in the Premier 2 competition. After a 12-32 loss to our Sixth XV, wins were recorded against Waitara High School First XV 39-3, FDMC Fourth XV 36-7, and FDMC Third XV 15-14. The semifinal saw a 27-0 win against FDMC Third XV. The final against NPBHS Sixth XV saw a good start but no points, then the physical and verbal intimidation took over. A 0 - 31 loss to a team none of whom will ever get a tiger jacket for rugby or sportsmanship.

Traditional Interschools

v Hamilton BHS- Gully

Issac Robinson scored an early try after which the tussle became very even. HBHS took a 7 - 5 lead then Lachlan Bunn scored right on half time to lead 10 - 7. HBHS scored early in the second half but tries to Max Wakelin, (converted by Matt MacDonald), Willie McBride and Connor Wilson-Puhara saw a convincing 32 - 12 win.



v Tauranga Boys' College

A fine early try to Tyler Wisnewski then saw NPBHS defending for much of the rest of the half. Issac Robinson scored a very good team try followed by Willie McBride from a lineout drive-converted by Matt MacDonald to lead 17 - 0, TBC scored late in the game. Final score NPBHS 17 TBC 7

v Westlake Boys' High

A 10 - 0 early lead through tries by Issac Robinson and Tyler Wisnewski saw NPBHS dominate the half. Only a couple of lapses saw the score at 10 - 10 at half time. NPBHS dominated the second half with tries to Max Wakelin, Kaleb Hamilton, Lewis Stevenson and Mataatu Hapimarika, (3), converted by Matt MacDonald giving a 36 - 10 victory.



RUGBY UNDER-15 B

It was decided that the secondary school rugby competition would follow a modified format for this year. There would be two age grades, U15 and U19 with a number of sub-grades within each age grade.

The Under-15 B team played its first grading game in the U19 grade against the Spotswood College Second XV. It was soon apparent, after about 15 minutes, that the age difference between our 12, 13 and 14 year olds, as well as the size difference, with their 16, 17 and 18 year olds was too great. There were many injuries and a few scared boys on the paddock that day, but they played with guts and came out the other end with a 32 - 0 hiding.

The team was put into the U15 Premier grade, and felt much more comfortable playing against teams of similar age and size. From the start of the competition it was evident that there were only two teams that were in the running to win this competition - us and the FDMC U15A.

Throughout the year we played teams such as Coastal, Stratford, Hawera, Waitara - all

with convincing victories of between 40 and 70 points. The only losses we sustained were to the FDMC team mentioned earlier, the first time 21-17 and the second 17-15.

We made the final and were to play the unbeaten FDMC U15A team, previously unbeaten throughout the season. The highlight of this game, other than it being the final, was that it was to be played as the curtain raiser to the Taranaki versus Northland Air New Zealand Cup match on Yarrow Stadium Number 1. The NPBHS trained well in the lead-up to the match and were the most focussed I had seen them all season. NPBHS started strongly but FDMC took an early lead scoring a try against the run of play. NPBHS stuck to it and struck back soon after to tie the game up at five all. That's how it stayed until half time. In the second half NPBHS gained good possession from both their own, and the opposition lineout. With continued pressure, they scored three more unanswered tries. Final score 24-5, a deserved win for the underdog on the night. The team that was physically smaller, had everything to play for and nothing to loose against a previously unbeaten FDMC side.

At times the boys struggled for focus and thought they were better than they were. It

was to their credit that they stood up and displayed the type of guts required to win a final in those sorts of circumstances. The team was ably captained by Matt Wallace who led by example, player of the season was Andrew Laird who always gave a hundy. Without those two, it would be fair to say the team wouldn't have been as successful as it was.

NPBHS U15B, Winners of the Taranaki Secondary Schools U15 Premier division, Points for: 548, against: 77. Most tries: 15 and top points scorer: 79 Chev'vy Edwards

RUGBY UNDER-15 C

The Under 15 C Rugby team started off the rugby season this year with a few graded games which were used to select the final team. There was a lot of interest and enthusiasm shown during the trials and the selection period. Our final team was selected and the competition kicked off on a high note with a win on our first game.

Our team was pooled together with very strong teams from other schools including NPBHS Under-15 B, FDHS Under-15 A, WPHS Under-15, Coastal Under-15, SHS Under-15



There were a lot of skills shown as we continued to meet very good and tough opposition from other teams. Our fitness level and game practice time were two factors that affected our games because there was not enough time to do our practice and improve on our game fitness.

In the first round of our pool games, the team was placed sixth. During the second round of the competition, the boys continued to improve their skills, fitness and team coordination. A lot of improvement showed during the second round of the competition, as the team was able to win against stronger opposition that had beaten us in the first round of competition. However our practice time and game fitness let us down because of the limited time that we had to train and work together as a team. We had a few minor injuries to some of our regular team players during the season but that did not stop the urge and the spirit to prepare and go through the quarter finals, and proceed to the semi finals. At the end of the second round of the competition, we were placed third on the overall points and that was a big achievement for the team.

We won our quarter final game against Waitara High School and continued to prepare for the semi-final which was our

toughest game. We played FDHS Under-15 A in the semi-final and lost.

Though we did not reach the finals, we had achieved our goal and that was to work hard to play in the semi-final. The tough competition forced us to work hard to reach the semi-final and I am looking forward to doing better next year.

I take this opportunity to thank all the boys in the team for their effort as well as to all the support staff who had contributed towards a good rugby season. We have seen



a number of young boys who have displayed exceptional skills in rugby that could see them play in upper grades next year.

F. Wainiqolo

RUGBY UNDER-15 E BLACK

The grading games at the start of the season proved a costly exercise and the team lost several players to broken bones and more who moved into other Boys' High teams. Only able to field the core twelve players that were to become the bedrock of the team later in the year, the team suffered some harsh defeats early on. It became apparent that the team would have to adopt an opportunistic marauding game plan rather than one based on rigid discipline. Many of the boys put in a lot of effort successfully recruiting additional players.

Finding form against FDMC the team started a great winning streak in which the team went on to out-score all the remaining opposition in the grade. The finest game may well have been against Hawera where the boys excelled themselves. The reshuffle of the grade system led to a tougher set of



matches, though more damaging was the break in play, which adversely affected the ability to stick to a plan. This resulted in some gutsy though unintelligent and unsuccessful play.

Although the team made the finals it was outclassed by the eventual winners of the grade.

G Poole

RUGBY UNDER-15 WHITE

This year saw the introduction of the Under-15 Open Weight Division. This emphasised the large differences in maturity, size and ability of players in this age group. After two weeks of initial grading games the teams were put into three divisions. At the end of term two the Grade was revamped into four divisions.

The team was made up of Year 9 and Year 10 boys who moulded together very well. Attendance at practice and Saturday matches was excellent and as a result the team made steady improvement throughout the year. The skill level of most of the boys was very good but a lot of work was required

in developing a team pattern and learning about field position and how to win a game.

In the forwards Elliot Jenkins, Ashleigh Mellow, Dallas McLeod and Luke Jones were the most consistent whilst Kingston Hana was the most improved. In the back Henry Boon was outstandingly consistent and hard working. Beau Philp played well in his first year of rugby and Ben Neilson played well during the second half of the season.

The highlight of the year was winning the Under-15 Division 4 Championship 39 - 12 against Boys' High Yellow. The team played its best rugby of the season in the final and were deserved winners.

Dave Moore and Allen Jones Coaches



National Under-15 Rugby Tournament

The annual tournament was held in Wellington and very well hosted by St Pats (Town).

Game 1 v Tauranga Boys College

Playing into a strong wind NPBHS had the better of the early exchanges but TBC got the early points with a penalty. Right on half-time NPBHS moved the ball inside, their own 22m to go the length of the field for Lachlan Bunn to score and Josh Sandford to convert to lead 7 - 3 at the break. Playing very good field position NPBHS dominated the second half to lead 18 - 3 (try to Jade Hinz and a conversion and penalty to Josh Sandford) TBC scored right on fulltime to make the final score NPBHS 18 - TBC 8. (even with the manager getting penalised (twice) and red-carded)

Game 2 v Napier BHS

Playing into the wind again NPBHS started slowly with Napier leading 10 - 0 after 4 mins. NPBHS improved its efforts and after a strong attack Connor Wilson-Puhara scored. Napier added a try and a penalty to lead 18 - 5 at half-time. NPBHS spent most of the second half attacking but found the Napier defence strong. Matt McDonald scored a try and Josh Sandford converted and kicked a penalty. To leave the final score NPBHS 15 - Napier BHS 18. A game of lost opportunities.

Game 3 v Auckland Grammar School

Needing to win to make the Top 8, NPBHS played into the wind again, defending well to restrict AGS to a 10 - 3 lead at half time. NPBHS started the second half strongly scoring a try from a lineout drive to Jade Hinz which Josh Sandford converted. The pressure was maintained with two penalties and a very good team try to Willie McBride. NPBHS led 21 - 10. AGS scored right on time. Final score NPBHS 21 - AGS 10. NPBHS were in the top 8 for the first time since 2002.



Game 4 v St Pats (Town)

Against our old nemesis team who have often ruined our efforts NPBHS dominated the game but St Pats defended incredibly well and controlled a lot of ball in their own half. 0 - 0 at half time and with only minutes to go despite NPBHS crossing for tries that were disallowed - a foot out, ref unsighted. Finally from a stolen lineout and a switch from the midfield Ray Edwards scored the winning try. NPBHS 5 St Pats 0. Top four semifinals for the first time ever.

Game 5 v Mount Albert Grammar

An academy team of the cream of Auckland that have played together for a number of years. In pouring rain and wind and playing with the conditions NPBHS applied a lot of pressure. MAGS defence and game plan denied NPBHS. With only a Matt McDonald penalty, NPBHS led 3 - 0 at half time. MAGS were too big too strong and too conditioned in the second half, scoring 5 tries to run out deserved winners 31 - 3. MAGS went on to defeat PNBHS 20 - 3 in the final.

Game 6 v Napier BHS - (again)

For 3rd/4th in wet, muddy conditions NPBHS led 5 - 0 at half-time through an outstanding individual try to Issac Robinson. Napier scored two converted tries early in the second half and, despite numerous attacks by NPBHS, held out to win 14 - 5. NPBHS fourth placing is the best ever at this tournament. A fine team effort by a fine group of young men all of whom have a real

future in the game.

Thanks to Steve Leppard (despite the red card, only got lost once), The Park Motel in Hawera for the reserves' jackets, Bill Geange for his organisation, the parents and supporters and the team especially Issac Robinson for his outstanding leadership. It has been a pleasure.

The Team:

Issac Robinson (captain) Matt McDonald, Connor Wilson-Puhara, Tyler Wisnewski, Lewis Stevenson, Max Wakelin, Lachlan Bunn, Josh Sandford, Johnny Thomson, Mataatu Hapimarika, Jamie Sandford, Mitch Brown, Kaleb Hamilton, Troway Heyes, Jack Arnold, Ben Hitchcock, Ray Edwards, Tom McElroy, Jake Parker, Arnold Fitzgerald, David Kane, Willie McBride, Jade Hinz, Michael Baker.

RUGBY D AMBER

The D Amber team began the season with a brilliant 50 point win in its first grading game. It then lost by a similar margin in the next. After two more grading games, the team ended up in a division to which it was clearly unsuited. A very keen and largely very young team, continued to front

up week after week and struggle manfully in the face of bigger and better opposition.

This was a team that never, ever gave up or gave a game away, but after a succession of heavy defeats, there was a sense of a task too hard. The forwards needed to be fitter than they were in order to take advantage of bigger teams fading later in the game. Laurence Barr was an exception to this and worked tirelessly, while Reuben O'Neil provided some real go-forward for players like Bevan Lowl and Martin Weir to work off.

The backs, when they got going, looked dangerous at times, with some excellent sniping by the huge halves, Michael Herlihy, Andrew Temperton and William Zhong. They were supported by the hard running and hard tackling Taylor Mackie, who was invaluable. Tyril Jones on the wing pulled off some miraculous tackles, showing that heart is more important than size.

In the end, the competition made it very difficult for this team to show its real potential. What it did show, was some real character.

A Elgar and N Hunter Coaches





SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

The 2008 snow season turned out to be one of record snowfalls on North Island skifields. Unfortunately, on Mt Taranaki the snow levels were generally above the T - bar slopes and local skiing was intermittent.

It was, however, possible to hold the Taranaki intersecondary school ski/snowboard champs. A particularly strong performance from the snowboarders saw the school come out eventual winners overall. In the skiing, Gye Simkin placed second in the Senior Men and Lane Simkin 4th in the Juniors. The snowboarders dominated their event with Chris Rowland, Henry Johnson and Edward Lawley 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Juniors while Cam Rowlands and Tyler Anderson where 1st and 2nd in the Seniors.

Thirty-five students then travelled to Turoa to compete in the School champs on August the 27th. A close event saw Tyler Anderson win the snowboarding and Gye Simkin the skiing.

The final events of the season saw teams compete in the North Island Intersecondary school champs. Here the boys found the competition of a much higher standard, with both teams finishing midfield in the events. The school would like to acknowledge the



generosity of the Barnett family in providing accommodation for the teams in Ohakune.

Richard Turner
Teacher in Charge

ROWING

2008 has been an excellent year as far as results goes for NPBHS rowing. With few rowers in the school at present, things would seem to be bleak but actually not so, as clearly quality over quantity has proved the key. NPBHS was represented at both North Island Championships and the Maardi cup (NZ Champs) by Ian Leppard in the Single Skull events.

Each of these events attract from 2000 - 2500 competitors and are easily the largest secondary school event in the southern hemisphere. As a school not noted as strong in rowing, a semi-final berth is considered a good result. Ian not only made the semis but also the finals in both the under-17 and under-18 events.

This is the first time any NPBHS student has made a final in the Maardi cup in thirty nine years - a remarkable achievement from a rower showing huge potential.

A recent development within Taranaki rowing has been the setting up of a secondary schools' committee within the Clifton Rowing Club. This will ensure school rowers will get more support and equipment and be able to fundraise and seek sponsorship independent from the club.

The season is getting under way again with new rowers already onboard. If you are interested in being part of the school's rowing programme or do not already play a summer sport, come along to the Clifton rowing club any weekend from 10:30am onwards, depending on the tides.

S Leppard
Teacher in Charge

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL 1ST XI

Player Profiles

Jack Smithers

Captain of the 1st XI this year. Jack is a no-nonsense, very determined central defender, who has the great ability of being able to win any type of aerial ball. He is solid in the tackle and very useful as an attacking weapon from set plays.

Bradley Hickling

Bradley is one of our most technically gifted players and has the ability to make good defenders look ordinary. He plays mostly in a central striker's role in a 4-4-2 system and on the left or right in a 4-3-3 system.

Dennis Henn

Dennis joined the team late in the season when his family moved from Germany. He has a very good left foot and a good first touch. A physically strong player, Dennis has good vision and understanding of the game. Next year, with a good pre-season

under his belt, he will be a good asset for the team.

Brandon Holdt

Brandon was originally an outfield player, who converted to the goalkeeper's position. His improvement throughout the year has been immense, developing week by week, learning the specifics of his role. He is keen to learn and with some specific goalkeeping coaching he will continue to improve. I look forward to his development next year.

Paul Hermann

Paul played in the right-back role for the team this year. Paul goes about his defensive business with little fuss or fanfare. He is very dependable and bright. Paul's qualities are his determination in the tackle.

Matt Lamb

Matt came into the team as a Year 10. Matt is very good technically, has good defensive qualities and possesses a lot of pace. Matt played in the 2 role and adapted well. He will continue to develop and the experience of Nationals will help Matt in the future.

Callum Ross

Callum played in a holding midfield role and the right-back role this year. His knowledge of the game, along with his understanding, is first-class. He is technically sound with both feet and has good vision.

Thomas Pullar

Thomas played in a central defensive role. His ability to make last-gasp, sliding tackles was a real asset, with timing the tackle to perfection. He was technically very good and read the game well.

Charl Jacobs

Charl played in the 3 role and sometimes left-midfield. He has a good engine and improved immensely throughout the year with every game. He has a good left foot and the ability to overlap and get quality crosses in. Charl had a fantastic Nationals, being one of the stand-out players for the week. For Charl's development he needs to work on his 1 v 1 out of possession. I look forward to Charl's progression and development next year.





Fraser Johnston

Fraser played in the right-midfield and right-back roles. He contributed with some quality goals ghosting in at the back post and was very good in a 1 v 1 situation with the goalkeeper. He is good to work with and has a good sense of humour. I look forward to his development next year.

James Young

Playing in numerous roles for the first team, James possesses good feet for a big player and is a real asset at set plays with his height advantage.

Liam Ander

Liam is technically a very good player and very deceptive with the ball at his feet. He made huge contributions for the team this year, scoring on numerous occasions and having a very good Super 8 tournament. Unfortunately, Liam tore his quadriceps a couple of weeks out from Nationals and was unable to take part. I have enjoyed working with Liam over the past couple of years and wish him well in the future.

Vincent Sharp

Vincent excelled, improving 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, contributing with some important goals throughout the year. For Vincent to further develop, he needs to work on his role out of possession and improve his decision-making when in possession. He is good to work with and I look forward to working with him again next year.

Will Sandifer

Will played in the holding role in the centre of midfield this year. Will's strength is his ability to control the tempo of the game through his simple two-touch passing. He has a very good delivery at set plays and is very knowledgeable and understands the roles within the systems. I look forward to Will's development next year.

Tyson Brandt

Tyson is technically a very good player, who possesses a good engine and the ability to win possession back for the team. He can play in a variety of roles, but mainly played as an attacking central midfielder, contributing with some valuable goals. He is very professional and enjoys training. I have enjoyed working with him over the past couple of years. I wish him well with his career in the future.

Connor Oliver-Rose

Connor played in the 9 role in both 4-3-3 and 4-4-2 systems. His ability to hold the ball up and bring in other players around him is first-class. He works extremely hard when out of possession for his team mates. For Connor's development, he needs to learn his secondary movement into the box and to receive on the back foot and face defenders up and take them on. I look forward to his development and working with him again next year.

Cameron Brownlie

Cameron played in almost every position in the team this year. He is an outstanding young man with a lot of leadership qualities and a good work ethic. He has a good engine and is very versatile player for the team. For Cameron's development, he needs to work on his first touch and improve his vision. I look forward to working with him again next year.

Chad Jones

Chad was one of only two Year 10 students in the team. Playing in the central midfield role, Chad possesses great feet, fantastic vision and a superb first touch. Chad had a great Super 8 Tournament and the experience will serve him well for his future career at NPBHS. He has a bright future and I look forward to his development.

National Football Tournament Report

Mt Albert Grammar: 0 - 3 loss

The game started well with New Plymouth adopting a defensive 4-5-1 counter attacking system against the current National Champions. Mt Albert had a lot of possession and opened the scoring after fifteen minutes. Mt Albert continued moving the ball around and having the bulk of possession, increasing their lead 5 minutes later, the score at half time was 0 - 2 to Mt Albert. Second half continued in the same manner, Mt Albert getting their third after ten minutes of the second half. New Plymouth stuck to the game-plan and competed very well against the National Champions. Game ending 3 - 0 to Mt Albert.

Christchurch Boys: 0 - 1 loss

A flat, dull affair by both sides saw a low tempo game with not many chances falling to either team. Both teams went to the break locked at 0 - 0. The second half saw both sides creating chances but failing to capitalize on them. Five minutes before full-time, Christchurch Boys put a cross into the box and lack of communication amongst New Plymouth saw a Christchurch boy nip in for an easy tap-in. Christchurch went on to win 0 - 1.

Hutt International: 0-2 loss

Hutt started well scoring after ten minutes. New Plymouth fought back well creating chances but couldn't find the back of the net. Hutt went into the break 1 - 0 up. The second half saw New Plymouth come out firing; Fraser Johnson hit the inside of the post from a 30 yard drive, which managed to stay out. Five minutes later New Plymouth hit the post again, then had a goal disallowed for offside. Thirty seconds later, Hutt hit back with a counterattack to score their second goal. New Plymouth couldn't find any response, the game ending with Hutt winning 0 - 2.

St Peters' Auckland: 0 - 4 loss

Both teams started well, playing nice, slick football and creating good goal-scoring opportunities. Ten minutes before half time St Peters' made a nice flowing, move down the right to cut the ball back for an easy tap-in, St Peters' going in at the break 1 - 0 up. In the second half, New Plymouth come out firing, bossing the game for twenty minutes, but again failing to find the back of the net. With ten minutes to go St Peters' crossed the ball, New Plymouth failed to clear the danger and St Peters' capitalised to score their second. New Plymouth heads and confidence went from that point and St Peters' went on to finish the game scoring two more goals. Game ending 0 - 4 to St Peters'.

Westlake Boys: 0 - 4 loss

Westlake started strongly moving the ball around with nice, crisp two-touch passing. New Plymouth conceded the first goal after five minutes to a well-worked Westlake move. Two defensive errors followed after the 22nd and 24th minute, which Westlake capitalised on, scoring two further goals. This left the game out of reach for the New Plymouth side. The game ending in a 0 - 4 convincing win to Westlake.

Timaru Boys: 1 - 4 loss

New Plymouth conceded another early goal when, after five minutes, a corner-kick from the right-hand side, was half-cleared by New Plymouth and fell to the edge of the box. New Plymouth left the Timaru striker time to pick his spot to go 0 - 1 up. The next twenty minutes saw New Plymouth dominate possession, creating good goal-scoring opportunities, but failed to find the back of the net. New Plymouth, pushing players forward, went further behind from a counter-attacking move by Timaru. New Plymouth responded immediately, Tyson Brandt reducing the deficit to 2 - 1 just before half-time. The second half was dominated by New Plymouth with the team having numerous strikes on goal, but unfortunately still couldn't find that elusive goal. New

Plymouth conceded two late goals by two counterattacking moves to lose the game. The score did not reflect the performance of New Plymouth.

Burnside: 3 - 2 win

New Plymouth started the game strongly, having a lot of possession and creating opportunities, but found themselves a goal behind from a counter-attacking move. One of those opportunities paid off after twenty minutes with Tyson Brandt supplying a through-ball to Bradley Hickling, who placed the ball neatly past the goalkeeper. Burnside came back against the run of play to equalise. Just before half-time New Plymouth conceded a second goal from a fine finish from the Timaru striker. The second half saw a spirited fight-back by New Plymouth with Cameron Brownlie scoring the equaliser. Ten minutes later, Connor Oliver-Rose pinched the winner from a mix-up in the Timaru defence, which left him with an easy tap in. New Plymouth created further opportunities, but the score remained 3 - 2 win.

In conclusion, the tournament was run very well, with good weather and great playing conditions. Our organization and planning, on and off the field, was first-class. From a coaching and management point of view, I wouldn't have changed a thing, from the way we prepared and approached games, to the playing systems we played for each game.

From the results, the team hugely underachieved. Our inability to score goals and create goal-scoring opportunities, other than set plays, was a huge factor in the team finishing 23rd. This, combined with two key strikers getting injured before tournament, resulted in our poor finish.

On a positive note, we had ten players who will return to the team again next year better for the experiences they had this year.

James Graham
Director of Football



Match Reports

Auckland Grammar School vs. NPBHS, lost 7 - 1

Our first college fixture of the year was against defending national champions Auckland Grammar. We started the game with a fairly inexperienced team, which really struggled to deal with the pace of Grammar's play and their movement off the ball. Well-taken goals by the Grammar strikers saw us go in to half-time 4 - 0 down. In the second half we were far more organised and made it much harder for our opposition with Cam Brownlie able to pull a goal back through a great strike before we conceded more goals before the end. Final score: 1 - 7.

NPBHS vs. HBHS, lost 2-1

This was our first traditional fixture at home against a very strong Hamilton Boys' side. The game started very tightly with few chances for either team. The only first-half goal proved to be a long-range shot from a Hamilton player that left Brandon Holdt with no chance in goal. We went out in the second half determined to get an equaliser, which deservedly came with a well-finished off move by Vincent Sharpe. The match seemed to be heading for a draw when we conceded an unlucky goal late in the second half through another long range shot that deceived Brandon. This resulted in a 2 - 1 loss: a cruel result after a very good, determined team performance.

Wanganui High School vs. NPBHS, won 2 - 0

This was the start to our qualifying group for the national premier tournament and was very much a "must win" game. From the start Wanganui made it hard for us by putting ten men behind the ball at all times, seeing us struggle to create chances. A headed goal by Connor Oliver-Rose allowed us settle, sending us into half-time 1 - 0 up. Wanganui put the pressure on for an equaliser in the second half, but we defended well managing to keep them out. Connor finished off his second goal late in



the match, putting the result beyond doubt. A good result which saw us on the way to nationals' qualification.

Wanganui Collegiate vs. NPBHS, won 6 - 0

This game started out fairly evenly but our passing and off-ball movement was always superior to that of Collegiate. A goal midway through the first half settled us down and we really found our rhythm from there on. Two more goals gave us a comfortable 3 - 0 lead at half-time. We went into the second half looking to really show our dominance, which we did by finishing off three more good chances. The game finished in a comfortable 6 - 0 win; a very good team performance.

NPBHS vs. PNBHS, lost 2 - 0

This was the second national tournament qualifying game and also a very important traditional college fixture. The 1st XI went into the game very fired up which showed in the first half as we managed to pass the ball around and create some chances. However, neither team were able to finish off any chances, resulting in 0 - 0 half-time score. We were not able to carry the same intensity into the second half and conceded an early goal. We battled for an equaliser throughout when a chance came with only minutes remaining. Liam Ander was very unlucky to have his shot saved by the PNBHS keeper. We continued to push forward in the final minutes of the match, which left us exposed at the back, PNBHS managed to put the match beyond doubt with another goal at the end. Final score: 0 - 2.

NPBHS vs. FDMC, won 4 - 3

This was our last nationals qualifier which we needed to win to gain a place in the premier tournament in Napier. The local school rivalry saw a fiercely contested start to the game with both teams creating chances. FDMC opened the scoring, but an equaliser through Tyson Brandt quickly cancelled out their goal with the score at half-time 1 - 1. The second half proved to be just as intense

but FDMC managed to score two quick goals to put us 3 - 1 down. However, in the final 20 minutes Tyson scored twice more to complete his hat-trick and level the scores. In a dramatic end to the game, we won a penalty kick that was confidently scored by Brad Hickling. We won the game 4 - 3 and secured a place in the top tier of the NZSS national tournament.

St Pat's Silverstream vs. NPBHS, drew 2 - 2

This traditional college fixture started with Boys' High dominating and creating a number of chances. However, it was St Pat's who opened the scoring after about 15 minutes, before shocking us by making it 2 - 0 straight after. Good character from the team saw the 1st XI fight their way back into the game, firstly with a powerful strike by Liam Ander which left the goalkeeper with no chance, then a well-taken goal by Tyson Brandt levelled the scores at half-time. We tried to carry this momentum into the second half and win the match, but we were never able to find our rhythm and could not create any clear-cut chances. The match finished in a respectable 2 - 2 draw.

Wellington College vs. NPBHS, lost 5 - 0

The last traditional fixture of the season proved to be a difficult one. We were unable to deal with the extremely muddy conditions on Wellington's school pitch and were outplayed in the first half going into half time at 4 - 0 down. The second half was much more evenly contested with both teams creating goal-scoring chances. Unfortunately we were unable to convert any of our chances into goals while Wellington were able to score one more through a penalty kick. The game finished in a disappointing 5 - 0 loss.

Super 8 Tournament

The Super 8 Football Tournament was held in Hastings this year during the first week of the school holidays from July 7-9th. NPBHS drew Napier Boys' High, Rotorua and old foes Palmerston North Boys' High in their pool.

Monday morning came and the team played Napier in the first pool game. The first half was tightly contested and Napier opened the scoring. However, the second half saw the momentum swing our way and with some pressure the Napier defence finally cracked with midfielder Tyson Brandt scoring the equaliser. Two minutes from the end of the match NPBHS had a clear goal disallowed which, as it turns out, could have changed the whole outcome of the tournament. However, it wasn't to be so the game ended 1 - 1, which was a fair reflection of how the game was played.

In the afternoon we played Rotorua, traditionally not a very strong side which meant that we had to put as many past them as we could to set up a big goal difference. NPBHS dominated all aspects of the game, played in windy conditions. Attack after attack saw the Rotorua goalie peppered by shots from our strikers and mid-field. Vincent Sharp was the stand-out player in this game netting three goals. NPBHS never looked liked conceding a goal and were eventual winners 5 - 0.

Tuesday morning saw the team play traditional rivals PNBHS, the boys were looking for revenge after Palmerston North beat us 2 - 0 at home in our traditional fixture earlier in the term. With a lot of possession and some quality midfield play PNBHS had the majority of the play in the first-half, meaning that it was hard for our lads to get the ball. Once again, extremely windy conditions made it hard for the goal keepers to clear the ball, but a fairly even half saw the game evenly balanced and half time 0 - 0. PNBHS were too good in the second half

and after all the pressure they put us under, the boys finally cracked and conceded two goals in the middle part of the second half which saw us lose 2 - 0. No revenge on that day and the result meant that we would be playing for 5 - 8 positions.

In the first play-off game we played hosts Hastings Boys' High. Much like the Rotorua game, it was one-way traffic and our strikers and midfielders had a lot of the possession and territory for the majority of the game. Brad Hickling managed to score twice and some staunch defence saw us win 5 - 0. An easy victory in the end meant that we would now play Tauranga Boys' High School for 5th and 6th spots, this was a repeat of the final from last year in New Plymouth where Tauranga managed to edge us out for the title.

Once again revenge was on the mind of the boys as they warmed up on a crisp day on Wednesday in Hastings. Tauranga started strongly and, with a number of bigger players through the middle of their team, had most of the play in the second half. NPBHS didn't use the wind effectively in the first half and the teams went into the break locked at 1 - 1. The boys battled hard into the wind in the second half but, in the end, the previous four games and some key players out with injury, meant that we were tired, showing signs of fatigue. Tauranga took their chances well in the second half and were eventual winners 2 - 0. Another tight game that ended in a loss for our boys.

Placing 6th was a disappointment, but the boys know they have some work to do and can improve. A big thank you to all the parents who gave their time to make things run smoother back at the motel for all the boys involved.

Mr. Somers

FOOTBALL 2ND XI

In 2008 the Second XI football team was made up of mainly Year 10 and 11 players with the help of four or five senior players. This meant that our team was very small in size compared to the men we were to play throughout the season. Our coaches Steve Sandifer and Luke Rose trained and supported us well over the season. With our coaches' wisdom and expertise our skills developed rapidly with a wider understanding of the game.

Our season started off tough, losing our first game to the Western Park Rangers 3 - 2. As our size was an issue we had to play the ball on the floor all game to beat the height and width of the men's teams. As our team grew closer and our confidence soared, we won a series of games, leaving us qualifying to get lifted into the men's reserved league. This would, be a hard league, especially with our schools First XI in this grade.

And it was tough - we played fast, fit, structured teams that we could not overcome. We made a comeback late in the round with two wins but this was not enough leaving us near the bottom of the table.

All-in-all, our team developed well, thanks to our coaches and support. A lot of great players will arise from this team in the near future going on to play in the First XI.

Thanks to all who watched and supported our team.

Matthew Hurley

SPURS YOUTH GRADE

The phrase "to box above their weight" could well have been coined with the NPBHS Spurs football team in mind.

After much pre-season discussion, it was decided to bump the predominantly 13-year-old first-year high school boys up two divisions. Instead of playing 13th grade or even 15th grade, they were placed in the Taranaki Youth Grade.

Despite losing more games than they won, which, quite frankly, was expected, they nonetheless won five matches and also drew a couple of nail-biters, finishing well off the bottom of the table, ranked fifth of the nine teams.

Up against young men and women, many of them senior players, from Inglewood, Girls' High, Hawera, Spotswood, FDMC and two other NPBHS youth grade sides, the Spurs players acquitted themselves very well indeed, playing football that did, at times, catch their more senior, bigger and faster opponents off-guard.

There was, however, a sharp sting in the tail of the season for the boys with news of the sudden passing away of their well-respected co-coach Steve Davies.

I know Steve was very proud of what the Spurs team accomplished on debut in this tough competition and he will be watching over them as they strive to consolidate on what they learned from us both. They should achieve even more in the grade in 2009, although several players will no doubt have earned a trial for the school's second XI next season.

Andy McGechan
Coach





SURFING

The school surfing team made a strong start to the year at the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Surfing Championships held at Oakura beach. Tyler Anderson, Mike Malleliu and Mathis Smith dominated the Senior Men's division gaining maximum points for the school. Mark Parthemore won the Intermediate event and Josh Kettle performed strongly in the Junior final to ensure the school gained a convincing victory.

The team again travelled to Raglan for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Surfing Championships. The team was greeted with excellent surf at the famous left hand

point break Manu Bay. The team was eager to defend its title of number one in New Zealand from the previous year.

The best of the NPBHS surfers were Mark Parthemore gaining second place in the under 16 final. Michael Malleliu and Tyler Anderson also help the team points situation with both surfers making the under-18 semi-finals. The NPBHS team ended up in third place behind winners Whangamata Area School, and second placed Gisborne Boys'. With all of the team returning to school next year, things are looking strong for surfing within the school.

Kane Rowson
Richard Turner



SQUASH

This year in squash has been a most positive one from the point of view of the coach, Mr. Sims, the nutritionist, Mrs Crowe and the technical advisor, Mr. Vernon. Our team improved throughout the year and I suppose it had to with this professional support.

Our team captain managed to move up in grades in one year, what normally takes a player three years to do. He moved from grade D2 to B2 and gave great support to all the members of both teams.

Throughout the year we played our usual interschool games. Hamilton beat us 4 - 2 and Palmerston North also beat us 4 - 2. In both these fixtures our junior teams played but they were beaten 5 - 1. This was a start to encourage greater numbers playing, and both teams continued to improve as we trained for the national tournament which was held in New Plymouth. We played Francis Douglas Memorial College for the first time, since Wellington College did not want to play against us. Francis Douglas had a strong team and only just beat us in the seniors 3 - 2 and the juniors 3 - 1. We were ranked 17th for the Nationals out of 41 teams. We held our ranking and so won the Ross Norman along with Prince Bags gifted to each player for their position. Once again we had to play Francis Douglas in our opening match. 4 1/2 hours later they only just beat us 3 - 2. Next we played Fielding HS 5 - 0 and Ruapehu College 5 - 0 for the Final of the plate we played Dunstan HS. and beat them 3 - 2. Throughout the season Jerome Salle never lost a match and he has since moved up to C1 in the grading list. Willy Lane was injured early in the season but came back to the team and played very well.

Open Team:
1. Harald Askevold (Capt.)
2. Willy Lane
3. Jerome Salle

- 4. Chris
5. Julian Aim
6. Josiah Abbot

Juniors:

- 1. Hayden Taunoa (Capt.)
2. Anthony Van Kooten
3. Sam Corney
4. Jamie Thomas
5. Nick McGrath
6. Brandon Whyte

I would like thank all the parents who came and helped with transport, food, tournament control and lots of good advice.

John Sims
Coach

SWIMMING

Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming

On Tuesday 1st April the swimming team travelled to Stratford to participate in the Annual Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships.

The team was unable to capture any individual titles. However, the teams overall results showed that they were the top performing boys team at the championships.

Junior Results

- Lewis Win 2nd 100 metres Freestyle
3rd 50 metres Butterfly
Vincent Lamont 2nd 50 metres Backstroke
Ben Nelson 3rd 50 metres Breastroke

Junior Relay

- Lewis Win, Vincent Lamont, Ben Nelson and Lane Simpkin
2nd Medley Relay
2nd Freestyle Relay

Intermediate Results

- Jordan Moratti 2nd 100 metres Freestyle
Hames Varley 2nd 50 metres Butterfly

- Intermediate Relay
Jordan Moratti, James Varley, Jeremy Raynes and Patrick Harvey
2nd Medley Relay
2nd Freestyle Relay

Senior Results

- Jared Gray 2nd 50 metres Butterfly
3rd 100 metres Freestyle
Issac Owen 2nd 50 metres Backstroke
2nd 50 metres Breastroke
Sean Parker 3rd 50 metres Breastroke
Senior Relay
Jared Gray, Issac Owen, Sean Parker and Joel Meuli
1st Medley Relay
1st Freestyle Relay

The team received excellent support from their parents who also assisted with the transport and the local Fish and Chip shop once again benefited from the teams successful trip to Stratford.

TENNIS

2008 has been a year of rebuilding with some success but certainly room for improvement.



School Championships:

We always start the year with the senior and junior school championships. The inter-school teams are selected based on the results of the school championships.

- a) SENIOR CHAMPION:
Jordan Stayt who defeated Amrit Rai in the final.
b) JUNIOR CHAMPION
Michael Lloyd who defeated George Zhang in the final.

Inter School Results:

- v Hamilton Boys' High School Lost 7 - 11
v Wanganui Collegiate Lost 5 - 11

Team Members:

Seniors

- Jordan Stayt Amrit Rai
Simon Momich Miles Simkin
David Baker Eli Abraham
Ben Caskey

Juniors

- Michael Lloyd George Zhang
Richard Robbins Sheldon Barnett
Thomas Burrell Braydon Jones

Super 8 Annual Tournament:

This year the tournament was hosted by



Hamilton Boys' High School

VOLLEYBALL

Results:

- 1. v Hamilton Boys' High School A
Lost 0 - 6
- 2. v Palmerston North Boys' High School
Lost 1 - 5
- 3. v Rotorua Boys' High School
Won 6 - 0
- 4. v Hastings Boys' High School
Won 6 - 0
- 5. v Hamilton Boys' High School B
Won 5 - 1

We finished 5th overall. Napier Boys' High School won the tournament.

Team Members:

- Jordan Stayt (Captain)
- Amrit Rai Simon Momich
- Michael Lloyd David Baker

Representative Team Selections:

Congratulations to Jordan Stayt for being selected in the Taranaki Senior "A" Team which successfully beat Manawatu to retain the Christie Cup. Also, to Amrit Rai for his selection in the Taranaki Senior B Team which also beat Manawatu.

My thanks to Mr Andrew Hope for all the work he puts into the Junior Team and for managing the Super 8 Team.

Mr W J Geange
Teacher In Charge
Tennis



INDOOR BOWLS

Fourteen teams from twelve Taranaki High Schools participated in the TSSA Indoor Bowls Tournament held on Wednesday August 27. New Plymouth Boys' High School was represented by Cody Macdonald (singles), Matthew Barham and Steffan Stewart (pairs) and Dylan Oliver-Rose,

Michael Hatch, Brent Donnelly and Jason Van Winkel (fours).

Cody won the singles competition, winning all his four games. Matthew and Steffan, while winning all their games, were second on a count-back of ends. The fours team also played well and NPBHS finished second overall with 19 points, Coastal being the winners with 20 points.

Cody, Matthew and Steffan were selected as part of a team of 8 to represent North Taranaki at the Central Districts High School tournament held in Wanganui. At this event the North Taranaki team finished third after some closely contested games.





YACHTING

This year was another successful season in the NPBHS Sailing Team.

We traveled to Wellington in March to the Lower North Island Champs and stayed at the Youth Hostel. Staying at our favourite accommodation helps to make this a enjoyable weekend away. The conditions were variable, but it suited us as we obtained a third place overall.

Training twice a week for months with our training partners, NPGHS, saw us all off to the National Secondary School Championships in Whangarei in April. The weather was light for most of the regatta which is not our conditions but everyone did their best and it secured us third place in the silver fleet.

This season says goodbye to Gye Simkin (captain), Michael Hatch and myself who are all off to University next year. The team, however, is left in good hands with four experienced sailors remaining to help instruct the new members into the vacant positions.

Thanks must go to Jamie Sutherland, our coach, and Nyall Simkin, who have devoted



many hours to training us and transporting the team around the country. I also would like to thank Gye for being an awesome captain for the past two years and Ces Hill who is our teacher in charge.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge our training partners, NPGHS Sailing team. Most teams throughout the country envied us the opportunity we had to train with the girls. We are "mates" so we support each other when challenges appear impossible. There is only one exception and that is when we are racing against them. It's every man for himself which causes us all heaps of stress.

Good luck to the team for next year.

Stuart Sutherland



WAKA AMA

Tena koutou te whanau,

For the very first time this year we attended the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Champs at Lake Karapiro in April. We travelled with five other Taranaki schools and stayed together at Whakaaratamaiti Marae in Cambridge. The huge number of participants from our region is testament to the growing popularity and benefits of this sport.

Over 83 schools, and over 1200 paddlers and supporters attended this week long competition. The main categories for racing for both girls and boys included the 250m and 500m sprints. We had two teams represented, Tama Tu (Under 16's) and Tama Ora (Under 19's). We were up against some tough and experienced opposition, including Gisborne and Rotorua Boys' High, who have dominated this event over the last decade or more.

We arrived to the venue during the first day of racing and, immediately we were presented with a picture of what lay ahead - some tough racing! Day two arrived and we were to enter our inaugural race for the 250m and 500m sprints. These proved to be a monumental task for our boys but they gave it their best effort. From here the top teams went through to the Championship races and we progressed through to the Bowl and Plate Finals. On Day 4 Tama Ora won



their Semi Final and went on to win third place in the Bowl final against Spotswood College, Ngaruawahia High School and Opononi Area School. This proved to be one of the highlights for all of us!

Attending Nationals was an inspiring experience and we look forward to 2009 with a renewed vigour and passion. We have also gained new knowledge to take on board for the future.

I would like to thank our boys for their efforts in attending training during the season and the support given to us by their whanau. The boys were a pleasure to travel with and they represented their school with pride. Special thanks must be extended to Matua Chris Taylor and members of the

Otaikokako Waka Ama Club for their support in preparing us for the Nationals.

'He moana pukepuke, e ekengia e te waka.' "Mountainous seas can be negotiated by a canoe."

No matter how rough the seas are, provided a canoe is properly rowed, it will glide along without difficulty. Similarly, no matter how difficult a task, with determination and effort that task can be accomplished.

In closing, the above words are an encouragement to all of us as we draw near to the beginning of 2009.

Tena koutou katoa,

Mr Jason Ruakere
Manager





MUSIC HONOURS BOARD

Chris Caskey:

- Singer/songwriter for his band "Statuary" which won the 'people's choice' award at Rockquest Regionals
- His song 'City Lights' placed 11th in National 'Play it Strange' songwriting competition
- Chris is one of four NZ entrants chosen to be filmed for the 'Play it Strange' documentary



Michael Martin:

- 1st place under 19 Brass section of NP Brass Band competitions
- 1st Air Varie winning the Mulraney Cup
- 1st place 'Slow Melody'
- NP City Band 'Person of the Year' award
- 'Most improved Player' award NP City Brass Band
- 4th year running selected to play in NZ Secondary Schools Brass Band
- 2nd in Central Districts solo competition
- Assisted Mr Stewart Maunder with conducting the Junior Band
- Valuable member of Jazz Band and Concert Band



Jonathan Folwell:

- Overall winner of NPBHS speech comp 2007 & 2008
- Valuable member of Jazz Band, Concert Band and Choir
- Awarded trophy for "Most Innovative Performance" at Tauranga Jazz Festival
- Cellist in "Epsilon" our Chamber Music group winning the regional Chamber Music competition



Cameron Gubb:

- Competent alto saxophonist in Jazz Band, Concert Band and saxophone quartet
- Won silver medal for solo at NZ National Concert Band Festival
- Achieved distinction in Grade 8 saxophone exam
- Valuable member of NPBHS choir
- Saxophonist in Epsilon winning regional Chamber music competition



Akshay Sridhar:

- Competent alto saxophonist in Jazz Band, Concert Band and saxophone quartet
- Won gold medal for solo at NZ National Concert Band Festival
- Achieved distinction in Grade 8 saxophone exam



Geraint Scott:

- Competent pianist, saxophonist, bassoonist, vocalist and composer
- Member of National Secondary School Orchestra
- Gold award for bassoon at National Concert Band Festival
- Achieved distinction for Grade 8 bassoon exam
- Bassoonist in Epsilon, winning regional chamber music competition
- Silver award for saxophone at National Concert Band Festival
- 3rd placing on piano for Registered Music Teachers' Scholarship
- Winner of Senior composition award at NP Competitions.
- Valuable member of Jazz band, Concert band, Saxophone Quartet and Choir



Chamber Music group – "Epsilon"

- 1st place Regional Chamber Music competition
- In top 12 to be considered for National finals (8 selected)



NPBHS Jazz Band

- 2nd place Tauranga Jazz Festival
- Awarded Silver at Sydney International Music Festival



Rock Band – 'Statuary'

- Won 'People's Choice' award at Regional finals Rockquest
- Played at "Amped" – fund raising concert for 'WAVES' youth centre
- Played at 'Youth Fest' concert alongside 'ELMNOP'



STAGE BAND

This has been the most eventful year for the stage band for a long time. We have attended the Tauranga Jazz Festival and the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney; we have also played at the New Plymouth Jazz club on numerous occasions and also at Mr French-Wright's farewell ceremony where we showed him our respect and gratitude for the time we got to spend with him. The band is mostly full of Year 13 students so regrettably will be losing a lot of members at the end of this year, but never the less I'm sure the younger musicians at school will take up the challenge of the stage band next year and show that the music will always be strong at NPBHS.

The first event of the year was the Tauranga Jazz Festival during Easter weekend. This was only 9 weeks into term 1, and pressured for time we achieved a gold award and came

away with 2nd place overall. This was a great start to the year and encouraged us to excel ourselves in the pieces we chose for our trip overseas. From this, Jonathan Folwell received Most Innovative Musician award for his performance on the electric 'cello, and Phoebe Harrop from NPGHS received Best Flute.

However the main event of the year and probably the most exciting was our trip to Sydney for the Australian International Music Festival. We spent the first half of the year fund raising for this trip, playing at functions and performing for the public. We spent 8 days in Sydney during July, with a mixture of performances and sightseeing. We received a silver award at this festival, which is a great honour and achievement for NPBHS music. This was the highlight of my year for music and I'm sure the rest of the band and teachers thoroughly enjoyed it.

Lastly, as a Year 13 student I, and I'm sure others would agree with me, believe this has been one of the strongest bands our school has had in a while. This group of people I have had the privilege to play with has been amazing and I regret we will all be going our separate ways once school is over. The person who is behind all of this is Stewart Maunder, our conductor. He has been the biggest inspiration to us throughout our entire time at school and has encouraged many of us to undertake Grade 8 or ATCL exams where we hope to be very successful. Good luck to all those who are leaving NPBHS for their future endeavours and also to the younger students who will fulfil the role as senior musicians in the band and experience the success and enjoyment we have in our 5 years.

Cam Gubb



STAGE BAND IN SYDNEY

On the 16th of June, less than 36 hours after the NPBHS Ball, the stage band set off for their Sydney adventure. They were accompanied by two rather good-looking young ladies from Girls' High, as well as Mrs Beath, Mrs Sklenars and Mr Maunder. The group looked extremely dashing (and somewhat feline) in their tiger jackets and were given many compliments by passers-by at each airport along the way.

We arrived to quintessential Sydney weather - rain - and were collected from the airport by our tour manager, Quentin, and his trusty sidekick, Campbell, the bus driver. Like one person's first name and surname, together they were to be our guide team. The neon lights of the big city blurred before our tired provincial eyes, and we struggled to stay awake for a concert at Angel Place in the CBD where a choir of miniature, but very talented, Singaporean children were singing. We headed back to the luxury of our one star hotel for some sleep. Yeah right! Situated in Kings' Cross, the night-time views from the Formule One hotel were by no means lacking in interestingly clad men, women and some who were decidedly in between... On day two we piled into the bus and were whisked off like true stars to our first gig - passing along the way a Maserati store that had the boys salivating and wishing our own transport had those cool doors that pop up vertically.

Darling Harbour Amphitheatre was to be the scene of our first Sydney playout. We wowed the passing crowds, and then headed into the waterfront mall for a spot of shopping and lunch. Christina and I, the two masquerading as Boys' High students, had a particularly traumatic experience at this point. As we were enjoying our lunch at the waterside, a group of seagulls assembled and began advancing upon us menacingly. One particularly brazen bird swooped on me, stealing my kebab! Unlike the comparatively amicable New Zealand seagulls, these birds

were not to be frightened by shooing or shouting, and after a second swoop they even followed us inside the mall. The boys had a less terrifying afternoon, with many of them purchasing very-Australian leather hats. We then went for a lovely cruise around the harbour, and the boys even did a haka on the deck, which impressed the other tourists.

Day three saw us have a really useful workshop with a guy from California, who gave us some tips about the pieces we would play at our adjudicated concert on the final night. Then, we returned to the scene of the seagull attack for another al fresco performance in Darling Harbour. This time, as well as wowing the crowd, we were wowed by some more Californians - a band from Rio Grande High in Sacramento. There was opportunity for another whip around the mall, and some of the boys chose to pay an exorbitant \$100 for a pack of 4 daleks which brought them hours of entertainment for the rest of the trip. Quentin and Campbell then took us across the harbour for dinner at Nick's, a seafood restaurant.

Day Four was relatively commitment free, so we all headed down to Paddy's markets - a Sydney institution which is basically a huge warehouse full of stalls selling counterfeit goods. Stuart purchased a particularly outstanding LED belt buckle which he programmed to flash "LOL". We made the epic trek to the Opera House from Darling Harbour (no mean feat) to watch some other groups perform - notably the Kings' College Orchestra. We then survived a walking tour of the Rocks, before going our separate ways for dinner. We headed back to the Opera House for an evening concert that featured the Kings' College Concert Band, our friends from California, and a scarily-young but brilliant orchestra from a Chinese primary school.

Our second to last day in Sydney got started with a ferry trip to Manly beach, which also featured an incident involving a shopping

trolley... We ferried back to the city for another workshop, which was equally as interesting and constructive as the last. We went to another concert this evening - back at Angel Place again. We made friends with band members from California who were very impressed by our accents.

The big day! We had to get up at an ungodly hour to have a sound check at Angel Place. Having been successfully sounded, we headed to Centrepoint Tower which is a 200m high version of Auckland's Skytower. The views from this particular building were, understandably, pretty fantastic. We also enjoyed the photobooths in the observation deck. We had to head back to Angel Place after that for our afternoon adjudicated concert. We played four songs: Work Song, No Sweat, Round Midnight and Caravan. There were some lovely solos from various band members: Akshay, Cam, Geraint, Robert, Jacob, Michael and myself. And with that, the purpose of our trip was accomplished!

The final hours in Sydney were unfortunately characterised by a disgustingly early start of 5.30am, but on the other hand we had the pleasure of watching the sun rise over Sydney on the way to the airport. The flight back to New Zealand was uneventful, and the extensive Disney movie collection offered by Emirates certainly helped.

On behalf of the stage band I'd like to thank the responsible members of the delegation - Mrs Beath, Mrs Sklenars and Mr Maunder - for their organisation and leadership during the trip. Thank you also to the many parents who worked tirelessly to fundraise for us, and to the members of the public and businesses who donated their time and money. Christina and I would like to say a special thank you to the BH music department for allowing us to be honorary boys - not to mention bestowing upon us the honour of wearing the tiger jacket waistcoats.

Phoebe Harrop



JUNIOR BAND

The Junior Band performance level has improved considerably this year with Mr Maunder's teaching and conducting. The first performance of the year was at the Taranaki Jazz Club on the school music day when we performed three pieces – Watermelon Man, Mercy, Mercy and the James Bond theme, the latter being conducted by Michael Martin. This was the first time the NPBHS Junior Band have performed for the Taranaki Jazz Club and we thought we played really well. It was great to be inspired by the high standard of performance from the senior bands.

The Junior Band put together a collection of items to perform on the Junior Roadshow when we travel around the primary schools introducing music to the primary school students. Many of the band members will be moving into the Concert Band and/or

the Jazz Band next year. I am sure the Junior Band will again reach a high standard of performance next year.

A big thank you to Mr Maunder for all the time and effort he puts into the band.

Jake Church

CHOIR

This year the choir has come a long way in terms of their ability to sing together and sing harmoniously. We have always battled with numbers in the choir, but this year we have been able to field a choir of thirteen strong. This year I've been lucky enough to take on the role of conductor, working alongside our tutor, Gabrielle Barr.

The highlight of our year was at the Big Sing early in the year, where choirs from all over Taranaki performed and competed for a chance to attend and perform in the nationals. Although we weren't placed first, we sang admirably, and were awarded the prize for the best rendition of a New Zealand composition.

Since then our choir has performed at a number of community venues within New Plymouth. It's been a great year from all of us, in particular for me as it has been my last year, and we're very grateful for the support from Gabrielle and the NPBHS music department.

All those interested in joining the choir should see Ms Beath in the music room.

Jonathan Folwell



WORLD SCHOOL 2007

On the 22nd of October, 2007, Nicholas Harvey, Matt de Klerk, Ms French and myself, Eli Abraham-Beermann, left for Tokyo, Japan, to attend the World School International Forum 2007 residing in the seaside township of Katsuura. After a 12 hour flight from Auckland we arrived in Narita airport. We were all exhausted, yet we continued to explore the expansive airport, discovering some interesting parts of Japanese commercial society. Since the three of us learn Japanese at school, this was our first opportunity to speak Japanese to the retailers and general public. Unfortunately..... it was harder than we thought. After leaving the airport, we took a two and a half hour bus ride to the Katsuura campus. When we arrived at Katsuura, it was about midnight and we had been on

the go for approximately twenty hours. The four of us were shattered and fell straight to sleep. The next morning at breakfast we were able to meet up with the delegates from other countries and we started to get to know them. It was a very nerve wracking experience meeting up with so many people from completely different cultures, but our nerves had soon vanished and we all made a lot of new friends.

The aim of the World School International Forum 07 was to promote healthy food choices and exercise. Each country did a presentation of their own culture and food habits, including common foods from their home. We were divided into groups to handle parts of the seminar. On the 25th of October, we departed for our home stay in Tokyo. The home stay was a very interesting experience. We were able to practise our

Japanese and learn more about the Japanese way of life.

Nick here: In Tokyo, each country had a performance to do. We performed the school haka, that was led by Eli with pride and mana. It was a very robust performance, that encapsulated all. Due to the success of our haka, we were asked to repeat it a further 5 times. Eli even did a solo act later on....

Our home stay families took us to various sites around Tokyo such as Mt Fuji, Tokyo Disney Land and some of the major shopping districts. A large variety of foods were consumed during our home stay such as cow stomach and tongue, various kinds of sushi, tofu and a variety of Obento (Japanese lunchboxes). We even had a lunchbox making competition which Ms French won. Back in the centre of Tokyo, we attended Kanto International Senior High





School which was hosting the World School International Forum and there each country prepared a stall displaying the culture and food habits of their country. On the 29th of October we returned to Katsuura and on the next day we were joined by some of the World School Alumni, which included Te Hira Cooper, head boy of NPBHS 2003. Over the last few days, we all did our seminar presentations and discovered new facts about food and health, as well as the regulations of other countries.

On the final night, November the 2nd, all of us stayed up reflecting on our world school journey with each other, thinking about how we had changed as people and the new friends we had made over the last two weeks. One particularly interesting event involved a South Korean taking the cream out of an Oreo and replacing it with Wasabi, putting them back into the bag and offering

it to people. That Oreos wasn't as great as I thought it would be. After many tears and hugs, we left Katsuura in groups to travel by bus back to Narita airport.

We departed for Auckland airport from Narita on November the 3rd and arrived in Auckland the next day to find that our flight to New Plymouth had been cancelled. This forced us to take a 6 hour bus ride back to New Plymouth, arriving home at around 1 am. Although we were all very tired, we took the time to reflect on a great trip. We had an amazing experience and we were very fortunate to have met so many amazing people who have become lifelong friends.

After many experiences like this, people lose contact, but the three of us still manage to talk to the majority of the other students on a daily to weekly basis via email, msn and Skype. We would like to convey a great

thanks to Mr French-Wright for giving us the permission to go, Ms French for being an excellent teacher and Daryoosh Matsudaira for making this truly once in a life time opportunity come into reality.

Eli Abraham-Beermann, Nick Harvey and Matthew de Klerk

WORLD SCHOOL

On the 15th of October at 3:20pm, Sam Mitchell, Hamish Fraser, Vincent Smolenski and Mrs Porteous left from New Plymouth Airport for World School Forum 2008 in Italy, a truly amazing opportunity provided to us by the school. As you can imagine with Italy being on the other side of the world, the trip was very long, including 14



hours non stop from Melbourne to Dubai. We had a couple of hours in Dubai where we saw lots of men in white robes, women who were completely covered up so you could only see their eyes and people sleeping in sleeping bags underneath the seats. From Dubai we flew on to Rome and on this flight we met the South African delegation for World School. We got off the plane in Rome and caught a train into the city centre. From there we headed to our hotel and got some sleep as we were all really tired and then we headed out to get some pizza for tea.

The next day we were picked up by the tour bus and went to Naples and then on to Pompeii. In Naples the tour guide pointed some historic buildings out to us and then we headed on to Pompeii. We saw lots of old buildings, preserved because of being encased in ash when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. We saw a Roman house, a very well preserved set of baths, a theatre, the forum, some people who had been covered up by the ash from the eruption and even

a tap that still worked and that you could get water from. After this we headed back to Rome. The next day in Rome we went on a tour to the Vatican where we saw the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. After this we saw the Pantheon, Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Trevi Fountain. We then got on our train and headed to Florence.

The next day we toured Florence. We caught a bus to the Michael Angelo Piazza, which was on a hill just outside of town and from where you could see all of Florence. Next we saw the Pitti Palace and the Piazza Giuseppe Poggi. From there we crossed the river on the Ponte Vecchio, a big bridge that has 44 jewellery shops on it, and then we saw some of the sights in Florence, including the Piazza D. Signore, the Duomo and Baptistery, San Maria Nuova, the big San Lorenzo market and the Santa Maria Novella. In the afternoon we went on a tour that took us to a small town called Fiesole and then back into town to see the Santa Croce and the Uffizi Gallery. After the tour we saw the last of the

big sights in Florence, the SS. Annuziata and then we went back to our hotel to get tea and sleep. The next morning we got on a train at 9am and headed to Milan, where our World School experience would truly begin, taking with us memories of wonderful architecture, amazing art and fantastic food.

After our few days touring around Italy, we arrived at the Hotel Castagnola in Verbania for the start of the World School Forum 2008. Here we were assigned to our rooms with two other roommates from different countries, and had a quick tour of the place where we'd be staying for the next week. Social activities later on gave us a chance to break the ice and to get to know the students from the other countries. We then got to have some free time and then our first dinner. Here we had our first main experience of the typical Italian meal, which usually consisted of a pasta dish, a main dish, and finally a dessert. Later we returned to our rooms, where we got to talk to our roommates, and had lights out by 11pm.





CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The next day began with breakfast and an Opening Ceremony in the 'Orange Room', our meeting hall. Here the schools were introduced, and a couple of speeches were given by Dr. Luca Alinovi and Dr. Pierre Ley on Food Security and Safety. After lunch we had some sport and games including Human Football and Basketball. We then returned to the Orange Room for the first of the country presentations (Australia, Canada, China & Finland). After dinner we had some music and singing in groups, singing along to famous tracks such as 'Que Sera Sera' and 'That's Amore'.

On Wednesday we travelled by bus to the European Joint Research Centre (JRC) – ISPRA, where we listened to more seminars on GMOs, Food Packaging, and Human Water Use. After this we departed for the small town, Stresa, for sightseeing and to take lots of photos. This was followed by further country presentations back in the Orange Room at the hotel (Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea). Later we got into our topic groups and were introduced to the Mock Trial concept we would be participating in later on in the week. These were the groups we were assigned to dealing with the world topics of GMOs, Human Water Use, and Food Miles. In these groups we were to organise cases for each topic and create mock trials which we would argue for and against with the help of some scientists from Pandora, a group who specialised in these areas.

The next day we presented our country presentation, along with many other countries (Macau, Romania, Sri Lanka, South Africa). We were running low on time for the presentations so, being the Kiwis we were, we made our speeches as short and simple as possible. After we worked on our Mock Trials once again, followed by Chestnut Baking, which tasted like burnt popcorn, and more country presentations (Thailand, Taiwan, Turkey, UK, USA). After dinner we had to pack our bags for tomorrow's journey to the school, ITC Enrico Tosi, in Busto Arsizio

for the second week of the World School Forum.

We met our homestay families and were welcomed with great warmth! We all stayed in reasonably close vicinity to the school and traveled to and from our homestay each day of the week. Apart from breakfast and the odd dinner at home, all other meals were had at the school. They had an incredible canteen which cooked an array of dishes every day for the students and for us. A lunch might consist of soup with ravioli, lasagne, fish or meat, vegetables, dessert and fruit. Every floor of the school had a coffee/hot chocolate/ machine for the students and staff.

Sylvia was the Italian student assigned to look after the New Zealand group. She was delightful and certainly did look after us. We set up a stall for our country as did every other of the 20 schools and countries represented. We swapped pins and badges and talked to the public who wandered past on the open day for prospective students. We then had performances from various countries. The costumes and items from some countries were amazing!

Vincent went as our country's representative to the Mayoral office with Mrs Porteous and other student and teacher representatives where they were formally welcomed to the city.

In the evening parents were invited to watch each country's performance again. At the start trays of Grappa (a drink a bit like whiskey) were offered to parents! Students were given ice creams.

We had a day trip to Parma on double-decker buses and stopped to visit a cheese factory that made parmigiano reggiano cheese. The process was fascinating and very involved. The cheese rounds weighed 32kg each and had to be brushed and turned every day. They were transferred to cheese banks in the city after a period of time to be looked after

in a similar manner.

During the week we worked in small groups on our mock trial, tweaking and refining our research. On the Thursday we traveled to the Lombardy Regional Council chambers to have one of the groups formally conduct their trial which was judged by scientists and councillors.

The two other mock trials were held at the school with a panel of experts and councilors.

Our departure came too quickly and it was very sad to leave our new friends. We had got to know them very well over the two weeks, being with them all and every day. It was made a little easier with the South African and Australian contingent spending a period of time with us at the airport.

The experience of World School was truly amazing. We made fantastic international friends, found out a lot about other cultures and learnt an awful lot about food miles, genetically modified organisms and human water use, pressing issues that plague the health and well-being of our planet and its inhabitants.

THAILAND TRIP

This year thirty people took off for Thailand on Wednesday, July 2. After the 13 hour flight from Auckland to Bangkok, the group arrived in the city of 10 million people at 9.00 pm at night. It was not until the morning that we saw the vast expanse of the city as we climbed Thailand's highest building. From the 84th story of the tower the city of Bangkok extended out as far as the eye could see. Back at ground level we experienced travelling around Bangkok Thai style, as we used a canal boat and the amazing three-wheeled tuk tuk taxi. The tuk tuks took us to a temple and a reclining Golden Buddha that was eight metres high and 20 metres long and covered in gold. Quite amazing.





The next day was Mr Russell's challenge of the Amazing Race across Bangkok. We were divided into teams and had to go to six different checkpoints in Bangkok using a range of public transport. As in the real amazing race the winning team won 3000 baht for getting to the finish line in the quickest time. Great fun.

We had three days in Bangkok and experienced a range of transport and lots of markets and good food. The tuk tuks back from the night market at Pat Pong had us all on the edge of our seats as the drivers raced each other back to the hotel.



On Saturday we took off to Phuket, a tropical island at the south of Thailand (our case study for tourism development). The first thing that hit us was the intense heat. Luckily the beach was not far away and after the one of the best meals from Mr Kwong's restaurant we hit the sack. On our first day in Phuket, we did some fieldwork as we had to map the area we were staying in. We quickly did this so we could spend time at the beach. Some of us gained too much sun and turned out a tomato colour. We then went to the main tourist area in Phuket at Patong, had a great dinner and experienced more market shopping.



The next day was an early rise as we headed out to one of the outer islands hit by the tsunami and also the home of the movie "The Beach". We compared photos before, and after the tsunami. We snorkelled and found fish everywhere, Toby Jordan deciding the best way to lure fish was to throw up in the water.

On our last day we went elephant trekking. This was cool as I made good friends with my elephant after feeding him about 50 bananas. We went to the beach for the last time and hired surf boards. I tried surfing for the first time and caught some sweet waves while Hamish Fleming (Head Boy) seemed to struggle. The last night and morning was spent purchasing cheap things from the market before we left.

I would like to thank Mr Corlett for looking after us on the trip. I would also like to say a huge thanks to Mr Russell, who made it all possible. This experience is one of a lifetime and not only teaches us academically but also important life skills.

To anybody wanting, or thinking about going on the trip, do it, it is a trip of a lifetime.



A CHILEAN EXPERIENCE or (why we didn't want to come home).

On September 15, twelve hours after leaving Auckland, a group from Girls' and Boys' High Schools arrived in Santiago, five hours before we had left. The body clocks never recovered as we struggled to adjust to the Chilean dining hours. This was the beginning of the 2008 exchange with San Nicolas De Myra.

The first week was spent with host families, as it was national holidays in Chile. This was a great opportunity to get to know our hosts well and to immerse ourselves in Chilean daily life; rising from the lunch table as late as 4.30 pm, dining at 9.00 or 10.00 pm, and so bedtime was always just out of sight. Our students made an immediate impact with Jackson Braddock-Pajo interviewed on National Day, September 18, on Chilean national television, as to what he thought about the celebrations.

We arrived at San Nicolas on Monday September 22nd to a full school assembly and a formal, but warm welcome. Their welcome was followed by a well learned speech by Mr Elgar, who pronounced words

well, with little idea of what was being said. The wonder was that the Chileans understood every word – or so they politely claimed. Thanks go here to Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Twigley for their invaluable assistance. Mrs O'Carroll from Girls' High spoke much more fluently, followed by a very confident speech from Emma Haywood. The two schools then presented Tutira Mai and then the boys and Mr Elgar performed a well received haka. This was to be repeated on at



least 6 other occasions, all ably led by Kyle Simonsen, and all showing the benefit of time spent under the tutelage of Mr Maihi. This was followed a few days later by Mr and Mrs Elgar being invited to take part in the Cueca, the national dance, in front of a large crowd. Thankfully this has not appeared on Youtube. It is amazing how quickly a month, living in someone else's house, can fly by. Trips

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Tavo Yr10



Michael Bonner Yr10



Jahrell Preston Yr10



Samryn Hoar Yr10



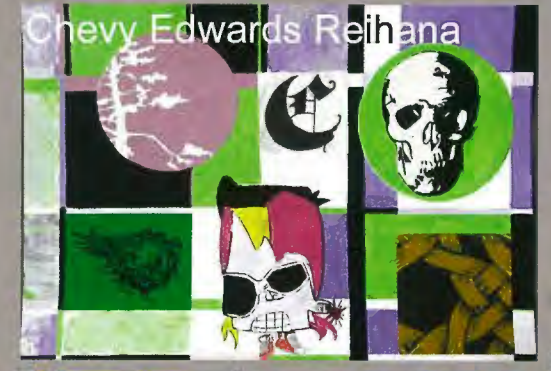
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Chris Taylor Yr10



Alex Iveson Yr10



Chevy Edwards Reihana



Ryan Boot Yr10



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Michael Lloyd Yr10



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Azeem Raziff Yr10



to the Presidential Palace, another haka, Universidad Gabriella Mistral, another haka, the NZ Ambassador's residence, yet another haka, and an official invitation from the NZ Embassy to a book launch at Mecurio, the largest and oldest publishing firm in Chile (and this time we were asked to perform the haka to grab the crowd's attention at the beginning of the proceedings - it certainly did that) were followed by a wonderful trip to Vina Del Mar and Valparaiso, on the coast. There the students outdid themselves by preparing a wonderful BBQ for the staff. All this was interspersed with regular activities within the school and classroom visits, as well as lectures from different staff members on aspects of Chilean language, culture and food, as well as flora and fauna. Other highlights were our students' presentation to San Nicolas of a mural for their school office area and a mosaic on the wall of the children's playground, and a wonderful farewell dinner at the school - another haka.

All too soon it was time to leave. The outpouring of tears at the airport was further evidence, if any was needed, of the great bond built between our students and their host families in such a short time. A couple of speeches, a farewell song and a final haka at the airport and it was time to tear the two groups apart and begin the trip home. Although there was a huge sadness at leaving new friends and families, this was tempered by the hours of video footage and thousands of photos to be viewed at leisure, with NZ families delighted to see their kids home, but with a new view of the world and a desire to return the favour when San Nicolas visit NZ in 2009.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those students considering studying Spanish, a real chance not only to improve their language skills, but to immerse themselves in the culture and meet some wonderful people.

Alan Elgar
Accompanying staff member

ESOL REPORT 2008

The ESOL Department has twenty seven students from all over the world. This year there are eleven international fee-paying students from Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Fiji, Cambodia, Maldives 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, India, Thailand, Japan, Russia and South Africa. As well as these students, seven students are on scholarships here from Fiji.

During term two we said farewell to Naoto Shimogo, whose family returned to Japan, Seung Tae Han, who returned to Korea and later we farewelled another Korean, Chan Yun at the end of term three.

There were no exchange students this year, but Dennis Henn from Germany spent some of term three in the ESOL room. He fitted in immediately, and played soccer for the 1st XI.

Each year the ESOL Department achieves new goals. Last year, three 13 students achieved university entrance, Ik-Sang Rhu is studying at Sydney University and both Andy Kim and Eddison Su are studying in



Auckland This year the department has a scholarship candidate in Ken Tang and Wayne Geng made the speech semi-finals again. He is the first ESOL student to achieve this honour., Mrs Smith is helping Tom Xoing with English so that he can join classes next year. 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 in both sporting and academic fields.

Val Moore

YR13 HISTORY FIELD TRIP 2008

The 2008 history field trip began around 9am on Tuesday the 11th of March. Mr Warner's Year 13 history class assembled out the front of school awaiting the trusty bus that would take us to, around, and home from Auckland.

After a few delays we were soon off on the start of the long journey to Auckland. Very soon the mp3 players emerged as the musically talented tried to pass the time. This left the rest of us to create our own sweet melodies and shred our own solos on

the stunning instrument that is the nylon strung guitar. Soon the greatly missed music from the 2007 Year 12 history field trip was reborn!

As we ventured into "The Waikato", home to Mr Warner, we took a detour to visit the Rangiriri private museum. This is a museum of artefacts from a private collector and historian based on the Waikato land wars of the 1800's. Although this was not directly related to the purpose of the trip it gave the class a chance to further broaden our historical knowledge and grow our understanding of New Zealand's historical identity.

We soon arrived in Auckland, and the Kiwi International Hotel (corner of Queen St and K Road....). This was to be home base for the duration of the trip.

Once our room keys were issued, rules laid down, government laws reinforced and curfews set in concrete we were off to explore central Auckland. But after a long day we were all in bed reasonably early. The first day of research began early as we headed to the Auckland Memorial Museum, our source of information vital for the completion of our research projects on the various campaigns and contributions by New Zealand during the WWII.

After being shown around the museum and all relevant sources of information pointed out we began our research. Using books, photos, maps and records from the armoury and museum library we began to compile evidence to answer our focusing questions. This type of research, particularly in the library, was a new experience for our class as many books, articles and photos were primary resources so had to be handled with care wearing white gloves. Photocopying of some items was forbidden so the pencils worked over time.

That night back at the hotel we had the privilege of having Mr Jim Froom, the writer

of many of our Tudor and Stuart England text books, come and give a lecture. This was invaluable as he is at the forefront when it comes to Elizabethan England.

The final day was spent back in the museum gathering the final information for our research projects and playing league on what we didn't realise was a war memorial. Lest We Forget.

Late Thursday afternoon we were back on the bus heading home. Friday, school...!

On behalf of the Year 13 History class I would like to thank Mr Warner and Mr Wild for organising the field trip and their help throughout the research process.

Ben Dixon

BURGER FUEL TROLLEY DERBY

The third annual Burger Fuel sponsored trolley derby was held on Wednesday 10 September in perfect derby conditions - slick track, little wind and high octane atmosphere. An increasing number of boys had gone to considerable lengths to modify their trolleys to a very high standard and again showed a complete lack of fear in

racing them down the world class Gully track. A huge thanks to all those who took part and showed that calculated risk taking is still an important aspect in the lives of young Kiwi males. Bring on next year.





YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPEDITION WEEK

At 6.30am Monday September 15, eighteen students and three staff assembled at the ODE gear room to pack up and head off to Tongariro National Park for their expedition week. After a feed in Taumaranui we headed to the Chateau and parked up the vans. Heavy packs were loaded on shoulders and we were away. The weather was fantastic so the 5 hour walk to the head of the Mangatapopo valley was anything but 'no sweat'. En route we revised navigation techniques in preparation for the later assessment. The campsite was reached as darkness began to fall and the 7 tents were hastily erected on the patches of snow and gravel. That night we were treated to a beautiful full moon glinting on the snow of the surrounding peaks.

The following morning dawned fine as we got up and ate our porridge and muesli for breakfast. We then split into 3 groups of 6 students and one staff member/ instructor – Mr Hewlett, Mr Dobbie, and Don Paterson of Adventure Dynamics. This was to be the pattern for the week with the groups travelling independently but rejoining at the campsites and snow caving site. The three groups then climbed the steep 'wall' practising some snow skills on the way. The large expanse of South Crater was reached by midday and we assembled at the site for our snow caves. The afternoon was then spent digging our homes for the next 2 nights. Because of the high snowfall this winter there was plenty of depth of snow for digging and most of the caves were completed in about 4 hours. Dinner was cooked, snow melted for the next day, and everyone retired to sleeping bags for the night as the full moon again rose over the ridge tops illuminating the landscape like day.

Wednesday again dawned fine and clear. We started the day with assessment of snow skills – step cutting and self arresting with

an ice axe, before each group headed off on a journey. Two groups climbed Mt Tongariro and the third ventured up Mt Ngaruahoe. The weather stayed clear and the views were fantastic. The groups then rejoined at the snow caves for another night, tired but having had a good day out. Ominously the weather forecast was not good despite the skies still looking pretty good. Gear was carefully stowed inside in case the snow came, and it did.

Thursday dawned true to the weather forecast. Fresh snow covered the ground and a wind had picked up. Now was the day to test our navigation skills as we struggled off the mountain in driving snow, cold winds, and poor visibility. Such a contrast to the spring conditions we had been experiencing. The wind was bitterly cold and we were glad to get off the ridges and onto lower land. This day was dedicated to assessment of navigation skills and everyone took turns leading sections of the route, answering questions about where we were, and performing skills like resections, following bearings and orientating the map. About 4.30 pm we reached a beautiful campsite set amongst a patch of beech trees. The freezing



level had followed us down and every now and then flurries of snow fell.

Friday was our last day and everyone was a bit of a warrior about getting back too late. We got away at 7.30am under overcast skies, again demonstrating our navigation skills as we headed back to the Chateau and completing our circuit. Expedition week was over. Taumaranui beckoned.





GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE 2008

On July 5 ten boys from New Plymouth Boys' High departed for the United States, for what was to be an exciting two weeks. The group: Joel Meuli, Jarred Hinton, Brendon Fischer, Daniel King, Callum Oliver, Matthew Girvan, Marco Politakis, Alex Huerta-Besley, and the two of us, CJ Lepper and William Tennent carried on the NPBHS tradition of representing New Zealand at the Global Young Leaders' Conference.

After a night in Los Angeles the group arrived in Washington D.C., where we would spend the next week at the conference with the other 371 "scholars". We were quickly drawn into GYLC's busy schedule. Daily leadership group meetings were held where we learnt about leadership and discussed world issues. We even represented governments from across the globe as we carried out simulations based on conflicts which could shape the Earth.

It was not all work, though. We visited amazing memorials, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, looked through the gates of the White House, had lunch at Union Station, and saw the National Mall. We got up close and personal with many of the sites we had only seen on television and in movies.

After the first week, we jumped on a bus and, with a quick stop over in Philadelphia, arrived in New York nine hours later for the second and final week of the conference. New York was different again; it is simply an amazing city. Roaming through the bustling streets of Times Square, looking out over the island from the top of the Empire State Building, visiting a Broadway circus, touring around the United Nations building, were all experiences that our group will never forget. Nor will the Manhattan College Campus, our accommodation for the week, ever be forgotten. The traditional American cafeteria amazed us all!



All we had learnt culminated in the Global Summit, the final simulation where everything came together and we voted on major issues. That evening was the last night of the conference, so what better way to celebrate it than a dinner cruise around New York harbour. All of us danced the night away with our new found friends, talking, relaxing, and having a great time. Here we even got the chance to perform a haka, much to the dismay of the captain when we took our shirts off!

The next morning, after saying our sad goodbyes, and promising to reunite in the future, we were back on the plane and back off to Los Angeles. Two more nights were spent there, visiting Disneyland, and experiencing the thrill rides that Knottsberry Farm had to offer, which really was a great way to wind down from the trip. After about thirteen hours of flying, and a few delays, we were back in New Plymouth.

All in all, it was a great trip. We all experienced a new culture, we all learnt amazing things about the world, and we all met new friends from across the world. For any boys who have the opportunity to go on this amazing trip next year, jump at the opportunity. It is two weeks of your life that you will never forget.

William Tennent and CJ Lepper

TARANAKI MATHEMATICS SPECTACULAR

The Taranaki Mathematics Spectacular ran this year from Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th August at the New Plymouth Racecourse. This event is the showcase for Mathematics in Taranaki and has been running now for a great many years. The fair is comprised of two main sections: the exhibition and the quiz-night.

Pupils from all over Taranaki are invited to send entries into the exhibition in a number of categories including mathematical artwork, poetry and creative writing using mathematical themes, statistics and mathematics in the workplace.

NPBHS has always produced exhibit entries of high quality and, in the past, pupils here have taken many prizes. Unfortunately, this year the Year 10 pupils were not able to enter the exhibition because of a clash with Level 1 NCEA internal assessments which had to take priority. Vagaries of timetabling and clashes with external quizzes also meant that the Year 9 pupils had very limited time to prepare entries. Nonetheless, our pupils performed very creditably considering the less-than-ideal time-pressures they were under.

Tane Ruwhiu and Corey Jordan gained a third prize in the 3-D Artwork. A third prize was also awarded to Albie Muller and Liam Barr in the Group Project section. Hayden Wood's entry in the Poetry and Creative writing earned him second, while Ryan Kiely took the 'gold medal' in the 3-D Artwork. The fact that these boys only had one week of classtime to prepare, just shows what calibre of students they are.

In the quiz-night, the boys were determined to hold onto their Year 10 trophy and regain the Year 9 trophy, yielded to Spotswood College last year. Once again, we were not able to prepare as well as we would have liked for this event, but we were quite confident that we would be competitive. As it turned out on the night, we didn't manage to make things go our way:

The Year 10 competition produced a 5th for team B and 2nd place for team A with the winners again being a very strong Spotswood College team. The winning margin was convincing it has to be said, but the gap between 2nd and 5th was not that far. In the Year 9 competition, our two teams were placed 3rd (A) and 2nd (B), with the winning school being (you guessed it!) Spotswood College. The boys performed very well to have both teams place so highly in both competitions, but it was hard for them not to feel disappointed. This can happen when you always strive for excellence like these boys do.

The teams were: 9A: Thomas Clark-Puia, Curtis Fisher, Conrad Fraser, Albie Muller and Michael Stancliffe. 9B: Mark Houwers, Tom Burrell, Miles White, Jasper Stevenson-Bone and Nick Lloyd. 10A: Chris Miller,





Geoff Hewlett, Billy Rodenburg and Elliot Jenkins. 10B: Chaz Hall, Edward Lawley, Jake Parker and Chris Aebig.

It must be said that these boys acquitted themselves very well on the night and were a real credit to their uniform, to their parents and to themselves. We have a challenge ahead for 2009 – to win back these trophies. We certainly have the talent and the will among these fine boys at NPBHS.

DEBATING REPORT

We began the year with a debate against Girls' High School, where the topic was "Teenage girls are more safety conscious than teenage boys". This debate was very closely contested, and in the end the judges couldn't decide, and called the debate a draw.

Next, we attended the Super 8 Cultural Festival on 16-17th May in Tauranga taking along a new team member, Dhruv Iyer. This very welcome inclusion came from the unfortunate over-commitment of our normal member, William Tennent. However, this made no difference to our team spirit, and so, after arriving and practising for an hour, we showed up to our debate in the Tauranga Boys' College library in confidence. Despite our many hard hours of preparation and practise, we lost in a hard fought debate against Napier Boys' High, the runners-up last year. Returning to our accommodation after this disappointment, we enjoyed a good night's sleep and returned the next day for Peter Molloy's oratory speech. He spoke well and got a good result. We returned home soon after, in high spirits while listening to what could only be considered Mr Whittaker's questionable taste in music.

On behalf of the team, Peter Molloy, Dhruv Iyer, William Tennent and myself, I would like to thank Ms Ellicott for her work in

organising and putting up with us this year. We look forward to next year, and doing better in this competition.

Jesse Bengé

LIBRARY REPORT

This year has been a challenging one in the Cramond Library.

We began the year with a shortage of suitable librarians, a problem which has reared its head many times, but each time the problem has been solved by the library staff. This year also presented a challenge later on, with an injury to Jean Van Beers (staff librarian) leaving us without a permanent staff member in the library. However, Louis Lum, her reliever, more than stepped up to the plate, and allowed the library to continue on in the same high standards as normal.

However, with downs come ups, and the library has been proud to host several important school events during the year, including a guest artist and speaker as part of the Arts Festival, board meetings, debating, and has continued to be a central part of the school.

Next year, we will face many more challenges and victories, the first being the choice of new senior librarians, as many of our senior students will be leaving at the end of this year. However, I am sure many of the current librarians will step up and meet the challenge with ease.

From the librarians leaving this year, we thank you for allowing us to deliver this service over our time here, and wish all students who come through as librarians the best of luck.

Jesse Bengé
Deputy Head Librarian

CHAOS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

2008 was another enjoyable year for those who attend CHAOS. A voluntary Bible class on Friday lunchtime isn't for everyone, but the desire of those who attend is to know God better and to seek His purpose for their lives. The teachings and character of Jesus are always central to the studies and these studies are regularly posted on the school's website. Fusion Day is always a focus for the boys and another enjoyable day was had by all, although we seem unable to feature in the school challenges.

It is hard to summarise the year, but I think the familiar theme with those who attend has been a consistent, everyday faith. To follow Jesus is a moral stance that is not something you waver from. To be a Sunday morning or Friday evening Christian is pointless and Revelation 3 v 16 would be the most quoted Scripture by students by some distance.

CHAOS is open to all who are interested in studying the Bible so new people are always welcome. All the best to those leaving the school who have participated in the group over their time at school.

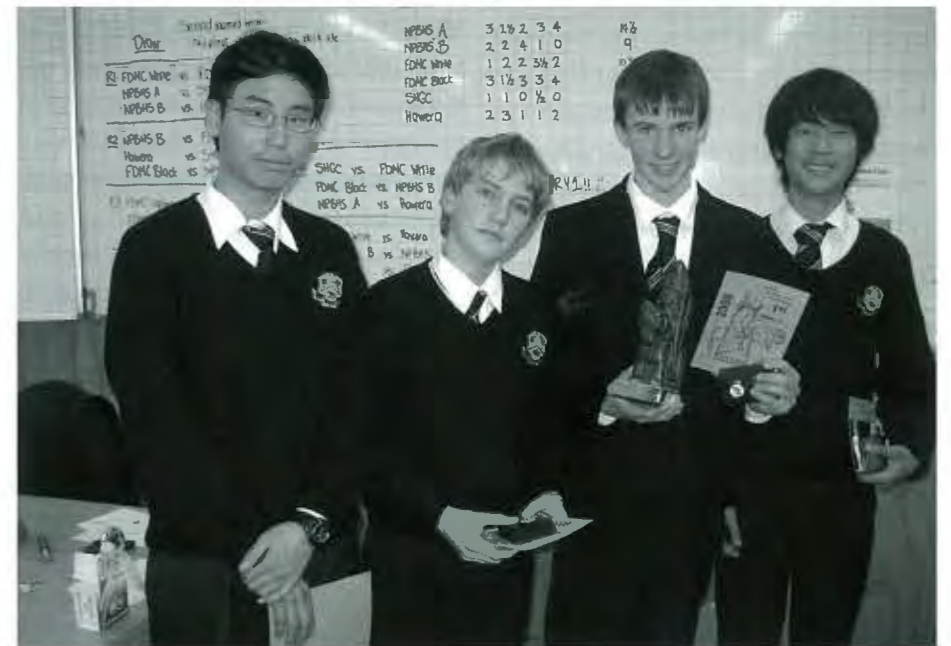
Paul Dominikovich
Christian Fellowship Coordinator

CHESS

This year's tournament was held at Francis Douglas on Sunday 22 June with six schools competing. These were Hawera High School, Sacred Heart, Girls' High School, Francis Douglas Memorial College (2 teams) and New Plymouth Boys' High (2 teams). Five rounds were played with half an hour per game. The competition was very fierce and the final playoff between the two number 4 players from both Boys' High teams was a deciding one with onlookers from all the other teams watching with avid interest. The result was a draw between Boys High A and Francis Douglas Black, (first equal in the Taranaki tournament), but on count back Boys' High qualified to go forward to represent the region at the National championships later this year. The boys played superbly with great teamwork and Jack Li was the only player of the day to win every game he played.

In the first weekend of the September holidays the secondary school chess nationals were held in Hastings. Dave Tomlinson very kindly drove the boys across in his van. It was a very long trip so the team left on the Friday morning to arrive later that afternoon. The tournament was very well organised but competition fierce with difficult games. The team finished well down the ladder but the experience was invaluable and the boys are full of enthusiasm for next year's tournament. We have been incredibly lucky to have had the expert tutelage of Errol Tuffrey once a week during the middle terms and the boys practise most lunchtimes throughout the year.

M Porteous
Manager



A team Jongwoo Shin (Captain), Tyler Stewart, Jacob Tomlinson, Jack Li.
B team Alec King-Tabuteau, Hunter Ward, Alex Harfield, Jesse Watt





A DISMAL DAY

Dead, my grandpa's new social status. I was filled with mixed emotions of grief and sorrow. I felt just as devastated as my parents, cousins, aunties and siblings. Sated with my grief, I could hardly listen to the monotonous priest blaring his ever-boring speech into the microphone.

Though a celebration of life, the funeral was so sad. In the pit of my stomach the snakes were writhing in discomfort at the realization of Grandpa's death. I knew, but I didn't want to, that the corpse of my once wonderful grandfather was lying in a coffin sitting less than 10 metres from where I sat. There was that lingering smell about, of burning wax and holy water. The roof towered above us making us all seem insignificant. The bells of St. Mary's resounded in my head, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong, dong....

Tears flowed from my cousin's face as she sang her beautiful song riddled with emotion. She was bursting with acceptance yet an indescribable underlying misery. Looking around the church it reminded me of an aviary of crows all perched on their seats, crying, comforting others and listening attentively to the undeniably sad song.

A black cloud erupted from the St Joseph's church, the end of this dismal day marking the end of a brilliant man's life. And that was when those snakes in my stomach overpowered me into tears.

But now it's time to stop crying and get on with life.

Chris Taylor

YEAR 12 CREATIVE WRITING

The icy rain caressed my body, soaking my hair and finding pathways down my

quivering skin. This was it. This was how it would end. Wedged between my tongue and the roof of my mouth, the cold metal shaft was separating my lips, letting drips swell beneath my gums. My hand fell and, as it brushed past my pocket, I felt a hard metal outline etched on my pants. My wedding ring. I had almost forgotten about it. Strange, that something so small could cause so much pain. And as I remembered what it symbolised, I was unwillingly dragged back to that fateful day, which now seemed so vivid in my mind.

"How long until we get there, darling?"

Her voice was like honey, so rich and so sweet. We had been married for just over a year now, and yet each time she spoke, it still made me quiver. "It isn't much further, we should be living it up by at least half six." That had made her smile. I rested my hand on the gear stick, and gently pushed it into fifth. Power poles were bending past and, as we soared down the road, I realised how few cars we had seen. It was just me and her. The way I liked it. Speeding over the hill, I was met by a blue-orange smear on a lush green canvas. Tulips, her favourite, just like the ones at our wedding. "My wedding ring!" I pumped the brakes, and pulled over to the left.

"What's wrong?"

"I just remembered, I left it on the shelf in the bathroom. God, I feel terrible."

"Well I guess we better turn back quickly. It shouldn't take too long."

I could hear the tinge of sadness in her voice, and felt guilty that it was I who had put it there. I hadn't taken my ring off since we were married and the one time I did, look what had happened? Angry and annoyed, I pulled out to the right and didn't see it coming until it was too late. Tyres were screeching, rubber was burning, she was screaming. All of it, slowly building up

to a point. An instant. A moment. A single second of time in which two cars collided, and lives were changed forever.

The impact had frozen my body, numbing my limbs. I had lost control, no longer the driver but a passenger of my own poor decision. We were spinning, spiralling weightlessly for what seemed like an age. Blood was pumping violently through my veins, adrenaline was raging inside me and yet, I could do nothing. I did not feel, but saw as we wrapped around the concrete pole, shortly before bursting through the front windscreen. All the noise, the motion, everything came to a stop. I stared blankly at her figure, sprawled out next to me amongst the beautiful tulips. Splinters of glass littered her body, and several lacerations interrupted her smooth skin, a deep crimson in the fading light. They spoke to me bitterly, telling me what I was already coming to realise. All of this, everything was my fault. I had done this to her, and to myself. And yet, amongst all my pain, confusion and anger, two glistening green eyes smiled at me. A warm, soft hand was resting on my cheek, and slowly sliding down my face. She parted her lips, as if to say something, but all that escaped was a single, high-pitched whine. And then she was gone.

It had been a long time since I had recalled the scene in such detail. As the rain dripped down my face, I could taste the salty tears that were mixed amongst it. It would be easy, too easy, to say it wasn't my fault. But the memories, the guilt, they are agonising. I could still smell her skin on my pillow, and hear her voice reverberate inside my skull. They have broken me. The rain, the cold and the metal in my mouth; tonight is my salvation. All of the ghosts, the voices, they finally cease as I close my eyes and gently squeeze the trigger.

Brendon Fischer

NOW AND THEN

Christmas Eve 1997... Remember waking up about five times during the night trying to catch Santa putting presents in a pillowcase at the end of your bed? Being so excited about the day ahead? What presents you were going to get? What different types of food that had been prepared for the feast at lunch and dinner? All of your relatives around all with the Christmas cheer.

What I loved about Christmas was the food, and of course all the presents that I was going to receive. I would wake up at about 6:30 and it would be silent, except for a snore now and again and the birds outside. I would go to the window and look at the slightly coloured white grass after the cold dew had fallen the night before. The sun was starting to rise, and shone brightly onto the trees that were towering above the house. The dew on the leaves was stating to melt and fall to the ground, slowly making puddles around the gigantic trees. Just getting close to the window made you shiver and made all the hairs on your arms stick up. After looking outside I would run into the lounge and make sure that Santa had eaten the biscuits and had drunk the cold Tui that my mum had helped me put out the night before.

The presents were always my favourite part of the morning; I always looked for the biggest present and hoped it was mine. After my granddad had given out all the presents (as he always did), it was almost lunch time. Lunch and dinner was always a mean feed. You could smell the rich turkey and the sweet sherry-filled trifle that my grandma had been making for the last three days, and that was only the start, because when you ate them it was like your body had been waiting for this day the whole year. As you were munching through the divine food, your stomach just grew and grew but you didn't feel full at all. Until suddenly you felt like you could pop and you couldn't eat any more for in fact you couldn't move because

you were so full. I could never work out what the most exciting part of the day was. Was it the anticipation of the presents or the sheer delight of food and family?

I am fifteen now and our Christmas rituals haven't changed much because mum is preparing my younger brother and sister for the excitement of Christmas. But for me there is a little sadness. Santa isn't real. We all know that, yet the façade continues. I go to bed at about 1:00am not feeling that excited about the day to come and wake up at about 8-9am. When I look outside I don't see any dew running off the leaves or puddles around the massive trees because by the time I get up the sun is high in the sky and the day is already half over. After finding the energy to get out of bed I walk into the lounge and as I walk out of my room I see what I believe to be clothes that I must have left out in the lounge that mum has put outside my room for me to put away. When I get out into the lounge I see my little brother and sister overwhelmed by all the presents around the Christmas tree and remember that is what I used to be like on nice warm Christmas days before finding out the truth about Santa Claus. As I sit on the couch I am greeted with "morning dear-Happy Christmas" (Mum always calls me 'dear'), "Could you please pick up your things by your room". I pick them up with disappointment - after all it is Christmas. The pile does not contain clothes. It is my old Christmas sack with gifts inside. Excitement surges through me as it did when I was five. What is inside the sack? Santa isn't real, but mum manages to keep the memory alive.

After my step-dad gets back inside from milking the cows, we all get ready and dressed to go to my grandparents house to continue with the rest of the Christmas celebrations, thankfully these have not changed. Not all of our relations come to my grandparent's house anymore, only the ones that live around Taranaki. The meals that we have on Christmas now are still practically the same. Grandma is still cooking three days before

Christmas. I still can't wait for the food that comes out of the oven. When I smell the rich turkey and sweet sherry-filled trifle, my stomach rumbles until I get to eat it. Now that I am older I don't think the presents excite me as much as I would want them to, but now and again a surge of excitement is always appreciated. Things have changed. Santa's not real, family have gone away and new family have joined. Even though Christmas is not the same, the memories and the intention still exists... Christmas is still my favourite part of the year.

Chris West

VICTORIA PARK

It's Autumn in Victoria Park. The still morning air engulfs me, Cleansing everything it touches.

The entire park is covered in a blanket of crispy brown, Chocolatey leaves. The sky's blushing like the cheeks of a young woman. All around stood the naked trees Showing off their bodies with no shame.

Each step I take is in slow motion. I hear the leaves crunching under my feet and between my toes.

A child's scream catches my attention. I jump with a fright!! My heart pounding out of my chest, Imagination running wild like a stallion. What? How? Who?

Two figures in the distance appear, Bounding happily into view. Their screams of laughter echoing...

Chev'vy Edwards Yr 10





SPRING

The lightest of wind
Bears the widest of grins.

A keenly sweet fragrance
Hides danger within.

A blanket of green,
Of trees in a ring,

All common aspects
Of a sprinkling of spring.

Tyler Stewart

THE PIG HUNTER

The cool white mist is settled among the thick bush and small gorges among the towering hills. An old man with a big bushy beard and a wrinkly face sits silently on an old rotting log beneath the trees. There is limited sunlight as the early morning sun cannot penetrate the thick trees and mist. Everything is damp and there is a strong earthy smell.

The man sits there. His old jeans are covered in mud, along with his boots. He has a tattered flannel shirt and a weathered belt. He takes a lighter and a cigarette out of his pocket. Flick! Flick! Flick! He lights up the cigarette. Smoke puffs from his mouth and joins the mist above.

A cheerful fantail flutters around chirping a happy melody. It seems to lighten up the dark, muddy, dreadful bush. It flies around from tree to tree waving its tail around.

The man chucks the cigarette butt on the wet dark brown foliage. He looks up into the trees. The mist has risen and the sun is now shining on his face. He looks down. All is silent and the fantail has fluttered away.

The silence of the bush is soon broken by

the distant barking of dogs. The once silent old man jolts up, picking up his gun and his weathered belt which holds a rusty old knife. He runs off into the bush and is soon consumed in the overwhelming thick ferns.

Keegan Pulman

HAIKU

deserted ocean
half moon
between the flags

Taylor Patene

tall fence
swaying in the wind
the cat sits steady

making a sandwich
he licks
his lips

Lewis Win

fish in the big ocean
alone

with shells and salt

Jonnie Rangi

flooded river
only the sun
stays still

Brad Bullot

the whole forest
machines come
then nothing

Jake Parker

mountain air
with its icy touch
smells too sweet

flies swarm
tails flick
dry spell
Nathaniel Manning

one lane bridge
a boat
blocks the way
Thomas Burrell

heat wave
the burning sun
draws water
Jacob Tomlinson

BACK IN MY DAY...

I notice that the gravel on the long, thin driveway is looser than before, as it withers under my tyres. The house ahead presents scarred skin and gloomy eye-like windows, while the surrounding grass is as dry as bones. I slow to a stop a few yards before the empty cadaver before me, and gently step out of the car. The gravel crunches beneath my shoes, and I silently study the old house. "Is this it?" My son's head pops out of the car window. He lifts a brow and a frown is forming on his face. "It's not much." He mutters, jumping down to join me, keeping the portable videogame in hand as he gazes around. A smile creeps to my face, and I move to sit on the car hood. "It isn't," I murmur, then more to myself, "but it was once." My mind carefully puts the house back together, healing the paint and breathing life back into the house. A memory from long, long ago springs out, and looks at the reborn house in wonder...

I tore away from Dad's car, ice-cream in hand, chasing a rabbit scurrying across the yard. My short legs were unable to catch it, and it disappeared into the mass of green. I stopped at the fence and stared at the field, at the lush grass waving in the breeze,

nourishing the families of cows, sheep and, of course, rabbits. Grinning, I finished my treat here, and then turned to the house. It stood strong and healthy, shining fresh in the warm sun. Through the windows, I saw people moving our furniture into place, completing my new home. My new home, I thought, though it sounded weird. It had happened so quickly, there were so many things I needed to do. I'll tie up the tyre-swing tomorrow, I decided. Today, I would explore the entire farm, to find every spot for playing 'hide-and-go-seek'. All the new friends my Mum had told me I would make wouldn't have a chance. I started at the mailbox, and made my way up the driveway. However, the landscape there was too flat to hide, so I found myself before the house. I follow the memory to the house. As I step inside, a strange smell enters my nostrils, I can only describe it as 'old'. The air is thick and dry, grasping at my throat. I run my hand along the wall as I walk down the gloomy hall, spider webs catching on my fingers. The house groans with every step I take, as if on the brink of death. I turn back to the door, and realise that my son has stayed outside with his gadget-thing. I bite my lip, and wonder if I should take him home, but a familiar light from the lounge catches my eye. My memory curiously heads in.

When I stepped into the room for the first time ever, a warm, bright light from a far window blinded me, and I raised my arm to screen my eyes. Sidestepping out of the light, I beheld the room. The smell of freshly painted walls lingered in my nose, as I stared at the deep blue carpet and marshmallow furniture. The house was quiet and calm, contented with its completion. With a sudden burst of happiness, I leapt onto the couch and commenced bouncing. In mid-air, light reflected from a foreign object in the corner of the room and made the space between my eyebrows wrinkle up like grandma's skin. A black plastic box, with a strange, shiny section covering the front sat on a small desk, with two metal branches pointing out of it. It's a T.V.! I realised.

My heart thumped a gazillion times every second. I scampered off the couch. The wonder drew me in. Breathing deeply, I softly pressed my finger against the button labelled 'on'... An annoying crackle filled my ears and the screen became bright, before fading to form a black and white image of someone behind a desk. I lifted a brow and a frown formed on my face. "This isn't much," I muttered, jumping to my feet. "Where's the fun in sitting in front of this?" Leaving the man at his desk, I scurried outside.

When I step into the room, I raise my arm to screen my eyes, as a light from a far window hits my stomach. Chuckling, I glance around. All is gone, bar the faded carpet, buried by dust, and cracked paint, smothered by webs. With a final farewell, I turn and leave. My son is at the door, frantically mashing buttons on his device. Over on the field, a light and fluffy rabbit nibbles at some dry grass. Looking at it, I kneel down and whisper, "If we're quiet, we might be able to catch it." Without tearing his eyes off the screen, he replies, "Where's the fun in that?"

Wade Stafford

A SMILE FROM AFAR

Here I wait anxiously for the call that will summon me from my seat and launch me ten thousand metres into the night sky. I just sit there apprehensively, wishing only to get out of this place and arrive safely on the other side.

I look around. There are hundreds of people waiting for the same call. As I look at all the different people, I think they all must have their own unique stories. What are they doing at this airport? What brought them to be at this place at this time? What are they going to do once they leave their aeroplane at their destination?

I see a joyful couple holding hands in a row to my left, smiling as they watch their three excited young boys playing amongst themselves. Are the boys excited because they are visiting their cousins in Australia who have the big boat they love to go fishing on? Is it because it is their first time traveling abroad? Or in the innocence that only comes with a young boy, are they completely unaware of the events going on around them and that they are actually traveling into great turmoil?

I see two young women three rows in front of me, in their early twenties, eyes closed, holding tightly to their Bibles and praying out loud in a language I cannot understand, possibly Afrikaans. What is their story? Are they nervous flyers just like me? Is that the reason for their prayers?

I see a middle-aged woman in the row to my far right, sitting alone with watery eyes and an empty expression on her face. Staring absently into thin air, she lulls her crying baby on her lap. Why is she alone with no company except her baby? Why is she so sad? Is she visiting her sick husband abroad? Has she just had an unwilling divorce with the one she loved so wholly?

Finally, the call comes over the intercom. "All passengers boarding NZ49 to New York, please proceed to Gate 7 now."

Gradually the people around me begin to stand up and move in the direction of Gate 7. I just sit there. The family I saw before with the three energetic boys are making their move, the boys running excitedly ahead while their parents struggle to keep up while burdened with all the luggage. The two Christian women stow their Bibles away in their bags and are off to Gate 7.

As I looked around to my right, past many empty seats, I can still see the single mum and her precious baby still unmoved since I last saw her, the same blank expression on her face. Just as I'm about to get up and





remind her that our plane is boarding, a man hurries past, his bag accidentally brushes past the baby. Suddenly the woman leaps into life, screams at the top of her lungs and with all her strength, throws her bag at the startled man. Straight away she bursts into tears and starts frantically apologizing to the man. He accepts her apology and passes her handbag back to her. The man continues on his way and the lady, wiping away her tears and collecting herself, heads to Gate 7.

Just then I notice something which I hadn't observed before. The baby whom the woman is carrying has a nasty bruise on its upper arm from some sort of accident. 'That sort of bruise couldn't be from just any accident ... that child's been beaten' I think to myself, horrified. 'That lady isn't capable of doing that to her own precious child.' Then it dawned on me!

"All passengers boarding the aircraft NZ49 from Auckland to New York, please go to Gate 7 immediately. This is your final call" announces the same voice over the intercom.

I regather my thoughts, stand up, seize my luggage and take a deep breath. 'This is it, Josh. You can do this. You can do this' I reassuringly repeat in my mind, thinking I'm a brave soldier heading to war. I slowly take my first few steps. 'Hey, this isn't so bad!' With my new found confidence, I repeat that movement several times and in a matter of minutes I'm through the gate and aboard flight NZ49.

Once everyone is seated the engines roar into life. All previous confidence I may have had in the airplane leaks out of me like a bucket of water with a hole in it. I fasten my safety belt. The plane is now at the start of the runway. "It just doesn't make sense!" I think to myself, "Such a huge object weighing over fifty tonnes, with hundreds of passengers simply cannot be lifted into the air! It simply cannot be done!"

The engines roar again, this time twice as loud. The plane is accelerating. Faster and faster! The plane is about to take off! "No! I want to get off!" I scream. Straight away I regret saying that out loud. I feel my cheeks going red as all the eyes within hearing distance turn my way. Nevertheless I am still just as mortified by the experience. I dig myself even deeper into my seat. I fasten my safety belt even tighter as the plane prepares for lift off. I clutch the arm rests. I bite my teeth. I close my eyes.

VWOOOOOSH!

"Houston, we have lift off," I think, trying to milk the situation for any humour I can. "Well, I'm here now. There's no going back. I might as well make the most of it!" I'm asleep within the minute.

"Please fasten your safety belts. The aircraft is preparing for landing" instructs the harmonic voice over the intercom. I strain myself to open my tired eyes. The sun has risen to greet me as I wake. Just as I have finally gained consciousness, the plane begins a steep decline through the clouds and back down to earth. I read the screen in front of me. "10,000 metres." I gasp. We have to drop ten kilometres back down to the ground! Ten kilometres! Only one thought comes to my mind. "Panic!" I begin to hyperventilate. I hastily grasp the paper bag from the back pocket of the seat in front of me. I press it to my mouth and breathe in and out at great speed. "This is what they do on all the movies!" I think. "It's not working!" I brace myself. I have never been so afraid in my life!

Eight thousand metres!

Suddenly my whole body goes numb. I can hear nothing, my ears and head feel as if they'll explode! My fingertips are freezing. I can taste nothing as the saliva in my mouth dries. I can smell something unknown to me. "Must be the smell of death," I pessimistically think.

Six thousand metres!

I can see an expanse of land out of my window now. I can see the busy, humming city of New York. I'm doomed!

Four thousand metres!

Two thousand metres!

I can see the airport, the runway, our crash site!

One thousand metres!

Five hundred metres!

The runway is right there. My heart is pumping. My adrenaline is rushing. My ears feel as if they are going to explode. I can't bear this. I close my eyes.

"Thud!" I lean deep back into my seat as the plane begins the dramatic drop in speed as it hurtles along the runway.

"Phew!" I gasp as I regain my senses. We are finally here. NZ49 comes to a sudden halt and I release my safety belt.

"We have now arrived at the New York International Airport" sounds the intercom for the last time. "Please enjoy your stay."

Finally I have gone through customs and immigration and I am now about to enter the "Big Apple," the glamorous city of New York. As I am walking towards the doors amongst the colossal crowds of people, I see the same lady who I saw crying at Auckland airport. She is pushing her sleeping baby in a pram and only just manages to carry all of her heavy luggage. As she is hurrying along, she bumps into someone and drops the luggage. As her tightly packed bag hits the floor, it explodes open. Luggage spills everywhere in a great mess. She stops, drops to her knees and bursts into hysterical crying.

I stand there watching her cry. I feel a deep,





deep sorrow for the woman. I know how she feels. I have been there before. I suddenly feel a strong urge inside me; a sixth sense telling me to go and help the poor woman. I stand there, stunned, just watching this poor woman in great distress. I resist the urge. What if she doesn't need the help? What do I say? What if she lashes out at me like she did with the other man?

Out of the corner of my eye, I see a face that I recognize. It's one of the Christian ladies I saw in Auckland. She sees the lady crying on her knees. Straight away, without a second thought, she rushes to the lady's side and embraces her in a heartfelt hug. Without exchanging a single word, the lady ceases her crying, wipes the tears from her face and they collect all the luggage from the ground and together pack it back into her bag. The African lady passes her the Bible she had been reading earlier and the single mum gladly receives it. They exchange another hug, then head off in their own directions.

As I watch them, I feel ashamed of myself. There was me, standing idle, wondering what I would say to comfort her, when the African lady walked straight over to her and didn't say anything. Feeling regretful, I decide to reach out to the woman and offer her reassurance.

I have lost her in the great masses of people. I walk through the huge swinging doors onto the busy New York street. I rush up and down the pavement to find the lonely woman. Finally I see her. She is getting into a taxi with her baby over her shoulder, still crying. I sprint frantically towards the moving vehicle to wave it down. It's already moving. There is no hope. I can see the baby through the taxi window looking back at me. For the first time I see how beautiful she really is. A broad smile stretches across my face. The baby has a sparkle in her eye. She smiles back.

Joshua Girvan

THE RIVER

As I paced through the lounge, the baggy hem of my shorts brushed the pile of photos stacked on the side of the coffee table, causing it to cascade onto the carpet in a clumsy clutter of paper and dust. "Sorry Mum." I said. I went back to the pile, crouched down, and began stacking them tidily on the table. Suddenly, a familiar picture caught my eye. I stared at it in interest, the photo shimmering in the dull sunlight. As I stared at it further my eyes became lost in the dark greens and browns, and my mind began taking me back to that day; that day at the river.

The damp wood enveloped in wire netting felt cold and prickly beneath my feet, as I stood on the bank of the deep dark river. My arms were crossed over my chest, shielding it from the cool breeze brushing against me. I knew the water would be cold, yet the glittering sun made it seem inviting. Yet I did not know this for a fact, only from my experiences at the swimming pool. Drawn in by the sun's reflection, I leapt in without thinking. The water erupted around me in a splash. All was quiet and peaceful underwater, an incentive to stay there. But I couldn't. The water fizzed as I kicked up to the surface.

I wiped the water from my eyes and looked to see where I had ended up. I waded over and grasped onto a slimy brown rock; my hand recoiling at first at the touch. I looked around to see my Dad on the stony bank on the other side of the river. My four year old body automatically started paddling through the grungy green water over to the bank. Suddenly, an unknown force tugged at my legs, pulling me sideways. I attempted to swim forward. The river, though, restricted me. I paddled faster. It didn't help; instead my limbs began to ache. The trickling slowly transformed into rushing. I spun my head around. The great grey rocks were rapidly drawing nearer. What was happening? All of a sudden, I fell back with a splash into the

rapids, taking a gasp of air just before my head became submerged under the rushing water.

Again I was engaged in the peaceful atmosphere underwater; the rushing had ceased and the vision of dark rocks and crashing water had turned to a calm blue. Soon enough my peace became interrupted by another group of rocks. They poked and jabbed at my fragile body, as I was conveyed downriver by the current. Unable to bear the pain, I fought back up to the surface, gasping for air. Yet I was afraid to open my eyes.

Then, a great relief overcame my body, as I felt the force subside. I could now feel how fast my heart was drumming, and the bruises where the rocks had hit me were pulsing and aching. A subtle groan escaped my lips. I could hear the water, trickling again, and the birds chirping. Then, I heard another, more distinctive voice. Dad. He was panting heavily. I felt his warm arms scoop me up and wrap me in a fuzzy, dry towel. "C'mon, let's hurry you home."

I placed the photo back in the pile, only on the bottom; a place where that frightening experience could stay buried and hidden in my memories.

Hamish Fraser

WHERE WE LIVE

The rolling hills were dry. The hot summer sun beamed down on the rough, exposed soil. Dehydrated yellow grass covered the ground like patchwork on an old quilt. The intense heat from the ground formed a haze that smothered the landscape. From the top of the hill the land stretched out directly in front of you with steep hills on either side. The tall row of green trees clearly showed the boundary, the rustic fences divided the rolling land into various sections, all of them connecting onto a central strip of bumpy land that bright buttercups grew over. Heavy rain from previous years remained in the form of deep ruts, carved into the dirt track running down one of the hills. All the trees are still, only one bland blade of grass swayed gently in the dying breeze. The wide, open farmland was inviting. The land was very peaceful.

Down at the bottom of the grassy hills, seeking shelter from the hot sun, the black and white cows stood with their tails swinging from side to side. They had no energy as they stood perfectly still except for their long jaws moving up and down like clockwork and long jaws moving up their swaying tails.

At the top of a steep hillside paddock leaning inquisitively over the wooden gate, the horses stood identically, each with one of their hind legs relaxed, only just resting on the ground. They were also motionless except for the occasional whip of their long, brown, elegant tails. Even in the summer the horses still looked depressed with drawn out faces and pale brown eyes. The animals are happy.

One large, grey cloud covered the sky as far as the eye could see. Whenever you walked, small streams of brown water rushed past you as if they were racing to the lowest point they could find. The grass was a lush green colour covered in droplets of the rain. At the

bottom of the hills, the grass turned to mud with only the smallest amount of pressure. The landscape was dim and dull, even the land was almost depressed. All sounds of nature were drowned out by the pounding of the rain, except for the groan of the trees bending in the violent wind and the call of the hungry cows. The lack of vision could almost make you feel claustrophobic in the dark land.

The heavy hooves of the horses squelched as they wandered around looking for shelter and stray pieces of hay that they had previously missed when it was feed time. The heavy raindrops hit the hard surface of their covers with a small splat. The cows huddled in a group under the shelter of the same evergreen trees on the boundary, the cows did not move at all. The rain ran down the cracks of mud on their faces and fell to the ground. Only the occasional brave animal left its shelter to graze on the wet and heavy hay, but they soon returned back to the refuge of the tree. Everything was wet.

No matter what the weather, there is always something happening where we live.

Kurt Cole

SLIP

I stood over the diving board, bouncing up and down, up and down, matching the steady beat of my heart. The water loomed far below, sparkling in the summer sun. All of a sudden a body flew past my eyes. The brave soul who dove from the top diving board hit the water. Drops sprayed up all around me, finally cooling me from the scorching heat. The boy slowly rose to the surface of the water. His face was contorted in agony. It was a face I knew all too well from only a summer ago.

A cloud of dust was gathering behind the wheel in front. My suspension created a

continual steady drumming, as it took in every rock and crack along the gravel path. I was riding more out of memory than anything else. The blinding summer light along with the dust made opening my eyes almost unbearable. The four of us though, knew the path all too well. We had been coming to this water hole for years, it was a summer tradition. Little did I know that today would be unlike any other time.

Pebbles sprayed up over us as Isaac's wheel whipped to a stop in the front. "Isaac, why don't you try getting more dust and pebbles in my hair?" Rosa sarcastically said as she waved a hand through her long blonde hair, extra, out the

Ahrapnel from the path below. Together we laid our bikes up against an arng bush. It was bordering on its last few months of life after being thrashed for years by locals using it as a bike stand. Together, in a line, we edged closer and closer to the cliff edge.

The sight before us was simply stunning. The sun rays were bouncing all around, sparkling like a diamond off the still water far below. The thick grass covering the area was slowly waving back and forward in the gentle summer breeze. Some small children were walking back up the track to the top of the cliff. A path of drips and drops were left behind them, showing that they too had made the plunge. "So who's up first?" Charl asked. Subtly he was simply implying he was not tempted to be the first to test out the chill of the river.

"Well I think I might head just one step down," Rosa said as she looked over the edge to the water far below. The height of the drop was intense. You would actually have time to think as your body fell through the air. Slowly she made her way down the narrow track to the lower ledge a few steps down. Every metre counted.

"Honestly Charl, you should jump from the mound. I have seen a couple of guys do it





before. It looks amazing; a bit too scary for me though," I said. I wasn't lying either, I would never even consider jumping from the higher spot. It wasn't the height difference that made me feel this way. It was the fact that the mound was set quite far back from the edge of the cliff. The distance that had to be cleared was immense. First you had to run and launch yourself off the mound, fly over the lower ledge, past the raging blackberry bushes, and at the bottom you just had to hope to miss the rocks scattered along the cliff face's border with the water. "In fact, I might follow suit with Rosa," I said, as I too headed down.

"Isaac, how about a deal? If you jump, I jump," Charl said. His eyes were fixated on the giant drop before him.

"Deal!" Isaac shouted as he sprinted up the mound. He planted his foot on the very edge of the rise, carved flat from the numerous people that had jumped before him. Just as it looked like all was well his toes slipped further and further over the edge. His foot had slipped.

Isaac's body fell like a rag doll, he was helpless. Yet still it looked like he might actually make the distance. His body flew past my eyes in a blur. Half way down the drop though his leg clipped the blackberry growing out of the cliff face. His body was sent into a series of tosses and turns. Over and over his body flipped. A deafening slap echoed across the water. The full blow was taken by his chest, as his body came within millimetres of the sharp rocks on the cliff edge. Slowly but surely his body sunk deeper and deeper into the murky dark water.

One thought came to mind, so I listened. I ran and jumped off the cliff. The fall seemed to be endless. The realisation that Isaac may not surface again was rushing through my mind. At the age of sixteen Isaac may never take another breath. At the age of sixteen Isaac may never go out and explore the world. At the age of sixteen Isaac may never

see the light of day again.

I came crashing into the water. Unlike Isaac however, I quickly rose to the surface. Looking out over where Isaac had landed, ever so slowly a shape rose to the surface. Isaac burst through the water, taking a deep breath, the warm air rushing into his lungs. Lying on his back, his face was contorted in agony. All I could hear from him was a low groan, as the water surrounding his body started to turn red.

I paddled over to his side, the red pool growing in circumference. "Bro, are you okay? That looked incredibly painful. I better get you out of the water before you start sinking again," I joked with him, trying to cheer him up.

"I could be better," he said in a nearly inaudible tone. It was more a moan than anything else. This was not Isaac.

I grabbed him by his arm and started kicking towards the water's edge. The area was returning back to its shining beauty. The water once again serene. It was as though nothing had even happened here. All was the same as when we arrived, except for the red path following Isaac as I dragged him on. The smooth and steady path was steadily running downstream, the current pulling it on, like paint dripping down a canvas.

Over at the waters edge Charl and Rosa had both raced down. Charl and I gave Isaac a hand out of the water, propping him up on a rock on the scorching black sand. Still blood was seeping from a deep cut in his leg. Rosa grabbed the towel wrapped around her waist and went about creating a makeshift bandage; we had to do something to stop the blood flow. "This should do for now, but Isaac, what happened? You have no idea how worried I was," Rosa said, still with a look of shock upon her face.

"I honestly can't tell you. I just slipped. After that everything just seemed to go black, it

was a blur. It was the strangest feeling," Isaac said cheerfully. His voice was finally returning to its normal joyful tone.

"Isaac, I thought you were dead. I seriously thought you were dead," Rosa said looking up and down his leg.

"Thanks for the reassuring words," Isaac said as he lay back against the rock. For the first time all day I saw a smile spread across his face. This was Isaac.

"Come on guys, let's head back up. Isaac, me and Charl can give you a hand," I said.

"Yeah, then we can get you off to a hospital, and get that leg looked at. It's not really looking the best. I think it could be infected," Charl said whilst putting a hand around Isaac's back.

"Well yes, that, plus, what was that deal I heard before Charl? I think you're up boy; it's your turn to jump."

William Tennent

THE AEROPLANE

I am mesmerized by the low consistent hum of the massive engine below my feet guzzling aviation fuel. The cabin is interrupted by a monotone, hair-raising cry of a baby not able to sleep. The sweet aroma of slow-roasted lamb and vegetables, seep through from a hidden kitchen, drifting quietly, stalking its prey. As I open my sleep covered eyes, my pupils adjust to the dim light around me.

The innocent window cover waits harmlessly for the next victim. I can not resist the temptation to lift it up... I shudder back in complete shock and confusion, blasted by the extremely bright, pure, white light of the sun. All eyes dart to me and I am humiliated by the silent mockery of the deceptive, plastic screen. I lean my pink, clammy cheek

against the glass and am instantly comforted by the immediate cooling.

Looking around me I see mixed expressions; hunched bodies and faces with glazed eyes, which have taken on the complexion of an unchlorinated swimming pool. I see passengers who gnaw mercilessly at their fingernails, as if it's their last meal. These people are outnumbered by the calmer, more experienced travelers, who chat or snooze or watch movies on the screens in the back of the seats in front.

In the last twelve hours the world, which seems like a miniscule, multi-coloured, three-dimensional sticker, has changed in landscape from the harsh, dehydrated deserts of central Australia to the rough, frozen seas of the Antarctic region. The site of the world so small initially makes me feel gargantuan and mighty in comparison, until I realize that without this little blue and green beach ball I would not exist. I feel huge, but really I am just a spider in a swimming pool. Then the sensation of shrinking comes over me. It pounds my inflated ego to a pulp and dries out my mouth. And again I am lost in thought, passively relaxed by the rhythmic beats of the steady motor engine.

Robbie Wood

FIVE... FIFTEEN

My heart races.

It feels like my sternum is shattering with every blasting beat. The playground. My favourite hang out in all the land. This is not just any playground either. This is MY playground, the fairly new Pukekura Park playground. My senses are overcome by the sheer splendour of the children's utopia. It is as if a rainbow has fallen and shattered over the playground. Vividly striped slides are dressed in psychedelic hues. Ladders, bars,

tunnels, see-saws, more, all boasting electric blues, fire reds and acid greens. The piquant odour of fresh bark jabs at my nostrils. The mid-summer evening's humidity lifts the embedded sweat from the woods, and it darts into my mouth. I cringe at the foulness. I am drowned in multiple different noises. A calming bird's call to its partner relaxes me, until a hideous, grunting and groaning car chugs past.

The car slows to a crawl and parks in an empty park, leaving every other park vacant. Spilling from the interior of the car comes two wailing silhouettes against a background of a serene sunset. The two excited children, both my age, both male like me, hurriedly run up to me. The two are twins, both wearing the same clothing, shoes and hats. I am asked if I would like to join them in "slaying the beast", I am sure that means the playground, and so I accept. I scuttle up an outer extremity, possibly the monsters arm or leg. It is a ladder, but I simulate it to be scaly and rough and fighting me off. One boy, holding a stick as a sabre, crawls into the mouth. The slide he is on top of is fearsome red, and I imagine it to be the tongue of the dragon, protruding in anger. The last child slowly but surely scales the rope, pretending he has thrown the rope over the beast and is abseiling up it. I am on the monster's back. I slide across his slippery, green-tinged back, which, really, is a mere wooden bridge, with a thin, mossy layer. The beast I have mounted is huge. I cannot see from one side to the other and I have lost sight of my companions. I lower myself down a spider's web made of rope, and into the chest cavity of the monster. I see a beating heart. It is not, of course, but a steering wheel. I grin eagerly... but stoop sadly because of my fallen comrades. I wield myself a stick, left by another brave traveler. With a firm thrust I stab the heart.

A final blow.

It is dull, faded, worse for wear. The once majestic colours have bled of their



brightness, forming different shades of grey. The whole scene is quite depressing. This is not a dirty back alley; it is the same playground, which has only aged ten years. The same ladders, bars, tunnels and see-saws are showing cold colours and extreme wear and tear. Everything in the immediate vicinity is uncared for, forgotten, and its' condition reflects this, as it has dramatically deteriorated. Even the one futuristic looking toilet has been attacked, showing scars of graffiti. I hear nothing but the eerie tension. A small leaf blows past, crackling, making a noise matched by that of a pneumatic drill in a town.

No people. No wildlife. Nothing...

I decide to re-mount the beast, one more time. However, it is not giant. It is not even large at all. The once massive monster has shrunk into a fleck against the ever growing deciduous trees. The limb I once conquered is now nothing but a single leg's length high. The long, slender back of the beast is scaled down, being nothing but a bridge, dull, faded, and only three steps long. I peer into the vast, expansive hole, where I had once slain the dragon. It is now only big enough to be the same height as my waist. I see the cold, lifeless heart. It still has a knight's blade piercing it. Just like the land this playground lays on, the heart is cold, still, lifeless.

It is not the playground that has shrunk, but it is I that has grown.

Tahn Nickson



Stephen Haami Yr11



Michael Hatch Yr13



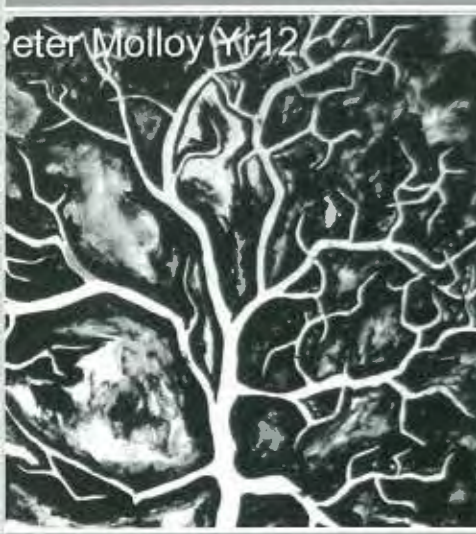
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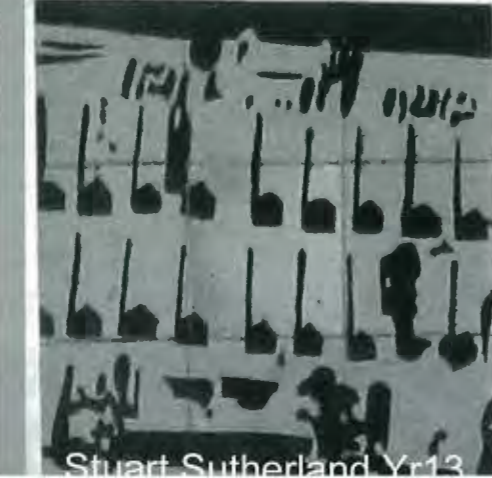
Matt Hotter Yr13



Hayden Tauroa



Loren Burton Yr12



Stuart Sutherland Yr13



NEW YORK CITY

People are shoving like sheep in a shearing shed. Skyscrapers replace the towering trees, their windows reflecting each other and the lives within. No native birds exist here, just the blaring sound of New York taxis and the city's inhabitants going about their day. Steam rises up out of the pavements like Rotorua's geysers but without the smell. Fluorescent signs demand your attention, unlike their country cousin across the world, New Zealand seems so far away.

As the sun reaches its peak in the sky, businessmen in suits rush for a quick lunch, before returning to their offices. The pavements are crowded with sandwich-boards as cafes compete for business, yellow cabs weave in and out of traffic taking people downtown. Grey pigeons clean up the crumbs while avoiding the trampling feet.

Raised voices cause pedestrians to pause for a brief moment. A stocky man in a worn chequered shirt argues with a wiry grey haired woman. Her shrill voice drowns out the man's argument as she forces her way into the taxi, the two of them acting like kids fighting for the back seat of the school bus.

Humid air trapped amongst the buildings mixes with the pollution from the traffic. Smells of the hot dogs and pizza cling to your clothes. The desire to take a deep cleansing breath of fresh air overwhelms you. Nothing can be seen but concrete; rural, green are foreign words.

As the sun sets behind the concrete horizon the city shows a new face. Fluorescent lights now bolder and brighter in the dark, scream out. Music escapes the bars and restaurants as if it too is in need of air. Across the world in NZ, everything is awakening from a beautiful long sleep. New York is so different from my home in rural New Zealand, literally

a world apart.

Garth White

CREATIVE WRITING

The sharp teeth tear a hole. Digging and scraping through soft, sensitive flesh. The unfamiliar sting. I always prefer to do it myself, not because I don't trust Mum with the tweezers, but because I know when to expect the pain when I do it myself. A sharp sting in my fingertip. The tweezers' jaws seize hold of the sharp splinter and drag it to the surface. A single drop of blood rises with it, thick and red. It just sits there on my fingertip, as if suspended by memory. I think back to the night of the sacrifice. The night I parted with a pint of my own blood.

I had done my best to avoid it. I tried not to listen to the notice at school and hoped I would forget. I tried to think of a decent excuse so I could forgive myself for forgetting. But the more I thought about it, the harder it became to forget about it. I looked for reasons not to do it. Maybe it would go wrong. Maybe I would get infected. After days of trying to convince myself not to go, all I had managed to do was dispel any possible excuses, and only a whole list of reasons why it was worthwhile was left. It came the time when I had to decide; pain or guilt.

I found myself in the car, driving down to the church. My palms were damp on the steering wheel and I could hear my heartbeat deep in my eardrums. I hadn't yet made up my mind whether to go or not, but my body seemed to know where it was going. All I saw was the blur of traffic lights and passing cars, all I heard was the thumping in my ear and all I felt was the absence of any rational feeling.

Somehow I arrived at church, the temporary donation centre. Having parked the car and checked numerous times that it was

locked, I walked anxiously up the driveway. The old stone building shone eerily in the moonlight. The soft glow from the stained glass windows created more shadow than light. I gathered myself in a loose bundle of nerves and stepped over the threshold.

Having read the fine print, signed my life away and had a simple blood test, I walked nervously through to the donation room like a convict taking his final steps to the gallows. The thumping in my ears grew louder and louder, faster and faster. I was sure the nurse would be able to hear it. I climbed up into the chair and the nurse tilted it back. Something on the wall caught my eye. I focused my eyes and focused my mind on the small crucifix hanging above the doorway. I could see the thick nails pierced through Christ's bony arms and thought about the nurse bringing over my needle. I imagined all the blood that was spilt. How he made the ultimate sacrifice to save the people, and how I could make one small sacrifice and save up to three people's lives.

My mind drifted away as the nurse returned. It floated from my head and hovered around the room until it came to rest up on the big old rafters. I was watching myself sitting there, now calmly, in the chair, as though I was my own fly on the wall. I felt the needle pierce the skin, but more as a cringe of someone witnessing pain than the sharp twinge of one suffering it. I could no longer make out the beating in my ear, but instead could see the gentle pulse in the constant stream of blood leaving my body. Whether it was a tingling in my veins from the loss of blood or something else I am not sure, but at that moment something came over me. There was no beam of light, no heavenly music, but as my mind drifted back to me, it brought with it overwhelming sensations of relief and fulfilment.

The single drop of blood still balances on my fingertip. I imagine the thousands of others just like it flowing around my body, weaving



and winding their way through intricate pipelines under my skin; an unseen river of life. I try to visualise and count how many drops of blood I donated just like this one. How many are flowing through someone else's veins right now? How many helped someone in need? The truth is that I will never know what became of those drops of blood. Whether they saved lives or went to waste sitting on a refrigerator shelf. But that doesn't matter, because I contributed. And whether my blood saved someone's life or not, I like to think that I made a difference.

Matthew Girvan

BLAZING INFERNOS AND HAYBALES, WHAT NEXT?

Along with haymaking, came the hottest day of summer. At seven in the morning we were already wearing shorts just marginally longer than Speedos and sleeveless shirts. The heat seemed like hot razorblades piercing our skin.

We could see the tractor down in the paddock perfecting its rows of hay with the tedar. We clambered onto the back of the truck. The cold metal on the deck felt as if we were rolling around in the Antarctic snow compared to the sweltering heat around us.

The contractor arrived with his tractors. One Fiat, one Fergy, both with balers behind and both as rusty as an old car found abandoned in the bush. They chugged on pushing bales of hay out the back, one after the other, on and on and on. We then started the slow tedious task of fetching the rough rectangular hay bales with the truck and carting them to the shed. The scratching straw began to wear away at skin on our legs and our arms began to look like pincushions.

As the afternoon wore on I started to taste the dry, musty pieces of straw in my mouth. The heat brought on an immense sense of

thirst, like a camel in the desert and, with no water in sight, my thirst grew.

Suddenly, I threw myself from the truck as I saw smoke and ran towards the black cloud billowing upwards as if someone was smoking a giant cigarette behind the hay shed. Pictures of Halloween and gigantic porcupines on fire flashed through my mind. I neared the fire and the smell of burnt rubber tickled my sinuses, I realised the fire was very dangerous. My brain worked in overdrive but my body had no clue as to what to do. The centre of the fire was a tractor and I had no liquid and no extinguisher.

I had a raw sense of panic just before Dad arrived with an extinguisher. You could have almost sworn a man in a tight blue suit with an "S" crest on its chest had been summoned.

Superman extinguished the blazing inferno and back at the main farmstead everyone had quenched his or her thirst with a cool beverage, but most importantly the hay was in the shed. As the cold hand of night spread its fingers, people sought clothes as a cow seeking hay. The stubbies and singlets were covered with woollen jerseys and track pants. The day's haymaking was complete.

Darren Alexander



TONGARIRO CAMP 2007

DAY1: We set off from New Plymouth Boys' High School on the Sunday morning for a journey to the Tongariro National Park for our overnight bush camp. With the sun behind our backs we knew we were in for an exciting camp. When we got to the camp site we set up our tents and got ready to set off on an adventure underground. Yip, you guessed it -caving. We had to crawl through mud that covered our arms and legs while squeezing through gaps the width of our heads.

Day2: We woke up early Monday morning, quickly packing up our tents because of the rain that started to settle in. When we had finished packing up camp we set off to where we would be staying for the night to come. We went to the Tongariro Holiday Park where we were going to be staying for the remainder of the camp. After putting our bags in our cabins we set off once again to nearby Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre for our stream bash. During our trip stream bashing we belayed each other up a waterfall, went through water over head height and we also saw a hole that was used to trap moa hundreds of years ago. We also



had to climb another waterfall to get up to the road. Our next activity was abseiling down into a gorge from a bridge that was part of a canal. We had some time left after the abseiling so we went for a walk to find out where it led to. After a bit of a walk we headed back to the holiday park for the rest of the day.

Day3: We woke up at about 7:30am Tuesday morning to start our day of fun

and adventure white-water rafting down the Tongariro river. When we got to the site where we were going to launch the rafts, the instructors ran us through the calls and commands that we would need to know while on the river. We set off on the water to practice the commands and to begin our journey down the mighty Tongariro river. The first rapids were in sight so our instructor Nick yelled "Forward!" so we went forward, obviously, and went crashing over the rapids. The whole experience took up to four hours of rafting down rapids with names such as "grandma's green undies" and "Air New Zealand". The freakiest part about rafting down the Tongariro river was probably when we rafted under the bridge that led to the prison. There were a couple of trucks whizzing overhead when we were coming up to the third to last rapid. The next activity we did was a peaceful game of mini-golf in Turangi. The mini-golf course was the best I've played on in my life. It had mountains, rafts, the Tongariro crossing, the Château and even a keg barrel that you had to putt the ball through to get the ball in the hole. We next went to the indoor rock-climbing wall down the road. We spent a couple of hours climbing and mucking around on the climbing wall that you don't need a harness for. After we had finished





rock climbing we went back to the holiday park for the rest of the day.

Day4: We woke up to a miserable day of rain but we were still going to Rock 'n' Ropes in Taupo. It was pouring with rain and looked like it wasn't going to stop but we still drove on. When we got there we went to the office to meet the instructors. The whole time on

the high ropes was adrenalin-packed and the trapeze was a heart-stopping experience. We had a couple of hours left over so we went for a walk around Te Porere to finish off the day.

Day5: We woke up at around 6:30am to pack up camp. Once we had finished breakfast we left the Tongariro Holiday Park for the last



time to go on our last adventure doing the Tongariro crossing. When we got to the start of the track we got our day-packs out of the vans and set off on a journey over rugged terrain. We walked for about half an hour until we got to the base of Mount Tongariro. There before us was the Devil's staircase, an energy thirsty slope of rocks that we would have to climb after we regrouped. When we had regrouped at the base of the Devil's staircase we rehydrated and had a bite to eat before setting off. On the way up we stopped a couple of times to enjoy the view but sadly it was a really cloudy day so all we could see was clouds.

When we finally made it to the top we rested and then followed the track until we got to South Crater. We left the track and headed up a ridge where we regrouped and set off along the ridge until we made it to the highest point of Tongariro. After we had a Moro bar to eat we continued our course on the ridge. We soon made it to a flattish part of the ridge that overlooked the magnificent red crater. It was a pretty cool sight looking down and at that point in time the clouds

cleared to give us an extraordinary view of the crater. When we had finished admiring the view we all huddled up in a big group and sang a song together. After this we carried on to where we found the track that is used for the crossing itself. We followed the track down until we got to South Crater again where we regrouped for the last time. We were all allowed to go at our own pace back to the vans. We all piled in and we started on our way back to New Plymouth and back to school.

Keigan Burgess

MOUNTAIN BIKE CAMP

On the 10th of December at 8.00 am the boys on the mountain bike camp met at Hobson Street bus shelter with their bikes and gear ready to hit the road to our first destination, Rotorua. On the way we were held up because there was a huge car crash and someone had died, so we were a little over time. Around 12.15pm we got to Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park where we set up camp and had lunch. After lunch we got ready for our first ride of the day at Whakarewarewa forest. When we got to the forest we unpacked the trailer and set off onto the trails. We started off on a grade one which was less challenging but once we got used to riding the rough terrains we moved up the grades. Around 4.30pm when we finished riding we packed up our gear and headed back to the holiday park where we had free time to have a hot swim before we started to cook tea. For tea we had a bbq which was an alright tea for the first night. After that we had free time for the rest of the evening.

After a good night's rest, we got up in the morning, had breakfast, then we headed off again to Whakarewarewa forest to do some more mountain biking. At first we rode for about 15 minutes to come to a quick fast clean short downhill track that we all had a go on and enjoyed. After that we all had



WAITOMO CAMP

We headed off in the squashed-up small van for three exhausting hours to Waitomo. When the group arrived everyone was happy to feel the grass on their feet. It was like heaven.

We got into groups - Group One and Group Two. Group One went off to do the adventure walk while Group Two stayed behind and waited for them to return so that we could swap over. The adventure walk was enjoyable. It took a lot of teamwork. Our group turned it into a game as we travelled across through the ancient lake (murky puddle) and found the sacred candle of light (wax candle). We then approached a mystical pond with a circle of boulders (a patch of grass with some stones in a circle). Everyone watched as one of the group members tried to get the magic power of fire (lighter) from the middle of the lake (grass). You weren't allowed in the circle. We went inside a tunnel and used all the items we had gained to get through the tunnel. It had a key at the end and we won the treasure (grape juice and chocolate).

The next day we went quad-biking and black water rafting. I thought black water rafting would be action and surprise but instead it was dark and cold. We put on full body wetsuits so we didn't freeze into ice and got given a floaty ring. We were going inside a cave. When we got to the entrance we slowly climbed into the slippery cave hole and turned on our helmet lights. As we went further into the cave the water got colder and colder. The instructor told us there was a massive eel in these waters. I don't like eels and I wanted to keep my fingers so I swam as fast as I could to the front of the line. When we got up to a waterfall I got butterflies in the pit of my stomach as the instructor said we were going to jump! I was afraid something was going to go wrong, but nothing did. We then headed back to camp with the people who were taking us quad-biking as some people were cold and wanted jerseys. We

to ride up a huge hill that took a fairly long time. Once we got to the top we split into two groups (the experienced and the less experienced). Both groups had great fun going down because you went really fast and it took about quarter of the time to go down than up. After lunch, back at camp, we headed off to go rafting down the Kaituna River and do the world's largest commercial waterfall drop.

The next day we got up at 7.30 am and had breakfast, and made lunches. After that we packed up all our gear and loaded it into the trailer. Once we had packed up camp and cleaned the place up we all jumped into the vans and drove to the gondolas and had a go on the luge. We all had about four rides each. After about our 3rd ride it started to pour down with rain which made the track greasy. On our 4th trip down there was a huge crash which involved about five of us, one ended up getting stitches and the rest of us were just battered and bruised. After that we left Rotorua and headed for Taupo where we watched the floodgates open at Aratiatia Dam. We set up camp at Taupo's De Bretts Thermal Resort where we spent the rest of the afternoon swimming and eating our well cooked meal from Domino's.

When we got up the following morning we had to pack our gear up and then we headed off to shoot 'em up at Commando paintball. Everyone was looking forward to paintball. It started off as capture that flag which was really awesome then towards the end we went to the gauntlet which was not in the bush and had man-made barriers. This was an intense game of paintball because it was all on all and close range. After we had all used up our paintballs we headed back to New Plymouth.

arrived at a farm and put on helmets and overalls, jumped on a bike and off we went around the amazingly hilly farm. We went back to the holiday park. We had a bit of a rainy day but it cleared up at tea time.

Day 3 was spent in Hamilton where we stopped in town to have a bit of a look around the shops before we headed onto the most action packed game ever paintball. When we arrived at the farm it was on, everyone was excited. Some of us hadn't played it before. We got geared up and equipped with our paintball guns then headed off into the forest for our first game. Our first game went extremely fast; paint balls zooming all over the place. The second game was Capture the Flag. It was the hardest yet best game. You had to capture the other team's flag without getting hit. Nobody won as everyone had run out of paint balls.

The camp was fun and an experience that's hard to forget. If I could do it again, I would!

Ryan Boot

HORSE TREKKING

On the last week of school, 2007, the horse trekking group set off to Okau Horse Treks. The trekkers were: Ethon Field, Kingston Hana, Isaac Hine, Michael Ho, Haoro Hond-Goffe, Alex Iverson, Jordan Kumeroa, Connor McLaughlan, Greg McLean, Ryan Morshead, Bron Nisbet, Callum Salisbury, Dylan Turner, Tyla West, Tom Xiong and Ms Herbert. When we arrived we were assigned



Haoro Hond-Goffe on Cobber

to our horses. Once we had learnt to groom and saddle up our horses we went for a short ride to check we were matched up with the right horses and to learn some basic skills.

The next day we woke up early and got ready for our first big adventure on our horses. It was exciting and funny because one of the horses took off and Tom was holding on for his life. It looked hilarious.



NPBHS Horse Trekkers 2007

The next day we got up early again. We got dressed, had a cooked breakfast, groomed our horses and set off on our trek up Boar Creek. This was a great experience for all of us and there were a few good laughs on the way. After this there were games and barrel-racing set up. These were really funny because we had to ride bareback and people were falling off. We had to drink a mixture of something gross made especially for us by Jasper. This day we also had a mud fight which was awesome because we all got covered in mud.

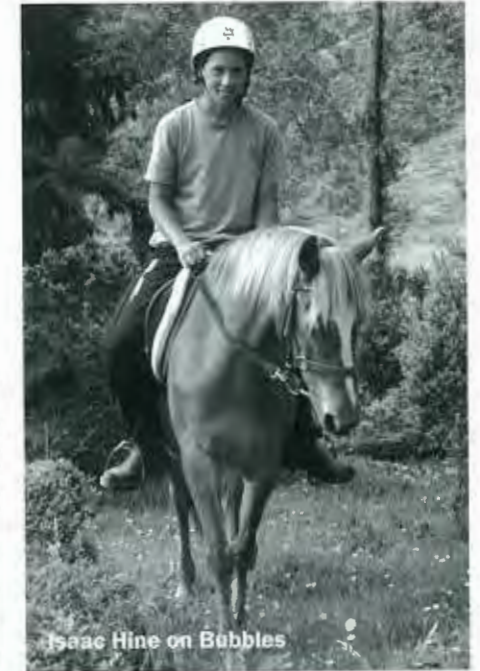
On the last day we had our final trek which was a long, four-hour ride. We all enjoyed this thoroughly and had a great time. We hosed the horses down after this because they were hot and covered in sweat. We cleaned them up and let them loose in the big paddocks. The first thing they did was have a good roll in the dust which made them all dirty again.

Everyone loved this camp. It was something none of us will forget. Special thanks go to Lisa, Bryan and the whole team at Okau who looked after us.

Haoro Hond-Goffe, Jordan Kumeroa and Bron Nisbet



Jordan Kumeroa on Scamper



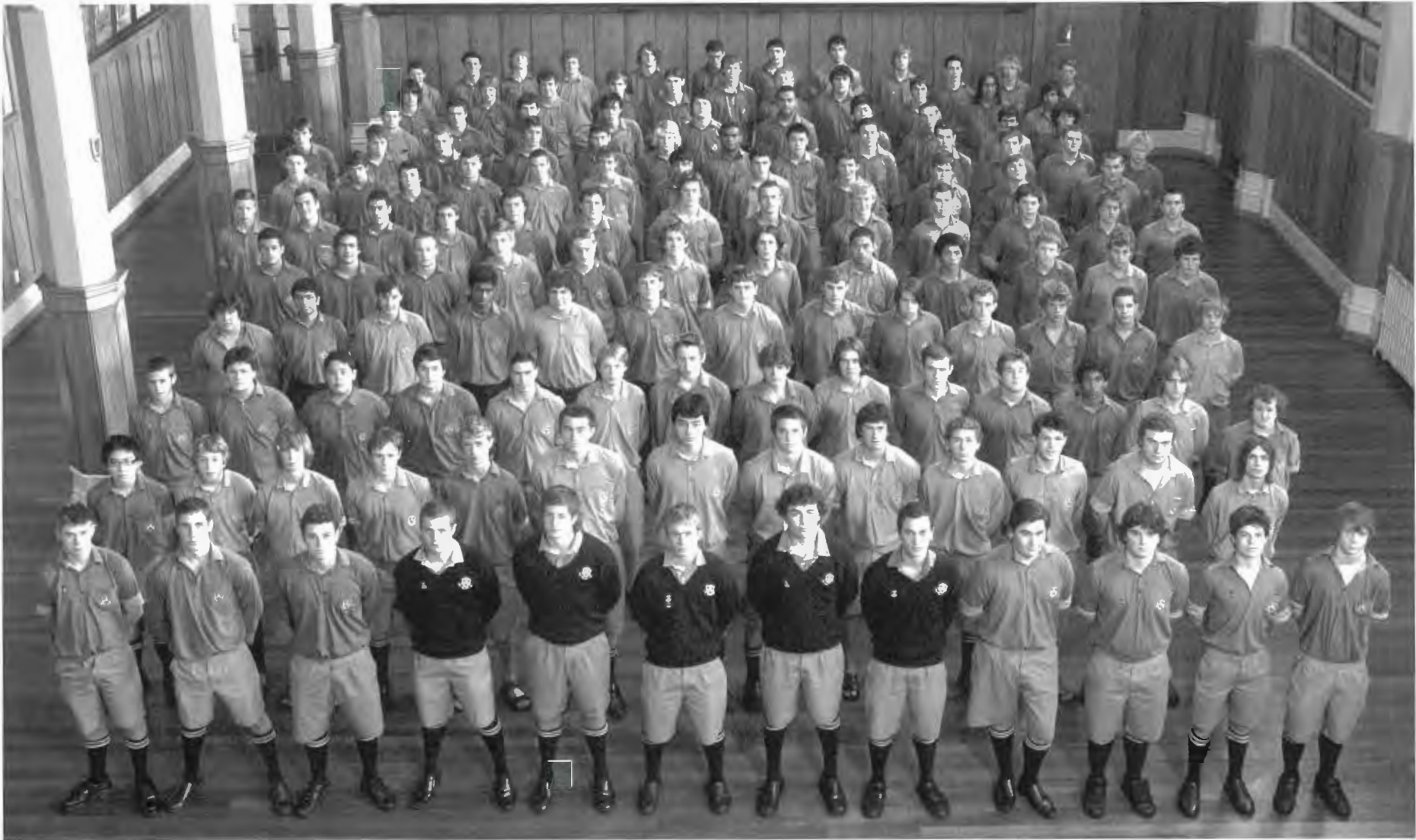
Isaac Hine on Bubbles



Mud Bathing



YEAR 13 LEAVERS





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- 11th Matt Harold, John Marshall, Cam Rowlands, Liam Ander, Eli Abraham-Bereman, James Young, Kayne Newman, Julian Corbett, Ben Dixon, Awa Maihi, Ben Dowman, Ethan England
- 10th Carl Stieller, Wills Langslow, Brendon Clough, Rhys Ellis, Jeremy Mills, Kyran Rooks, Chris Jager, Jack Taylor, Jono Gibson, Tyson Kahu, Gary Tiplady
- 9th Thomas Wilson, Leigh Elliot, Hayden Davison, Jonathon Feasey, Richard Shearer, Lewis Politini, Owen Yao, Logan Nielsen, Sachin Modgill, Toby Jordan
- 8th Jacob Meads, Loyd Hinton, Rhys Harker, Jack Smithers, James Hewett, Chris Hewlett, Bose Yanuyanutawa, Peter Zhou, Scott McMahon, Henry Bartle, Steven Smith, Julian Aim, Karl Paterson
- 7th Cam Gubb, Tyler Griffin, Jonathan Folwell, Logan Rowlands, Stuart Belgrave, Harald Askevold, Adam Antao, Jason Van Winkle, Nick Redfearn, Broughton Elliott, Mark Greensill, Brodie Nel
- 6th Matthew Hurley, Travis Woodd, Kimble Stevenson, Ryan Carter, Scott Evans, Matthew Dick, Sam Thomson, Tim Brown, Josh Barrett, Tom Otterson, Kenneth Johnson, Josh Lowl, Casey Luond
- 5th Miles Harding, Andy Hamilton, Liam McBride, Tim Lee, Michael Martin, Stuart Sutherland, Chris Ridgewell-Lang, Jared Keil, Daniel Lamorena, Michael Peterson, Jeremy Whyte, Jeremy Neville-Lamb
- 4th Zac Simeon, Akshay Sridhar, Leonard Harris, Ashok Aiyer, Geraint Scott, Robbie Weston, Tim Harrison, Sam Varley, Chris Caskey, Ben Coneglan, Brad Hickling, Kelsey Matheson, Tyson Brandt
- 3rd David Morton, Jacob Mills, John Hobson, Cam Rogers, Lagen Kumeroa, Dylan Oliver-Rose, Brent Donnelly, Raymond Walker, Tom Burt, Michael Pepperell, David Thomson, Akif Rafeeq, Jamiq Holdt, Dean Jordan
- 2nd Ken Tang, Calum Ross, Chris Cooper, Paul Hermann, Coady Clarke, Shannon Duthie, Cedar Vaimea, Jackson Ormond, John Taylor, Logan Burton, Nick Craig, James McKerrow, Elohim Northcott
- Front Row Nick Monk, Scott Bradley, Thomas Pullar, Carl Garrett, Hamish Alabaster, Hamish Fleming, Nick Joyce, Harley Wall, Sam Howe, Michael Hatch, Gye Simkin, Jared Soffe

Five years! Five years can seem like a long time, but when we look back on our years at New Plymouth Boys' High School, it's flown by like nothing we ever thought.

It's been very interesting venturing through different forms at this school. I will never forget walking into the Headmaster's Quad on the first day, just before entering the prestigious Ryder Hall. I was nervous, excited, and scared. At the first assembly, rising for staff and Headmaster were things I had never been familiar with. So many different aspects to school life changed. Yet, it did not take long to get used to.

Four years later, year thirteen begins. 2008 has been a monumental year for the class

of 08. The class it-self has a miraculous mix of sophisticated talent, academic ability, sporting ability and to Mr Elgar's dismay, some cheeky buggers to keep him on his toes. The comradeship between the group has certainly been an outstanding highlight, and this showed at the leaving dinner; during and after.

On behalf of year thirteen, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all staff of the school. Without them, we would not have finished our five years on such a high like we have. In particular I would like to thank Mr Lyal French-Wright; it was an honour being a student at this school in the four and a half years under your leadership. We will never forget you. Thank you to the boys, it has

been a pleasure of mine to have known and also formed friendships with many of you. I wish everyone all the best for next year.

A wise woman once gave me this phrase; I feel that it should be in the minds of all leavers facing the world in times to come. "You can be as great as you want to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive, and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done."

Nick Craig
Year 13 Leavers, 2008



GROUP PHOTOS



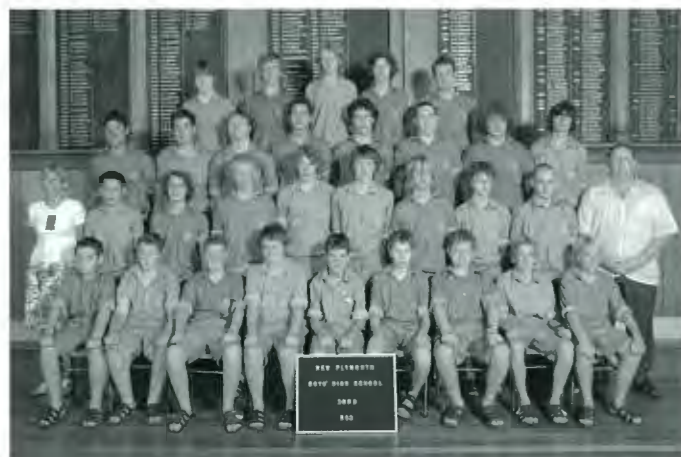
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 Second Row: Travis Olsson-Jane, Jamie Holdt, Zac Loveridge, Chris Joe, Zac Jackson, John Hobson, Sam Hanson, Anfee Holowich, Mr G Hannah
 Front Row: Alistair Hickey, Jordan Kumero, Geoffrey Hewlett, Patrick Harvey, Mark Jury, Jahrell Preston, Jason Richardson, James Hickford, Ryan Hickling
 Absent: Bradley Hickling, Jim Hogan, Jahmal Holowich



Barak 2

Back Row: Gered Keene, Mark Houwers, Fabian Irwin, Ryan Hunt, Dayle Keene
 Third Row: William Martin, Nathan Hughes, Matthew Collingwood, Sam Howe, Josh Harvey, Garry Hutchinson
 Second Row: Thomas Henderson, James Le Quesne, Ivan Ilkovic, Charl Jacobs, Jake Mills, Brennan Kendall, Nicolas Gagnepain, Ki Higham, Mr C Thomas
 Front Row: Brynden Jones, Jacob Hughes, Jacob Kadlec, AJ Hoskin, Matt Hotter, Daniel Jacobs, Alex Iversen, Henry Johnson, Liam O'Neill
 Absent: Jesse Hopkins, Fraser Johnston, Kelsey Matheson



Barak 3

Back Row: Luke Liggins, Ian Leppard, Andrew Gray, Nick Howe, Logan Holyoake
 Third Row: Haoro Hond-Goffe, Nick Koch, Mark Greensill, Levi Hori, Toby Jordan, Kenneth Johnson, Callum Livingston, William Livingston
 Second Row: Ms McVicar, Bryce Hunter, Nat Knightly, Mitchel Keene, Joyce Jordan, Isaac Julian, Marcus Laurence, Simon Jones, Louis Keer, Mr Towers
 Front Row: Jordan Hull, Carre Osborn, Caleb Kearns, Mitchell Keast, Jaidev Juran, Ivan Kagady, Mitchell Holyoake, Ricky Hopkins, Chad Jones
 Absent: Ben Hitchcock, Nathan Keenan



Barak 4

Back Row: James Linehan, Joshua Iwikau, Jonny Hobo-Tuck
 Third Row: Hayden Knowles, Jordan King, Danny O'Leary, Duncan MacDonald, Makahesi Makatoa, Willy Lane
 Second Row: Mr K Lockhart, Aidan Jurgens, Michael LL Dylan Hopkins, Nathan King-Tabuteau, Casey Luond, Ethan Kisby, Dylan Hall, Alex King-Tabuteau, Brendan Osment, Mrs A Slater
 Front Row: Josh Jones, Simon Porter, Steven Li, Luke Kennot, Dean Jordan, Josh Lowe, Anupom Kabir, Ryan Kieley, Sam Johnson
 Absent: Thomas Jury, Orion Kana, Joshua Longstaff



Barak 5

Back Row: Cameron Loft, Jesse Malcolm, Tim Lee, Sam Masters, Mike Maloney, Josh Mahura, Ryan Maloney
 Third Row: Jahnee Rowland Kee-Sue, Wills Langslow, Baxter King, Nathan Mahaney, Jared Kiri, Daniel Lamorena, Jared MacDonald, Bill Kauvadra
 Second Row: Mr K Simpson (Assistant Group Teacher), Layton Orens, Jack Li, Edward Lawley, James MacLean, Matthew Lamb, Michael Mallalieu, Jordan Makatoa, Michael Langslow, Mr J Sims (Group Teacher)
 Front Row: Josh Kettle, Corey Jordan, Adam Landers, Bevan Low, Josh Low (Group Leader), Troy Jury, Daniel Lowe, Michael Lahood, Devita Makatoa



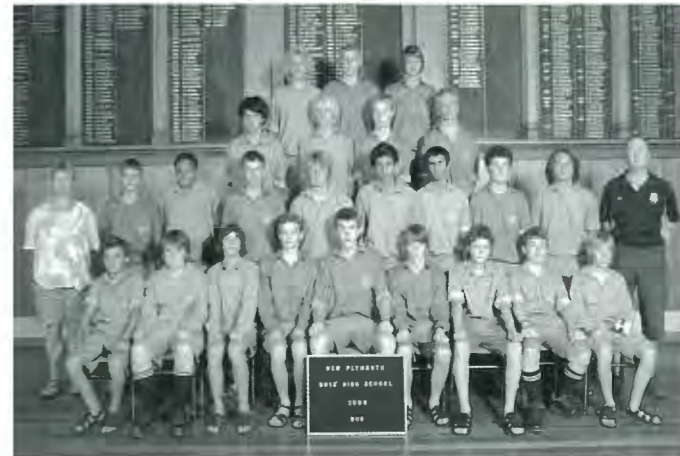
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 Third Row: Danyon MacFarlane, Zac Moller, Trydant Woodhead, Jay Maaka, Tupere Malhi
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 Front Row: Darwin Hween, Michael Malster, Jack Laurent, Jesse Laurent, Awa Malhi, Nick Joyce, Andy Mabin, Levi Lowe, Logan Jones
 Absent: Toa Ormsby, Luke Howard, Tim Harrison, Alex McQuillin, Shane Parker



Barak 7

Back Row: William McBride, Ethan Herbert, Callum Oliver, Keegan Marshall, Sean McKerrow
 Third Row: Andrew Laird, James Hewett, Joel Meull, Levi Manning, Matt Jones, Carlin Kumero, Tom Jones, Regan McClelland
 Second Row: Mr A Evans, Jake Leng, Connor Ken-Newell, David Kane, James McKerrow, Tom O'Connor, Sam McComb, James Konijn, Michael McArthur, Mr K Rowlands
 Front Row: Denim Lellmann, Ryan Morhead, Tyrin Maxwell, Damian Marshall, Lagen Kumero, Edward Konijn, Cody MacDonald, Dylan Leuthart, Liam Paterson
 Absent: Liam McBride



Barak 8

Back Row: Isaac Owen, Daniel Meads, Daniel King
 Third Row: Jay Hemara, Simon Momiich, Peter Molloy, Tom McElroy
 Second Row: Ms Roberts, Ethen Moffler, Brason Marina, Nick Monk, Zeke Parkes, Sanjay Modjill, Sachin Modjill, Brad McLachlan, Casey McKay, Mr Wilson
 Front Row: Isaac Manuel, Gary Paton, Ryan Maxwell, Nathaniel Manning, Jacob Meads, Reuben Krauf, Connor McGechan, Adam McLoughlin, Rio Martin
 Absent: Phillip Mischefski, James McDeugall, Willem Ockhuysen, Jarred Hinton, Dallas McLeod, Steven Masters, Joshua McIntyre



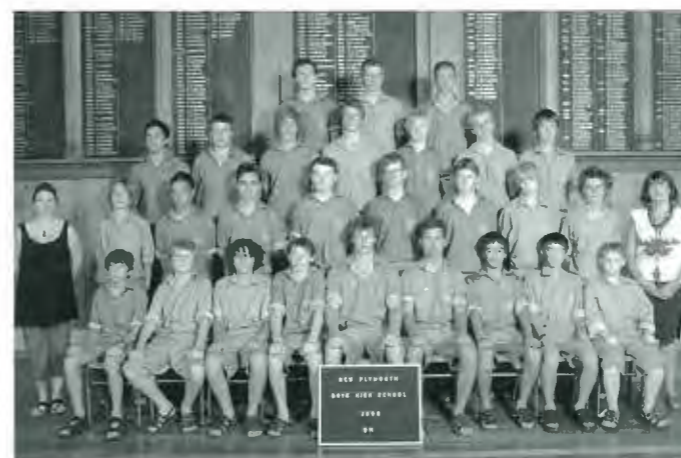
Barak 9

Third Row: John Marshall, Joshua Perrett, Joel Martin, Gerard Miller, Chris Miller
 Second Row: Zac Michel, Robin McKillen, Connor Marsh, Rory McPherson, Royce Milham, Steven Innes, Mathew Neville-Lamb, James Patu, Nainesh Patel, Mr Tullett
 Front Row: Nick McGrath, Tahn Nickson, Jess Pearson, David Morton, Kayne Newman, Jeremy Neville-Lamb, Greg Lockhart, Dylan Moratt, Byron McDermott
 Absent: Brad Hayward, Greg McLean, Lane Mitchell, Scott Moyes, Mark Parthemore, James Paterson-McIsaac, Michael Pepperell



Barak 10

Back Row: Tyrone Ngatai, Brodie Prichard, Uriah O'Connor, Angus Loft, Zane Murtagh
 Third Row: Bron Nisbet, Dylan Oliver-Rose, Sam Mitchell, Logan Nielsen, Logan Moheloa
 Second Row: Leonard Monk, Sonny Nguyen, Morgan Moffatt, Marco Polltakis, Jordan Hill, Chris Heringway, Taylor Prichard, Phillip Northcott, Mr G Carnahan
 Front Row: Ethan Murray, Jesse Pemberton, Chris Moutter, Jackson Moke, Michael Martin, Reece Nagle, Bradley Moore, Jordan Moller, Ben Mrowinski
 Absent: Ryan Phillips, Jordan Miller, Jonathan Moutter, Connor Oliver-Rose, Brooke Moses, Sreng Hong, Mr D Storey



Barak 11

Back Row: Scott McMahon, Scott Nelson, Chris Lepper
 Third Row: Chad Niwa, Ricky Olsson, Caylin Hunt, Beau Philip, Karl Paterson, Aaron Northcott, Daniel O'Keefe
 Second Row: Mrs Puckeridge, Stuart Morris, Cyril Panoho, Shane Kwong, Mark McMahon, Josh Parkinson-Lilly, James Mundell, Ben Nelson, Corey Nicholas, Mrs Moore
 Front Row: Cody Niederberger, Tim Penn, Nelson Lauderdale, Jason McMahon, Jonathon Morath, Hayden Patene, Taylor Patene, Matthew Petersen, Chris Neville-Lamb
 Absent: Wayne Geng, Seung Han, Manahi Ngaia, Tom Xiong



Donnelly 1

Back Row: Julian Aim, DJ Akariri-Buckley, Mark Atkins, Daniel Anoa, Joshua Barrett
 Third Row: Glen Baxter, Tyler Anderson, Jesse Frost, Daniel Alldridge, Tim Brown, Jamie Adlam, Joseph Bailey, Jesse Allan
 Second Row: Mr Stephen Brown (Group Teacher), Sam Adlam, Cory Adams, Jesse Bengie, Jay Airbuckle, Liam Ander, Thomas Alexander, Isaac Bailey, Omar Aboukheir, Mr Alan Sparks (Asst. Group Teacher)
 Front Row: William Hancock, Marip Allen, Brad Bullo, Connor Anderson, Eli Abraham-Beermann (Group Leader), Matthew Baxter, Tate Allen, Nicholas Adlam, Derek Abertson
 Absent: Chris Aebig, Adam Antao

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Donnelly 2

Back Row: Daniel Balsom, Alex Bartley Catt, Dylan Bennett, Ryan Anker, Mark Black
 Third Row: Phillip Barham, Byron Andrews, Mitchell Baker, Henry Bartle, Christopher Arthur, Thomas Benton, Jamie Black, Matthew Barham
 Second Row: Ms Ken, Matt Bishel, Mitchell Aro, Darren Benton, Ethan Blidebeck, Joel Boyland, Joel Bennett, Zach Bellinger, Ms Ward
 Front Row: Neiko Ambrose, Chris Banks, Codi Grayling, Brodie Arbutkell, Stuart Belgrave, Sam Dally, Sheldon Barnett, William Allen, Jaide Grayling
 Absent: Johnno Ayles



Donnelly 3

Back Row: Finn Beattie, Brent Donnelly, Oliver Brankin, Phillip Baldwin, Tom Burt, Hayden Brooks, Norton Bibby
 Third Row: Corey Bryson, Jarrod Birkett, Cameron Holden, Rhys Gally, Daniel Green, Fabian Bracken, Christopher Blyde
 Second Row: Ms C Beaton, Mitchell Green, Liam Bam, Stuart Birkett, Johnno Bruning, James Finnelly, Elliot Bloomfield, Lewis Bloomfield, Chad Gardiner, Mr T Heaps
 Front Row: Josh Brons, Joshua Bridger, George Bridger, John Beale, Tyson Brandt, Lewis Green, Charles Barnes, Jackson Braddock-Paja, Joe Batchelor
 Absent: Karl Andrews, Mitchell Brown



Donnelly 4

Back Row: Jared Bryant, Gray Barnett, Adrian Clough, Cameron Bolland, Ben Caskey, Aaron Barber
 Third Row: Chaz Hanscombe, Chris Caskey, Jordan Cadman, Cameron Brownlie, Lachlan Burns, Zachary Bunyan, Sam Brown, Adhish Achary,
 Second Row: Ms Atkinson, Duane Bourne, Kris Butcherworth, Connor Bevan, Andrew Carswell, Matthew Burton, Ben Dowman, Shaun Burton,
 Front Row: Stephen Butchart, Ms French
 Front Row: Cody Bishop, Adam Bellinger, Adam Beavis, Urala Buresova, Brendan Clough (Group Leader), Junior Buresova, Rhys Garner, Max Betham,
 Chad Blakecock
 Absent: Lance Burgess, Ryan Clough



Donnelly 5

Back Row: Logan Castle, Ben Dixon, Matt Dickson, Jonathan Feasey, Shae Rasmussen
 Third Row: Ms Jocelyn Beath, Ben Chau, Matthew Doney, John Dickson, Martin Cox, Elliot Clarkson, Lewis Bryant, Mr Steven Leppard
 Second Row: Chev Bristol, Leon Chiu, Turama Cassidy, Mark Oliver, Thomas Cox, Stuart Christensen, Matt Evans, Jonathan Beasley
 Front Row: Matt Carr, Rhys Evans, Shaun Cassidy, Ryder Casway, Ben Coneglan, Murdoch Gray, Jake Church, Sean Chivers, Aidan Brooker
 Absent: Oli Coneglan, Dean Braithwaite, Tom Burnside, Jamie Carr



Donnelly 6

Back Row: Matthew De Klerk, Shannon Duthie, Ailan Corbett, Thomas Doehring, Christopher Devlin
 Third Row: Dwayne Duthie, Tainui Cross, Riki Harrison, Sean Duffy, Kurt Cole, Ben Coventry
 Second Row: Mr Dominikovich, Justin Corbett, Chris Cooper, Jamie Clement, Darren Collins, Nick Coplestone, Broughton Elliott, Adam Collins,
 Front Row: Nathan Coombs, Mr Hewlett
 Front Row: Jayden Cameron, Sam Clark, John Banks, Taarane Haddon, Coady Clark, Thomas Burrell, Josh Clark, Jamie Butler, Josh Bumester
 Absent: James Creswell, Kyle Creswell, Tyson Kattu



Donnelly 7

Back Row: Chevvy Edwards, Dylan Crofkey, Jordan Moratti, Sam Hill, Josiah Abbott, Jayden Edmunds, Brad Carter
 Third Row: Paul Doody, Troy Davies, Jonathon Gavenport, Matt Dick, Daniel Earby, Aaron Edmunds, Edward Cooper, Bevan Darbyshire, Rhys Chilcott
 Second Row: Mr J Dobbie, Ben Bonner, Richard Darney, Terrence De Beer, Jonathan Folwell, Jared Doherty, Daniel Hine, Ryan Carter, Alex Hall,
 Front Row: Brendan Davies, Mr G Poole
 Front Row: Tim Bonner, Jordan Cook-Puke, Thomas Collier, Michael Bonner, Carl Garrett, Matthew Evans, Jayden Davy, Jackson Hill, Niall Cole



Donnelly 8

Back Row: Tevin Dixon, Jodie Bowden-Eves, David Arahanga, Rhys Ellis, Hayden Davison
 Third Row: Ms P Cayser, Aaron De Ridder, Jamie Hatch, Liam Harvey, Max Williams, Callum Davison, Scott Crighton, Logan Dravitzki, Nick Crawford,
 Mrs. L. Dickson
 Second Row: Adam Farr, Ainsley Edwards, Callum Gray, Ethan England, Jonathan Faapoi, Ben Crombie, Beaven Dewar, Chris Egli, Stanley Faaseu
 Front Row: David Dudson, Evander De Groot, Nicky Davis, Nicky Donghi, Michael Hatch (group leader), Liam De Grey, Dylan De Bruyn,
 Jesse Dravitzki-Smith, Kain Bowden-Eves
 Absent: Connor Hamilton, Matthew Foster, Jeremy Fenwick



Donnelly 9

Back Row: James Fuller, Lachlan Fenwick, Raymond Edwards, Miska Fonosi, Finn Cirno
 Third Row: Lacy Gardner, CJ Davis, David Ellis, Kerry French, Carlton Hira, Nathaniel George
 Second Row: Mrs Elgar, Connor Findlay, Quade Ewin, Kahn Elmers, Chaz Hall, Jared Gray, Gabe Dobson, Joshua Ferguson, Joel Edgcombe, Ms Scott
 Front Row: Kori Haricakite, Jakob Dietsch, Kyle Gillespie, Luke Dean, Te Waa Gotz, Juan Lehndorf, Jonathan Dempsey-Broadmore, Gordon Fong,
 Ely Bueno
 Absent: Scott Evans, Hamish Franklin,



Donnelly 10

Back Row: Josh Giddy, Hamish Fagg, Leonard Harris, Hamish Fraser, Harald Astveild, Zac Hadley, Nick Harvey
 Third Row: Brook Harris, Alex Harfield, Kingston Hana, Tyler Griffin, Andrew Fowle, Matt Harold, Chad Hoskin, Michael Drummond
 Second Row: Mr E. Hoskin, Hamish Harling, Trevor Garlick, Robert Hancock, Rhys Harker, Scott Good, Mataatu Hapimarika, Jared Howcroft, Ben Ellis,
 Mr B. Corlett
 Front Row: Matthew Donaghy, Te Aua Hapimarika, Aidan Gavin, Cam Gubb, Alistair Fisher, Conrad Fraser, Chris Harold, Alec Frankham
 Absent: Ronald Benton, Justin Gavin



Donnelly 11

Back Row: Jasper Eaton, Daniel Harvey, Cole Greig, Steven Heyes, Ross Gavin, Ramsey Glasgow, Jordan Hughes
 Third Row: Alex Fleming, Taylor Haskell, Dylan Haggart, Kieran Girling, Steven Haami, Leigh Elliot, Robert Hayes
 Second Row: Carlin Honnor, Jordy Haggart, Matthew Graystone, Chris Gellen, Oliver Gifford, Dylan Hayman, Cameron Hopkirk, Daryon Healy-White,
 Mr D. Leath
 Front Row: Dylan Fynn, Bill Gavin, Curtis Fisher, Alex Dent, Paul Hermann, Nick Craik, Kieran Honnor, Braden Hopkins, Ben Furze
 Absent: Jeremy Dynes



Hartherly 1

Back Row: Nathan Green, Jarrod Bell, Michael Baker, Matthew Feringa, Rhys Marshall
 Second Row: David Baker, Matthew McDonald, Jamie Stones, Matthew Sharp, Rhys Radcliffe, James Guilford, Joseph McNaught, Kyle Simonsen, Mr D Bublitz
 Front Row: Andrew Temperton, Liam Atkin, Reuben O'Neill, Matt Temperton, Chris Jager, Ethon Field, Sam Brown, Brandon Gauszad, Nick Jager
 Absent: Keri Baledrokadoka, Bessa Cati, Rory Hofmann, Mark Martin, Tunidau Maweso, Paul Sim



Hartherly 2

Back Row: Johnny Thomson, Isaac Hekenui, Warwick Millar, Lewis Stevenson
 Third Row: Luke Hoys, Liam Feringa, Wade Stafford, Andy Dykstra, Ben Frost
 Second Row: Mr A Hope, Donald Otterson, Kain Tapara, Jesse Thomson, Max Hoos, Brendon Fischer, Blake McCurtly, Tom Sandford, Morgan Kawana, Mr G Hall
 Front Row: Henry Boon, Thomas Clark-Pula, Tom Otterson, Logan Burton, Travis Woodd, David Thomson, George Hardwick-Smith, James Speed-Kerr,
 Keegan Pultman
 Absent: Kwang Kim



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Hartherly 3

Back Row: Dhruv Iyer, Ben Nelson, Chris Rutten, Kane Sharrock, Tynan Matheson, Elliot Jenkins, Lachlan Boshier
Second Row: Tim Henshilwood, Martin Hebler, Giovanni Habel-Kueffner, James England, George Thony, Michael Ho, Joshua Robinson, Daniel Fitzgerald, Arnold Fitzgerald, Mr N Vernon
Front Row: Jayden Woodhead, Reece Longman, Ben Hubbard, Jackson Ormond, Kimble Stevenson, Cedar Vaimea, Alex Besley, Mark Campbell, Grant Collins



Hartherly 4

Back Row: Apimeleki Dawal, Cameron Bryant, Gordon Washer, William Syms, Isaac Hine
Second Row: Ryan Boot, Christian Perry, Maxwell Lumb, Mitchell Paterson, Ben Steiner, Drew Waitaki, Jakeb Hughes, Richard Newsome, Mr P Whittaker
Front Row: James Pease, Scott Howatson, Taylor Mackie, Kaleb Hamilton, Andrew Hamilton, Stewart Clark, Ryan Braggins, Marc Hurley, Ben Shaw
Absent: Sam Adams, Yeonwoo Kim, Alipate Umu, Sakiusa Vanuyunatua



Hartherly 5

Back Row: Richard Weir, Cameron Lawrence, George Kalin, Brandon Roach
Third Row: Jared Wilson, Matthew Powell, Ben Patterson, Jack Arnold, Lawrence Barr, Noel Arden
Second Row: Albie Muller, Tyrl Jones, Thomas Bowers, Keiran Cawsey, Meka Mauriri, Max Wabaini, Martin Weir, Leighton Smith, Sam Grylls, Miss Elliott
Front Row: Ryan Allen, Jayden Ford, Philip Roach, Hamish Alabaster, Scott Bradley, Lewis Pollini, Sam Whitehead, Michael Herlitz, Jamie Thomas



Hartherly 6

Back Row: Levi Naim, Tim Phillips, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Adam Black, Blair Roguski
Second Row: Shane Smith, Daniel Chapman, Jerem Wichman, Keanu Vanags, Matt Barclay, Thomas O'Neill, Kurt Gilkins, Taylor Gray, Mr M Maaka
Front Row: Nathan Weir, George Hodges, Daniel Jensen-Schmidt, Lyaal Sanderson, Matt Hurley, Beau Anton, Michael Goble, Sam Stephens, Mark Potroz



Hartherly 7

Back Row: Te Tia Kemp, Hamish Mellow, Sam Blundell, Jette Josiah, Nathan Tobeck, Kahanui Carkeek, Ashley Mellow
Middle Row: Duncan Ryder, Jade Hirtz, Daniel Couchman, Greg Rowlands, Shayland Good, Michael Lloyd, John LeFine, Kelgan Burgess
Front Row: Niks Lloyd, Ryan Burgess, Fraser Harrison, Miles Harding, Mr C Malhi, Taituisi Tunavutu, David Avery, Wade Lewis, Sam Corney
Absent: Scott Bradley, Akif Rafeeq



Hartherly 8

Back Row: Darren Alexander, Regan Vemey, Jake Parke, Cory Broughton, Christopher West
Middle Row: Jamie Shrubasail, Jordan Berry, Edwin Lee, Felix Horn, Arden Donnelly, Greg White, Jordan Harries, Samuel Lye, N Hunter (Head of Moyes House)
Front Row: Max Cumpstone, Jared Vemey, Patrick McAree, Mitchell Tuck, Brodie Nel, Daniel MacDonald, Richie Annabell, Sam Mutch, Jayden Poingdestre
Absent: Vincent Lamont, Peter La-Tour



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Syme 1

Back Row: Jacob Randall, Quinten Peters, Jeremy Mills
Third Row: Connor Wilson-Puhara, Brendan Hodge, Jason Schrader, Peter Reeve, Gareth Power-Gordon
Second Row: Mr D Atkins, Jayson Webster, Mitchell Rattenbury, Andrew Offord, Michael Peterson, Sean Phillips, Geordie Park, Chris Phillips, Matt Reeve, Mr K Rowson
Front Row: Ben Pigott, Finnbar Porteous, Nick Orr, Jerome Salle, Thomas Pullar, Daniel Reeve, Brody Schultz, Vaughan Phillips, Phillip Peterson
Absent: Aidan Prestney, Jabe Radich, Vincent Sharp, Chan Yun



Syme 2

Back Row: Richard Robbins, Zane Ritai Davey, Justin Stafford, Nicholas Rayner, Kieran Stancliffe
Third Row: Arran Richards, Alshay Sridhar, Michael Roberts, Rawiki Ratahi, Christopher Rowlands, Bailey Raumati-Katene, Mr P.C. Hill, Wremu Thompson, Shae Raumati-Katene, Antony Van Kooten, Raj Reddy, Alastair Scarle, Malachi Rapira, Joel Van Der Horst, Matt Phillips, Logan Robinson, Mrs. M Fenney
Front Row: Sheldon Rennie, Jarrod Rice, Sam Reeves, Ashok Ramanathan, Steven Rolfe, Tane Rowhiu, Nathan Pease, Miles White, Brad Rolston
Absent: Matthew Pipe, Cam Rowlands, Stacey Rowhiu, Nicholas Southorn



Syme 3

Back Row: Taga P-Misika, David Porter, Kyan Rocks, Damien Powell, Jordan Stayt
Third Row: Josh Whitehouse, Jessie Pimi, Ryan Peters, Kishan Rai, Ben Sinton, Zahn Rowhiu, Mrs Pauline Crow
Second Row: Chad Guinness, Tyler Winowski, Sean O'Connor-Burrell, Thomas Sinton, Billy Rodenburg, Isaac Robinson, Kyle Piliay, Jose Sanchez
Front Row: Lewis Sarten, Max Sattler, Regan Robinson, Lewis Schumacher, Matthew Phillips, Louis White, Jack Whitmore, Jay Rodger
Absent: Liam Phillips, Jamie Schwiters, Geraint Scott



Syme 4

Back Row: Kyle Still, Richard Shearer, Jack Smithers, Mark Wansbrough, Alex Sewell
Third Row: Mathis Smith, Michael Phillips, Thomas Rowlands, Jonathon Wyndham-Jones, Tim Ryder, James Wilson, Sean Parker
Second Row: Kyle Robertson, Kuriti Rowe, Callum Rutherford, Jared Rook, Josh Roguski, Matthew Sanger, Jeremy Raynes, Callum Salisbury, Mr Hill
Front Row: Kieran Whitmore, Glen Rawlinson, Blair Saunders, Jared Sattler, Cam Rogers, Chris Robb, Dan Robb, Aaron Saunders, Chris Raynes
Absent: Amrit Rai, Matt Shaw, Mrs Porteous



Syme 5

Back Row: Connor Stachurski, Wesley St George, John Taylor, Kane Robertson, Steven Smith
Third Row: William Sandifer, Jared Soffe, Vincenzo Smolenski, Darryl Roberts, Robbie Weston, Jack Price
Second Row: Mr J Waime, Andrew Smith, Jaki Wicksteed, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Peneha Rowhiu, Matt Smith, Matt Zhong, Trent Spicer, William Zhong, Mr T Kroon
Front Row: Lewis Walsh, Taylor Simpson, Akif Sohail, Robbie Wood, Gye Simkin, Jonnie Rangji, Calum Ross, Anthony Taylor, Jasper Stevenson-Bone
Absent: Billy Smith, Ashri Sohail



Syme 6

Back Row: Nauto Shimogo, Nick Redfern, Brent Taylor, Blair Short, Gary Tiplady
Third Row: Ethan Sanderson, Matthew Stephenson, Joseph Stanton, Harley Russell, Jong Shin
Second Row: Mr J Prasad, Courtney Stewart, Leon Robertson, Sheldon Ross, Chris Ridgwell-Lang, Karsten Shottolt, John Sinclair, Gavin Woodmass, Tyler Stewart, Mr J McLellan
Front Row: Jacob Kogut, Ben Skinner, Jamie Sandford, Hamish Stening, Stuart Sutherland, Brett Woodmass, Cody Skinner, Zak Simpson, Cameron Sampson
Absent: Josh Sandford



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Syme 7

Back Row: Tyler Spencer, Shay Seu, Jamie Roberts, Shane White, Jeremy Smith, Sam Smith, Jaemyn Toa, Shaun Tilby
 Third Row: Bradley Thomson, Raymond Walker, Jason Thomson, Corey Telfer, Thomas Wilson, Brock Sibbick, Alex Spratt, Jake Silby
 Second Row: Mr J Rowlands, Joseph Stachurski, Ryan Terrell, Billy Smith, Kyja Street, Josh Thomson, Jamie Reid, Alex Wilkinson, Hayden Wood,
 Tamari Thompson-Smith, Mr B Johnston
 Front Row: James Sunley, Shay Stepstone, Denham Stevenson, Myles Simkin, Jack Taylor, Jack Trillo, Michael Stanciff, David Sulzberger, Lane Simkin



Syme 8

Back Row: David Stevens, William Tennent, Alex Terwiel
 Third Row: Luke Stevenson, Heinrich Swartz, Jason Van Winkel, Hayden Taunoa, Brandon Whyte, Jacob Tito
 Second Row: Mr Standish, Luke Stanciff-White, Carl Stiller, Joshua Taylor, Ben Snooks, Harley Wall, Tyla West, Steffan Stewart, Angus Swanson, Mr Moore
 Front Row: Chris Taylor, Hayden Whyte, Dylan Speedy, Zac Simeon, Jeremy Whyte, Jacob Tomlinson, George Zhang, Dylan Turner, Lewis Simeon
 Absent: Deyn Taylor, Matt Taylor, Zjahn Taylor, Chance Te Uira, Aaron Terwiel, Liam Welsh



Syme 9

Back Row: Mitchell Thomson, Luke Tyer, Mark Wansbrough, Eldon Vickers, Daniel Van Zyl
 Third Row: Brad Valinsine, Corbin Williams, Sio Urwin-See, Daniel Veza, Samuel Varley, Roy Thomas, Kris Vaughan, Zeb Urbahn
 Second Row: Mr William Geange (Group Teacher), Tom Smith, Sam Thompson, Matthew Warner, Brendon Turner, John Shepherd, Matthew Tooley,
 Stefan Maechler, Chris Whitmore
 Front Row: Azeem Raziff, Scott Valentine, Kirk Selley, James Varley, Sam Thomson (Group Leader), Harshal Upadhyay, Luke Stewart, Oliver Smith,
 Detroit Williams
 Absent: Tyler Simpson, Jason Wang



Syme 10

Back Row: Joseph Roberts, Owen Yao, Andrew Young, Jacob Whiting, Joel Ward, Matthew Wallace
 Second Row: Ms Herbert, Jojame Tavo, Hunter Ward, Michael Waiariki, Ducheon Walker-Withers, Simon Mo Xianchong, Caine Watty, Cody Willis, Garth White
 Front Row: Kieran Vooght, An Veragos, Kyle Wadsworth, Jacob Ward, James Young, Jesse Watt, Matt Voochinde, Hayden Wipatene, Mitch Walker
 Absent: Elohim Northcott, David Rodgers, Mason Rodgers, Vunivola Tavo, Tyrone Thompson, Jarrod Wallace, Patrick Watt, Tom Webb, Alex Whittika



Syme 11

Back Row: Jono Gibson, Peter Zhou, Nicholas Wells, Michael Wood
 Third Row: Jackson Win, Kurt Webber, Logan Rei, Lachlan Wimssett, Matthew Girvan, Trinity Wilson
 Second Row: Mr Spencer Page, Te Rima Whakatau, Joshua Rei, Mark Smith, Morgan Win, Kane Willems-Blacktopp, Nathan Wilson, Kane Wilson
 Front Row: Ethan Wimssett, Kerry Williamson, Jamie Winchcombe, Hamish Fleming (Head Boy), Logan Rowlands (Group Leader), Joshua Girvan, Lewis Win,
 Zhihao Zhou, Jaden Wood-Larking
 Absent: Ken Tang, Benjamin West, Logan Wilson, Jarrod Winter, William Young



leadership and for being such a fine role model for us
"You are a man of character"
Carl G

Thanks very much for the years.
Sad to see you leave.
See you in future times
Nick C

keep it red and black
Thanks Lyal
Logan R

The Man...
Ethan E

Hey Lyal
you're alright
Cam R

Go the Green Team
Daniel L

You were truly an inspiration to us all
Thank you
Michael H

You're a legend
Ben D

Thank you for the opportunities you have given me this year
Cheers Boss
Hamish F

Cheers
It's the Boys High Way
James MCK

Thanks for all the years you put into the school
You have made it what it is today. Extremely grateful to have attended in your time Cheers

Cheers
Green Team Rep
Liam A

greatest of our time
Cheers to Brent D