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HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Our success as a school has been chronicled in newsletters throughout the year and is outlined in detail in this magazine. Behind the myriad opportunities for students, lies a dedicated group of staff, parents, Old Boys and boys who coach, manage, administer, lead, adjudicate, conduct, mentor and supervise.

Our mission statement says that in an environment of integrity and respect, we engage and prepare confident, well-educated young men.

This means that boys will take responsibility for their learning and teachers will give interesting and challenging lessons. We want our young men well-prepared for society and future challenges. We want them to follow their dreams and passions in a confident manner. To do this we will continue to offer sporting and cultural opportunities in conjunction with an education of the highest standards.

To ensure this happens we must hold onto and promote traditional values such as integrity and respect. Integrity involves 'stepping up' facing consequences, being accountable, taking responsibility and respect involves respect for each other, our property and our environment.

We have instituted two new positions in the school - the Director of Sporting Development and the Director of Cultural Development - whose role will be to ensure that those boys who love sport and / or cultural performance have a systematic programme to increase their chances of success. We are also keen to mentor our top athletes and artistic performers, to ensure they have the correct balance in their education.

We are very pleased with the culture of the school, in the sense that the school is a very friendly place - the boys are remarkably kind to each other and there is a positive relationship between the boys and their teachers.

Our thanks go to the student leaders, who have been superb. Our Head Boy, William Tennent,

is an outstanding leader and a credit to his school and family.

The staff's professionalism and willingness to put in the extra effort for the students is impressive. The guidance team in our school shows that pastoral care is important at Boys' High. To the staff leaving - Chris Nicholls, Jocelyn Beath, Roger Harland, Geoff Hall, Phil Whittaker, Ngairie Ellicott, Fala Wainiqolo, Michelle Puckeridge and Gisella Sklenars - go our thanks for their contribution to the school. We wish the three retirees every success in the future and we pay tribute to Geoff Hall, who was outstanding as Senior Hostel Master. Geoff leads the boys by example and gave so much to his alma mater.

We acknowledge the support of the Board of Trustees and thank our Chairman, Jamie Sutherland, who will be stepping down this term. We appreciate the hours he has given the school. To the office staff a special thanks,

and thanks to Michael Graham our Executive Officer, who does a great job. The office team are efficient and care about the school.

The PTA and Whanau Waiora have led the discussion on the future direction of Boys' High. We are grateful to the Old Boys and their support at the school. Finally, I am fortunate to have such a good Senior Management Team - Bruce Bayly, Darryl Leath and Terry Heaps - who have contributed so much this year.

New Plymouth Boys' High School offers so many opportunities for young men and it is rewarding to see students take advantage of their opportunities. We are involved in education because we want to make a difference in the lives of our young men and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed to our school this year.

M J McMenamin
Headmaster



BOARD OF TRUSTEES'

2009 Board of Trustees:

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

- Hostel
- Property
- Personnel & Curricular
- Policy
- Finance
- LA Alexander Trust
- Executive
- Whanau Waiora
- Boarding Education Trust
- Technology

Chairman and Headmaster are Ex Officio on all Committees.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is in the third year of a 3 Year term. The Board comprises of seven members elected by parents and a co-opted parent together with a representative from each of 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

represents an 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 2009.

THE MANAGEMENT OF NPBHS

2009 marked the beginning of a new era for the school with Michael McMenamin taking charge as Headmaster. Mr McMenamin, or Mac as he is affectionately known, quickly established his presence by impressing students, parents and the Board with his dedication and ability to lead a school such as ours. One of Mac's first tasks was to acquaint himself with the teaching staff. He sets high standards and his expectation is that all staff will do their best to ensure the school is providing our boys with the best education possible.

At the beginning of the year the school went through a tumultuous time with negative media attention relating to bullying. Mac started as Headmaster part way through that time. Although an independent report concluded the school does not have a culture of bullying, Mac set up a Respect Committee to analyse and review recommendations that arose from the report. As a consequence, the school has established a number of additional procedures to enhance those already in place which provide an environment that discourages bullying and deals with incidents when they occur.

During 2009 a major goal set by Mac is that 80% of our Year 11 boys will achieve NCEA Level 1. In the past the number has been closer to 70%. The school is not looking to attain this goal simply by offering easy subject choices, as happens at some other schools. Instead our teachers have a programme in place to identify boys who have the potential to achieve, but whose work is not quite up to standard. Special attention is being given to these boys to

engage them in their school work so that they will attain the required credits. To date these boys have been doing well with their internal assessments and indications show they can do well with external exams.

It is essential for the success of the school that there is a strong and smooth working relationship between the Board of Trustees and the Headmaster. I am delighted there is such a relationship with Mac. As chairman, I thank him for his substantial efforts and work during 2009.

Mac receives excellent support from his senior management team. Our Deputy Principal, Mr Bayly, and Assistant Principals, Mr Heaps and Mr Leath, are well respected. At the beginning of the year Mr Bayly led the school as Acting Headmaster and, working together with Mr Heaps and Mr Leath, ensured the school continued about its business in a seamless manner until Mac started in March.

STAFF

2009 was another busy year for the teaching staff of NPBHS. Our staff has a large workload that it does not shirk. In addition to teaching, the teachers spend many hours on extra curricular sporting and cultural activities which contribute to an all round education experience enjoyed by the boys. As Chairman, I am continually impressed by their dedication to a tough job.

In addition to the teachers, the school employs a large number of support staff who work hard to keep the school and hostel running well. Without their support the teaching staff and management team would simply not be able to do the job they do. The Board thanks all teaching and support staff for their hard work and dedication during 2009.

HOSTEL

The Hostel is a substantial organization that has always been an integral part of the school. The Hostel Committee is chaired by Justine Darney, who had 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 for the last eight years has been Geoff Hall. Geoff is outstanding in this role and the school has been 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. Geoff has resigned from the end of the 2009 year in order to take a position at Scot's College. The new Senior Hostel Master is Nigel Hunter, who has also worked in the hostel for some years and prior to his appointment was Senior Master of Moyes House. Andrew Hope, the Senior Master of Carrington House also resigned late in the year and has been replaced by David Bublitz. The 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 Brendon Fischer, the Head Boarder and an exceptional group of prefects.

PROPERTY

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. Whose experience as a civil and construction engineer has been invaluable in helping the school manage the construction of the French-Wright 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. Projects undertaken during the year have included re-roofing the science labs and beginning sprinkler installation in Alexander and Ryder Blocks. Late in the year the school invited local architects to produce a design for a new classroom block to house languages, and home economics. This block will be constructed next to the Memorial Block and will replace the dilapidated prefabs at the far end of the school. Construction is expected to commence mid way through 2010.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee is chaired by Kerry

Mitchell and supported by our Executive Officer, Michael Graham. The committee is essential for the continued sound financial management of the school and this year has again performed a great job. Funding for schools is always a battle with the operational grants supplied by Government barely enough to provide the basic education services. This means the school relies on additional funds raised from the community including students' families, old boys and community organisations. The board is grateful for the financial support we have received from you all.

PTA

During 2009 the PTA has been lead by Tony Lendrum and Lenise Young. The PTA provides a valuable channel of communication 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 education outcomes for these boys. A focus in recent times has been to improve literacy levels for the Maori boys. Whanau Waiora has had success in this area, but it continues to be a challenging matter with constant attention required as new boys enter the school.

YOUNG MEN OF NPBHS

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 2009 the school has been extremely well served by Head Boy, William Tennent, and his team of prefects. We congratulate them all for their leadership and hard work during 2009.

Historically, boys from NPBHS have achieved strong academic results. While much credit for these results is given to our teaching staff, the boys themselves also need to be recognized for the hard work and commitment they put in during the school year. They lead busy lives balancing study with sporting, cultural and other school activities. A large number of our sports teams and musicians have achieved high national honors during 2009. We congratulate you all.

For the school leavers, you have been a part of the school for up to five 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 2009

STAFF NOTES

The year started with the arrival of our new Headmaster, Mr Michael McMenamin (MAC). While boys and the Whanau Waiora welcomed him as the new Headmaster, for many of the staff it was welcome back to our previous Deputy Headmaster. MAC was back and the school was embarking on a new era.

New additions to the staff included Mr Jonathon Flynn who joined us from King's High School, in Dunedin, where he taught Mathematics for



four years. Previously Jonathon worked for Statistics New Zealand. He has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in statistics from Auckland University.

Mr David Smale was also appointed as Assistant HOD of English. David, an Old Boy of the school, had gained a Master of Arts in English literature from Victoria University and then travelled extensively before returning to Westlake Boys' High School. David, unfortunately for family reasons, returned to Westlake Boys' High School. This opened up the door for Mr Hamish Kerr a previous staff member to return to the school after six years. He not only brings his undoubted ability to English, but also his talents in drama.

Finally we welcomed Ms Carolyn Matuku to our staff. Ms Matuku is an experienced Art teacher who had previously worked at New Plymouth Girls' High School. What was pleasing this year was the number of part-time staff who gained permanent positions at the school. We welcomed onto the permanent staff Ms Tineka Twigley in Languages, Mr Michael Somers and Mr Reuben Creery in English, and in Mathematics, Mr Joshua Hamilton and Mrs Brenda Elgar.

Last year saw a baby boom amongst the staff. This year we were down to one. Congratulations go to Mr Spencer Page and Sarah for the arrival early in the year of their lovely daughter, Lily.

The staff in general loves to do battle with the students in the sporting arena. In this respect age does provide the staff with experience and cunning and in a lot of cases an utter

determination not to lose. Hence a white-wash; a vintage year. In cricket, staff won by 100 runs in a 20/20 game with Hope, Somers and Rowson dominating with the bat (a highlight this year was Kane Rowson's 149 in one day club cricket for the 1st XI). Touch rugby was the closest game, staff winning 4-3 after some cheating on the time-keeping by the boys totally back-fired and allowed the staff to score the final try. Basketball was won by 15 points. Here, standouts were Kroon, Bublitz and, maybe not for the right reasons, Bayly. Football was a solid victory three goals to nil with the help of some excellent student teachers we happen to have at the school at the time. Rugby - The Big One! The students this year played extremely well, in a tough game, in which the score maybe flattered the staff 33-19. The standout players were Rowson, Hall, Hope and Michael Collins. Staff continue to participate in the Round the Mountain Relay with the first runners heading off in the wee small hours of the morning. All in all staff sporting prowess has been kept intact for another year.

In the life of any school not only is there the addition of new blood there is also the loss of experienced, quality teachers for all sorts of reasons.

The allure of Qatar and a position at our previous headmaster's International School proved too much for our HOD of Geography. Mr Nigel Vernon departed early into Term Three. Nigel will be missed; he was a valuable team player in the hostel, Year 11 Dean and a great HOD of Geography. His professionalism and can do attitude made Nigel a sought after commodity. We wish him and his young

family the best and hope to see them return someday.

Shortly following this announcement Mr Toby Kroon got the call and joined the migration to the Middle East. Toby had been with us for only a short time but had established a great rapport with the boys. He was a good football coach and, along with Michael Somers, this year had got the 1st XI football team playing great football. Thanks must go to Mr John Lykles who stepped in for the remainder of the year.

Terms two and three were certainly the terms for the announcements. Mrs Val Moore announced her retirement and finished at the end of term three. Val has had a 30 year association with the school. From Hostel Mother/Matron, to Social Science teacher, to the teaching of English as a Second Language (ESOL), Val has always given her best. An astute judge of character, Val was a valued member of staff; her efforts were always focussed on the boys. She was a strong advocate for the international students and overseas boys who entered our school and Val always ensured their transition into our culture was not too much of a shock to them. We wish Val all the best and thank her for her long service to the school.

The end of the year has seen a number of staff depart the scene. Michelle Pukeridge who had been on maternity leave handed in her resignation. Mr Fala Wainiqolo was farewelled. Fala was a hardworking, sincere and earnest teacher of technology. He was extremely well-liked by students and staff alike and he will



Ms Ngaire Ellicott and Mr Justin Hyde



Mr Robert Harland



Mr Phil Whittaker



be missed not only for his contribution to the technology department but also for his rugby coaching. Mr Chris Nichols also tendered his resignation, Chris had been working in a part-time capacity and has been a valued staff member in the technology department. He has also been a real help when it came to covering for relief. His positive, friendly manner will be missed.

Two staff, who announced their engagement earlier in the year, have decided to spend time teaching overseas: Ms Ngaire Ellicott, Assistant HOD of English and Mr Phillip Whittaker, commerce teacher and Dean of Year 10. Ngaire will be missed by her department and her students. She had great rapport with the boys and in terms of developing departmental systems and resource creation she was second to none. She has progressed while at New Plymouth Boys' High School from classroom teacher to Acting HOD of English at the end of 2008. Ngaire has fully participated in the extra-curricular life of the school and has especially supported debating within the school. A total professional, we wish her all the best in her future career moves.

Mr Philip Whittaker, Old Boy, started here in March 2003, after coming from Spotswood College. He has taught senior and junior Economics and Enterprise. In 2008 he was Year 10 Assistant Dean and this year has done a great job as Year 10 Dean. In 2006, he entered the hostel giving great service and he has coached the school badminton team and numerous rugby teams. He also took the school rowing

team to the nationals one year and has been part of the Year 9 mountain-biking camp since it first started. On top of all this he had time to meet and fall in love with Ngaire. We wish the two all the best in their adventures.

Mr Roger Harland, 1988 - 2009. This Horticulture and Science teacher told 'us bunnies' it was time to go. We will miss Roger, as he had compassion and sensitivity. His sense of humour and general knowledge made him the perfect story-teller. He was always jovial and his business and farming background meant that he had a real understanding of what life was about. He was such a positive coach at basketball and many a Friday night, Roger would be on the sidelines urging his players on, "Come on you Bunnies". Roger will hopefully not find too many bunnies on his beautiful Tikorangi farmlet to look after. All the best.

Mrs Jocelyn Beath, HOD of Music, motivator, mentor and super supporter of all things cultural left us at the end of the year. One only has to remember back to the awards dinners where her support of her students in the form of poems and jingles was an act in itself. The school will miss you Jocelyn but more importantly the boys will miss you. You inspired many boys to achieve great heights in music and you worked tirelessly for them.

In June, Mr Geoff Hall announced his resignation from New Plymouth Boys' High School, effective at the end of the year. Geoff accepted a position as Director of Boarding

at Scot's College in Wellington. He has given twenty years of service to New Plymouth Boys' High School both in the school, as a superb teacher with that 'x' factor and in our hostel as Senior Master for the last eleven years. Geoff awards a 'Top Bloke' award to boarders, but it is he who embodies the 'Top Bloke' concept. The High Tea in his honour typified how much esteem Geoff is held in by staff, parents and boys. The haka given to Geoff by the young men of the hostel at the conclusion of the evening was moving and memorable. Geoff had also been a huge supporter of the Old Boys' Association. As a pupil he had made many life-long friends and as a teacher he maintains a huge network of contacts with past pupils whom he has either taught, coached or had dealings with in the hostel. Add to this the friendships he has made with the parents over that time and you start to see a picture of just how much one person can mean to a community. Geoff, you will be sorely missed by one and all, as your contributions have been countless but in each endeavour you have undertaken you have always made a real difference. On behalf of New Plymouth Boys' High School, we thank you.

To all staff a thank you. It has been a busy year, a time of change and renewal. Enjoy your time over the Christmas break and I look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Cheers

Bruce Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



THE SCHOOL MOTTO A SPEECH IN ASSEMBLY

Last Monday the headmaster talked to you about the four legs of your chair, one for family, one for society, one for learning and one for friends. Today I am going to talk to you about a collective chair for all of us that has exactly the same four legs, though on first glance you may not think so. That is our school motto.

I volunteered to speak about it today because I feel that you need to know more fully what the Latin words on the motto actually mean: et comitate, et virtute, et sapientia. The 'et' just means 'and' so is just accenting the three concepts that the motto contains.

Before I start unpacking the meaning of the three main words, there are some Latin speak things you should understand.

Firstly, every noun in Latin, (and these main words are nouns), has twelve different endings according to whether the noun is singular or plural, or according to what that noun's function in a sentence is. The words in our motto all have an ending that means "with" so you could therefore more correctly translate our motto as "and with comradeship, and with courage and with wisdom".

Secondly, the Romans loved groupings of three, just like the American President Barack Obama likes to crescendo things in threes in his speeches, for three is a magical number. The Romans believed that the first time you said or did something, could just be an accident and the second time a mere coincidence, but the third time it was definitely not an accident. It was meant and so that gave what you said, or did, credibility and truth as in our motto.

Thirdly, the Romans liked to wrap up an idea, like wrapping up a gift, so that that it had to be unpacked. Therefore, the gift wrapped up in our school motto, because it is the central and most important idea, is virtute which we translate as "courage". You might have noticed I said that V as a W as the Romans did - virtute. The idea of "virtus" is so important that it really equates to two of the chair legs of Mr Mac's

chair, you and your relationship to society and to your family.

Virtute comes from the Latin word for man, "vir" a man always of prestige and good character. So virtus is the quality of being a man, or manliness and it specifically relates to men and NOT to women, although Girls' High has their motto too but translate it as "virtue" while we translate it as "courage". However courage is only one part of the concept of virtus and may not even be the most important part. Virtus meant that a man should act with honour, dignity, responsibility, show respect, be a leader, be truthful, do the right thing and of course a man of character often had to have courage to do that. A Roman educated man was expected to take up a role in society for the good of the country which meant entering politics and / or being an officer in the army.

Virtus is also a word that came to importance in Roman society at the end of the first century BC. That is, for those of you who can't comprehend that time, around the time of Christ. Up until that time the driving concept in Roman society had been "Gloria", or "glory" in English, when a man who was recognised as important had gained his reputation from having a lot of money and of course from having an aristocratic family with a long line of distinguished ancestors, maybe some of whom had rushed into battle and died a glorious death that could be retold for centuries. That was "Gloria" - being a dead hero.

However, at the end of the first century BC the concept of "Gloria" had started to break down and a new concept, that of "virtus", replaced it. No longer could you expect to rely on the reputation of your family, but your recognition in society came from what you could achieve in your own right and through your own ability. In other words you acted with "virtute". So in our school motto the importance for your own future lies with you and your character, not on who your parents are or what money your family has.

The other two words in our motto are comitate and sapientia. The "com" bit on comitate is a



prefix which means "together with". There are many Latin derived words in English that have this prefix. For instance a companion is literally one you have bread together with, and co-operate means to work together. The letter "T" in the rest of the word in comitate comes from the Latin verb "to go" as in exit which means in Latin "he/she goes out. So comitate is the chair leg that stands for your friends or someone who will go together and alongside you.

Finally the last chair leg is sapientia is "with learning." This was, and still is, a very important concept. A Roman had to have a career devoted to his country which in turn meant he had to be educated and learned. The art of public speaking was an essential part of the Roman education system. A man who had to stand up and talk in the Senate or to the people, or in front of the men in his army, had to have a presence, had to project his voice well, and could not be a fool. In other words, the content of what he had to say, had to be riveting enough to hold attention. So all great Roman military leaders were no fools; like Julius Caesar they had this sapientia. They were well educated. They were outstanding public speakers. They commanded respect. Maybe Barack Obama has this ability too. One Roman scholar sees him as being like another famous Roman by the name of Cicero, but that is another story for another day.

Margaret Atkinson



STAFF 2009

- Front Row: Margaret Atkinson, Jocelyn Beath, John McLellan, Alan Elgar, Dale Atkins, Terry Heaps, Michael McMenamin, Darryl Leath, Bruce Bayly, Geoff Hall, Nigel Hunter, Val Moore, Shirley McVicar
- Second Row: Chris French, Gisella Sklenars, Pauline Crow, Larry Wilson, Craig Thomas, Michael Graham, Allen Jones, Dave Moore, John Tullett, Trevor Woodward, Suzanne Scott
- Third Row: Bruce Johnstone, Catherine Beaton, Ken Lockhart, Dominique Simanke, Richard Wild, Troy Standish, Hugh Russell, John Warner, Murray Watts, Monica Fenney, Phil Whittaker
- Fourth Row: Pam O'Byrne, Louise Jenkinson, Ngaire Ellicott, Blair Corlett, Dave Bublitz, Josh Hamilton, Glen Hannah, Steven Leppard, Andrew Evans, Judy Jones, Brenda Elgar
- Fifth Row: Adrienne Roberts, Vanessa Herbert, Roger Harland, George Poole, Kelvin Simpson, Peter Cayzer, Tony Beyer, Kevin Gledhill, Jonathan Flynn, Gill Corlett
- Sixth Row: Maree Wipiiti, Mary Porteous, Jason Ruakere, Evan Hoskin, Linda Dickson, John Lykles, Angela Smith, Falaola Wainiqolo, Carole Meredith, Gordon Giddy
- Back Row: Mike Townes, Richard Turner, Stephen Brown, Paul Dominikovich, Ces Hill, Reuben Creery, Michael Somers, Kane Rowson, Tineka Twigley, Amy Bennetts, Murray Grimwood



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HEAD BOY AND DUX

2009. It has all but come to an end, but what a year to remember. Every year we hear speeches with the line, it seemed like only yesterday I walked through the gates of Boys' High. But the funny thing is that...it's true. It didn't feel like all too long ago, when my friends and I would look up at the other boys of the school. I have never felt so short in all my life. Everyone else was so big and intimidating. But time seemed to quickly tick by and I seemed to quickly grow, and become one of those bigger, unfortunately not so intimidating, but still taller boys. But what a great 5 years it has been.

Every year 9 student when coming into Boys' High on the first day looks up at these boards full of history and many decide what their goals might be for the coming years based on this. First, I looked over at the sports board and thought hey, there's an idea. Then my extreme lack of coordination...which even rivals that of Tim Hawkeys' was quickly realised and I thought I had better aim for something a little more realistic. So then I looked over at this wall. Looking through all the names...all the history, I noticed that no one had appeared on both the head boy and the dux boards. So that seemed like a good goal, and up at the top of the list it went.

Being named Head Boy for Boys' High for this year was the greatest honour I have received. Last year sitting down front in my chair my heart was beating out of my chest when they were announcing the Head Boy for 2009. This was a little ridiculous considering I had been told I would be awarded the position the day before, but still it was a big day in my life.

A thought in my mind, however, was the realisation of being head boy of a school where I didn't even know the Headmaster. With Mr French Wright gone, there were certainly some big shoes to fill. Upon meeting Mr Mac at the start of the year, I knew this school and I had nothing to worry about. Mr Mac has been of great support to me this year both with my school duties and taking interest in my academic and sporting goals and the connection he has developed with the boys of

this school keeps on developing. Special thanks must go to Mr French-Wright, however. He did an amazing amount for this school in ensuring all of the students gained a grounding second to none and this school would not be the same without his influence on it.

The support I have received this year from all associated with the school has been amazing; everyone has gone out of their way to ensure 2009 was a year to remember.

A big thank you to all my teachers: Mr Gledhill for your ever wise accounting knowledge and passing on your sharp accounting mind to others; Mr Whittaker for your very quick internal marking skills; Mr Cayzer for always making me work for an answer, I would never be able to simply get a yes or no; Mr Simpson for being the only Maths teacher in the history of my education to pick me up grammatical

errors; Finally Mr Page, I have never meet a calculus teacher that can solve such complex equations, but still manages to makes mistakes with some simple addition.

Huge thanks also must go to Mr Hewlett. Five years ago a national title in sport was beyond comprehension for me. The success of Adventure Racing at Boys' High is testament to the time and effort Mr Hewlett and Ms Scott have put into the sport.

And to one of the most underrated rugby coaches in all of New Zealand, Mr Prasad. I will never forget your influential sideline chant, 6th 15, 6th 15, 6th 15.

Another highlight of the year must be the ball. This hall looked amazing and the night would not have gone so smoothly without all the help and the very late nights put in by



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the ball committee, Isaac, Fish, Ski, Max, CJ, Charl, Hintz and Matt, it was great working with you and I still owe you that dinner I promised. A huge help for the ball week, and all year round in fact, have been the unsung heroes of the school, the office ladies. They ticked all our names off for this week from all our unexplained absences; I can tell you to get this hall up and ready, there were certainly a lot of them!

To those who have pushed me academically, Pete, Duncan, Matt and Fish, you pushed me to work harder than I ever have and my results would not be what they are without you boys. So thank you for that.

To the ever helpful prefects. You made this year a lot easier for me. Most of the time I could depend on you and when we had to do the less desirable tasks, such as trying to sort out a lip sync against Girls' High in the matter of a couple hours, they weren't all too many complaints, a few from Kyle, but still, not too many. Just to chuck it out there, we beat the

girls! But in particular to the heads of houses, Fish, Ski, Isaac, and Max, you boys have been amazing.

There are, however, two men without whom to be honest I would not have got through this year. Whether it was on a head boy basis, academic basis, or even personal basis I could always be assured that Mr Russell or Mr Leath's doors would be open. Without them 2009, for me particularly, would not be half of what it was.

On a more personal basis, these five years I would have never managed what I did without the help and support of my family and friends. Thanks to my mates the Ceit boys for their late nights helping, mentoring and tutoring me, my success is testament to you boys. My friends supported me in my most of my pursuits, but it's fair to say that most don't really appreciate adventure racing to the same standard as me. But that support means a lot in life.

But to my parents and sisters, thanks for always

being there for me. Whenever I bring home good news to them it seems as though they are more stoked than me. I know they are always there for me, through no matter what, and that means more to me than anything else.

Finally to the boys of the school, thank you for everything. It's you boys that make this school what it is. Good luck for your coming years whatever they may be. Work hard, play hard, and I look forward to meeting up with you in the future talking of the stories a little too inappropriate to tell here tonight.

I would like to finish with a quote from Albert Einstein "I never think of the future - it comes soon enough." It seems like only yesterday we walked through those doors, and the same will be said in ten years time when we are all a bit rounder, all a bit older, and like to hope all a bit wiser. The future comes soon enough, so make the most of today, boys.

Thank you.
William Tennent



Prefects 2009

- Back Row: Kyle Still, Joel Meuli, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Chris Lepper, Jarred Hinton
- Middle Row: Martin Hebler, Chance Te Uira, Cameron Holden, Daniel King, Jordan Moratti, Ian Leppard, Matthew Burton
- Front Row: Alex Sprott, Charl Jacobs, Max Williams, Brendon Fischer, Michael McMenamin (Headmaster), William Tennent (Headboy), Phil Mischefski, Isaac Owen, Matthew Girvan
- Absent: Tim Hawkey



Geoff Hall



Roger Harland



Kevin Gledhill Falaola Wainiqolo



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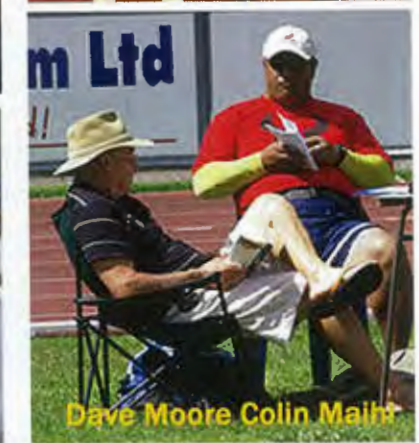
Elan Corlett



Josh Hamilton



Darryl Leath



Dave Moore Colin Maitt



BARAK HOUSE

It was a great honour to be given the role of head of Barak House. It was an exciting opportunity to get further involved with the students of the school. Firstly, I would like to thank my deputy Jarred Hinton, Barak prefects, group leaders and the students of Barak for an enjoyable year.

Swimming sports is always an enjoyable day and this year did not disappoint. It was the first event for the year, and the outstanding swimmers like Jared Gray helped us gain a respectable second. This was a good start to the year and gave us a good base for which to launch. A special thanks must go out to all the boys, especially, Christopher John Lepper for helping with the magnificent, but potentially disastrous, shelter.

The second event of the year was athletics. With good participation and outstanding performances from athletes such as Charl Jacobs, we managed a hard fought third place. This made for another enjoyable day, and the Everett Park swimming hole proved a great cool down spot capping off an exciting day. I must thank my personal trainers, nutritionalists and everyone else that helped me defeat the

Head Boy, the student rep and the other house leaders in the 100m sprint race.

Cross country was the next big house event. With heavy rain the night before the now muddy track would prove a fun and messy challenge for all of the runners. With good participation and some efforts coming in by the boys we managed to secure second place. This result kept the house in the hunt for the overall title.

The haka was an exciting and passionate event. We put in a lot of practice learning new parts and actions of the haka, and it paid off as we gained a solid second place. Thanks to all the senior boys for the help given to teach the younger Barakians the haka. Also, thanks to Maz who enjoys Nazcar racing.

Winter and summer sports are always good fun. However, participation in these events is not always strong. This proved to be a big factor and we struggled with a fourth place in both.

Debating was a strong point of Barak and we were confident entering the interesting arguments that were put forward. Peter, Tim

and Marco put a lot of effort into the senior team and we managed a second.

Tug-of-war was also among the house events, and it was an enjoyable lunch time for participants and supporters. With a good effort, we managed equal second place and took away six points from the event.

I have to say something about the golf or else, Mr Hyde would kill me. Barak has always been strong at golf, and the trend continued with an impressive first.

Thanks to Dub T, Mac Dub, Fish and Sac for a memorable year.

Thank you, to Mr Mac and Mr French-Wright for being great Headmasters of such a proud school. Thanks to Mr Hyde for a good year and all the effort you put into the house, you are the heart of Barak.

Good luck to the next House leader and the prefects for 2010.

Phillip Mischefski
Barak House leader 2009

DONNELLY HOUSE

After the disappointment of previous years, Donnelly had high hopes for 2009. We knew swimming wasn't our forte, and this resulted in a third place finish. Things were looking up, however, when we finished second in athletics, behind stellar individual performances by Mark Atkins and Cameron Holden. Furthermore, the enthusiasm from the non-championship athletes was outstanding, with many of the younger students getting involved. The last event of the day, the leaders' 100m race, was always going to be an entertaining affair: minus Tim Hawkey and William Tennent, the field was one of athletic prowess. My lack of knowledge in athletic events meant I inadvertently cut across Tim's lane, but recovered through the support of a vocal Donnelly House.

Things only got better from there, with a first place finish in the cross country championships



The day belonged to Cameron Holden, who finished first in the senior division, with a wire-to-wire victory, fending off tough competition from Isaac and Charl. Cameron received great support from Daniel Hine and Jordan Moratti whose top 10 finishes earned the house valuable points. Donnelly House was also well represented in the intermediate division with Matt Baxter and Chaz Hall running great races. Thanks must go to the P.E department for their efforts in organising what was a successful and enjoyable event.

In early June, the haka competition was upon us once again. This was by far the hardest event of the House competition, exaggerated by the fact that I was born in Australia. Thankfully, Mr. Corlett provided the house with invaluable advice, helping us keep rhythm and ensuring we slowed the haka down to an appropriate speed. The absence of Mark Atkins hindered our chances at glory, but Bevan stepped up to lead the house to a sub-standard third place (We used our "get out of jail card").

Following the haka competition, preparations were made for House Singing. Mr. Corlett, a few loyal group leaders and I went through a wide range of song choices, including music from Queen and Sublime, before eventually settling on "TNT" by AC/DC. The house did a fantastic job, both in practice and on the day, with some loud and clear singing. Add to this, the explosion of students out of large, red boxes



dressed as Angus Young (the lead guitarist) and you have a recipe for an equal first place finish. Hatherly's performance was solid as usual. However, a lot of people rightfully felt that we deserved to be first outright (Hmm, I wonder how much Mr. Hall paid the judges?) Our final placing in House Singing now depended on our ensemble. Keni Baledrokadroka's rendition of MJ was impressive, as was Chance Te Uira's version of "Let it be" by the Beatles. Our ensemble consisted of talented musicians, but their song choice was questionable and things didn't look good when I saw a few members of Barak covering their ears throughout the song. Eventually, after all the points had been totalled, Donnelly sat in third place, which was unfortunate, given how well we blasted out "TNT".

The next event, winter House sport, took place in the last week of Term 3, with the last round of competition taking place in early Term 4. We had a good mixture of top sportsman and this resulted in third place finishes in hockey and rugby and a first place finish in basketball. Summer House sport also took place in Term 4, after it was postponed in Term 1 due to it been scheduled in the same week when a lot of the summer sport teams were away at various tournaments. Cricket and softball were cancelled altogether. This was upsetting for a few students who were keen to trial the "Hong Kong Sixes" format, which would have worked perfectly given the time constraints.

Debating was one event that I'd rather forget about, considering we finished in fourth place and struggled against more experienced competition; I did not partake in debating, for winning a debate against guys like William Tennent, Marco Politakos or Peter Molloy would be arduous to say the least. Thanks must go to Shae Rasmussen and Nick Harvey for their efforts and organisation of both junior and senior debating.

The highlight of being Head of House in 2009 was the House Singing competition, regardless of the third place finish. The way the students sang their lungs out, and the way in which members of the ensemble overcame the

intimidating audience to earn valuable house points is symbolic of the true spirit of House competition. I'm sure that Martin Donnelly would be proud of Donnelly House and the respectable second place finish. However, I'm sure he wouldn't be too thrilled with the cancellation of the inter-house cricket due to inadequate pitch conditions.

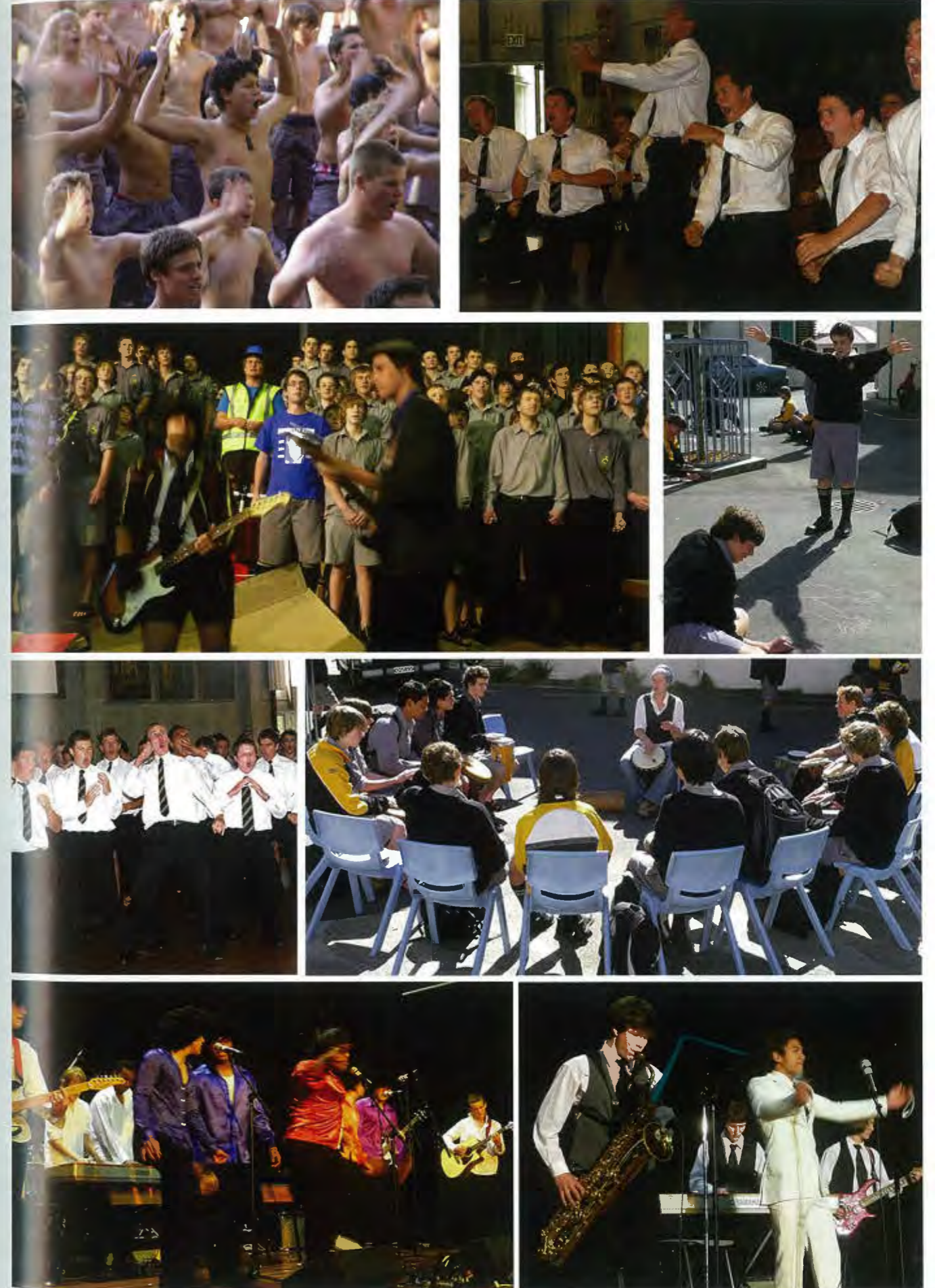
Being Head of Donnelly House for 2009 was an incredible experience, and one that I'll never forget. It has been an enjoyable year, and one that I have no regrets about. Thank you to Mr. Corlett for providing me with this opportunity. Working alongside you has been truly enjoyable, and a second place finish is testament to your influence on the house. To whoever is Head of Donnelly House next year, I urge you to get some justice on Hatherly House and dethrone them, no matter what it takes. This may mean bribing the judges, purposely injuring Hatherly's star sportsmen or playing with the sound equipment during their performances at House Singing. Don't say that I said to do any of that though. Thank you to the school for five years of memories; may the Donnelly name live on.

Max Williams
Head of Donnelly 2009

SYME HOUSE

I'd like to start with a few wise words from Dave Dobbyn:
'Call me loyal, I'll hold you loyal too and we are loyal, keep it that way.'
These words are especially relevant to us Syme men, to always stay true to your house!

With the first major house event of the year, the school swimming sports arriving in late February I knew that Syme would have a strong chance with juniors Julian Weir and Mitchell Owen leading Syme's charge for victory. So with Julian and Mitch taking first and second respectively in the juniors I knew that with these strong performances by the juniors and backed up by myself winning the seniors we had the victory in the bag. Well done to Barak





house for the close second and to William, Grillz, Sproty, Matt for organising the boys whilst I was swimming.

Next on the calendar were the athletic sports where I thought Syme would have great chance to back up our first place in the swimming. But too many absences in our key teams proved vital and unfortunately we had to settle for 4th place. It was definitely a great day anyway with the senior leader's race being narrowly won by Barak, Ski, from myself and the ever-coordinated Head Boy William Tennent taking out last place. Also cheers to Brock Sibbick, Logan Rei, Isaac Robinson and Connor Wilson-Puhara for their efforts on the day.

Following on from the athletics sports was the cross country, which was a must to win if we were going to have any real shot at taking home the overall house cup for the year. But unfortunately the tune for the year had already been set, and again a large number of absences ruled us out from anything other than taking last place. Congrats to Donnelly and Cam for winning the senior race by a huge two minutes and taking David Morton's record.

The haka competition, which came in early June is a traditional event in the house competition and one seen as very important to many senior boys. Unfortunately, I didn't quite have the support from my group leaders that I would have liked and therefore our juniors didn't have



the confidence they needed to perform it well. Nevertheless Mr Maihi's guidance was well received and we definitely started to improve after his input. But moving from our practice area, Pridam Hall to the Gully Courts on the day of the competition, we lost our volume and timing and performed a very lax haka and finished in fourth place.

With a very full calendar this year the Senior Management, House Masters and leaders struggled to find days suitable for the winter and summer sports which are minor events on the calendar but still contribute very important points to the houses. Again a lot of students didn't feel the need to help out their house and put their names down to play for the sports teams, but Syme still managed to come away with a victory in the tennis, thanks to our senior tennis players Amrit Rai and Jordan Stayt. And we had consistent thirds in basketball, hockey, touch and rugby and a second place in the golf which gave us a reasonable base to make sure that we didn't end up with the wooden spoon of the competition.

The final house competition for the year was the house singing. We chose a difficult song to incorporate some moves into but still managed a 3rd in the whole house singing. Wow. The ensemble. Was amazing. Jacob Randall, Robby Wood, Taylor Simpson, Chance, Josh Girvan and Matt Girvan - you definitely deserve a mention for your efforts in this event, and as a result we took a first in the ensemble to claim an overall second in the singing behind Hatherly.

A special mention must go to William and the debating team. I can't remember a year when Syme hasn't won the inter house debating competition and this year was no different. Well done boys, you did us proud.

Thanks must go out to Mr Page for the time and energy you put into the house this year. I know that our results didn't always reflect the preparation we put in but it was still a great year with lots of laughs. Also I have to add, I have heard that Mr Page is giving up his reign of Syme next year and the only reason

is because he is doing so is to focus on getting the mock results right? Again thanks to Kyle Still, the deputy House Leader, who was never afraid to speak his mind especially to do with the Lip syncing! Also Alex Sprott, Matt Girvan, William Tennent and the all group leaders for this year, cheers fellas.

Ski, Fish and Macdub, we've had a great year with the competition and sorry somebody had to lose huh, Ski? But thanks so much for the year, the high level of competition has ensured this has been an unforgettable year which reflects all the hard work that you put in to make the events run. And to Mr Page, Mr Corlett, Mr Hall and Mr Hyde all the real work for the houses gets done by you. Legends.

Finally to the School, Mr Leath, Mr Bayly, Mr Heaps, Mr Mac and the boys. Thank you very much for the memories, I'll definitely not forget the 'wedge', the 'seat' or any of the boys. I wish everybody a great year next year and good luck to next year's leader and Mr Prasad.

Isaac Owen
Head of Syme 2009

SENIOR HOSTEL MASTER REPORT

I was once told by an old Zulu tribesman while hunting lions in the Kalahari Desert - "Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors." When this year started I had a lot of people say to me, that this was going to be a very challenging year for the hostel. Of course it was. But not because of what happened at the end of last year but because every year in the hostel is a challenging year. When you mix together 200 teenagers under the same roof what else can you expect but challenges. But.....this is what makes the hostel such an exciting place. This is what makes the hostel such a great place to be a part of.

The word challenge is often associated with negative connotations, but why should it? Challenges should be viewed in a positive light - an exciting adventure with genuine reward



at the end. Ed Hillary never thought of Everest as a negative nor did Peter Blake view sailing around the world nor will our senior boys when they go into their end of year exams.

General George S Patton once said, "Accept the challenges so that you feel the exhilaration of victory."

Challenges are our life tests. They are tests that we should all embrace. I think they are tests we should in fact go looking for because they are the things in life which allow us to do other things in life. Hillary conquered Everest and was then able to move onto his next challenge.

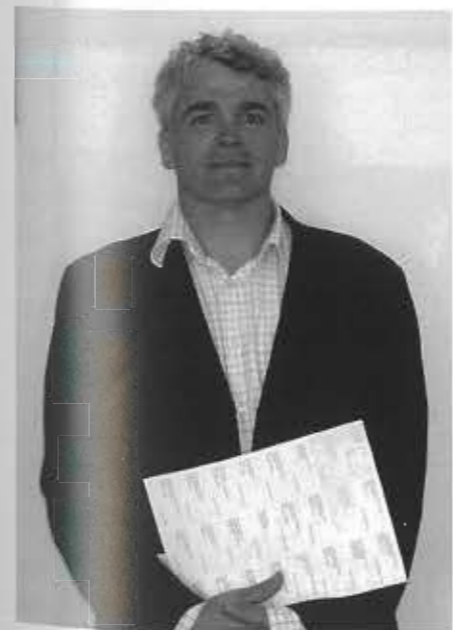
We all face challenges. We must accept these challenges and strive to solve them.

Working out how to overcome the challenge is what makes it so exciting and such good fun.

How do you overcome challenges?
1. Never fear a challenge, meet the challenge head on, be prepared to move out of your comfort zone.

Winston Churchill once said, "If you're going through hell, keep going."

Have courage.
How do you overcome challenges?
2. Team work, leadership, work towards a common goal, the reward, show loyalty. Believe in comradeship.



How do you overcome challenges?
3. Treat the challenge with respect, use the experience of others to help work out the solution. Appreciate wisdom.

Have faith in our motto. Believe in it.

To those people (and there were plenty) who said that the hostel's challenge for this year was to re-build its reputation, I disagree - the hostel's reputation never needed to be re-built. The hostel structure, from which all of the opportunities hang, has been here for 100 years. It was never, and can never be, destroyed.

The challenge for the hostel is to always 'grow the boarder'. This was the challenge in 1910 and continues to be the challenge in 2009. It doesn't matter what year you are the challenge for the hostel is to still 'grow the boarder' because every year brings new challenges. Remember Sir Ed - he conquered Everest and was then able to move onto his next challenge.

My challenge to all boarders is to take the hostel's structure and never stop adding to it. The hostel provides you with the opportunities to do this. My challenge to the staff is to ensure that the hostel continues to provide these opportunities and push the boys to take advantage.

Keep challenging yourselves. By doing this you will continue to grow. You will continue to be excited. You will continue to have fun.

A famous American football coach, Vince Lombardi, said, "Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

2009 HOSTEL HIGHLIGHTS...

1. Senior academic success (2008): 2008 proved to be an outstanding academic year for the Hostel. The pass rates exceeded national and school pass rates.

	Level 1	Level 2	UE
Hostel	77%	64%	77%
School	70%	70%	58%

National	62%	65%	50%
National: Boys	58%	60%	43%
National: Boys in Boy School	65%	66%	50%

2. Junior academic success (2008):

All of our Year 9 and 10 boarders achieved their Junior Diploma last year. Henry Boon, Thomas Clark-Puia and Vincent Lamont in Year 9 and Darren Alexander and Jayden Poingdestre in Year 10 achieved a Junior Diploma with Excellence. At Year 9 level 46% achieved at merit and in Year 10 level 40% achieved at merit.

3. The involvement and support of families and friends at special school events like swimming sports & prize giving, at special hostel events like Open Weekend & Niger Trophy, at report evenings and at sporting fixtures.

4. Winning the Inter-House competition with outstanding results recorded in athletics, winter sports, haka, rugby, singing and debating.

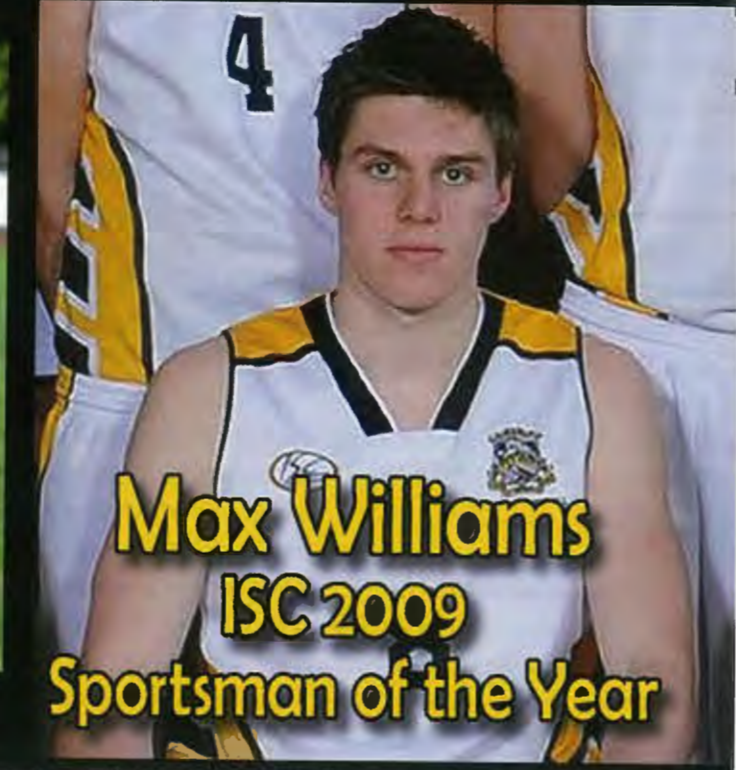
5. The performance of the Niger Trophy team beating College House and FDC in very close and tense games.

6. Christmas Dinner and "High Teas" which again highlighted the quality of our kitchen staff and the ability of our boys to respond to formal occasions.

7. 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.

A huge thanks to all of the hostel staff and families, prefects, kitchen staff, laundry staff, cleaners, grounds staff, group teachers, tutors, scripture team and hostel committee (especially Justine, Jamie and Jeanette who all finish at the end of this term). Your commitment, energy and support most definitely contributes to the success of the hostel.

Finally.....
I leave at the end of this year after eleven years in the hostel. It has been a real privilege. Over



that time I have met a lot of people and done a lot of things. There have been an enormous number of highlights. Here are just a few: Beach Day, Year 9 Orientation Camp, Swimming Sports, Niger Trophy, Christmas Dinner, Mt Taranaki climb, the hostel ski trip, Boarders' vs. Day Boys rugby, Open Weekend, Carroll Cup, showing new boys around the school & hostel, the renovation of Moyes and the re-naming of Carroll, the promotional trips to Mystery Creek, Taumaranui, Whanga, Hawera, Fiji, prefect trainings, the Year 12 leadership camps, the haka and singing competitions, the food, catching up with old boarders...And the biggest highlight seeing boarders reach their potential.

Thank you to the 947 boarders, 23 hostel masters, 6 matrons, 11 gap tutors, 13 kitchen staff, 4 laundry staff, 21 cleaning staff, 2 headmasters, 2 acting headmasters, 1 hostel PA, 2 office staff and 11 Hostel Committee members I have worked alongside. You are what makes this place such a special place. You are all top blokes.

It seems strange having to give up something that feels so right. But I know the time is now right. I leave this place with more grey hair, 7kgs heavier, slower but wiser, some louder shirts, a grumpy streak, the ability to wake without an alarm clock and a crazy arm waving mannerism. But more importantly I leave this place having challenged myself, with no regrets, with lots of life long mates and with fantastic memories. I leave with this place firmly embedded in my heart.

HATHERLY HOUSE

2009 was predicted to be a tough year for the Hostel due to the media attention we received at the end of last year. It was up to everyone this year to redeem our great reputation that was tarnished and, in retrospect, I do not doubt that we succeeded. 2009 has been a great year. As always, the interhouse competition began with swimming sports and, as always, this was a struggle for the Hatherly boys. With true hostel spirit we came together, performing very well in the group activities, but this failed to compensate for our lack of

individual swimming talent, leaving us in a disappointing, but predictable, fourth place. Next up was cross country, an event relying mainly on participation and effort, and it was a bit disappointing to see some of the boys not putting in the hard yards, which was reflected in us placing third. Determined not to let this happen again, we waited in great anticipation for the haka competition, which traditionally is a strength of ours. We did not disappoint, coming in at first place. The interhouse music was the last of the major events, and we put in huge preparation for this. Our efforts paid off, and we managed to snag the first place off some very tough competition. My thanks go out to the ensemble boys who not only sealed the deal for us, but also put on a very entertaining show for us all. With first places in both winter sports and tug-of-war, and decent efforts in the debating and summer sports, Hatherly House was once again named interhouse champions of the school. In my opinion, this is an outstanding feat, as boarders are greatly outnumbered by the day houses, and a lot of the major events rely heavily on participation. It just goes to show the determined and

persistent nature of the hostel, and the way in which we front up to the occasion.

This year's group of Year 9's were a talented bunch of boys, proving in the morning trainings that they were also prepared to put the effort in. The team was comprised of players at many different skill levels, and so I was proud to see them come together, and provide two of the closest and most exciting games of rugby I have ever seen. In Palmerston North, the start against College House was a bit sluggish, and we were down at half time. But determined not to let their hard work go to waste, the boys played with passion, gaining a well deserved win over College House. Rhys Poingdestre was a standout, captaining the side, and the combined midfield of Josh Parker and Jarred Kumeroa put the Palmy backs to shame. Also gaining a narrow victory over a surprisingly good Francis Douglas side, the Niger team had earned the two trophies, and overall had an successful year.

The Day Boys vs Boarders game was once again a highly anticipated event, and a chance for





the Hatherly minority to gain bragging rights over the day school. Both teams were fairly strong this year, and the competitive desire of the players was mirrored by the huge amount of on field aggression. Mention must be made of Heiden Bedwell-Curtis's insane ability to be everywhere at once, and Greg Rowlands captained the side well, scoring an outstanding try in the pavilion corner.

The hostel is becoming known for its athletic prowess, and a number of our boys achieved notable sporting merit this year. Jack Arnold, Lewis Stevenson, Isaac Hekenui and Jesse Parete all made the under 16 NZ Maori League team, with Isaac and Jesse being named in the under 16 Kiwis too. Isaac also represented New Zealand in the under 17 softball, showing his variation across sport. Heiden Bedwell-Curtis attained standby status for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' rugby team, and was an integral part of the Hurricanes' Schools team. On a regional level, we were well represented in both rugby league and union, with many boys boys competing in the under 14's, under 16's and under 18's. Jamie Stones made the under 21's Central Districts and Central Districts Maori men's hockey teams, and Warrick Millar

made the Taranaki men's cricket side, which are tremendous feats considering their ages.

In my five years, the matrons have changed around a fair bit, but a special thanks must be made to Mrs Morris and Ms Gurry, who manage to maintain a friendly attitude and a smiling face, even after all the whining they put up with. I know it must be a stressful job, but we really do appreciate their help greatly.

To Murray, Phil and the kitchen staff, who fill the bellies of the Hostel men, something which can never be undervalued. You always manage to provide top quality food, and I can honestly say there is not one meal I haven't enjoyed, the exception ironically being my intense dislike for almost all forms of seafood.

I thank the hostel masters, who have mentored me during my time at Boys' High. You have helped me grow as a person, and for that I am truly grateful. 2009 has seen many changes in hostel masters, and while it is sad to see one leave, it is refreshing to see another just as capable fill his place. I wish all those who have been recently appointed the best of luck, and I have no doubt in my mind that you will do an

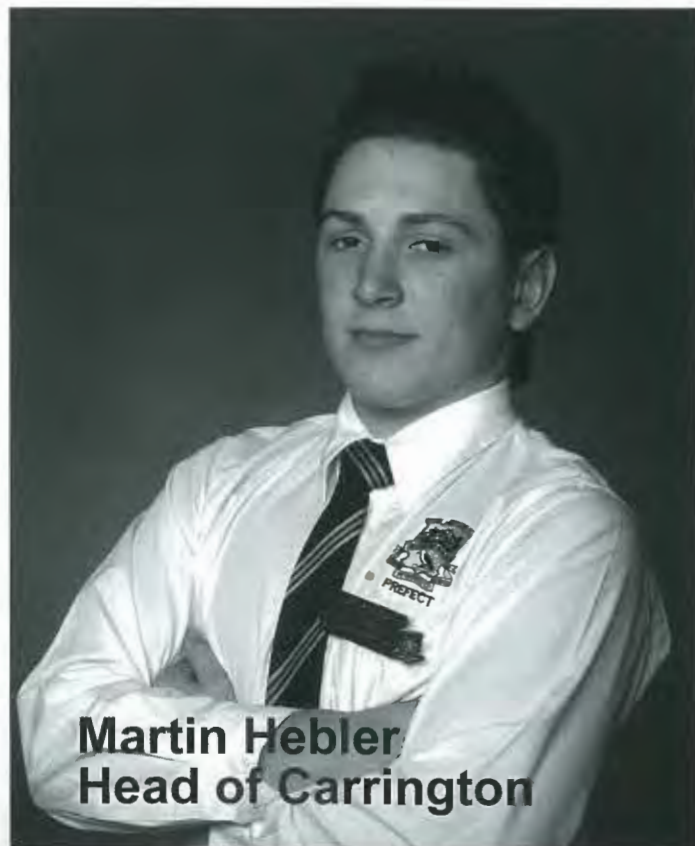
outstanding job.

My fellow prefects, it has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of men, Your support has ensured this was an enjoyable and memorable year, and without you, this place would not function.

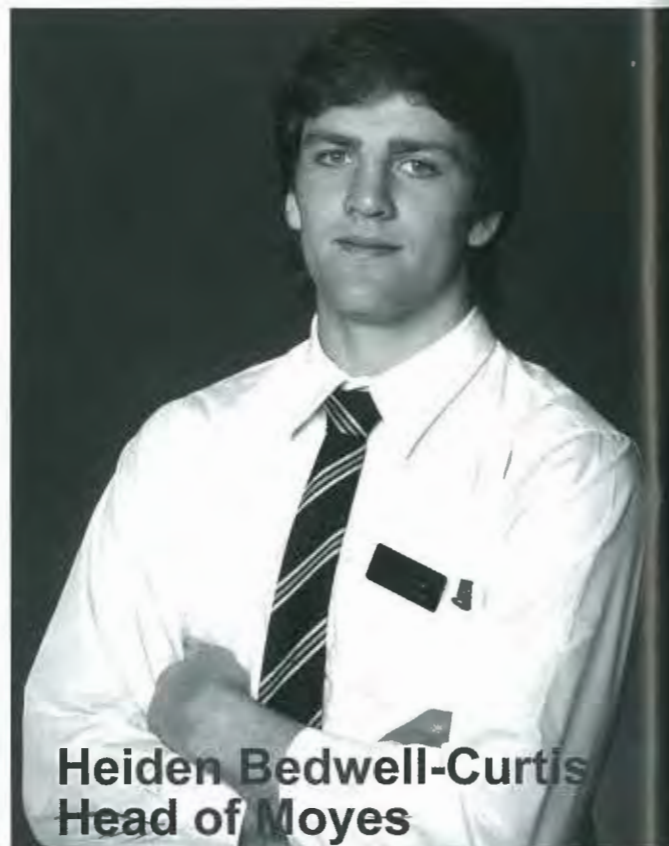
To all the leavers, my 7th form peers, I thank you for your friendship, and I will never forget the time we have spent here together. Our time has come to face the world, and I hope you will retain the skills, morals and qualities you have learned in the hostel. It is with great pity that I look upon those of you who feel you have gained nothing.

My final word goes to those of you who are returning next year. Remember the generations of old boys that have walked the path before you, and respect the pride and honour this place stands for. However, know that it is not these buildings that are the heart of the school, but all of you, that sit before me. Be boarders, and be proud.

Brendan Fischer
Head of Hatherly 2009



Martin Hebler
Head of Carrington



Heiden Bedwell-Curtis
Head of Moyes



Niger Trophy

Niger Trophy

Wins: College House (NPBHS) 29-19, FDC 22-17

- Back Row: Isaac Ludlow, Josh Dowsing, Dougy Carroll, Lee Bridson, Rephan Woods, Jonathan Adams, Keegan Crawford
- Third Row: Connor Hobbs, Cameron Hopkinson, Logan Shaw, Josh Parker, Gideon Washer, Lachlan Rouse, Rhys Bishop, Jarrad Kumeroa-McKenna
- Second Row: Daniel Macdonald, Sam Adams, Ben Steiner, Jamie Stones, Brendon Fischer, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Richard Weir, Kane Sharrock, Adam Black, Hamish Mellow, Martin Hebler, Mitch Tuck
- Front Row: Whai Hohaia, Dean Lobb, Hayden Walkington, Dion Petersen, Rhys Poingdestre (captain), Kalib Johnson, Karl TeAwhe





HOSTEL PREFECTS



BOARDERS XV RUGBY



RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT 2008 ACADEMIC RECORD

NATIONAL ACADEMIC EXAMINATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP

11 students won 14 scholarships, which takes to 339 the number of scholarships won since 1990.

The following subjects produced scholarships: Biology (1), Calculus (2), English (1), Geography (1), Music (1), Painting (1), Statistics (7).

ACADEMIC TIGER COATS

YEAR 13 (LEVEL 3 PERFORMANCE) Nicholas Joyce; Akshay Sridhar; Sam Varley.

YEAR 12 (LEVEL 2 PERFORMANCE) Brendon Fischer, Hamish Fraser, Matthew Girvan, Duncan MacDonald, Zachary Moller, Peter Molloy, Simon Momich, William Tennent.

SUPER 8 SCHOLARS

Gained by attaining a Grade Point Average of 80 over the best 80 credits from at least 5 subjects.

NCEA LEVEL 3

(Year 13) (7)

Nick Craig, Chris Hewlett, Nicholas Joyce, Nicholas Monk, Akshay Sridhar, Ken Tang, Sam Varley.

NCEA LEVEL 2

(Year 12) (16)

Byron Andrews, Elliot Clarkson, Matthew Dickson, Hamish Fagg, Brendon Fischer, Hamish Fraser, Zehuan Geng, Matthew Girvan, Robert Hayles, Duncan MacDonald, Zachary Moller, Peter Molloy, Simon Momich, Marco Politakis, Shae Rasmussen, William Tennent.

NCEA LEVEL 1

(Year 11) (43)

Matthew Barham, Thomas Benton, Cameron Brownlie, Zachary Bunyan, Ben Caskey, Kurt Cole, Oli Coneglan, Ben Coventry, Quade Elvin, Ross Gavin, Christopher Gellen, Oliver Gifford, Christopher Harold, Jamie Hatch, Patrick Harvey, Ryan Hickling, Dylan Hopkins, Dhruv Iyer, Anupom Kabir, Andrew Laird, Marcus Laurence, Michael Li, Thomas McElroy, Tupere Maihi, Kalindu Mendis, Jordan Millen, Sam Mitchell, Jonathan Moutter, Mathew Neville-Lamb, Tahn Nickson, Connor Oliver-Rose, Nathan Pease, Matthew Phillips, Michael Phillips, Glen Rawlinson, Jeremy Raynes, Joseph Roberts, Jongwoo Shin, Jeremy Smith, Luke Stevenson, Heinrich Swartz, Joshua Taylor, James Varley.

NCEA LEVEL 3

The students who gained a Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Nicholas Joyce, Akshay Sridhar, Sam Varley.

NCEA LEVEL 2

The students who gained a Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Elliot Clarkson, Brendon Fischer, Hamish Fraser, Matthew Girvan, Duncan MacDonald, Zachary Moller, Peter Molloy, Simon Momich, William Tennent.

NCEA LEVEL 1

The students who gained a Level 1 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Matthew Barham, Oliver Coneglan, Ben Coventry, Ross Gavin, Oliver Gifford, Patrick Harvey, Jamie Hatch, Dylan Hopkins, Anupom Kabir, Sam Mitchell, Connor Oliver-Rose, Michael Philips, Jeremy Raynes, Jong Woo Shin, Luke Stevenson, Joshua Taylor.



SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 2009

YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year Eleven, including Accounting, Economics and Music, Electronics, English, Enterprise, Geography, Graphics, Home Economics, Horticulture, Japanese, Latin, Maori, Mathematics, Technology, Music, Self Management, and Technology (Metal).

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes: Benny's Books Prize and PTA Prize.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Table listing Public Speaking prize: 1st Prize.

MUSIC

Table listing Music prizes: Most Outstanding Brass Player and Most Outstanding String Player.

SPECIAL PRIZE

Table listing Special Prizes: Best Performance in STAR Sound Recording Programme, Best Cadet, and Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori student.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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



YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes for Year Twelve, including Accounting, Economics, Mathematics, Classical Studies, Computer Science, Design, Electronics, English, Japanese, Latin, Maori, Mathematics, Music, Horticulture, Latin, Legal Studies, Maori, Mathematics, Music, Outdoor Education, Painting, Photography, Physical Education, Science, Self Management, Spanish, Sports Studies, Technology, and Technology (Wood).

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes: Benny's Books Prize and PTA Prize.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table listing General Academic Excellence prizes: 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Aggregate, and Highest Number of Excellences.



YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Table listing subject prizes and winners: Art History (Zac Mollen), Biology (Jordan Moratti), Carpentry (Daniel Green), Chemistry (Glen Baxter), Computing (Steven Innes), Design (Hamish Fraser), Electronics (Matthew Jones), Engineering (Tom Sandford), English Language (Jack Price), English Literature (Brendon Fischer), Enterprise (Taylor Haskell), Gateway (Hamish Mellow), Geography (Matthew Girvan), Graphics (Karsten Shotbolt), Home Economics (Zac Hadley), Horticulture (Alastair Scarle), Legal Studies (Max Williams), Maori (Chance Te Uira), Music and Photography (Sam Hill), Physical Education (Simon Momic).

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Table listing Effort and Progress prizes: Benny's Books Prize (Matthew Zhong), Benny's Books Prize (Shae Rasmussen), Benny's Books Prize (Jordan Stay).

MUSIC

Table listing Music prizes: Most Outstanding Senior Composition (Josiah Abbot), Excellence Performance in the jazz genre (Jacob Randall).

SPECIAL PRIZES

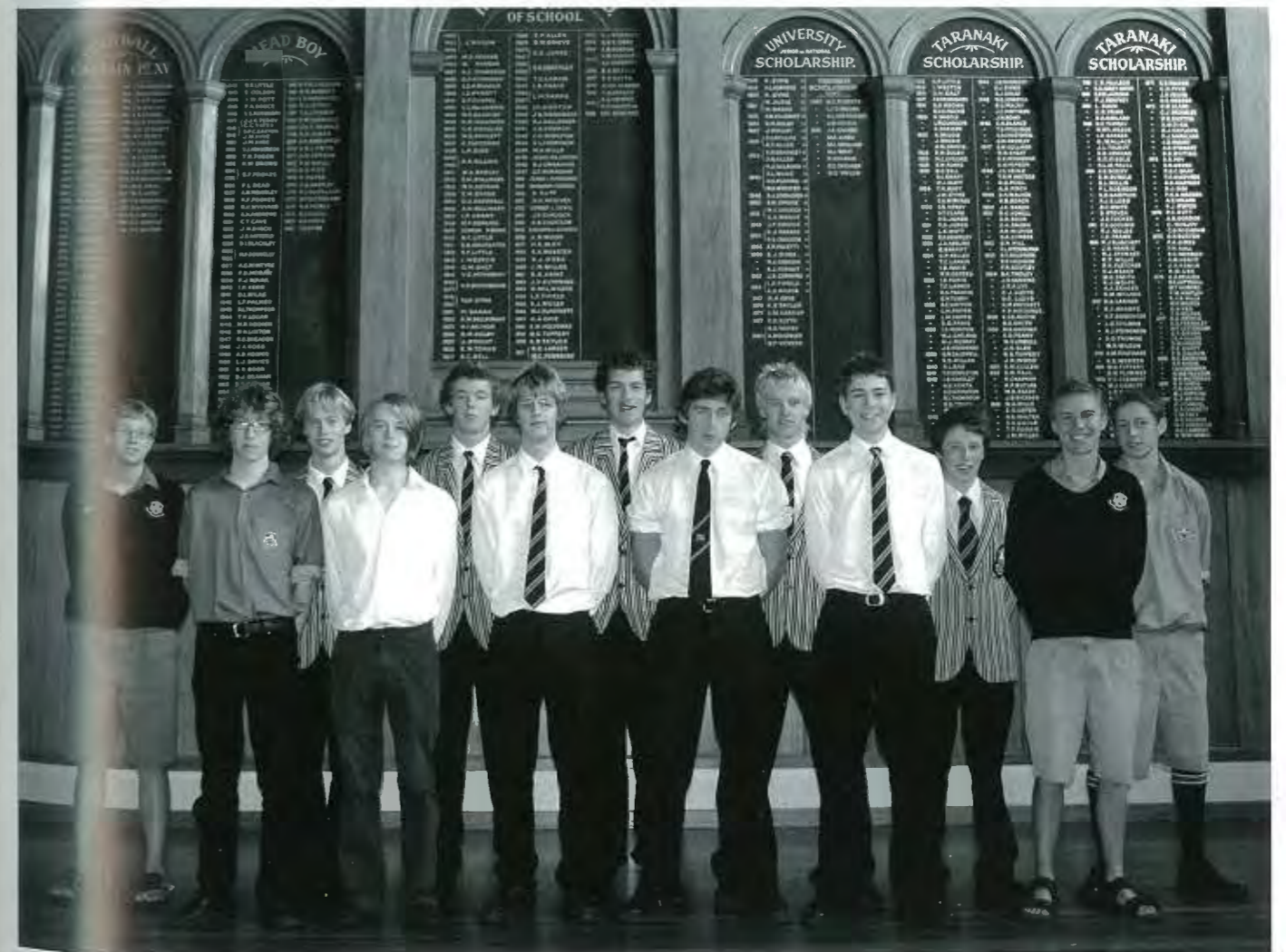
Table listing Special Prizes: Best Performing Artist of the Year (James Fuller), Interhouse Music (Hatherly House), International Student (Alipate Um), Chief Librarian (Jesse Beng), Student Trustee (Tim Hawkey), Busy Participant (Max Williams).



Table listing general prizes: Best All-Round Senior Student (Matthew Girvan), Head Boarder (Brendon Fischer), J.V. McIntyre PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy (William Tennent), Head Boy (William Tennent).

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Table listing General Academic Excellence prizes: General Excellence (Duncan MacDonald), Proxime Accessit (Peter Molloy), Dux (William Tennent).





JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 2009

YEAR NINE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art.....	Rhys Poingdestre
English	James Smith
Geography	James Chadwick
Graphics.....	Jonathan Adams
Health and Physical Education.....	Connor Auker
History	Alex Watson
Home Economics	Oliver McCullough
Horticulture (Best Student).....	Dylan Taylor
Horticulture (Best Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize).....	Isei Vulum
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize).....	Nicholas Park
Latin	Neill Good
Maori and Best Aptitude and Training in a Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield)	Ieuan McLeod
Music.....	Ben von Huenerberg
Performance Music (Best Student)	Caleb Ward
Performance Music (Best Performer) (Music Works Prize).....	Tevin Schwalge
Technology and 3rd in Creative writing.....	Connor Hobb

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES

Luke Adams.....	Japanese, Technology, Art
Jack Anderson.....	English, Mathematics, History, Economics, Science, Graphics
David Awhitu.....	English, Science, Geography, Economics, Japanese, Art, Technology,
Shannon Awhitu.....	Economics, Art, Technology
Matthew Bayly.....	English, Economics, Geography, Science, Technology, Graphics, Health & Physical Education, Latin, Art
Sam Betteridge.....	Mathematics, Art, Technology, Health & Physical Education
Samuel Biesiek.....	Music, Graphics, Art
Rhys Bishop.....	English, Mathematics, Economics, Science, Technology, Art
Kody Brown.....	Mathematics, Economics, Home Economics, Art
Chris Carrie.....	English, Mathematics, History
Jagbir Singh Chahal.....	Science, Technology, Art, Japanese, Music
Rasyad Che Ismail.....	English, Mathematics, Geography
Chad Crawford.....	Mathematics, English, History
Ma Dowsing.....	Mathematics, Economics, Technology
Leb Eastment.....	English, Mathematics, History, Economics, Science, Music, Horticulture
Callum Fougere.....	English, Economics, Geography, Science, Graphics, Spanish, Art
Robbie Foulkes.....	Technology, Spanish, Graphics, Geography
Adam Frederikson.....	Mathematics, English, History
Ron Guansing.....	Science, Art, Japanese
Conor Hemingway.....	Mathematics, History, Home Economics
Karl Hill.....	Mathematics, English, Economics, Technology
Toby Hoeta.....	English, Mathematics, Art, Technology
Whai Hohaia.....	English, Geography, Technology
Jego Jacob.....	Mathematics, Science, Spanish
Alex Johnston.....	Geography, Technology, Music, Home Economics
Will Jones.....	English, Mathematics, Geography, Science, Health & Physical Education, Graphics, Technology
Logan Klenner.....	English, Mathematics, Science, Japanese, Technology
Gabriel Lauderdale-Smith.....	Economics, Technology, Art
Thomas Lawley.....	Mathematics, Science, Spanish, Graphics
Hout Lim.....	Mathematics, Economics, Performance Music
Ben Liston.....	Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Latin
Dean Lobb.....	Mathematics, English, Geography, Spanish
Lachlan MacDonald.....	English, History, Maori
Sam McLennan.....	History, Geography, Art
Mendel Moos.....	Mathematics, English, Science, Technology, Graphics, Spanish, Art
Cory Murray.....	Mathematics, History, Art
Mitchell Owen.....	Geography, Economics, Technology, Spanish
Josh Parker.....	English, Science, Geography, Economics, Health & Physical Education, Art
Misha Parkinson.....	Science, Economics, Technology, Graphics,
Sam Pearce.....	English, Science, Maori, History
Matt Scott.....	Geography, Technology, Graphics
Logan Shaw.....	Science, Horticulture, Technology, Performance Music
Ryan Seil.....	Mathematics, Graphics, Technology
Kyle Sutcliffe.....	Mathematics, Science, Technology, Latin, Economics
Luke Tavo.....	Mathematics, Economics, Science, Performance Music, Art
Gideon Washer.....	Geography, Art, Technology
Julian Weir.....	Geography, Economics, Technology, Home Economics
Ben Wichman.....	English, Maori, Graphics
Blake Wilson.....	Mathematics, Geography, Economics, Art



PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 3rdRasyad Che Ismail
2nd..... Michael Geller
1st Prize and 2nd in Creative writing Flynn Valentine-Roberts

MUSIC

- Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy)..... Blake Wilson

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Best Junior Cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy)..... Douglas Carroll
1st in Year 12 Latin..... Alan Ansell

JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Connor Auker, Robert Boot, Robbie Foulkes, James Innes, Thomas Lawley, Mitchell Owen, James Smith, Jack Wagstaff, Julian Weir, Matthew Bayly, James Chadwick, Max Hardie Boys, Will Jones, Ieuan McLeod, Sam Pearce, Kyle Sutcliffe, Caleb Ward, Rhys Bishop, Callum Fougere, Connor Hobbs, Logan Klenner, Ben Mitchell, Adrian Robb, Dylan Taylor, Alex Watson

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- 3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Science, Junior Performer of the Year (Stewart Maunder Cup) and For All-Round Participant and High Achievement In Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)) Adrian Robb
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Economics and 1st in Creative writing)..... Ben Mitchell
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Fuji Xerox Prize) (including 1st in Spanish)..... James Innes

YEAR TEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

- Art..... Ben Furze
Economics Chris Banks
Electronics (Best Student)..... Max Sattler
Electronics (Best Practical) (Surplustronics Prize)..... Kieran Honnor
Enterprise Jahi Wicksteed
Geography Simon Jones
Graphics..... Samuel Johnson
Health and Physical Education..... Antony van Kooten
Home Economics William Monaghan
Horticulture (Best Student)..... Ben Neilson
Horticulture (Best Practical) (Allied Farmers Prize)..... Brad Bullock
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)..... Nelson Tiatia
Latin and Mathematics (Best Student) and Science Conrad Fraser
Maori and For contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school..... Hayden Wipatene
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)..... Liam Paterson
Metalwork (Best Student) (Olex Cables and Blackwood Paykles Prizes)..... Brad Rolston
Metalwork (Best Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize) Matt Reeve
Music..... Corey Hobbs-Gibson



- Performance Music (Best Student) Hamish Harting
Performance Music (Best Performer) (KBB Prize)..... William Livingston
Sports Performance..... Daniel Chapman
Technology Jack Laurent
Woodwork (Best Student) Jamie Thomas
Woodwork (Best Craftsmanship and Design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award and Masters Prize)..... Mitchell Holyoake

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES

- Derek Albertsen..... Health & Physical Education, Music, Sports Performance
Charles Barnes English, Mathematics, Spanish, Health & Physical Education, Technology, Art
John Albertsen..... Geography, Art, Sports Performance, Graphics
Max Hamman History, Home Economics, Art
Connor Bryan Geography, Science, Graphics, Technology
Henry Boon English, Physical Education, Sports Performance
Lachlan Boshier Geography, Economics, Woodwork, Health & Physical Education, Art
Josh Burmester Science, Mathematics, Spanish
Tom Burrell English, Technology, Health & Physical Education
Stewart Clark Geography, English, Graphics, Art, Health & Physical Education
Thomas Clark-Puia Mathematics, Maori, Technology
Justin Corbett Technology, Art, Graphics
Ben Crombie Woodwork, Technology, Health & Physical Education
Liam De Grey Art, Home Economics, Technology
Ben Ellis Geography, Economics, English, Mathematics, Home Economics, Graphics
Gordon Fong History, English, Graphics
Jayden Ford Woodwork, Health & Physical Education, Technology, Art
Mitchell Green Home Economics, Mathematics, Latin
George Harwick-Smith History, Mathematics, Home Economics
Daniel Jacob Science, Mathematics, Art
Joshua Kettle Mathematics, English, Health & Physical Education, Graphics
Nathan King-Tabuteau Geography, History, Economics
Alex Macdonald Geography, Economics, Mathematics, Technology
Connor McGechan Science, Mathematics, Technology, Spanish
Nick McGrath Economics, English, Mathematics
Sanjay Modgill Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
James Mundell English, Latin, Art
Chris Neville-Lamb Economics, Science, English, Technology, Art
Liam Neill English, Health & Physical Education, Spanish
Mark Petroz Science, Technology, Art
Christopher Raynes Science, Mathematics, English, Japanese
Tane Ruwhiu History, Science, Maori, Art
Jose Sanchez Geography, Economics, Art
Michael Standcliff Science, Japanese, Technology
Callum Stuart Science, Mathematics, English, Health & Physical Education
Sio Urwin-See Science, Mathematics, English, Latin, Art
Jayson Webster History, Economics, Mathematics, Woodwork
Louis White Science, Graphics, Art
Kieran Whitmore Economics, Health & Physical Education, Enterprise, Art, Sports Performance
Cody Willis English, Mathematics, Home Economics
Jaden Wood-Larking Geography, English, Horticulture
William Zhong Geography, Mathematics, English



PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 3rd..... Lane Simkin
- 2nd in Public Speaking..... Carne Osborn
- 1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize)..... Matthew Baxter

CREATIVE WRITING

- 3rd John Beale
- 1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)..... Gabe Dobson

MUSIC

- Most Improved Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Christopher Rayne
- For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)..... Nathaniel Manning

JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Chris Banks	Charles Barnes	Joe Batchelor
Finn Beattie	Tom Burrell	Jayden Cameron
Thomas Clark-Puia	Alistair Fisher	Curtis Fisher
Conrad Fraser	Mitchell Holyoake	Mark Houwers
Simon Jones	Ryan Kiely	Nathaniel Manning
Liam Paterson	Christopher Raynes	Matt Reeve
Zak Simpson	Tyler Spencer	Michael Stancliff
Callum Stuart	Antony van Kooten	Louis White
Kieran Whitmore	Hayden Wood	

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- 3rd Aggregate (1st in History)..... Zak Simpson
- 2nd Aggregate..... Hayden Wood
- 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Fuji Xerox Prize) (including 1st in English, 2nd in Creative writing and 1st in Spanish) Mark Houwers

CAVE BURSARIES

- For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 9..... Ben Mitchell
- For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Year 10 Mark Houwers



Isaac Owen during the reading of his award from the Governor General



UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Year	Name	Qualification
1995	Al Green	GDipTchg Primary
2002	Daniel Peters	GDipTchg Secondary
2004	Brook Novak	BComMathSci First class honours

MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Year	Name	Qualification
2005	Hamish Blue	Bachelor of Applied Science
2001	Jeremy Booth	PGDip Museum Studies
2004	Todd Braggins	Bachelor of Design
2005	Rhys Burkitt	Bachelor of Arts
2000	Tony Clow	Master of Resource & Environmental Planning
1971	Charles Crockett	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary
1986	Patrick Crofskey	Master in Philosophy (Humanities and Social Sciences)
2000	Lee Farrell	Bachelor of Business Information
2003	Michael Fischer	Bachelor of Design
1979	Ivan Goldsworthy	Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety & Health
2004	Scott Gordon	BBS
2004	Evan Greensides	Bachelor of Arts
2003	Joshua Hamilton	Bachelor of Education (Secondary Teaching)
1988	Darryn Joseph	PhD(Arts)
2003	Fraser King	Bachelor of Arts (Hons)
2004	Jeremy King	BBS
1996	Crispin Laka	Bachelor of Science
2004	Xuchu Liu	BBS
2005	Gregory Marfell	Bachelor of Science
2004	Cole O'Keefe	Bachelor of Resource & Environmental Planning
1985	Matthew Poehler	Grad Diploma of Teaching (Primary)
2002	David Riley	Bachelor of Resource & Environmental Planning
1997	Brent Spice	PGDip in Education
2002	Dylan Van Winkel	Master of Science
2002	Dylan Van Winkel	PG Diploma in Science
2007	Craig Welch	Certificate of Foundation Studies
1977	Stuart Wildon	BBS
1995	Brett Williams	BBS

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Year	Name	Qualification
1996	Simeon Barker	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
2004	Reeve Barnett	Bachelor of Property
2005	Steffan Barnett	Bachelor of Business and Information Management
1967	Mark Bright	Postgraduate Diploma in Business
2004	Matthew Grey	Bachelor of Pharmacy
2004	Andrew Mills	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
2003	Ling Mok	Postgraduate Diploma in Science
2004	Saining Ren	Bachelor of Engineering
2003	Jargil Santos	Postgraduate Diploma in Bioscience Enterprise
1993	Ashley Taylor	Postgraduate Diploma in Business
2004	Tuo Zou	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)



TIGER JACKETS

Activity/Sport	Student Name				
Academic	Akshay Sridhar	Football	Josh Taylor	Bose Yanuyanutawa	
	Brendon Fischer		Sean Parker	Brock Sibbick	
	Duncan MacDonald		Cameron Brownlie	Frank Tawake	
	Hamish Fraser		Fraser Johnston	Hayden Bedwell-Curtis	
	Matthew Girvan		Gerard Miller	Joel Meuli	
	Peter Molloy		Jonathan Davenport	Josh Sandford	
	Simon Momich		Marco Politakis	Mark Atkins	
	William Tennent		Ryan Hickling	Phil Mischefski	
	Zachary Moller		Vincent Sharp	Rhys Marshall	
			William Sandifer	Thomas McElroy	
Adventure Racing	Cameron Holden	Golf	Jamie Reid	Sailing	Hamish Fraser
	William Tennent		Steven Heyes		Matthew Burton
Athletics	Charl Jacobs	Hillary Challenge	James Varley	Surfing	Michael Mallelieu
	Frank Tawake		Jordan Millen		Tyler Anderson
			Lewis Walsh		Isaac Owen
Badminton	Glen Baxter	Hockey	Aaron Edmunds		Jared Gray
	Thilina Mendis		Bradon Roach	Jordan Moratti	
Basketball	Callum Oliver		Chris Lepper		Sean Parker
	Daniel King		Chris West	Tennis	Amrit Rai
	Jarred Hinton		James Lineham		Jordan Stayt
	Max Williams		Jamie Stones	Mark Atkins	
	Philip Baldwin		Jordan Stayt	Touch	Greg Rowlands
	Waeana Ngarongo		Lewis Walsh		Kane Sharrock
Cricket	Ben Hitchcock		Matt Graystone		Taylor Haskell
	Ben West		Tim Phillips	Triathlon	Daniel Hine
	Callum Davison	Inline Hockey	Michael Roberts		Volleyball
Connor Oliver-Rose	Jazz Band		Jacob Randall		Charl Jacobs
			Jake Silby		Chris Lepper
			Matt Girvan		Daniel King
			Robert Hayles		David Ellis
			Sam Hill		Jared Hinton
			Sam Mitchell		Joel Meuli
		Karting	Mitchell Baker		Keni Baledrokadroka
		Music	James Fuller		Kyle Still
		Rowing	Ian Leppard		
		Rugby	Alipate Umu		
Cross Country	Cameron Holden		Ben Paterson		
	Isaac Owen		Ben West		



NPBHS RUGBY

The season saw the 1st XV achieve many of their goals and, but for a few close calls, could have been right at the top of Super 8. The 2nds had some very good results in both the U20 grade and Super 8. The 3rd XV lost their semi-final but will look back to a couple of mid season games they lost through lack of commitment by some players. The 4ths and 6ths both featured strongly all season but fell at semi-final time. The 5th XV had an awful start to the season but under the outstanding direction of Mr Christensen made the final, only losing to two late penalties. U15A won the Premier 2 competition coming from 4th qualifier. U15B maintained their record of making the final but made too many mistakes. All other teams had their moment but too many were let down by lack of commitment of their teammates who picked and chose when to turn up to practices and games. The two Year 9 teams must be commended for sticking in there against gigantic oppositions at times. Your character will do you well in the future.

Of our eleven teams playing in the TSSRFU competitions, seven made semifinals with three making finals - the U15As winning theirs.

A big thanks to all of the coaches, managers and parents who supported the boys each week in a positive way. To the few parents who were not positive, just remember without these people there are no teams.

RUGBY 1ST XV

Date	Saturday 9th May 2009
Opposition	Te Aute College
Venue	New Plymouth
Score	NPBHS 73 Te Aute 8
Competition	Traditional

This was the 82nd match between these two schools, and NPBHS was keen to regain the Webb Shield after giving it away 10 - 11 last year.

Surprisingly played in excellent conditions after some heavy rain in recent days, NPBHS

made the perfect start scoring after 48 seconds of play. A second try inside the first ten minutes set the scene for the rest of the half, as apart from a couple of sorties by Te Aute, NPBHS dominated possession, territory and the contest for the loose ball and finished the half with five tries and a 33 - 3 lead.

Playing into a slight breeze in the second half NPBHS took a while to get going but crossed for another try after ten minutes, and then added another five before the match finished. To their credit Te Aute came back strongly in the final minutes and thoroughly deserved their try on full time.

This was a very pleasing performance in the first traditional college match of the season. The team played with a lot of cohesion and purpose, and it was especially good to see the younger members of the squad performing so effectively.

It was a great day for the debutantes with tries to Rhys Marshall, Kane Sharrock, Lachlan Bunn, Isaac Robinson, Logan Rei and Emosi Masivou. Others were scored by Frank Tawake (2), Mark Atkins, Josh Sandford and Ben Patterson. In addition to his try, Josh Sandford had a magical day with the boot, converting 9 of 11 tries.

Date	Wednesday 20th May 2009
Opposition	Auckland Grammar
Venue	Auckland
Score	NPBHS 6 AGS 16
Competition	Traditional

A wet and chilly day in Auckland didn't make for a great game of rugby. Grammar kicked off and we dropped the ball cold. Four minutes later we had made four more mistakes, defended well and led by 3 - 0, courtesy of a 40m penalty by Josh Sandford.

Neither team was prepared to step up and take charge of the game and so things muddled along between the 22's for most of the half. Lots of handling errors and turnovers ensued until Grammar kicked a long range penalty to tie things up at 3 - 3 at half time. There was plenty of effort but some poor decision making and a general lack of accuracy led to a number of wasted opportunities.

The 2nd half started in different fashion as the rain cleared, the sun came out, and Grammar introduced their usual starting centre, who proceeded to create havoc with a combination of hard and elusive running. This soon led to a very well taken; although highly controversial try where the touch judge failed to spot a player running with the ball with both feet over the touch line. Ten minutes later Grammar were in



again with another excellent individual effort. That was the end of the try scoring. However, both sides were able to exchange penalties.

In the last 15 minutes the BHS forwards noticeably lifted their efforts, leading to a significant advantage in territory and possession. Unfortunately the handling errors continued to frustrate, and this, associated with some poor option-taking meant we never seriously threatened to score a try. Full time arrived with Grammar the winners by 16 - 6.

Tom McElroy had another good game,

especially in the line-outs, and Heiden Bedwell-Curtis and Mark Atkins were strong around the field, although too often without support. A lack of front-foot ball made life difficult for the backs although Lachlan Bunn looked good under pressure and continues to improve.

Date Wednesday 27th May 2009
Opposition Hamilton BHS
Venue Hamilton
Score NPBHS 14 Hamilton 17
Competition Super 8

The one that got away! After many years

NPBHS finally had a chance to challenge for the Moascar Cup and the team was determined to give a good account of themselves.

We were blessed with perfect weather and ground conditions and made a promising beginning by exerting pressure on Hamilton straight from the kick off. They kicked their way out of trouble and set up an attack from a lineout 40m out. A harsh lesson was learned straight away as a straightforward one on one tackle was missed and Hamilton went through to score and take a 5 - 0 lead. For the next 25 minutes the game was very even. Hamilton



Rugby 1st XV

- Back Row: Adam Black, Warwick Millar, Rhys Marshall, Thomas McElroy, Raymond Edwards, Dylan Haggard, Chris Lepper, Kayne Sharrock, Frank Tawake, Lachlan Bunn
- Second Row: Mr Glen Hannah (coach), Isaac Robinson, Hamish Mellow, Isaac Hekenui, Mr Dale Atkins (coach), Emosi Masivou, Logan Rei, Taylor Haskell, Mr Larry Wilson (manager)
- Front Row: Josh Sandford, Brock Sibbick, Alipate Umu, Joel Mueli, Mark Atkins (captain), Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Ben Patterson, Daniel Macdonald, Ben West
- Absent: William McBride
- Inset: Phillip Mischefski, Ian Leppard

looked dangerous on one or two occasions but some good defence kept them out. Then Heiden Bedwell-Curtis dived over after some concentrated pressure on the Hamilton line but sadly the referee was out of position and after some hesitation awarded Hamilton a penalty for a supposed double movement.

It was obvious the New Plymouth forwards were getting on top, managing to steal a couple of lineouts and putting the Hamilton scrum under real pressure. Just before half time another defensive lapse let Hamilton in again, as a poor chase from a defensive kick left holes which were exploited. The converted try meant a 0 - 12 deficit at half time.

The team was very positive at half time and knew that the win was definitely possible, providing errors were kept to a minimum. NPBHS went on the offensive almost straight from the kick off and camped inside the Hamilton 22. After yet another forward drive Alipate Umu cut back on the angle and scored next to the posts. Josh Sandford converted and it was back to 7 - 12. Sadly, another basic error was to prove costly as the ball was knocked on from the kick off and after a couple of minutes of pressure, Hamilton went wide and scored a very good try in the corner which was unconverted.

New Plymouth went straight back on attack and spent five minutes hammering away inside the Hamilton 22. Brock Sibbick dived through a melee of players to claim a try. Confusion followed as the ref took ages to make a decision and ruled a simultaneous grounding with a Hamilton player, and promptly awarded Hamilton a drop out. They didn't take the kick correctly and instead of ruling a re-kick, NPBHS got a scrum put in instead and kept on attacking. Ben West wasn't going to be denied and scrambled over in the corner after another period of prolonged offence. Josh converted again to bring the score to 14 - 17.

The last few minutes went by too quickly and Hamilton held on for the victory.

This was a great game of rugby with both

teams showing a high level of skill and tactical awareness. Hamilton showed the importance of taking whatever opportunities are on offer and hopefully the New Plymouth boys will learn from the experience gained from this match.

It was a difficult task choosing the Icons Sports player of the day. Ian Leppard deserved the award with a strong performance around the field and also causing havoc at scrum time. Not far behind was Ben West who cleared the ball well at half back and also showed a lot of leadership. The ever consistent Heiden Bedwell-Curtis and Brock Sibbick also had outstanding games.

Date Wednesday 2nd June 2009
Opposition Wanganui Collegiate
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 43 Collegiate 20
Competition Traditional

NPBHS got off to a lively start in this match, played in perfect conditions, with Daniel MacDonald scampering across in the corner after a bullocking run in the second minute of play.

What should have been a settling influence wasn't, and from then on things degenerated quite badly. The rest of the half was a mix of

poor handling, failure to look after the ball, and poor discipline which saw us take a caning in the penalty count, along with the odd patch of good rugby which resulted in tries to Mark Atkins and Chris Lepper. Josh Sandford added 1 conversion to make the score 17 - 6 at the break. Although clearly outgunned, Collegiate played with a tremendous amount of spirit and were very effective in slowing down the New Plymouth ball.

The second half also began with a great deal of promise. New Plymouth took the ball from the kick off and monopolised possession for a full two minutes before Alipate Umu went over after a drive from the forwards. Sadly the promise wasn't fulfilled! Collegiate continued to apply defensive pressure and New Plymouth continued to lack patience and failed to respect the ball.

Collegiate got back in the game after a good try from a lineout drive, although some pretty soft defence helped greatly. The frustration was eased slightly with good tries to Frank Tawake and Brock Sibbick (2, including a 70m effort), although Collegiate never flagged and were rewarded for their efforts with another forwards try shortly before the close.

This was one of those frustrating games where the margin of victory should have been much





greater. A valuable lesson was learned about the importance of thorough mental preparation, no matter who the opposition.

Date Saturday 20th June 2009
Opposition Tauranga Boys' College
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 23 Tauranga 14

This was a very good game, played in fine weather but with a very strong swirling wind which made playing difficult.

Both sides missed early penalty chances before Tauranga opened the scoring with a successful kick after 10 minutes to lead 3-0. The teams were evenly matched although the strong Tauranga scrum caused New Plymouth problems for much of the first half and overall Tauranga were able to achieve territorial dominance. Several minutes of intense pressure inside the New Plymouth 22 were matched by excellent defence but a soft penalty for a supposed high tackle allowed Tauranga to take a 6-0 lead. Immediately after the kick off Tauranga came back and scored a good try after a defensive lapse when a high kick was allowed to bounce. Down 0-11 and things weren't looking good. However, New Plymouth managed to get down inside the Tauranga 22 and with five minutes to go in the half, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis scored an excellent try following a powerful forward drive from a lineout 15m out.

The second half was very much a reversal of the first. The New Plymouth lineout stole a good amount of ball from Tauranga, mainly due to great work from Tom McElroy jumping at No 2. The forwards continued to drive from both set and phase play and effectively starved Tauranga of the ball. Mark Atkins scored after following up a Josh Sandford break, and New Plymouth were trailing by one at 10-11. A Sandford penalty allowed New Plymouth to finally go in front. Tauranga didn't really threaten to score a try however a 40m penalty was kicked with 10 minutes to go to put them back in front by one. New Plymouth went straight back on attack and were awarded a penalty 30m out in front which Josh Sandford guided through the posts. The remaining few

minutes were spent attacking the Tauranga line and Brock Sibbick was able to dive over in the corner following a good backline move in the final play of the game. Josh converted from the sideline to make the final score 23-14.

Centre Isaac Robinson was named as the Icons Sports Player of the Day after an intelligent all round performance featuring a number of strong runs which caused real problems for the opposition.

Overall this really was a top team performance with the entire bench getting on in the 2nd half and contributing more than effectively.

Date Wednesday 24th June 2009
Opposition Palmerston North Boys' High School
Venue Palmerston North
Score NPBHS 27 Palmerston 33
Competition Super 8

Palmerston North started the game with guns blazing, playing impressive fifteen man rugby, moving the ball in sweeping plays across the field, recycling it, and moving it back. Despite some determined tackling we were not able to get our hands on the ball and eventually ran out of numbers as Palmerston ran in two well deserved tries early on. Though our scrum and line out held up well, we were unable to maintain possession for any length of time, and as a direct result of this we had to concede two more tries in the first half.

Our only sustained attack on their line resulted in a try, well finished off by Frank Tawake, right



on half time. Down 27-5 at half time, the boys had a huge mountain to climb.

Showing real heart and determination New Plymouth Boys' managed to turn things around, in the second half, with the forwards starting to dominate and provide some front-foot ball for the backs, and for attacks down the blind side. Tries quickly followed as Palmerston started to fade. Isaac Robinson scored (converted by Josh Sandford), and then Lachlan Bunn and Frank Tawake scored.

A penalty to Palmerston may have eased their nerves at our comeback, but no doubt they would have tightened up again as Phil Mischefski crossed the line for another try for New Plymouth, making the score 30-27. Sadly another late penalty made the game safe for Palmerston, the final score 33-27 to Palmerston North. The close score and our five tries at least allowed us to come away with two Super 8 bonus points.

Highlights of the game for us were, yet again, the strength and depth of our bench players, the whole squad's refusal to give up, and possibly the most unusual penalty awarded against us to date - we were penalised twice for shouting as a Palmerston player was trying to catch a ball. Interesting call when one considers the hakas of the school, the cheering of the supporters, the softly spoken words of encouragement from the coaches - it was hardly quiet out there!

It was also nice to be honoured by Palmerston North, as we were the first school to be treated

to their full school haka, which certainly added to the occasion.

Date Wednesday 1st July 2009
Opposition St Pat's Silverstream
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 21 St Pats 25
Competition Traditional

Sadly this was a very tired performance and one where the boys almost did enough but not quite to win back the McDonald Shield.

Things started very promisingly with a strong performance from the forwards who were able to dictate to a considerably bigger pack. The territorial dominance was rewarded after 10 minutes when a switch to a big blind side saw Isaac Hekenui cross in the corner, Josh Sandford converting brilliantly.

More was to follow when Ben West put a kick through from 30m out. Isaac Robinson showed the importance of following up as the ball bobbed around in goal and he dived as the full back attempted to force the ball and was awarded the try. Josh again converted, this time from the other sideline. From the kick off New Plymouth went straight back on attack and scored again through Ben Patterson, again converted by Josh. 21-0 after 20 minutes and things were looking just great. But that's when the wheels fell off.



St Pat's kicked off and for the third time this season the ball wasn't gathered cleanly and the opposition waltzed through to score a very soft try by the posts. Then it was a man in front from our kick off and this allowed St Pat's to come straight back on attack. They pressed hard for several minutes and New Plymouth was somewhat fortunate to escape with only a penalty conceded.

Alipate Umu had to be replaced due to injury which meant a considerable loss in bulk from the pack, and New Plymouth spent the remainder of the half hanging on, and were grateful for the whistle and the half time lead of 21-10.

St Pat's opened the 2nd half strongly and closed the gap to 21-13 with a close range penalty. The next 15 minutes were spent between the 22's as neither team was able to exert any real pressure, although the St Pats forwards were obviously enjoying their size advantage as they continued to try and rumble the ball up.

A good New Plymouth attack was repulsed and from a lineout 30m from their line, St Pat's ran the ball and broke through out wide. Some excellent inter-passing led to a fine try which was converted but still New Plymouth hung on to a 21-20 lead.

Then, with just less than 10 minutes to go, St Pats did it again - almost a carbon copy of the previous try as they went wide from deep in their own half and dotted down again in the corner after a kick and chase from the winger. New Plymouth came back and spent the rest of the game on attack, but St Pat's were good enough to hold the home team out and the game finished with a very disappointing 21-25 scoreline.

Date Tuesday 14th July 2009
Opposition Aorere College
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 13 Aorere 5
Competition Friendly

Aorere College won't have too many fond memories of their trip to New Plymouth. Their bus broke down on the way which held them up for an hour. Then 20 minutes before the scheduled kick off time of 11.30am it became obvious there wasn't going to be a referee and so the start had to be put back to 12.30 while a replacement was found. Then the weather packed up, with a freezing south-easterly accompanied by some heavy showers.

Due to Hurricanes rep duty and holiday commitments, New Plymouth were without five regular starters so this was an excellent opportunity for players to step up.

Despite the terrible conditions and some rustiness after ten days with no rugby this was a very good game. New Plymouth enjoyed having the benefit of the wind in the first half and was able to dominate territory, although Aorere defended strongly and neither team looked like scoring. After 15 minutes Josh Sandford knocked over a penalty from close range. Ten minutes later New Plymouth scored an excellent try through Brock Sibbick who cut back on a slight angle from a great ball from Taylor Haskell and then ran 40m to score between the posts. The conversion followed, and the first half scoring was completed when Josh Sandford kicked another penalty from 30m out so that New Plymouth lead by 13-0 at half time.



The second half saw Aoreere use their forwards to set up a number of drives which New Plymouth found difficult to deal with and on several occasions they came very close to scoring. However, a consistently strong defensive effort kept them out. It took nearly 15 minutes to get into the opposition's territory and from then to the final whistle things were fairly even with both sides having opportunities to score but neither side was able to overcome the cold and the slippery ball.

Just when it looked like New Plymouth was going to keep the opposition to nil, Aoreere worked a good blindside move and scored in the corner with the last play of the game.

This was an excellent team performance from an under-strength side against highly regarded opposition. The game plan was followed accurately and the depth in this year's squad was very much apparent.

It wasn't easy to pick a player of the day but Phillip Mischefski's performance was outstanding. He took over the captaincy and played his best game of the season, frequently turning over ball, and leading with conviction. Josh Sandford and Ben West both showed leadership and directed the side well.

Date Tuesday 14th July 2009
Opposition Westlake Boys College
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 39 Westlake 0
Competition SAS Quadrangular

Played on a soft Gully ground in fine conditions, this was a convincing all round effort from a New Plymouth side still missing a few front line players.

Both sides were keen to play attacking rugby and the match itself was a good spectacle. It took nearly 15 minutes for the first points to come after some rather helter-skelter rugby - plenty of endeavour but a number of turnovers from both sides. New Plymouth had achieved some territorial and scrum dominance, and from second phase ball Mark Atkins stepped through the midfield defence 20m out and ran

in for the first try. This was soon followed by a second try from fullback Lachlan Bunn who had enjoyed some good moments on attack.

Although New Plymouth had the points Westlake continued to move the ball and threatened to score several times before turning the ball over close to the line. Mark Atkins again received the ball two players wide of the breakdown, and took off for the line 85m away. He eluded and bumped off four defenders on the way, before scoring a magnificent solo try.

The final scoring for the half was a try to Josh Sandford who burrowed over in a melee of bodies after a concerted period on attack. Westlake were able to turn over a lot of ball during the half and had one period of five minutes where they attacked very strongly inside the 22, at one point camping on the New Plymouth goal line. But they were repelled every time. Very few tackles were missed and when they were, someone was always there to cover.

Despite a fairly even half in terms of possession and attacking opportunities New Plymouth held a 22 - 0 lead.

The second half followed a similar pattern, in that both teams continued to attack with a lot of energy but New Plymouth took most of their



opportunities and at the same time did enough on defence to keep Westlake scoreless.

Alipate Umu came on after 10 minutes and scored almost immediately following a powerful 15m burst where he bumped off three defenders. Josh Sandford scored his second try after slicing through rather poor defence from 15m out and finally Phil Mischefski scored a well deserved try to wrap things up at 39 - 0.

Joel Mueli was awarded player of the day after a strong lineout performance where he stole a good amount of ball, as well as his effectiveness around the field. Josh Sandford and Ben West also impressed with their tactical leadership.

Date Saturday 25th July 2009
Opposition Gisborne Boys' High School
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 23 Gisborne 15
Competition Super 8

Trailing by 3 - 7 at half time, the New Plymouth side got a thoroughly deserved old fashioned bollocking from coach Atkins. More than a few players had contributed to an error ridden performance where at least five tries had been blown through poor decision making, dropped passes and over-running the ball carrier.

It wasn't all doom and gloom though, as the

home pack impressed at set pieces, and the side spent a fair proportion of the half hammering away inside the Gisborne 22. Although not as big as the sides of the past few years, Gisborne played a high tempo game with a lot of physicality and it took some time for New Plymouth to come to grips with the increase in pace after a couple of easier games in the holidays.

Gisborne only had two real opportunities in the half where they got close to the line. They scored out wide from one of these with ten minutes to go in the half, after Josh Sandford had earlier kicked a 40m penalty to open the scoring.

The second half saw New Plymouth playing into a slight breeze with the sun at their backs. It took nearly 15 minutes for the first try, when Heiden Bedwell-Curtis scored after sustained pressure on the Gisborne line. The conversion attempt from close to the posts was missed, however, New Plymouth had the lead at 8 - 7. Five minutes later the lead was stretched by another seven as Isaac Robinson went in under the posts after some good passing following a ruck near the corner flag.



Warwick Millar initiated try number three after taking the ball 10m out from the New Plymouth line. He showed the value of hard running as he beat four tacklers. The ball was moved to the left and some good handling was almost spoilt close to the line. However, Mark Atkins was on hand to dive over in the opposite corner to where the movement began. The conversion missed and New Plymouth was looking handy at 20 - 7.

Gisborne were never going to give up and kicked a 30m penalty, although Josh Sandford replied with a well struck kick a few minutes later to maintain the gap. With five minutes to go Gisborne scored a well deserved try, albeit through very shoddy tackling.

With an 8-point lead New Plymouth turned down a kickable penalty in an attempt to go after the bonus point try. However, miscommunication in the following lineout spoilt any chance of that and so the game finished with New Plymouth taking only its second victory over Gisborne by 23 - 15. Other than the missed opportunities, the game itself was a good spectacle for the sizeable crowd, with both sides displaying a positive approach

and a desire to attack.

Tom McElroy was rewarded with the Icons Sports Player of the Day after a machine-like performance, especially in the lineouts and rucks and mauls. There were a number of other strong candidates in the pack including Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Rhys Marshall, Alipate Umu, Adam Black and Mark Atkins who all had top games.

Date Saturday 1 August 2009
Opposition Hastings Boys' High School
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 25 Hastings 3
Competition Super 8, SAS Quadrangular

Twelve hours of intermittent torrential downpours meant a very wet and heavy Gully ground. Fortunately there wasn't too much rain during the match but the underfoot conditions weren't good. New Plymouth started with plenty of purpose, going onto attack straight from the kick-off and after a couple of attacking moves were awarded a penalty straight in front of the posts which Josh Sandford converted.

Back onto attack straight away and a neatly worked scrum move saw Heiden Bedwell-Curtis score handy to the posts. Unconverted, but New Plymouth were off to a handy start, leading 8 - 0 after ten minutes.

The Hastings forwards decided to wake up and for the rest of the half held a definite ascendancy over the home pack at ruck and maul time. This, along with some effective kick returns, led to Hastings establishing a territorial advantage which led to a 40m penalty being kicked. An extraordinary period of play followed, where a full five minutes passed with Hastings having 100% possession all within 5m of the New Plymouth line. Play moved from one sideline to the other and back again, punctuated with a series of scrums and penalties but a truly outstanding defensive effort saw Hastings repulsed time and time again. Finally New Plymouth was able to turn the ball over and a clearing kick led to the half time whistle, thankful to hang on to an 8 - 3 lead. Lineouts for both sides were efficient but



the New Plymouth scrum held a significant advantage with Dylan Haggart and Ben Patterson prominent.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half was very even with both sides playing with a high level of intensity but mainly between the 22's and neither really looked like scoring. New Plymouth finally started to wear the Hastings forwards down and started to look likely but handling errors continued to frustrate. With twelve minutes left a second try was scored; Tom McElroy barging over following a short period of pressure.

After throwing away a bonus point against Gisborne the previous Saturday New Plymouth were very aware of the need to score twice in the final ten minutes. The New Plymouth forwards were able to drive strongly from lineouts and mauls, and worked their way back into the Hastings 22. A series of pick and go's saw Frank Tawake burrowing over in a melee of bodies.

With two minutes to go it looked like the chance for a fourth try was blown with another dropped pass. However a tighthead from the following scrum meant New Plymouth were able to keep the pressure on. They continued to batter away up front and finally some effective inter-passing led to centre Isaac Robinson smashing through some desperate defence to score under the posts in the final movement of the match.

With every member of the forward pack turning in an outstanding game, selection of the Icons Sports player of the day was not an easy decision. The nod eventually went to Dylan Haggart who, apart from a very strong scrum performance, contributed mightily taking the ball up in the tight play. It wasn't an easy day for the backs but it was pleasing to see a big improvement in man-on-man tackling.

Apart from five more Super 8 points, the win also meant that New Plymouth were the first winners of the SAS Quadrangular Trophy, contested between these two sides, Westlake and Tauranga.

Date Tuesday 4 August 2009
Opposition Francis Douglas Memorial College
Venue New Plymouth
Score NPBHS 14 FDMC 9
Competition Hurricanes Schools Qualifier

This was always going to be a tough match. Apart from being the usual battle for Taranaki supremacy, this match is also played to find the Taranaki/Wanganui rep to take on the winner of the Manawatu/Wairarapa section in the Hurricanes competition. Being sandwiched between two important Super 8 fixtures didn't help much either.

New Plymouth kicked off under threatening skies with the benefit of a gradually increasing breeze and although a positive start was made with territorial advantage and a superior scrum it was Francis Douglas who took an early 3 - 0 lead following a succession of penalties to get into New Plymouth territory. Almost immediately Josh Sandford replied with an excellent 48m penalty to level the scores. The rest of the half was spent in a high intensity battle between the 22m lines with little constructive play from either side. Heiden Bedwell-Curtis scored the only try of the match when he effected a charge down 40m out and got a favourable bounce to run in and score handy to the posts, although the conversion attempt was astray. Josh Sandford redeemed himself somewhat with two more well-taken penalties in increasingly difficult conditions and at the break New Plymouth had a handy 14 - 3 lead.

The rain which had threatened arrived early in the second half. Francis Douglas began to apply some pressure and were able to kick another penalty after ten minutes. The dose was repeated ten minutes later and then New Plymouth had to withstand some intense pressure on their line as Francis Douglas attempted to barge over. The outstanding defence seen in recent games continued and from then on to the finish New Plymouth looked the stronger and were unlucky to have a second try disallowed for a forward pass.

Outstanding performances again from Tom McElroy and Heiden Bedwell-Curtis in particular, although the entire forward pack deserved credit for their efforts. Not a great day for the backs although Ben West again impressed at half back.

Date Saturday 8 August 2009
Opposition Napier Boys' High School
Venue Napier
Score NPBHS 17 Napier 20
Competition Super 8

Three tough games in eight days proved to be just too much to handle as New Plymouth went down in a very close battle. Conditions were a total change from recent weeks. Not only was the weather perfect but the ground was rock hard, and this took some getting used to after recent games played on soggy fields.

It was immediately obvious that this game was going to be played at a fast pace and that both sides were evenly matched. New Plymouth held second place on the Super 8 table going into this fixture with Napier one point behind. Such was the closeness of this year's competition the loser could conceivably drop to 6th!

Napier were the first to score with a well taken try when the New Plymouth defence was caught short on a big blindside. Down 0 - 7, the New Plymouth side rallied well and, if anything, held a slight territorial advantage for the rest of the half. A penalty attempt went wide, and a number of handling errors spoiled any further chances of getting on the board. The pressure eventually told as just before the break, Mark Atkins received the ball 40m out and broke through the Napier defensive line, then set off through another two tacklers to score under the posts. Half time saw the scores locked up at 7 apiece which was a fair reflection of the half.

The second half started with a rush as almost immediately Isaac Robinson scored under the posts following a good run. Minutes later, another promising back line move was ended when Taylor Haskell was hit high and the Napier player clearly knocked on in his attempt

to pick up the ball. Play carried on as all three match officials were apparently unsighted and the Napier player ran 60m to score under the posts.

Back to 14 - 14 but New Plymouth responded strongly and kicked another penalty to take the lead once more. A great run from Alipate Umu saw New Plymouth back inside the Napier 22 and although a lot of pressure was applied no points eventuated, although some advantage was obtained when a Napier player was sent to the bin for deliberate infringement in a ruck.

It was in the last fifteen minutes that Napier got on top and they were able to spend virtually all this time inside the New Plymouth half. A silly infringement for a shoulder charge allowed Napier to tie things up again, and then with just under ten minutes remaining another ruck penalty saw Napier go ahead by 20 - 17. They should have scored again but an outstanding tackle in the corner by Warrick Millar stopped the Napier runner in his tracks. Full time came with Napier hot on attack.

This was a tough defeat to take as New Plymouth created enough opportunities to win the match, but as in a number of previous games there were just too many errors.

Icons Sports player of the day was thoroughly deserved by Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, well backed up by Phil Mischefski. No 8 Mark Atkins had a strong attacking game.

Date Saturday 15 August 2009
Opposition Rotorua Boys' High School
Venue Rotorua
Score NPBHS 5 Rotorua 17
Competition Super 8

This was a very disappointing end to the 2008 Super 8 campaign. It would be pretty easy to blame the loss on the fact that 8 players were unavailable due to injury or illness and that several of the squad were not overly healthy, but in reality this was a poor performance; lacking in intensity, skill execution and tactical awareness. Rotorua turned on a very wet day and a field that resembled a bog.

Despite New Plymouth having the advantage of a steady breeze, Rotorua were able to set the tone right from the kick off as they kept the ball through a series of pick and go's to score first after three minutes. A repeat of the same tactics saw another try ten minutes later which gave Rotorua a handy 10 - 0 lead.

New Plymouth was able to obtain a territorial advantage for most of the remainder of the half and had a number of opportunities close to the Rotorua line but were unable to capitalise. Three penalty attempts went astray; the lineout failed to provide the ball, and on three occasions, New Plymouth were pushed off good second phase ball by a more desperate Rotorua pack.

The second half performance was slightly better in that the forwards competed more effectively, although Rotorua continued to have the edge and were able to gain dominance at scrum time. Pressure on the New Plymouth line eventually led to another barge-over try, converted this time to push the margin out to 17 - 0.

New Plymouth put together one very good attacking move, originating from deep in their own territory and were somewhat unlucky not to score.

Right on full time Rotorua cleared from their line and Isaac Robinson took the ball well, near touch, on half way. He managed to link with Mark Atkins and some very good running and passing from the backs led to an excellent try in the opposite corner by Kane Sharrock to give a semblance of respectability at full time of 5 - 17.

RUGBY 4TH XV

The 4th XV had a season of mixed performance with the side finding it difficult to perform at a high level of consistency from week to week. There were also incidents of poor self discipline and poor on-field decision-making which allowed opposing teams to gain in confidence and press home their advantage. Several players however showed real ability and effort and are players of promise.

When the team were focussed they played some very good rugby complementing each other and playing as a team. On days when there was less focus players were often individualistic and team cohesion suffered. This was disappointing for the team had enough individual and collective skill to win the competition. However, of major concern was the attitude and individualism of some squad members who put their own self-interest ahead of the team. This was shown through non-attendance at training, early departure from training, late arrivals on match day, poor on-field self-discipline and shoulder charge tackling.

The first round matches saw the side score some impressive victories against Hawera High School 2nd XV (51 - 0), NPBHS U15's (51 - 5), Inglewood High School 2nd XV (63 - 5), before coming up against the famous NPBHS 6th XV losing 40 - 10. This provided a necessary wakeup call and we won the final two matches against Central Two 17 - 7 and NPBHS 5th XV 34 - 12.

The important second round saw the side play three very good matches showing plenty of passion and intensity. The team lost 10 - 5 against FDMC 3rd XV in an exciting and close contest, (perhaps the teams best performance for sheer effort and commitment), followed by a drawn 27 - 27 result against our NPBHS 6th XV, (an equally fine performance), and a comfortable win at Stratford against Central Two 29 - 7.

Our final two matches were disappointing, being outclassed by our NPBHS U15s losing 16 - 15 and losing the semi-final against FDMC 3rd XV 17 - 6. The FDMC match was notable for our pre-match preparation which had been lacking at various stages throughout the season. In wet conditions the team faltered when it mattered most, being outclassed, especially in the second half, by a fine wet-weather team performance from the FDMC side.

The team played eleven matches for a six win, four loss, one drawn record. A special thanks to the many parent supporters and to Mr



Leppard and son Aaron for assistance as well. A special thanks to Ken Maharey in our semi-final preparation.

Squad Members:

Michael Baker (captain), Chris Aebig, David Kane, Christian Perry, Jordan Berry, Blake McCurdy, David Baker, Daniel Couchman, Max Lumb, Jason Schrader, John le Pine, Ant Taylor, Jordan Cadman, Thomas Bowers, Joel Van den Hoven, Duane Bourne, George McFie, Kane Wilson., Jesse Thomson, Jerum Wichman, Chevy Edwards, Meka Mauriri, Lewis Stevenson, Michale Lloyd, Thomas O'Niell.

BANGKOR GRAMMAR VISIT

A special treat awaited members of the 4th XV and 6th XV rugby squads this year when the touring Bangkor Grammar school from Belfast, Northern Ireland, visited NPBHS. They came with two playing squads and management felt it more beneficial that their 2nd XV play against a combined 4th and 6th XV team rather than face our 2nd XV.

With notification of less than a week that this visit was to occur, it was a mad race by Mr Leath who somehow had the task of putting it all together, Mr Gledhill, 4th XV coach, and Julius Prasad, 6th XV coach, to get all the billeting in place and to select a combined side. One training run was held and before we had time to reconsider, the game was upon

us being played on the Racecourse Number 1 field after school on Wednesday 29 July. The Bangkor side had a formidable forward pack and relatively small backs and so they used their strengths well with the ball rarely moving beyond their second five-eighth, with many plays based around their forward pack with mauls, drives from lineouts, pick-n-go and line kicks, 'box kicks' and high bomb kicks their main tactics. This applied pressure on our boys especially in the first half which saw them lead at haltime by 12 - 5.

The second half saw the combined side gain more ball, and by using the width of the field effectively, were able to score some quality team tries and snuff out the passion shown, by the Bangkor team in the first half running out



Rugby 4th XV

- Back Row: Duane Bourne, Max Lumb, Lewis Stevenson, Jerem Wichmen, Jordan Cadman
- Second Row: Mr Gledhill (coach), Michael Lloyd, Thomas Bowers, Meka Mauriri, Thomas O'Neill, Blake McCurdy, Chevy Edwards-Reihan, Jesse Thomson
- Front Row: Chris Aebig, John Le Pine, Daniel Couchman, Michael Baker (captain), Jordan Berry, David Baker, Geoege Macfie
- Absent: Christian Perry, Jason Schrader, Kane Wilson, Joel Van DenHoven, Anthony Taylor

eventual winners comfortably by 22 - 12. The Bangkor side was scoreless in the second half. Final result Combined 4th and 6th XV 22 Bangkor Grammar 2nd XV 12.

It was an enjoyable occasion to host this team and a special thanks to the parents who willingly hosted team members at short notice.

Squad members:

Daniel Green, Daniel Couchman, Blake McCurdy, Mike Maloney, David Kane, Simon Momich, Ant Taylor, John Le Pine, David Baker, Max Lumb, Michael Baker, Jordan Cadman, Cameron Bryant, Ryan Phillips, George McFie, Kyle Still, Kane Wilson, Duane Bourne, Jared Gray, Matt Dickson, Chance Te Uira, Michael Lloyd, Jamie Stones, Jordan Stayt, Chris Joe.

Kevin Gledhill and Julius Prasad
Coaches

RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES

NZ Secondary Schools (Standby)
Heiden Bedwell- Curtis

Hurricanes Schools - Heiden Bedwell- Curtis, Mark Atkins

Taranaki Under 18 - Dylan Haggart, Rhys Marshall, Alipate Umu, Phil Mischefski, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Mark Atkins, Ben West, Frank Tawake, Warwick Millar.

Taranaki Under 16 - Tom McElroy, Mitch Brown, Ray Edwards, Johnny Thomson, Josh Sandford, Matt MacDonald, Lachlan Bunn, Tyler Wisnewski.

Taranaki Under 14 - Reuben O'Neill, Callum Robinson, Jack Greenslade, Gio Habel-Keuffner, Josh Parker, Doug Carroll, Andrew Temperton.

UNDER 15A RUGBY

Under captain Tim Ryder the Under 15 As had a rather mixed season. More lows than highs but they should have learnt a lot from the experience. Only time will tell.

TSSRFU Competition

Playing in the Premier 2 competition saw some grading games then a round of competition games, semis and finals.

The grading games saw losses to Central 19 - 24, 4th XV 5 - 51, and wins against 5th XV 33 - 5, FDMC 4th XV 49 - 3, IHS 2nd XV 53 - 10, HHS 2nd XV 32 - 5. This left the team 5th in the Top 5. The competition rounds saw wins against Central 8 - 0 and 4th XV 16 - 15 and s to 6th XV 10 - 24 and FDMC 3rd XV 7 - 32. The semifinal against the unbeaten 6th XV saw the team trailing 10 - 21 at haltime but produced a great second half of following instructions to win 38 - 26. The Final against FDMC 3rd XV saw a struggle into the wind and trailing 6 - 10 at half time and then 6 - 20 with 20 min to play. Once again the resolve was there and we fought back to 20 - 20 with three mins to go. We kicked a penalty with a minute on the clock to win 23 - 20. A massive effort.

College Games

A 0 - 36 hiding by Hamilton BHS was needed to make the team realise what was required at this level. A poor first half saw us trailing Tauranga BC 0 - 27 at half time but a fine second half with tries to Daniel Chapman, Lachlan Boshier, Orion Kana, Jahree Kee-Sue and Callum Robinson with a Josh Parker conversion saw a 27 - 27 draw in a game we maybe should have won. A forgettable 26 - 12 win against FDMC was followed by a 5 - 19 loss to Westlake Boys High.



U20 World Championship rugby in Japan. Three smiling old boys who played in the team - Cody Rei, Leighton Price and Bernie Hall. Congratulations.



National Under 15 Tournament

A home tournament in NP was never going to be easy. In pool play we lost to Auckland Grammar School 5 - 24 after a very good first half into the wind. In the afternoon against Massey HS it was 0-0 at halftime then we trailed 5 - 12 (Zeb Urbahn try). We led 17 - 12 (tries to Jahi Wicksteed, Jake Church and conversion Josh Parker). Unfortunately the big Massey forwards rumbled over in the corner right on full time. The conversion never looked like missing. An unlucky loss 17 - 19. St Bedes defeated us easily 24 - 0 in the last pool game. The bottom eight games saw us against Palmerston North BHS in a very even match losing 12 - 14 (Tim Ryder two tries, Mitch Aro conversion). Another even tussle against Wellington College saw us leading 12 - 10 at half time (tries Henry Boon, Daniel Chapman, Mitch Aro) then trailing 12 - 15 until Daniel Chapman scored with Mitch Aro converting near the end for a 19 - 15 win. In the play off for 13/14 we were never really in the game against Hastings BHS down 0 - 15 at half time losing



7 - 27 (Trent Spicer try, Henry Booncon) to finish 14th. A fair indication of where we were at.

Summary

A young team with five back next year should have learnt a lot. Tim Ryder led the team by example with good support from Lachlan

Boshier. The forwards needed to be more consistent in their work rate. The backs attacked well through Daniel Chapman (ten tries), Josh Parker (68 points) and Jahi Wicksteed. Jake Church worked tirelessly.

Thanks to Mr Maihi for his input throughout the season.



Rugby Under 15

- Back Row: Haoro Honde-Goffe, Lachlan Boshier, Orion Kana, John Shepherd, Gio Habel- Keuffner, Bill Kavaudra
- Second Row: Mr Giddy (coach), Shae Raumati-Katene, Jahree Kee-Sue, Bevan Lowl, Daniel Chapman, Lawrence Barr, Reuben O'Neill, Mr Mahi (coach)
- Front Row: Josh Parker, Thomas Clark-Puia, Henry Boon, Zeb Urbahn, Tim Ryder (captain), Jahi Wicksteed, Jake Church, Mitch Aro, Makeli Dennis

RUGBY U15B

The NPBHS U15B rugby team was once again entered into the Taranaki Secondary Schools U15 Premier Division for the 2009 season. Throughout the year they came up against teams such as Central, Waitara, Hawera, Coastal, and the arch rival, Francis Douglas U15A side.

The boys quickly established a goal to make the final and win the U15 premier competition, emulating the team from a year earlier. The competition was fiercely competitive with a number of games being quite tight affairs. It was quickly established that Francis Douglas, Coastal and us were the three strongest teams, with Francis Douglas clearly the team to beat. The NPBHS U15 B side went through the season, maintaining a healthy record with wins against all of the other teams except Francis Douglas, whom we lost twice to during the competition. Come semi-final time we found ourselves up against a competitive and committed Coastal side who took it to us for most of the game. The composure and superior skill level saw us home 28 - 15.

As predicted we were up against a well-drilled FDMC U15A side and we knew we would have to be on top of our game, and some, in order to win. The boys trained well during the week and were very focussed on the day. Unfortunately that focus did not ensure quality play and we found ourselves down 17 - 0, twenty minutes into the game. Francis Douglas fed off our poor decision-making and generous mistakes which made it very hard to come back from. In the second half we managed three penalty goals which gave the score some respectability, but in the end we were our own worst enemies and with the amount of possession coughed up, and some key players struggling to have any impact on the game, Francis Douglas were always going to punish us. Final score 17 - 9.

In the end it was an enjoyable season had by all, and I hope you all front up next year to play, and hopefully find that elusive title. Congratulations need to go to James McDougall who led the team superbly by example, and Daniel Lowe, Mitchell Aro, and



Gabe Dobson who all fronted up and played well every week. Thanks must also go to the parents and supporters who were always on the sideline cheering the boys on.

- Games Played - 12 Games Won - 9
- Top try scorer - Trent Spicer (12)
- Top points scorer - Mitchell Aro (98)
- Points for - 418 Against - 134

Blair Corlett

RUGBY U15 BLACK

Rugby is all about scoring more points than the opposition. A very simple theory. It is about winning the breakdown (the collision zone) and creating space through slick passing and

evasive running. While the U15 Black team did not manage to score a lot of points they did win most of the breakdown confrontations and they certainly did improve their passing and running game. This team was very young and not very big so it was always going to be a battle in a grade that was designed to assist the other Taranaki secondary schools.

All of the players had their moments during the season but the season's stand out players were Taylor Mackie (captain), Kalib Johnson, Blake Davies, Lewis Win, Jarrad Kumeroa-McKenna and Robin McKillen.

It was a privilege coaching these boys as they were all willing to listen, they all wanted to improve and they all embraced the important values of rugby: teamwork, loyalty, desire, enjoyment and commitment.





It was also a privilege coaching with 'first timer' Reuben Creery. Reuben provided the sideline calmness, the 'thinking outside of the square' tactics and the fun factor. A big thank you to the supporters especially Doug Rouse who sponsored the player of the day prizes. Finally, to all of the players good luck for next year's season. Play hard, play to win.

Geoff Hall
Coach

RUGBY YEAR 9 INDIGO

2009 was an interesting year to be a volunteer coach of Indigo rugby team. Surprise results and commitment issues all made for a different season.

Indigo made the semifinal stage this year after an excellent previous game against a bigger, more aggressive and stronger Hawera team that showed their true potential when they played as a team. Getting behind early in many games that we eventually lost put added pressure on Indigo and they could not claw their way back although they came close on many occasions. In one game against Francis Douglas they were down 12 - 0 at halftime and eventually lost the game 46 - 50. A stunning team talk by Coach Moore certainly sparked the players into life!

Commitment at crucial times let this team down however (especially with attendance) and they did not progress past the semi final stage with a final season tally of six wins and seven losses. There was plenty of potential and skill available but not getting all players to front up each game proved the undoing of the team.

Injuries cut short promising seasons for Josh Holmes and Mason Farrant. We missed Tom McDougall when he was injured early on and certainly appreciated his size, presence and go-forward when he returned. Josh Dowsing captained many games and lead from the front with barraging runs, controlled aggression and gutsy tackles. Kane Gordon is a small, hard-working, quiet achiever who played most



games in the front row without complaining. Kaleb Nolly improved his fitness during the season and became a versatile and useful front row or lock. One of the smallest in the team was Gabe Lauderdale-Smith who would not back down from anything. One memory is of Gabe flying through the air, backward, arms and legs outstretched after he had launched himself at the chest of a considerably larger (I thought were we playing in a Year 9 grade!) opposition player. Whai Hohaia was a nippy little half back in terms of dynamic runs and winding up the opposition and combined well with his cousin Jai Grant who had a wonderful step but struggled to get the ball further down the line at times. He backed himself on many occasions and it proved fruitful often. Izaak Wilson grew as a player throughout the season in terms of skill, maturity and confidence.

Isei Vuluma knew only one way and that was straight up the middle. He had blinding runs and his defence improved during the season. Jesse Buckland showed great pace on the wing and Daniel Marshall was dependable under the high ball at fullback as well as running great lines. He was hampered all season by a dodgy knee but showed good spirit in fronting up.

Thanks must go to Ash Smith who provided great help and enthusiasm to the team on Saturdays as well as the other parents who turned up to support their son and the other players through wet and cold weekends. We will watch with anticipation to see how these boys progress in the game during their time at Boys' High. Good luck boys.

Mr A. Jones and Mr D. Moore (Co-Coaches)



RUGBY UNDER 15 YEAR 9 YELLOW

Measured in results, this would not be considered a vintage year. From the beginning of the year the boys were outsized and battled to make an impression. Hawera and Central were notably enormous, but the great thing about this group of boys is that they never stopped trying. 20, 40 or 60 points down, the attitude remained positive and the boys supportive of each others efforts.

Losing the co-coach to Japan early in the season was a blow. Clay's enthusiasm and stirring team talks brought at least one stunning turn around against FDMC.

In the forwards, boys who were asked to step up into the front row, performed admirably and I would like to thank them especially. This is a tough ask at the best of times, but playing teams so much bigger, made it even more of a challenge. Alex Watson worked tirelessly in the tight, with the front rowers, with Fred Rogers keeping the boys' spirits up with his constant chatter. The loosies spent their lives chasing and doing it well. Scott Surrey, Ieuan McLeod, Liam Nelson and Logan Klenner were outstanding.

The backs worked hard, but again spent much of their time chasing the opposition. Layne Connell showed genuine pace, Kody Brown some real talent and the smaller guys showed real heart as they bashed into hard running opposition. Sam Betteridge added a new dimension when he joined the team and Ben Mitchell, who captained the side, led by example with outstanding commitment, regardless of where he was asked to play.

Thanks must go to the many parents who turned up religiously, probably praying, to support their boys and the team. The attitude and encouragement from the sidelines was a real high point of the season.

1ST V BASKETBALL 2009

The coaching team for the 2009 basketball season approached the season with aspirations for another successful year. The squad retained many experienced campaigners from previous seasons combined with a youthful injection of energy from some Year 10 and 11 boys. The 2009 squad consisted of Max Williams (Captain), Callum Oliver, Daniel King, Jarred Hinton, Waeana Ngarongo, Peter La Tour, Phil Baldwin, Lewis Ormond, Lachie Fenwick, Matt Wallace, Danyon MacFarlane and Ben Crombie.

Early in the season the team played the Western Heights Tournament in Rotorua. Glimpses of the potential of the team were displayed as the team won our division at the tournament against Palmerston North Boys' High School.

Traditional Fixtures

The first of three traditional games this year was away to Auckland Grammar School. Despite some of the young boys being very nervous about their first big game for the school, we managed a win. Max Williams read the momentum of the game well and he was able to quickly stop any thought of a breakout by Grammar by either going to the rack or with some vintage Williams three point shooting. Matt Wallace stepped up to play with the big boys and justified his selection with some great touches from the bench.

Another away trip was the next challenge and the team headed to Hamilton very confident. It is easy to see in hindsight that from the moment that we hopped off the bus that the team was far too casual and not switched on for the game. The resulting loss was a good learning experience for both the boys and the coaching team. The Hamilton team had nothing over us on paper but they were hungry for a win. There were very few highlights for us in this match. Dan King worked hard and rebounded well both offensively and defensively while Max Williams scored 36 points.

Our last traditional game was away to Palmerston North Boys' High School. This is a school that we take great pleasure in beating

and the team was focused on turning around the terrible display from Hamilton. The old heads stepped up in this game and we led for most of the game. A poor start to the third quarter put us under pressure but we came away with a pleasing win.

Thanks from the basketball staff for the entertainment on these trips from the football and hockey boys.

Super 8

Our goal was to win our own tournament and things started positively. Our first pool game was against Napier and we outplayed them scoring 110 points to win by 40. Game two was Hastings and another victory 87 - 74. All members of the team got game time and made positive contributions. Our last pool game was against Rotorua and we won this game by 20 without playing particularly well. This gave us a semi against Tauranga. Tauranga base all of their play around their big New Zealand rep and it was obvious that we needed to shut him down. This didn't happen, the man with the bad skin scored 40 and we lost 67 - 77. Playing off for third and fourth is not cool and the boys were disappointing in losing to Hastings 56 - 70. The aim for the tournament had been consistency and this again let us down.

Zone Three Qualifying Tournament - Porirua

Despite some poor performances during Super 8 the team had goals of first qualifying for the national tournament and secondly making the final. Sporting the team with the most white faces and the least amount of rats tails and afros we started the tournament underrated by many. Our first pool game was against Saint John's College. This was a good workout against some solid opposition and a good win. A good team effort with Max Williams scoring 21 and Waeana Ngarongo and Jarred Hinton both scoring 17 points. That afternoon our second game was against Aotea College. Aotea played a loose street ball style game and we dominated them with a disciplined display winning 57 - 50. Callum Oliver and Jarred Hinton were top scorers in a game where everyone contributed. Our final pool match was against Hastings



and we needed another win for an easier ride through the quarter finals. This was a tight game but we managed to make amends for our Super 8 defeat winning 76 - 69.

Qualifying top in our pool we crossed over with Mr Bublitz's old school, Wellington College. Unfortunately a serious injury to captain Max sustained during the Hastings game meant a new look starting five and a big workload for our limited supply of guards. Matt Wallace stepped up with a confident display and Waeana Ngaronga was the stand out player of the match as he stepped up his court leadership and physicality. We won this game 76 - 63 and booked a semi-final against one of the favourite teams, Mana College. A marathon hospital visit ruled out a broken arm for Max Williams but endless calls of "harden up Max" were not enough to get him back on the court for this game. Mr Inconsistent, Phil Baldwin took his chance to start and had

his best game of the season, scoring double figures, rebounding aggressively and not being fouled out! The highlight of this game was the contribution of many of the young men with Lewis Ormond scoring 15 points. We won this big game 80 - 64 and were into the final against the number one seed in the country, St Patrick's College. Many in the team were struggling from the hard games of the previous days and despite the return of Max Williams we were only good enough for second. We had however achieved our goals and were confident heading to Palmerston North for the national tournament.

National Championship - Palmerston North

Luck was against us as we were placed in the hardest pool at the National tournament. This was no excuse as you have to beat the best teams to make top four. Unfortunately the team started poorly and we dropped the first

game 69 - 79 against Hamilton which we had targeted for a win. The team was flat but kept level until a poor final quarter. The next game against Onehunga was again tight until the very end and disappointingly we had opportunities to win the game but did not take these chances as the game drew to a close. This resulted in a one point loss, 67 - 68. It was now going to be tough to make the top eight but there was still a chance with a win against Palmerston North Boys' High School. A return to form of several senior players resulted in a win, 81 - 75. A big Nelson Boys' team was the next challenge and we were out-muscled, losing 74 - 83. This ended our chances of a top eight spot and the focus was now on making the middle eight rather than playing off for 17th - 24th. Our last pool game was a repeat of the regional final against St Pats College. St Pats came into this game unbeaten and assured of a top eight spot but they were determined to make a clean sweep of the pool for a better finals position.



Basketball 1st V

Back Row: Ben Crombie, Callum Oliver, Philip Baldwin, Daniel King
 Middle Row: Mr D Bublitz, Matthew Wallace, Lewis Ormond, Lachie Fenwick, Mr A Hope
 Front Row: Waeana Ngarongo, Max Williams (Captain), Jared Hinton, Danyon MacFarlane

The young boys were given a start to generate some enthusiasm and energy which had been missing from some previous games. The boys took their chance and set up a great win 73 - 61.

Playing off for 9th - 16th, our quarter final game was against yet another Super 8 team, Hauranga Boys' College. Again our shooting percentages let us down and although we restricted Adam Dunstan, scoring only 53 points in game is never going to be enough. Our next game was against Nayland College and with the pressure off we secured a rare win 84 - 75. Our last game at Nationals was against Nelson College again, playing off for 13th and 14th spots. It is never easy playing off at the end of long tournaments and it was great that the boys dug deep for this game and showed plenty of character to reverse the earlier loss to this team to win 72 - 58 for 13th place.

At this stage I would like to thank the parents for the huge amount of support that they have given the team, not only at Nationals but regionals, club games and interschools.

Other highlights from the year on top of some excellent performances include the emergence of some talented young players. Ben Crombie, Danyon MacFarlane, Lachie Fenwick, Lewis Ormond and Matt Wallace all grew in confidence as the year progressed and made positive contributions. Other highlights include wheelie bin hot/colds and Mr Bublitz's charm offensive with the referees, especially the ladies. Best of luck for the boys leaving school who have been with the team for a number of years.

A Hope
 Manager

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The team started the year with the traditional start of year tournament at Western Heights. It gives the boys a good opportunity to measure up against the Junior Basketball programmes of schools in the Northern region. We again won through to the semi-finals and played Westlake Boys' High School Juniors who proved too strong for us. We lost by 12 points and at times pushed them close. Westlake Boys' High School Seniors are the 2009 National champions and it provides valuable experience for our boys to see what we have to do to make the grade.

With a third place under our belt we returned to play Monday night basketball. This competition pits us against other 1st V's in the Taranaki region on a home and away basis. While suffering some heavy losses initially the



Basketball Junior Development Team

Back Row: Matthew Bayly, Jack Wagstaff, Ben Crombie, Matt Everest, Jaron Doyle, Bruce Bayly (Coach)
 Front Row: Jaime Simpson, Lewis Win, A J Hoskin, Derek Albertsen, Jordan Harries, Aaron Ransfield
 Absent: Lewis Bryant



boys soon gained confidence and in the first round a close game against Spotswood 1st V and a narrow loss to Hawera 1st V meant the boys felt they could compete against these teams. The only victory for the second round was an upset victory against our 2nd V. This was after a period of time where the team had played two tournaments within three weeks. The continuous playing actually meant the boys looked and played sharper. The team won a comfortable first in the TSSA Taranaki Junior competition and then went to Napier to compete in the Regionals. Our strength off the bench combined with some fine individual performances from the starting five saw us make the finals against Wellington St Patrick's College. This school has recently held the national title for two years and their strength has been in their junior programme. Our shooting and defence let us down in the first half and St Patrick's shot out to a 20 point lead. The second half was all about pressure and hustle. The boy played their hearts out and with one minute to go it was a three point game, St Patrick's in foul trouble and we had possession. A shot was made which narrowly missed and St Patrick's managed to sneak home in a thriller. All credit to the team for coming second in the region. The boys know they have the ability and now hopefully the confidence to go on next year and for some, step up to the pressures of playing in the 1st V.

The team was comprised of: Ben Crombie (Captain), A J Hoskin (Vice-Captain), Derek Albertsen, Matthew Bayly, Lewis Bryant, Jaron Doyle, Matthew Everest, Jordan Harries, Aaron Ransfield, Jamie Simpson, Jack Wagstaff and Lewis Win.

1ST XI FOOTBALL

2009 promised to be a good year for the 1st XI. With a new coaching and management structure and some fresh faces in the squad the team was confident that we could get some good results during the long and testing season. The team was lucky enough to have a number of senior players in the squad that brought a lot of experience and ability to the squad.



The traditional college game season got off to a fairly good start with the team travelling to Auckland to play an Auckland Grammar side stacked with New Zealand representative players. The boys played some very good football in the first half and managed to go to the break level with Grammar. The second half showed the quality and patience of a side like Grammar and they eventually put two goals past us to win 2 - 0. The next week the team travelled to Hamilton Boys' High to play the number two ranked team in the country. The game turned out to be the game of the year for the boys as they played with passion and intensity that meant that they never looked like getting beaten. Two superb finishes from Vincent Sharp saw the team take a 2 - 0 lead going into the second half and with only a late consolation goal from Hamilton the boys totally dominated the game. Later in on the season we played Palmerston North Boys' High and were totally outclassed by a very well coached and drilled team that boasts a number of age group representatives. The boys never really competed and ended up losing 4 - 1. We played a lot better against Wanganui Collegiate in a home game which saw the team score six unanswered goals. The team also played St. Pat's Silverstream and Wellington College to round out the college season losing both games by 2 - 0.

Qualification for the New Zealand Secondary Schools tournament in Nelson in September began many months earlier with games against Wanganui High School, Palmerston North

Boys' High and Francis Douglas. The game against Wanganui was a very tough encounter but the team dominated key areas of the game and eventually won 2 - 0. The Palmerston game finished as mentioned earlier which meant that we had to beat Francis Douglas to ensure that the team qualified for the top 16 in the country. The game was played with an intensity level that you would expect from across town rivals that were both vying for a spot in the top 16. Conditions were terrible up on an exposed Francis Douglas pitch which meant it was tough to get any sort of flow going. Goals either side of the break meant that the team eventually won 2 - 1 dominating the majority of the game and retaining the Somers Betteridge Cup for the second year of its existence. The win meant that the team qualified second in our region and was heading to Nelson to compete in the top 16 portion of the National Secondary Schools tournament.

During the July holidays a depleted team with a lot of fresh faces travelled to Hamilton to compete in the annual Super 8 tournament. A number of the senior players were away on a school trip and a couple of players were also carrying injuries which meant that the squad that went away was very young and inexperienced. The tournament started off extremely well with a win against our old rivals from Hamilton and we eventually won 1 - 0. Palmerston North got the better of us again as we targeted the next game against Rotorua as a must win to get through to the top four. The team dominated Rotorua and played some



extremely good football to eventually win 5 - 0. On a count back the team was denied entry into the top four which meant playing off for 5th-8th. We won our next game comfortably against Hastings Boys' High which meant we played Rotorua for 5th and 6th. The boys did not dominate Rotorua as they had the day before and it took a late second half goal to win the game 2 - 1. Fifth place was not really a fair reflection of how well the team played, especially considering they won four out of the five games.

After a break from college games and a few good results in the local men's premier league the team took the long journey to Nelson in September to compete in the National Secondary School Tournament. It was not going to be easy to make the top eight as the

team would come up against the number one and two ranked teams in the country during pool play. The pool stage of the tournament saw the team play defending champions Mount Albert Grammar, runners up Hamilton Boys' High and Shirley Boys from Dunedin. We lost all three pool games, the most disappointing was a 1 - 0 loss to Shirley Boys in which the boys played far from their best. The cross over section of the tournament was not a lot better for the team playing Rangitoto, Otago Boys' High and Western Heights. Despite some good passages of play in all games the team could not win any of the games which meant that we would be playing off for 23rd and 24th in the tournament. Playing St. Peters on the final morning was tough for the majority of the boys, it was the end of a very long, disappointing week for the boys and they didn't really put up

much of a fight losing convincingly.

After nine months of hard work from the team the season had finally come to a close. Some very good results mixed in with some disappointments made the year an up and down one. One element that was evident throughout the season was that boys have a lot of respect for each other and worked well as a team for the majority of the season. Team trainings were excellent and off the field the team got on extremely well. There are a number of players returning for the 2010 season which will hopefully produce some more consistent results and ensure that football maintains a high profile at the school.

Special mention must go to a number of players who made key contributions to the team this



year. Charl Jacobs led the team extremely well despite a setback during the season. Vincent Sharp was the team's MVP scoring some extremely good goals at important times during the season. The rest of the senior boys made key contributions and stepped up as leaders during Charl's absence. Hopefully these players will continue with football after they leave school. Other players that stepped up during the season included Cameron Brownlie, Gerard Miller, Chad Jones, Ryan Hickling and Connor Oliver-Rose. Despite being one of the youngest members of the team Michael Lahood showed a lot of development throughout the season and was awarded the most improved player trophy this season. Billy Sanger, a third former managed to make his way into the team and handled himself extremely well in goal and will be a valuable asset for years to come.

Many thanks must go to key people who made a long season an enjoyable one. Toby Kroon coached the boys extremely well and sacrificed a lot of his own time to ensure that the boys had the best chance at success. To the parents who travelled the country and turned up every Saturday without fail, supported the team no matter what results the boys were getting, a special thanks must go to you. To Citycare Pharmacy, without your support we would not have been able give the boys such good medical attention. Smiths Sports Shoes New Plymouth also ensured that the team had all the right gear to perform on the field.

Michael Somers
Manager



KARTING

Taranaki has a new national Karting title holder following the 7th Annual Kartsport New Zealand National School's Championships held in the Hawkes Bay in mid-July.

Mitchell Baker took out the Senior Yamaha Lights title with a dominating driving performance in wet and tricky conditions. Representing New Plymouth Boy's High School, 16 year old Mitchell took the high calibre field by relative surprise winning three straight races of the five held to determine the

title from defending champion Chris Cox from Christchurch.

However, the day started in disaster when Mitchell failed to record a finish in the first race. He held his nerve and showed great composure to come home strongly in second place in race two and then never looked back showing great skill and speed and dominating the field by up to a third of a lap at times.

NPBHS was also represented by three other drivers at this meeting, Ben Thom, Aaron DeRidder and Ryan Still.

For Mitchell, this has come off the back of some good momentum recently and since going to a Tony Kart chassis. He had another dominating win at the Wellington Regional Champs held here in Taranaki in early June and solid performances in an earlier round in Palmerston North in March, and at the National Champs in Hamilton back at Easter. Mitchell has been kart racing for about 9 years and while picking up consistent top ten placings at a national level meetings, has never gone on to gain that elusive podium finish he has been after.

Mitch would like to acknowledge the support of another local motor sport talent, Marc

Williams. "Marc's been awesome. With his experience at a high level internationally, Marc was able to help keep me focused on what I needed to do, especially after race 1 where I simply got too ambitious. I'd had a great start in that race and managed to go from last in the field to challenge for second within the first three laps, but I just had a brain explosion and it almost cost me. We had some work to do on the set up earlier in the weekend as we weren't really in the picture, but once we had the balance sorted, the kart was just awesome."

Mitch will be aiming to defend his title in Nelson at next year's event.

TSSA MOTOCROSS COMPETITION

Year 9

- 1st Jacob Vink
- 2nd Josh Holmes
- 3rd Bradley Wilson
- 4th Jayden Rowe

Year 11

- 2nd Hamish Stenning

Combined Year 12 and 13

- 4th Ethan Herbert



BEN FROST

JOSH HOLMES

CALEB KEMP

HAMISH STENNING

JESSE PEMBERTON

TAYLOR PATENE

HAYDEN WALKINGTON

MATT CAR

JAYDEN ROWE

TYRON PETERS

RYAN STILL

BRADLEY WILSON

JAYDEN ROWE

RICHARD WEIR

JACOB VINK

JOSH HARROP

ETHAN HERBERT

BRADLEY WILSON

FIRST XI HOCKEY

New Plymouth Boys' High School hockey has continued to grow in 2009 with a total of six teams, two of which entered national tournaments. The 1st XI participated in the Mayhill Cup in Whangarei, and the 2nd XI travelled to Palmerston North and played in the Gallatley Cup.

For the first time, NPBHS 1st XI were invited to play in the Auckland Grammer Anzac festival. This festival consisted of three days of hockey at the end of the Easter holidays and provided NPBHS with an opportunity to play against some of the top teams in the country. There was great success for the team, playing much higher ranked teams, with only one loss, for the weekend.

Maclean's College	5 - 2	win
Rosehill College	11 - 1	win
St Kent's	5 - 3	loss
Massey College	3 - 1	win
Rangitoto	4 - 1	win

NPBHS showed their dominance again this year in the Taranaki region with the 1st XI taking out first place in the Taranaki High School competition in consecutive years, beating FDMC in the final 3 - 2. NPBHS 2nd XI was close behind with a fourth place finish, and our newly formed development team took silver in the boys B grade.

NPBHS 1st XI also competed in the Senior Men's competition and placed fourth. This competition gave Boys' High their greatest highlights of the year not only attaining a top four placing which has only happened twice, but also being one of the two teams to beat Stratford in the eighteen years that Stratford has won the senior men's grade. NPBHS were down 2 - 1 against Stratford at half time coming back in the last 35 minutes to win 5 - 2.

New Plymouth Boys' High School took their winning attitude over to Napier where they were to face off against some very strong teams

in the Super 8 competition. The first game was against Napier Boys High School (Rankin, cup side) a very close game with a 1 all draw with three minutes left in the game. The home side's persistent attack finally broke through a very strong NPBHS defence and scored a good goal making the game a 2 - 1 win to Napier.

The next game was against Hamilton BHS, (Rankin Cup Side) which had shown their form earlier in the year beating NPBHS convincingly. However NPBHS competed extremely well and half time saw the school side down by an unlucky 3 - 1. In the second half NPBHS stepped up a gear and played some great attacking hockey. The Rankin, Cup side, Hamilton, had to work very hard to keep NPBHS from causing a boilover. The final score was 5 - 3 to Hamilton BHS.

The third game was against Gisborne High School which ended in a disappointing performance. NPBHS missed a number of



Hockey 1st XI

- Back Row: Brandon Roach, Aaron Edmunds, James Linehan, Tim Phillips
- Middle Row: David Porter, Kieran Whitmore, Matt Greystone, Joshua Hamilton (manager), Lewis Walsh, Alex Iversen, Chris West
- Front Row: Lane Simkin, Charles Barnes, Jamie Stones (captain), Chris Lepper, Kyle Simonsen
- Absent: Noel Arden, David Stones (coach)

scoring opportunities, with the final score 2 - 2. NPBHS went through on goal difference over Gisborne and played Hasting BHS in a cross over match to go onto a fourth and fifth placing opportunity. NPBHS won convincingly 8-1 with James Linehan having an outstanding performance scoring five goals.

NPBHS then played Gisborne again for fourth and fifth winning easily, ending the tournament in fourth place.

The 1st XI this year struggled in their college matches coming up against much older and more experienced teams losing three out of the four matches.

Hamilton Boys' High school	Loss
Wellington College	Loss
PNBHS	Loss
Wanganui Collegiate	Win

The national Tournament was in Whangarei for the Mayhill Cup where the 1st XI placed third.

Results as follows:

Day One Pool Play

St Peters vs. NPBHS score 4-1

Day Two

NPBHS vs FDMC

The local derby was a one sided affair. A dominating performance from NPBHS saw the boys overpowering the local school side in scoring within the first five minutes, and continuing wave after wave of pressure. Final score 5 - 0.

Day Three

NPBHS played a cross over game. Wanting to show their dominance they took out the competition 7 - 1.

Day Four - Semi Final

NPBHS vs Maclean's College

A fiery start with a free flowing game going from end to end, the best two teams in the tournament were on show. Maclean's College opened the scoring with a set move catching the NPBHS defence off guard. NPBHS scored soon after with a great right wing attack,

scoring off a PC to level the scores. Just before half time a Maclean's PC and a drag flick to the top left corner resulted in our team being down 2 - 1 at half time. NPBHS had wave after wave of attack on the Maclean's College line in the last fifteen minutes of the game but were unable to get a penalty corner from the umpire. NPBHS played their hearts out trying in vain to penetrate the Maclean's circle. The final score 2 - 1. This was a very unfortunate loss as the team had shown their strength and dominance throughout the tournament and without a top two placing they could not advance into the next tier tournament.

Day Five

NPBHS vs Rongotai College.

Still hurting from the previous day's loss, NPBHS was not going to let the tournament slip away and were looking to make their mark. They dominated the Wellington side from the whistle. The Boys' High side had a scoring spree winning 4-1, a great finish to the National Tournament.

Overall the boys punched above their weight in 2009. It has been the second year in a row without practices on a full size hockey turf with the New Plymouth turf still out of action. This didn't help in key games and developing set moves. It was a real disadvantage to players and the coaching team. However 2010 brings a bright new prospect with an Olympic quality turf almost complete.

To the credit of the 2009 NPBHS 1st XI, along with their outstanding coach, David Stones, they worked hard and delivered some excellent hockey to keep NPBHS a Taranaki Championship team, and a team never to be taken lightly!

I wish all the senior boys of 2009 good luck in their future studies at University, or wherever their careers may take them and hope they continue to develop their hockey careers as NPBHS has delivered some past and current NZ Black Sticks. I'm sure we can continue this proud NPBHS history.

Josh Hamilton

Teacher in Charge of Hockey



Photo Enhancements 2009





SECOND XI HOCKEY

Our 2009 season started early, with trials at the end of February. Six teams were picked by mid March, and we were able to get some early practices in before the season started. (In previous seasons we have chosen the teams, practiced and played our first game all in the first week of the season). We were looking forward to the turf being fixed and ready for games, unfortunately the turf governing body missed their opportunity and we ended up travelling to Stratford every week.

In the first round we won three, drew three and lost one game. This meant we had the third best attack, and the fourth best defence with sixteen goals scored and thirteen conceded. In the second round, we won three and lost four games. We scored eighteen goals and conceded twelve. This gave us the third best attack and the third best defence. We finished fourth in the competition.

At the end of May we travelled to Hamilton to play HBHS 2nd team. They showed us how strong hockey is in the Waikato and gave us a comprehensive lesson in controlled hockey going down 9 - 0.

At the end of the season we went to the Gallately Cup (The National Secondary XI Tournament) in Palmerston North. Our first opponents were HBHS. This time we showed them we could step up. With ten minutes to go the score was 4 - 1, in a fairly even game. We conceded two more goals in the last ten minutes to go down 6 - 1, but we played some of our best hockey of the season. Our second game was against Marlborough College. We carried on with the good play of the previous game and beat them 5 - 0. The next two games were against Auckland Grammer and PNBHS. We lost both games 8 - 0 with both of these sides showing us how speed, skill and accuracy win games. Our next game was against Wellington College and we had high hopes of winning the game. Unfortunately the umpires decided otherwise and our chances were dealt a severe blow when Greg White was yellow carded for kicking the ball. Wellington scored two goals during the fifteen minutes that Greg was off. The final result was a 3 - 0 loss. Our last game was against Tauranga Boys' College. This ended our tournament on a disappointing note losing 11 - 0. We were out-muscled by a team of giants, who were quicker and stronger than us.

Although our results weren't the best, the hockey improved greatly and we played way above the level we play in Taranaki hockey.

The team would like to thank the following people for their help throughout the season, Mr Russell and the Headmaster for giving us the opportunity to attend the tournament. Mr Hamilton, for all his advice and coaching tips. Mr Lockhart for his organisation throughout the season. The biggest thanks must go to Mike Greensill for giving up his time and coaching the team. His input has been huge, his coaching expertise and patience with the players has been noted by all. NPBHS is a very lucky school to have the help from such a dedicated supporter of hockey. Thanks Mike.

Three players received awards at our end of year function:

- Most improved player — Ben Pigott
- Most Valuable Player — Sonny Nguyen
- Greatest contribution to the team — Samuel Lye

Ken Lockhart
Teacher in Charge



HOCKEY 4TH XI BLACK

The Black Hockey team faced a number of challenges in 2009 during the playing season. The unavailability of the Devon Hotel Park hockey turf on Hobson St made practices difficult and forced all matches to be played in Stratford, while the team itself was composed of many players with minimal experience in playing hockey. However, these challenges were met with an enthusiasm from a group of students prepared to play hockey to the best of their ability.

The grading round saw many pleasing results

and improvement among many players. Unfortunately the competition round was ultimately less successful, with avoidable losses and much agony with missed scoring opportunities and the occasional perplexing umpiring decision. The final match of the season was a fitting 2 - 2 draw against Francis Douglas 2nd XI for a placing of fifth equal in the secondary boys B division.

Much appreciation and thanks must be extended to the supporters and parents who provided transport and encouragement for every game, and to the captain of the team,

Jono Ayles, who led by example every week and usually played himself to a standstill. The manager of the team, Mrs Fenney, also deserves a vote of thanks for her tireless efforts and continuing support, and, to conclude, I thank the young men of the Black team who, hopefully, enjoyed a season that was never dull (who could forget snow in Stratford?!). Your efforts were much appreciated, guys.

Mr J Warner
Coach Black Hockey



CANOE POLO

A sport with a growing interest amongst Taranaki schools, canoe polo was held at the Bell Block Pool on Tuesday evenings during terms two and three. Three new teams entered from Boys' High and competed against teams from Inglewood, Sacred Heart, Girls' High and Spotswood in two leagues.

Canoe polo is a contact sport (at higher levels) that is fast paced. Players can quickly learn the rules and basic strategies for the game. It develops balance and strength while providing an opportunity to socialise on Tuesday

evenings. It is an advantage to stay upright for the full game!

The three teams in term three were:
Spartans: Peter Molloy, Duncan MacDonald, Robert Hayles and Gray Barnett

Barbarians: Jordan Millen, Duane Bourne, Joe Roberts and James Varley

Mariners: David Awhitu, Shannon Awhitu, Mark Houwers, Simeon Osborne, Blake Wilson

Competition was tough with some teams playing in their third season. Inglewood had the top senior team and Girls' High the top junior team. All who played enjoyed learning new skills and developing their kayaking abilities.

Thank you to Mr. J. Dobbie who assisted with the teams during the year.

Mr. P. Cayzer
Teacher in charge canoe polo



GOLF

Super 8 Hastings

The team of Jamie Reid (captain), Damien Powell, Ben Caskey and Sanjay Modgill left to play Super 8 golf at Hastings on the 7th of March. The team had been working hard for this event, and were hopeful of a good placing. The trip took us to the other side of the North Island, and we were expecting good weather. The Hawkes Bay did not let us down, as the weather over the two days of play was hot. The first round was at Hawkes Bay Golf Club, a long course with a par 73; the scores for the team on the first day were: Jamie 76, Damien 80, Ben 83 and Sanjay 84, this placed us 4th on the first day, 9 shots behind Palmerston North Boys'. The 2nd round was played at Hastings Golf Club and the pressure was on to perform. Jamie scored a 79, Sanjay 80 and Ben 83 putting us 4 shots behind the leaders. The boys then went straight into the 3rd round, again at Hastings Golf Club, and the heat was an issue for everyone's game. Unfortunately, the team lost some shots to the opposition. The scoring rounds in the 3rd round were: Sanjay 78, Ben 83 and Damien 83; placing us an overall fifth 21 shots behind the winners Hamilton Boys' High. Jamie played well to earn tenth position in the individual placings.

TSSSA Stableford competition 2009

NPBHS qualified for the finals of this event at New Plymouth Golf Club late on Thursday 5th of March. We went to Stratford confident that the team would do well. The team this year was Blake McCurdy (captain), George Hodges, Daniel Chapman and Brendan Osmont. The weather was good but with a Southerly wind. George scored the most points for our team followed by Blake, Daniel and Brendan. Unfortunately, we did not score enough as Spotswood won by five points followed by Hawera High School second, placing NPBHS third. The boys played well in all their matches, and I am happy with what they have achieved. This year had the biggest mix of schools for many years, with NPBHS, Spotswood, Francis Douglas, Waitara, Coastal, Inglewood, Hawera, Opunake and Stratford all fielding teams.



Jamie Reid Hastings Super 8

Auckland Grammar Fixture

The first college fixture of the year was played against Auckland Grammar on May 20th. The venue was The Grange Golf Club in East Auckland. The weather was cold and wet, with the sun coming out occasionally over the four hour period. The new look team for 2009 coped well with the conditions. The greens were very soft and the fairways not giving much run, but this did not hold back our players. Damien Powell had the largest win of 7 and 6, Ben Caskey 5 and 4 and Jamie Reid (acting captain) 5 and 3. Two of the new players Chad Quinney and Myles Simkin both had wins, and Kishen Rai and Jay Maaka our other new player both had draws. Unfortunately, Sanjay Modgill lost 2 and 1; the overall score a 6 and 2 win for NPBHS.



Daniel Chapman, Blake McCurdy, George Hodges and Brendan Osmont

Hamilton Boys' High Fixture

The second college fixture for 2009 was against Hamilton Boys' High, the current golf super 8 champions, on Wednesday May 27th. The weather was much better for this match being a little cold, but nice and sunny. Lochiel Golf Club was the venue for this match, South of Hamilton. This time Steven Heyes (captain) was able to play. Steven played well and achieved a 5 and 4 win, along with Jay Maaka winning 4 and 3, and Sanjay Modgill winning 1 up. Unfortunately, the other team members played hard but conceded losses: Chad Quinney, Kishen Rai, Jamie Reid, Myles Simkin and Damien Powell. The team lost overall 5 and 3 to Hamilton Boys' but NPBHS played well and did not concede easily.

National Secondary Schools Golf Tournament 2009

This year the National Golf Tournament moved to Manukau Golf Club just South of Auckland. Steven Heyes, Damien Powell, Sanjay Modgill and Mykes Simkin made up the 1st golf team defending the title NPBHS had won in 2007 and 2008. The weather was cold and very windy all the time, with significant downfalls of rain on occasion. However, the team's spirits were high.

We arrived at Manukau on Sunday 30th August for the team's practice round at 12.38pm. The team went out and practiced to get a feel for the course which is long and quite tight in some places, where the fairways get very thin, particularly hole 18.

The first round tee off was at 7.30am Monday 31st August. The boys were feeling good and ready to play. The wind again had got stronger since the team arrived the day before, with it blowing constantly at 50km/h, and gusting up to 80km/h. The best round of the morning went to Damien with a solid 77. Steven scored 81, Myles 81 and Sanjay 85. The best three scores were totalled placing NPBHS in sixth place after round one. At 1.00pm the second round began with the boys determined to move up the field. The weather improved with only one downpour in the afternoon, but the wind still blew. The boys tried very hard in



Sanjay Modgill

harsh conditions and scored better. In round two Steven scored 78, Myles 79, Damien 80 and Sanjay 81 to give a two round total of 476.

Unfortunately, this placed NPBHS 6th overall, still a very creditable performance against the fifteen best golf teams in the country, and I am very proud of them and what they achieved. The boys are determined to win next year. However, NPBHS will be losing Steven Heyes and Jamie Reid as they leave at the end of this year. Jamie could not play this year as he broke his ankle the week before the tournament. Congratulations, must go to Myles for replacing Jamie and playing very good golf for both rounds.

A big thank you must go to Steven and Jamie for their fantastic golf for the school since 2005. The team will go through a rebuild for 2010 and will undoubtedly be a strong golfing force to be reckoned with.

Justin Hyde
(Manager NPBHS Golf)



Damien Powell



Steven Heyes (Captain 2008-09)



Newest team member Myles Simkin



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL 2009

2009 promised to be a good year for the senior volleyball boys, stacked full of Year 13 boys and having played together for a number of years confidence was high going into the summer season.

Beach volleyball was the first tournament on the calendar for both junior and seniors boys. A long hot day at Ngamotu beach was spent by seven teams in total. Stand out performances from the following teams meant that Boys' High ruled the day over the traditionally strong Spotswood College. Callum Oliver and Daniel King went through the day unbeaten and in an all Boys' High final managed to beat Kyle Still and CJ Lepper for the title.

The next couple of months were spent in the gym competing in a qualifying series against Spotswood College and training games versus Girls' High and a Masters team. Two trainings a week and plenty of warm up games meant that the boys were feeling good for the long trip over to Gisborne for the annual Super 8 tournament. Boys' High was seeded 6th going

into the tournament and had the easier of the two pools. We won all 3 of our pool games comfortably and met a fired up Hastings Boys' High team in the semi-final. The game was played with plenty of passion and our boys dug really deep to come from one set down to eventually win 3 - 1. This meant that the boys played Tauranga in the final, traditionally the strongest school in the country in all volleyball disciplines. The boys knew they had a tough task ahead of them. Tauranga proved too strong and won the final 3 - 0. A creditable second meant that the long trip and the early starts were all worth it.

Week nine of term one was national summer tournament week and 140 boys and girls volleyball teams converged on Palmerston North for 5 days of competition. The following boys represented the school that week: Kyle Still, CJ Lepper, Callum Oliver, Daniel King, Charl Jacobs, Joel Meuli, Jarred Hinton, David Ellis, Keni Baledrokadroka and Robbie Wood. Due to qualifying top in our region we were placed in a pool which meant the lowest we could finish was division two. The boys

played some good volleyball in pool play and managed to make some amazing comebacks from what seemed to be certain losses. Some big hitting from the front court and constant scrambling from the back court meant that we won some important points in close sets. Unfortunately a game that we should have won against Westlake cost us a place in division one, the lost game saw three teams equal on points and we were pushed down due to a count back of points for and against. We managed to get through to the quarter-finals of division two where we met our old rivals Hastings Boys' High, that night, however, the roles were reversed and Hastings won comfortably 3 - 0. Our final game was a dead rubber against Tauranga B and we eventually placed 7th in division two and 23rd overall in the tournament, a massive improvement from the same group of boys who placed 50th the year before. Callum Oliver hitting in the front court and CJ Lepper setting were the two stand out performers throughout the tournament. Overall a very successful season for the group of boys that were involved with volleyball this year. With 95% of the team leaving at the end



of this year some of the junior boys will have to make the step up next season.

A big thank you has to go to Bill Jager for his energy and enthusiasm throughout the season, Bill's commitment ensures that the boys get the best chance to be successful in a sport that he is very passionate about.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL 2009

Volleyball at a junior level at Boys' High has increased in popularity and we have seen healthy numbers turning up to weekly sessions.

Like the senior boys, the juniors started off with a beach tournament in which we were also very successful. Nick Jager and Orion Kana won comfortably with Mitchell Aro, Mark Houwers and Henry Boon coming in third. A successful day for the boys, showing that they had the skills required to do well in the upcoming indoor tournaments.

During terms three and four we had a general muster of players interested in playing and trialling for the top junior team. After a few weeks of training and trials the squad was narrowed down to ten players and preparation began for the Taranaki Regional qualifying tournament that selects who is the top ranking team in Taranaki for the North Island Champs. After some good training sessions and with an athletic, well focussed team, the boys went into the TSSSA tournament confident that they could be successful. The team went through the tournament unbeaten, managing to win all of our games convincingly. The result meant that the team goes in as favourite to win the Taranaki regional qualifying series.

The profile of volleyball has risen in the school over the last couple of years, due to some good results from the senior team and some good guidance from Bill Jager. Hopefully 2010 will see some similar results for a sport that offers a lot for the young men that take part in it.

Mr Michael Somers
Master in charge of volleyball

CYCLING

The first competitive event for the year was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships. This was held at Lepperton. The NPBHS A team, which consisted of William Tennent, Hayden Brooks, Jason Thomason and Arran Richards comfortably won the Teams Time Trial. They completed the 15km course in a time of 25:54. The NPBHS B team, which consisted of Chris Taylor, Tom Burrell, Liam Paterson and Jamie Aitchison were second equal in a time of 28:18.

After a few minutes rest, the boys had to get themselves ready for the Individual Time Trial. The course was 7.5 km long. Liam Paterson was second in the junior boys event while in the

senior boys, William Tennent was first (12:06) Hayden Brooks was second (12:33) and Jason Thomason was third (12:35).

The other major event for the year was the Nationals at Levin and Feilding. Arran Richards competed in the under-16 boys' road race. Hayden Brooks and Jason Thomason competed in the under-17 boys' road race. Jonny Hobo-Tuck competed in the under-20 division. All of the boys finished well off the pace but it was great experience for them and a chance to race the top cyclists in the country.

Mr K Simpson
Cycling Coordinator



T.S.S.A. INDOOR BOWLS

On Wednesday 26 August seven NPBHS students played in the TSSA Indoor Bowls tournament hosted by North Taranaki Indoor Bowls at the Central Hall, Belt Road.

The squad consisted of a fours team, Vincent Sharp (Skip), Alex Sprott, Joseph Bailey and Dylan Hayman, a pairs team of Ethan Bilderbeck (Skip) and Jonny Hobo-Tuck with Mark Potroz playing the singles.

Mark, who had been selected as reserve, had to play at the last minute in the very strong

singles competition. He played steady bowls throughout the day and if he maintains this form he will be a strong contender for future events.

The pairs combination played great bowls to have three wins from four finishing third overall. They had the opportunity to represent North Taranaki at the Secondary Quadrangular Tournament but unfortunately were unable to play at this event due to other commitments. The fours combination went exceptionally well going into the last round unbeaten. Their last game was against NPGHS (also unbeaten),

this was to be a very tense game with the result decided with the last bowl of the last end when the NPGHS skip knocked out a BHS bowl for the draw. This left the BHS team one point short of achieving a place in the top three.

Thank you Mr Noel Knight (Coach) for your time and Ms Ami Bennett (Sports Administrator) for your encouragement.

NATIONAL KARATE CHAMPS, AUCKLAND

Connor Anderson won gold medals in the intermediate Black Belt Kata (technical routines) and also in the Kumite (fighting). A very successful national event for Connor to come away with two very important national titles.

This is the traditional Japanese karate that is practised worldwide and is in the Japanese education system as a national sport. At this stage the World Cup that was to be held in Tokyo later in the year is postponed due to the recession. We congratulate Connor on a huge achievement for him, but he has put in a lot of training for it. A very talented young sportsman with dedication and discipline.



The kumite set up, referee and judges are in each corner, with Connor, who has his back to us. During this Connor actually dropped his opponent twice and the chief instructors from Japan, Australia and NZ were watching closely

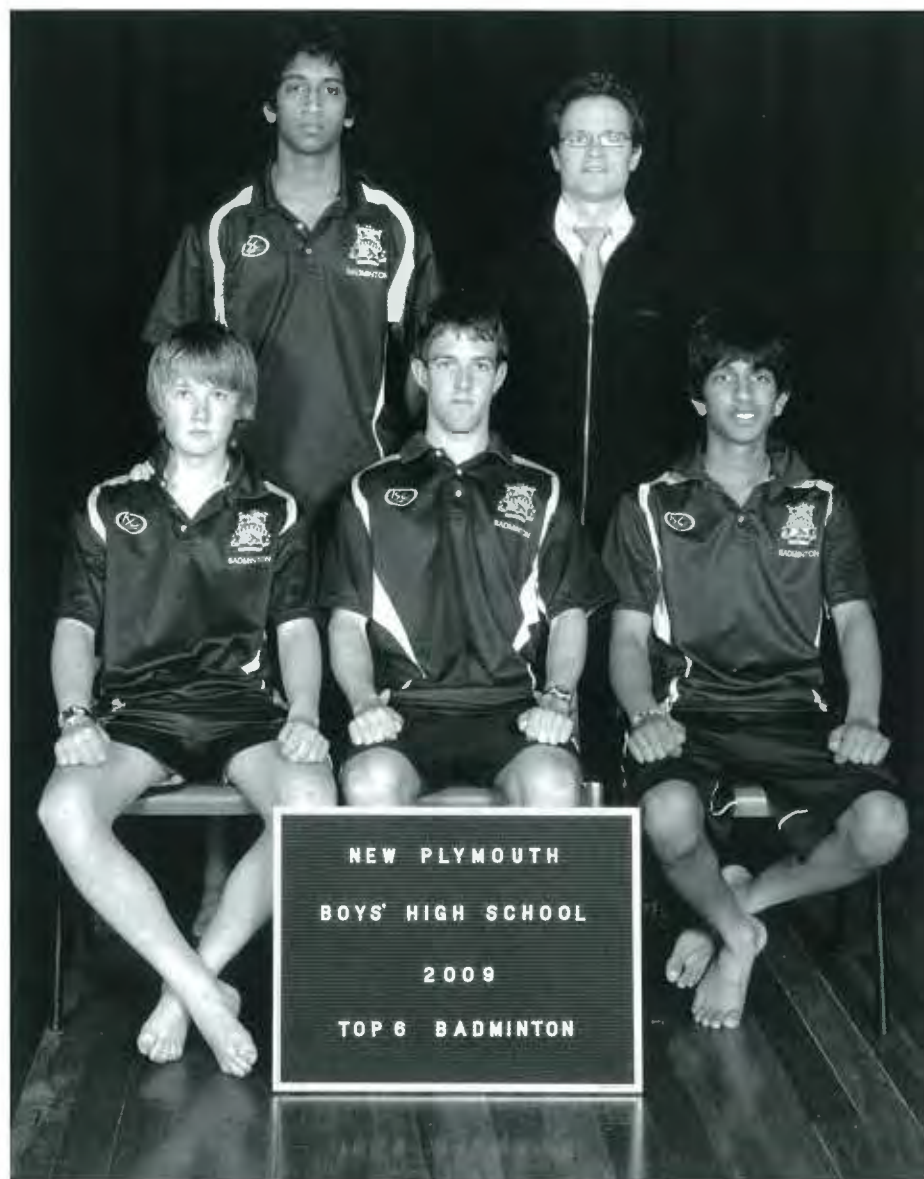
BADMINTON

The badminton team had some moments to savour this year with a number of creditable team performances. It was also great to see tiger jackets handed out to our top two players: Glen Baxter and Thilina Mendis. Both have served the team well for a number of years.

We began our year with the Hamilton interschool, a very tough assignment against a team packed with Waikato reps, who went on to win the Super 8 two weeks later. They were just superior to us in all regards and unfortunately our confidence dropped leading

to more lacklustre play when we could least afford it.

A return to Hamilton for Super 8's has some much better memories, although the fridge temperature inside the venue on frosty mornings is not one of them. We began promisingly against Tauranga taking the first game in three of our matches. Unfortunately Tauranga became stronger as each match progressed and were mentally tougher in the deciding games, so we didn't capitalise on a good start. The Hastings team were not strong and we should have won 6 - 0. Wins



Top Six Badminton

Back Row: Thilina Mendis, Mr Flynn
 Front Row: Brandon Gaustad, Glen Baxter, Kalindu Mendis
 Absent: Lawrence Barr, Ben Coventry

to Glen and Thilina in singles and doubles plus a singles win to Lawrence Barr gave us a confidence boosting 4 - 2 win despite us not really playing to our potential across the team. The next three rounds were very tough as we took on Hamilton, Palmerston North, and Rotorua. The first two were well above the level of all other teams and in the end Rotorua were just too good across the board as well. Our final round was effectively a playoff for fifth and sixth against Napier. Glen and Thilina ran away with their singles matches after close first games to win in two, but all other matches went to three games. In the end we prevailed 6 - 0, a deserved result (and fifth place overall) as everyone in our team played with purpose and the mental toughness needed to close out tight matches.

Our other interschool against Wellington College was interesting as all of their players were of a similar level and we had a clear cut order to our seedings. We lost 2 - 4, but it was a great swansong for Glen Baxter, who beat their No. 1 player and together with Thilina played some incredible shots to comfortably beat their top doubles pair. Wins over No. 1 players are not easy to come by and Glen was justifiably proud of these results.

We won the TSS competition by defeating Spotswood and Francis Douglas quite comfortably and had one last central zone tie against Palmerston North to qualify for nationals. Realistically we just wanted to be more competitive against a slightly weaker team than they fielded at Super 8. Sadly we didn't save our best for last and were comfortably beaten.

Thank you to our stalwart players for representing the school so well in both performance and conduct. I would also like to recognise Brandon Gaustad, Kalindu Mendis and Ben Coventry, who didn't play every tournament, but were more than willing to step up for the team, sometimes at very short notice.

Mr Flynn
 Teacher In Charge

TENNIS

The 2009 tennis season proved to be outstanding for our Senior Tennis Team.

The top four senior team finished seventh in New Zealand after earning the right to represent the Central Region in the National Championships held in Auckland in April. This is only the third time in twelve years during that have made the finals of the NZ Championships.

The team earned the right to take part in the Nationals after beating the following teams to qualify:

- a) v Francis Douglas - 6 / 0 - to become the Taranaki Secondary Schools Champions.
- b) v Wanganui Collegiate 6 / 0
- c) v Palmerston North BHS 6 / 0

In the National Finals the team played and lost to Westlake BHS 0 / 6; St Peters Cambridge 0 / 6; Tauranga BHS 1 / 5; St Bedes Christchurch 1 / 5, but defeated Nelson College 4 / 2 to finish a very creditable seventh.

Credit goes to all players but I want to pay particular credit to both Jordan Stayt and Mark Atkins. Jordan and Mark are the only two players in the history of tennis at NPBHS who have been in teams twice which have qualified for and played in the National Secondary School Championship Finals. Both Jordan and Mark were in Year 10 (their second year at High School) when NPBHS last qualified for the National Finals. I thank them both for their enormous contribution to tennis at NPBHS.

Super Eight Tournament:

The Top Four Team played very well to finish second in Super 8 which was won by Tauranga Boys' College.

Results:

- 1. v Palmerston North BHS Won 6 / 0
- 2. v Napier BHS Won 3 / 3
 Won on countback of sets
- 3. v Hastings BHS Won 6 / 0
- 4. Semi Final v Hamilton BHS Won 3 / 3
 Won on countback of games
- 5. Final v Tauranga Boys' College Lost 0 / 6
 Final Placing - Second



Top Six Seniors

Back Row: Mr A Hope, Jordan Stayt, Mr W Geange
 Front Row: Myles Simkin, Ben Caskey, Mark Atkins, Amrit Rai
 Absent: Michael Lloyd



Top Six Juniors

Back Row: Mr A Hope, Max Lepper, Matthew Bayley, Lane Simkin, Mr W Geange
 Front Row: Jayden Ford, Nicholas Lloyd, Thomas Burrell, Jaime Simpson



SQUASH

In a year of rebuilding our teams were never at full strength and this was because our players were involved in other winter codes as well as out with injury. It was noticeable that our juniors (Anthony Van Kooten, Robert Boot and Omar Aboulkheir) really improved and this was important because they were needed by the time National Champs in August arrived.

We had two interschool fixtures, the first against Hamilton B.H.S. They are ranked fourth in the country. Jerome Salle beat their number one seed, B2, this was a great effort. Willy Lane, one of our lower ranked players, could have had a win as well making the draw a more even contest. We lost contest 1 - 4. Chris Blyde also stepped up and nearly beat his opposition. Our next college match was against Palmerston North B.H.S ranked third in the country. Our ranking of 23rd left us struggling against these two teams whose results are a reflection of the Squash Academies run in those areas. We did not play against Wellington College as they did not send up a team to play.

Palmerston North Squash Nationals. This event is the largest teams event on the High Schools calendar. It involves more than 400 competitors and the players really enjoy it. All N.Z. past champions have played in it. Our

New Plymouth schools have hosted it twice in the past with 62 teams competing in 2008!

The team: Jerome Salle, Chris Blyde, Antony Van Kooten, Robert Boot, Josiah Abbott and David Dudson. Manager Mr Sims. Chief Nutritionist Mrs Crow.

We went in to the competition ranked 23rd with the loss of Willy Lane, which made it a tough job to hold onto that ranking. We played six matches over three days - lost three and won three. The boys played really well and their squash really improved. I know they are all looking forward to next year when the Nationals are being held in Christchurch.

I would especially like to thank the Kawaroa squash club for all their help and free use of courts on Thursday afternoons.

John Sims
Teacher in charge

SWIMMING REPORT

There are several boys at New Plymouth Boys' High School who devote many hours in training at developing expertise in swimming and these boys compete at National level in the various carnivals held over the summer months. Swimmers must meet qualifying times to be eligible to enter these events, and this means the very best swimmers are in attendance. To qualify is an achievement.

Results / Performances:

Jordan Moratti: qualified for the Swimming New Zealand Open Long Course championships and the Swimming New Zealand age-group championship, finishing 14th in the sixteen years 1500m freestyle (National Age-Group championship) and 13th in the Open New Zealand Swimming championship - a very fine performance. Jordan also was 14th in the 400m freestyle in the National age-group championship.

Isaac Owen: qualified for the National Age-Group championship and finished 11th in his age-group in the 200m and 100m backstroke as well as 16th in the 400m freestyle.

Mitchell Owen: attended the New Zealand Division II Swimming Nationals, placing 1st in the 100m butterfly (13 years and over).

Patrick Harvey: Division two New Zealand championship 1st 200m butterfly 1st 100m butterfly (13 years and over).

Julian Weir: has had an exceptional year, breaking several Taranaki Swimming records and competing in many carnivals including Wellington championship, Taranaki championship, Bay of Plenty championship, Taranaki Winter championships, Central North Island championships, and New Zealand Age-Group championship - an impressive set of results from an outstanding young swimmer who has devoted many hours in training and this dedication effort has been rewarded with some outstanding performances.

His best efforts are as follows: Well done Julian on these excellent performances.

Taranaki records (13 - 14 age group)

- 100m backstroke
200m backstroke
50m backstroke
100m medley

New Zealand Junior Championships (13 years age group)

- 1st 100m backstroke
1st 50m backstroke
2nd 50m freestyle
3rd 100m freestyle
3rd 200m backstroke
4th 50m butterfly
4th 200m medley

New Zealand Age-Group Championships (13 years age group)

- 3rd 100m backstroke
5th 50m backstroke
8th 200m backstroke

Tiger Jacket Awards

This year four senior students were awarded Tiger Jackets in swimming. These were:

- Jared Gray
Jordan Moratti
Isaac Owen
Sean Parker

Congratulations on this achievement.

K J Gledhill

Teacher in charge swimming

TSS SWIMMING

The Taranaki Secondary School (TSS) swimming championships were held this year in Stratford on 8th April and New Plymouth Boys' High School were represented with competitive teams in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.

The best swimmers in Taranaki attend this event and our team performed very well. A special thank you to the parent-transporters who ensured all our swimmers could travel to the event. The customary feed of fish 'n chips completed a successful carnival for our swimmers.

RESULTS:

Junior Boys (Individual)

- 100m freestyle
1. Julian Weir
3. Max Hardie-Boys

50m Backstroke

- 1. Julian Weir
3. Vincent Lamont

50m Breaststroke

- 1. Vincent Lamont
2. Mitchell Owen

50m Butterfly

- 1. Julian Weir
2. Mitchell Owen

Junior Boys (Team)

- 4 x Medley Relay
Disqualified

4 x Freestyle Relay 1st

Intermediate Boys (Individual)

- 50m Breaststroke
2. Hayden Brooks

Intermediate Boys (Team)

- 4 x Freestyle Relay 1st
4 x Medley Relay 2nd

Senior Boys (Individual)

- 100m Freestyle
2. Isaac Owen
3. Jordan Moratti

Senior Boys (Team)

- 4 x Freestyle Relay 2nd
4 x Medley Relay 2nd

50m Backstroke

- 2. Isaac Owen
3. Jordan Moratti

50m Breaststroke

- 1. Isaac Owen
2. Sean Parker

50m Butterfly

- 2. Sean Parker



TEAM MEMBERS:

Junior

- Max Hardie-Boys
Vince Lamont
Mitchell Owen
Julian Weir

Intermediate

- Hayden Brooks
Ben Nelson
James Varley
Martin Weir

Senior

- Troway Hayes
Jordan Moratti
Isaac Owen
Sean Parker

New Plymouth Boys' High School Swimming Championships

Junior

- 1st Julian Weir
2nd Mitchell Owen
3rd Vince Lamont

Intermediate

- 1st Hayden Brooks
2nd James Varley
3rd Martin Weir

Senior

- 1st Isaac Owen
2nd Jared Gray
3rd Sean Parker

K J Gledhill

Teacher in charge swimming

SURF LIFESAVING

Many boys of the school are involved in surf lifesaving at our local clubs (Fitzroy, East End and New Plymouth Old Boys') and regularly compete in local carnivals, culminating in the New Zealand surf lifesaving championships over the summer months. This year, for the first time in several years, there was no TSS Surf Lifesaving competition between the schools as previously organised by Sport





Taranaki and Taranaki Surf Lifesaving, which was unfortunate, in that it denied students a further opportunity in this service-oriented sport.

Several students, however did compete in the Taranaki Surf Lifesaving championships and the New Zealand championships in both IRB and surf-sport events.

New Zealand Championships

Gisborne 12 - 15 March 2009

- Ant Taylor 2nd U19 short course canoe race
3rd U19 long course canoe race
Isaac Owen 4th U19 Surf Race
6th U19 Ironman
7th U19 Run - Swim - Run

New Zealand Surf League

- Jared Gray
Member of Taranaki U19 Surf League team at National Regional Surf-sport event.
Isaac Owen
Member of Taranaki Open team, (1st place) and member of Taranaki U19 team (6th place) at National Regional Surf-sport event.

Royal Humane Society Medal

Isaac Owen was presented with the Royal Humane Society medal, by the Mayor Peter Tennent, at the senior prize giving ceremony, in recognition of his efforts in cold, strong off-shore beach conditions, in rescuing two teenage girls who had got into difficulty in the ocean at East End beach. The two girls were in a kayak, when Isaac noticed they were in difficulty and were being blown further from land, when on a training paddle on his surf ski. After paddling in from his training, Isaac was even more aware that these girls needed assistance, and he proceeded to paddle back and support the girls, until extra help arrived from a jet ski. The girls were bought ashore, and a tragedy was averted. The citation noted that, were it not for Isaac Owen's intervention a tragedy may have occurred and his efforts ensured a potential drowning had been avoided.

Coolangatta Gold

Isaac Owen competed in the renowned

Coolangatta Gold Ironman long distance event on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, in October, an event comprising running, surf swimming, board paddling, ski paddling and came a very creditable seventh place in the U19 division. This was an excellent effort from Isaac in the gruelling marathon event against the top Australian surf Ironman. Well done Isaac, a wonderful achievement.

Taranaki Championships

- Isaac Owen 1st U19 Surf race
1st U19 Ironman
1st U19 Board race
1st U19 Board relay
1st U19 Taplin
1st U19 Board rescue
1st U19 Ski relay
2nd Open Taplin
3rd U19 Ski race
Joel Meuli 1st U19 Ski
1st U19 Taplin
1st U19 Ski relay
1st U19 Board relay
Jared Gray 1st U19 Board relay
1st U19 Ski relay
1st U19 Taplin
2nd U19 Board
2nd U19 Surf race
2nd U19 Ironman
2nd Open Taplin

K J Gledhill

Teacher in charge surf lifesaving

TSSA TRIATHLON

The Taranaki Secondary School triathlon was held this year on Sunday 22nd March at Ngamotu Beach in fine summer weather. An excellent field assembled at the start line in the senior event which was dominated by boys from NPBHS. Our junior entrants also dominated in their event. It is customary for the senior Phys Ed classes to enter and this boosted the senior field considerably. Some excellent racing was seen from all athletes.

Daniel Hine, our NZ age-group representative in triathlon, had a great contest with Edward Rowles from FDMC, also an NZ age-group representative, in the senior boys race, but there were some equally fine performances from all our entrants in the senior event.

Results:

- Senior Boys
2nd Daniel Hine 36min 13 sec
3rd Isaac Owen 38 min 6 sec
4th William Tennent 39 min 37sec
5th Hayden Brooks 41min 15sec
7th Charl Jacobs 41min 26sec
8th Jonny Hobo-Tuck 42min 40 sec
9th Simon Momich 42min 48sec
11th Jared Gray 43min 32sec
12th Sean Parker 43min 55sec

Junior Boys

- 1st Liam Paterson 47min
2nd Jackson Hine 48min 9sec
3rd Max Hardie-Boys 49min 36sec

TSS DUATHLON

Taranaki Secondary Schools Duathlon was held this year, on 24th May at Lepperton, and our athletes were very successful in the 2.5km run - 7.5km cycle - 2.5km run event. It was a very cold and windy morning and the results were:

Junior Boys (U15)

- 1. Matt Baxter 4min 55sec
2. Liam Paterson 37min 15sec

Senior Boys (U19)

- 1. Daniel Hine 33min 10sec
2. Simon Momich 38min 18sec

K J Gledhill

Teacher in charge duathlon



SNOW SPORTS

The snow season for the school began on August 30th with thirty students competing in the school champs on the Turoa skifield. In good conditions entrants completed two timed runs on a giant slalom course in order to decide school champions and team selection for interschool events. The skiing title went to Jackson Braddock and the snowboarding title to Richard Darney.

The school ski team consisting of Myles Simkin, Lane Simkin, Finnbar Porteous and William Allen (unfortunately Jackson was unavailable) returned to Turoa in September for the North Island intersecondary schools skiing champs. The best individual result was produced by Lane who placed 18th in the slopestyle event with the team gaining 14th place in the slopestyle event and 42nd from a

field of 102 schools in the slalom events.

A week later the snowboard team of Richard Darney, Tyler Anderson, Connor Anderson, Henry Johnson, Rory McPherson and Chris Rowlands competed in the North Island snowboarding champs. A 9th and 19th placing from Tyler and Chris in the dual slalom on day 1 gave the school a strong start. This was backed up on day two in the slopestyle event with Richard 20th and Henry 26th. Unfortunately the boardercross event scheduled for the third day had to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions. However, due to consistent performances by all team members the school gained second place overall, our best result to date in this event.

Richard Turner

Teacher in charge





INLINE HOCKEY

2009 has been another very good year for inline hockey at the school. In term one, we entered five teams and in term four, we entered four teams in the local school league competition. All teams played to the best of their ability and it was great to see the players developing and building on their team work.

The 1st V for the second time was given the opportunity to travel to Hamilton to compete against HBHS. We played two games. The first we lost 5 - 6 and the second we won 6 - 7. Both games were very intense and it gave our relatively young team a good chance to step up and prepare for the National Secondary Schools Tournament.

This year the National Secondary Schools Tournament was held in New Plymouth for the first time with NPBHS being the host school. The pressure was on us to perform having won the competition for the last four years. The school entered two teams. The second team played six games winning three and being placed 8th. Many of their games were very close and they were very unfortunate not to have finished higher.

The 1st V were placed second in their pool behind KeriKeri High School.

Results:

Botany Downs College	Won	18 - 2
Tauranga Boys College	Won	14 - 2
Wanganui HS	Won	9 - 1
KeriKeri HS	Lost	2 - 4

In the semi finals the team played Paraparaumu College Winning 11 - 2

In the finals we played Kerikeri HS again. The team played with a great deal of passion with some amazing individual play and some very impressive team work. Unfortunately we were not able to put the puck in the net although we spent the majority of the game attacking. The result was a 2 - 5 loss which placed us second in the competition.

Special mention must be made of the way our senior players played. They were very good role



models for the younger players. Thanks to our captain, Michael Roberts, Assistant Captains, Ant Taylor and Michael Langslow. A big thanks must also go to Mr Willy Harvey and Ms Sue Darney for their input and guidance of the team.



CRICKET 2008 - 2009

This was a season of real ups and downs. NPBHS fielded thirteen teams - three afternoon and ten morning teams. The Saturday morning managed only four Saturdays with the rest being washed out. The 2nd and 3rd XIs continued to provide a solid base for the 1st XI. Thanks to Mr Simpson, (2nd XI), and Mr Mitchell, (3rd XI), for their fine efforts.

School coach Gavin Ewing created a Development Squad of Y9s and 10s. This should provide a further base for the future. Congratulations must go to the 1st XI on making the Gillette Cup Finals, (Top 8), defeating Hawera HS, FDMC and Wanganui HS on the way.

FIRST XI CRICKET

The 1st XI was coached by Gavin Ewing, an ex-Zimbabwean international, with Dean Robinson, a recent 1st XI and current NZ U19 player who has been playing club cricket in England, giving playing assistance. Gavin has

also set up some development structures for the future.

Club Games

One-day games saw losses to Hawera, Stratford, Woodleigh and NPOB, with wins against Inglewood (Connor Oliver-Rose 93) and NPMU (Gavin Ewing 108 no).

Two-day games saw losses to NPOB, NPMU and Woodleigh, draws with Inglewood (Dean Robinson 103), FDMC, Hawera United (Gavin Ewing 102) a win against Stratford (Warwick Millar 93no).

Super 8 - Tauranga

Game 1

Rotorua BHS 67 - Warwick Millar 3 for 16
Mitch Brown 3 for 13
NPBHS 69 for 1 - Willie McBride 38no

Game 2

NPBHS 290 for 8 - Ben Hitchcock 47, Ben West 73, Warwick Millar 52
Hastings BHS 133

Game 3

NPBHS 99 - Kane Robertson 36no
Hamilton BHS 100 for 9 - Warwick Millar 6 for 32
Playoff for 3rd/4th
NPBHS 142
Palmerston North BHS 143 for 7
Placed 4th

College Games

Wellington College - Wellington
NPBHS 86 - Kane Robertson 34
And 158 - Will Young 45, Ben West 66
Lost outright to
Wellington Coll 148 - Mitch Brown 5 for 36,
Scott Evans 4 for 43
And 97 for 2

Auckland Grammar School - Auckland
AGS 300 for 6

NPBHS 95 for 2 - game washed out

Hamilton Boys' High School - N.P
Hamilton BHS 139 Fraser Johnston 8 for 33



Cricket 1st XI

Back Row: John Dickson, Callum Davison, Mitchell Brown
Middle Row: Warwick Millar, James McDougall, William McBride, Kane Robertson, Henry Boon, Ben Hitchcock
Front Row: Jarred Hinton, Phil Mischevski, William Young, Ben West, Fraser Johnston, Matt Dickson



And 216 Warwick Millar 5 for 70
Defeated outright

NPBHS 221 Ben Hitchcock 77,
Mitch Brown 64
And 72
Rotorua Boys' High School - N.P
Rotorua BHS 255 - Warwick Millar 5 for 38
And 87 - Warwick Millar 5 for 25
Lost outright to
NPBHS 209 for 8 - Ben Hitchcock 44, Will
Young 43, Phil Mischefski 48
And 134 for 9 - Warwick Millar 46

Wanganui Collegiate School
WCS 125 - James McDougal 4 for 20
And 172 for 5
Defeated outright
NPBHS 66
And set 232 to win 223 Will Young 58 Kane
Robertson 54, Warwick Millar 41

Gillette Cup
Hawera High School
HHS 111 NPBHS 112 for 2 - Ben West 47
Francis Douglas Memorial College
NPBHS 131 - James McDougal 32
FDMC were 88 for 3 all out 128 - Warwick
Millar 7 for 36
Wanganui High School
WHS 164
NPBHS 165 for 5

The 1st XI is through to the National Top 8 in
Palmerston North in mid December for the
third time in the 20 years of the competition.

National 20/20 - Westlake BHS
A new competition saw a squad go to Westlake
in summer tournament week. Playing two
games a day was hard work for all. Five losses
and two wins saw us play off for 5th and 6th
place against Tauranga Boys' College which
we won. The outstanding performer was Will
Young who scored 464 runs at an average of 77.
He was the top run scorer at the tournament.
This included a top score of 97no against
Westlake Boys' High School. Will Sandifer
(12) and James McDougal (9) were the best
bowlers.



SECOND GRADE CRICKET

NPBHS had one team in the North Taranaki
Men's Second Grade competition. It is a great
challenge for the boys to play against men's
teams. The season started with four games of
Twenty 20 but two were rained out. We won
against Fitzroy and lost to Woodleigh. Against
Fitzroy, Vincent Sharp took 3 wickets for 4
runs bowling at the death and steered us to
victory with a controlled 31 not out. Warwick
Millar took 2 for 23, John Dickson made 22,
Matt Dickson 17 and Will Sandifer 17*.

In the 45 over competition, we played each
team twice. The first round was reasonably
good with wins against Old Boys, Francis
Douglas and Merrilands. Against Old Boys
we made 138 with Kane Robertson 21, John
Dickson 20 and Mark Black 20. Old Boys were
bowled out for 125 with Warwick Millar 3 -
29 and Ray Edwards 3 - 24. Against Francis
Douglas we made 207 with Matt Dickson 48,
Alex Sprott 30, Warwick Millar 31 and Josh
Roguski 21. Francis Douglas were bowled out
for 141 with Jarred Hinton 2 - 11 and Kyle
Pillay 4 - 14. Against Merrilands we made 260
with Warwick Millar 108 and James McDougal
58. Merrilands made 118 with Henry Boon
5 - 17. The second round of the competition
was not so successful but the boys continued
to play with good spirit and there were some
solid individual performances. Apart from the
scores mentioned previously:

Kane Robertson made 50 and 21 against
Marist, 27 against Old Boys and 36 against
Woodleigh.
John Dickson made 42 against Marist.
Alex Sprott made 20 against Marist and 20
against Fitzroy.
Will Sandifer made 20 against Marist, 26 against
Francis Douglas and 31 against Fitzroy.
Matt Dickson made 30 against Fitzroy and 24
against Woodleigh.
Warwick Millar made 48 against Old Boys and
took 3 - 34.
Vincent Sharp made 32 against Old Boys.
James Linehan made 37 against Inglewood.
James McDougal made 30 against Francis
Douglas.
Phil Mischefski made 38 against Fitzroy and



Season Summary

Ben Hitchcock was the leading run scorer (572)
with Will Young (405) and Kane Robertson
(402). Warwick Millar led the wicket taking
with 48, Mitch Brown 38 and Fraser Johnston
31.

A big thank you to Gavin Ewing for his efforts.
Although there were some problems initially
with a new system I am sure everyone learnt a lot
from the experience. The real disappointment
is due to outside influences Gavin is unable
to return for the 09/10 season to continue his
good work. We wish him well in his future
coaching and hope he may return one day.
Thanks also to Dean for his contribution. We
look forward to seeing his progress through
the ranks to first class cricket.

Gordon Giddy
Teacher in charge





took 2 - 21.
 Josh Roguski made 35 against Fitzroy, 48 against Old Boys and 38 against Marist. He also took 2 - 41 against Marist and 5 - 38 against Fitzroy.
 Ray Edwards took 4 - 49 and 2 - 37 against Marist, 2 - 25 against Woodleigh, 3 - 29 against Fitzroy and 2 - 14 against Francis Douglas.
 Mark Black made 21 against Marist and took 2 - 37 against Fitzroy.
 Kyle Pillay took 4 - 13 against Fitzroy.

The second eleven also played two college games:

Versus Hamilton Boys High School on 15, 16 and 17 February.

NPBHS 198
 V Sharp 53
 W Sandifer 50

HBHS 345
 K Pillay 2 - 30 (13 overs)
 J Roguski 3 - 97 (27 overs)
 NPBHS 122
 W Sandifer 32
 J Dickson 24

A loss by an innings and 25 runs.
 Versus Wanganui Collegiate School on 15 and 16 March

NPBHS 187
 A Sprott 52
 W Sandifer 40
 M Dickson 26

WCS 149
 R Edwards 4 - 43 (24 overs)
 J Roguski 2 - 20 (9 overs)

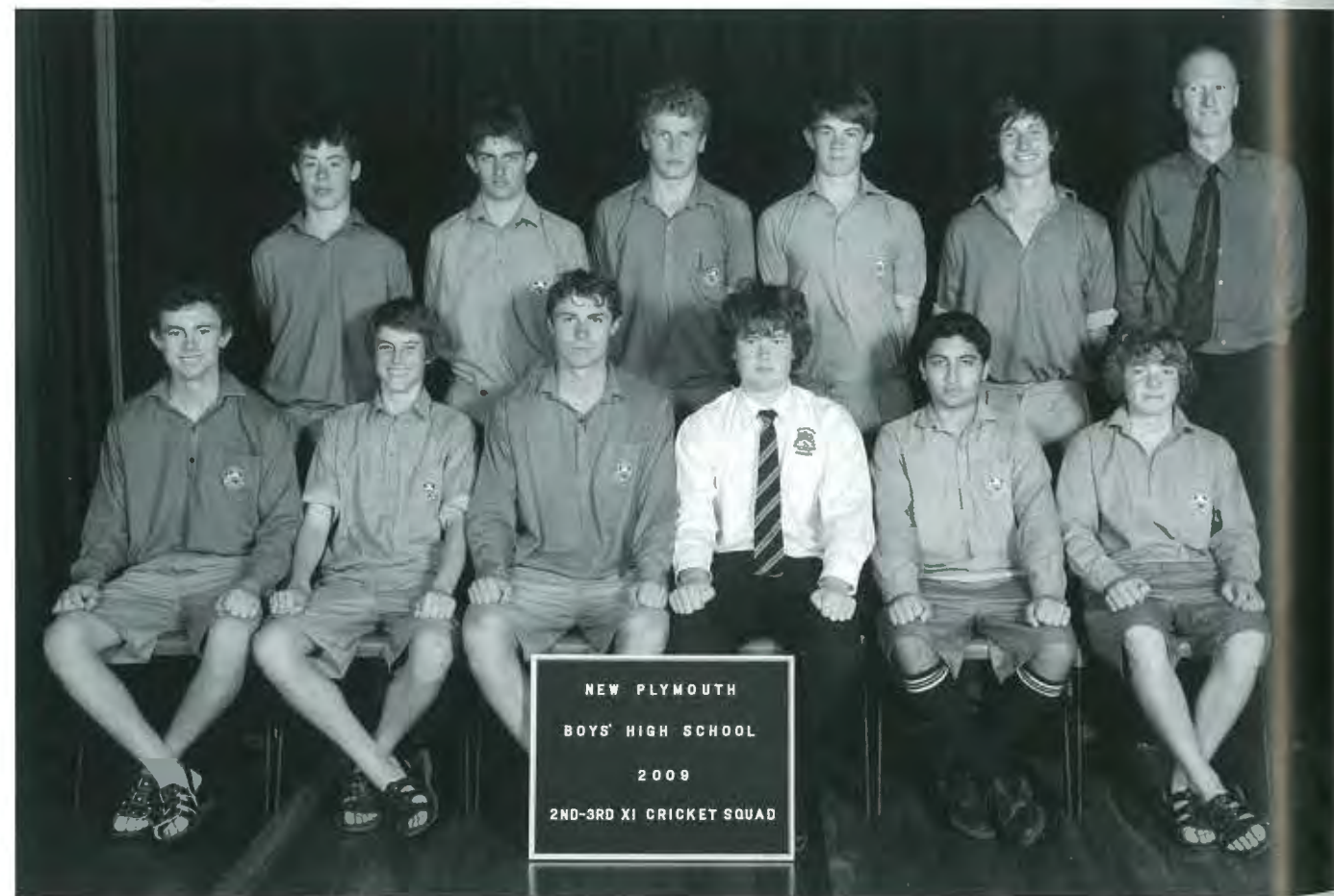
NPBHS 122/7 declared
 J Linehan 39
 V Sharp 29
 J Braddock 21

The declaration left Collegiate a target of 160 to win from 41 overs.

WCS 138/8
 W Sandifer 4 - 32 (13 overs)
 J Roguski 4 - 47 (15 overs)

NPBHS were unable to snare the last two wickets and Collegiate hung on for the draw.

Mr K Simpson
 Manager



NEW PLYMOUTH
 BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
 2009
 2ND-3RD XI CRICKET SQUAD

Cricket 2nd / 3rd XI

Back row : Henry Boon, Mark Black, Tim Ryder, James McDougall, James Linehan, Mr K Simpson (Manager)
 Front row: Josh Roguski, Adam Landers, Vincetn Sharp, Alex Sprott (Captain), Harshal Upadhyay, Jackson Braddock





ATHLETICS

The events on the calendar for this publication were the Inter-School event in November, 2008, National Athletics in December, 2008 as well as the school, TSSSA and North Island Championships in Term 1 of 2009.

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This delayed event finally took place on Thursday, November 12th at the TET stadium in Inglewood. NPBHS won the boys event comfortably. There were some outstanding individual performances on the night and two school records were broken. Uriah O'Connor won all four Junior field events with wins in the Discus, Shot Put, Triple Jump and High Jump. Uriah broke his own High Jump record with a clearance of 1.72m and a 10.49m Shot and an 11.18m Triple Jump were impressive results for a promising athlete. Matt Baxter broke the other record with a scintillating 3000m time of 9.47.15 taking half a second off David Morton's 2004 Junior record. Intermediate runner Chaz Hall pushed Matt all the way for a personal best 9.49. David Morton ran in the 800m winning in a fast 2.00.83. Other athletes to contribute to the team score were Cameron Holden, Jared Soffe, Josh Taylor, Nathan Maharey, Jahi Wicksteed, Liam De Grey, Daniel O'Keefe, Derek Albertson and Jonathon Faapoi.

NZSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of thirteen travelled to Hamilton for the NZSS Athletics Championships held December 13 - 14, 2008. High hopes were held for David Morton in the middle distance events, but a sickness prevented him from competing, which was an anticlimactic end to the spectacular school running career of our best ever runner.

A new star emerged however in the form of Matt Baxter. Fresh from a school record in the Junior 3000m, Matt went to the lead in the Year 9 Road Race at the halfway mark on the 3km course and was never caught winning this glamour event in style. It took a few hours to receive his gold medal due to some off course dramas, but it was a fantastic achievement and something unique for Taranaki Secondary Schools. The Year 9 team finished fifth in the six man race and was made up of Jahi Wicksteed (30th), Liam DeGrey (62nd), Charles Barnes (66th), Chris Banks (72nd), Kieran Honnor (90th) plus Simon Jones (99th).

The Under 16 Road Race also saw the emergence of a future star with Chaz Hall running a superb fifth placing in this 4km event. Darren Alexander (39th) and Josh Taylor (72nd) also competed in this event. Uriah O'Connor produced some quality jumps placing 4th in the Under 16 Long Jump (5.83m) and fifth in the Triple Jump (11.84m). Both of these were school record jumps to give Uriah the treble in the Junior Jumps. Cameron Holden placed thirteenth in the Open 2000m SC clocking a smart 6.54.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

House Competition

1st	Hatherly	1050
2nd	Donnelly	880
3rd	Barak	776
4th	Syme	724

Individual Competition

Junior

1st	Connor Hobbs	82
2nd	Rhys Bishop	80

3rd	Aaron Jackson	76
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Intermediate

1st	Lachlan Bunn	104
2nd	Isaac Robinson	76
3rd	Uriah O'Connor	62

Senior

1st	Charl Jacobs	80
2nd	Mark Atkins	68
3rd	Peter LaTour	60

The school's Athletics Championships were held on Thursday, February 26th in fine, calm conditions at the TET stadium in Inglewood. It was a busy day for many with all the championship events as well as relays and non-championship events squeezed into the programme. Individuals to impress included Charl Jacobs and Rhys Bishop who won all their middle distance events, Peter LaTour and Uriah O'Connor in their respective jumps, Frank Tawake in the Javelin, Alipate Umu with the Shot Put and the all-around abilities of Mark Atkins, Lachlan Bunn, Isaac Robinson, Connor Hobbs and Aaron Jackson. Congratulations to Hatherly House who were clear winners on the day and to Charl, Lachlan and Connor for their individual titles.

TSS ATHLETICS

The Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held in ideal weather conditions at the TET Stadium in Inglewood on Sunday, 15th March. A selected team of close to fifty athletes represented the school and won over half the titles available with twenty three wins. The next best school could only claim six. The school was completely dominant in the middle distance events with



eight of our ten boys selected for North Islands being track runners. There were no school records set. Winners on the day were:

Junior

Connor Hobbs	80m Hurdles	13.62
	Long Jump	4.83m
Rhys Bishop	800m	2.21.37
	1500m	4.50.97
	3000m	10.31.96
Aaron Jackson	High Jump	1.54m

Intermediate

Lachlan Bunn	400m	54.79
	Long Jump	6.04m
Robbie Wood	800m	2.08.25
Matt Baxter	3000m	9.31.37
Uriah O'Connor	High Jump	1.70m
	Triple Jump	11.97m

Senior

Kane Sharrock	400m	55.82
Charl Jacobs	800m	2.08.09

	1500m	4.40.65
Cameron Holden	3000m	9.30.77
	2000m SC	7.02.86
Alipate Umu	Shot Put	13.35m
Frank Tawake	Discus	34.95m
	Javelin	51.60m

The Junior and Intermediate teams also won their respective relay events. Peter La Tour jumped second in the Senior Long Jump to New Zealand's best jumper. His leap of 6.58m is the best in recent times, just 12cm off the school record set in 1992. The 3000m was the highlight with four guys running sub 9.40. As well as Cameron and Matt above, Josh Taylor recorded 9.32.37 and Chaz Hall 9.37.45.

North Island Athletics

Ten boys from NPBHS were selected to represent Taranaki at the NISS Athletics held in Wellington over the weekend of April 4th - 5th. There were some pleasing results and two outstanding efforts in the field events.

Frank Tawake threw the Senior Javelin 55.35m to set a new school record (A Bartlett, 1974, 54.64m) and claim second place in this event finishing within 1 metre of the winning throw.

Uriah O'Connor also claimed a second placing with a jump of 1.80m in the Intermediate High Jump.

Year 9 runner Rhys Bishop ran strongly to place fifth in the Junior 3000m in a quality time of 10.16. Rhys finished 6th in the Junior 1500m in 4.37.

Edward Lawley ran with distinction in the Open boys 2000m Steeplechase finishing sixth in a handy 6.52. Robbie Wood ran 2.06 in the Intermediate 800m heats to progress to the finals where he placed seventh.

We had three runners in the Intermediate 3000m with Chaz Hall the best of them running 9.35 for seventh. Matt Baxter was only one second behind Chaz for tenth and Josh Taylor placed 14th. Matt also placed 11th in the Intermediate 1500m in 4.32. Darren Alexander ran a 4.33 for thirteenth. Darren also clocked a 2.08 in the 800m heats. Cameron Holden competed in the Senior 3000m finishing eleventh in 9.51.

Congratulations to Charl Jacobs and Frank Tawake for Tiger Jackets in Athletics for 2009. As this article goes to print a small group of athletes is preparing for the NZSS Athletics Championships which are in Timaru in mid-December.

Paul Dominikovich

Master in charge athletics





Hillary Challenge
Junior Sports Team of the Year
TNL Sports Awards 2009



CHESS

The chess this year was very strong. We had twelve boys trial out for the top two chess teams. Eventually we got the top eight people which made up two teams. Our first challenge was the Taranaki Regionals on Sunday, 16 August at the New Plymouth Boys' High School library. This year only Francis Douglas Memorial College had the might to face us with their two teams. After four games the New Plymouth Boys' High School A team (Alan Ansell 1st, Jong Woo Shin 2nd, Jacob Tomlinson 3rd, and Jess Watt 4th), managed to easily win all their games and clearly come first.

The New Plymouth Boys' High School B team (Tyler Stewart 1st, Alex Harfield 2nd, William Rodenburg 3rd, and Alexander King-Tabuteau 4th), managed to win most of their games and come second, which was great. This now allowed for the New Plymouth Boys' High School A team to continue on to the New Zealand National Chess tournament in Palmerston North. Sadly Jong Woo Shin 2nd could not come to this so he had to pull out. Tyler Stewart was able to come in to the A team as the 4th member and the whole bottom of the A team moved up a spot.

The Nationals began on Saturday, 26 September and it was tough. Already on our first round we had to face Auckland Grammar who had

a very strong team. Alan Ansell, who faced their Number 1 player, managed to settle with a draw, and Jess Watt in third managed to get a win against their third. Jacob Tomlinson and Tyler Stewart sadly lost their first games but had fought quite hard. The other group round of chess was like this as some of us managed to win or draw and others would lose. Our best round would be Round 6 when we faced Kaitaia. Four of us managed to win our games which lifted us a few spots. In the end Alan Ansell had won five games and drawn one, Jacob Tomlinson had won two, Jess Watt had won two, and Tyler Stewart had won one and drawn one. As a team we came 11th which was an improvement from last year.

The Chess team would like to thank Mrs Porteous for encouraging us and organising events for us. The chess team would also like to thank Mr Errol Tuffery from the New Plymouth Chess Club for tutoring the chess team, and Mr John Ansell for taking us to a chess tournament in Palmerston North as practice for the nationals. The chess team would like to thank Mr Dave Tomlinson for giving up his time to take us to the Chess Nationals and staying with us for two nights. This year was yet another good year for the New Plymouth Boys' High School Chess Team and we hope next year will be as good.

Jess Watt

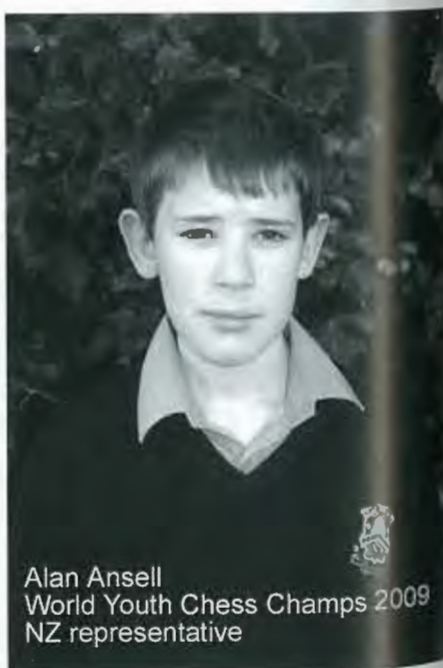
WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

NPBHS is very proud of Alan Ansell, and wish him all the best as he represents New Zealand in the World Youth Chess Championships in Antalya, Turkey in November.

Alan is a twelve year old student who is studying NCEA Level 2 and 3 Latin and Level 2 Mathematics. He plays for the school's 3rd XI Hockey team. Alan is sitting Grade 5 in Piano, is an accomplished clarinetist and is a member of the school's chamber music ensemble.

Report from the tournament:

"The tournament is just past its half way point, with six of the scheduled eleven rounds completed. Today is a rest day and we are taking it easy a bit. Over the last five days of competition Alan has won four games and lost two and is currently placed 29th of 142 players in the Under 12 Boys (open) section. Alan started as 44th seed of the 101 seeded players in this group, so is reasonably happy with his current position, though he naturally hopes to improve over the remaining five rounds."



Alan Ansell
World Youth Chess Champs 2009
NZ representative



Jess, Tyler, Alex, Jacob, Alan, Billy, Jong, Alex

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKING

During the weekend of 18th and 19th April, the NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Champs were held in Levin in dry dusty conditions. Two of our boys competed in all three disciplines (cross country, downhill and uphill) and gained national rankings. Mitchell Holyoake was 12th overall and Liam O'Neill 26th overall, in the under 15 boys section. In the under 16 boys downhill Ryan Hunt gained 19th place out of 91 competitors.

The highlight of the weekend for Boys' High was Jackson Hine's 3rd placing in the U15 boys downhill race to be awarded the bronze medal. This is one of the best results in recent history for NPBHS. Well done and best of luck for the national series Jackson.

A Jones
Teacher-in-charge Mountain Biking



Jackson Hine



Jackson Hine

TSS MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TSS Mountain Biking champs were held at Lake Mangamahoe on Sunday 29th March in perfect conditions. Seven schools were represented and nine boys from NPBHS took part. Edward Lawley won the senior boys cross country with over a five minute lead from the next competitor. Mitchell Holyoake won a close race in the junior boys cross country after Liam Paterson shouldered a tree near the finish line.

In the senior boys down hill event, Ryan Hunt placed second, five seconds behind first place with Scott Moyes only one second slower in third place. In the junior boys down hill event, Boys' High took out the top six places with Jesse Pemberton first, Jackson Hine second and Liam O'Neill third. Jesse was the fastest rider with the best overall time for all downhill racers (senior and junior).

Thanks must go to Graeme Lindrup and all the helpers from the New Plymouth Mountain Bike Club for a well organised event and giving up their time as well as to Steve "Coach" Mckean for co-ordinating the event.

OFFICIAL RESULTS AND TIMES:

Cross Country

Senior Boys

1st Edward Lawley 28mins: 17secs

Junior Boys

1st Mitchell Holyoake 20:10
 2nd Liam Paterson 20:35
 4th Liam O'Neill 22:32
 7th Scott Valintine 25:45

Down Hill

Senior Boys

2nd Ryan Hunt 1:55
 3rd Scott Moyes 1:56
 4th Edward Lawley 2:03

Junior Boys

1st Jesse Pemberton 1:49 (fastest time overall on the day)
 2nd Jackson Hine 1:50
 3rd Liam O'Neill 2:02
 4th Mitchell Holyoake 2:05
 5th Liam Paterson 2:07
 6th Scott Valintine 2:26

A Jones

Teacher in charge mountain biking



Mitchell Holyoake is all concentration on his way to winning the TSS Mountain Biking Junior Boys Cross Country event.



Liam O'Neill is focused as he takes on the course in the TSS Mountain Biking Junior Boys Down Hill event.



Liam Paterson leaning into a corner in the TSS Mountain Biking Junior Boys Cross Country event.



Edward Lawley on his way to blitzing the field in the TSS Mountain Biking Senior Boys Cross Country event.



Jesse Pemberton on his way to winning the Junior boys Down Hill event with the fastest time for junior and senior boys.

CROSS COUNTRY

It was another memorable year for the school's cross country team. Highlights included the large numbers training, particularly in Year 9, the annihilation of the local competition in all events, a fantastic Super 8 victory in Napier and the Nationals weekend in Nelson. It was also particularly gratifying to see a number of runners feature at or near the front of the big races confirming that Taranaki athletes can be as good as any runners in the country. What follows is a recap of the major races we participated in:

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday May 7th was cold, wet and muddy for the cross country House competition. The conditions didn't affect our best athletes with Cameron Holden winning the senior race in a course best time. The top three went under the old record in the Intermediate race won by Chaz Hall and the Junior race was taken out by Year 9 boarder Rhys Bishop. Congratulations to Mr Josh Hamilton for victory in the keenly fought staff race. Well done to Donnelly House for being the superior running house.

Junior (course best 19.53)

1st Rhys Bishop 20.21
 2nd Liam Jansen 20.43
 3rd William Jones 20.52
 4th Liam DeGrey 21.00
 5th Layne Connell 21.08
 6th Max Hardie-Boys 21.25
 7th Josh Holmes 21.30
 8th Dean Lobb 21.40
 9th Jamie Simpson 21.42
 10th Jesse Grayling 22.04

Intermediate (course best 19.43)

1st Chaz Hall 19.21

2nd Darren Alexander 19.28
 3rd Matt Baxter 19.38
 4th Edward Lawley 19.57
 5th Josh Taylor 20.22
 6th Robbie Wood 20.49
 7th William Sandifer 20.59
 8th David Avery 21.19
 9th Kieran Stancliffe 21.22
 10th William Livingston 21.27

Senior (course best 19.43)

1st Cameron Holden 22.03
 2nd Isaac Owen 24.14
 3rd Charl Jacobs 24.23
 4th Daniel Hine 25.02
 5th Jordan Moratti 25.31
 6th Sean Parker 25.44
 7th Jordan Millen 25.56
 8th Gray Barnett 26.01
 9th Taylor Haskell 26.09
 10th Cameron Brownlee 26.30
 1st Donnelly 5928
 2nd Barak 5451
 3rd Hatherly 5268
 4th Syme 4971

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR CROSS COUNTRY EXCHANGE

Due to scheduling difficulties the Cross Country Exchange with Auckland Grammar once again was separate from the other sports. AGS brought thirty-six of their top runners down for the fifth running of the Mildenhall Cup. Monday, May 11 was bitterly cold and they were difficult conditions for the teams on the Te Henui. This event is raced over all five year levels and our home course is the school's Junior Cross Country. Home advantage is significant and we won four of the five races. Auckland Grammar had more depth than

us however and comfortably retained the Mildenhall Cup. Scoring runners on the day and their times were:

Year 9

Will Jones 6th 21.04
 Liam Jansen 8th 21.05
 Jamie Simpson 9th 21.49
 Layne Connell 10th 21.57

Year 10

Matt Baxter 1st 18.28 (course best Y9 and 10)
 William Livingston 3rd 20.01
 Liam Paterson 6th 20.30
 Jahi Wicksteed 8th 20.49

Year 11

Chaz Hall 1st 18.02
 Darren Alexander 4th 18.55
 Edward Lawley 5th 19.02
 Robbie Wood 8th 20.14

Year 12

Josh Taylor 1st 18.28
 Gerard Miller 7th 21.25
 Jordan Millen 8th 21.30
 William Young 9th 22.50

Year 13

Cameron Holden 1st 17.49 (all time course best)
 Isaac Owen 5th 19.47
 Jordan Moratti 7th 21.01
 Connor Stachurski 8th 21.05

SUPER 8 CROSS COUNTRY

A team of fifty-two runners travelled to Napier for the ninth annual Super 8 Cross Country races run on Sunday May 17th. The Napier course is perfectly flat, but has a number of



Cameron Holden with the Super 8 trophy



gates to jump. It was a fine day, but a strong wind made for challenging conditions. The team got off to a fantastic start by totally dominating the Year 9 race with Rhys Bishop winning this event and becoming just the 4th NPBHS runner to win an individual Super 8 title. Mitchell Owen also medalled in this race placing 3rd. Matt Baxter ran second in the Under 16 race, but the team came 3rd overall which meant the senior race would determine the winning school. Fantastic running from Cameron Holden (2nd), Chaz Hall (3rd) and Josh Taylor (4th) saw the team through to a winning score and a regaining of the shield we had last held in 2005. Top 20 results are recorded below, but congratulations to the whole team for being part of a Super 8 victory.

Year 9	3000m
Rhys Bishop	1st
Mitchell Owen	3rd
Jamie Simpson	6th
Will Jones	9th
Max Hardie Boys	10th

Bradley Gray	11th
Liam Jansen	14th
Layne Connell	17th
Josh Holmes	19th

Under 16	4000m
Matt Baxter	2nd
William Livingston	7th
Charles Barnes	14th
Jahi Wickstead	18th
Liam DeGrey	20th

Senior	6000m
Cameron Holden	2nd
Chaz Hall	3rd
Josh Taylor	4th
Darren Alexander	8th
Edward Lawley	9th

NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

A selected team of 36 athletes flew to Nelson for the National Cross Country races held on Saturday June 20th. Fine and frosty conditions were the order of the day and with a flat course

and hard ground the times were extremely fast. It was our most consistent set of results with two 4th placings and a 6th place in the six person teams races. This ranks the team second equal in New Zealand behind Auckland Grammar, equal with Christchurch Boys and ahead of Wellington College and Tauranga Boys. Our three person Year 9 team finished third to claim a National bronze medal, but the highlight of the day was undoubtedly Matt Baxter running second in the Under 16 race. A quite remarkable achievement. Full team results and times are included with the first six home in each age group being the team.

Year 9	3000m (4th)
Rhys Bishop	7th 9.52
Mitchell Owen	11th 9.58
Max Hardie Boys	34th 10.22
Layne Connell	47th 10.33
Bradley Gray	72nd 10.47
Liam Jansen	79th 10.50
Will Jones	81st 10.50
Jamie Simpson	92nd 10.58

Gabriel Lauderdale-Smith	105th	11.10
Sam Scott	117th	11.15
Jesse Grayling	118th	11.15
Jay Cadman-Kennedy	123rd	11.17
Dean Lobb	128th	11.21
Josh Holmes	147th	11.32
Dylan Taylor	157th	11.36
Max Lepper	168th	11.44
Fred Rogers	184th	12.17

Under 16	4000m (6th)
Matt Baxter	2nd 12.57
William Livingston	45th 14.09
Charles Barnes	53rd 14.19
Jahi Wickstead	66th 14.30
Liam DeGrey	71st 14.32
Henry Boon	97th 14.47
Chris Banks	120th 15.08
Simon Jones	137th 15.38

Senior	6000m (4th)
Cameron Holden	31st 20.04
Chaz Hall	45th 20.22
Darren Alexander	51st 20.28
Edward Lawley	65th 20.38
Josh Taylor	66th 20.39
Robbie Wood	83rd 21.02
Jordan Moratti	140th 22.18
William Tennent	152nd 22.31
Glen Baxter	174th 23.05
Brody Schultz	186th 23.29
Josh Girvan	206th 24.48

CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS
TSS ROAD RELAYS

Sunday, August 23rd saw the annual relays around the 2.5km Bowl of Brooklands circuit in warm and sunny conditions. With limited competition the pressure was still on to

produce fast times for selection in upcoming events. NPBHS finished first and third in the Year 9 and 10 race with Matt Baxter, William Livingston, Rhys Bishop and Liam DeGrey the winning team. Our Seniors took a clean sweep in the placings with all interest on the top team to see if a record could be achieved. A massive thirty seconds was carved off the 2003 Senior record with Cameron Holden, Darren Alexander, Josh Taylor and Chaz Hall all running within ten seconds of each other to retain the trophy and set a new benchmark in this local event.

NISS CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

This event is in its second year and was held in a wet and sodden Hamilton with over 3000m for each runner on Monday, August 31st. It is a provincial event so it is difficult for Taranaki when Waikato/BOP and Auckland have so many schools to call upon. Of the twenty selected boys in the Taranaki team, sixteen were from NPBHS including all the A teams except one senior boy. Taranaki placed third in the Intermediate boys' race and was the only Taranaki team among the medals. Boys in the team were Matt Baxter, Josh Taylor, Darren Alexander and Chaz Hall.

WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKES

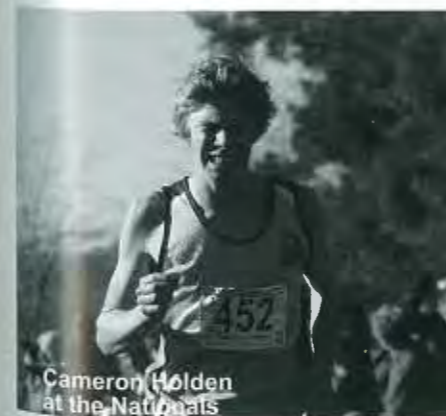
The 30th running of this 2.2km four person relay took place on Monday, September 7th in fine, cool conditions. The Ballantyne/Torckler Cup was up for grabs in the Year 9 race with the Dayboys retaining the cup. Rhys Bishop ran a particular fast leg for the Boarders, but was matched by Mitchell Owen who, along with Liam Jansen, Max Hardie-Boys and Layne Connell, were victorious and finished 5th

overall. Our Under 16 team was particularly strong, but it still need a sprint finish from Darren Alexander to extinguish the challenge of Scots College. Matt Baxter became our 3rd fastest runner (6.44) in this event running first. The other runners were Edward Lawley and William Livingston. Our Senior team ran a pleasing 3rd in a strong field with Cameron Holden impressive in 6.39. Robbie Wood, Chaz Hall and Josh Taylor made up the remainder of this team.

Final Comments

A Super 8 Shield, some National medals and a number of trophies in the cabinet point to a very successful year. The courage, commitment, pain and discipline shown by team members also speaks volumes to the character of those involved. Congratulations to Cameron Holden for the standard of leadership he set for the team this year. Thank you to all the Year 13 boys in the school that have run for the team at some stage in their schooling. Congratulations to Josh Taylor for being awarded a Tiger Jacket this season. Congratulations also to Matt Baxter who has been recognised as one of 4 reserves for the NZSS team to the World Championships in Slovakia, April 2010. We wait with optimism to see if there is a vacancy in this 6 person event. Attention now turns to 2010 and there is justifiable optimism in the team. Training never ends for a genuine runner and the challenge for those returning is to have your name recorded in next year's magazine with team results even better than in 2009.

Paul Dominikovich
Master in charge cross country



Cameron Holden at the Nationals



Chaz Hall at the Nationals





SAILING

2009 was a mixed year for the boys. The season started strongly with the Taranaki Secondary Schools individual regatta. We gained close victories in two out of the three classes with Alec Frankham winning Optimist and myself, Jamie Hatch, winning the Starling division.

With the individual season out of the way the boys started to focus on the teams racing season. This year the team lost three out of the seven sailors from last year so a lot of training and regrouping was necessary. The team had a solid few months of training with much improvement. However, this improvement was not quite enough as we lost to FDMC in the regional sail-off by a matter of centimetres. The next stop-off in the season was a trip to Evans Bay, Wellington for the Lower North Island Championships. After gaining a third at the event last year and having

a rather heavy team we rated our chances of doing well again. This wasn't to be when the team's lack of experience showed against the strong competition that was there, finishing in the back half of the fleet and the second New Plymouth team.

Hopes weren't at their highest after two poor performances in a row so the team went back to get some more training in before the Nationals in Lyttleton Christchurch. The team flew down to a cold and foggy Christchurch with a big week ahead of us.

The competition started with a split round robin. The team opened well with a win against Mt Aspiring then a decent loss to Kerikeri who went on to finish second overall. This started off the teams downfall with seven losses in a row. Most of which were to teams that, if we had performed, we could have easily beaten.

The one upside out of a disappointing round robin was a solid and well deserved win over Lindisfarne College, Napier, one of the top runners in the competition.

After the round robin we were placed in the silver fleet with NPGHS and FDMC. The silver fleet went better than our round robin with seven wins. Two other races could have been won if it had not been for team collision. In the end we finished 18th overall, not bad considering we were a new team, yet not where we had the potential to be.

Many thanks must be given to Mr J.Sutherland and Mr N.Simkin and all the other parents who helped coach, organize, finance and feed the team. Without them, none of the year could have been possible.

Jamie Hatch



NAVIGATION SPORT

HILLARY CHALLENGE

On Sunday May 17 just under 100 students from around the country assembled for the final of the Genesis Energy Hillary Challenge, a five day event testing, amongst other things, team work, problem solving, navigation, and endurance. After the usual introductions and an inspiring talk from one of the Outdoor Pursuits' Centre (OPC) staff we went back to our accommodation to get an early night in preparation for the long days ahead.

Days one and two were the scenario days. The teams of eight rotated around twelve events where they were presented with a problem solving scenario at each venue. Some were quite physical, others more intellectual, all involved the teams having to work well as a team to achieve the outcome. In these events they were also scored on how well they did work together and the problem solving process that they went through. One event was a first aid scenario where five patients had to be found and treated, and taken to 'help'

within the hour. Another involved students gaining points for kayaking skills - eddy turns on moving water, stern deck carrying, eskimo rolling, and throw bagging. Another involved travelling across a stream blindfolded on a flying fox, and trying to retrieve water from the stream to fill a container. Another involved the OPC high ropes course, gaining points for belaying, applying rope skills, and traversing the elements there. Others involved mini-initiative challenges along a 'trail' or to gain items to construct a raft. Another was a kayak orienteering course appropriately called 'the grunt'. All the events required a lot of concentration and effort and made the days quite intense. In addition on the Monday night the team had to do a five minute presentation on an epic journey in New Zealand's history and we chose Captain Cook. At the end of the second day we had an update on the scores and we had a narrow lead over Auckland Grammar and St Cuthbert's, with Opunake not far behind.

Days three and four were the expedition days. We drove to a mystery destination where the





students were given their maps and they had to plan to reach as many rogain points as they could over the next two days, camping on the way. A cold southerly wind made temperatures very cold, and as the day progressed the cloud came in and it started snowing giving the teams in their tent flies a cold night, but a beautiful vista when they awoke to a snow covered landscape. It was interesting to note that the teams that did the best in the rogain (including our team) took the longest to plan and were the last to leave the car park. The rogain is vital to success in the challenge and a number of teams blew their chances through mistakes made in this section. We had the benefit of Cameron Holden and Erin Paterson as our navigators and they made excellent decisions, laying the foundation for winning the event. At the end of the second day all the teams were camped at Taurewa near OPC, weary but knowing another five hours of intense activity awaited them on the last day. They were also assessed on their camp craft.

Day five dawned fine but with a heavy frost. The adventure race involved a staggered start, with two teams leaving every half hour. We were matched with Trident High School and had one of the later starts; 9.30 am. The race started with a 4 km paddle on one of the local lakes. This was made more difficult by the fact that they had a wide variety of craft and had to make decisions as to how best to match the differing skills of the team to the various craft on offer. The paddle was followed by a 8 km run along an overgrown track, then a 20 km mountain bike ride with some river crossings thrown in along the way. The final leg was a 6

km run back to OPC via a rope climb activity on their climbing wall. Again our team gave their all managing to finish 30 minutes ahead of Trident and almost catching St Paul's Collegiate who left 35 minutes ahead of us. More importantly we were 15 minutes faster than the Auckland Grammar / St Cuthbert's team whom we knew were right on our tail.

Overall the combined team of New Plymouth Boys' and New Plymouth Girls' managed to win the event ahead of Grammar / St Cuthbert's Middleton Grange, and Whangarei Boys' and Girls', all of whom were not too far behind. The team was Cameron Holden, William Tennent, Tessa Murray, Erin Paterson, Elly Fleming, James Varley, Lewis Walsh, and Jordan Millen.

Thanks too must go to Genesis Energy and Bivouac Outdoors who sponsored the main event, but also to the local businesses and groups here in New Plymouth who got behind the team financially or helped with training and equipment. Thanks then goes to Billings Lawyers, The Devon Hotel, George Mason, Events Taranaki, The Plymouth Hotel, The National Bank, Kiwi Outdoors, Mountain Safety Council, NP Orienteering club, and Bryce Barnett.

Any students interested in Adventure Racing (there is a junior version of the Hillary Challenge in August) can see Mr Hewlett or Ms Scott for further details.

GET-2-GO REGIONAL CHALLENGE

At TOPEC on Tuesday 18th August three combined NPBHS / GHS teams competed in the annual Get2Go Regional Challenge. This event had thirteen teams of eight students competing in activities designed to challenge the competitors both physically and mentally.

During the morning teams rotated through a series of three activities. In the rafting competitors built a raft and then paddled to controls in the quickest time possible. The biking tested teams to complete as many laps of a course within a time limit as well as to complete a series of skill tests. In the rope skills challenge teams solved initiative problems as well as completing as many abseils as possible in a time limit.

In the afternoon teams began the orienteering challenge. With scores for the top four or five teams very close whoever performed well in the activity would be victorious. Teams had to go to as many control sites as they could while completing mental challenges such as Sudoku, algebra and general knowledge questions.

A NPBHS / GHS team won the event earning the right to compete in the final at Great Barrier Island in December.



Special thanks go to Ms Scott and Mr Hewlett for organising teams and training, the event co-ordinators and the parents who helped out with the teams throughout the day.

Results:

First: NPBHS/GHS

- Mark Houwers10
- Thomas Burrell10
- Hayley Duckett10
- Chloe Donnelly.....10
- Jamie Aitchison.....9
- Layne Connell.....9
- Ieuan McLeod.....9
- Katie Rodenburg.....9

Second Equal:

NPBHS/GHS and Opunake HS

- Liam Paterson10
 - Charles Barnes10
 - Hannah Sturmer10
 - Hannah Roebuck.....10
 - Jack Anderson.....9
 - Logan Klenner9
 - Lyneche Simkin9
 - Emma Bowie.....9
- Third: NPBHS/GHS
- Hayden Wood10
 - Connor McGechan.....10
 - Hollan Roebuck10
 - Georgina Dolan10
 - Courtenay Mace10
 - Natasha Frankham10
 - Richard Murray9
 - Rebecca Cole.....9



GET-2-GO FINALS

On Sunday a team consisting of four boys and four girls from New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' high met early in the morning to travel up to Auckland to compete in the Get-2-Go Grand Final on Great Barrier Island. The team was: Edward Lawley, Liam Paterson, Hollan Roebuck, Hannah Roebuck, Briana Dolan, Hannah Sturmer, Chaz Hall (Captain) and myself, Billy Rodenburg. Since we had won the regional event held in New Plymouth earlier in the year, we got to go to the final.

After a three-hour ferry ride from Auckland terminal out to the island we met Darren Ashmore, the co-ordinator for the event. He said that we were staying at Orama Camp in Karaka Bay and explained we would be doing two days of initiative activities and then a three-day expedition to finish off the week. After we had unpacked and had dinner we got a motivational speech from Steve Gurney and retired to bed to get sleep for the next day.

The first two days consisted of ten activities such as rock climbing, kayaking, orienteering, obstacle courses, etc. These went for an hour and were a head to head competition with one other team. As there were 13 teams altogether one of these was done individually. In the evenings we also had some all-in challenges which included sailing, swimming and kayaking. This was where all the teams competed at once. It was during the kayaking that a friendly pod of Orca's came and visited,

which scared a few people and fascinated everyone.

We were winning after the first two days, so we were pretty confident going into the expedition. This was made up of rogaie checkpoints spread over the Great Barrier Island, with initiatives to gain extra points at some of the checkpoints. By 2pm we had to converge on the beach to assemble our raft and paddle out to Kaikoura Island where we would collect our extra gear from another checkpoint and carry them to our campsite before the 6pm curfew.

We excelled at the paddling, halving the second quickest team's time. By the time we had collected our gear off the barge and returned to the campsite we were around 90 minutes late, so we lost 90% of our points, as well as an extra eight because Briana had to pull out due to a dodgy knee. While this may seem harsh we were ahead of all other teams who, being over 100 minutes late, lost all their points. Some teams were coming in over four hours after the curfew.

After a night sleeping under a fly, we did some different activities then had to paddle back to Great Barrier. We got our timing right and after a second night fly-tenting we were ready for the sprint back to camp. After a quick run along the road we paddled across the harbour near to Port Fitzroy, ran over another hill, and promptly got lost. After a bit of bush-bashing we found our way again and ran across the finish

line in first equal position with Cambridge.

After packing up and having a celebratory lunch it was time for the scores to be read out. Darren started at the bottom, 13th place, and worked up. When he got to the top three things were pretty tense but with Trident getting third and Cambridge getting second we were triumphant winners.

Many thanks go to Don Paterson for going to the island with us, Darren and Scotty for the activities on the Island, Ms Scott and Mr Hewlett and Mrs Fleming for helping us with training and organisation, and all our parents and helpers for assisting us on our quest. Now we just have to hope next year's team can replicate our performance.

Billy Rodenburg**Team was:**

- Billy Rodenburg
- Edward Lawley
- Chaz Hall
- Briana Dolan
- Liam Paterson
- Hannah Sturmer
- Hannah Roebuck
- Holan Roebuck

**GO 4 12 2009**

Friday April 17 saw six teams from NPBHS and NPGHS assemble at the Outdoor Education gear room to depart for the 2009 Go 4 12 adventure race. Hopes were high as we had tasted success in the last three years with our boys' top team winning the event since its inception in 2006. The last two years had seen our girls' team getting third in 2007, and second in 2008.

The base for the event was Lake Tutira about 40 minutes north of Napier. Seven hours of driving saw the teams setting up tents, having their gear checked, and starting preparations for the race. With twelve hours of strenuous activity ahead plenty of carbohydrates were on the menu that night. Being an adventure race, course information was handed out only on registration so many hours were spent that night studying maps, planning routes, and organising support crew for the transitions. Steve Gurney also gave an entertaining and inspiring presentation.

5.00am Saturday morning, race start time. Thirty-five teams, mainly from around the North Island but some South Island teams, raced for the canoes to complete the orienteering course in the dark on the lake. This was followed by some checkpoints gained by foot before the 4km and 200m climb to the first transition.



William Tennent, Chaz Hall, Darren Alexander, Edward Lawley, Charles Barnes, Liam Paterson, Billy Rodenburg, Cameron Holden



Jordan Millen, James Varley, Duane Bourne, Lewis Walsh

The next stage was a three hour mountain biking leg, (for the fast teams), which took competitors to the second transition point. Here there were two optional activities, one a rope climb and the other an initiative activity, followed by an optional two hour orienteering circuit which included a section along the coast. This allowed the fast teams the opportunity to gain more points and the slower teams the chance to catch up and not miss the deadlines at the end of the day. Ultimately the winning team was the team with the most points.

The final leg back to the finish near Lake Tutira involved a 3 - 5 hour rogaie on foot, again on steep country with difficult navigation. Teams tried to reach as many points as possible without missing the finish deadline of 5.00pm, after which significant point penalties occurred.

Again NPBHS had a successful outing. Our top team of Cameron Holden, William

Tennent, Edward Lawley, and Chaz Hall won the boys' section and had the top score overall. Our second team of Billy Rodenburg, Darren Alexander, Liam Paterson, and Charles Barnes came third, while our third team of Jordan Millen, James Varley, Lewis Walsh, and Duane Bourne came in further down the field. Our six person Youth Adventure Challenge teams, (competing in a different grade), both performed well. They were Jacob Kogut, Josh Girvan, Jack Alexander, Hayden Wood, and Tyne Hesselgrave (NPGHS) in one team and Gray Barnett, Matt Girvan, Matthew Zhong, Anupom Kabir, Mark Smith, and Robert Hayles in the other.

Again thanks to the parents and other supporters who made the event possible. Each team needs its own support crew to help in the transitions, carry bikes, etc. Thanks to the Anderson family, Joe Holden, Steve Fleming, Rob Needs, Nick Collins, and Len Rodenburg.

TSS ROGAINE

TSS Rogaine champs were held on Wednesday 18th march from 6pm to 9pm. Ten schools from throughout Taranaki were represented with around 260 students competing in teams of 2 - 5. Teams try to get to as many of the controls as possible in the time.

Rain held off for the event but the last hour was in pitch black. Those who had checked their torch batteries fared better than those who didn't.

A week later was the TSSA Orienteering Champs. This is an individual event where competitors navigate around a set course



trying for the quickest time without getting lost. Amongst BHS students there was a real competition for the Senior Boys title - everyone who thought they were a navigator entered that grade, including juniors. Competition was intense and some fast times resulted.

Congratulation to all who attend these events. You represented your school proudly and gave it your best shot. I would like to give certificates to the placegetters of both events.

Edward Lawley - first Senior Team in Rogaining, first Senior Boy in Orienteering.

Billy Rodenburg - third Senior Team in Rogaining, second Senior boy in Orienteering.

Liam Paterson - first Junior Team in Rogaining, third Senior Boy in Orienteering.

Jack Anderson - second Junior Team in Rogaining, first Junior Boy in Orienteering.

Darren Alexander - first Senior Team in Rogaining, third Intermediate Boy in Orienteering.

Charles Barnes - first Junior Team in Rogaining.

William Tennent - second Senior Team in Rogaining.

Cameron Holdon - second Senior Team in Rogaining.

Sam McComb - third Senior Team in Rogaining.

Josh Girvan - third Senior Team in Rogaining, second Intermediate Boy in Orienteering

Haydan Wood - second Junior Team in Rogaining.

Dylan DeBreen and Alex Fleming - first Boy Pair in Orienteering.

Ben Wichman - first Junior Boy Beginners in Orienteering.

ORIENTEERING

A small group of boys competed in the TSSSA, the North Island and in the NZ National Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships. They all competed well and there were some very good results which show that navigation skills are growing in the school.

TSSSA Orienteering Championships

Results:

Senior Boys Championship

Edward Lawley	1st	33:11
Billy Rodenburg	2nd	36:51
Liam Paterson	3rd	37:42

Intermediate Boys Championship

Josh Girvan	2nd	37:49
Darren Alexander	3rd	43:16

Junior Boys Championship

Jack Anderson	1st	26:45
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Boys Pairs

Dylan deBreen and Alex Fleming	1st	23:18
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Junior Boys Standard

Ben Wichman	2nd	76:47
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NISS Orienteering Championships Results:

Individual Event

Intermediate Boys
2nd Edward Lawley
5th Liam Paterson
7th Billy Rodenburg

Relay Event

Senior Boys relay
3rd Erin Paterson, William Tennent, Cameron Holdon

Intermediate Boys Relay Champions

1st Edward Lawley, Liam Paterson, Billy Rodenburg

National SS Orienteering Champs:

Individual Event
Intermediate Boys
2nd Edward Lawley
5th Liam Paterson
9th Billy Rodenburg



Intermediate Boys Standard Course
2nd Hayden Wood

Relay Event - Intermediate Boys

1st Edward Lawley, Liam Paterson, Billy Rodenburg

NPBHS were also declared winners of the small schools competition which is for schools who had 6 or fewer students competing in the Nationals.

Other Orienteering Results of Note:

Liam Paterson was selected for the NZSS Orienteering team in the Junior squad to compete in Australia in September 2009. Congratulations Liam on your second year of being selected for this team.

In the schools competition his Junior Boys team was first in their relay. Liam was 3rd in his individual race and the first NZ boy finisher in that race.

Liam competed in some other Australian events while over there and his best results from these were:

Second in his age grade in the Victorian Champs. Fifth in his age grade in the middle distance race of the Australian Champs.

Other Students competing in Australia:

Edward Lawley also went to Australia and competed in some of the Australian Orienteering Champs. His best race was in the Victorian Champs where he achieved a first in his age grade in the long distance race.

CONCERT BAND

2009 has been a rebuilding year for the Concert Band. With the loss of a large number of talented musicians last year, we began the year trying to fill the holes that had been left. However the new members of the band came in and developed really well throughout the year.

Our first competition of the year was the Waikato Music Festival in Hamilton in August. It was the band's first major performance of the year and there were a few nerves, but the band played well, gaining a gold award. This was a great start to the year and it was a positive trip for the band in that we bonded and grew closer as a group.

Our next competition was the National Concert Band Festival in Rotorua at the start

of September. There was some uncertainty over whether we would attend Nationals with some members of the band having other commitments but it was all sorted out and we headed to Rotorua hoping to do well and achieve a good result.

The performance went reasonably well and we were awarded a silver medal - a fair result considering our performance and the level of competition. Again this was a great trip with the band having a good time together.

Overall, 2009 was a formative year for the band with some talented new musicians joining the band and we achieved some great results throughout the year.

Thanks must go to all the members of the band for their commitment and effort this year, to

Mrs Loveridge, Head of Music at NPGHS, to Mrs Sklenars for her support, to Mr Maunder our director and conductor, and to Mrs Beath for all the support and effort she has put into the Concert Band and music as a whole. She will be greatly missed next year.

To all those members who leave us at the end of the year, thanks for everything you have given to the band and we wish you well for the future. Next year we have a large number of the band returning and we hope to build on our successes. We welcome Mr McLaurin as the new Head of Music at NPBHS and look forward to his involvement with the Concert Band.

Sam Mitchell



Concert Band

Back Row: Nathaniel Manning, Peter Molloy, Jacob Tomlinson, Matt Lamb, Angus Swanson
 Second Row: Mrs Gisella Sklenars, Mr Stewart Maunder, Matt Girvan, James Fuller, Sam Mitchell, Jacob Randall, Jake Silby, Mrs Jocelyn Beath
 Front Row: Robbie Wood, shaun Burton, George Zhang, Jesse Watt, Jake, Church, Josh Girvan



KRISTALLNACHT

Early this year five school musicians, James Fuller (percussion), Jacob Randall (percussion), Jake Church (guitar), Jong Shin (piano) and Peter Molloy (flute), linked up with New Zealand composer David Hamilton. For several weeks they were in communication with him as he created a piece of music suited to their abilities. The result was Kristallnacht, a 13 minute long piece of drama, suspense and frantic activity. The music was written as a reflection of the atrocities of the Holocaust, and in it could be heard the firing of guns and the tramp of soldiers' boots.

The group performed the piece at the regional Secondary Schools Chamber Music Competition. After an initial mishap involving several fire engines, an electrician, an hour wait and a small crowd of spectators they were able to perform. They were fortunate enough to receive first place and emboldened with this success went on to play the piece during the Boys' High spring festival concert and at the Dame Malvina Major concert at the TSB Showplace.

The experience proved invaluable for all members. Many thanks must go to Mrs Beath for her organisation of the events and help learning the piece. All the members are also incredibly grateful to David for the intense

work he put into the composition of the music.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMBER MUSIC

This contest was a great success in spite of a fire causing a slow start to the contest in the Cue Theatre. There were 14 groups competing from various Taranaki secondary schools, and we were delighted that first place went to a

very polished and professional performance of "Kristallnacht".

The Kreutzer Trio with Jake Church and Adrian Robb were highly commended and Nathaniel Manning, Christopher Raynes and Alan Ansell were the favourite group of the reporter for the evening, Mr Harry Brown.



JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band assembled early in term one lacking a lot of experience in key positions. We knew it was going to be a long year trying to live up to the expectations set by the award-winning band of 2008 but our job was made much easier with the help of two NPGHS students - Katherine Neville-Lamb and Lauren Holwell - both on tenor saxophone.

Our first few practices were dodgy to say the least as we struggled to find combinations and gel as a unit. Nevertheless we travelled to Palmerston North at the end of term one

to compete in the Manawatu Jazz Festival. In all it was an underwhelming performance gaining only a silver award but the whole trip was a learning experience for new players and a confidence-builder for the future.

We regrouped in term two and began the build up for the mid-season exhibitions. What followed was a series of lunchtime concerts at Highlands and Devon Intermediates and St Andrew's Church. We saw a dramatic increase in our fan-base and also in player ability and confidence.

Our next fixture was away in Hamilton for the North Island Concert Band Championships. We were quietly confident getting off the bus as we had begun to apply our custom style to our selected pieces and we also knew of the good fortune we had had at the venue in the past. We adapted superbly to the acoustic conditions to put in a dominating performance well worthy of the gold award we received.

Next on the agenda, early in term three, was the schools' open evening for Year 8 students contemplating attending NPBHS in 2010. This acted as a dress rehearsal for the upcoming





Dame Malvina Major concert that the band had been invited to perform at. Brimming with confidence and excitement the band was certainly wowed by the situation, and also wowed the full house at the TSB Theatre Royal that night.

In the last weekend of the term three holidays we performed at the region's annual Jazz Club meeting. A positional change in the front row - Robbie Wood moving from alto to baritone sax - and a stunning back line display, saw us challenge the high standards set earlier in the night by our cross-town rivals Spotswood's Hatrix. The performance was more an experience than a competition but the real winner on the night was jazz.

Back in the practise room we set our sights on the most important performance of the year - senior prize giving night. It was a chance to repay the support of staff and students ever present throughout the year.

The 2009 Jazz band year has certainly been an exciting journey. From modest beginnings, the band has grown an enormous amount in confidence, technical ability, musical understanding and in character. We have been well led by Mr Stewart Maunder and the learning for inexperienced members was made a lot easier with the support of the band's leaders. We have not so much lived up to high standards set by previous bands, but have set our own standards, playing consistently,



effectively and entertaining all those who listened. This puts us in good stead for the upcoming season with many players returning and it also allows us to continue to positively build the school's cultural image.

A big thanks must go out to Mr Maunder and Mrs Sklennars for the continuing work in helping the band and also a special mention should be made to Mrs Beath. She has been a massive influence on the band and will be sorely missed.

The Jazz Band squad for 2009 were:

Robert Hayles, Piano; Sam Hill, Guitar; Jake Church, Bass Guitar; Jacob Randall and James Fuller, Drums; Matthew Girvan, Joshua Girvan, Matt Lamb, Trombone; Jacob Tomlinson, Synthesizer; Jesse Watt, Shaun Burton, Trumpet; Jake Silby, Sam Mitchell, Alto Sax; Katherine Nevilee-Lamb, Lauren Folwell, Tenor Sax; Robbie Wood, Baritone Sax; Mr Stewart Maunder, Musical Director

Matt Lamb



SUPER 8 CULTURAL REPORT

On the 8th of May, ten students travelled to Rotorua to take part in the Super 8 Cultural Festival. The school had entered the Senior Music, Debating and Oratory and the Junior Debating and Oratory competitions.

After a traditional Maori welcome to the school, the members of the teams had their lunchtime meal, and then went off to compete. Firstly, the percussion ensemble, made up of Jacob Randall, Robert Hayles and James Fuller competed in the Senior Music Ensemble competition, where they performed very well, placing third in the competition. At the same time, the Senior Debating team of Gareth Power-Gordon, Jeremy Smith and Jesse Bengé were engaged in a fierce debate with Hastings Boys' High.

The New Plymouth side emerged triumphantly in the end, with the added honour of Jesse Bengé being named as best speaker. However, the competition was intense and the team was left out of the final. Later on that evening, the Junior Debating team set out to better the seniors. The team, consisting of Alistair Fisher, Nathan Evans and Daniel Jensen-Schmidt, had a closely contested debate with Napier Boys' High, which they were unlucky to lose by two points. However, Alistair Fisher was awarded best speaker for the debate.

The next day, the orators had their chance to speak. Gareth Power-Gordon spoke about the Bible, but the tough competition was enough to put him outside the top three. The final event was the Junior Oratory, in which Ryan Kiely spoke well with his speech on cats, but again the competition was intense. Finally, the boys travelled home, and although unhappy



with the results, they were happy with their performances.

Thanks for this trip must go to Miss Ellicott, for organising us, making sure we were in the right place at the right time, and making amazing lunches, and to Mr Whittaker, for doing an outstanding job behind the wheel. We look forward to next year's trip, and the enjoyment that it will bring.

JUNIOR BAND

The Junior Band for 2009 had a somewhat slow start, with a small group of players, many from the year before (including a couple of seniors who didn't want to leave).

Thankfully, as the year progressed, the band started growing not only in numbers, but instruments too. Despite still lacking in some sections (anyone interested in joining is welcome to!), the band has been sounding great.

One of the highlights of the year has been the development of bands, especially in 'Tequila', one of our pieces. Halfway through the piece, players are given the chance to rip into a solo,



though some are less willing than others, (you know who you are). When the band first started playing this piece, the solos consisted of a rather dull scale, being played up and down. Now the players are able to play something unique and enjoyable, a long shot from what they once were.

The band hasn't had the chance to show off its skills to an audience yet, but are preparing to go on road when the band goes around various

primary schools in the district, promoting music at Boys' High. This experience will no doubt be enjoyed by the performers, students and teachers alike.

A huge THANK YOU has to go to Mr Maunder for all the effort (and patience) he has given to the band and we wish him the best of luck for the band in 2010.

Nathaniel Manning



Junior Band

- Back Row: Christopher Raynes, Jacob Tomlinson, William Livingston, Jesse Watt, Connor Jones, Mr Stewart Maunder
- Front Row: Hamish Harting, James Innes, Nathaniel Manning, William Hancock, Stuart Morris





CHOIR

The Choir has had an interesting year this year. We have always had trouble with numbers and unfortunately this year we did not have enough to participate in the Big Sing as the NPBHS Choir. However the Sacred Heart Girls Choir were happy for us to join as well as members from Coastal and Francis Douglas. Together we formed 'THEE CHOIR!'

Each Sunday from 1 to 5pm we rehearsed for the Big Sing. We started by learning the three songs 'A Grace of Peace', 'Mission Impossible' and 'The Silver Swan' which, might I add, did sound amazing. By the fifth rehearsal we decided to add some actions which would shock the audience. After hours of being interrupted in the middle of our songs and told to start again by Krissi, the Sacred Heart music teacher, we finally ended the rehearsal with PIZZA and COKE! (This was the main thing everyone looked forward to.)

It was two days before the big sing and we were hyped! Our final practice was essential to make sure that all our notes were perfect and our actions were correct and spot on the beat. As soon as you know it the Big Sing was here! Our performances went very well and Lilly had survived when I jumped over her landing on the floor five steps down off the stage, as well as Kate doing an amazing job of being shot by the rest of the choir and collapsing onto the floor during the Mission Impossible song. Overall Thee Choir did well and ended up winning



Choir

Back Row: Mrs Jocelyn Beath, Zak Moller, Sam Mitchell, Brad Carter
 Front Row: Ben Mitchell, Blake Wilson, Angus Swanson, Toby Hoeta

"The Most Entertaining Item of the Evening", which was a great achievement!

Anyone who is interested in being part of this outrageous group of people otherwise known as The Boys' High Choir should see Mr McLaurin in the music room.

Brad Carter

CLOSE HARMONY GROUP

"Free Spirits, One Heart, One Voice, One Sound and True Harmony".

This year saw a group of young men step up to the plate and take on a whole new experience. The close harmony group made up boys of all different levels proved to be a group full of many interesting surprises.

Led by the inspirational Ms Henry the young men continue to work on their new-found interest in Barber Shop. Although many of the boys had never stood under the spotlight before it didn't stop them from creating happy memorable moments from it. Dubbed as "the most free spirited" young men, the group learnt how to closely incorporate their unique voices into the music. The group hosted voices from different parts of the globe, from the island of Jamaica to the pacific islands of Fiji and Samoa and not forgetting our up-and-coming Korean beats specialist.

The boys also had a great experience when they got to rub shoulders with best vocals New Zealand had to offer. The boys were truly excited about the few tricks of the trade they were taught at the conference.

This year the boys have taken a first few steps towards creating a new interesting aspect of showcasing the talent amongst the pride of New Plymouth Boys High School. Many thanks to Ms Henry and Mrs Beath for the effort put in to allow the boys to discover the music in them.

Vunivola Tavo



Harmony Group

Back Row: Keni Baledrokadroka, Allen Dawson, Maikeli Dennis
 Second Row: Mrs Jocelyn Beath, Matthew Taylor, Emosi Masivou, Isaac Hekenui, George Thony, Ms Amanda Henry
 Front Row: Isei Vuluma, Stanley Faaseu, Christian Perry, Vunivola Tavo, Luke Tavo

CHILEAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE

This year, the arrival of fourteen Chilean students and two teachers, Hector Figueroa and Milly Ahumada, saw a continuation of the exchange between El Colegio de San Nicolás de Myra and New Plymouth BHS and New Plymouth GHS. The group were met in Auckland by our staff on Sunday 6th September at 4am in the morning. From then on it was three weeks of continuous activities. They were enthralled above all by Waitomo Caves, (see picture below) visits to the Mayor's office, the Eco Farm, to Puniho Marae, Tawhiti Museum and the guided walks by an ecologist and Park experts. They ended their trip with a few days stay in Wellington where they visited the Chilean Embassy, Te Papa and the Karori Wildlife Centre before spending a day in Auckland.



STAR & GATEWAY

STAR

Having to attend school in another country can be particularly boring, when there is a lack of relevance and language problems, but the students made a real effort to take part in cooking, art and Maori in particular; subjects that they would not have had the opportunity to experience in their own school.

The wonder at the greenness of New Zealand and the lushness of native forests prompted from them, on their first day, a memorable comment that "NZ was like something out of Jurassic Park." The group were particularly struck by our uncontaminated air that left them exhausted every day. It could also have been all the walking they had to do along the Coastal Walkway, a route they came to be very familiar with.

It is always good for our students to have Spanish speaking people in their classrooms. Héctor Figueroa was happy to teach whenever he was asked. It is hoped that he will come again. In the meantime we now are planning our trip back to them in Santiago in 2010

Margaret Atkinson



Aidan Jurgens & Zac Hadley making coffee at their Barista Course at PEI.

The providers that have run these courses are WITT, Land based Training, New Plymouth Aero Club, Alpha Training, Coastguard Boating Education Service, Studio 15, The Photo School, Practical Education Institute, Driverite Driver Training, Taranaki Feats, and the Red Cross.

All these providers have given the students and our school great support in ensuring the boys have completed and passed any unit standards associated with their chosen course. While not all courses have unit standards attached, the experience gained is recognised through a

certificate of achievement.

The experience the boys get by just 'having a go' at something different can steer them into a career path.

Next year we are hoping to provide the students with a similar range of experiences.

GATEWAY

Gateway opens a new pathway from school to the world of work. It's a great opportunity to blend school study with workplace learning and experience.

This year we have had 39 boys out on Gateway placements. The areas covered were Agriculture, Animal Care, Auto Engineering, Building & Construction, Contracting, Electrical, Engineering, Furniture & Joinery, Hairdressing, Horticulture, Hospitality, Media, Motor Engineering, Plumbing, Creative Trades and Sport & Recreation.

Below is a list of our students and their places of work:

- Sam Adams - Pace Engineering Ltd
- Noel Ardern - Hinton's Contracting
- Joseph Bailey - Energy Works
- Matt Barclay - Hooper Engineering Ltd
- Darren Benton - High Frontiers Tree Specialists
- Harrod Birkett - Automotive Service Centre
- Oliver Brankin - Coastal Electrical Services
- Jared Bryant - Waiau Estate Cafe & Winery



Egan Marshall, Scott Moyes, Josh Giddy & Nick Orr dismantling a car during their Automotive Course at WITT



Turama Cassidy & Sheldon Barnett preparing food during their Hospitality Course at FEATS.

- Sam Clark - Murray and Zoe Barrett
- Brendon Crawford - Sandford Panelbeating
- Logan Dravitzki - Taranaki Radiators
- Joel Edgcombe - Farnsworth Roofing
- James Fuller - TSH Audio & Video
- Matthew Graystone - Ultra Lounge
- Brandon Holdt - Grant Holdt
- Willy Lane - Richard Osbourne Bricklaying
- Creedence Lingman - King Country Roofing
- Zac Loveridge - Brixton Motors
- Sam Masters - Taranaki Signs Ltd
- Patrick McAree - Houghton Plumbing
- Leeroy McDonald Palmer - City Fitness
- Hamish Mellow - Bruce Clifton
- Ethan Moeller - Fletcher Construction Ltd
- Tahn Nickson - CU Hair
- Chad Niwa - Jimmy Seed

- Jessie Pirini - Dave Robinson
- Damien Powell - Lonestar
- Chad Quinney - Radio Network
- Jacob Randall - TSH Audio & Visual
- Greg Rowlands - Murray Crocker Builders
- Cameron Sampson - Rhys Powell Joinery
- Blair Saunders - Piggots Master Electricians
- Jason Schrader - B & M Thomson
- Kane Sharrock - Sharrock Stables
- Thomas Sinton - Brake & Clutch Rebuilders
- Hayden Taunoa - Crossan Panelbeating
- Kyle Wadsworth - TNL
- Jarred Wallace - Bruce Neale
- Caine Watty - New Plymouth Electrical Co Ltd

All placements have contained work based and theory Unit Standards that the employers and assessors have been proactive in seeing that the students complete.

The outcomes of these Gateway students have varied. Some have gone on to apprenticeships, others have started further training, such as University, WITT courses or other training facilities, while some have decided this is not the career path that they wish to pursue. All these we consider to be positive outcomes. We wish to acknowledge the commitment and time the employers and assessors have contributed to the future careers of our boys and we would like to encourage all readers of the school newsletters to support these businesses where possible.

FARMING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 20 October five boys, Carlin Honnor, Chris Blyde, Richard Newsome, Ricky Olsson and Sam Clark competed in the Land Based Training North Island Agricultural Competitions held at Otiwhiti Station 21 kilometres from Hunterville. Teams who had qualified for the competition by way of being first or second in the regional competitions represented Waikato, King Country, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Hawkes Bay, Wanganui and Taranaki.

The teams competed in eleven events of 25 minutes duration. These were; cattle handling, weed identification, health and safety, agricultural chemicals, general knowledge, ATV driving, fencing, sheep handling, tractor driving, electric fencing and farm sports.

Despite difficult weather conditions and little knowledge of the behavioural characteristics of sheep the boys competed extremely well and gained a creditable 4th placing. Hopefully we will qualify for this competition again next year.

Dave Moore
Teacher in charge

YEAR 13 HISTORY FIELD TRIP

In March of this year a busload of exuberant young scholars embarked on a trip to Auckland, a trip all had been anticipating with relish during the weeks preceding that momentous day. Our spirits were not to be dampened by the slight mechanical failure an hour from home (the third breakdown in as many history field trips), and we were treated with a visit to a history museum on the way.

Over the ensuing few days we were totally engrossed with the wonders of history. Daily we visited the Auckland War Memorial Museum, where we unearthed such historical treasures that our teachers had to drag us away from our work late into the night. Such was our preoccupation with our study that some of us forgot several fairly important routines

- namely eating, sleeping and breathing. Ultimately the intense work paid off, and all of us received stunning grades for our assignments.

To all prospective History students I encourage you to leap at the chance to study this wondrous subject. Forget trips to Thailand, America or Italy; the wonders of the Auckland museum surpass all others.

Peter Molloy

CHAOS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Another enjoyable and rewarding year was had by those who regularly attended the Bible Studies and prayer meetings in room A9 throughout 2009. Thank you to those who were involved this year. To those leaving we wish you well in your future. Year 13 boys were given the opportunity to contribute a verse or thought to this article and what follows is their input:

CHAOS provides a good relief from the pressures of school; "And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4 v 7).

One of the best parts about CHAOS is that everyone is entitled to share freely; "Share every good thing you have with anyone who teaches you what God has said" (Galatians 6 v 6).

One of the greatest things to happen in 2009 at CHAOS was the spiritual growth of those who attended; "He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less". (John 3 v 30)

"Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people". (Ephesians 1 v 4)

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life". (Proverbs 4 v 23)

And from myself; "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10 v 25)

Paul Dominikovich
Christian Fellowship Coordinator

ROCK CLIMBING TRIP, NOVEMBER 22/23

On Saturday afternoon eleven year 9 and 10 students from NPBHS and three from NPGHS met at the ODE gear room in preparation for a trip across to Kinlock rock climbing. The students were: Edward Lawley, Liam Paterson, Isaac Manuel, Billy Rodenberg, Chaz Hall, Robbie Wood, Sam McComb, Nick Coplestone, David Dudson, Thomas Burrell, and Shaun Burton. Accompanying teachers were Mr Poole and Mr Hewlett. With a ban on puns all knew the trip would really rock.

On Saturday we headed across and camped at a beautiful lakefront campsite over the hill from Kinlock. Despite some intense activity in the evening most managed a bit of sleep while we waited for the bad weather to arrive, which fortunately didn't happen.

Sunday dawned cloudy but dry and we travelled over the hill to Kinlock. For the day we were to be 'clients' for a Rock assessment organised by the New Zealand Organisation of Outdoor Instructors (NZOIA). We were divided into small groups and spent the day learning new skills in abseiling and rock climbing. For many in the group this was their first experience on real rock and it proved to be an excellent learning opportunity, despite the ups and downs and the hanging around. Sam got the hang of the overhang while Edward was boulder than many to climb the arête. It was a full-on but also laid back day.

The journey home was uneventful except for the van containing two NZSS orienteering representatives getting lost ('Oh we wondered why you went past the turnoff back there').



Sam on the overhang



Isaac on the arete



Edward on the arete



David Dudson on the abseil



GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE

On the 4th of July 2009, ten of us, Jamie Hatch, Dylan Hopkins, Chris Gellen, Patrick Harvey, Jeremy Smith, Luke Stevenson, Sam Mitchell, Oliver Gifford and ourselves, Connor Oliver-Rose and Dhruv Iyer, left New Plymouth airport. Little did we know that we were embarking upon one of the most incredible experiences of our lives. After attending the Global Young Leaders' Conference (GYLC) we gained a unique perspective on how problems are solved or prevented. We acquired many leadership skills and qualities and a completely different view on ... everything. The moment we landed in Washington DC, we were immediately checked into the Sheraton National Hotel and separated into our assigned country groups. There were fourteen countries in all and together these countries simulated the United Nation (UN) members. Each country group was represented by young leaders from many different nationalities, including South Africa, Canada, Barbados, Malaysia, India, New Zealand, China, Australia, Trinidad & Tobago, Germany, the USA and many more. We were all enriched by one another's cultures and started making friends immediately. Throughout the GYLC we all listened to speakers who were experts in their respective fields or held high ranking positions in organisations such as the World Bank, the USA Department of State, the UN and other global organisations. These speakers helped give us perspectives on how to solve global issues and each and every one had an effect on the way we see the world now.

Taking what we learned from these great speakers, and our extremely knowledgeable Faculty Advisors, representatives from each country group participated in trade and tariff, peace and security, and various other vital global issue simulations, in which we fulfilled the roles of the member countries of the UN. In these simulations we demonstrated our leadership skills, both new and old, to create resolutions to various world crises.

These simulations culminated in a huge global summit which was held at the New York headquarters of the UN itself. In this every

single young leader participated as a delegate from its member country. We learned a huge amount from these simulations, and we, in our country groups painstakingly applied all the skills we had learned throughout the conference at the global summit and came away with an extremely successful result, especially for the U.K, U.S.A and Ghana. Along with the academic side of the conference, we and the other young leaders visited many great sites and buildings throughout Washington DC and New York. Some of these included the WW2, Korean War, Vietnam War, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore and Eleanor Roosevelt Memorials, the Holocaust Memorial



Museum and the Smithsonian Museum. We also visited Time Square, Fifth avenue, where we saw a Broadway musical, Mary Poppins, and toured the UN Head Office.

This conference was one of the greatest experiences of our lives and the skills and characteristics it has instilled in us will aid us in whatever endeavour our lives lead us to. We would like to thank the school, our parents and everyone who supported us for helping give us this opportunity to hone our leadership skills.

Dhruv Iyer and Connor Oliver-Rose

SPACE SCHOOL

Introduction

The United Space School, held in Houston for two weeks during the northern hemisphere summer vacation, has a long-standing association with New Plymouth Boys' High School. This dates back over a decade to a chance encounter between Rob Green (then a Maths teacher at NPBHS) and a friend of Geoff Mules, the founder of the International Space School. Geoff is no longer associated with the school; it is now governed by the non-profit agency, Foundation for International Space Education (FISE), whose members are, for the most part, past or present NASA employees or contractors. The name of the school has been changed to United Space School to reflect this change.

Since the school's inception, we have been able to send two students each year. Initially two boys were selected, but we have since opened this up to include one student from NPGHS.

In November of last year I was invited to attend the school as a "visiting scholar", the first teacher to be invited to join the school as a mentor. The reason I was selected was the quality of the students we have sent over to previous school sessions (both in academic ability and maturity). The Board felt that there must be a great school behind the students and I was the lucky beneficiary of this perception.

The two Year 12 students from New Plymouth who attended Space School this year were Patrick Harvey from NPBHS and India Karalus from NPGHS. Both of these students acquitted themselves with great credit during the school sessions and I was proud to be associated with them. Patrick is in my Year 12 Physics class at NPBHS, and was also on my Space School team.

Space School Academic Programme

The academic programme provides a mixture of lectures, field trips, team research and presentations. A typical day runs from 7:45am to 5:30pm. The school is based at the University of Houston at Clear Lake (UHCL), a senior university adjacent to the Johnson

Space Centre (JSC). Situated in the bayous, this is one of the few universities where alligators, bobcats and armadillos roam the campus. It also has its own police force, with their own Facebook page. Space School students have access to the computer labs and the Alfred R Neumann library to help their research and presentations.

The focus of the academic programme is for the students to work in teams to plan aspects of a mission to Mars. Lectures are given by astronauts and experts in various aspects of space exploration including:

- "Rocks to Robots" exploring the idea of using lunar regolith (dust) as a material for buildings, photovoltaic cells and other equipment.
- Manned Spaceflight - a fascinating talk by the Director of Imagery at JSC about the history of manned spaceflight, including many historic images which show the evolution of space technology as well as social and cultural change.
- Space Law - Professor Chris Scott spoke of the legal issues around space exploration/travel/colonisation.
- EVA Testing - Extra-vehicular activity is the NASA term for working outside the spacecraft in a spacesuit. The average duration of an EVA today is five hours. Juniper Jairala is an engineer working on EVA equipment and she gave a lecture on her work and career.



- Flight Control - mission control is a huge task involving thousands of people and many contractors.
- Nanotechnology - space travel is incredibly costly in terms of cargo. Nanotechnology offers the opportunity for miniaturisation of processes that could revolutionise space travel and colonisation.
- Space Medicine - aspects of the human side of space travel and the future - telemedicine and robotic surgery directed from Earth. The average age of an astronaut today is 47, with an increasing number over 50.
- Muscle biopsy workshop (using pork!) - astronauts lose muscle mass and quality during weightlessness, also bone density.
- Systems Engineering.
- International Space University - future opportunities for Space School students' tertiary studies.
- Astronomy lecture and telescope session at George Observatory.
- VIP tour of Johnson Space Centre.

We were hoping for a talk by the inventor of the VASIMR engine, Franklin Chang-Diaz but despite having developed a revolutionary space propulsion system he was unable to make it for graduation.

Students are interviewed on the first Monday and allocated to a team based on their interests and leadership skills. I was thrilled to be assisted



in interviewing my team by John Jurgenson who has been working for NASA since the 1960's. In fact he was part of mission control for Apollo 11, and responsible for the Apollo 13 flight computer. We had some wonderful talks about these early space missions.

Each team of eight students has a mentor; I was the mentor for the Red Team who planned the actual trip to Mars. Other teams researched: Mission Control; Working on Mars; and Living on Mars. The mentor role is "walking a fine line" between allowing these very bright young men and women to use their creativity, and keeping them on-track to achieve their research goals and finish their presentations.

The teams had about thirty hours to work on their projects, and final presentations were made on the final Saturday at UHCL.

Cultural, Social and Sporting Activities

FISE requires USS students to be "well-rounded". To this end, one of the first activities on the first day was a soccer match between the students and NASA/FISE people. This year the students won 9-7. Played at the Johnson Space Centre's Gilruth Centre in the evening, with humidity at >90% and temperatures in the high 30's, the match saw many substitutions! Every effort was made to keep the students busy during their stay. Other evening/weekend activities included:

- Tex-mex evening at Tierra Luna restaurant (owner's husband is astronaut Jose Hernandez).
- Board games evening at Oasis Coffee House.
- Afternoon and evening visit to Brazos Bend State Park (for Challenger mission simulation, walk through park - more alligators - and astronomy evening).
- Soccer match - watched the Houston Dynamo playing at their home stadium.
- Lunches at Italian (Villa Capri) and Oriental gourmet restaurants.
- Tenpin bowling.
- Visit to movies.
- Pool party.
- Cultural and Food Fair - all students prepared a meal from their country and gave a short presentation, a song, dance, speech etc. Patrick



performed a very creditable haka, while India and I both sang waiata.

• In addition many students had trips and activities organised by their host families - India was treated to a flight over Houston in a light aeroplane. Shopping at stores like Wal-Mart, JC Penny and Fry's Electronics provide the necessary retail therapy. For the historically-minded there is the San Jacinto battlefield monument and USS Texas battleship. The Kemah "Rock the Dock" evenings with bands and sideshows, stalls and a mardi-gras atmosphere were very popular.

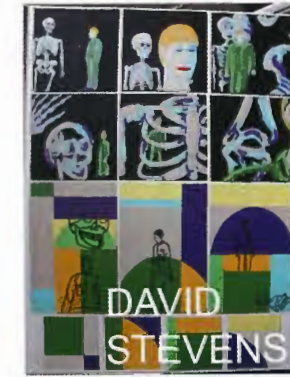
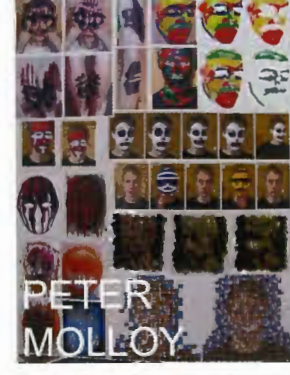
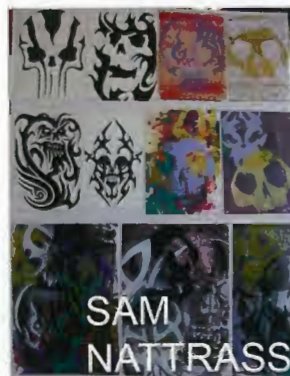
Other Activities

On the second Tuesday the school travelled to Galveston to visit the University of Texas

Medical Branch. Students participated in a videoconference which was watched by 27 other sites worldwide.

ARISS (amateur radio international space station) link - students were able to speak directly to astronauts on the International Space Station. Patrick asked an astronaut how he adjusted to life on Earth after a mission - unfortunately it was the astronaut's first mission.

On the middle Saturday the school drove to Ellington Airbase for the STS-127 crew return (the Shuttle had landed the previous day at Kennedy). This was a notable mission as they brought back with them the first long-term





Japanese resident of the international space station, astronaut Koichi Wakata. After the ceremony, students were provided with large official NASA photographs of the crew, and let loose to get as many autographs as possible.

Accommodation

Students are allocated to host families, usually two students per family. Over the course of the school students are expected to contribute by way of chores, and spending time with their host families to share their culture.

For many students the Texan diet takes some getting used to. "Meat and two veg" is often replaced with "carb and two meats". However the staples of barbecued meat, coleslaw and potato salad are very familiar to NZ students.

Host families help with transportation to UHCL, airports and other venues, although the school has "official" vans and drivers.

My host family, the Flanikens, had been hosts to NPBHS students Jackson Wood, Reeve Barnett, Lee Wilson, Charley Miles, Akshay Sridhar and Tim Hawkey. They have many good memories of the boys and the house contains a lot of NZ souvenirs.

Graduation

On the last Saturday team presentations are

watched by FISE board members and UHCL/ NASA staff and others who have been involved in the programme.

On Sunday presentations are made at UHCL after a shared buffet meal. Students receive a certificate and those who did particularly well this year were presented with a Texas or US flag which had been flown over the state capitol in Austin to mark the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing. I was also presented with a Texas flag as the inaugural visiting teacher.

What are the benefits?

For students, Space School provides a great opportunity to see many aspects of the Space Programme and talk to astronauts, engineers, scientists and administrators.

They realise that all disciplines are represented - not just the traditional perception that it's all about physics and engineering. Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Astronomy are equally important. Studies in Law, Languages, Health & Physical Education, and the Humanities are also in demand.

Networks are formed between students. Facebook is currently buzzing with talk of reunions, photos, university decisions and other social interaction. For many students the exposure to so many other nationalities (16

this year) and cultures is a huge developmental experience.

Students gain maturity and a broader world view from being hosted by Houston families, all of whom are associated with the Space Programme in one way or another.

Team research projects give them a great chance to improve their key learning competencies.

Students become expert in making formal presentations in a lecture-room environment.

It is made very clear that FISE board members will be available to help Space School "alumni" in their futures at university and in finding career opportunities in the space industry. References, introductions and advice are all offered to students.

For me, this has been a huge learning experience. I have learned a lot about other cultures, many aspects of the science involved in the space programme, and the career opportunities available to our students.

Despite all the "whizz-bang" experiences the best reward for me was working with an international group of students to help them operate as a team and produce an excellent result.

I would like to thank the NPBHS Board of Trustees for making my trip possible. I would also like to thank the school management team for making arrangements for relief. And a special thanks to my colleagues in the Science department for taking on the extra teaching and other activities during my absence.

John McLellan
HOD Sciences



TROLLEY DERBY

The third annual Burger Fuel sponsored trolley derby was held on Wednesday, September 10 in perfect derby conditions - slick track, little wind and high octane atmosphere.

All of the participants 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.





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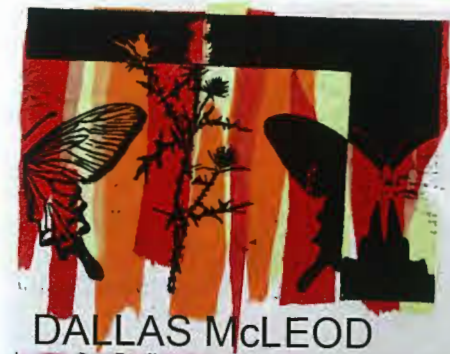
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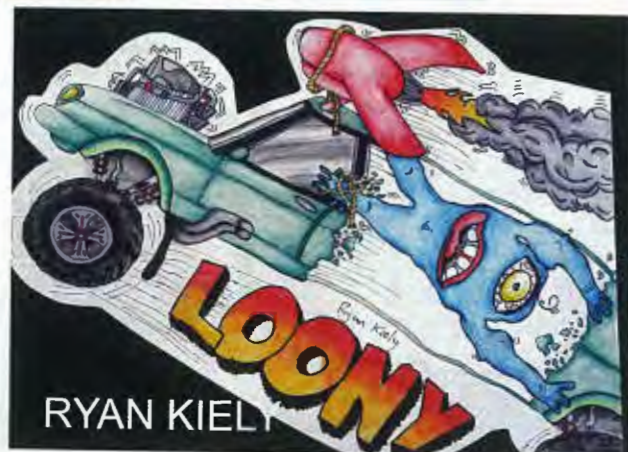
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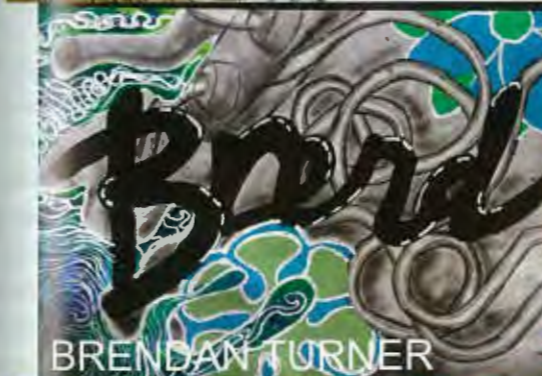
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ARE GOOD MANNERS A THING OF THE PAST?

Many people today believe that not enough people are using good manners, to the extent of their thinking manners have now been made a thing of the past. However, good manners are as important now as they ever were, and clearly evident in modern society. For us to realise that manners are ever present now, the word 'manner' in this context must be defined. From renowned dictionaries such as the Merriam Webster, Dictionary.com, Collins, and the Free Online Dictionary, the word manner can be concluded as 'a socially correct way of behaving with reference to polite standard.' From this definition, we see that good manners surround us, such as employees, employers, and people applying for a job in the work place, vehicles on the road, users on the internet, and many everyday individuals in public areas. Using good manners towards others can also be considered as a part of our natural instinct. But most importantly, we need to recognise that good manners have not disappeared, but transformed throughout the generations by adapting to modernisation and technology.

Firstly, the use of good manners is ubiquitous today in the work place, from interviewees applying for a job, to the owners of the work place. This is happening as manners set an impression, or first impression for interviewees, which may be an indispensable factor for success in employment or advancements. Examples of good manners can be showing patience for the limitations of others, or showing respect for colleagues and employers. Even saying a simple 'thank you for your time' after an interview, or 'thank you' after borrowing an item or receiving a requested item, can be examples of good manners. Employers would be much more likely to employ an individual who possesses good manners, as they may be assured he would cooperate effectively with colleagues and provide an appropriate working environment. Because these impressions are so crucial, many people of today strive to possess these qualities to maximise their chances for professional success, hence explaining that good manners are not a thing of the past.

Good manners are also seen every day, by the vehicles on the road. Manners can be a code of conduct, which includes the road code that we abide by on a daily basis. Our ways of behaving during transportation in vehicles can be another form of modern manners. Agreeing to follow these rules or conduct is vital for safety on the road as all road codes were practically designed for the safety of the public. Among many of the road rules, some of the most basics such as 'driving on the left hand side,' and 'indicate before turning,' are superb examples that are seen countless times in a single day in New Zealand. By all drivers unanimously obeying these laws, they are showing good manners, and simultaneously minimising potential road accidents and saving many precious lives.

Moreover, the most important factor we must recognise regarding manners is that good manners have not become obsolete, but transformed throughout the ages by adapting to technology and modernisation. For instance, forms of chivalry have evidently become obsolete. The correct etiquette or manners of knights, such as bowing to every lady that walks by, is nowhere to be seen in society today as it is now considered as excessive and even vulgar by some. However the transformation of good manners can be clearly seen on the internet. The dramatic improvement in information technology due to modernisation has enabled 'good manners' to adapt with the internet, as it has practically become a part of everyday life. On the internet, writing all text comments in capital letters is considered shouting and therefore bad manners if used consistently. In addition, using mobile phone text language on the internet is considered as a bad manner as it may be difficult for some to read or 'decipher' the words. But in return, good manners of the internet have surfaced, such as proper use of capital letters, spelling, and also restraining the use of mobile text language. Furthermore, the world of online gaming has been affected by what is considered as good cyber manners. It is now customary for gamers to comment 'gg' after a game to the other players, the abbreviation standing for 'good game.' This simple, quick message among online gamers is part of the

omnipresent good manners of modern society and shows the immense transformation that 'manners' have gone through in its lifetime.

Lastly, using good manners can be considered as part of human instinct. For humans are social beings, cooperation with other humans is a natural part of being a 'homo sapiens sapiens.' It is natural for us to realise that by showing respect, compassion, or sympathy for others as opposed to cursing them, we are more likely to cooperate more peacefully and effectively. As well, it is obvious for many individuals to realise that they are hurting others if they use derogatory speech towards them. This is so, as we know that it would be hurtful to us if the same words were to be repeated and directed towards ourselves. Therefore good manners, which include respect, compassion, and sympathy, may be part of the natural human instinct that permeates through us, and thus inevitably present in our society today as we subconsciously care about the well-being of others.

Good manners can be seen to be ubiquitous in our current society through various examples. Good manners may enhance employment and advancement opportunities in the work place, and have built the foundations for our road code. Furthermore, the practise of good manners may be engraved into our instinctive nature, making the people of today, or of any era, to inevitably use good manners. In light of these undeniable reasons, it can be concluded that practising good manners is as important and abundant today as it ever were. Good manners have not become obsolete, and are definitely not a thing of the past.

Jongwoo Shin

I TRIED

I tried, I tried, I tried.

I tried to write a poem but
My head was stuck in concrete.
I tried to write a poem but
My thoughts ran out the door.
I tried, I tried, I tried.

I tried to write a poem but
My pen ran out of ink.
I tried to write a poem but
My page went on the blink.

I tried, I tried, I tried.

Sam Scott

TRUE TO MYSELF

They were the hardest words I've ever said.
Harder than any nerve wracked "I love you".
Harder than any guilt ridden "I'm sorry".
Harder than any sorrow filled "Goodbye".

I stood at a fork in the road, a fork in my life,
and along both paths the unknown. I simply
knew that at the ends of the roads was the man
I would become. Yet I was immobile. Trapped
at the branching possibilities of my life:
between the norm and normal, the majority
and the minority, my fear and myself.

My struggling indecision lasted many long
years. At times I found myself travelling
along one path until, swamped by shame and
self-betrayal, or otherwise fear and sickening
nerves, I found myself back at my personal
crossroads, enveloped in a miasma of despair,
and terrifyingly aware of the obstacles, both
hidden and treacherous, lining my, as yet,
unchosen life.

Yet around me the world and the lives of
those close to me appeared unchanged. People
carried on normally from day to day but I could
not. I carried this incessant conflict within me.
A constant warring between myself, my true
sense of identity, and my cynical, parasitic
ever-writhing fear. A conflict affecting my
every move, my every decision.

Sleep eluded me entirely. The ordinarily silent,
calming and reflective hours became far from
restful, only inciting greater, more vigorous
internal battlefields. I seemed wracked by fear
and pain, constantly writhing in vague and
ultimately futile attempts to escape unwanted
emotions. To escape myself.

Knowing I could not flee myself forever did
nothing to alleviate my innermost anguish. Still
I stood, suspended in indecision, entangled
in webs of confusion, rendered inanimate
by petrifying tendrils of dread. And my pain
only bloomed. Its sapping roots lay embedded
deep within me, fed by my own debilitating
hesitation, feeding on my life.

Comments made only in jest by uncaringly glib
tongues became thorned barbs penetrating
my very core. Undesired additions to the
anguish already harboured deep within me.
An insidious malaise threatening to engulf my
life and consume me from within.

Then slowly dawning realisation, I could not
endure that any longer. I could not continue as
before, frozen in place with the world rushing
relentlessly forward all around me. The warm
illumination of understanding showed me the
first steps I must take. And I made a decision.

A fork in the road lay before me, a fork in the
path of my life. Yet I knew the way. I knew the
path, the trials and prejudices I would face
daily and at the end, at the end of the road,
stood the man I would become. The man I
whole heartedly wanted to be. The only me I
could be truly at peace with.

And I knew the first step I had to take. My
first unhindered stride towards the future and
myself. I went to those who cared the most, that
I would disappoint the most. They remained
blissfully ignorant to my plight. Oblivious to
the nervous apprehension churning in the
pit of my stomach, to the trepidation nearly
thwarting my ability to speak. I struggled to
overcome the sudden desire to flee, to escape
my building panic. Yet I fought my instincts
and took a breath, leaving my crossroads
forever. I opened my mouth and followed my
voice, my true inner voice, into the future.

Jeremy Raynes

CONNETT CORNER

I remember one of my first nights out with the
boys. We were parked up on the corner of De

Havilland Drive and Connett Road waiting for
the boy racers to come out and lay some rubber.
There were about seven other cars waiting
for the same thing, blasting their sounds and
throwing back the alcohol. The road was wet
and just waiting to be marked with rubber.

It was around eleven o'clock and an L200 Ute
turned into De Havilland. It was one of the
ugliest utes I had ever seen. As it got closer it
got worse. It was black, brown and gun metal
grey and looked like some amateur had taken
to it with a spray can. As it arrived at the 'T'
intersection, it turned off its lights. We all knew
it was skid time.

The driver of the ute kicked the clutch. The
back swung out and lined the car up sideways
for the corner. The driver controlled his vehicle
the whole way around the corner and started
to head around the island in the middle. It was
crazy! He controlled the car so well. All you
could smell was rubber.

As he drifted around the island I glanced at his
face. He looked like a gremlin - so calm and
chilled out as if this was what he was born to
do. Next I glanced at the passenger. He was also
calm and talking to the driver casually. Then
the ute cruised off down the road while the
spectators sounded their horns - celebrating a
drift well executed.

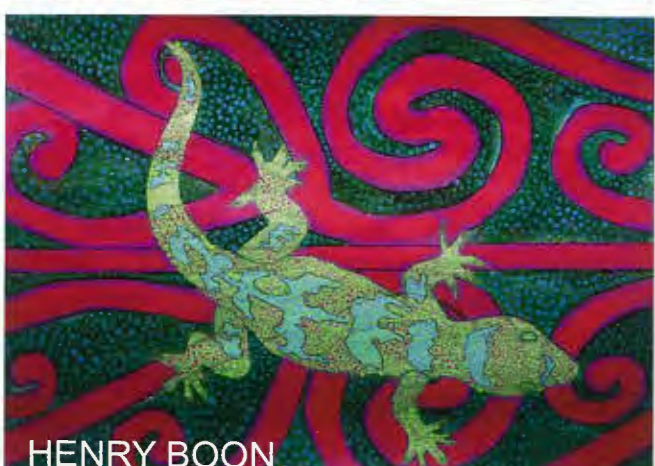
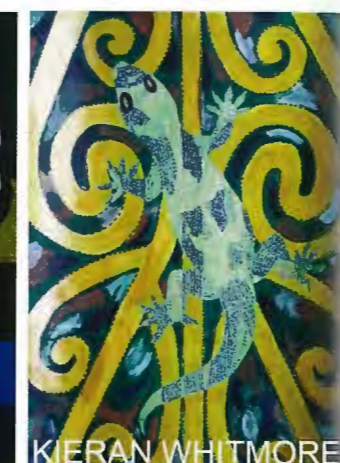
I sat there in amazement. At that point I knew
my one wish, my greatest desire, was to have a
rear wheel drive parked in my garage so that
one day I could be as good or better than the
guy in his ugly L200.

Joel Edgcombe

THE SECRET LIFE OF FISH

The cacophony of crashing waves fills my ears
as I prepare to plunge into the Tasman. The
sea claws at my legs with icy fingers as I drag
myself slowly towards an oncoming wave. I
dive under. The cold rips the air from my lungs
as I tumble under the turbulent wave. Gasping
for breath I break the surface. The dull grey
sky hangs heavily overhead, threatening rain.





Before I know it another wave is on top of me. I dive under. Sharp, piercing pain shoots up my leg. My foot burns where an unseen rock has slashed it open. Despite the stinging saltwater, I begin to drift away. The pain is distant now, another pain, another place, another time.

The summer sun shone brightly down as the Mediterranean Sea sparkled in the distance. Waves gently caressed the sable sands of the beach, signalling their surrender to the mighty volcano which towered over the isle of Stromboli like the forge of Hephaestus himself. Heat waves hovered over the black tiled streets that snaked around the island. My bare feet burned as I skipped along the scorching pavement. My sensible father kept pace, immune to the heat with his jangle-clad feet. Ignored by the locals, who were too busy arguing and napping under the pleasant gaze of the sun, we made our way between the shining white villas to the baking black beach. Dancing though the hot sand, we approached the waiting boat that was floating gently by the beach. The young driver flashed us a friendly smile and beckoned us aboard his sleek and silvery craft.

The waves parted before us as we skipped over the ocean's surface like a smooth stone thrown by an idle boy. The roar of the motor was blown away by the cool and refreshing wind which caressed my face as I stared into the beckoning horizon. The islet of Strombolio rose suddenly before us like the fist of Poseidon. The wind died down. The roar of the engine faded away and we approached the islet. The anchor dropped with one big plunk. I quickly stripped off to my togs and donned my mask and snorkel. With one big jump I was out of the boat. The wonderfully warm water washed over me as I plummeted into the depths of the sea. The bottomless sea stretched out below me, continuing down, down, down. A rainbow assortment of fish surrounded the base of the islet and darted just out of arms reach. A grumpy looking fish the size of my leg swam under me, so close that the tips of his fins tickled my toes.

For hours, days and years it seemed I floated among the currents witnessing the secret lives

of those secluded fish. Nothing else in the world mattered to me. Diving ever deeper I swam under an outcropping rock. I gasped in surprise. There was a cave. It wasn't a boring desolate hole in the rock but a thriving underwater cave community. Dozens of fish swam through it. Sea urchins dotted the sides and sea snakes slithered deeper into its dark recesses. It was amazing to think sometimes how often in life we overlook things or judge them at first glance. From the outside this hole of life looks just like a shadow on the face of the rock. From the surface this whole islet looks just like a barren rock jutting out in the middle of the sea. Life can surprise you sometimes.

Curiosity overwhelming my caution, I swam inside the cave. Fish dashed away frightened as I kicked my way through. The cave was several metres wide but I still started to feel claustrophobic. It continued on and on. I was running out of breath. Panicking I kicked back to the cave mouth. Lungs burning for air I shot towards the surface. My foot collided with the rock hanging over the cave. Pain, blinding pain shot up my leg and clouded my mind. I struggled to the surface and gasped for breath. Water rushed down my throat. Spluttering I tried to make it back to the boat. Suddenly he was there, the boat driver and his boat. He pulled me aboard. Blood poured from a hole in my heel. The rock had ripped a chunk of skin clean off. My dad climbed aboard and wrapped my foot in his towel in an attempt to stop the bleeding as the driver started up the engines.

The trip back was one big haze of splashing and bouncing and pain. Suddenly we were back. On the beach we were surrounded by locals, the very same locals who had ignored us so thoroughly before. One woman who I had seen sleeping in the sun now held a bottle of disinfectant. Two men who had been arguing now carried a roll of tape and bandages. In less than five minutes I was cleaned and bandaged. Then two sea hardened fishermen carried me back to the boat. The driver started up the engines. We had argued for hours with him over the price of taking us to the nearby Strombolio but now he sped off towards the mainland and a hospital without a second

thought. People can surprise you sometimes.

It is raining now. The raindrops trickle over the small scratch in my foot as I dry myself off. It had stopped bleeding on its own accord and now looks like it won't even need a plaster. After gathering up my belongings I pause and look around. This isn't the Mediterranean, no warmth, no sun. Suddenly it stops raining. Rays of sunlight break through the clouds. I smile to myself. Life can surprise you sometimes.

Patrick Harvey

TE MAUNGA TARANAKI

Looking amongst a thousand life times of greatness and tradition, all Taranaki sees its power and precision. From sea to a province, te maunga Taranaki has no limits. With her beauty and wonders, we take what is given. Not a rock but a symbol, It is her presence we live in. What we take for granted is both a saviour and a statue of love collision.

Zjahn Taylor

TO THE TOP WE GO ...

The glistening sun shines On the silky soft snow. When you see the glorious sight, It makes you want to say 'oh'. As I sit in my warm, cosy cabin, I sip my Milo. I blow it, it's hot, As I fall asleep. The next morning I get up, I shower to wake me completely, Then make my way to the top.

Ben Skinner and Shay Seu

MT TARANAKI

Beyond the trees of evergreen Beneath white clouds of silver gleam Our mighty tower stands alone With ever reaching roots of stone.



A skyward breach, a twin-pronged dish
Upon the fin of legend's fish.
River walker, carved through stone
Seen now at his final home.

Cloaked with snow its shoulders reach
The Taranaki centrepiece.

Tyler Stewart

TAKING THE PLUNGE

Opening the door, clamour and chaos saturate my senses. I hear shrieking screams and shouts and splashing. Children with wet, slicked down hair run, swim and dive to make their way around the complex, all the while calling to their friends, animation in their voices. Their excitement is emphasised by fluorescent and brightly coloured swimwear. The air swims with the sharp and clean chemical odour of chlorine. It is not unpleasant. I am at the Aquatic Centre with my nine year old cousin. Outside, we narrow our eyes against the brilliance of the summer's sun. Drawn to the high diving board, he looks on open mouthed and awestruck, admiring the courage of the others. They climb to the top of the ladder, casually stroll to the edge, then simply step off, seemingly unphased by the distance of their fall. Looking into his face I can see in his eyes the same question I had asked myself at nine years, "Could I do that?"

My group of friends, sick of swimming, were just playing around in the water. A confident few broke away to go to the high diving board, a challenge I had not yet faced. I was torn. Do I stay in the pool with one group, and continue to play? Or, do I take the risk, challenge myself, and face my fear by taking the jump? There was no pressure. It would have been no problem to have taken the easy road, stayed where I was. There would be no shame in it. But I had something to prove. Not to my friends, but to myself. I knew I could do it.

At the edge, I pulled myself out of the water's warm embrace, and slowly made my way, dripping, to the outdoor diving pool. An icy gale blasted me back as I opened the door. The

door was suddenly snatched from my grip by a gust and slammed shut as I slipped through the opening. The outdoor pools were deserted – the swimmers driven inside by the cold, and welcomed by the warm. The solitary life guard and other boys at the top of the diving board were the only signs of life. Making my way over, I grasped the metal ladder with both hands, and flinched. Burning cold shot waves of pain through my fingers. My ascent to the top was slow. Step by step. Rung by rung. Inch by inch. My icy feet ached as I climbed. All the while, the gusting wind threatened to throw me off, and down. Determined, I climbed on.

Eventually, I reached the top. Exhausted and numb, my every instinct was telling me to go back to the warm heated pool. But the only way down was to jump. I could see my friends now, waving from the water below. It was entrancing. The surface surged and rippled from other divers' contact, slapping the side. Silver-blue water reflected and refracted light, like a million fluid mirrors. The water was hypnotic, inviting. How should I enter? A running jump? No. I might slip on the wet board, and fall awkwardly. I could even miss the pool altogether. Although there was something unnerving about the thought of simply walking off the edge ... But I had to do it. I couldn't hesitate. I had to jump.

The fall was unlike anything I had ever experienced before. The air ripped at my body as I hurtled downwards. I could almost count the seconds before I collided with the water in an almighty splash.

Liquid filled my ears and muffled all sound. Light was blurred and blue. There was no air; my body was touching only water. It held me, supporting me through my ordeal. Looking up, I saw the entrancing silver-blue surface again, and reached for it. Breaking through the veil was like entering a new world. I felt triumphant. It was as though the old me, fearful, timid, and unadventurous was left at the top of the board. I drifted over to the side and pulled myself out of the pool and a new person emerged. I was no longer the scared child out of his depth. I could do anything. Striding back to the inside

pool among my friends the last remnants of my old self fell away in drips on the concrete.

Now, looking down at my cousin, I remember how I felt that day so long ago and how I was changed by my experience. Like the weather at the pool, my outlook to challenges has changed. What once seemed harsh and uncomfortable, I now see as fun and exciting. The place that was once threatening, cold with blasting wind, is now a sunny playground with a cool breeze, and full of adventure. Along with the question in his eyes I see an inner strength that he doesn't yet realise he possesses. I look down at the boy standing in my shadow and tell him: "Go for it".

Luke Stevenson

THE GRANDDAD SAILING-BOAT

The punctual storm clouds roll over the horizon saying, "It's four o'clock. Get inside or you'll get wet!"

Just an arm's reach from the pebble speckled shoreline, a twin-masted, eight metre long, singled hulled sailing-boat is resting. The tide is low, so the little vessel has a sideward lean, like an old, tired man. Barnacles and sea moss decorate his hard-to-reach under-chin. He is wearing a battered, sun and sea bleached rain coat over his square, rotted wooden shoulders.

This worn out granddad does not look content with life...where are his adoring grandchildren? He is lonely. There is nobody around; no beautifully wrinkled wife, no pets, no company, not even a young nurse to take care of him.

In the background there is a million dollar catamaran, drawing eyes from all over the harbour. The white of the deck reflects blindingly the fragments of light rays that seep through the clouds. The owners unravel the Queen of the Sea's nightwear - luxuriously padded underneath and indulgently coated with water proofing on the outside. Compared to this fine cruiser, the granddad before me looks so unloved.

The last of the day's warmth is sucked out of my cheeks. Greyness eats up the hills, which look like the artistic curves and curls made in the icing of a Christmas cake. Dampness turns into glittering, which turns to dripping, then pelting, then just rivers falling from the sky. The sea level seems to rise a metre from the downpour of rain. I have a warm shower, electric blanket and hot coffee to return to at the hotel, but poor, worn out Mr 'Graham's Lucky Day' will have to wait out the assault, just like he does every night... alone.

Five years later I return. It wasn't the beautiful scenery of the harbour, the sapphire water, or the brilliant coffee which is made on the corner kiosk, that made me return. It was the inquisitive thought of what would have happened to the leaning, double masted, barnacle and rust infected, retired, granddad sailing-boat. My guess was that the rope anchoring him to a boulder on the beach would have rotted. Floating out of the cove, he would have gone on his swan-song final voyage.

As I drove up to the beach parking lot, my heart was thumping my rib cage for home runs. Why was this such a big deal to me? Why did I even care? Biding my time, I lethargically walked up the sand dune, dreading the empty sight that surely must await me. This was my last step. As I made it I was met with...a common sight. A bleached-teeth white sailing boat, moored off a slender, freshly painted shrimp pink jetty. My heart sank just like the granddad boat must have - into the deep.

Mournfully, I wandered over to the wooden pier. It was in the same spot as the rope had been, which used to prevent the old man from straying away. The rope was gone. Not one frayed piece had been left for me. The landing platform gave the new boat access to deeper water, so it did not have a lean like the previous occupant. It looked royal, noble, with a high-held bow.

My eyes abandoned the new tenant, and with a gasp I was left once more in awe of the harbour. My sadness, for a few seconds was held back. A rocky break-water had been built out from

the northern beach. Children and parents clambered over it to find the perfect spot to drop lines and try to catch that allusive, hand-sized mackerel. The serene mountains reached for the sun on the other side of the harbour. Only a hazy sky separated the mountains from the sun. They looked dry and welcoming compared with the green, mysterious forests which had smothered the slopes last time I had stood here.

I dropped my gaze again to the magnificent single hulled boat in front of me. It was spotless, free of any blemishes. Cleanly shaven. Sprouting through the deck were two masts, straight as six o'clock. What a beauty! And then I saw it...the name. Printed in flowing aquatic blue paint on the starboard side, just above the foremost window, was written Graham's Lucky Day.

Robbie Wood

NIGHT

Dusk soars above the hills
Night is around the corner
Shadows of the trees scrape
The hills like a pine shape
Burned out of the grass
A cloud nowhere to be found
And above the Milky Way shines
It's been left alone all different
Colours scatter across the sky
As if a monkey is painting
Silence is all you can hear now
Silence pillows the hills

Dirk Van Dijk

THE BEACH

He sat on the sand.
Dragged the driftwood
Along the beach
To make a chair,
Dragged the driftwood
To the mouth of the water
To watch it sink.
It made a dense ripple.
He saw a reflection

A shimmer in the water,
The scarlet hills, silent mist.
He felt softness, raindrops
Like precious tears,
Tears from the peaks.

Finn Chadwick

THE DESERT

Crimson sun burns down with blazing heat,
Killing vegetation, scorching bare feet.
I journey along through rock and sand,
Hoping one day to flee from this wasteland.

An oasis appears, sprinting up fast,
But these sources of life never do last.
They disappear without a taste,
And I am forced to wander the waste.

Nothing lives for long in barren hell,
Parched bones testify to that all too well.
When plants appear I hope for fertile land,
But when I reach them, all I find is sand.

Callum Fougere

FISHING

Lightning battling the clouds
Ice cold water, churned up sea
Fish looming, screaming rods bend
Heart thumps like a hammer
Massive fish escapes grasp
Battered and bruised kayak
A dull ache embraces me
Memory destroyed
Future nerves.

Will Jones

STORM

Rain pours down on the harbour.
Sharp-toothed waves smash against cliffs.
Worried trees look on as boats fight
The howling winds.
Giant tornadoes suck things up like vacuum cleaners,
Boats, fish, debris.
Lightning flash and thunder boom,





The storm crawls along.
The sea rages like a bull.
Big waves disturb struggling people
Trying to get their boats out of raging seas.
Like the power being switched off
The storm stops and the weather turns.

James Chadwick

MY BEACH

Sea-salt wind, dancing on my lips
Gentle breeze, caressing my hair
Barking gulls, soaring through the sky
Colossal waves, mightier than sky scrapers
Rotten old driftwood, a potent scent in the air
Warm welcoming sand, perfect for my feet
A beach, my beach.

Josh Lawn

DRIVING THROUGH MT MESSENGER

Waking up from my deep sleep suddenly,
I look out over the vast ancient valley with
bearded trees covered in moss and lichen,
native birds chirping at the height of their
voices. Ouch, I mutter under my breath as I
knock my shoulder against the car door as we
swerve around another sharp corner.

The window panel obscures my vision from
the marvellous oasis, so I turn my head back
to the overgrown valley, spotting a flock of
birds forming a perfect V. They soar towards
the distant mountain range. As my eye follows
the birds into the distance I catch a glimpse
of the snaking river slithering from the other
side of the valley. I follow it with my
flickering eyes, until it snakes up beside
the motionless road. I watch as the cool
running water spills over the rocks and
swerves around logs. Feeling my tummy
rumble, I lean over to my chocolate
brownie lunch. It smells delectable and it
tastes even better.

The brownie finished, all there is to do is
gaze out the tinted window. Through the
blur of quick sprinting trees a family of
rabbits bound out of their always safe
burrow, their tiny noses

twitching in search of food. With the
rocking corners making me tired, I soon
fall to sleep.

Matthew Bayly

THE GREAT CELLPHONE PLOT

My four friends and I had come across an
unused locker at school and decided to use
the locker as our secret hiding place for
video games, dvd's and photos we made
with our cell phones.

One day when we opened the locker we
found an old model cell phone in there
which wasn't ours. It was still working but
none of us was interested to have this
oversized, absolutely not cool device.

Lepper took it out, holding it at arm's
length by its antenna. "Throw it out the
window," someone shouted.

"Hold on a tick," I said. "Don't throw it
away."

Lepper hesitated. They all looked at me.
When writing about oneself, one must strive
to be truthful. Truth is more important than
modesty, so I must tell you, therefore, that
it was I, and I alone, who had the idea of
the great and daring Cell Phone Plot. We
all have our moments of brilliance and glory
and this was mine.

"Why don't we," I said, "swap it with
Mrs Pratchet's cell phone?"

Mrs Pratchet was the grumpy lady who
ran the dairy across from school. She tends
to leave her flash pink cell phone in front
of her on the counter.

"When she turns away to fetch our red
bulls from the cooler, we quickly swap her
phone with this stinky old one. When we
are outside we call the old cell phone and
tell her that hers miraculously disappeared
into the rubbish bin outside the dairy."

The other four stared at me in wonder.
Then

as the sheer genius of the plot began to
sink in, grins overtook their faces and they
began slapping me on the back. "We'll do
it today. You had the idea, so you can be
the one to swap the phones."

Lepper handed me the phone and I
nervously put it in the pocket of my shorts.

After school the five of us headed for the
dairy. We all felt hyped up, like being
members of a street gang heading for a
fight.

"I've got ten bucks," Lepper said. "I'll
order a couple red bulls so that she must
turn away to get them. You quickly swap
them."

Thus everything was arranged. We were
strutting a little as we entered the dairy.
Mrs Pratchet was looking suspiciously at
us like she always did, as we approached
the counter. Lepper and I stood
alongside when he ordered the drinks.
The pink phone was, as expected,
lying in front of her. She turned, I
quickly swapped the phones, accepted one
of the red bulls from Lepper, and we
walked out.

As soon as we were outside I dropped the
pink phone in the rubbish bin and we
broke into a run. Back at school we asked
one of the nerds if we could make a call
with his cell phone. We called Mrs
Pratchet and she answered the old phone
immediately. I told her she should stick
her hand in the rubbish bin outside the
dairy if she wanted her precious pink
phone back. After I broke the connection
we all burst out in laughter. I felt like a
hero. I was a hero. It was marvellous to
be so popular.

Dirk Van Dijk

RAIN FOREST

The rain clouds above threaten to
open. Energy-giving sunlight beams
through the gaps of the towering forest
canopy. Swaying trees thrust into the
sunlight, vines hanging down like ropes.

The monkeys swing and leap from
branch to

branch. Lizards crawl up the looming
giants, flicking their tongues out. Legions
of ants march for food and water, forest
creatures scurry for shelter, camouflaged
amphibians crawl here and there hiding
from predators.

Bright red and orange fungi decorate
the forest floor. Plants creep and cling
on the base of the giants. The thick, lush
greenery envelopes its vast surroundings.
Exotic flora drips its moisture while
annoying mosquitoes drone. Rotted
dead trees sit in soggy mud covered in
decaying leaves, roots criss-crossing
over the forest path as mist crawls
through the blanket of vegetation and
the darkening forest.

A waterfall cascades down into a
rushing stream full of moss covered
rocks. The cool water bubbles and
froths. The sweltering tropical heat
draws the lurking heavy clouds
above the canopy. The rainy season
begins.

Neill Good

THE ROLLERCOASTER

The wind was rushing past my face
with 3 g's of force battering me into my
seat. The rollercoaster finally stopped.
But Mum wanted to go again. So off we
went back to the line again. Waiting,
waiting for the line to move forward.

Finally we got to the front of the line
and adrenalin started to kick in. I was
so scared. I got into the seat and the
operator fastened my harness. He
stepped into the control room and
pressed a button to make the floor drop.

The voiceover said to have a good
time and please keep hands on the
hand-holds at all times. It started off
slowly but my heart was already in
overdrive. Clunk, clunk, clunk up the
first rise and then...whoosh.

Mum was laughing hysterically but my
lungs were a brick wall so I couldn't
laugh too. I couldn't breathe or blink.
I just sat there with a silent scream
on my face. I felt like we were
travelling too fast for the seats to stay
on the track of the rollercoaster.

My face was getting ripped apart by
the force of gravity. And I could see the
'loop-the-loop' coming extremely fast
towards me. I thought I knew the
meaning of fear on my first ride, but
knowing what was going to happen was
another layer on my cake of fear. I
flew round the loops and knew if the
rollercoaster could stay together for one
last corner I would be safe at last. The
rollercoaster came to a stop and
although my legs could barely hold me
up, I managed to stay upright and
waddle to the exit. After all, I was
promised an ice cream if I could get to
the ice cream stand.

Max Whitehead

MORNING TRAFFIC

Cars charged like zebras in a herd
being chased by a dozen lions, hungry
for lunch, while beside the road
buildings stood tall and proud like
gladiators with their spears scraping
the sky. The people push each other
to get to their destinations over the
road. Were it looked at from above,
they all would look like thousands
of ants scattering to find food.

The sound of car horns echoes off the
buildings and smell of fast food and
car fumes combined to make an
undesirable smell. Once the traffic
lights turn green and the people have
crossed the road, the cars speed off
as if in a Formula One race. Suddenly
the sound of car horns grew louder
and a screeching howl arose as a red
car came from behind the buildings.
It dodged its way through the traffic
which had now grown worse. A siren
followed the noise and smell of
screeching rubber. A police car was
chasing the red car like a bull charging
at a matador. A crowd as large as a
baseball games' crowd gathered on
the roadside, at a safe distance. There
was a squeal and a crash. The crowd
stared.

James Smith

WAR

Huge steel blades cut through the
black sky as four black uniforms run
to the shadows. Lights are dim, the
smell of old weatherboard

a lingering scent. We look around,
creaks of old wooden shutters float
through the silence. The street is
deserted as we move to the right and
then move to the left. The buildings
tower over us in judgement like the
peaks of the Himalayas.

We feel troubled, confused. What lies
before us? Suddenly gunshots shower
down to our left, we all hit the deck.
The abuse of bullets leaves ringing in
our ears. I taste blood. I had dropped
too hard. As the smell of danger hangs
in the air, I start to fire back, my heart
pounding too fast for me to follow. I
move behind a vehicle, its body rusted
and colourless, headlights like eyes in
the dark. The others follow, posting
themselves beside the trailer. I bite my
lip while the sweat dribbles down my
face. My heart slows its pounding as
the bullets cease to fire. Forty minutes
pass. The heavy breathing of my
operatives is the only thing I can hear,
the wind has died down and the
frightening noises throughout the city
cease to tiny whispers beyond the
darkness. A forgotten city, dead and
desolate. I jump up, wobbling slightly,
signal, and silently we move back into
the shadows.

The moon separates itself from the
clouds and beams down on us. My
vision is blurred as suddenly thick
mist spreads through the city like
pillowed ash from an erupting volcano.
It spreads as fast as a fatal disease.
We drop low crawling towards some
foliage, coughing and spluttering for
the mist is dense with smoke.

We finally found what we were
looking for. Guards appear through
the haze. At this moment in time I
reach for the trigger shooting my
bullets throughout the street. A guard
came out of nowhere his gun raised
directly towards my chest. I look
through my scope, nightmares and
visions running through my head. I
pull back the trigger.

Connor Auken





YEAR 9 CAMPS

The end of 2008 saw most Year 9 students heading away for a week on camp. These were held in the last week of the year and were a great way to finish off their first year of high school. A great range of camps were on offer, be it trips to Taupo or Wellington, crawling through caves at Waitomo, mountain biking through the forests around Rotorua, climbing the mountains of the Central North Island, or paddling down local rivers. Students could learn golf, surfing, how to ride horses, windsurfing and sailing, or even how to fly. The camps provided students with the opportunity to learn new skills, mix with other students, make new friends, but also challenge themselves and step outside their comfort zone a bit. It is when we challenge ourselves that we experience a lot of personal growth, and many students came back from camps enriched by the experience.



Mike on Pokes and Sam on Bob

HORSE TREKKING CAMP 2008

During the last week of school in 2008, the following students spent a week at Okau Horse Treks: Tom Xiong, Jaden Wood-Larking, Jamie Thomas, Ryan Terrill, Jose Sanchez, Keegan Pullman, Kieran Honnor, Josh Jones, Jahmal Holswich, Alistair Hickey, Jade Grayling, Michael Goble, Sam Corney, Brad Bullo, and Nick Adlam.

When we first arrived, we had to get all of our gear and ourselves up a very long, steep hill. We set up our tents which ranged from humble pup tents to elaborate dwellings with three rooms. Lisa and her team of skilful guides soon had us on our horses, with Cheryl making everything loud and clear. We set off on our first trial ride to see if we could manage the horse power with which we had been matched. Bryan had broken in many of the horses himself and they were very well-mannered.

As each day passed, our skills and confidence developed. We splashed our way up Boar Creek, where only those on the taller horses managed to keep their feet dry. Tom's attempt at a vertical ascent of a bluff on the side of the creek was thwarted when gravity pulled his horse back down into the swirling waters. Most people did well at the games events which included barrel racing (where Thunderlight set the record for the bigger horses), speedy relays (with DISGUSTING "fear-factor" food), and



In the pine forest



Dressed for dinner



Kieran and Cobber



Josh and Wish



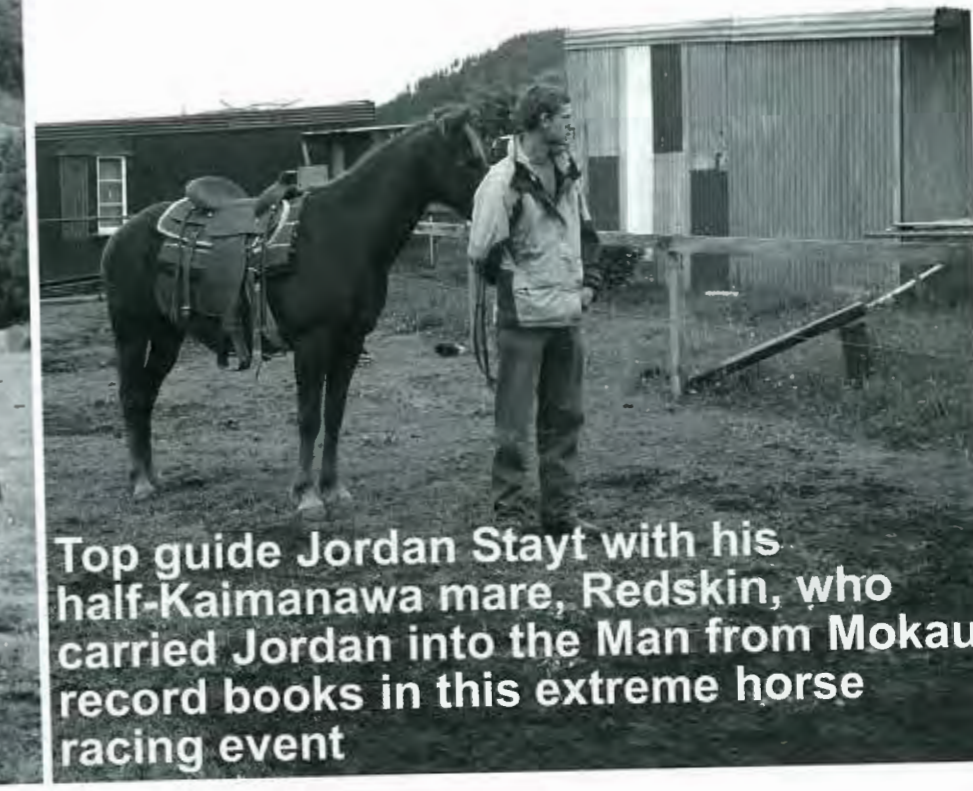
Tough competitors - Jade and Cheryl



Ryan and Black, lead mare



Jose and Seamus



Top guide Jordan Stayt with his half-Kaimanawa mare, Redskin, who carried Jordan into the Man from Mokau record books in this extreme horse racing event



Jamie and Tom

an excessive amount of cheating by one of the teams (the one with the bloke in charge). Fortunately, the right team came out on top when one of the girl guides expertly lassoed a steer on the last throw of the day.

Not all of the nights could be described as restful. On the night of the tarpaulin bivvies, the weary inhabitants quickly descended into deep sleep. Few were quite sure who it was of the mysterious raiders that fired the smelliest of the night's missiles. And just who exactly were those rotten raiders? They sounded like a bunch of possums, although intermittent giggles would suggest otherwise. A speedy escape by quad bike ensured their identities were not revealed to those eager for revenge.

On the last day, we completed a long ride through pine forest. Quick thinking on Kieran's part averted what could have been a serious fall off Whiskey by Jaden, who was having a strong allergic reaction to pollen. Kieran leapt off Cobber and managed to steady Jaden before carefully lowering him to the ground. Jaden had to end his journey with Jordan on a quad bike.

We certainly were faced with a few challenges on this camp. One of the toughest was having to reach down from our horses' backs and, at

the same time, choose what we were going to have next out of all the delicious homemade pies and baking that kept circulating. Thanks, Becky and Cath - the Queens of Cooking (and wrist wrestling).

Sincere thanks must also be extended to Okau Horse Treks for turning away those demanding girls' schools and having NPBHS yet again. We had a great time.

V Herbert

MOUNTAIN BIKING CAMP 2008

Monday 8th December - It was with great excitement everyone met at the bus shelter with bike and gear ready to get on the road heading to Rotorua, the mountain biking capital of New Zealand.

The "in tents" 4 hour drive to Rotorua started with a hiss and a roar for mountain biking camp with every one having to be at school and ready to go at 8 o'clock in the morning. On the way to Rotorua we stopped off for some lunch at a dairy in Benneydale and then quickly got back on the road so that we could have more time

for riding that afternoon. At 1:30 we dumped our stuff at the Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park and went riding at Whakarewarewa Forest for two hours. We started off by exploring our surroundings, rode some cruisy trails then moved on to the more difficult tracks. That night we had a good feed of sausages and steak and then hopped into the relaxing hot pools.

Tuesday 9th December - With the rain and bad weather settling in we all knew that the day's riding was going to be a difficult challenge and that we would have to step up our riding skills. We headed back to the forest to ride some more technical trails. Because the Whakarewarewa Forest is all trees and the sun cannot get through the trees to soak up the water, the day was very wet and slippery but with no fatal injuries we survived to ride another day. We found some great tracks to ride for the next day as well. When we got back to camp we had some lunch and then drove to the Kaituna for some white water rafting. This was a great activity and very exciting as we went down a seven metre high water fall.

After breakfast we went to the luge for four hours of fun smashing into each other, going as fast as we could and jumping as far as we could. When we used all our tickets on the luge we went back to camp with Mr Whittaker who was furious after being smashed into a wall and grazed up his side. We had some lunch and then went back to Whakarewarewa Forest to ride the best trails of the whole camp.

On the last day of camp we had breakfast, packed up camp and then went to paintball for the morning. It was a great game of paintball as there were many places to hide and shoot. When everyone was sore from paintball we had a superb lunch of KFC and then jumped back into the van and headed back to New Plymouth.

Overall everyone had a great time and was very glad they went on this camp. We would like to thank Mr Jones, Mr Atkins, Mr Whittaker and everyone who helped on the camp.

Jackson Hine and Connor McGechan



WAITOMO CAVES CAMP

In the fourth term of school in 2008, a group of Year 9 boys headed to Waitomo in vans for camp. We stayed at a marae close to the Waitomo Cave's centre and performed the school haka for our hosts. Over the next four days we took part in activities such as the exciting Black Water rafting where we navigated through the Black Labyrinth, Super Quest, downstream caving and a tour of the amazing Ruakuri Cave. Other activities included a look around the Waitomo Museum of Caves, a trip to Hamilton and a few games of paintball. It was a great experience and a hugely enjoyable camp and I'm sure the other boys felt the same way. A big thanks to Mrs McVicar and Mr Ruakere for taking us on the camp.

Michael Stancliff



OLD BOYS 2009



Old Boys

Left to right: Jason Ruakere, Richard Turner, David Bennett, Geoff Hall, Peter Cayzer, Reuben Creery, Roger Harland, Phillip Whittaker, Michael Somers, Josh Hamilton, David Mossop, David Bublitz, Blair Corlett, Kane Rowson, Trevor Murray



YEAR 13 LEAVERS 2009





Walking through the big memorial gates of Boys' High in Year 9 made me feel like a small fish in a big pond. The excitement of entering such an extraordinary school consumed me. But it was soon overcome with the fear of getting on the wrong side of an intimidating six foot 7th former. It is only when I became one I realised that this isn't the case with the odd exception. Stepping out of the memorial gates at the end of our Boys High years we will once again be faced with the feeling of unfamiliarity and inferiority but this time with the added comfort that we now have the grounding to be able to tackle any obstacle on our path.

Friends are like wolves. Once you meet one you immediately "know he is one of your own and your wolf pack grows by one". Getting to know the class of 09 through the past 5 years "I

thought, wait a second, could it be? And now I know for sure I just added more guys to my wolf pack." The memories of my time at Boys' High will remain with me forever. The class of 09 was a great year group to be part of. The state of origin rugby league tests that took place on the magnificent gully between the Ceit boys (day boys) and the Green Box (boarders) will never be forgotten. Mostly because the Ceit managed to be victorious, winning the series 2 - 1. We all will have our separate memories of the good times which we endeavoured with your friends. Each one of us have been a part of something special and have contributed to this adventurous and remarkable group.

The recipe for success consists of the individual characteristics of motivation, dedication, hard work and commitment. This operates

best within a tight structure, with the right opportunities and support. NPBHS presents all its students with vast opportunities in all areas, academia, cultural, arts, music and of course sport. The staff of the school give guidance and encouragement to help you achieve your goals. Thanks to all those who went beyond the call of duty and took the time to develop us to whom we are today.

As you go into the world remember "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts," Winston Churchill. With the courage and support of our new wolf pack, we can all succeed in anything we put our minds to.

Charl Jacobs

YEAR 13 LEAVERS

First Row (Left to right) Martin Hebler, Matthew Girvan, Matthew Burton, Cameron Holden, Chris Leppger, Isaac Owen, Brendan Fischer, William Tennent, Philip Mischefski, Ian Leppard, Kyle Still, Chance Te Uira, Charl Jacobs, Alex Sprott

2nd Row (Left to right) Ryan Braggin, Alex Besley, Matthew Graystone, Daniel King, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Tim Hawkey, Jordan Moratti, Jarred Hinton, Joel Meuli, Peter Molloy, Jonathan Beazley, Elliot Bloomfield, Nainesh Patel

3rd Row (Left to right) Mitchell Tuck, Iliesa Cati, Connor Stachurski, Matthew De Klerk, Hamish Fagg, Christopher Devlin, Robert Backhouse, Matthew Tooley, Karsten Shotbolt, Shae Rasmussen, Blair Saunders, James Konijn

4th Row (Left to right) Wayne Geng, Robert Hayles, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Tom O'Connor, Joseph Bailey, Duncan MacDonald, Aaron Barber, Carlton Hiroa, Chris Joe, Zac Hadley, Jordan Hill, Alastar Scarle, Ethan Bilderbeck

5th Row (Left to right) Glen Baxter, James Fuller, Jesse Benge, Samuel Adams, Michael Wood, Brandon Whyte, Nicolas Gagnepain, Jacob Randall, Jamie Stones, Keni Baledrokadroka, Sreng Hong

6th Row (Left to right) Callum Livingston, Marco Politakis, Daniel Hine, Aaron Edmunds, Thomas Jones, Peter Reeve, Zach Moller, Nicholas Rayner, Jay Arbuckle, David Ellis, Liam Harvey, Nick Harvey

7th Row (Left to right) Dwayne Duthie, Mathis Smith, Chris Rutten, Matthew Sharp, Matthew Powell, Max Horn, David Stevens, Brodie Prichard, Elliot Clarkson, Hayden Taunoa, Jamie Reid, Matt Jones, James Linehan

8th Row (Left to right) Daniel MacDonald, George Hodges, Cameron Bryant, Ben Patterson, Kane Sharrock, Greg Rowlands, Creedence Lingman, Adam Black, Api Dawai, Hamish Mellow, Ben Steiner, Frank Tawake, Daniel Green

9th Row (Left to right) Tom Sandford, Matt Voorwinde, Nick Koch, Sam Hill, Gray Barnett, Gordon Washer, Thilina Mendis, Jonny Hobo-Tuck, Simon Momich, Jamie Roberts, Josiah Abbott, Joel Ward, Byron Andrews, Dylan Hayman, Ethan Herbert

10th Row (Left to right) Matthew Zhong, Taylor Haskell, Andy Dykstra, Alipate Umu, Thomas Doehring, David Arahanga, Mark Atkins, Fraser Johnston, Matt Dickson, Cole Greig, Jared Gray, Christopher Arthur, Steven Innes, Richard Weir

Back Row (Left to right) Alex Wilkinson, Jack Price, Tyler Anderson, Callum Oliver, Mike Maloney, Shane White, Jarrod Bell, Joel Martin, Hamish Fraser, Vincent Sharp, Jordan Stayt, Ryan Phillips, Michael Roberts



B01

Back Row: Mr A Beyer, Aaron Jackson, Jahmal Holwich, Geoffrey Hewlett, Jahrell Preston, Luke Huritu-Jones
 Second Row: Mr J Hyde (Housemaster), James Innes, Luke Houghton, Patrick Harvey, Chris Joe, Traway Hayes, Jared Gray, Bevan Low, Adam Landers
 Front Row: Anfernee Holwich, Thomas Jury, James Hawatson, Tim Howkey (Group Leader), James Hickford, Alistair Hickey, Ricky Jones, Travis Olsson-Jane
 Absent: Jahrell Preston, Jason Richardson



B02

Back Row: Mr F Wainiqola, Ryan Hunt, Nicolas Gagnepain, Mark Hauwers, Josh Harvey, Ivan Ilkovic
 Second Row: Mr J Hyde, Alex Iversen, Thomas Henderson, William Martin, Ki Higham, James Le Quesne, AJ Hoskin, Daniel Jacobs, Henry Johnson
 Front Row: Alex Johnston, Jakob Kelly, Jacob Kadlec, Jacob Hughes, Charl Jacobs (Group Leader), Craig Mischefski, Cameron Thome, Connor Jones
 Absent: Tyler Hills, Garry Hutchinson, Cameron Keeley-Thorne



B03

Back Row: Callum Livingston, Joyce Jordan, Nick Howe, Levi Hari, Logan Holyoake, Simon Jones
 Second Row: Ms McVicar, Mr Hyde, Louis Keen, Bryce Hunter, Marcus Laurence, Isaac Julian, William Livingston, Nick Koch, Ivan Kagadi, Nat Knightly
 Front Row: Alex Kenniny, Chad Jones, Caleb Kearns, Ian Leppard (Group Leader), William Monk, Mitchell Holyoake, Jesse Kenny
 Absent: Ben Hitchcock, Joshua Koch



B04

Back Row: Ben Listan, James Linehan, Makahesi Makatoa, Joshua Iwikau, Jonny Habo-Tuck, Orlan Kana, Ethan Kisby, Dylan Hopkins
 Second Row: Mr Hyde, Steven Li, Luke Kerrot, Jordan King, Hayden Knowles, Michael Li, Willie Lane, Anupam Kabir, Logan Klenner, Mr Hamilton
 Front Row: Nirav Iyer, Josh Jones, Ryan Kiely, Duncon MacDonald (Group Leader), Hout Lim, Simon Porter, Sam Johnson, Josh Lawn
 Absent: Casey Luond



B05

Back Row: Bill Kawadra, Nathan Maharey, Sam Masters, Mike Maloney, Ryan Maloney, Layton Otene
 Second Row: Mr Hyde, Thomas Lynch, Daniel Lowe, Edward Lawley, Jack Li, Matthew Lamb, Corey Jordan, Keegan Jones, Levi Lloyd, Mr Sims
 Front Row: James MacLeod, Troy Jury, Michael Lahood, Thomas Lawley, Michael Mallalieu (Group Leader), Beau Martens, Davita Makatoa, Daniel Marshall



B06

Back Row: Kalindu Mendis, Tryslant Woodhead, Jakob Murriff, Zac Moller, Ethan Macvey
 Second Row: Mr Hyde, Daniel Jacobs, Jack Laurent, Tupere Maiki, Thomas Natrass, Samuel Natrass, Andy Mabin, Jay Maaka, Jago Jacob, Mr Wild
 Front Row: James McCuskey, Nicholas Natrass, Jesse Laursen, Thiina Mendis (Group Leader), Ethan Martin, Josh Macsey, Dawin Kweon, Oliver McCullough
 Absent: Alex MacDonald



B07

Back Row: David Kane, Ethan Herbert, Keegan Marshall, Matthew Jones, Andrew Laird
 Second Row: Mr Evans, Jake Leng, Tom O'Connor, Samuel McComb, Carlin Kumerao, Tom Jones, Dane Molnar, Cody MacDonald, Mr Hyde
 Front Row: Sam McLennan, Liam Paterson, Caddison Murriff, Ryan Marshhead, Callum Oliver (Group Leader), Tyrin Maxwell, Tyler McGlone, Denim Lellmann
 Absent: William McBride, Richard Murray



B08

Back Row: Brad McLachlan, Tom McElroy, Simon Mamich, Dallas McLeod, Sanjoy Modgill
 Second Row: Mr J Hyde, Adam McLaughlin, Nathaniel Manning, Tom McDougall, James McDougall, Sam Kelly, Ryan Maxwell, Liam Nelson, Mr L Wilson
 Front Row: Gary Patan, Nicholas Park, Ethen Moeller, Peter Molloy (Group Leader), Connor McGeehan, Kaleb Nolly, Reuben Knopf, Simeon Obarn
 Absent: Rio Martin, Phillip Mischefski, Joseph Nuku



B09

Back Row: Zac Michel, Mathew Neville-Lamb, Gerard Miller, Tahn Nickson, Brandon Mathijssen
 Second Row: Mr Harland, Byron McDermott, Dylan Moratti, Callum Robinson-McLellan, Chris Miller, Regan McClelland, Greg Lockhart, Nainesh Patel, Mr Hyde
 Front Row: Tyrin Peters, Mattison Peri, Jake Paul, Steven Innes (Group Leader), Misha Parkinson, Stefan Maechler, Mitchell Pearce, Cory Murray
 Absent: Robin McMillen, Rory McPherson, Royce Milham, Scott Moyes, Carne Osborn



B10

Back Row: Mr J Hyde, Sreng Hong, Morgan Moffatt, Sam Mitchell, Jordan Millen
 Second Row: Mr D Storey, Ben Mitchell, Ben Mrowinski, Jordan Hill, Logan Maheloa, Taylor Prichard, Josh Moffatt
 Front Row: Jordan Moller, Jesse Pemberton, Lenard Monk, Brodie Prichard (Group Leader), Tyrone Ngatal, Sonny Nguyen, Nathan Jackson, Liam Jansen
 Absent: Jackson Make, Phillip Northcott, Connor Oliver-Rose



B11

Back Row: Tom Xiong, Shane Kwang, Ricky Olsson, James Mundell, Daniel O'Keefe, Nelson Tiatia
 Second Row: Mr K Simpson, Cody Niederberger, Tim Penn, Stuart Morris, Wayne Geng, Cyril Panoho, Chad Niwa, Corey Nicholson, Caleb Kemp, Mrs V Moore
 Front Row: Chris Neville-Lamb, Josh Holmes, Gabriel Lauderdale-Smith, Flynn Valentine-Roberston, Chris Lepper (Group Leader), Peter Ma, Max Lepper, Will Jones
 Absent: Ben Nelson, Manohi Ngata



B12

Back Row: Mr Hyde, Danyon MacFarlane, Levi Manning, Beau Philip, Luke Liggins, Jacob Marton
 Second Row: Mr Thomas, Kayle Petherick, Cameron Loft, Jamie Malster, Brandon Holdt, Haaro Hand-Goffe, Ajax Horn, Daniel Holmes, Dylan Leuthart
 Front Row: Dylan Hoskin, Liam O'Neill, Michael Malster, Nick McGrath, Marco Politakis (Group Leader), Sam Pearce, Issac Manuel, Sam Pettett
 Absent: Willy Lane



B13

Back Row: Nathan King-Tabuteau, Uriah O'Connor, Taina Morehu, Teira Maher, Aidan Jurgens
Second Row: Mrs A Roberts, Eddie Kanijn, Jonathan Moutter, Ryan Phillips, Mark McMahon, Alexander King-Tabuteau, James Kanijn, Zac Loveridge, Taylor Patene, Mr J Hyde
Front Row: Sean Kettle, Rhys Millynn, Iwan McLeod, Chris Moutter, Karl Hill, Scott Howatson, Joshua Kettle, Tyler Jurgens
Absent: Jarred Hinton (Group Leader)



B14

Back Row: Angus Laft, Sean McKerraw, James Linehan, Mark Parthemore
Second Row: Mr J Tullett, James Maclean, Aaron Northcott, Mitchel Keene, Jared MacDonald, Mitchell Keast, Jordan Hales, Mr J Hyde
Front Row: Trent Harper, Bradley Moore, Max Hardie Boys, Daniel King (Group Leader), Brayden Jones, Reece Nagle, Jaidyn Jurd, Jared Nagle
Absent: Corey Hobbs-Gibson, Sam Lush, TJ Ormsby-Turner



B15

Back Row: Michael Langslow, Mark Jury, Bron Nisbet, Nathan Hughes, Jason McMahon, Mr Hyde
Second Row: Mr M Townes, Connor Hemingway, Nathan Hedley, Katene Manuirangi, Jahree Rowland Kee-Sue, George Macfie, Brendan Osment, Jesse Pearson, Josh Lowe
Front Row: Kodie Murray, Ryan Hickling, Ricky Hopkins, Joel Meull (Group Leader), Logan Hermans, Jordan Hull, Ethan Murray, Cory Murray
Absent: Leeroy McDonald-Palmer



D01

Back Row: Cory Adams, James Adlam, Daniel Aroa, Tom Alexander, Joseph Bailey, Isaac Bailey
Second Row: Mr M Grimwood, Oliver Ackroyd, Sam Adlam, Benjamin Grant, Daniel Allidridge, Jesse Frost, Tyler Anderson, Tote Allen, Nicholas Adlam
Front Row: Alan Ansell, Derek Albertsen, Blake Davies, Glen Baxter (Group Leader), Omar Abouelkheir, Dylan Burrows, Luke Adams, Finn Chadwick
Absent: Chris Aebig, Matt Baxter



D02

Back Row: Duane Bourne, James Cunningham, Alex Bartley Cott, Dylan Bennett, Ryan Anker, Mitchell Aro, Phillip Barham
Second Row: Mr K Gledhill, Byron Andrews, Jamie Black, Joel Bennett, Mitchell Baker, Thomas Benton, Mark Black, Matt Barham, Kieran Buttmore
Front Row: Jagbir Chahal, Joshua Ayles, John Ayles, Jack Anderson, Ethan Bilderbeck (Group Leader), Chris Banks, Conner Auken, Anthony Guphill
Absent: Darren Benton, Arana Clarke-O'Keefe



D03

Back Row: Mitchell Green, Oliver Brankin, Phillip Baldwin, Hayden Brooks, Jarrod Birkett, Matthew Bayly
Second Row: Lewis Green, James Chadwick, Elliot Bloomfield, Liam Barr, Zachary Bunyan, Corey Bryson, Josh Brons, John Beale
Front Row: David Awhitu, Joe Batchelor, George Brider, Daniel Green (Group Leader), Lewis Bloomfield, Michael Chamberlain, Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Elliott Cleary
Absent: Cody Balsom, Finn Beattie



D04

Back Row: Max Belham, Aaron Barber, Jared Bryant, Adhish Achary, Jordan Cadman
Second Row: Alex Clifton, Shaun Burton, Sam Brown, Cameron Brownlie, Stephen Butchart, Connor Bevan, Ms French
Front Row: Shamen Achary, Lance Burgess, Urala Buresova, Matthew Burton (Group Leader), Sam Betteridge, Jesse Buckland, Chad Blakelock, Savenaca Buresova
Absent: Connor Clarke-O'Keefe, Ryan Clough, Rhys Garner



D05

Back Row: Jake Church, Elliot Clarkson, Thomas Cox, John Dickson, Oli Coneglan, Kody Dix
Second Row: Mr S Leppard, Ethan Coombe, Sean Cassidy, Logan Castle, Ben Chau, Turama Cassidy, Jonathan Beazley, Dean Brallinwaite
Front Row: Brad Corram, Sam Caster, Matt Carr, Aidan Brooker, Sean Chivers, Myles Fife-Anthony, Badean Davis, Chris Carrie
Absent: Matt Dickson (Group Leader), Shae Bunn



D06

Back Row: Justin Corbett, Nick Coplestone, Tainui Cross, Jack Greenlade, Ben Coventry
Second Row: Mr Hewlett, Josh Clark, Nathan Coombs, Christopher Devily, Matthew De Klerk, John Banks, Ron Guansing
Front Row: Jason Dasrua, Josh Burmester, Israel Davis, Adam Colless, Cameron Halden (Group Leader), Connor Anderson, Sam Clark, Chad Crawford
Absent: Jamie Butler, James Cresswell, Kyle Cresswell, Thomas Daehring, Robert Kouika



D07

Back Row: Sam Hill, Josiah Abbott, Troy Davies
Second Row: Mr Flynn, Thomas Collier, Brendan Davies, Daniel Hine, Alex Hall, Rhys Chilcott
Third Row: Jonathan Davenport, Ben Banner, Bevan Darbyshire, Aaron Edmunds, Jayden Edmunds, Brad Carter, Michael Banner
Front Row: Robert Boat, Richard Darney, Jackson Hine, Jordan Moratti (Group Leader), Jaron Doyle, Tim Bonner, Rhys Dallimore, Jamie Aldrich
Absent: Jordan Cook-Pike



D08

Back Row: Chris Blyde, Nick Crawford, Ben Crombie, Jonathan Faspal, Sebastian Eastment
Second Row: Mr P Coyzer, Christophe Egli, Liam De Grey, Tevin Dixon, Aaron De Ridder, Jamie Hatch, Kain Bowden-Eves
Front Row: Jarrod Earp, Jesse Dravitzki-Smith, Dylan De Bruyn, Max Williams (Head of Donnelly), Steven Heyes (Group Leader), Nicky Donghi, David Dudson, Luke De Ridder
Absent: Jake Bye, Samuel Cotterall, Stanley Fasteu



D09

Back Row: CJ Davis, James Fuller, Raymond Edwards, David Ellis, Quade Elvin
Second Row: Ms Scott, Michael Carter, Connor Findlay, Joel Edgcombe, Kerry French, Carlon Hiroa, Joshua Ferguson, Kyle Gillespie, Jai Barlow
Front Row: Jacob French, Ely Bueno, Hamish Franklin, Jonathan Dempsey-Broadmore, Shae Rossmussen (Group Leader), Gordon Fong, Jakob Dietrich, Toby Hoela
Absent: Luke Deon, Kahn Ellmers





D10

Back Row: Robert Hancock, Zac Hadley, Andrew Fowler, Kingston Hano, Liam Harvey, Blair George
Mr E Hoskin, Nick Harvey (Group Leader), Brook Harris, Trevor Garrick, Joshua Giddy, Alex Harfield, Chad Hoskin, Jayed Howcroft, Hamish Harting
Front Row: Jayden Harold, Chris Harold, Aidan Gavin, Allstair Fisher, Conrad Fraser, Justin Gavin, Seth Gordon, Darren Green
Absent: Tom Burnside



D11

Back Row: Matthew Graystone (Group Leader), Robert Hayles, Christopher Gellen, Kieran Girling, Ross Gavin, Oliver Gifford, Dylan Hayman
Second Row: Curtis Fisher, Carlin Honnor, Cameron Hopkirk, Ramsey Glasgow, Jasper Eaton, Taylor Haskell, Tyler Erb, Kieran Honnor
Front Row: Kody Brown, Jarmaine Daly, Braden Hopkins, Danyon Healy-White, Michael Gellen, Beauden Giddy, Dylan Fyrr, Ben Furze
Absent: Mitchell Brown, Alex Fleming, Nathan Greenland



D12

Back Row: Kris Butterworth, Te Waa Gatz, Matt Everest, Lachlan Bunn, Gabe Dobson, Johnny Campbell
Second Row: Mrs J Beath, Bern Ellis, Alex Dent, Christopher Arthur, Mark Chivers, Juan Lehndorf, Jordan Hughes, Evander De Groot, Juan Fisher
Front Row: Rasyad Che Ismail, Ben Farquhar, Mason Farrant, Hamish Fogg (Group Leader), Louis Ferent, Sheldon Barnett, Alec Frankham, Layne Connell
Absent: Dylan Croftskey, Jay Arbuckle



D13

Back Row: Nicky Davis, Chev'vy Edwards-Reihona, Lachlan Fenwick, Ted Cooper, Dwayne Duthie, Matt Evans
Mr P Dominikovich, Rhys Evans, Tom Burrell, Callum Gray, Stuart Christensen, Ben Caskey, Lewis Bryant, Beavan Dewar, Callum Fougere
Front Row: Samuel Biesiek, Caleb Fitz Patrick, Jay Cadman-Kennedy, Jayden Cameron, Gray Barnett (Group Leader), Bradley Gray, Mitchell Foreman, Cody Bishop
Absent: Zach Bellringer, Matt Bishel



D14

Back Row: Mrs Dickson, Adam Bellringer, Logan Drovtzki, Darren Collins, Chaz Hall, Arki Fraser, Murdoch Gray
Front Row: Sefton Garrick, Luke Barron, Jamie Carr, Mark Atkins (Group Leader), Adam Beavis, Tallor Fowell, Robbie Foulkes, Adam Frederikson
Absent: Shannon Awhitu, Joshua Brider, Jamie Clement, Callum Davison



D15

Back Row: Joyden Davy, Dylan Haggart, Kurt Cole, Cole Greig, Steven Haami, William Allen
Second Row: Mrs M Atkinson, Neill Good, Leon Chiu, Brodie Arbuckle, Paul Doody, Jardy Haggart, Mataatu Hapimarika, Iliah Gray, Brad Goldsworthy
Front Row: Kane Gordon, Brad Bullot, Jai Grant, Hamish Fraser (Group Leader), Tyler Gilbert, Charles Barnes, William Hancock, Jesse Grayling
Absent: Jake Bowden-Eves



H01

Back Row: Illisa Catl, Matthew Sharp, Joel Martin, David Arahanga, Emosi Masivou
Frank Tawake, David Baker, Michael Baker, Rhys Marshall, Rhys Rodcliffe, Jackson Canter-Visscher
Third Row: Kyle Simonsen, Liam Alkin, Kieran Cave, Reuben O'Neill, Matthew McDonald, Mark Martin, Brandon Gaustad, Michael Foote, Mr Creery
Second Row: Nick Jager, Jonathan Mori, Andrew Temperton, Jarrod Bell, Jamie Stones (Group Leader), Keni Baledrakadraka, Sam Brown, Karl TeAwha
Front Row: Lawrence Barr
Absent:



H02

Back Row: Johnny Thomson, Isaac Hekenui, Jesse Thomson
Third Row: Donald Otterson, Ben Frost, Jesse Parete, Andy Dykstra, Henry Boon, Douglas Carroll
Second Row: Mr A Hope, Rephan Woods, Max Ham, Blake McCurdy, Lewis Stevenson, Maikel Dennis, George Hardwick-Smith, James Speed-Kerr, Mr P C Hill
Front Row: Nathan Evans, Dion Petersen, Keegan Pulman, Brendon Fischer, Tom Sandford (Group Leader), Isaac Ludlow, Joshua Dowling, Hayden Walkington
Absent: David Arahanga, Thomas Clark-Pala, Warwick Millar



H03

Back Row: James England, Lachlan Boshier, Tynan Matheson, Lewis Ormond, Chris Rutten, Ben Neilson, Joshua Robinson
Third Row: Oliver Neilson, Giovanni Habel-Kneffner, Elliot Jenkins, George Thony, Waeana Ngarango, Dhruv Iyer, Alex Besley, Tim Henshillwood, Mr M Somers
Second Row: Lance Thony, Jayden Woodhead, Arnold Fitzgerald, Martin Hebler (Group Leader), Kane Sharrock, Lachlan MacDonald, Reece Langman, Domien Wood
Front Row:



H04

Back Row: Kaleb Hamilton, Jakeb Hughes, Drew Waitaki, Gideon Washer, Gordon Washer, Api Dowal, Christian Perry, Marc Hurley
Third Row: Mr P Whittaker, Jonah Robinson, Taylor Mackie, Ryan Boot, Isaac Hine, Max Lumb, Richard Newsome, Stewart Clark, James Pease, Mr A Elgar
Second Row: Chris McLaren, Ryan Braggins, Cameron Bryant, Alipate Umu, Ben Steiner (Group Leader), Samuel Adams, Brendon Crawford, Jonathan Adams
Front Row:



H05

Back Row: Cameron Hopkinson, Martin Weir, Jack Arnold, Albert Muller
Third Row: Carlin Snooks, Johan Meka Mauriri, Tyril Jones, Brandon Roach, Thomas Bowers, Max Wakelin, Jamie Thomas
Second Row: Samuel Grylls, Rhys Bishop, Lawrence Barr, Jarred Wilson, Noel Arden, Samuel Whitehead, Phillip Roach, Jayden Ford, Ms Ellcott
Front Row: Kalib Johnson, Michael Herlihy, Ryan Allen, Ben Patterson, Richard Weir (Group Leader), Matthew Powell, Kelvin Sadler, Keegan Crawford



H06

Back Row: Lee Bridson, Jerem Wichman, Matthew Barclay, Timothy Phillips, Blair Roguski, Michael Goble
Third Row: Nathan Weir, Shane Smith, Daniel Chapman, Logan Shaw, Thomas O'Neill, Lyall Sanderson, Beau Aston, Bailey Nichol, Mr M Maaka
Second Row: Josh Harrop, Mark Patroz, George Hodges, Adam Black, Heiden Bedwell-Curtis, Daniel Jensen-Schmidt, Sam Stephens, Connor Hobbs
Front Row: Taylor Gray, Kalib Johnson
Absent:



H07

Back Row: Wade Lewis, Daniel Couchman, Te Tuo Kemp, Kohouli Carkeek, John Lepine, Fraser Harrison, Cadie Grayling
Second Row: Sam Corney, Jade Hintz, David Avery, Ashley Mellow, Michael Lloyd, Liam Kelland, Niks Lloyd, Rohan Barham-James, Mr C Maiki
Front Row: What Hohala, Damon Brophy-Rogers, Jade Grayling, Creedence Lingman, Hamish Mellow (Group Leader), Greg Rowlands, Dean Lobb, Jonte Hayston
Absent: Sam Pepperell-Corr



H08

Back Row: Arden Donnelly, Felix Horn, Jake Parker, Josh Parker, Allan Dawson, Chris West, Jasua Rasiga
Second Row: Jarrad Kumeroo-McKenna, Jamie Shrubsole, Darren Alexander, Jesse Benge, Greg White, Rhys Polingdrestre, Lashlan Rouse, Samuel Lye, Mr N Hunter
Front Row: Dylan Taylor, Jordan Harries, Jordan Berry, Patrick McAree, Mitchell Tuck (Group Leader), Daniel MacDonald, Jayden Polingdrestre, Vincent Lamont
Absent: Peter La-Tour, Edwin Lee



S01

Back Row: Gareth Power-Gordon, Ethan Rawson, Andrew Offord, Jacob Randall, Dwight Rawson
Second Row: Mr Rawson, Matt Reeve, Jayson Webster, Finnarr Porteous, Jerome Salle, Connor Wilson-Puhara, Chris Phillips, Daniel Reeve, Vaughan Phillips
Front Row: Phillip Peterson, Daniel Smart, Campbell Read, Aaron Ransfield, Vincent Sharp (Group Leader), Aaron Ritai-Davey, Adrian Rabb, Jamie Richards
Absent: Nicholas Orr, Geardie Park, Ben Pigott



S02

Back Row: Alastair Scarle, Kieran Stancliffe, David Porter, Nicholas Rayner, Bailey Raumati-Katene, Logan Robinson
Second Row: Mr Smale, Finn Robertson, Shoe Raumati-Katene, Joel Van Den Hoven, Rawiri Ratahi, Antony Van Kooten, Raj Reddy, Ben Van Huenerbein, Arran Richards
Front Row: Jai Reddy, Bryden Soper, Nathan Pease, Tane Ruwhiu, Matt Phillips, Matthew Salisbury, Sheldon Rennie, Shaquille Ruwhiu-Buckley
Absent: Zane Ritai-Davey, Stacey Ruwhiu



S03

Back Row: Mr D Atkins, Zahn Ruwhiu, Ben Sinton, Toga P-Misikei, Kithan Rai, Jamie Schwieters, Billy Rodenburg
Second Row: Liam Phillips, Louis White, Jessie Pirini, Isaac Robinson, Thomas Sinton, Jonah Scott, Mathew Phillips, Lewis Sarten
Front Row: Tyler Roger, Mitchell Owen, Jose Sanchez, Isaac Owen, Jordan Stoyt (Group Leader), Jay Rodger, Akshay Rai, Tevin Schwalger
Absent: Damien Powell



S04

Back Row: Callum Rutherford, Tim Ryder, Jared Roak, Thomas Rowlands, Amrit Rai, Matthew Sanger
Second Row: Mr Hill, Jacob Read-Brass, James Sunley, Christopher Robb, Billy Sanger, Michael Phillips, Jared Verney, Dan Rabb, Blair Saunders
Front Row: Fred Rogers, Jayden Rowe, Matt Scott, Leith Rutherford, Kyle Still (Group Leader), Aaron Saunders, Ryan Still, Kenneth Rosal
Absent: Glen Rowlinson, Kyle Robertson



S05

Back Row: Robbie Wood, James Smith, Darryl Roberts, Connor Stachurski, Liam Skeath
Second Row: Mr T Kroon, Trent Spicer, Jaki Wickstead, Matt Smith, William Sandifer, Jonnie Rangl, Frazer Stevenson-Bone, Akif Sahal
Front Row: Sam Scott, Jamie Simpson, William Zhong, Anthony Taylor, Peter Reeve (Group Leader), Andrew Smith, Ashir Sahl, Masikino Skelton
Absent: Kane Robertson, Jasper Stevenson-Bone, Lewis Walsh



S06

Back Row: Karsten Stoltbalt, Josh Sandford, Matthew Stephenson, John Sinclair, Ethan Sanderson
Second Row: Mr Prasad, Cameron Sampson, Ben Skinner, Jong Shin, Brett Woodmass, Jamie Sandford, Tyler Stewart
Front Row: Darryl Telfer, Scott Surrey, Hamish Stones, Zak Simpson, Hayden Taunoo (Group Leader), Jacob Kogut, Cameron Thompson, Kyle Sutcliffe
Absent: Cody Skinner, Clayton Stevens



S07

Back Row: Billy Smith, Jamie Roberts, Jason Thomson, Jeremy Smith, Josh Thomson, Shou Seu, Hayden Wood
Second Row: Mr B Johnston, Keelya Tuuta, Shaun Tilby, Bradley Thomson, Alex Wilkinson, Kane Whitlam, Tyler Spence, Myles Simkin, Joseph Stachurski
Front Row: Jon Rimmer, Josh Telfer, Ben Thom, Tamati Thompson-Smith, Alex Spratt (Group Leader), Michael Stancliffe, Harley Thompson, Mendel Moos
Absent: Jake Silby



S08

Back Row: ZJohn Taylor, David Stevens, Luke Stevenson, Joshua Taylor, Ben Snooks, Liam Welsh
Second Row: Mr J Bigwood, Lewis Simeon, Tony Tuola, George Zhang, Steffan Stewart, Jacob Tomlinson, Tyla West, Beau Thomson, Brad Rolston
Front Row: Kyrion Stewart, Luke Stancliff-White, Dirk Van Dijk, William Tennent, Chance Te Uira (Group Leader), Brady Schultz, Chris Taylor, Dylan Turner



S09

Back Row: Siu Urwin-See, Luke Tyrer, Mitchell Thomson, Daniel Veza, Roy Thomas, Corbin Williams, Brad Valintine
Second Row: Mr A Jones, Azeem Raziff, Jypson Thompson, Kris Vaughan, Jack Wagstaff, Zeb Urbahn, James Varley, Harshol Upadhyay, Detroit Williams
Front Row: Jakob Vink, Oliver Smith, Scott Valintine, Luke Stewart, Matthew Zhong (Group Leader), Isei Yuluma, Nick Waddell, Shane Vevers
Absent: Jason Wang



S10

Back Row: Ducean Walker-Withers, Jarred Wallace, Joel Ward, Matthew Wallace, Joseph Roberts
Second Row: Jacob Ward, Garth White, Caine Watty, Jotame Tavo, Michael Wainraki, Cody Willis, Justin Ward
Front Row: Blake Wilson, Kyle Wadsworth, Jesse Watt, Ari Veragas, Matt Voorwinde (Group Leader), Luke Tavo, Kieran Vooght, Caleb Ward
Absent: Mason Rodgers, Vunivola Tavo, Tyrone Thompson, Patrick Watt





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S11

Back Row: Lachlan Wimsett, Logan Wilson, Michael Wood, William Young, Logan Rei
 Second Row: Rupert Young, Casey Wanokore, Jamie Winchcombe, Kurt Webber, Kane Wilson, Kerry Williamson, Jaden Wood-Larking, Mr R Turner
 Front Row: Rico Ward, Teina Whakatau, Ethan Wimsett, Te Rima Whakatau, Mark Smith (Group Leader), Nico Walters, Zhihao Zhou, Jeff Walsham-Sharrock
 Absent: Kone Willems-Blacktopp, Nathan Wilson



S12

Back Row: Mitchell Rattenbury, Jabe Radich, Nick Wells, Chris Rowlands, Richard Robbins, Max Sattler
 Second Row: Mrs Fenney, Regan Robinson, Chad Quinney, Duncan Ryder, Sheldon Ross, Wiremu Thompson, Tyler Wisniewski, Kyle Pillay
 Front Row: Max Whitehead, Julian Weir, Louie Webster-Kumeroa, Alex Watson, Jamie Reid (Group Leader), Miles White, Kohen Robinson, Korbyn West-Lindsay
 Absent: Jarrad Rice, Michael Roberts, Ben West



S13

Back Row: Blair Short, Dillon Shields, Alex Terwiel, Ryan Peters, Aaron Terwiel
 Second Row: Mrs M Porteous, Carey Till, Kieran Whitmore, Sean Parker, Joseph Stanton, Josh Roguski, Brock Sibbick, Taylor Simpson, Shay Steptowe
 Front Row: Chey Wells, Bradley Wilson, Kahi Williams, Mathis Smith (Group Leader), Samuel Reeves, Trent Watson, Hamish Steing, Ben Wichman
 Absent: Callum Salisbury



S14

Back Row: Jack Price, Brandon Whyte, Jason Schrader, Daniel Van Zyl, Jeremy Raynes
 Second Row: Mr J Warner, Hayden Wipatene, Izaak Wilson, Jack Trillo, Ryan Terrill, Jaemyn Toa, Jordan Young, David Sulzberger
 Front Row: Logan Toa, Luke Thompson, Hayden Whyte, Matthew Girvan (Group Leader), Joshua Girvan, Christopher Raynes, Thomas Young, Lane Simkin
 Absent: Kyja Street



S15

Back Row: Heinrich Swartz, Andrew Young, Shane White, Brendon Turner, John Shepherd
 Second Row: Mr T Standish, Angus Swanson, Callum Stuart, Matthew Tooley, Jared Sattler, Douglas Young, Sam Thompson, Hunter Ward, Jackson Win
 Front Row: Zion Wilton, Mitch Walker, Caine Woodham, Morgan Win (Group Leader), Tyler Simpson, Lewis Win, Justin West, Stefan Young
 Absent: Billy Smith, Denham Stevenson, Regan West

