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Over the past year we have recorded major events on our website and praised boys in our newsletters. This magazine is a further detailed account of 2011.

Often, when we reflect on education, we talk about knowledge but we know that having the skills to learn is important. The love of learning must be cherished.

We want teachers who do not limit their talents, innovation and creativity. Boys are passionate about an activity when they are doing something that excites their spirit and energy.

We must offer the boys a curriculum that fuels their spirit, feeds their energy and fires their passion.

We want well-educated young men who are engaged in their studies, sport and cultural events. We want the boys to take all the opportunities available. We want the boys to be literate and numerate. We want the boys to be young men of integrity, who show respect.

The poet WB Yeats put it well -

Had I the heavens embroidered cloths,

Enwrought with gold and silver light.

The blue and the dun and the dark cloths,

Of night and light and half light.

I would spread the cloths under your feet:

But I, being poor, have only my dreams;

I have spread dreams under your feet;

*Tread softly **because you tread on my dreams.***

The student spreads his dreams beneath the feet of the teacher - tread softly.

Our thanks to the student leaders and, especially to the Head Boy, Isaac Robinson, who has matured into a leader of men.

The staff's willingness to care for the boys continues to impress me. A positive relationship between the boys and staff is essential if the boys are to do well and staff are willing to give extra. To the office and support staff, we thank you for your efficient work.

We acknowledge the work of the Board of Trustees and thank our Chairman, Mr Chris Taylor. The PTA and Whanau Waiora also play an important role in the school.

“In an environment of integrity and respect, NPBHS engages and prepare confident, well-educated young men.”

NPBHS Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement says that we want our boys to be engaged in their school activities and be prepared for society as confident and well educated young men. We are impressed with the quality of the boys we have in our school and we stand for an all-round education, emphasising the values of integrity and respect.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our school this year.

M J McMenamin
Headmaster



Board of Trustees

In 2011 we are Chris Taylor, Chair; Susan Hughes, Deputy Chair and Policy; Michael McMenam, Headmaster; Kerry Mitchell, Finance; Alan Elgar, Staff Representative; Kevin Fenwick, Finance; Linda Lawley, Hostel; Warren Wipatene, Whanau Waiora, Tangata Whenua; Jens Stein, Property, John Bennett, Property; Kyle Gillespie, Student Representative; and last but certainly not least, Michael Graham, Board Secretary. Kyle Gillespie has been replaced latterly by Keegan Pulman. Thank you, Kyle, for your input and welcome, Keegan.

We are midway through our tenure and it has been business as usual. The highs are high and the lows are low. Let us get the low dealt with first. Once again, NPBHS was embroiled in allegations of a culture of bullying, which garnered widespread media attention. Bitterly disappointed for this to occur, we were always confident that the school would be cleared by the police enquiry. NPBHS is a boys' school. There are, and always will be, skirmishes, but let it be stated categorically that NPBHS does not have a culture of bullying. The Board is indebted to the Senior Hostel Master, Nigel Hunter, his wife and family for the manner in which they persevered through trying times. We also acknowledge all the hostel staff and boys for holding their heads up and keeping the faith.

Management of NPBHS

We are fortunate to have a senior management team whose skills complement each other to create a powerful tool for change. I recently had a conversation with an Old Boy who is now a teacher at the school and he commented that the school is "so changed" from when he was a student in the late 1990s. We need strong leadership and management in the years ahead to maintain the 'change process'. The curriculum requires a major shift for our teaching staff in the way it is delivered. Central to this is the productive engagement of the boys in the curriculum. We have the strong leadership and management from our Headmaster and senior managers to ensure that the productive engagement of both teachers and pupils occurs.

Staff

The Board, through the Headmaster, endeavours to provide teachers of a high calibre. NPBHS has teaching staff of a high calibre.

The new curriculum, initiated in 2010, is "bedding in." There are challenges, but these are being met with imagination and innovation by the teaching staff.

Professional development is essential to ensure teachers have the capabilities to perform and for each individual to feel they

have momentum in their profession. NPBHS has a comprehensive professional development programme. An essential part of this over the next two to three years will be upskilling in the use of information technology as the school moves to a wireless environment and 'cloud technology'. In this world, for example, textbooks as we know them will be no more. They will exist in the 'cloud' and boys will access them via an as yet to be determined computing device, i.e. netbooks, tablets.

In the latter part of 2011 NPBHS was appointed by the Ministry of Education as the lead school for the Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour (RTLb), who number 20. Welcome to you all. Mr Chris Greer - ex Principal of Mangorei School - has been appointed manager.

The Board thanks all our teachers for their dedication to the task at hand. We hope NPBHS fulfilled its promise to new staff and to departing staff, thank you for your contribution.

Hostel

2011 has been, to paraphrase a well-known monarch, an "annus horribilis." The bullying allegations struck at the core (the provision of a safe environment) of the boarding facility and school. The Board is confident that the hostel was, and is, a safe environment and as such is a very important part of NPBHS. A review of the hostel facility is currently underway. It is clear that to compete we need to step up. The review will focus on the quality of the facilities and the numbers of places that the facility will offer. The Christchurch Earthquake has prompted NPDC to review the building stock and we await the outcome with the reference to our older buildings. The Board thanks the Hostel Committee for their efforts and dedication. Thank you to the Head Boarder, Darren Alexander, and his prefects for keeping morale high.

Property

The Memorial Block was completed ahead of schedule and it is being enjoyed and appreciated by all concerned. The Board



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE NEW MEMORIAL BLOCK EXTENSION

thanks Jackson Architects and the contractors for making this a reality. The prefabs have been removed as a consequence of the new building, opening up space on the hill overlooking Hobson Street.

Ryder Hall has been re-roofed and the Seventh Form Common Room (the Old Library) is to be reconfigured. The refurbishment of Kokiri Te Reo in the latter part of 2011, led by Paoro Lawrence and ably assisted by his enthusiastic students, has been duly noted by Trevor Woodward. Well done to you all. It is great to see students take such pride in the environs.

Thank you, Jens Stein, for chairing the Property Committee, John Bennett for your support, Michael Graham for the diligence and attention to detail and Trevor Woodward and his team of workers.

Finance

What a difference a year makes. What once was a six-figure deficit became a six-figure surplus. This was due in large part to the efforts of Darryl Leath, Assistant Principal, and the Executive Officer, Michael Graham. Despite our protestations, the funding based on quarterly roll numbers had the predicted effect on our funding. How this impacted is to be determined. The growing number of international students is improving our bottom line substantially and will be a significant source of revenue in the future.

Whanau Waiora

The Board expresses its gratitude and support to Warren Wipatene for his stewardship through a difficult year. The Board is determined to ensure a positive future for Maori Studies and Maori boys at NPBHS. To the Whanau, thank you for your honesty and courage in expressing your opinions and desires.

Technology

The research into the IT overhaul at NPBHS is complete. The beginning of 2012 will see a trial system in place involving Maths and English utilising Pridham Hall to test cloud and wireless technology. The Board has committed \$200,000 from reserves to the implementation of the project.

PTA

This is a dedicated group that parents are encouraged to join. It truly serves as a parent-teacher interface. They were called on for input by the Board with regards to a governance issue that arose in the latter part of 2011.

Policy

Business as usual with a new policy governing overseas sports trips is a work in progress.

Millennium and Foundation Trusts

Work began in 2010 to rationalize, reconfigure and redirect the Centennial, Millennium and Foundation Trusts to meet better the evolving needs of NPBHS.

The upshot was:

- The Centennial Trust to care for the Centennial Gift in perpetuity.
- The Foundation Trust to continue the fulfillment of its purpose to build a substantial capital fund for the benefit of NPBHS, but not under the jurisdiction of the NPBHS Board of Trustees.
- The Millennium Trust under new trustees to be entrusted with the raising of funds for a specific, BOT approved, project. A memorandum of understanding will exist to negate conflicts of interest. This trust is chaired by Peter Tennant and the BOT approved project is the construction of a new Gymnasium Indoor Sporting Facility overlooking McNaught Field. A concept from Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar Brebner has been chosen for development.

The Board is indebted to Susan Hughes and John Eagles for the work involving the Trusts.

Sporting and Cultural Exchanges

These are valuable experiences for the boys of NPBHS to be had nationally and internationally. The Board fully supports these exchanges. An increase in the request for international sporting exchanges has required the Board to formulate a policy to govern these events.

Young Men of NPBHS

We thank Head Boy, Isaac Robinson, and the prefects for the leadership and role modelling they have provided. To all the young men departing, you have contributed to the school as the school has contributed to you. You now, by passing through the gates, become part of the tradition of NPBHS. The Board of Trustees wishes each and every one of you success in the years ahead. There will be moments of doubt. Our hope is that NPBHS has taught you to never doubt yourself.

Kia kaha nga hoa,

Chris Taylor
Chairman Board of Trustees



Staff 2011

- Back Row: Martha Hinojosa, Max Maaka, Paora Laurence, George Poole, Kelvin Simpson, Peter Cayzer, Reuben Creery, Kane Rowson, Brenda Elgar, Gordon Giddy
- Seventh Row: Kevin Gledhill, Stephen Brown, Wendy Bayley, David Bublitz, Steven Leppard, Justin Bigwood, Judy Jones, Johnny Weston, Rebecca Douds
- Sixth Row: Lynda Mace, Martin Brown, Mary Porteous, Felix Hartmann, Don McLaurin, Spencer Page, Chris Roux, Jonathan Flynn, Pip Campbell
- Fifth Row: Monica Feeney, Jean Van Beers, Jenny Smith, Glen Hannah, Shintaro Kirkcaldie, Paul Dominikovich, Jonathan Dobbie, Justin Hyde, Phoebe Ansell, Adrienne Roberts
- Fourth Row: Christine French, Suzanne Scott, Michael Somers, Troy Standish, David Storey, Michael Parker, Pauline Crow, Alison Slater, Lizaan Hale
- Third Row: Carole Meredith, Linda Dickson, Ces Hill, Phillip Hewlett, Michael Townes, John Warner, Finn Peters, Blair Corlett, Murray Grimwood
- Second Row: Hugh Russell, Dawn Eaton, Alana Dawson, Michael Graham, Richard Wild, Robert Wisnewski, Dave Moore, Murray Watts, Penni Bousfield, Carolyn Matuku, John Tullett, Gillian Corlett
- Front Row: Alan Elgar, Bill Geange, Nigel Hunter, Craig Thomas, Bruce Bayly, Michael McMenamin, Terry Heaps, Darryl Leath, Andrew Hope, John McLellan, John Sims, Margaret Atkinson

New Zealand was host to the Rugby World Cup this year. The impact on the school year was considerable, not only in terms of use of the gully for teams training but also the lengths of the school terms.

For some of us who have been around long enough, the long term one and term two felt like a return to the good old days when terms were 13 weeks and longer and everyone was really looking forward to the holiday breaks.

Like most New Zealanders, our staff entered into the spirit of the event and it gave staff a chance to dress up in support of the competing teams. So it will be that 2011 will be fondly remembered by staff even though our Headmaster won nearly every sweepstake on offer.



BACK: PAULINE CROW, JOHNNY WESTON, MICHAEL SOMERS, WENDY BAYLEY, PAUL DOMINIKOVICH, STEVE LEPPARD
FRONT: DAVE MOORE, CHRIS ROUX, MURRAY WATTS

Those new to the staff added to this positive environment. Mrs Wendy Bayley began the year as a new HOD Learning Support and quickly entered into the spirit of things joining the social club and running raffles and the like. Wendy is an experienced teacher and came to us from the Massey College of Education Advisory team. Her professionalism and enthusiasm brought new meaning to the word engagement for our students in their learning.

Mr Chris Roux, ex South African front rower from Limpopo, left his allegiances behind as he made an impassioned plea to convince us he was one of us. In a speech that involved the peeling of six rugby jerseys off his back he convinced the staff he was, made of the right stuff. He has taken over the running of the electronics classes in the Technology Department.

Mr Martin Brown also began the year in the Technology Department. A mechanical engineer with 12 years international experience in teaching, Martin has transitioned smoothly into the workshop technology area.

The Technology Department also took on the services of Mr Felix Hartmann who is just starting out in his teaching career. His Victoria University, Bachelor of Design specialising in industrial design will be put to good use in graphics.

In English, Ms Alana Dawson left the shakey isles around Christchurch, and headed to Taranaki for her first year of teaching. It was sad that after one year Alana is heading overseas for international experience but in the time she was here she was conscientious and had the welfare of the boys at heart. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Mr Shin Kirkcaldie also started his first year. His area was mathematics and he had completed his BCA at Victoria University in Mathematics and Economics. He quickly settled in to the routine of NPBHS and is providing a healthy mix of youth and enthusiasm to our staff.

Lastly, recent old boy Mr Finn Peters returned to his old school after achieving a Bachelor of Recreational Management at Lincoln University. In his first year he has not only been involved in his teaching but also football (soccer) coaching. He has been a great asset to the sport and we are looking forward to his continued involvement in 2012.

Mr Colin Maihi applied for and gained a study leave which he took over the course of the year. This allowed us to take on another old boy Mr Paora Laurence and we want to thank Paora for a great year. He was well-liked by the boys and he certainly was a resourceful young man.

Mrs Tineka Twigley, our Spanish and languages teacher, was on maternity leave for three of the terms this year, and thanks must go to Mrs Martha Hinojosa for stepping into the gap and doing an admirable job.

Talking of maternity, a few staff and their spouses have set new challenges for themselves this year. Congratulations must go to Mr Hamish Kerr and his partner Catherine on the birth of Genevieve and Elizabeth. If that wasn't enough Mr Reuben Creery and his partner, Heidi, are also expecting twins as I write this article. Congratulations also to Mr Johnny Weston and partner Kristina on the birth of their son, Villas.

2011 was another successful year for staff versus students sports. Early in the year the staff gave the prefects a working over in a 20/20 match down on Webster field. The game was played in fairly good spirits and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Something was mentioned that if there was a concrete artificial surface on Webster field that there would have been more runs as the ball would bounce more consistently for the likes of Mr Blair Corlett and Mr Robert Wisnewski. The staff versus students rugby match was highly anticipated and the boys were talking up their chances, the staff on the other

hand were wondering if the soreness that follows was all worth it. A game that was played at a fairly frantic pace with minimal stoppages (the ref must have lost his whistle) meant that an entertaining game was played out in front of a big crowd. The staff came out on top with the help of some pretty useful 'ring ins/old boys/rugby coaches' that helped the aging staff get across the line.

Friday touch was moved from its spiritual home this year due to the Rugby World Cup. After an extended absence away from the green grass and the terraces, the corks have been popping and the champagne has been flowing ever since their return at the start of term four.

Mr Hugh Russell remains a gold status member with his air points company and is conjuring up more trips to be able to experience the world. Other members of staff have taken a leaf out of Hugh's book as the requests for school trips abroad have risen over recent years.

Congratulations again go to Ms Sue Scott in making the New Zealand orienteering team and competing for a week in Australia during the year.

Also well done to Andrew Hope, Head of Mathematics, for receiving a Woolf Fisher Scholarship that allows him to take three weeks leave to look at education in other parts of the world.

During the year we also had staff leave. At the start of term three we employed Rebecca Douds and Mr Evan Davies to take the place of Mr Tony Beyer. Tony had been with us for four years and he had contributed greatly to the English Department. His passion was writing and he inspired a number of students in this field to write creatively. In his time he had also been acting Assistant Head of Department and will be missed by staff and boys alike.

The evergreen Mr Murray Grimwood returned to the Technology Department with the departure early in term one of Mr Tony Susans. Then at the end of term three we saw the retirement



SHIN KIRKCALDIE (LEFT) AND FELIX HARTMANN RELAXING DURING SWIMMING SPORTS



MONICA FENNEY (LEFT) AND CHRISTINE FRENCH

of Mr Bruce Johnston from the Social Science Department. Bruce had given the school service over a number of years. His ambition was to get a school radio station up and running and it was great to see he achieved this in his last term at NPBHS.

The end of the year will see Mrs Christine French leaving. Christine has taught in the Languages Department for the last 15 years. Her service to the school has been impressive. Her Japanese students will miss her and more recently she has taken on the role of working with students who have English as a second language. Her patience and resourcefulness have seen these boys flourish this year and she will be missed.

Another to leave after 15 years of service is Ms Monica Fenney, HOD Home Economics. Monica always had the boys best interests at heart and in a subject which caters for a boy's favourite past-time, eating, Monica had to always balance that practical need of making food with getting the boys to pass exams. Monica to her credit worked at ensuring that practical side won and has left the position of HOD Home Economics with a robust curriculum suited to our boys' learning and we thank her for that.

Thanks must go to Mrs Kate Kilgour (nee Jordan) and Mrs Michelle Puckeridge who job shared during the year in the English Department. Our best wishes go to both them and also to Mrs Lizaan Hales who is on maternity leave from 2012.

The Rugby World Cup has brought a much shortened term four of just seven weeks. It has tightened the deadlines and meant a very busy end to the year.

Thanks must go to all the staff for their professionalism over the year and we are indeed lucky that as a group you all put that little bit extra in to make sure the boys at NPBHS get the best opportunities available to them. Enjoy your well-earned break.

Mr Bruce L Bayly
Deputy Headmaster



TOP LEFT: DON MCLAURIN, HUGH RUSSELL, ROBBIE WOOD. TOP RIGHT: MARY PORTEOUS, NICOLA HEALY, CAROLYN MATUKU, CAROL RODGER, DARRYL LEATH, MICHAEL MCMENAMIN, JOSH HAMILTON
MIDDLE LEFT: LARRY WILSON WITH SENIOR BOYS, KEN LOCKHART AND MIKE GREENSILL, MAX MAAKA, HAMISH KERR, REUBEN CREEBY
BOTTOM LEFT: KANE ROWSON, BLAIR CORLETT, TERESA CORLETT, JULIUS PRASAD, PRIME MINISTER HON. JOHN KEY AND MICHAEL MCMENAMIN, TERRY HEAPS, HEATHER KNIGHT AND LYNDA MACE

RUGBY WORLD CUP ON DISPLAY

On Wednesday 9th February 2011, the prestigious Webb Ellis Cup presented to winners of the Rugby World Cup was on display in Ryder Hall while in New Plymouth for the day.

Borrowed for one hour, the students were invited to look, but not touch, the thirty-eight centimetres high trophy. Most of the boys took the opportunity to take photos with their cell phones.

The trophy is silver gilded in gold, and supported by two cast scroll handles, one with the head of a satyr, and the other a head of a nymph. It was chosen in 1987.

Small but impressive!



SIMON ZHONG (RIGHT) AND TYSON PINNY STAND NEXT TO WEBB ELLIS CUP

Staff Register 2011

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M J McMenamin MA (Hons), Dip Tchg

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S J Brown BMus, Dip Tchg

D J Bublitz, B Phy Ed, Dip Tchg (Asst Dean Year 9, Head of Carrington House)

P I Cayzer M Tech, Dip Tchg (Asst Dean Year 11)

B J Corlett B Ed, Dip Tchg (Dean Year 10)

RT J Creery B Ed

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J M Dobbie BSc, Dip Tchg

P B Dominikovich BCM, Dip Tchg

Ms R Douds BA, Dip Tchg

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Mrs E B Elgar BSc, Dip Tchg

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J C Flynn BSc, Dip Tchg

Ms C M French BA (Hons), Dip Ed

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M R Grimwood ATC, Dip Tchg, DICE

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Mrs J Tomlinson

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Proudly supplying New Plymouth
Boys' High School with their
sports clothing.



LEFT TO RIGHT: KEITH MAW, TREVOR WOODWARD, NIGEL CONLEY, LOUISE JENKINSON, BRUCE BAYLY, FAYE GURRY, MICHAEL GRAHAM, WAYNE MARKS, WENDY BAYLEY, ROGER HARLAND, MICHAEL MCMENAMIN, COLLEEN MORRIS, ANNA BROUGHTON, ALEX GRAY, DAWN EATON, CAROLE MEREDITH, LYNDIA MACE, GILLIAN CORLETT, PHOEBE ANSELL, CORYN STONE, FRANCESCA DOWMAN, MAUREEN BONNER, JENNY SMITH, HEATHER KNIGHT, DOROTHY GRANT, JEAN VAN BEERS

From the Head Boy



ka tangi te titi
ka tangi te kaka
ka tangi hoki ko au
te hei mauri ora

2011 has been a huge and enjoyable year for me. To be honest, it is really hard to put the last four terms of Head Boy or the last 5 years into one speech. Just about myself - I started off at Welborn Primary, then Highlands Intermediate and New Plymouth Boys' High for probably the best five years of my life. It has gone so fast and so to the boys returning I ask you all to make the most of your time at high school. It doesn't feel so long ago when I was in year 9 looking up to the Head Boy, Leighton Price, and thinking how cool that would be and what an honour it is, and five years later here I am today.

New Plymouth Boys' High has had a major impact on me. It has taught me many valuable life skills and I believe helped me to prepare myself for the real world. It has offered me a huge balance by improving my personal ability in all four major areas such as sport, cultural, academic and services to the community.

Our school has had many successes and achievements to be proud of in 2011 such as our support of Shirley Boys' High, a brother school of ours that was affected by the quakes in Christchurch and we, as a school, made a huge difference for them not only financially but also emotionally because they

knew they had support from us. Even though many of us didn't know any of them personally we still did what we could to help. I had a goal at the beginning of the year to try bring the community of Boys' High together and I had the quote "divided we fall, united we stand as one". I believe this is what the community of New Plymouth Boys' High is like and the reason it has been so enjoyable this year.

The other major success was the 2011 Ball. This was a ton of hard work but I know everyone enjoyed it and it is definitely a must do in year 13.

As I leave, I will take with me many memories. My most memorable times here were playing 1st XV on the Gully, and this year leading the boys down the path. Only so few can have the opportunity to do that and it was a huge honour. Another would be leading the Syme haka in 2010 to beat Hatherly at the house competition and also win the house competition two years in a row with Mr Prasad.

Also all of the groups at school made things interesting. From the tuck shop boys who would always ask for my loose change, the seat and the apple to be accepted into the group, the lunch time ballers who lived down in the gym, the oak tree boys in the heart of the school, Normanby street kids with their leader stash and the mighty TSR with the famous flaxing and berry breaking the fence. I wish I could do the last 5 years all over again to relive these great memories over again.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has influenced me directly or indirectly to become the person I am today and who supported me throughout 2011 as their head boy.

Firstly, New Plymouth Boys' High has the most supportive teaching staff which has marked all my papers, offered me extra teaching, and understood my responsibility this year and still helped me achieve the best I can. You guys are always keen to have a chat with me and joke around as well which is great.

To the TSR boys, shot for your support. It was always good to meet up at the step in between classes or outside of the school and have a laugh and joke around. You guys are the heart of my year this year and I wish you all good luck in your future endeavours.

Thank you to the office ladies for doing all of the back ground work, looking after my absences, reminding me of everything I would forget. You guys really deserve a lot more than a thank you.

Thank you to everyone who helped me with the ball, which was my major job this year and thanks to you guys and your late nights. We made it a success. I never really managed to thank you all properly and I would like to take this opportunity now to let you all know I appreciated it.

To Mr Hunter, the hostel staff and the hostel boys thank you for 2011 for your support, the meals, and experience of the hostel itself. It has been great as a day boy mixing with the hostel and, I believe, helped my connection with the day boys and boarders.

To the prefects, you guys are the GC's of our school; you have represented your school well and been a huge support for me when I was stuck. It has been an honour to take part in 2011 with you guys. I couldn't have asked for a better prefect group. Cheers, boys.

To Mr Leath, Mr Bayly, and Mr Heaps, you guys really need a round of applause for what you guys go through in a year, what you guys do for all of us and what you have done for me, I appreciate it. Mr Leath, you're the man. You have been there offering me much needed advice and whenever I was stuck with my duties or the prefects with theirs you were there. Cheers, mate.

To Mr Mac, you truly are a great man and I am lucky to have had the chance to spend this year with you. You are a true cover to the book of New Plymouth Boys' High. Thank you so much for your wisdom and guidance through 2011.

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to my friends and family.

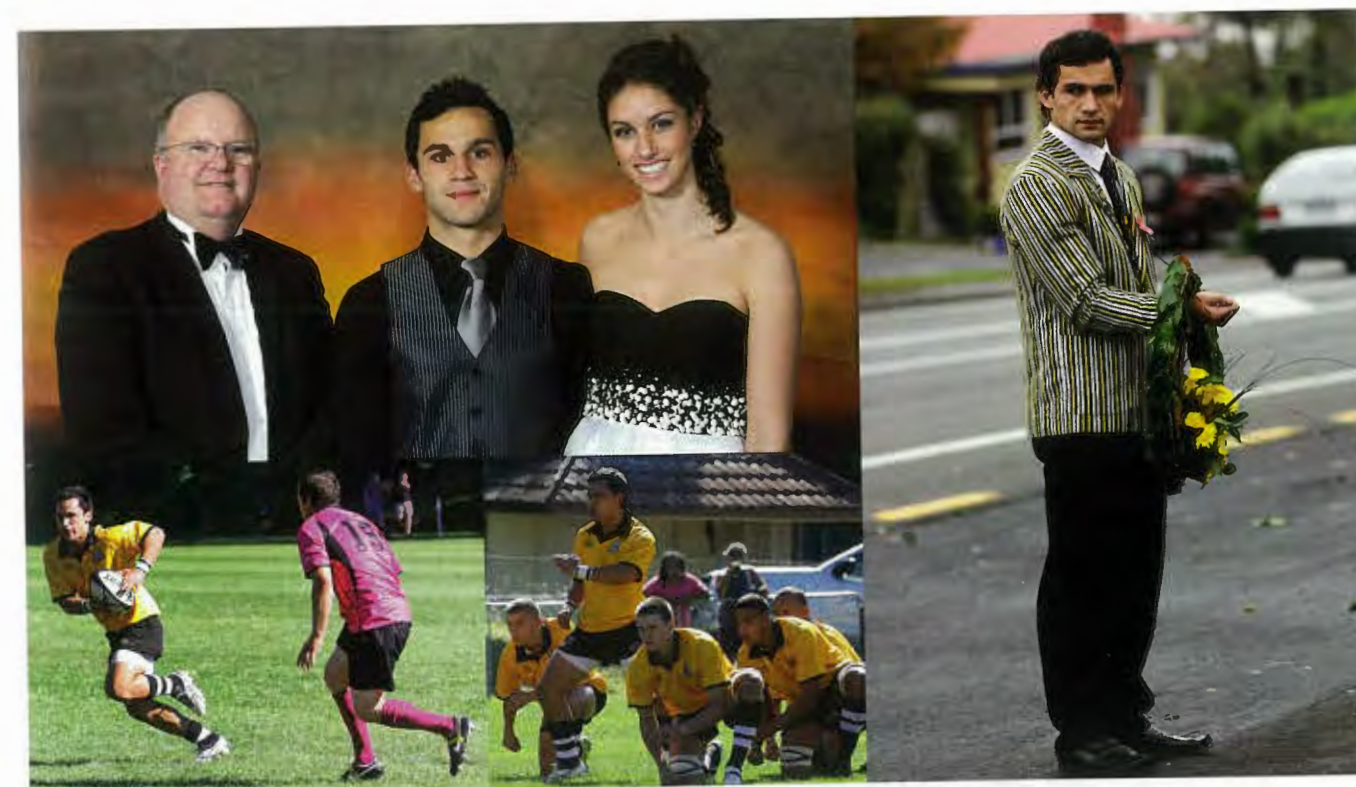
You guys are the reason I am where I am today. I would like to thank my nana and granddad, Greer Patterson, Moana and especially dad for all of your support and also the values you have brought me up by. No matter what, you guys are the ones there for me, pushing me all the way and I thank you guys so much.

Finally to the boys, thank you so much for your support this year especially the year 13. I'm not only proud to be a member of New Plymouth Boys' High but I'm proud to have spent the last five years with you guys. We definitely left our footprint in the school and have raised the bar for the year 12s next year, but I know they are the right group to fill our shoes. This is why I can say with confidence all of you carrying on and returning next year will be left in great hands. You guys are the next generation, the future of New Plymouth Boys' High.

So it is with great pleasure that I have the honour to announce who will take over from me and lead our school in 2012.

Congratulations to Henry Boon!

Isaac Robinson
Head Boy 2011





**In the wise words of Adventure Racing legend Steve Gurney:
"Always remember the Seven P's: Prior Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performances. Period."
- I have "PPPPPP. P!" blue-tacked to my bedroom ceiling.**

Having won the Inter-House competition with an outstanding effort in 2010, Syme set out with high hopes for 2011. Mr Prasad and I made our goals clear to the group leaders from the outset with meetings and preparation beginning in the summer holidays: if we were to win the competition, we would be the first day-boy house ever to win it two years in a row.

Syme has traditionally done well in the swimming sports and this year we had strong competitors and fantastic house participation. Martin Weir, Julian Weir, Mitchel Owen and Taylor Owen were the stand out athletes, and JP the dancing guru was outstanding with his moves in the YMCA as usual.

Cross Country was held in the first term this year and the weather turned up along with our boys for an outstanding event. Even with minimal placing in the top tens, we managed to secure a victory through massive house participation. Definitely proud of the Men of Steel manning up to that one. Well done to Matt Baxter smashing the senior course record and our Ross Stenbridge beating the junior record.

The third event, athletics, turned into a well-run event. Well done to our key athletes, Robbie Wood and Isaac Robinson, as well as to Connor Wilson-Puhara for taking out the individual title. We gained third place in what we knew would be our weakest event, so this held us in a competitive position for the upcoming haka competition.

Being the first day-boy house to win the haka competition in most people's memory last year, our standards were set high in term two. Our practices were energetic and I have to thank Isaac, Hayden Wipatene and the Maori leaders who put in the effort to create an outstanding performance. Unfortunately we were outperformed by a well-rehearsed Hatherly outfit and had to settle for second place in this major event.

For the house singing we aimed to raise the bar of our standard set in 2010 where we had no backing track and used clicking and stamping sounds to create the sound affects for "In the Jungle". This year, after being restricted from five to three songs by the more vocal Barak lobbyists, we settled on "This Little Light of Mine", "Pokarekare Ana", and "Amazing Grace" to remember the 181 fallen on February 22nd. Our practices began well before the other houses and proved to be difficult having chosen the more mellow songs but motivation was spurred on by Mr Prasad. The Men of Steel really turned up and gave their all on competition day and I was immensely proud of the boys who gave an incredible and moving tribute to Christchurch. While we came second, I felt we had achieved everything we'd hoped for and couldn't have asked for it to have been better. I owe a lot to Robbie Wood, Jacob Tomlinson, Jaemyn Toa, Jesse Watt and Adrian Robb for their outstanding efforts here, and Hayden Wipatene for the most incredible haka I have ever witnessed.

Another team of guys Syme House and I owe a lot to is our ensemble group. Having been personally involved since third form and winning it three out of the four years so far, this event is one which I take a lot of pride in. Callum and Adam Stuart, Jacob Tomlinson, Taylor Simpson, Adrian Robb and Connor Rust began practices with Robbie and me way earlier than was necessary. These men showed outstanding commitment and musicianship to create an amazing performance of Mumford and Sons' "Timshel" and "Little Lion Man".

Thanks Darren, Edward and Lauchie for a nail biting Inter-House competition this year. Final thanks go out to these legends: Robbie Wood, who has been a fantastic Deputy. Mrs Slater, Miss Crowe and Mr Tullet for your help during house meetings and the singing in particular. And of course Mr Prasad, one of the most inspirational, motivating and courageous people I know.

Syme, you will go down in history as the first day-boy house ever to win the competition two years in a row. Best of luck to next year's Head of Syme. Remember the Seven P's. How about you make it three consecutive wins eh? You know you want to. Syme House Proud.

**Josh Girvan
House Leader**

Syme

**HOUSE
REPORT
2011**

After last years result the House was determined to return to the top after a number of years absence. The year kicked off with swimming sports the most action packed, thrilling day of the year.

Continuing this year Hayden Brooks, along with Jay Cadman-Kennedy solely attempted to steer Donnelly into first place but once again Donnelly struggled to utilize their large numbers and get fully involved. With some narrow losses in the tyre and boogie board relays and some strong Barak and Syme House championship swimmers, Donnelly found themselves down on points. However, the boys that showed up got right into the singing and showed some quality house spirit maintaining a 3rd place finish.

Following swimming sports, the next big day was athletics in which Donnelly have had some success in the past, with a first place finish last year. With high expectations and some quality athletes, Donnelly was looking good. Once again due to lack of attendance on the day and some controversial calls, Donnelly House finished in 4th place. However Matt Baxter smashed the old school record in the 1500m, possibly deserved extra points as he would have won every other race but Donnelly along with the rest of the entire school cheered him on. Thankfully for Matt it allowed Donnelly to keep our heads high.

Summer sports was what looked to be the turning point for Donnelly as we cleaned up in the touch and cricket whilst maintaining good places to see Donnelly House tie for first place.

Cross Country was next and was suited to Donnelly. With high expectations and some quality runners within the house, both Chaz Hall and Matt Baxter led the way. With a further record by Matt Baxter and obviously a 1st place, followed by Chaz in 2nd, Donnelly house was looking promising. Overall a large number of average runners and too many walkers set Donnelly in 3rd place.

Haka was the next big one. With the hostel being a tight unit and Syme House carrying on their victory from last year, we knew it was going to be tough. A perfect time to call in the reinforcements of Mr Maaka. After some good quality training with Mr Maaka this set us in good stride for the event. Leader Derek again showed us his great leadership skills and stood up for the boys leading the haka loud. Predominantly white boys, Donnelly let off some steam but I think was let down by some unneeded noises from younger pupils.

House singing again was a huge event. Thankfully for Donnelly the senior management presented us with Mr Davies who created his own song for Donnelly House and developed a skit. Well done to Johnny D and Chaz who helped act out a very classic skit. With something new this year and some great discipline from the boys we came in a close third behind Hatherly. Thank you to Jake and the boys who gained us second place in the ensemble.

Finally winter sports. Donnelly dominated in rugby and with a close second in football we gained a respectable 2nd place.

Overall Donnelly started off the year too slowly and just could not keep up with the blazing Syme House. Thank you to all my group leaders who backed me up throughout the year and special thanks goes out to Mr Sims, Mr Davies and Mr Maaka.

Good luck to the Donnelly boys next year - get everone there and it's a sure win.

**Lachlan Bunn
House Leader**

HOUSE REPORT 2011

Donnelly





Barak

HOUSE REPORT 2011

What an extraordinary year it has been for Barak House in 2011.

It was a great honour to be given the position of head of Barak House and to inspire and motivate the men of Barak to be the very best they can be. We had a tough competition ahead of us this year but that didn't stop us succeeding, Mr Hyde's inspirational speeches kept us firing throughout the year, through all the house competitions.

The year kicked off with swimming sports with Barak earning themselves second place. We were well presented, and had great participation on the day for those who were there... nonetheless a big thanks need to go to Mr Hyde for getting amongst us and swimming for the house.

Swimming sports went well and a similar effort went into athletics. We were down in house numbers but due to the huge effort the boys put into the event we came off in second place which wasn't a bad effort for the numbers we had.

The summer and winter sport continued the trend of being a weak point in Barak's efforts. The boys tried their best but it's fair to say we didn't lack talent but due to lack of numbers yet again we didn't perform as well as we should have. However, all was not lost. Big thanks to Jay Maaka earning Barak yet another win for our golf team.

Barak's haka looked promising this year, but I was unable to be there and support my house due to the Hillary Challenge occurring at the same time. From what I have heard it was fairly disappointing with Hatherly and Syme dominating with Barak and Donnelly following behind. On the day we got third. A big thanks must be given to Maz, as it was you who led the haka and trained the boys up.

Cross country was Barak's major success, the participation was outstanding and the treacherous conditions underfoot didn't get the better of us so we won the event. Great afternoon and the 'sprint start carnage' never disappoints.

The last major event was house singing. It can be fair to say we weren't on form on the day. We tried but at the end of the day we got fourth in both singing and the performance which wasn't a great way to finish the house competitions. But we had a great time which is what house competition is about and learnt from our mistakes. Next year the green machine will be on form.

At the end we were in second place behind Syme yet again. However, I know Mr Hyde has some tricks up his sleeve next year so the other houses better watch out!

Lastly a huge thanks to Mat, James, Alex, Maz and Jay. Barak's successes this year couldn't have been achieved without you guys.

Good luck to the house and future leader of the house.

**koia kei [a koe]!
Edward Lawley
House Leader**

2011.

A year that will not be forgotten by those leaving, or those staying. It was a year of hardship for all those involved with the hostel, and yet, as always, the hostel has come through the year just as strong as ever.

Firstly, the Interhouse competition. We struggled with numbers like always, but excuses shouldn't be made. Instead, congratulations to Josh, Edward and Lachlan for the leadership they have shown of their houses. Although the overall result achieved, third, was not what the hostel leaders had hoped for, the effort the hostel men put in was. Although the chips were down, the men persevered, showing what true hostel spirit is and never backed down from a challenge from the day boy houses. It was however good to see results in the athletics and haka, with the true hostel spirit shining through and everyone giving their all.

The new year nine boys have been a unique bunch to work with and showed the impression that the hostel has as soon as you step foot in the memorial gates. Tradition and routine gave the boys a good sense of structure and it has been a pleasure to see them grow from boys into hostel men. They represented the hostel well in both inter-hostel rugby games against Palmerston North and Francis Douglas, a loss and a win respectively. Both games were played well by the boys and it was good to see players stand up and face the challenge, among these were Daniel Parete, Zinzan Wineera, Wesley Tamehana and Mitchell O'Neill. Daniel Parete led the team well on both occasions.

The dayboys vs boarders was, as always, a talking point, for the Year thirteen boys especially. It turned out to be a game worth watching and the senior boys played with the spirit that comes so naturally for hostel men after three, four or five years in the hostel.

A special mention must go to the boys who have achieved well in their chosen fields. In rugby, Lachlan Boshier was named in the New Zealand Rugby Under 17 squad. Rhys Poingdestre gained a position in the New Zealand rugby league team. Rhys Bishop has been selected to represent New Zealand in the World Cross Country Championships in Malta. O'Neill brothers excelled at surf life saving.

A huge congratulations to Daniel Chapman and Lachlan Boshier, Heads of Moyes and Carrington respectively for 2012, Thomas Clark-Puia, Head Boarder for 2012 and of course Henry Boon, Head Boy for 2012.

To my prefects, a thank you must be given. You have led the hostel well and passed down traditions that have been a part of the hostel for a long time. You have worked hard in maintaining hostel spirit and standards and I thank you for this. It has made my life a lot easier this year.

The matrons and the laundry ladies have, like always been the backbone of the hostel, running us around town to appointments, practices and everything else we could throw at them. And the laundry ladies as always ensuring our draws were full of clean undies and socks.

To the Hostel Masters, your effort and contribution have continued to inspire the young men of the hostel and ensured smooth sailing throughout the year. The hostel would not be the same without you, even though the only master who has been in the hostel longer than the seventh form year group is Mr Hunter.

And lastly to the young men of the hostel. Uphold the traditions and standards of the hostel, take pride in passing them down through the years when it becomes your turn to lead from the front. Take the opportunities presented to you and make sure you leave the hostel with no regrets.

**Darren Alexander
Head Boarder 2011**



HOUSE REPORT 2011



It is a great honour for me to be appointed Dux of such a proud school.

This is one of the most defining moments of my life, and I have so much to be thankful for. But I'm going to start at the beginning.

A few days after I first started at this school, I realised what the boards around this hall are for. Apart from honouring captains and the like, it provides an opportunity to set goals that can be strived for. But setting the exact goal can be a little more difficult, and requires a degree of trial and error. Take me for example: Being the buff little kid I was, I started to picture myself being the captain of the first fifteen. This dream was almost immediately shattered when I first saw our really buff 2007 1st XV play in a fixture on the gully – I knew I wasn't going to get that big even with all the protein shakes I could find. But I did thoroughly enjoy watching the game – and every game afterwards.

After recovering from the immense devastation of my shattered rugby career, I discovered tennis. This was better in that I actually managed to win a couple of matches. I even considered going pro after this. But alas, it was not to be. Once again a goal of mine was shattered when the likes of Amrit Rai smashed me with a 6-0 set. Who would have known we had, and still have, some world class players of our own at this school. Despite this I have continued with this enjoyable sport, and I dare say that I am actually getting better. Even goals that you don't quite achieve are valuable, for they can greatly enrich your life.

I only started to know what a dux was after my first year. But it seemed a little far-fetched at the time for me to give much thought about it. Gradually it occurred to me what a golden moment it would be to achieve it. I still feel, though, that I can only take credit for a very small part of this award. I say this because there are so many people who have supported and guided me. I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to my teachers this year. To Mr Lockhart, your enthusiasm and sometimes disturbing knowledge of explosives are most appreciated. To Mr McLellan, thank you for your skill both as a physicist and as an elegant cartoonist. To Mrs Dickson, thank you for your very high standard of teaching and your patience, and for your photocopied pages of supplement any material for the good of our education which is endangering forests world-wide – we may soon see plants taught as a history topic. To Mr Bigwood, thank you for your wide-ranging repertoire of knowledge and devotion and for putting up with the 8am scholarship group each week for I can't recall how long. To Mr Simpson, whose spider senses tingle whenever someone tries to leave an exam early, thanks for your wonderful skill. And to Mr Page, whose fearsome mathematical ability has enabled him to do questions with minimal working on the board, while staring blankly at the class as if asking, 'Did I miss anything?' A special thanks must also go to Mr Elgar, who for a few mornings relieved Mr Bigwood of the scholarship group. Your poetic power have rubbed on to us, I'm sure. And to Mr Leath, who has done a tremendous amount of work in getting to know really well all the seventh formers this year.

I thank all of the teachers again, and those that I have not mentioned, for their inspirational work. I must take this opportunity to thank our previous headmaster, Mr French-Wright, who was a huge inspiration for me in my junior years. Speaking of inspiration, one needs to go no further than to listen to the words of Mr Mac. I am certain that his strength and humour have touched us all – we as a school are very fortunate to have such a dedicated headmaster.

I have mentioned earlier that goal setting is important, but not all goals are obvious, some are not achieved, and some you don't get round to at all. For example, I'm still trying to figure out why I am still on my learner's licence after 5 years of high school. But whatever the case, you can be sure that setting and achieving a goal is made easier considering the support you receive from fellow students of this school. The many elite athletes, musicians and scholars here have inspired me, for example, throughout my five years here, to try my hand in the tennis team and be part of the concert band. Academically, I would like to thank all the boys who have motivated me to do my best – especially Chaz, Ben, Geoff, and Edward and so

many others that I cannot list you all. Thanks for pushing me hard but also being supportive at the same time, and I hope I have done the same.

To Isaac and the prefects this year, you project at all times a positive aura regarding the school by being exemplary leaders. In fact, the whole of the seventh form this year has been outstanding. I could not have wished for a better bunch of people. To the younger students of the school, set goals that you can be proud of to achieve, and goals that will make you strive harder if you don't. Take the many opportunities that this school provides and doors will open up.

To my parents, thank you for being there every step of the way and for your unwavering support.

To conclude, I would like to read a quote by Isaac Newton: *'I was like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.'*

What we must do, then, is to set our goals high, always thinking there are things much greater than ourselves – to look for prettier and prettier shells, and once we are done, look toward the moon and the stars in the hope of transcending our limitations to understand the greater world.

Thank you.

George Zhang
Dux 2011

2011 Top Academics

Year 9	Timothy Andrews 1990 Cup & Fuji Xerox Prize (including 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Science)
Year Ten	Jake McComb 1990 Cup and Fuji Xerox Prize (including 1st in English and 1st in Science)
Year Eleven	Alan Ansell Hatherly Memorial Cup (including 1st in English and 1st in Spanish)
Year Twelve	Mark Houwers Harrison Cup (including 1st in Design, 1st in Graphics, 1st in Physics, and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2011 Year 12 student in 2010 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize))
Year Thirteen	George Zhang Dux (Academic Excellence Cup, Tennent Trophy, Tiger Coat Award and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize), 1st in Calculus, 1st in English Literature (White Memorial Prize) and 1st in Physics)



SCHOOL PREFECTS 2011

BACK ROW: JOHN DICKSON, MITCHELL BROWN, JAMES MCDUGALL
 MIDDLE ROW: MR BRUCE BAYLY, JAY MAAKA, MATT LAMB, MAIKELI DENNIS, CHAZ HALL, CONNOR WILSON-PUHARA, MR DARRYL LEATH
 FRONT ROW: ROBBIE WOOD, JOSHUA GIRVAN, EDWARD LAWLEY, DARREN ALEXANDER, MR MICHAEL MCMENAMIN, ISAAC ROBINSON (HEAD BOY), LACHLAN BUNN, ALEX IVERSEN



HOSTEL PREFECTS 2011

BACK ROW: FRASER HARRISON, DONALD OTTERSON, JEREM WICHMAN, TYRIL JONES
 MIDDLE ROW: MEKA MAURIRI, JAYDEN POINGDESTRE, MAXWELL LUMB, CHAMPION KALSAKAU, TYNAN MATHESON, THOMAS BOWERS, ELLIOT JENKINS
 FRONT ROW: MARK MARTIN, MATT MCDONALD, MAIKELI DENNIS, DARREN ALEXANDER, JORDAN BERRY, CONNOR WILSON-PUHARA, ASHLEY MELLOW, DAVID AVERY

National Academic Examinations

SCHOLARSHIP

18 students won 25 scholarships, which takes to 388 the number of scholarships won since 1990.

The following subjects produced scholarships: Chemistry(2), Physics(1), Statistics(11, including 1 outstanding), Calculus(2), Biology(3), Design(1), English(3), Latin(1) and Physical Education(1).

Students who won 3 scholarships: Jeremy Raynes and Ross Gavin.

Percentage of NPBHS students who gained a Scholarship: 24%
 National percentage : 21%

Percentage of NPBHS students who gained an outstanding Scholarship: 1%
 National percentage : 3%

ACADEMIC TIGER COATS

YEAR 12 (LEVEL 2 PERFORMANCE)

Christopher Aebig, Connor Anderson, Tim Boag, Joshua Girvan, Ben Grant, Chaz Hall, Geoffrey Hewlett, Edward Lawley, Sam McComb, Billy Rodenburg, Matthew Stephenson, Jacob Tomlinson, Robert Wood, Daixun Zhang.

SUPER 8 SCHOLARS

Gained by attaining an NCEA Excellence endorsement.

NCEA LEVEL 3

(Year 13)

Ross Gavin, Oliver Gifford, Jamie Hatch, Sam Mitchell, Connor Oliver-Rose, Michael Phillips, Jeremy Raynes, Jongwoo Shin, Luke Stevenson

NCEA LEVEL 2

(Year 12)

Christopher Aebig, Connor Anderson, Tim Boag, Joshua Girvan, Ben Grant, Chaz Hall, Geoffrey Hewlett, Edward Lawley, Sam McComb, Billy Rodenburg, Matthew Stephenson, Jacob Tomlinson, Robert Wood, Daixun Zhang

(Year 10)

Alan Ansell

NCEA LEVEL 1

(Year 11)

Christopher Banks, Charles Barnes, Finn Beattie, Thomas Burrell, Alistair Fisher, Conrad Fraser, Mark Houwers, Samuel Johnson, Simon Jones, William Livingston, Nathaniel Manning, Bradley Meredith, Liam Paterson, Matthew Reeve, Zak Simpson, Michael Standliff, Louis White, Hayden Wood

NCEA LEVEL 3

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining University Entrance:
 68% in 5th year National percentage: 65%

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 3 Certificate:
 70% in 5th year National percentage: 72%

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: 9% National percentage: 6%

The students who gained a Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Ross Gavin, Oliver Gifford, Jamie Hatch, Sam Mitchell, Connor Oliver-Rose, Michael Phillips, Jeremy Raynes, Jongwoo Shin, Luke Stevenson.

Percentage of NPBHS students who gained a Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Merit: 18% National percentage: 23%

NCEA LEVEL 2

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 2 Certificate:
 83% in 4th year National percentage: 79%

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: 7% National percentage: 7%

The students who gained a Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Christopher Aebig, Connor Anderson, Tim Boag, Joshua Girvan, Ben Grant, Chaz Hall, Geoffrey Hewlett, Edward Lawley, Sam McComb, Billy Rodenburg, Matthew Stephenson, Jacob Tomlinson, Robert Wood, Daixun Zhang.

Percentage of NPBHS students who gained a Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Merit: 16% National percentage: 20%

NCEA LEVEL 1

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 1 Certificate:
 67% in 3rd year National percentage: 73%

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 1 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: 10% National percentage: 9%

The students who gained a Level 1 Certificate endorsed with Excellence: Christopher Banks, Charles Barnes, Finn Beattie, Thomas Burrell, Alistair Fisher, Conrad Fraser, Mark Houwers, Samuel Johnson, Simon Jones, William Livingston, Nathaniel Manning, Bradley Meredith, Liam Paterson, Matthew Reeve, Zak Simpson, Michael Standliff, Louis White, Hayden Wood.

Percentage of NPBHS students gaining a Level 1 Certificate endorsed with Merit: 35% National percentage: 29%

Percentage achieving literacy: NPBHS : 78%
 National percentage: 77%

Percentage achieving numeracy: NPBHS : 88%
 National percentage: 85%

DUX, and Harrop Cup for Highest Number of External Excellences at NCEA Level 3 – Jamie Hatch

PROXIME ACCESSIT – Connor Oliver-Rose
GENERAL EXCELLENCE – Jeremy Raynes

Massey University Calculus Examination

Pass rate: 88%. 8 marks A- or above: Ross Gavin, Connor Oliver-Rose, Jamie Hatch, Joshua Taylor, Jongwoo Shin, Matthew Phillips, James Varley, Michael Li.

International Tests: ICAS Tests

MATHEMATICS

- Year 9: 1 Distinction
- Year 10: 4 Distinctions
- Year 11: 1 Distinction
- Year 12: 3 Distinctions

SCIENCE Years 9 and 10

- Year 9: 2 Distinctions
- Year 10: 1 Distinction; High Distinction: Alan Ansell
- Year 11: 2 Distinctions.

Other Academic Competitions

FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

PRIZES

Years 9 & 10		In class
Miguel Sanchez	Scientific Investigation	2nd
	Scientific Endeavour	Merit
Hamish Sturmer	Scientific Investigation	Merit
Mason Woods	Best Soil Project	1st
George Mohi	Baking Research	1st
Tristan Hodge	Water Rocket Challenge	Merit
Jacob Manning & Blake Malley	Scientific Investigation	Merit

METHANEX MATHS SPECTACULAR

(1,100 entries Taranaki wide)

Year 10 Quiz Team competition: 2nd and 3rd.

There were altogether 7 prizes and 9 merit certificates for individual students or groups of students.

- 1st Prizes to: William Challacombe-King and Matt Currill - Year 9 Group Project.
 Jake McComb - Year 9 Individual Project;
 Teague Harvey - Year 9 IT Project
- 2nd Prizes to: Akmmil Smith - Year 9 Maths in the Energy Industry Project; Tom Spencer - Year 9 Poetry and Creative Writing
- 3rd Prizes to: Jake McComb - Year 9 Maths in the Energy Industry Project;
 Ethan Taylor - Year 9 Statistical Project

Merits to: Paul Stephenson, and Scotty Hugo, Jonny Price & Paul Stephenson, and Joel Robertson in Year 9 IT Project.
 Byron van den Hoven, and Jake McComb in Year 9 Central Design
 James Toss & Miska Silvennoinen in Year 9 3-D Artwork
 Aaron Osment, Cory Brown, and Yanick Lewis in Year 9 Individual Project

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS COMPETITION

- Year 12/13: 1 Distinction; High Distinction: Jamie Hatch

MASSEY UNIVERSITY JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

- Wade Stafford - 2nd in open section

Leadership Participation Record

WORLD SCHOOL 2010 - Christopher Raynes, Tyler Spencer and Mitchell Green represented NZ at World School 2010 in Korea.

40 HOUR FAMINE - Gareth Power-Gordon, Ben Coventry, Kyle Gillespie and Joshua Girvan gave outstanding leadership in raising money for this important appeal.

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO THAILAND - A group of senior boys and staff spent 2 weeks study in Thailand.

YEAR 12 HISTORY TRIP TO VIETNAM - A group of 16 senior boys and 6 adults spent 2 weeks study in Vietnam.

SAN NICOLAS DE MYRA - 20 NPBHS/NPGHS students and 3 adults journeyed to Santiago, Chile in the 2010 party.

NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL - Joshua Girvan was the NPBHS councillor.

PEER STUDENT TUTORING TEAM - there was a team of 25 Year 12 students who gave time to the tutoring of junior students in a wide range of subjects.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE SCHOOL - Adam McLoughlin represented NZ at the International Space School, based at NASA Johnson Space Centre in Houston, USA.

Cultural Record

CHESS

- Taranaki Chess Champs - 1st
- NZSS - 2nd =

MUSIC

- Waikato/BOP Band Festival - Stage/Jazz Band - silver; Concert Band - gold.
- National Concert Band Championships - Concert Band - gold and Best Performance of an Individual Piece (Robert Lutt Trophy).
- SS Chamber Music Contest - The Beathles playing David Hamilton's "Imagined Dances" 1st in regional final; Purcell Trio won Adjudicator's Award.

- Taranaki Rockquest - Sticks and Stones (BHS/IHS/SC): 1st, with Best Song, and People's Choice.
- Taranaki Talent Show - Hip Hop section: Casey Wanakore 1st.

MEDIA

- NZ "Heads Up" photography competition - Dwight Rawson 2nd.
- TV2 "Mad Movie" competition - James Innes 2nd.

PERFORMING ARTIST OF THE YEAR - Sam Mitchell ANZ CULTURAL GROUP OF THE YEAR - Senior Concert Band

Sporting Record

ATHLETICS TEAM

- TSS Championships: 23 individual titles and 2 relay titles.
- NISS: Matt Baxter - 2nd in intermediate 3000 metres
 :Uriah O'Connor - 2nd in intermediate triple jump.
 :Josh Taylor - 1st in open 2000 metre steeplechase.
- NZSS: Matt Baxter - 2nd in senior 3000 metres.
 Josh Taylor - 4th in open 2000 steeplechase.
 Uriah O'Connor - 4th in senior triple jump.
 Jono Brownjohn - 5 1sts in AWDAMP class.

1st BADMINTON TEAM

- Super 8 - 7th.

1st BASKETBALL V

- 5th in NZSS Regional Championships.
- 10th in NZSS Championships.
- Super 8 - 1st. Aled Jones (MVP), Matthew Wallace, Lewis Crmond in tournament team.
- Defeated Auckland GS, Palmerston North BHS, Hamilton BHS, Wellington College.

BMX

- TSS: Senior - Jayden Davy 1st
 : Junior - Griffin Gehlhaar 2nd.
 : Team - 3rd.

1st CRICKET XI

- Super 8 - 3rd.
- College matches - defeated Rotorua BHS, Wanganui CS.
- Honours Board - Kane Robertson 220 v Inglewood (breaking Martin Donnelly's 1934 record).
 - William Young 105 v Hamilton BHS.
 - James McDougall 110 & 7-46 v Rotorua BHS.
- Central Districts under 17 team: William Young, Ben Hitchcock.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Super 8 Cross Country - 2nd overall.
 - Yr 9 4th; juniors 1st.
 - seniors 2nd. Matt Baxter 1st individual
- TSS - won 6-man in senior, intermediate, junior

- Josh Taylor 1st in senior, Chaz Hall 2nd, Darren Alexander 3rd.
- Matt Baxter 1st in intermediate, Liam Jansen 3rd.
- Dane Brooks 3rd in junior.
- NZSS - under 16 3-man 1st.
 - senior 6-man 4th. Matt Baxter 2nd individual.
- Wanganui Round the Lakes - under 16 - 1st.
 - year 9 - 4th.
 - senior - 2nd.
- TSS Road Relays - intermediate 1st and 3rd.
 - senior 1st and 2nd .
- NISS Cross Country Relay - intermediates (in Taranaki team) 3rd.
 - seniors (in Taranaki team) 4th.

DUATHLON

- TSS Senior - Liam Paterson 3rd.

1st FOOTBALL XI

- Defeated Wanganui HS, Wanganui CS.
- 6th in Super 8.
- Finished 23rd at NZSS.

GO-KARTING

- NZ Champs - Mitchell Baker - 3rd.

1st GOLF TEAM

- Defeated Auckland GS. • 7th in NZSS finals.
- Super 8 - 3rd. • TSS Regionals - 1st and 2nd.
- NZ under 17 championships - Jay Maaka 2nd.

1st HOCKEY XI

- 4th in Johnson Cup. • Super 8 - 7th.
- TSS - 3rd (2nd XI).

INDOOR BOWLS

- TSS - pairs: Ethan Bilderbeck and Jonny Hobo-Tuck 3rd.

IN-LINE HOCKEY

- 2nd in NZSS competition.
- Defeated Hamilton BHS.

KARATE

- NZ Champs: Connor Anderson - gold medals in under 18 black belt: kata, and kumite.
- Queensland Champs: Connor Anderson - gold medals in under 18 black belt: kata, and kumite.

LAWN BOWLS

- TSS: pairs: Isaac Dodunski and Ryan Terrill 3rd.

MOTOCROSS

- TSS: Year 10 - Brad Wilson 1st.
 Year 12/13 - Shane Smith 2nd.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

- TSS: senior cross country - Mitchell Holyoake 1st, Liam Paterson 3rd.
 : junior cross country - Liam Jansen 1st.
 : senior downhill - Jackson Hine 1st, Ryan Hunt 2nd, Liam O'Neill 3rd.
 : junior downhill - Liam Jansen 1st, Farrell Robertson 2nd.

- NZSS : under 16 – Mitchell Holyoake 11th.

NAVIGATION SPORTS

- 2nd in NZSS Hillary Challenge combined with NPGHS
- "Go-4-12" senior secondary school: 1st in both senior & juniors boys' race.
- Get 2 Go: 1st in regional final and 2nd in NZSS.
- TSS Rogaining: senior teams – 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
junior teams – 1st & 2nd.
- NZ Rogaine champs: juniors: Billy Rodenburg & Edward Lawley - 1st
- TSS Orienteering: seniors Liam Paterson 1st, Thomas Burrell 2nd, Billy Rodenburg 3rd.
intermediate Hayden Wood 1st.
junior Matt Furze 1st, Orin Burmester 2nd.
- NISS Orienteering : intermediate team relay – 3rd.
- NZSS Orienteering: senior - Liam Paterson 6th.
junior – Matt Furze 6th.
- Kaweka Challenge: schools' 13km race – Jesse Watt & Billy Rodenburg 1st. Duathlon - Liam Paterson 1st.
1 day race - Billy Rodenburg 1st. 2 day race – James Varley, Lewis Walsh, Jordan Millen 1st.
- Tangaroa Challenge – 3rd in teams' event.

1st RUGBY XV

- Super 8: 7th.
- Also defeated : FDMC, Wanganui CS, Wanganui HS, Palmerston North BHS, Napier BHS. Hurricane's Schools: Rhys Marshall
- Taranaki representatives: 11 players in under 18 team; Rhys Marshall captain.
- Dewar Sevens: 1st in both secondary and under 20's.

2nd XV RUGBY

- Super 8: 6th

UNDER 15 RUGBY

- NZSS: 16th.

RUGBY LEAGUE

- TSS: 1st in seniors and juniors.

SQUASH

- NZSS: 15th.

SURFING TEAM

- TSS : 1st in teams.
: senior – Chad Jones 2nd
: intermediate – Sean Kettle 2nd.
: junior – Michael Watts 3rd.
- NZ under 16 champs: Sean Kettle 1st.
Defeated Hamilton BHS in senior surfing.

SURF LIFESAVING

- SLSNZ champs: 3 titles in under 16 division – Mitchell Owen (3), Ben Nelson (2), Max Hardie-Boys (2).
- NZSLS Champs: Mitchell Owen 1 2nd, Isaac Robinson & Steven Haami 1 2nd.
- TSL: 4 individual titles – Ben Nelson (2), Isaac Robinson (2).

SWIMMING TEAM

- TSS: senior - 50 m butterfly – Patrick Harvey 3rd
- medley relay 2nd, freestyle relay 2nd.
:intermediate – Jordan McCormack 1 1st, 1 2nd.
- Mitchell Owen 1 1st, 1 2nd.
- Ben Nelson 1 2nd, 1 3rd.
- medley relay 1st, freestyle relay 1st.
:junior – Julian Weir 3 1st; James Toss 1 2nd.
- freestyle relay 1st, medley relay 1st.
- NZ Age Group (long & short courses) – Julian Weir 3 1st, 3 2nd, 3 3rd.
- Flannagan Cup: Juniors – Jay Cadman-Kennedy 1st home.
- Julian Weir fastest time.

1st TENNIS TEAM

- Super 8: 4th.
- Central Region SS: 1st.
- Taranaki Mens' 'A' team: Amrit Rai & Callum Old.
- TSS: 1st.
- NZSS: 7th.

TEN PIN BOWLING

- TSS : 1st and 3rd in teams' competition.
: Oliver Coneglan – top score.

TOUCH RUGBY TEAM

- TSS: 1st in seniors and 1st in juniors.
- Regionals: 6th in seniors.
- Super 8: 5th.

TRIATHLON

- TSS Junior: Mitchell Owen 1st.

1st VOLLEYBALL TEAM

- 9th place in NZSS Division 4 Championships
- Super 8: 6th.

YACHTING TEAM

- TSS: Starling – Jamie Hatch 1st.
: Optimist – Alec Frankham 2nd and Adrian Robb 4th.
: 420's – 4th.
- SS Central Region: 420's 1st.
- NZSS: 1st in Silver Fleet.
- Interdominions: junior Paper Tiger – Jamie Hatch 1st.

NPDC YOUNG ACHIEVERS' SPORTS AWARD – Dane Brooks - Highly Commended

NZ REPRESENTATIVES

- Billy Sanger – NZ under 17 football
- Connor Anderson – NZ junior karate (capt)
- Isaac Hekenui – NZ junior Black Sox (softball)
- Mitchell Brown – NZSS under 17rugby
- Jason McMahon – NZ under 16 in-line hockey
- Greg Lockhart – NZ under 14 in-line hockey (capt)
- Tim Craig – NZ under 14 in-line hockey
- Isaac Robinson – NZ under 17 rugby league
- Chad Collop - NZ under 14 baseball
- Matt Baxter – NZ under 18 athletics

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - Jay Maaka

WOLFE CUP - Robbie Wood

ANZ SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR -1st XI Cricket Team

Senior Academic Prize List

YEAR 11

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Gledhill Cup & Prize)	James Innes
Business Studies	Callum Fougere
Communication Studies and Mathematics (Applied) (PTA Prize)	Ethan Martin
Computer Science	Caleb Ward
Design	Dwight Rawson
Electronics	Toby Hoeta
English Applied (PTA Prize)	Rhys Millynn
Geography	Alex Watson
Graphics (Gordon Harris Ltd Prize) and Technology (Metal) (Best Student)	Connor Hobbs
Horticulture (Best Student) and Horticulture (Practical)	Liam Jansen
Hospitality	Olly McCullough
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Japanese (Conversation) (Blair Hermann Memorial Prize)	Nicholas Park
Maori and Physical Education	Ieuan McLeod
Painting	Thomas Lawley
Science Applied (PTA Prize)	Keegan Crawford
Sports Performance	Will Jones
Technology (Metal) (Design) (Olex Cables Prize)	Dean Lobb
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prizes)	Rhys Bishop
Technology (Wood) (Best Student)	Ben Bailey
Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Masters Ltd Prize)	Jay Cadman-Kennedy

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Benny's Books Prize)	Seb Eastment
(Benny's Books Prize)	Mendel Moos
(Benny's Books Prize)	Blake Wilson
(Benny's Books Prize)	Rephan Woods
(PTA Prize)	Daniel Holmes
(PTA Prize)	Adam Frederikson

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Music and Music (Best Performer) (McLaurin Prize)	Adrian Robb
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Economics, 1st in History, and 1st in Science)	Ben Mitchell
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English and 1st in Spanish)	Alan Ansell

YEAR 12

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Gledhill Cup and Prize) and Biology (Tabor Prize) and Mathematics (Tabor Prize) and Highest Grade Attainment in 2010 NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize)	Conrad Fraser
Chemistry (Tabor Prize) and Maori (Tabor Prize)	Thomas Clark-Puia
Classical Studies (Tabor Prize)	Christopher Raynes
Economics (Tabor Prize)	Mitchell Rattenbury
Electronics (Tabor Prize)	Simon Jones
English (Tabor Prize)	William Livingstone
English (Applied) (PTA Prize) and Mathematics (Applied)(Tabor Prize)	Jade Grayling
Gateway (Tabor Prize)	Lawrence Barr
Geography (Tabor Prize)	Mitchell Holyoake
History (Tabor Prize)	William Hancock
Home Economics (Tabor Prize)	Dylan de Bruyn
Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) and Horticulture (Practical) (Alexander Trust Prize)	Nathan Weir
Latin (Tabor Prize)	James Mundell
Legal Studies (Tabor Prize)	Jacob Kadlec
Music (Tabor Prize) and Music (Best Performer) (PianoWorks Prize)	Matthew Reeve
Outdoor Education	Jamie Shrubshall
Painting	Justin Corbett
Photography	William Allen

Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Daniel O'Keeffe
Physics (Most Improved) (Hurle Cup)	Omar Abouelkheir
Science (Tabor Prize)	Ben Ellis
Self Management (Tabor Prize)	Detroit Williams
Spanish (Tabor Prize)	Connor McGechan
Sports Studies (Tabor Prize)	Luke Huritu-Jones
Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)	Brad Rolston
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize and Olex Cables Trophy)	Jordan Hull
Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)	Ben Nelson

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Benny's Books Prize)	Henry Boon
(Benny's Books Prize)	Tom Burrell
(Benny's Books Prize)	Alistair Fisher
(Benny's Books Prize)	Zak Lunjevich
(PTA Prize)	Philip Peterson

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Performance by a Senior Student in the ESOL programme	Roggerly Vari
Best Performer in the STAR programme	Cory Adams

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize))	Zak Simpson
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Business Studies and 1st in Computer Science (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize))	Bradley Meredith
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Design, 1st in Graphics, 1st in Physics, and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2011 Year 12 student in 2010 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize))	Mark Houwers

YEAR 13

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History	Billy Smith
Business Studies	James McDougall
Chinese	Bradley Meredith
Classical Studies	Mitchell Keast
Computer Science and Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economic Scholarship)	Tim Boag
Design (National Art Supplies Prize) and Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Connor Wilson-Puhara
Electronics	Sam Adlam
Engineering and Gateway	Ben Sinton
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) (2nd) and Music	Jacob Tomlinson

Geography	Joshua Girvan
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Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize)	Hunter Ward
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Horticulture (Practical)	Alex Harfield
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Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Jacob Morton
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Latin (Sir Ronald Syme Scholarship)	Alan Ansell
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Legal Studies (Howe Cup and Prize)	David Sulzberger
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Maori	Jaemyn Toa
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Painting (National Art Supplies Prize)	Sam McComb
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Photography (National Art Supplies Prize)	Finnbar Porteous
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Physical Education	Lachlan Bunn
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Science	Ben Mrowinski
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Spanish	Fisher Rivero Connell
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Woodwork	Tynan Matheson
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EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Benny's Books Prize)	Chris Aebig
(Benny's Books Prize)	Connor Anderson
(Benny's Books Prize)	Matthew Lamb
(Benny's Books Prize)	Brad McLachlan

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (including 1st in History (Brian Bellringer Prize)) **Ben Grant**

Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup), 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize) and 1st in Statistics and Modelling (Harrop Prize)) **Chaz Hall**

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup, Tennent Trophy, Tiger Coat Award and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize), 1st in Calculus, 1st in English Literature (White Memorial Prize) and 1st in Physics) **George Zhang**



GEORGE ZHANG, 2011 DUX

Senior Leadership and Service Prize List

YEAR 11

For the student who by virtue of his reliability, ready co-operation, earnest work habits and honest, cheerful disposition is a positive example to Year 11 students. (Norman Wright Memorial Prize) **Ethan Martin**

YEAR 12

For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school **Thomas Clark-Puia**

YEAR 13

Best Cadet (Wadsworth's Cup and Prize) **George Thony**

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

For contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) **Cyril Panoho**

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

To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees - and who promotes and communicates reliably the needs and views of students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the school in his year of service (R J Goodare Memorial Trophy and Prize) **Kyle Gillespie**

For the busy participant in the life of the school with full involvement in either cultural or sporting activities or both : a prefect/group leader who strongly demonstrates concern for others and who by personal example encourages others to have a go and whose reliability and service are outstanding (Schrader Challenge Trophy and Prize) **Joshua Girvan**

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

Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize) and Outstanding record of service to the School (JV McIntyre PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize) **Darren Alexander**

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

Senior Cultural Prize List

YEAR 11 CREATIVE WRITING

1st Prize	Alan Ansell
2nd	Ben Mitchell
3rd	Max Hardie-Boys

YEAR 12 CREATIVE WRITING

1st Prize	Chris Raynes
2nd	Thomas Burrell
3rd	William Livingston

YEAR 13 CREATIVE WRITING

1st Prize (Ward Cup and Taranaki Daily News Literary Excellence Prize)	Sam McComb
2nd	James McDougall
3rd	Jacob Tomlinson

YEAR 11 PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Sebastian Eastment
2nd	Ben Mitchell
3rd	Connor Hobbs

YEAR 12 AND 13 PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) and Choir General Excellence (Fauli Challenge Cup)	William Livingston
2nd	Alistair Fisher
3rd	Mark Houwers

DRAMA

Senior Drama Performance (Wilde Drama Cup)	Billy Smith
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MUSIC

Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup)	Matthew Lamb
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'NEW BOYS' GROUP PERFORMING AT SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize) **Adrian Robb**

Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) **Robbie Wood**

Outstanding Service to Music (Noel Lynch Cup and Prize) and Most Outstanding Senior Composition (Mary Allan Trophy and Prize) **Jacob Tomlinson**

Interhouse Music (John Dobson Memorial Cup) **Syme House**

Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup) **Senior Jazz Band**

Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) and Excellence performance in the jazz genre and commitment to music in the school. (Take 5 Trophy) **Jake Church**



JAKE CHURCH AND TAYLOR SIMPSON PERFORMING 'WISH YOU WERE HERE' BY PINK FLOYD



ISAAC ROBINSON SPEAKING TO THE AUDIENCE AT SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Junior Academic Prize List

YEAR 9

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Zach Howarth
Computer Science and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Adith Iyer
Economics	Thomas Fletcher
Graphics	Conrad Hall
Health and Physical Education	Daniel Parete
History	Jesper Slager
Home Economics	Samuel Thomson
Horticulture (Best Student)	Paul Munro
Horticulture (Best Practical)	Tyler Veitch
Latin	Corey Fougere
Maori	Hiwawa Kahu
Music	Conrard Watt
Performance Music and Performance Music (Best Performer) (Music Works Prize)	Max Robinson
Spanish	James Park
Sports Development	Ross Stembridge
Technology	Craig Walker

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES

Tarek Abouelkheir	English, Mathematics, Science, Sports Development
Julian Albert	English, History, Maori, Health & Physical Education
Jared Amstalden	English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Home Economics, Horticulture, Technology, Geography, History
Grady Barker	Mathematics, Graphics, Art
Aaron Barkla	English, Science, Geography
Ben Barnett	Mathematics, English, Home Economics
Theo Betteridge	Science, Geography, Maori
Matthew Brew	Health & Physical Education, Home Economics, Geography
Isaac Brown	English, Geography, Science, Technology
Xavi Clarkson	Mathematics, Science, Art, Health & Physical Education, Graphics, Horticulture
George Collier	Geography, Science, Horticulture
Dean Coplestone	Computer Science, Art, Technology, History
Danyon Doeg	English, Mathematics, History, Science, Home Economics, Geography
Tyla Dougan	Mathematics, English, History
Lucas Drake	Art, Spanish, Graphics, Economics
Hamish Dunn	English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish, Home Economics
Jake Farnsworth	Mathematics, Art, Computer Science
Stuart Gradwell	English, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education, Horticulture
Campbell Graham	Science, Performance Music, Economics
Nathan Hawkes	History, Science, Art, Graphics
Jordan Henry	English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Computer Science
Sean Hone	Art, Technology, Graphics
Jamie Houghton	Art, Technology, Graphics, History
Nicholas Kjestrup	Japanese, Graphics, Sports Development
Hayden Lee	English, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education, Computer Science, Art, History
Jamie Loveridge	Mathematics, English, Science, History, Computer Science, Music
Dion Lundt	Mathematics, Art, Graphics
Cody MacKinder	Mathematics, History, Technology
Reuben MacLeod	English, Horticulture, Geography
Javon McCallum	English, Mathematics, Technology, Computer Science
Jayden Offen	English, History, Science
Jack Parsons	English, Horticulture, Technology, Art
Chintan Patel	Mathematics, English, Science, Geography, Horticulture, Health & Physical Education
Satyam Patel	Latin, Technology, History
Dante Perfect	Mathematics, English, Geography
Ropata Rangī	Mathematics, Science, Geography, Maori, Art
Izzmel Raziff	Mathematics, History, Technology, Art
Cooper Rogers	Mathematics, English, Science, Art, Graphics
Chilli Ross	Science, Horticulture, Graphics, Home Economics, Health & Physical Education
Callum Russell	Science, Art, Music
Matthew Sadler	Mathematics, History, Science, Technology

Jesse Stewart	English, Science, Horticulture, Art
Adam Stuart	Geography, Performance Music, History
Cory Sutherland	English, Geography, Art, Graphics,
Ethan Tate	English, Art, Technology, Graphics, Geography
Alex Trowbridge	Geography, Technology, Sports Development, Computer Science
David Trye	English, Mathematics, Geography, Art, Latin, Technology
Sam Tullett	Mathematics, Science, Geography, Latin, Art, Technology, History
Kalin Wara	Mathematics, English, Science, History, Art, Music
Kavan Ward	Science, Japanese, Art

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Aptitude and Training in a Junior Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield) **Shay Guise**

JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Timothy Andrews	Theo Betteridge
Matthew Chadwick	Dean Coplestone
Quentin Dorleans	Lucas Drake
Thomas Fletcher	Corey Fougere
Ben Foulkes	Jordan Gadsby
Sean Hone	Jamie Houghton
Zach Howarth	Adith Iyer
Christopher Kelly	Nicholas Kjestrup
Jareb Milner	Sebastian Molloy
James Murphy	James O'Donovan
Joe Osmond-Wallam	James Park
Izzmel Raziff	Thomas Roodbeen
Jesper Slager	Ross Stembridge
Adam Stuart	Cory Sutherland
Angus Tinson	Alex Trowbridge
David Trye	Sam Tullett
Craig Walker	Conrad Watt

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in English) **Jordan Gadsby**

2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Geography) **James O'Donovan**

1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Fuji Xerox Prize) (including 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Science) **Timothy Andrews**

YEAR 10

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art and Woodwork (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award)	Jaz Simpson
Business Studies	Matthew Boswell
Computer Science	Mathew Standen
Economics, Latin and Technology	Thomas Spencer
Electronics Geography and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Joel Robertson
Graphics	Charlie Boon
Health and Physical Education	Pedro Valentine-Robertson
Home Economics	Simon Zhong
Horticulture (Best Student)	Braeden Hancock
Horticulture (Best Practical)	Mason Woods
Maori	William Adlam
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)	Selwyn Cooper
	William Challacombe-King
Metalwork (Best Student) (Olex Cables Prize) and Metalwork (Best Practical) (Blackwood Paykels Prize)	Michael Mischeski
Music	Martin Leith
Spanish	Jake Heayns-Larkin
Sports Development	Cole Paulin
Woodwork (Best Student)	Jackson Hurley

EFFORT AND PROGRESS CERTIFICATES

Jeremy Bennetts	Mathematics, Sports Development, Business Studies, Art
Cory Brown	Science, Geography, Art, Computer Science
Matheson Brown	Geography, Electronics, Metalwork, Technology
Steven Brown	Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Geography
Cameron Bullot	Mathematics, English, Health & Physical Education, Horticulture, Geography
Orin Burmester	Mathematics, Technology, Geography
Adam Butchart	Geography, English, Art
Kris Campbell	Art, Metalwork, Technology
James Cathie	Science, Mathematics, English, Technology, Geography
Gary Chiu	History, Mathematics, Art

Adam Clegg	Geography, English, Business Studies, Art
Jay Dicker	Geography, Mathematics, Art
Mitchell Esterhuizen	Science, Mathematics, Horticulture
Matt Furze	Science, English, Mathematics, Sports Development, Electronics, Computer Science
Cooper Garnett	Art, Horticulture, Graphics
Kieran George	Science, Electronics, Art
Simon Gibson	Economics, Science, Mathematics
Craig Gordon	English, Business Studies, Art
Gavin Grant	English, Mathematics, Art
Brendon Holtham	Geography, Mathematics, English, Art, Graphics
Stephen Hunt	Geography, English, Performance Music
Vince Kalsakau	Science, Mathematics, Art
Montel Kelly	English, Mathematics, Horticulture
Alex King	Economics, Mathematics, Geography
Rueben King	Art, Performance Music, Technology
Hamish Le Pine	Health & Physical Education, Horticulture, Geography
Matheson Lee	English, Home Economics, Economics
Kim Lim	Science, Geography, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Japanese
Vedant Malaviya	Mathematics, Art, Business Studies
Blake Malley	Science, Economics, Mathematics, Latin, Geography
Jacob Manning	Science, English, Latin, Art
Jay Marnoch	Mathematics, Electronics, Metalwork, Technology, Economics
Jordan Mossop	Science, History, Economics, Geography
Josh Quinney	Geography, Horticulture, Home Economics
Aaron Ratahi	Mathematics, Maori, Technology
Josh Ritchie	Science, Economics, Performance Music, Art
Connor Rust	History, English, Economics, Geography
Kyle Sanger	Economics, English, Mathematics, Business Studies
Blair Shorter	Geography, Science, Art, Sports Development, Economics

Akhmil Smith	Science, Health & Physical Education, Latin
Cameron Tippett	Science, Mathematics, Performance Music, Art
Uly Veragos	Science, Geography, Mathematics
Tony Vickers	Economics, English, Mathematics, Graphics, Technology, Geography
Kaden Wood-Larking	Geography, Horticulture, Home Economics, Art

SPECIAL PRIZES

For contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school **Uriah Proffit**

Best Performance by a Junior Student in the ESOL programme **Vince Kalsakau**

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy) **William Adlam**

Most Conscientious Junior Librarian (Ryan Peters Cup) **Nikolao Meafua**

JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

William Adlam	Charlie Boon
Orin Burmester	William Challacombe-King
Liam Cole	Matt Currill
Matt Furze	Richard Gottlieb
Braeden Hancock	Teague Harvey
Finn Holland	Rueben King
Blake Malley	Jacob Manning
Jake McComb	Michael Mischeski
George Mohi	Daniel Ralphs
Josh Ritchie	Taylor Roberts
Joel Robertson	Tom Spencer
Mathew Standen	Cameron Tippett
Pedro Valentine-Robertson	Mason Woods

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Performance Music, Performance Music (Best Performer) (Music Works Prize) and 1st in History) **George Mohi**

2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics) **Daniel Ralphs**

1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Fuji Xerox Prize) (including 1st in English and 1st in Science) **Jake McComb**

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 9 **James O'Donovan**

For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Year 10 **Jake McComb**

Junior Cultural Prize List

YEAR 9

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd= **Quentin Dorleans**
1st Prize **James O'Donovan**

CREATIVE WRITING

3rd **James Murphy**
2nd and 3rd= in Public Speaking **David Trye**
1st Prize and 2nd in Public Speaking **Thomas Fletcher**

YEAR 10

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd **Mathew Standen**
2nd **Campbell Younger**
1st Prize (Moss Cup and Prize) and
1st Prize in Creative Writing David Trye (Rex Dowding Memorial
Cup and Prize) and
For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Year 10
Music (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) **Jake McComb**

CREATIVE WRITING

3rd **Daniel Ralphs**
2nd **Richard Gottlieb**

MUSIC

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy) **Fergus Thomson**
Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup) **Sam Tullett**
For All-Round Participant and High Achievement in Year 9 Music
(Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) **Sam Morrison**
Junior Performer of the Year (Stewart Maunder Cup)
George Mohi



JAKE McCOMB (YR 10) RECEIVING HIS CAVE BURSARY



TIMOTHY ANDREWS (YR 9) RECEIVING 1ST AGGREGATE FOR YEAR 9



Senior Sports Awards

ADVENTURE RACING

HOLDEN FLEMING CUP
Excellence to Adventure Racing **Edward Lawley**

BASKETBALL

KING CUP
Most Valuable Player **Lachlan Fenwick**

PETER LAY TROPHY
Most Improved Player **Jerem Wichman**

CHESS, PIANO, SURFING, BASKETBALL

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AWARD
Extra Curricular Activity **Sean Kettle**

CLAYBIRD SHOOTING

JOHN AXEBY TROPHY
Senior Champion **Caddison Murfitt**

CRICKET

PARKINSON CUP - 1st XI Bowling **Henry Boon**

MEULI CUP - 1st XI Batting **James McDougall**

GIDDY SHIELD
2nd XI Most Improved Player **Adam Landers**

ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP
Contributed Most **John Dickson**

CROSS COUNTRY

HERBERT SMITH CUP
Intermediate Champion **Rhys Bishop**

LAWLEY CUP
Consistency in Cross Country **Will Jones**

1911 CUP - Senior Champion **Matt Baxter**

DOMINIKOVICH CUP
Leadership in Cross Country **Chaz Hall**

FERENS/HOLDEN CUP
Most Improved Cross Country Runner **Brody Schultz**

CYCLING

ANZ CYCLING CUP
Most Outstanding Rider **Jason Thomason**

GOLF

SHEARER CUP - School Golf Champion **Jay Maaka**

HOCKEY

SIMONSON CUP
Most Improved Player **Dean Lobb**

DYON JORDAN MEMORIAL
Most Valuable Player **Alex Iversen**

IN LINE HOCKEY

INLINE HOCKEY - Senior MVP **Jason McMahon**

BEST PERFORMING TEAM - 1st V **Jason McMahon**

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

HALL CUP - 3000m **Rhys Bishop**

TRIPLE JUMP **Connor Hobbs**

BECKBESSINGER CUP - 100M **Rephan Woods**

SHOTPUT **Nathan Jackson**

JAVELIN **Rupert Young**

HAGENSON CUP
Intermediate Champion **Rhys Bishop**

GILMOUR CUP - 800M **Rhys Bishop**

CHALLENGE CUP - 200M **Jordan Young**

1500M **Rhys Bishop**

CARTWRIGHT CUP - Long Jump **Connor Hobbs**

BOTHAMELY CUP - 400M **Rhys Bishop**

EDMONDS TROPHY - Discus **Shae Raumati-Katene**

ROWING

LEPPARD CUP
Outstanding Rower **Jackson Canter-Visscher**

RUGBY

U15s CUP - Most Promising Player **Izaak Wilson**

2ND XV CUP - Most Conscientious Player **Jahi Wicksteed**

1948-49 1st XV TROPHY - Player who exemplifies the character
of the team **Matthew McDonald**

WATTS CUP
Most Improved Player in 1st XV **Mark Martin**

TAYLOR CUP
Players' Player in 1st XV **Mitchell Brown**

D.M. LEUTHART CUP
Contributed Most to 1st XV **Johnny Thomson**

SAILING

SAILOR CUP - Outstanding School Sailor **Joe Batchelor**

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Senior Champion
Lachlan Bunn & Connor Wilson-Puhara

ALBERTSEN CUP - High Jump **Derek Albertsen**

FOOKES CUP - 1500M **Matt Baxter**

MORTON CUP - 3000M **Matt Baxter**

GARY FOWLER CUP
Athlete of the Year **Matt Baxter**

OLD BOYS' CUP - 100M **Isaac Robinson**

DISCUS **Matt Sanger**

HERBERT SMITH CUP - 200M **Connor Wilson-Puhara**

TRIPLE JUMP	Lachlan Bunn
WILD CUP - Senior Shotput Champion	Isaac Robinson
MASON MEMORIAL CUP - 800M	Robbie Wood
OLD BOYS' SHIELD - 400M	Connor Wilson-Puhara
SNOWDEN CUP - Javelin	Lachlan Boshier
BUNN CUP - Long Jump	Lachlan Bunn

SKIING

OHAKUNE OLD BOYS' TROPHY Senior Skiing Champion	Jackson Braddock-Pajo
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SOCCER

BURMESTER TROPHY - Most Improved Player	Isaac Bailey
COACHES' CUP Contributed Most to the Team	Matt Lamb
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Chad Jones
RUSSELL HOOPER CUP - MVP	Robbie Wood

SQUASH

DOW ELANCO CUP Squash Most Valuable Player	Jerome Salle
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SURFING

SMITH CUP - Most Outstanding Surfer	Sean Kettle
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SWIMMING

CHALLENGE CUP - Intermediate Champion	Julian Weir
SYKES MEMORIAL CUP Senior Champion	Jordan McCormack

TENNIS

MCKEON CUP - Intermediate Champion	Jaime Simpson
BURGESS CUP - Most Improved	Callum Old
CANDY CUP - Senior Champ	Callum Old

TRIATHLETE

CAMERON CLOW CUP Outstanding Triathlete	Chaz Hall
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VOLLEYBALL

SOPER CUP - Most Valuable Player	Robbie Wood
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SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

TEAM OF THE YEAR CUP	1st V Basketball
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1ST XI CRICKET AND A WINTER SPORT

DONNELLY CUP	Henry Boon
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THE BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN

WOLFE CUP	Robbie Wood
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SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

COLLEGES TROPHY	Matt Baxter
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Junior Sports Awards

BADMINTON

COOK AND LISTER CUP Open Champion	Pun Thepkunhanimit
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CROSS COUNTRY

NOAKES CUP - Junior Champion	Ross Stembridge
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HOCKEY

THE GEURSEN STICK Most Promising Junior	Ross Stembridge
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INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

KELLER CUP - High Jump	Dane Brooks
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JUNIOR ATHLETICS

HARMAN CUP - 400M	Austin Spicer
TRIPLE JUMP	Harrison Meads
100M	Austin Spicer
200M	Jahden McDonald
DISCUS	Selwyn Cooper
SHOTPUT	Joachim Faga
JAVELIN	Diandre Potgieter
BISHOP CUP - 800M	Justin Bishop
GRIEVE CUP - 1500M	Justin Bishop
LONG JUMP	Leon Martin
BENNET CUP - JUNIOR CHAMPION	Justin Bishop
BAXTER CUP - 3000m	Justin Bishop
HIGH JUMP	Jack Aylett-Cooper

RUGBY

MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP Yr 10 Rugby	Jeremy Bennetts
JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL Leadership at Junior Levels	Liam Blyde

FOOTBALL

BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP Involvement in Jnr Football	Jacob Manning
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SWIMMING

FOX CUP - Junior Champion	Talor Owen
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TENNIS

HERBERT SMITH CUP Junior Tennis Champion	Cory Sutherland
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VOLLEYBALL

COACHES' CUP (Jager Cup) Leadership in Junior Volleyball	Sean Hone
MVP AWARD - Most Valuable Player	Dane Brooks

YEAR 10 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

DUCKMANTON CUP	Jono Brownjohn
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YEAR 9 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

BRAD BENNETT CUP	Ross Stembridge
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School Photos 2011

The following students were awarded Tiger Jackets in 2011:

Academic

Ben Grant
Billy Rodenburg
Chaz Hall
Chris Aebig
Connor Anderson
Edward Lawley
Geoffrey Hewlett
George Zhang
Jacob Tomlinson
Josh Girvan
Matthew Stevenson
Robbie Wood
Samuel McComb
Tim Boag

Adventure Racing

Billy Rodenburg
Darren Alexander
Edward Lawley
Liam Patterson

Athletics

Chaz Hall
Conner Wilson-Puhara
Isaac Robinson
Lachlan Bunn
Matt Baxter
Robbie Wood

Technical Contribution to Performing Arts and Culture

Sam Adlam

Basketball

Ben Crombie
Derek Albersten
Jono Faapo
Lachlan Fenwick
Lewis Ormond
Matthew Wallace

BMX

Jayden Davy

Chess

Jacob Tomlinson
Jesse Watt

Cricket

Henry Boon

Jackson Braddock-Pajo
James McDougall
John Dickson
Josh Roguski
Mitch Brown
Mitchell Aro

Cross Country

Chaz Hall
Darren Alexander
Edward Lawley
Matt Baxter

Drama

Billy Smith

Football

Chad Jones
Issac Bailey
Matt Lamb
Matt Sanger
Michael Lahood
Peterson Chichiirua
Robbie Wood
Zahn Ruwhiu

Golf

Jay Maaka
Sanjay Modgill

Hockey

Alex Iverson
Ben Pigott
Charles Barnes
David Avery
Jay Rodger
Kieran Whitmore
Lane Simpkin
Sonny Nguyen

Inline

Eddie Konijin
Hayden Whyte
Jason McMahon

Music

Maikeli Dennis
Jordan Hughes
Jacon Tomlinson
Jake Church
Jesse Watt

Josh Girvan
Matt Lamb
Robbie Wood
Shaun Burton

Leadership

Darren Alexander
Edward Lawley
Isaac Robinson
Josh Girvan
Kyle Gillespie
Lachlan Bunn

Rugby

Billy Ratu
Gio Habel-Kueffner
Isaac Robinson
Kane Wilson
Lachlan Boshier
Lachlan Bunn
Luke Huritu-Jones
Mark Martin
Matthew McDonald
Mitchell Brown
Tim Ryder

Sailing

Shaun Burton

Squash

Antony Van Kooten
Jerome Salle

Surfing

Josh Kettle

Swimming

Martin Weir

Tennis

Callum Old
Michael Lloyd

Touch

Jake Parker
Matt McDonald

Volleyball

Lachlan Bunn
Matt Sanger
Nick Jager
Richard Robbins
Robbie Wood

On Friday 28th October, we had our annual 2011 Awards Dinner held at the Plymouth International Hotel. 240 people attended the special dinner to honour our top sports and cultural students for 2011.

Jesse Watt provided pre-dinner music which was enjoyed by many. Head Boy, Isaac Robinson, spoke about his time at New Plymouth Boys' HS to those who attended this event. During dinner the audience were entertained with a performance of "Timshel" by Mumford & Sons (Robbie Wood, Josh Girvan, Jake Church, Maikeli Dennis and Matthew Lamb).

Wolfe Cup

The winner of the Wolfe Cup for All Round Sporting Excellence went to Robbie Wood for the second year for his continued outstanding sporting achievements during the year. There were three other nominees for the award: Charles Barnes, Lachlan Bunn and Jackson Braddock-Pajo.

Cultural Group of the Year

There was only one nominee for the 2011 Cultural Group of the Year which went to the Senior Jazz Band.

Sports Team of the Year

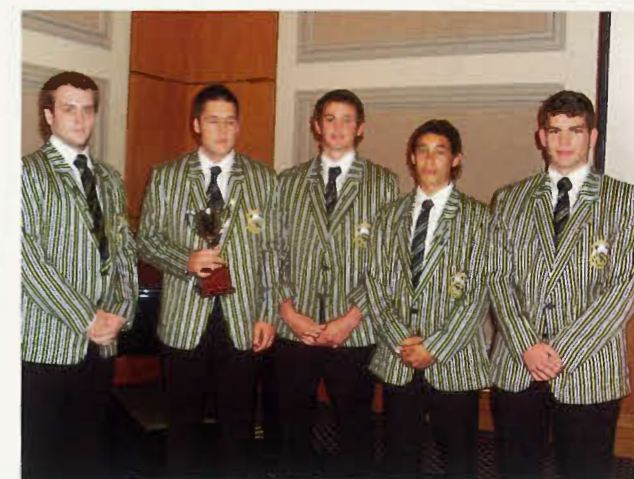
This award saw four nominations for 2011. They included Senior Adventure Racing, 1st V Basketball, 1st V Inline Hockey and Senior Cross Country team. The award went to the Basketball Team which had a great 2011 season coming 1st in the Super 8 competition and 4th in NZSS competition.

Sportsman of the Year

There were six superb nominees for Sportsman of the Year. They were Matt Baxter (Athletics/Cross Country), Mitchell Brown (Rugby), Jayden Davy (BMX), Edward Lawley (Adventure Racing), Matt Wallace (Basketball) and Jason McMahon (In Line Hockey). Matt Baxter, triumphed on the night being named the 2011 Sportsman of the Year.



2011 CULTURAL GROUP OF THE YEAR - SENIOR JAZZ BAND



2011 SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR - 1st V BASKETBALL TEAM

Performer of the Year

Jake Church was awarded the 2011 Performer of the Year for Music in recognition of his dedication and hard work during 2011. Jake won gold in National Concert Band for solo performance on a classical guitar. The other outstanding nominees were Billy Smith for Drama and Matthew Lamb for Jazz Band.



ROBBIE WOOD - WINNER OF THE WOLFE CUP FOR 2011



JAKE CHURCH - PERFORMER OF THE YEAR



MATT BAXTER - SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR





ADVENTURE RACING

The summer 2010/2011 adventure racing season got underway in late 2010 with Edward Lawley, Darren Alexander, Billy Rodenburg, and Liam Paterson coming a close third in the Tangaroa Challenge multisport event based in Tauranga.

Not long after that one of our junior combined Get To Go teams won the Taranaki regional event and progressed to the final on Great Barrier Island in December. The 4 boys (Thomas Spencer, Orin Burmester, Hamish Sturmer, and Matt Furze) along with 4 girls from NPGHS then gained a credible second place at the national final. It was the fourth year we had made the final and against 11 other regional winners our track record of 4th, 1st, 2nd and 2nd shows we are up there with the best.

The 2011 season has been a successful one. A number of students won their divisions in the Kaweka Challenge mountain run with Dean Lobb winning the schools' 12 km race, Liam Paterson and Josh Girvan winning the 2 day 30km, and Edward Lawley the open mens' 30km run, a rare feat in endurance sports.

Wins in the ARC 12 hour race were then followed by Edward, Darren, Billy, and Liam winning the National Secondary Schools' 12 hour Adventure Race Championships, known as the Go 4 12. It was also very encouraging to have 10 teams from NPBHS and NPGHS competing, and with the junior boys (Tom, Hamish,

Orin, and Matt) winning their division it shows the depth that is developing in the sport.

The pinnacle event in the calendar was the Hillary Challenge and our team of Edward, Darren, Billy, and Liam and 4 girls were desperate to regain the title. And that is what they did, this time by a solid margin. It was a tremendous performance on the back of a huge amount of training. In 10 appearances at the challenge 3 second placings and 7 first placings reflect the passion and commitment that students at our two schools have for the sport. The event itself had 35 hours of full on competition over the week. In addition they had 2 nights camping in the field and were assessed on their camp craft. No other sporting event rivals the toughness of the challenge.

Finally in September the regional competition for the Get To Go was held. Unfortunately our 4 year winning streak was upset by a strong Opunake team and our top team finished a very close second. No Great Barrier trip this year. What was encouraging though was that NPBHS and NPGHS fielded 7 teams, the most ever which reflects the growth of the sport. We look forward to 2012.

Mr Philip Hewlett
TIC Adventure Racing

Get 2 Go Grand Final

December 2010

On December the 5th, having won the Taranaki regional competition in August, a combined team from New Plymouth Boys' High and Girls' High schools travelled up to Auckland and caught a ferry to Great Barrier Island.

We were in for five days of intense skill and endurance based activities. Teams had come from 13 different regions of New Zealand to compete in this event with some teams coming from as far away as Fiordland. The team consisted of four year 9 boys who had come into adventure racing that year and four year 10 girls one of whom, (Katie), had competed at Great Barrier the year before.

In the 4 months between the regional event and the final we had trained hard and worked to cover a large range of skills from rogaining to stand-up kayaking to memorising information.

Monday and Tuesday's activities consisted of many problem solving activities. These were things like kayaking and rowing around buoys, blindfolded wall climbing, using a flying kiwi to attain adventure racing terms which we had to match, transporting Ping-Pong balls, (we won this), and getting across an area without touching the ground. These were done with one other team to compete against at a time. Following these morning activities, on each day, there were two 'all in' activities which were sailing, kayaking, using a raft which you had to build and memorizing (which we won).

At the conclusion of these activities we were in third place behind Whangarei and Trident High Schools.

The next day was the first of the expedition; the first part of which was a short swim to get a map for an orienteering event to collect information. This led us to the climbing wall where

we gathered clues which we used to piece together a message. Then we set off on a four hour trek. At the end of this we were in third place and we had an hour for lunch. Next up was a kayak back to Orama (the place where we stayed). We had to make an 8 person raft with three kayaks to transport us and our packs. Our raft was poorly designed so we lost one place to Whangarei on this leg. Unfortunately in the building of this raft we weren't aware of the fact that we had to dismantle it so when the time came to take it apart we lost a lot of time.

We were then driven by boat to Kaikoura Island where we stayed the night on an airstrip.

The next day we embarked on a 6 hour rogaine where Matt and I navigated through dense bush and around the coast. Two of the points in the rogaine required Rebecca to swim out to sea to a pair of mussel farms. We then bush-bashed all over the island and came first place for this day with, combined with our two skits that we had to show that evening, put us in first place for the last day. Unfortunately we couldn't keep up with the other teams on the final day (an hour of trekking followed by a kayak paddle to the finish).

At midday we were given our results and finished 2nd place to Trident by 24 out of around 5000 points. We were all given an event shirt and each team had a member named for a leadership prize which I took for our team.

The whole team performed admirably and we were all pleased with our result.

Thanks to our coaches, Ms Scott and Mr Cole.

The team was: (NPBHS) Tom Spencer, Matt Furze, Orin Burmester, Hamish Sturmer. And (NPGHS) Emma Bowie, Lyneche Simkin, Rebecca Cole and Katie Rodenburg.



GREAT BARRIER ISLAND, DECEMBER 2010

Go 4 12 Adventure

Hawkes Bay 2011

On Friday 8th April ten teams and 40 students from New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Schools headed east to compete in the annual New Zealand Secondary Schools' Adventure Racing Championships, known as the Go 4 12.

Hopes were high as we were the defending champions in the junior, senior girls' and senior boys' divisions. In fact since the race's inception 6 years ago NPBHS has won the senior boys' title every year.

The race start was Glenfalls campsite on the picturesque Mohaka River, halfway between Napier and Taupo. We arrived mid afternoon, set up tents, checked rafts and gear, had our race gear inspected by the organisers, and loaded up on plenty of food in preparation for the 12 hour race the following day. At 7 pm we attended a race briefing, and plenty of time was then spent studying maps and planning the strategies for the following day. A clear starlit night and southerly wind signalled a likely frost overnight.

Four o'clock in the morning and the teams started to stir, eat breakfast, do the final gear sort and line up amid a mass of headlamps for the 5.30 start. Chaos emerged as over 200 racers sprinted to get their maps then continued on to do a foot rogaine in the dark, at times wading chest deep water to get checkpoints. This took most teams between 1 and 2 hours.

From this leg the teams transitioned to the rafting, a 6 km stretch of the Mohaka River involving grade 2 white water, on tube rafts the teams had designed and built themselves. Our 'A' boys team of Edward Lawley, Darren Alexander, Billy Rodenburg, and Liam Paterson were first on the river in just under 1 hour, followed by Opunake 8 minutes later.

The rafting took between 1 and 2 hours and cold and wet paddlers then transitioned to a gruelling mountain bike leg. This involved 25 km of track and gravel road, climbing 1000metres of height (the equivalent of New Plymouth to the North Egmont Visitors' Centre). Here our Boys 'A' team increased



SHEEP DRAFTING CHALLENGE



DOWNHILL TO THE FINISH



END OF THE RAFTING SECTION



ALICE CASKEY, LUCY BRANKIN, JAHJ WICKSTEED AND ROBBIE WOOD AT THE RAFTING TRANSITION

their 30 minute lead, coming off the rafting, to over an hour into the next transition. Our 'B' team of Mitchell Holyoake, Mark Houwers, Josh Girvan, and Thomas Burrell having overtaken over a dozen teams in the rafting and the bike leg came into this transition in second place.

The next stage involved a huge rogaine, with a possible 30km of travel on foot on very steep terrain. Teams tried to reach as many checkpoints as possible in the time they had left before the final leg, a 1 hour downhill bike ride to the finish. Thrown in for bonus points were a caving activity, a sheep drafting challenge, and a rock jump off a cliff into a stream. This stage proved the winning or losing of the race for a number of teams and tested navigation skills to the full.

The final leg was a steep climb followed by 13 km of downhill to the finish, with teams reaching up to 55km/h at some points. Dinner and camping that night were followed by a prize giving brunch the following day.

Our boys' A team were the winners and had the highest score overall.

Our junior team of Matt Furze, Hamish Sturmer, Tom Spencer, and Orin Burmester were fourth overall and won the junior section. Close behind were Jack Anderson, Liam Jansen, Dean Lobb, and Ieuan McLeod.

All teams performed credibly and represented their school with pride.

Kaweka Challenge 2011

The weekend of February 26/ 27 saw 14 students from NPBHS and 4 from NPGHS head across to Kuripapango on the Napier Taihape Rd for the 22nd annual Kaweka Challenge.

This is an iconic mountain running event billed as the highest mountain run in New Zealand. We had students entered in 4 of the 6 different events or options on offer.

In the one day solo classic event Billy Rodenburg came 5th in the open mens' division. In just over 7 and a 1/2 hours he traversed 41 km of rough terrain, with the equivalent up and down of 2 Taranaki mountain summits.

Edward Lawley, Darren Alexander and Jesse Watt contested the one day solo event. The course attracted a field of 74 contestants, and involved traversing 30 km of rough ground with the equivalent up and down of 1 and a 1/2 Taranaki summits. Jesse came a credible 24th with a time of 5 hours 55minutes, Darren 5th with a time of 4 hour 55, while Edward won the whole division with a time of 4 hours 12 minutes.

The two day event involved traversing a similar route to the 30km course, with the added complication of having to carry overnight camping gear, making the packs somewhat heavier. Liam Paterson and Josh Girvan were the fastest time in this event in 5 hours 23 minutes, Charles Barnes was the first solo competitor home in 6 hours 6 minutes, while Mark Houwers (6 hours 34) and Hayden Wood (8 hours 29) came 7th and 12th respectively.

The most popular event (96 entries) was the 13km (with a 950m climb) mountain run. Here Dean Lobb (1 hour 35 minutes) won the junior boys' division, followed by Edward Lawley and Darren Alexander (1 hour 41) who won the school pairs division. They were followed by Matt Furze, Tom Spencer, Orin Burmester, and Hamish Sturmer who came second in the school category in 2 hours 2minutes. Close behind were Billy Rodenburg and Jesse Watt with 5th in the school category in 2 hours 7 minutes.

All in all a successful weekend and once again New Plymouth made its presence felt and were certainly noticed.



Hillary Challenge 2011

The week of May 16 to 20 saw the 11th annual Hillary Challenge take place at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of NZ. The event sponsored by Genesis Energy puts the top adventure racing schools in the country together in a five day endurance event, arguably the toughest secondary school event in the country. The New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High team of Emily Roughan, Edward Lawley, Billy Rodenburg, Jordelle Simkin, Darren Alexander, Liam Paterson, Hayley Duckett, and Hannah Sturmer arrived keen to reclaim the title that we had won 6 of the last 9 years.

Monday and Tuesday were the initiative challenges. Over the two days the 12 teams that had made the event (there was a qualifying event earlier in the year) rotated around 12 one hour problem solving challenges. These ranged from challenges on low and high ropes courses to communication activities to diffusing 'bombs' with codes discovered using avalanche transceivers. All tested teamwork and a wide variety of skills and teams were assessed on task completion as well as the problem solving process that they went through. On Monday night teams had to perform a 5 minute skit on the plight of an endangered species.

Two examples: in Turangi the teams were given 40 close-up photos of objects and signs within the urban area. They then had to split up and run throughout the area to find and plot the location of as many of these photos as possible. Observation and navigation skills were vital. In a later activity, students had to build a raft to paddle across the Tongariro River to retrieve cookers and tin cans to construct a water distillation kit. Points were scored on the amount of water distilled in the time.

At the end of the two days the scores were released and we

were excited to be in the lead by a narrow margin over Opunake High School.

Days three and four were the rogaïne – a trek through the Tongariro mountains picking up as many checkpoints as possible. The teams were dropped off in the snow at scoria flat on the Whakapapa ski field road. Maps were issued, routes planned, and the teams departed. They had about 8 hours of travel on the Wednesday and 10 on the Thursday to the finish with a night out camping in between. This section of the challenge saw the Taranaki teams dominate with NPGHS/NPBHS scoring the top score of 1500 points with Opunake about 1300, and the next school in the 900's.

Finishing the rogaïne the teams camped out again, knowing that the final day would have a challenging adventure race in store for them. And we were not disappointed. A 6 km paddle on Lake Taupo was followed by a gruelling 12 km and 400m



ONE OF THE INITIATIVE CHALLENGES



ON THE ROGAÏNE

climb and descent over past the Tokaanu power station and down to Lake Rotoaira. Here we set up a solid lead with an 84 minute run compared to most schools taking over 120 minutes.

The team then transitioned to mountain bikes for a 26 km ride on gravel road and tracks to OPC. Final time was 255 minutes, 15 minutes ahead of Trident High School, 25 ahead of Opunake, and 45 ahead of most other schools. It was an awesome effort by the team.

At the prize giving the team were rewarded for their efforts. It was a convincing 300 point win over second place getters Opunake High School with third place getter Cambridge High School another 500 points back. Months of training and preparation had paid off.

Mr Philip Hewlett
Ms Sue Scott



WATER DISTILLATION CHALLENGE



TOWER BUILDING INITIATIVE CHALLENGE



BACK (left to right): JAMIE (OPC INSTRUCTOR), BILLY RODENBURG, EDWARD LAWLEY, LIAM PATERSON, HAYLEY DUCKETT, DARREN ALEXANDER
FRONT (left to right): JORDELLE SIMKIN, EMILY ROUGHAN, HANNAH STURMER

ATHLETICS

National Athletics (December 2010)

This event takes place after exams and was in Hastings. A fairly large contingent of athletes went across and what follows is a summary of their results.

Jono Brownjohn was unstoppable on his way to winning all 5 events he could enter in the AWD AMP competition. 100m (15.52), 200m (34.09), shot (9.21m), javelin (16.91) and long jump (4.33m) were his winning performances.

Matt Baxter smashed his own school record with an astounding 8.38.61 time in the Senior 3000m to finish 2nd again to Declan Wilson. As a Year 11 this counts as an intermediate record and one that will take some beating in the future.

Josh Taylor finished a distinguished school running career with a 4th place and school record 6.25.81 in the open 2000m steeplechase.

Uriah O'Connor placed 4th in the senior triple jump with 13.52m his best leap. This distance is further than the senior record, but Uriah is still an intermediate and was agonisingly close to this long standing milestone.

Rhys Bishop chose the 4000m road race and ran a creditable 7th in this large field.

Derek Albertson cleared 1.80m in the senior high jump to place 16th and was 20th in the triple jump with 11.20m.

Darren Alexander was 8th in his 1500m heat clocking 4.24 and then 29th in the 6000m road race. Brody Schultz was 48th.

Robbie Wood progressed to the 400m semi final where he placed 6th in 53.19.

Dylan Haggart placed 19th in the senior shot put, throwing 12.48m. This competition will be remembered for Jacko Gill's 3 world records and his eventual top throw of 23.86m!

Other road racers to run were under 16 boys Mitchell Owen (33rd), Liam Jansen (34th), Max Hardie Boys (49th), Jesse Kenny (55th) and Will Jones (76th). Their 3 man and 6 man teams both placed 4th (Rhys Bishop included). The Year 9 boys were 8th in the 3 man and 6th in the 6 man. Runners were Orin Burmester (38th), Tom Spencer (50th), Matt Furze (58th), Hamish Sturmer (59th), Taylor Roberts (70th), James Toss (80th) and Sam Morgan (81st).

School Athletics

A total of 4 school records were set this year during the school sports. Matt Baxter set the first of his 2 records in the 3000m down on Webster field. His 8.40.9 was 15 seconds quicker than David Morton's victorious effort in the 2007 North Island champs. Matt also took David's 1500m record (another North Island victory) running a memorable 3.55.52 with fantastic crowd support to carve 7 seconds off the school record and emphatically smash through the 4 minute barrier. Rhys Bishop broke the intermediate 800m record becoming the first runner in many years to break 2 minutes. His 1.59.00 replaced Tyler MacLeods 2.01.01 North Island success of 2004. Also entering the record books was junior shot put champion Joachim Faga.



ATHLETICS TEAM
 BACK ROW: REPHAN WOODS, LIAM DE GREY, JORDAN YOUNG, JOSHUA DOWSING, NGANA NICHOLAS, DANE BROOKS, CONNOR HOBBS, SAM BETTERIDGE
 THIRD ROW: JOACHIM FAGA, JAHU WICKSTEED, JACK AYLETT COOPER, SHAUN BURTON, IZAAK WILSON, MAX HARDIE BOYS, EDWARD LAWLEY, DIANDRE POTGIETER, THOMAS ROODBEEN
 SECOND ROW: CHRIS KELLY, AUSTIN SPICER, JAVON MCCALLUM, JOSHUA GIRVAN, TRENT SPICER, MR PAUL DOMINIKOVICH (MANAGER), OSCAR BOUND WALSH, JUSTIS HOBSON, JUSTIN BISHOP, ROSS STEMBRIDGE, ORIN BURMESTER
 FRONT ROW: LIAM JANSEN, RHYS BISHOP, CHAZ HALL, ISAAC ROBINSON, LACHLAN BUNN, CONNOR WILSON-PUHARA, ROBBIE WOOD, DARREN ALEXANDER, DEREK ALBERTSEN, JONO BROWNJOHN
 ABSENT: MATT BAXTER, MITCHELL BROWN

Joachim threw 11.96m eclipsing G Tiaon who threw 11.88m in 1986.

TSS Athletics

A large team of nearly 60 boys were selected to represent the school at the TSS Athletics championships held at the TET stadium in Inglewood on Wednesday, March 16 in hot, stifling conditions. The school won over half the events again and was particularly dominant in the Senior and Junior age groups.

Winners on the day were:

Junior		
Bronson Kerehoma	80m Hurdles	14.56
Chris Kelly	1500m	5.01.18
Leon Martin	Long Jump	5.05m
Thomas Roodbeen	Triple Jump	11.15m
Harrison Meads	High Jump	1.54m
Joachim Faga	Shot Put	11.38m
Selwyn Cooper	Discus	31.98m
Intermediate		
Connor Hobbs	100m Hurdles	17.02
Rhys Bishop	800m	2.03.00
	1500m	4.20.10
Liam Jansen	3000m	10.05.17
	Open Hammer	19.34
Dane Brooks	High Jump	1.71m
Senior		
Connor Wilson-Puhara	110m Hurdles	19.63
Isaac Robinson	100m	12.32
	200m	24.40
Robbie Wood	400m	52.76
Matt Baxter	1500m	3.58.91 (TSS Record)
Chaz Hall	3000m	9.26.45
Lachlan Bunn	Long Jump	6.10m
Derek Albertson	High Jump	1.85m
Mitchell Brown	Shot Put	12.18m
Jahi Wicksteed	300m Hurdles	45.22
Darren Alexander	2000m Steeplechase	6.45.40

School teams were also victorious in the junior and senior 4 x 100m relays with our senior B team prevailing in the final event.

Noteworthy 2nd places went to Justin Bishop in the junior 3000m in 10.31, Shaun Burton in the senior 100m in a photo finish and Lewis Ormond clearing 1.80m in the senior high jump. Matt Baxter took 10 seconds off the senior 1500m record and Rhys Bishop was within 1 second of records in both his middle distance victories.

North Island Athletics

17 NPBS boys were selected from TSS athletics to represent Taranaki at the NISS championships held in Hamilton over the weekend of April 2-3. Below is a summary of their results.

Rhys Bishop comfortably qualified for the 800m final and ran a school record 1.58.93 to take 2nd place. Rhys backed this up with a 7 second personal best in the 1500m race claiming 3rd spot in 4.11.50

Matt Baxter claimed 2nd spot in the senior 3000m with a time of 8.43.47.

Derek Albertson placed 4th equal in the senior high jump clearing 180m and 11th in the triple jump with a best leap of 11.60m.

Darren Alexander was 4th in the open boys 2000m steeplechase completing the event in an impressive 6.34.61

Jack Cooper placed 5th in the junior boys' high jump clearing 1.50m.

Thomas Roodbeen claimed 6th in the junior triple jump with 10.67m and 9th in the long jump with 5.37m

Diandre Potgieter finished 6th in the junior javelin with a 33.39m best throw.

Dane Brooks cleared 1.70m for 7th place in the intermediate high jump.

Joachim Faga had the junior shot put out to 11.36m for 9th place.

Chris Kelly ran an impressive 10.16.49 for 9th place in the junior 3000m. He followed this up with 15th in the 1500m in 4.49.05.

Chaz Hall ran 11th in a strong senior boys' 3000m field with 9.13.59

Harrison Meads placed 12th in the junior triple jump with a best jump of 9.98m

Jono Brownjohn was 14th in his intermediate high jump with 1.55m. Jono jumped 4.70m to win his category in the AWD long jump and was 2nd in the AWD 100m in 15.54.

Justis Hobson was 14th in the junior long jump with 5.04m.

Robbie Wood's 53.90 placed him 15th in the senior boys' 400m. Justin Bishop finished 15th in the junior 3000m in 10.51.18.

Leon Martin was 16th in the junior long jump with a best leap of 4.80m.

National Club Athletics

Matt Baxter and Rhys Bishop were part of the Taranaki team that travelled to Dunedin on March 24th for the National Championships. Matt was in dominant form claiming the men's 16 3000m title by 24 seconds in a personal best 8.30.68. This is the second fastest recorded time in this age group and was run solo in difficult wind conditions. Matt qualified easily for the 1500m final where he lead for 1400m before being passed on the home straight. His 2nd place in 3.55.89 was fractionally slower than his memorable race at the school sports earlier in the month.

Rhys qualified comfortably for the 800m final where he placed 6th in 2.02. Rhys was unable to qualify for the 1500m final.

Youth Commonwealth Games

Matt Baxter became the first NPBS student of any discipline to be selected to represent New Zealand at the Youth

Commonwealth Games in the Isle of Man in September over 3000m. The IOM is renowned for its wind which made fast times unrealistic. Matt performed with distinction placing 7th in the final clocking 8.46.39 and coming in behind two Kenyans, two from Uganda, a Zambian and a Rwandan.

Matt was later announced as the winner of the 2011 NPBHS Sportsman of the Year.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
Master in Charge Athletics

BADMINTON

Super 8

The badminton team had a change of scenery this year with a trip to Hastings for Super 8 rather than the usual venue in Hamilton.

Our team this year had some returning experience in Brandon Gaustad, our top seed, and a promising newcomer in Cory Sutherland, playing number two as a Year 9. Daniel Park and Dean Lobb earned the third and fourth positions.

The tournament saw some of tightest ties ever as we came up against most of the other lower ranked teams in the first three rounds. Gisborne actually turned up this year so we met them in the first round. We were 3-1 down going into the final singles matches, but Brandon and Cory were very composed in tight matches and both won in three games to level the tie. Unfortunately, due to Gisborne's wins being completed in straight games they took it on a games countback.

The Tauranga tie was almost an action replay, except that Brandon and Cory were warmed up now and completely outplayed their more favoured opponents to win in straight games and draw at three matches each again. To our disbelief, we lost our second tie running, but this time they had to count back to the number of points won to separate us.

These losses were disheartening for the final result, but at the same time the boys were growing in confidence in their play. We knew that we had to beat Hastings or risk finishing bottom and this tie played out very differently as Hastings have a very



MATT BAXTER AT THE YOUTH COMMONWEALTH GAMES

strong number one player. He won his singles match and carried his partner to a doubles win as well, but this time Daniel and Dean brought us home with fighting wins in singles and doubles. Cory continued to play outstandingly well for such a young second seed, winning his third straight singles match to give us a 4-2 win.

Our next three ties were against the top ranked teams who beat us in every match and then Napier in the final round. We rated ourselves an outside chance to beat Napier, but unfortunately we couldn't quite match their level of play across the team. This left us in a respectable seventh position as we were so close to the fifth and sixth teams.



TOP 8 BADMINTON TEAM
BACK ROW: MR JONATHON FLYNN, BRANDON GAUSTAD
FRONT ROW: CORY SUTHERLAND, DEAN LOBB, RAKSIT PRASITKUSOL, DANIEL PARK
ABSENT: PUN THEPKUNHANIMIT

Pun Thepkunhanimit

National Junior Club Champion & TSS Junior Champion New Zealand Under 15 Champion

This year we welcomed Pun to NPBHS, a Thai student who is an exceptional badminton talent. Unfortunately due to Wellington College not showing up for our exchange this year, Pun only got to play in the Hamilton interschool and the TSS competition. In doing so, Pun beat Hamilton's top player who has been the best player in the Super 8 for three years running and he did so in straight games. Pun went to the national club champs with the Taranaki team and comfortably won the junior division in that competition and as would be expected for a player of this level, he was totally untroubled in winning our Taranaki schools competition. If you get a chance to see Pun play in the future, make sure you take it.



BASKETBALL

Basketball 1st V 2011

The 2011 squad consisted of Matt Wallace (Captain), Lachie Fenwick, Lewis Ormond, Jono Faapoi, Derek Albertsen, Ben Crombie, Alex Bartley-Catt, Ethan Rawson, Jerem Wichman, Jordan Harries, Aaron Ransfield and Jaron Doyle.

Expectations were high for the 2011 season from the coaching team of Mr David Bublitz and Mr Brendon Baxter as many of the squad had spent a great deal of time over the previous four years in the BHS gym.

Traditional Fixtures

Auckland Grammar traditionally marks the start of the season and a trip to Auckland adds to the anticipation and nerves for the new boys in the team. A Grammar team with several star players were favoured going into the game but a determined effort resulted in a tight win 75-74 after being down at the half. The starting five set the tone for the season, all making double figures and keeping their cool in the dying stages as some dubious refereeing decisions brought Grammar within grasp of stealing the win.

Hamilton BHS were looking for revenge after NP took the super 8 shield from them in 2010 in their new gym. A very slow start was reversed in the following three quarters and Hamilton were convincingly outplayed with Lachie Fenwick converting 15 from 15 for a total of 26 points.

The third traditional against Palmerston North was also away and again the opposition was outclassed with NP winning 75-57. All players got their names on the score sheet with Ben Crombie dominating the boards and Lachie Fenwick, Derek Albertsen and Matt Wallace making good numbers.

The only home game for the season drew a big crowd and the team did not disappoint winning 84-51 against Wellington

College. Ben Crombie has his best game for the school scoring 23 points.

Regional Qualifying

Another trip to Porirua! A very strong region meant that some of the big names of secondary school basketball would miss out on a spot at Nationals. Two big wins on day one, 78-38 V Napier Boys' and 81-41 V Scots College did not help the build up to the business end of the tournament. Game three against St Pat's College was very tight for the first half with NP winning 71-66. Lewis Ormond dominated at both ends of the court scoring 19 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. A quarter final against Wellington College was far tighter than our previous encounter and again we only pulled away in the second half winning 71-62. Semi final time against a very strong St John's, Hastings, team and the team were again hindered by another slow start losing 53-64. This first loss of the season was a timely reminder that there was still a huge amount of work to be done before nationals and interesting comments from the St John's coach would be used as motivation over the coming months. Third and fourth playoff's are never cool. A solid half time lead against last year's runner up from Nationals was squandered in the final quarter and NP lost 59-63. Jono Faapoi battled bigger men all tournament and scored 13 points with 9 boards in this final game.

Super 8

Gisborne was always going to be a big trip and breaking down before Rotorua certainly didn't get the trip off to a good start. Early games as at Regionals were rather one sided with big wins against Napier (75-25) and Tauranga (95-40). These games gave the bench plenty of game time with Jerem Wichman scoring 10 points against Napier and Jordan Harries 10 against Tauranga. The final pool game to determine the top spot was against Hastings who were still sore at not gaining a place at Nationals. With the lead changing numerous times in the first

three quarters, the depth of our squad was the difference winning 66-61. Jono Faapoi had another big game with 19 points and Lewis Ormond and Derek Albertsen 15. The semi final against Palmerston North lacked the intensity of the Hastings game and NP won 73-57 with Lachie again top scorer with 20 points. Hastings picked themselves up from their earlier defeat to knock over Hamilton and set up a big rematch for the final. As in the first game things were very tight for the first three quarters. The final quarter was a different story and the six "starters" showed great composure and skill under pressure to outscore Hastings 27-7 and retain the super 8 shield winning 78-58. Matt Wallace and Lachie Fenwick were named in the super 8 tournament team.

Nationals

Nationals were again held in Palmerston North with game one against St John's Hamilton. Another tight game but this year's team again showed their experience under pressure to put away teams in the final quarter winning 65-60. Hutt Valley had shown they were very strong at regionals and game two was going to be another tight one. Down 50-62 at three quarter time, a big final quarter ended at 79 all. Top scorers Lachie Fenwick and Jono Faapoi led the way to a 86-84 win in over time. Another tough game in the afternoon was a big test after the tight morning game and NP went three from three beating Christchurch Boys' 70-57. Game five against Otago Boys' saw us outsized yet again. Matt Wallace had been a steady influence all tournament and he stepped up to score 20 points against Otago. Game five against Massey High School was a chance to give everyone some court time with a quarter final



1ST V BASKETBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: JEREM WICHMAN, JORDAN HARRIES, ALEX BARTLEY CATT, BEN CROMBIE
 MIDDLE ROW: MR DAVID BUBLITZ, JARON DOYLE, AARON RANSFIELD, ETHAN RAWSON, MR ANDREW HOPE
 FRONT ROW: JONATHAN FAAPOI, LEWIS ORMOND, MATT WALLACE, LACHLAN FENWICK, DEREK ALBERTSEN

spot already confirmed. Alex Bartley Catt contributed 10 points to the 99-74 win. Business time and a quarter final against our friends from Wellington College. A massive third quarter increased the lead by 20 and put the game out of Wellington's reach with the final score 88-59. The previous best placing at Nationals for NPBHS team was fourth during the Bublitz era and the team were determined to go one better against Auckland Grammar in the semi. After being pushed around in our previous encounter, Grammar returned the favour and came out more aggressive and we struggling to get in the game offensively. We were soundly beaten 55-71 and we were again faced with the challenge of the third and fourth playoff. This final game was against a big Westlake team and despite a strong start we struggled in the middle of the game. A fight in the final quarter and another 20 point haul from Lachie was not enough as we lost 53-59 for fourth place in New Zealand. Fourth place was a great achievement for the team and just reward for the hard work of the previous few years. Matt Wallace was named in the tournament team and Lachie Fenwick picked up the Church College award for playing in the Spirit of Basketball.

Following on from a successful national tournament the team had their final game for the season in the final of the Taranaki Men's Premier Grade. The team finished on a high claiming the title for the first time with a 83-67 win in front of a large and vocal crowd.

The 2011 1st V Basketball team were honoured for their achievements at the NPBHS awards dinner, picking up the team of the year award. As a result Mr Bublitz needed a few tissues and a cuddle from Mrs Bublitz after giving a lengthy and emotional speech.

Thanks once again to the parents who supported us all around the country and fund the numerous trips away.

Mr Andrew Hope
 Manager



JONO FAAPOI IN ACTION AT NATIONALS

Yr 9 and 10 Celtics Basketball Team

The Celtics had a sensational season, missing out on the championship by only a basket.

After a solid season and qualifying at the top of the table we couldn't quite manage a win in the final. It was a great learning experience for the team and stressed the importance of practising the way you intend to play.

A big thank you for all the support from parents this season. Obviously next year should see the Celtics in their rightful place; at the top of the podium.

Junior Development Team

The year didn't start off with the Rotorua Tournament as so many of our team were tied up with the New Plymouth representative programme.

We did start a new fixture with Wanganui High School and after a nervous start down there, managed to win by 20 points. Our other interschool was the Palmerston North Boys' High exchange and the boys played strongly throughout the game to win by a deserving 7 point margin. The team again won the Taranaki Secondary Schools tournament by a commanding 30 points in the finals.

The regional tournament was again held here in New Plymouth and after solid 40 point wins against Hawera and Francis Douglas we came up against Hastings Boys'. We started well and maintained our pattern in defence. The game was tight throughout and it was only a missed shot and a turnover which put the game out of our reach with Hastings Boys' winning 79-75.

We then faced Wellington's St Pats, last year's winner in the semifinals. Again the score was close and the defence held with the last three minutes and St Pats ran out winners by 9

3rd V Basketball Team

This was a Monday night team playing in the Taranaki Secondary School League.

The boys are primarily the junior development team with a few development players in year 11.

This year the team came 7th in the competition. They managed for the first time to beat the Waitara High school 1st V and beat Spotswood College 1st V twice. The rest of the games were all close affairs and the boys at no stage dropped their heads. Full credit to the team, they made the transition and step up to the next level and this should provide opportunities for them to gain 'A' team status in years to come.



CELTICS BASKETBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: DANE BROOKS, TYLER O'LEARY
 FRONT ROW: JACK WHITE, PETER POLA, WESLEY TAMEHANA, THANE O'LEARY, SUNEE CALDER, CRAIG WALKER



JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: SCOTT HUGO, HARRISON MEADS, PAUL STEPHENSON, TYLER O'LEARY, BLAIR SHORTER, RUEBEN KING, MR BRUCE BAYLY (COACH)
 FRONT ROW: JACK WHITE, MITCHELL FENWICK, DANE BROOKS (CAPTAIN), JONO BROWNOHN, SUNEE CALDER, JAZ SIMPSON

points. All the team played in the Wellington College game for 3rd and 4th and in a spirited and entertaining game we went down by 3 points. For the second year in a row, the team made the top four in the Central Region which nationally is a very strong region.

Mr Bruce Bayly
 Coach



3RD V BASKETBALL 'C' TEAM
 BACK ROW: PAUL STEPHENSON, JACK WAGSTAFF, DANE BROOKS, MR BRUCE BAYLY
 FRONT ROW: RUEBEN KING, HARRISON MEADS, MATT BAYLY (CAPTAIN), SAM BETTERIDGE, BLAIR SHORTER, JAZ SIMPSON
 ABSENT: ANTONIO TUALA, SUNEE CALDER



CRICKET

1st XI Cricket Team

2010 - 11 Season

James McDougall captained the side this year with John Dickson vice-captain. Robert Wisniewski took over coaching the side from Kane Rowson at the start of the year.

Highlights of the year focussed around making the CD qualifying tournament for Gillette Cup after solid performances against FDMC and Wanganui Collegiate.

Honours Board Performances

- William Young 153no vs. Inglewood
- William Young 137 vs. FDMC
- Kane Robertson 220 vs. Inglewood
- John Dickson 117 vs. Hamilton Boys'
- Henry Boon 8-16 vs. Stratford
- James McDougall 102no vs. FDMC
- James McDougall 125no vs. Nelson Boys'

Gillette Cup Matches

- Game 1 vs. FDMC - Won
NPBHS - 228. James McDougall 102no. Mason Farrant 26
FDMC - 106. Liam Muggerridge 3-14, Josh Roguski 2-33
- Game 2 vs. Wanganui Collegiate - Won
NPBHS - 194. James McDougall 61,
Jackson Braddock-Pajo 34
WCS - 108. Josh Roguski 3-14
- Game 3 vs. Lindisfarne College - Lost
Lindisfarne - 209
NPBHS - 115. John Dickson 41
- Game 4 vs. Nelson Boys' - Won
NPBHS - 276. James McDougall 125no,
Liam Muggerridge 36.
Nelson - 163. James McDougall 2-33, Josh Roguski 2-22,
Liam Muggerridge 2-27.



1ST XI CRICKET TEAM
 BACK ROW: CALLUM STUART, TOM MCDUGALL, MASON FARRANT
 MIDDLE ROW: MR KANE ROWSON, LIAM MUGGERIDGE, RUPERT YOUNG, JOHN BEALE,
 ROBERT BOOT, KODY BROWN, MR ROB WISNEWSKI
 FRONT ROW: JACKSON BRADDOCK-PAJO, HENRY BOON, JOHN DICKSON, JAMES MCDUGALL,
 MITCHELL ARO, JOSH ROGUSKI

Super 8 Napier

The sunny Hawke's Bay failed to eventuate for the first two days which led to a change in format for the competition. It was restructured to a T20 round robin tournament over 2½ days. The team played well enough to place third in the competition.

Game 1 vs. Gisborne - Lost
 NPBHS - 106.
 Gisborne - 107

Game 2 vs. Palmerston North - Lost
 Palmerston North - 124. James McDougall 3-20
 NPBHS - 92. James McDougall 28

Game 3 vs. Tauranga - Won
 NPBHS - 132. James McDougall 71no,
 Jackson Braddock-Pajo 32no.
 Tauranga - 103. James McDougall 4-12.

Game 4 vs. Hastings - Won
 NPBHS - 131. Henry Boon 40.
 Hastings 42. Henry Boon 3-13, James McDougall 3-5.

Game 5 vs. Napier - Won
 Napier - 117. Tom McDougall 3-24.
 NPBHS - 119. James McDougall 61no.

Game 6 vs. Hamilton - Lost
 NPBHS - 127. Jackson Braddock-Pajo 31, Kody Brown 22no.
 Hamilton - 130.

3rd Place

Premier Cricket Performances of Note

- Kane Robertson 63 vs. FDMC
- William Young 54 vs. FDMC
- William Young 91 vs. NPMU
- James McDougall 89 vs. Stratford
- John Dickson 65 vs. Stratford
- John Dickson 50 vs. Inglewood
- Josh Roguski 6-80 vs. Inglewood
- Henry Boon 5-40 vs. FDMC
- Jackson Braddock-Pajo 57 vs. Stratford
- John Dickson 51 vs. Stratford
- Rupert Young 52 vs. NPMU
- James McDougall 5-104 vs. NPMU

Interschool Fixtures

Wellington College (December 2010)

NPBHS won the toss and decided to bat on a softish wicket and in overcast conditions. NPBHS regularly lost wickets and struggled for any significant partnerships, being dismissed for 115. Josh Roguski top scored with 30no.

Wellington College looked then to score quick runs but in doing so regularly lost wickets as well and it looked like NPBHS would

be able to limit their first innings lead. However, some aggressive batting by their tail-end batsmen saw them get through to 222. Henry Boon was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 77.

NPBHS's second innings followed the same pattern as the first, and were eventually dismissed for 108. William Young top scored with 28. This meant that Wellington had only to score 4 runs for the outright victory.

Auckland Grammar School

NPBHS won the toss and chose to bat on a wicket that was suited to slow bowling. Some good batting by the top order was followed by a middle order collapse, before the tail added valuable runs. The team was finally dismissed for 249 with John Dickson making 66, James McDougall 49 and Mitchell Aro 38.

AGS put together some useful partnerships in the middle order to make it through to 275 for 8 declared. Mitchell Aro was the pick of the bowlers picking up 4 for 51.

In the second innings Jackson Braddock-Pajo and James McDougall shared in a 80-run partnership but other batsmen failed to adapt to the changing pitch conditions, with the team being dismissed for 186. McDougall top scored with 82, Braddock-Pajo 49.

AGS then set about quickly knocking off the runs, and did so for the loss of 2 wickets.

Hamilton Boys'

Following the trend NPBHS won the toss and decided to bat in near perfect conditions for play. After a nervous start NPBHS managed to get through to 161, with James McDougall scoring 44 and John Dickson 46 the top scorers.

In reply Hamilton made 227, with a flurry of late wickets minimising the first innings lead. Mitchell Aro was the best bowler taking 5 for 27.

A much more consistent batting effort in the second innings saw NPBHS through to 262, with John Dickson earning his first honours board performance with a well-crafted 117.

Hamilton were therefore set the task of scoring 197 off approximately 50 overs, which they never really appeared to



be interested in chasing down. Mitchell Aro and James McDougall took 3 wickets each in relatively quick succession to set up an intriguing last hour of play. However, Hamilton were able to negotiate this without further loss with the match ending in a draw.

Rotorua Boys'

Going to form again NPBHS batted first on a good pitch and put together a useful 1st innings total of 310. James McDougall made 81, Mason Farrant 56 and Henry Boon 46.

In reply, Rotorua made it through to 121 all out with Henry Boon taking 5 for 23. Forced to follow on, Rotorua in their second innings made 126, 63 off making NPBHS bat again. James McDougall took 5 for 29.

Because of the early finish a T20 match was played between the two teams. NPBHS scored 138, with John Dickson scoring 46. Rotorua made 83, with Henry Boon taking 3 for 11.

2nd XI Cricket Team

2010 - 11 Season

The NPBHS 2nd XI was entered into the Taranaki Cricket 2nd and 3rd Combined North Grade for the 2010/11 season. The Taranaki Cricket Association decided to combine the two grades due to the poor number of teams entering the 2nd and 3rd grade north competitions.

The team would play against men from clubs such as New Plymouth Old Boys, New Plymouth Marist United (Blue and White), Merrilands, Ratapiko, Inglewood, Fitzroy, NPBHS 3rd XI, FDMC 2nd and 3rd XI and Woodleigh. The team also took part in two traditional college fixtures against Hamilton Boys' High School and Wanganui Collegiate.

The season started with a round robin Twenty20 competition. The 2nd and 3rd grade remained separate for this competition to allow a full round robin and time constraints associated with that.

The second XI had had a poor season, in 2009/10, and was looking to notch up a few more wins in the 'W' column. A lot of emphasis was put on personal preparation and responsibility for ones own game development. That involved being prepared physically and mentally for games, and not mucking around at training. They needed to practise in the nets, as they would play out in the middle. The boys were also encouraged to record all their innings' down, keeping note of the runs they scored and methods of dismissal. All these things help a cricketer take responsibility for their own development. As I said to the boys, a 15 minute net once or twice a week is not going to make you a better cricketer. You are going to make you a better cricketer by putting some effort in during your own time.

We started the Twenty20 season positively with a good first up

Wanganui Collegiate

To round out the season NPBHS again batted 1st vs WCS. On a very interesting wicket NPBHS made it through to 188 with John Dickson top scoring with 50.

In reply WCS made 124, with Josh Roguski taking 4 for 28 and James McDougall 4 for 29.

In the second innings NPBHS made 152 with Rupert Young making 53.

This set WCS 218 for the outright and with the loss of three early wickets NPBHS had a strong chance to push for the outright. Some sensible batting by their middle order then managed to turn the game on its head and led to a very entertaining last hour of play before the match petered out to a draw.

Mr Rob Wisnewski Manager/Coach



2ND CRICKET TEAM
BACK ROW: JOHN BEALE, BILLY SANGER, JACK WAGSTAFF, KALEB NOLLY, MARK MARTIN, MR BLAIR CORLETT
FRONT ROW: CAM BLACK, CALLUM STUART, JAMES CUNNINGHAM, KIERAN WHITMORE, BEN MITCHELL, JOSH QUINNEY

win against New Plymouth Marist United White, by nine wickets on the racecourse. That was followed by losses to Ratapiko (20 runs) and Old Boys (6 wickets). Whilst one win in the T20 competition doesn't sound great, the fact that the team scored at an average of around 5 runs per over, meant that we could take that confidence into the 45 over competition, knowing we could score at that rate against experienced men.

The 45 over competition started with a comprehensive win against Fitzroy by 130 runs. The highlights being 112 by Rupert Young and 4-17 by Kody Brown. A close loss to Merrilands by 9 runs was not the end of the world as we still managed to score 250 for the second week in a row. Wins against the NPBHS 3rd XI by 100 runs (Chad Quinney 60, Glenn Liddle 7-36) and Ratapiko by 4 wickets (Josh Roguski 5-24) before Christmas saw us near the top of the table. After the Christmas break we continued positively with wins against FDMC 3rd XI by 112 runs (Tim Ryder 72) Inglewood by 54 runs (John Beale 41 and 3-27, Glenn Liddle 5-27) and FDMC 2nd XI by 94 runs (Glenn Liddle 6-25). The wheels appeared to fall off for the next few

weeks with heavy losses to NPMU Blue by 6 wickets, Woodleigh by 9 wickets and NPOB by 55 runs (Tim Ryder 66). We needed to beat NPMU White to ensure we finished in the top four and play off for the 2nd Grade title. The game was played on the Top field, a highlight for the team as very rarely does the Second XI get to play on grass, and on the top field. We restricted Marist to 148 for 9 (Liam Muggeridge 4-33) and did extremely well to chase down 149 for the loss of only three wickets (Chad Quinney 57, Tim Ryder 40).

The semi final was against Merrilands at Te Mete Park. Merrilands batted first and after a slow start posted 252 with the wickets being shared amongst the bowlers. Unfortunately a valiant effort by the NPBHS 2nd XI saw us fall 30 runs short (Josh Quinney 29 not out).

I felt the team had really stepped up this season, against some experienced cricketers and making the semi finals of a men's competition is a very good achievement.

The college season started with a three day game against Hamilton Boys' High School 2nd XI, traditionally a strong team, in New Plymouth on the racecourse. NPBHS batted first and scored a painfully slow 193 all out with Kaleb Nolly (55) John Beale (31) and Billy Sanger (27) the main contributors to the total. A fantastic effort in the field and with the ball saw NPBHS restrict Hamilton to 147 with Billy Sanger claiming 4-23 off ten overs, a lead of 46 runs. NPBHS batted with aggression in the second innings and posted 206-6 declared off 52 overs (Billy Sanger 52 not out, James Cunningham 36 and Kaleb Nolly 34) setting Hamilton BHS 253 to win off about 65 overs. Hamilton never really attempted to chase down the total, instead they were happy to play for a draw, the match ending an hour early with Hamilton on 152-1 after 54 overs.

Our only other traditional college match was against Wanganui Collegiate 2nd XI, played at home on the top ground. NPBHS batted first and scored 185 with John Beale (33) Tim Ryder (29) and Matthew Boswell (24) contributing the bulk of the runs. Wanganui battled through to 129 all out with John Beale taking 3-28 off 9 overs. NPBHS took a lead of 56 runs into their second innings and managed to compile 202 all out (Liam Muggeridge 54, Matthew Boswell 28, Jack Wagstaff 25, Billy Sanger 23) to

3rd XI Cricket Team

2010 - 11 Season

The 3rd XI cricket team once again fulfilled their role as a development team for the NPBHS 1st and 2nd XI teams with many players gaining valuable experience for their cricket future.

Billy Sanger, Jack Wagstaff and Cam Black's performances have been recognised by their promotion to higher teams.

Thanks to Mr Simpson for his efforts.

set WCS 259 to win off 65 overs. WCS was never really in the hunt and were bowled out for 117, and a win to NPBHS by 141 runs. The main contributor with the ball was Jack Wagstaff with an outstanding 4-8 off 12 overs.

I was very impressed with the way the team progressed over the season. It is always difficult to keep the nucleus of the Second XI together with the 1st XI losing players at the end of the school year and Second XI players being promoted. Holiday commitments during the Summer school holidays are often a problem and it is a credit to the boys how well we dealt with these issues.

Positives for the season are the unbeaten record in college matches and reaching the semi finals of the second grade competition.

A huge thank you must go out to Glenn Liddle, our English professional for the time spent coaching and playing for the team. Without his quiet demeanour and input on the field (27 wickets) we would not have done as well as we did.

I look forward to seeing all the boys again on the cricket field next summer.

Mr Blair Corlett Manager/Coach

NPBHS 2nd XI Saturday Mens combined 45 over and T20 competition

Played: 15
Won: 8
Lost: 7
Highest Run scorers: B Corlett (406), Chad Quinney (294)
Most Wickets: Glen Liddle (27), John Beale (13)

NPBHS 2nd XI College matches

Played: 2
Won: 1
Lost: 0
Highest Run scorer: B Sanger (107)
Most Wickets: Billy Sanger, John Beale (7)



3RD CRICKET TEAM
BACK ROW: MR KELVIN SIMPSON, KALEB NOLLY, BILLY SANGER, JACK WAGSTAFF, BEN LISTON, MICHAEL GELLEN, MARK MARTIN, MR ROBERT WISNEWSKI
FRONT ROW: JOSH QUINNEY, JORDAN STOCKWELL, JAMES CUNNINGHAM, KIERAN WHITMORE, BEN MITCHELL, CAM BLACK



CROSS COUNTRY

2011 was a busy year for the cross country team with plenty of travel around the country and some pleasing results at all levels. The year highlight was the senior boys 6 person team placing 2nd at the Nationals in Ashburton. Below is a summary of the season results.

School Cross Country 2011

Junior (course best 19.53)

1st	Ross Stembridge	19.51
2nd	Chris Kelly	20.44
3rd	Dean Coplestone	21.01
4th	Cooper Rogers	21.10
5th	Andrew Adlam	21.57
6th	Logan Woodhead	22.12
7th	Matthew Chadwick	22.12
8th	Paul Stephenson	22.24
9th	Ian DeBeer	22.57
10th	Jonti Hine	23.02

Intermediate (course best 19.21)

1st	Rhys Bishop	20.53
2nd	Liam Jansen	21.26
3rd	Liam DeGrey	21.30
4th	Tom Spencer	21.36
5th	Mitchell Owen	21.52
6th	Orin Burmester	21.59
7th	Will Jones	22.04
8th	Dean Lobb	22.46
9th	Jay Dicker	22.47
10th	Matt Furze	22.53

Senior (course best 22.03)

1st	Matt Baxter	21.03
2nd	Chaz Hall	23.20
3rd	Darren Alexander	23.30
4th	Edward Lawley	23.42
5th	Robbie Wood	24.28
6th	Brody Schultz	24.31
7th	William Livingston	24.55
8th	James McDougall	24.56
9th	Josh Girvan	24.57
10th	Hayden Whyte	25.43

Wanganui High Exchange

A new event on the calendar this event was held in and around the sports fields of Wanganui High School in fine conditions on Thursday, May 5th. We took a half strength team with Grammar just a few days away and comfortably won the 3 age groups both individually and in the 5 man team competition.

Top 3 on the day were:

Year 9 (3000m)

1st	Ross Stembridge	11.44
2nd	Dean Coplestone	12.01
3rd	Justin Bishop	12.04

Under 16 (4000m)

1st	Will Jones	15.34
3rd	Simon Gibson	16.24

Senior (5000m)

1st	Rhys Bishop	18.22
2nd	Chaz Hall	18.39

Auckland Grammar Exchange

37 boys were selected for this traditional exchange for the Mildenhall Cup. Auckland Grammar have been the benchmark for secondary schools running and continue to impress. We were competitive in the junior races, but outclassed at the senior level. Chris Kelly won the Year 9 race and Matt Baxter took a race off New Zealand's best secondary athlete, Declan Wilson, in winning the senior race.

Top performers on the day were:

Year 9 (3500m)

1st	Chris Kelly	13.22
3rd	Ross Stembridge	13.30

Year 10 (3500m)

3rd	Orin Burmester	13.24
5th	Tom Spencer	13.32

Year 11 (5500m)

4th	Rhys Bishop	19.17
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Year 12 (5500m)

1st	Matt Baxter	17.13
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Year 13 (5500m)

5th	Chaz Hall	19.22
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TSS Cross Country

Southern Taranaki turned on a fine day for the TSS cross country in Hawera on Thursday May 26th. As we have done for as long as can be remembered we dominated the 6 man team races and had 2 individual winners. Winning team members are listed below

Junior (3000m)

1st	Ross Stembridge
2nd	Brady Simpson
4th	Justin Bishop
5th	Matthew Chadwick
8th	Cooper Rogers
12th	Ethan Tate

Intermediate (4000m)

2nd	Rhys Bishop
3rd	Max Hardie Boys
4th	Orin Burmester
5th	Will Jones
6th	Liam Jansen
8th	Dane Brooks

Senior (6000m)

1st	Matt Baxter
3rd	Chaz Hall
4th	Edward Lawley
6th	Darren Alexander
9th	Charles Barnes
10th	James McDougall

Super 8 Cross Country

A team of 44 runners travelled to Tauranga to contest the 11th running of the Super 8 cross country. The standard appears to improve each year and Tauranga were decisive winners retaining the Super 8 shield (4th win in 5 years). Tauranga would later go on to claim top school in New Zealand at Nationals. We were competitive with Tauranga in the senior race, but were back in the field in the other races to finish a disappointing 4th overall. Matt Baxter defended his senior title and went under 20 minutes on the demanding Waipuna Park course.

Best performers were:

Year 9 (3000m)

6th	Ross Stembridge	10.43
20th	Cooper Rogers	11.32
21st	Matthew Chadwick	11.33
25th	Brady Simpson	11.45

Under 16 (4000m)

14th	Dean Lobb	15.31
18th	Orin Burmester	15.38
20th	Will Jones	15.45
21st	Tom Spencer	15.45

Senior (6000m)

1st	Matt Baxter	19.57
6th	Chaz Hall	21.59
7th	Darren Alexander	22.09
11th	Edward Lawley	22.31
13th	Charles Barnes	22.36
16th	James McDougall	22.50

Nationals Cross Country

A selected team of 37 boys flew below the ash cloud to Christchurch and then bussed to Ashburton (via the earthquake

damaged CBD) to contest the National cross country races. The course was flat and fast and the weather was fine and cold for the fields of around 200 in each of the boys' races. We were competitive in both the Year 9 and junior races finishing 7th in both 6 man team races. Ross Stembridge showed his class by finishing 10th in Year 9 becoming just our 4th runner to place top ten in any age group at Nationals. Matt Baxter was again superb in finishing 2nd in the senior boys to the Year 13 defending champion in what some have called the best senior boys field ever. Our senior boys team was inspiring claiming a 3 person bronze and the coveted 6 person silver for our best result at this level. Particularly pleasing was our top 6 senior runners ran their best race of the season, were good enough to beat Tauranga and threatened the Auckland Grammar team who had won team gold all 5 years at school and placed 2nd at the World Championships in 2010.

Full results follow.

Year 9 (3000m)

10th	Ross Stembridge	10.10
60th	Chris Kelly	10.49
63rd	Matthew Chadwick	10.50
72nd	Brady Simpson	10.54
73rd	Justin Bishop	10.54
95th	Alex Trowbridge	11.07
116th	Cooper Rogers	11.24
135th	Zach Howarth	11.39
142nd	Dean Coplestone	11.44
144th	Cameron Jackson	11.44
151st	Austin Spicer	11.52
163rd	Jonti Hine	12.05
168th	Thomas Fletcher	12.09

Under 16 (4000m)

51st	Orin Burmester	14.14
69	Will Jones	14.25
85th	Tom Spencer	14.39
107th	Sam Morgan	14.56
109th	Jay Dicker	14.59
111th	Matt Furze	15.00
126th	Dane Brooks	15.11
129th	Simon Gibson	15.15
133rd	Taylor Roberts	15.20
148th	Toby Hoeta	15.43

Senior (6000m)

2nd	Matt Baxter	18.41
20th	Chaz Hall	20.00
26th	Rhys Bishop	20.18
34th	Darren Alexander	20.33
37th	Edward Lawley	20.37
61st	James McDougall	21.00
70th	Brody Schultz	21.07

78th	Charles Barnes	21.19
89th	Robbie Wood	21.33
95th	Liam Jansen	21.41
106th	Max Hardie Boys	21.55
107th	William Livingston	21.56
112th	Josh Girvan	22.01
161st	Liam DeGrey	23.22

Cross Country Relays

There are 3 relays on the calendar during Term 3.

NISS Cross Country Relays

This provincial event was held on a stunning day around a 3km loop of the Stratford racecourse on August 22nd. Taranaki junior boys finished in 6th place with Chris Kelly running a particularly fast time for his team. Our intermediate team finished 5th with Will Jones, Max Hardie Boys and Liam Jansen all running identical times. Taranaki senior boys finished 3rd overall. This team was Chaz Hall, Darren Alexander, Edward Lawley and Stratford's Taylor Mackie.

Wanganui Round the Lakes

This much anticipated annual event returned to the Virginia Lake loop after the deluge of 2010. We took 12 teams down and also transported an impressive group of Year 8s from Oakura who were convincing winners of the Intermediate schools race.

In the Year 9 event the top dayboys team were too strong for the boarders to once again win the Ballantyne/Torckler Cup. This team of Ross Stembridge, Chris Kelly, Brady Simpson and Ethan Tate finished second overall to Scots College. In the Under 16 race our top team placed 5th. The senior race proved to be a triumph for NPBHS with our A team comfortably winning this race for the first time. Chaz Hall, Darren Alexander, Edward Lawley and a jubilant Rhys Bishop were this team. Also successful was our B team being recognised as the first B team home. The team was Robbie Wood, Charles Barnes, Brody Schultz and Josh Girvan.

TSS Road Relays

The final relay for the season was held around the familiar 2.5km loop above the Bowl of Brooklands on Monday, September 12th. Weather was cold and windy which slowed the times somewhat. Numbers were up this year due to the event being on a school day, but this didn't affect the results with NPBHS teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both age groups. The intermediate (years 9 and 10) winning team was Ross Stembridge, Chris Kelly, Orin Burmester and Matt Furze. The senior champions (years 11, 12 and 13) were Rhys Bishop, Darren Alexander, Edward Lawley and Liam Jansen.

World Schools Cross Country

In August it was announced that NPBHS is the selected team to represent New Zealand at the World Schools Cross Country in Malta in late March 2012. Six runners will travel as part of a 30 strong New Zealand team and they are Liam Jansen, Max Hardie Boys, Will Jones, Matt Furze, Ross Stembridge and Chris Kelly. Rhys Bishop has been selected for the New Zealand team for this event in the individual event which is for the top 6 in this age group in New Zealand so 7 of our returning athletes will start the 2012 cross country season having just returned from the world championships.

Final thoughts

As always, there are many committed runners whose names don't feature above. Well done to the 70+ boys who were part of the team of 2011. Congratulations to Chaz Hall for his leadership and the other Year 13 boys who formed a leadership group that modelled both sporting and academic excellence. Matt Baxter continues to astound with the limits he can push his body to. Congratulations Matt on your Tiger Jacket and being the first cross country runner to win Sportsman of the Year at NPBHS. 2012 promises to be an exciting year for cross country and the challenge goes out to all returning athletes to contribute as much as they are able to their team.

Mr Paul Dominikovich

Master in Charge Cross Country



ROSS STEMBRIDGE IN THE YEAR 9 3000M IN ASHBURTON



JAMES MCDUGALL SUFFERING DURING THE SENIOR BOYS 6000M IN ASHBURTON PHOTOGRAPHER: LESTER KELLY



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

BACK ROW: DEAN LOBB, SIMON JONES, MAX HARDIE BOYS, LEWIS SARTEN, LIAM JANSEN, JAMES INNES, DANE BROOKS, LIAM DE GREY, ALISTAIR FISHER, TOM SPENCER, MITCHELL HOLYOAKE, BLAKE MALLEY, BRADY SIMPSON
 THIRD ROW: CAMERON JACKSON, ETHAN TATE, ALEX TROWBRIDGE, JUSTIN BISHOP, WILL JONES, MATT FURZE, SAM MORGAN, DANIEL RALPHS, TYLA DOUGAN, AIDAN KRUTZ, HAMISH STURMER, ISAAC HARDIE BOYS, SIMON GIBSON, TOBY HOETA, ANGUS TINSON
 SECOND ROW: ZACH HOWARTH, THOMAS FLETCHER, TAYLOR ROBERTS, ROSS STEMBRIDGE, QUENTIN DORLEANS, MATTHEW CHADWICK, JAY DICKER, MR PAUL DOMINIKOVICH (COACH), AUSTIN SPICER, CHRIS KELLY, JONTI HINE, MATTHEW O'NEILL, ORIN BURMESTER, DEAN COPLESTONE, JAIME HOUGHTON
 FRONT ROW: JOSHUA GIRVAN, BRODY SCHULTZ, RHYS BISHOP, DARREN ALEXANDER, CHAZ HALL (CAPTAIN), EDWARD LAWLEY, JAMES MCDUGALL, ROBBIE WOOD, WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, CHARLES BARNES

ABSENT: MATT BAXTER, COOPER ROGERS, JAREB MILNER

CROSS COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKING

For a new team we have done exceptionally well this year, cleaning up all the races in both junior and senior categories.

The events we have entered this year are:

Taranaki Secondary Schools
O2 Project
Raceway Cycles

The raceway cycles events took place each Monday for the past two months, without fail come rain or shine, the NPBHS team continuously showing up in numbers. With the top spot going to both our seniors and juniors. The conditions favouring the rain the track did become very slippery what followed was a fine display of wipe-outs which kept the after the trail tales rather humorous. Maybe we should name our team "Mud and Blood."

Regrettably we must say farewell to Edward our top senior rider, who has become the "man to beat."

Hopefully next year the team will continue to grow and we will compete at the nationals.

See you on track.



MOUNTAINBIKING TEAM
BACK ROW: SCOTT VALINTINE, MARK HOUWERS
SECOND ROW: MATT FURZE, MITCHELL HOLYOAKE, EDWARD LAWLEY, LUKE HOOPER,
GREGORY LOCKHART, WILLIAM ADLAM
FRONT ROW: LIAM O'NEILL, LIAM HAWLEY, JACKSON HINE, TOM SPENCER,
TYLER HETHERINGTON-BAKER, BRAD ROLSTON

EQUESTRIAN

The equestrian calendar generally runs from September/October one year to April of the following one, so this summary encompasses an amalgamation of both.

There are only two Inter-Secondary School equestrian events run by TSSSA - dressage in April and showjumping in November. In addition to these our students generally participate in the Nga Tawa Interschool Showjumping competition, held at Nga Tawa School in March, and North Island Inter-Secondary School Mounted Games held at St Peters school in Cambridge in October.

In 2011 Year 10 student Reuben Gray represented New Plymouth Boys' High at these events. For the competition at Nga Tawa Reuben was part of a composite team of four riders from other New Plymouth schools, and in the other competitions was in composite teams made up by the organizers of the event. Reuben did not attend the Games competition this year.

Due to an injury to his horse Reuben rode a replacement mount at the dressage and Nga Tawa events. While unplaced in the dressage competition, Reuben scored well at the showjumping event at Nga Tawa, placing 5th in the Two Phase and 6th in the Table C, from a field of over 80 riders.

The TSSSA showjumping competition is due to be held at Stratford on 29th November and we hope to have good results from this.



REUBEN GRAY COMPETING AT NGA TAWA

The inclusion of New Plymouth Boys' High School riders is always noted and commented on by both organizers and other riders in very positive light. Reuben represents the school well, in both his ridden efforts and willingness to help at events. It would be great to have a few more riders come along to some of the events and have a go - all levels are catered for and it is about participation and sportsmanship while enjoying the camaraderie of other school students. To be able to enter a whole team instead of an individual rider would be fantastic.



FOOTBALL

1st XI Football Team

The squad assembled in early February and had a great pre-season and were excited about the prospect of the upcoming season.

With a number of senior boys returning and some talented youngsters in the squad, both the boys and the coaching staff were looking forward to getting some good results. The season is a long one for the boys, they play over forty games throughout the season including two tournaments and nine college games.

Traditional College matches and National Tournament qualifying:

The first traditional was away to Auckland Grammar, always a tough assignment to start the college season. Two errors in the first half allowed Grammar to score early goals and the boys were chasing the game from the beginning. A much stronger second half performance saw us dominate possession and created a number of good scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, none of these chances were converted and the two first half goals from Grammar were enough to seal victory.

Next was away to Hamilton Boys' High, once again a more fancied opposition, but the boys were feeling good about getting a result. We started strongly and controlled the game through some excellent passing in the mid-field. Creating a number of opportunities and converting one in the first half through Zahn

Ruwhiu. The clinching goal came in the second half when Matt Sanger ran onto a perfect through ball from the defence and finished well under pressure.

Wanganui Collegiate was next at home. A poor performance meant that we only scored two goals and conceded one in a scratchy performance where the boys didn't execute as effectively as the coaching staff would have liked. To Collegiate's credit they battled hard and pushed our defence on a number of occasions.

St. Pat's Silverstream was the next test for the boys at home. Our rivals from Lower Hutt are consistently a very strong side and this year was no different. The boys started extremely well and scored the opening goal of the fixture. That was to be the last time the boys hit the back of the net and in a strong showing of skill and confidence, St. Pats scored two unanswered goals to eventually win 2 - 1.

Wellington College proved to be a tough opponent even on our home ground when they came to visit. There is no substitute for pace and the Wellington College striker proved this to our boys, opening up the defence twice in the early stages of the game to give his side a two goal lead. A spirited fight back from the boys ensured that they were not disgraced and scoring a goal proved that if they had have been more alert early in the

game, the score line could have been very different. So, another close loss to a side that was ranked more than twenty places above the boys in the national rankings.

National qualifying was the same as last season and the draw meant that we would have to travel away for two of the three games. The first of the three games was away to Wanganui High School, always a tough assignment due to the tenacity of the opposition. The boys started as the stronger side, matching the skill and physicality of their much bigger opponents. The woodwork was hit a couple of times but neither side could put the ball in the back of the net, so a scoreless draw to start the qualifying campaign was played out.

Francis Douglas was the next opponent in the qualifying series and this game has traditionally been very closely fought. The boys started extremely well and were dominating their rivals from across town. FDMC, to their credit stuck in there and clawed their way back into the contest. They scored two second half goals and the game ended in a 2-2 draw. This was hard for the boys to swallow considering their early dominance and meant that the task of qualifying would be even tougher.

The third and final game of the campaign was a must win game against Palmerston North Boys' High away. Palmerston were the defending national champions and had hammered Francis Douglas just a few weeks earlier. The boys played some outstanding football and defended like their lives depended on it. They managed to keep the high powered offence of Palmerston to long range attempts that never really troubled Billy in goal. A controversial incident which was caused by a refereeing error meant that Palmerston were awarded a penalty kick fifteen minutes from the end of time. The ball was calmly slotted in the back of the net and Palmerston had a 1-0 lead. Despite being robbed of a chance to win the game, the boys handled themselves extremely well and battled right to the final whistle. Thankfully due to the strength of the boys' performances throughout the college season, they were granted a place at the national tournament through a wild card entry.



1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: CONNOR MCGECHAN, JAMES SMITH, AARON JACKSON, ZAHN RUWHIU
 MIDDLE ROW: MR STEVE SANDIFER (COACH), MAX LEPPER, JAMES CHADWICK, BILLY SANGER,
 PETERSON CHICHIRUA, JOSH JONES, MR MICHAEL SOMERS (MANAGER)
 FRONT ROW: BRADEN HOPKINS, MATT SANGER, ROBBIE WOOD, CHAD JONES (CAPTAIN),
 MATT LAMB (VICE CAPTAIN), MICHAEL LAHOOD, ISAAC BAILEY

Super 8 Tournament - Rotorua

This year the boys travelled to Rotorua for Super 8 hoping to put in some good performances during the three day tournament. The Super 8 format means that it is always difficult to advance to the semi finals on the second afternoon of the tournament.

On the morning of day one the boys came up against a very well drilled Napier Boys' side that were up for the challenge and trying to advance to the semi finals themselves. The game was played on a very small pitch that did not allow either team a chance to play attractive football. Both teams had some good chances and used the ball as effectively as conditions would allow them to. The match finished with a 0-0 score line which did not reflect the attacking capabilities of either team. The second game of day one saw the boys play their arch rivals from Palmerston North Boys' High. The game was played at a hectic pace and both teams defended their respective goal valiantly. We had the better scoring chances and had a good opportunity to seal victory late in the second half but the flying Matt Lamb blasted the ball wide. The game finished in another scoreless draw.

Day two meant that we had to beat Gisborne Boys' in the final pool play game to advance. The game was once again played on a tiny pitch that didn't allow us to play expansive football. The boys eventually ground down the Gisborne defence and scored two quality goals coming from the boots of Matt Sanger and Zahn Ruwhiu. The two goal margin was enough to put us in the top four and meant that we were to play tournament host and favourites, Rotorua.

The semi final was played on the afternoon of day two against the host team Rotorua. The boys started slowly and the bigger, faster and much older Rotorua side made the team pay just before the half and we went into the break one goal down. The second half saw a better effort from the boys and we attacked with some promise. Rotorua, however, were determined to make the final in front of their home crowd and were awarded a penalty in the second half which gave them the second and final goal of the game.

On the final morning of the tournament the boys played our old rival Tauranga Boys' College. The team's defence was resolute and we capitalised on an early chance to make it 1-0 through Brendan Davies. Tauranga continued to throw players forward in the second half, but the defence of the boys held strong and kept the Tauranga attacker's at bay. The game finished with a Max Lepper goal being disallowed for apparently being off side. The earlier goal was enough to secure third place and was a successful end to a good tournament for the squad.

National Secondary Schools Tournament - Napier

For the second year in a row the national tournament was to be held in Napier. The week is a gruelling one and sees the boys play seven games in five days. Luckily the weather was

outstanding for the entire week which gave teams a good chance to play attractive football. The boys had prepared themselves extremely well for the tournament and were feeling confident that they could get some good results.

Day one and the sun was shining, the boys first opponent was Timaru Boys'. We started strongly and scored a goal either side of the break to win comfortably against a side that were very aggressive on and off the ball. Brendan Davies scored a good goal in the second half to seal the victory. What was most pleasing was the defence's ability to deal with anything that Timaru threw their way.

The second game on day one was against another South Island side, Middleton Grange. Not knowing anything about our opposition, the boys wanted to start strongly and put the game out of reach early. And start strongly they did and within six minutes Robbie Wood had scored two excellent goals from crosses and the boys were well on their way to victory. Another goal from an outstanding Aaron Jackson strike meant the game was out of reach for the opposition. Adding a fourth goal before half time meant that we could rest key players and relax in the second half.

Day two saw us play our last pool game against a familiar foe, St. Peters from Auckland. A win would mean that the boys were top of their pool and a run to the top sixteen would be made easier. Again we started strongly and scored two good goals to put our opposition away early. Once again the boys' defence proved too strong for the opponents and they recorded yet another clean sheet and ensured that they topped the pool. Wednesday was going to be a big day for the squad and they didn't want to let their hard work get undone in one poor showing.

Day three saw the boys play St. Andrews from Christchurch, a more fancied opposition that were seeded much higher than our team. The team produced the best thirty five minutes of football of the entire season. A clinical performance saw the boys score three outstanding team goals and put St. Andrews on the back foot right from the whistle. Zahn Ruwhiu scored the goal of the game that was set up from some beautiful passing between defenders and mid fielders before Zahn made a diagonal run and finished neatly past the keeper. At this stage the boys were flying, four games without a goal scored against them meant that we were favourites to go through to the semi final of the bowl section.

In the afternoon of day four the boys were up against St. Peters from Hamilton and were in with a good chance of advancing to the semi final. Again the boys started strongly and had all the play in the first half. The cross bar was hit on a number of occasions and the boys finally hit the back of the net before half time. A goal in the second half sealed victory, on the back of another outstanding performance from the boys at the back. At this stage of the tournament the team had scored thirteen goals and conceded none, a feat that no other team at the tournament could claim.

Thursday morning saw a familiar opposition in the form of Rotorua Boys' High. Having been beaten at the Super 8

tournament earlier in the year meant that the boys had a point to prove. Again they started strongly and scored a good early goal through some nice passing and a great finish from inspirational captain, Chad Jones. Just before half time the Rotorua striker pounced on a through ball meaning the scores were level. The score remained the same throughout the second half and the game needed to be settled in a penalty shoot out. It seemed like the cruellest way to settle the game after both teams had worked so hard. As it turned out Rotorua were a lot more clinical with their penalty attempts and advanced to the final at the expense of our boys.

Friday morning meant that we played Palmerston North Boys', a team that the boys had already played twice during the season. Five minutes of poor defending and fatigue that had finally set in meant that Palmerston were too good for the boys on the day. Twelfth place is a very creditable effort considering our ranking going into the tournament was double that. The boys were a credit to themselves and the school throughout the week. A special mention must go to the parents of the boys who travelled over throughout the week. At stages during the week we had fourteen parents supporting the boys on the side lines and it was greatly appreciated by both the boys and the coaching staff.

During the season there were a number of players who played extremely well and deserve a mention. Billy Sanger had an outstanding second half of the season and proved that he is one of the best goal keepers for his age group in the country. Michael Lahood with his tenacity and willingness to put his body on the line meant that he was consistently one of the better players. Matt Lamb had an exceptional season at the back for the team. His cool head, ability to read the game and distribution meant that we could construct play from the back and also keep the opposition at bay. Robbie Wood had an outstanding year and really found his 'happy place' out on the wing. His ability to beat players and cross the ball with pace and accuracy troubled every defence that he came up against. Our addition



MICHAEL LAHOOD IN ACTION AGAINST WELLINGTON COLLEGE

from the Islands this year was well received by the boys, Peterson Chichiirua at times made the hard look easy and the easy look life threatening. Zahn Ruwhiu, Aaron Jackson and Isaac Bailey all had good performances throughout the year and can be proud of their achievements. Chad Jones led from the front as a captain should. His skill level, fitness and ability to create something from nothing meant that he was the stand out player in the squad. Chad has the ability to go places in football and proved this year that he is capable of matching some of the best players in the country. The boys appreciated his willingness to put his body on the line and do everything in his power to help the team win.

Many thanks must go to key people who made a long season an enjoyable one. Steve Sandifer coached the boys extremely well and sacrificed a lot of his own time to ensure that the boys had the best chance at success. His knowledge and experience from playing at a high level in the UK meant that the boys got the best coaching possible. To Hugh Russell who managed the

2nd XI Football Team

The 2nd XI looked to progress from last year and turn close losses into victories. With the help of Mr. Kirkcaldie as a player/co-coach we secured some crucial games, and progressed through to the Nimo's Cup semi-final.

We had a very young team, with only four Year 13s, which was cause for some worry during pre-season. That worry was soon lifted after we drew with last year's champions in the first game. We realised that the team, although young, was full of talent and commitment. We finished the Premier Reserve league in 7th place, two places better than last season. This included winning 5 games along the way with 4 draws, also a huge improvement from 1 win and 1 draw the previous season. Special mention must go to the seniors of the team, Shaun, Dan, Hoppo, and Gus, who all led by example.

Awards for 2011

Shaun Burton - Coaches Award for Dedication
 Jaidyn Jurd - Most Improved player
 Dan Reeve - Step Up Award for crucial games

3rd XI Football Team

After an extensive trialling and selection process the 3rd XI was selected with a good cross section of youth and ability.

The team were mainly made up of year 11 students with great potential. The season started well with the boys playing the top teams in the grade and coming out on top. A few hiccups were had in the middle of the season when the team's captain and speedy clean up man at the back Callum Fougere was called up to 2nd XI duties. Dylan Taylor stepped into this role and performed extremely well.

The season ended with the team finishing second in the grade. In all a relatively successful and enjoyable season.

team on a Saturday and kept the parents entertained, thank you for your time and support. To the parents who travelled the country to watch college games and tournaments 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. Thanks must also go to Citycare Pharmacy for providing the medical equipment that the boys need throughout the season.

The 2012 season will pose new challenges with stand out senior players such as Chad Jones, Matt Lamb, Robbie Wood and Michael Lahood leaving the squad, these boys have been an inspiration to the rest of the boys in the team and will be missed. The opportunity is there for players of the next generation to step up and carry on the good work that was done this year.

We all look forward to the challenges that 2012 will bring.

**Mr Michael Somers
 Manager**



2ND XI FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: JAMES CHADWICK, JAIDYN JURD, CONNOR HOBBS
 SECOND ROW: MR SHIN KIRKCALDIE (COACH), SHAUN BURTON (VICE CAPTAIN), SAM SCOTT, MATT SCOTT, JOSH ROGUSKI, MITCHELL RATTENBURY, CONNOR AUKER, MR FINN PETERS (COACH)
 FRONT ROW: CALLUM FOUGERE, ROBBIE FOULKES, BRADLEY GRAY, DANIEL REEVE (CAPTAIN), BRADEN HOPKINS (VICE CAPTAIN), ERIC KALTEREKIA, ANDREW KALTONGGA

Josh Roguski - Geography Award for deserting
 Mitch Rattenbury - Postal Services Award
 Braden Hopkins - Player of the Year

Mr Peters & Mr Kirkcaldie (Coaches)



3RD XI FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: MR SPENCER PAGE, CALLUM FOUGERE, CAMERON HOPKINSON, TOM MCDOUGALL, LEITH RUTHERFORD, DYLAN TAYLOR, BRADEN HOPKINS (TEAM REFEREE)
 FRONT ROW: DANIEL PARK, MITCHELL FOREMAN, JAMES INNES, JORDAN HULL, BEN ELLIS, KIERAN CAVE, HOUT LIM

4th XI Football Team

The 4th XI team played in the Central Football under 19 competitions.

The team was comprised of mainly senior students who wanted to play football for fun. The team was led by Jon Rimmer and Kashon Walker and played with passion and laughter in each game. Scott Surrey was a reluctant goalkeeper who performed well in goal, and Roggerly Vari had the speed and the strength to score goals upfront.

The highlight of the competition was always playing the other NPBHS team - 3rd XI. The team finished the competition with a couple of wins and a draw.

Thanks must go to the parents who managed and supported the team on Saturdays.



4TH XI FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: MISHA PARKINSON, SCOTT SURREY, MATAI KALTABANG
 SECOND ROW: SAM MARTIN-WALL, ROGGERLY VARI, KYLE SUTCLIFFE, JUAN FISHER, JAKE PAUL
 FRONT ROW: RICHARD MURRAY, TEVIN SCHWALGER, JAMES MACLEOD, JON RIMMER (CAPTAIN), SHANE VEVERS, KASHON WALKER, KODIE MURRAY

U15A Football Team

This year the U 15A side got the opportunity to play in a number of competitions both locally and nationally.

The team was made up of some enthusiastic year 9 and 10 players eager to learn. They played in the U 19 division of the local competition and although they started slowly, the second half of the season was very successful and produced some very pleasing results. Throughout the year the boys had the chance to test themselves against boys their own age at other schools. Some hard lessons were learned in this process and the boys were not as successful as they had hoped to be. Next year sees the return of some key members of the squad and should also see some of this year's team pushing for 1st XI spots. The boys worked extremely hard throughout the year and got better and better with each game. They should be proud of the level of commitment and sacrifice they were willing to make.



U15A FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: MR MICHAEL SOMERS, KIERAN GEORGE, ISAAC HARDIE BOYS, ZANE COLEMAN, JORDAN MOSSOP, NICO BAAS, ADAM STUART, JAMES TOSS
 FRONT ROW: BYRON DE VILLIERS, MATTHEW CHADWICK, ANGUS TINSON, JACOB MANNING (CAPTAIN), NICHOLAS PARTHEMORE (VICE CAPTAIN), BEN FOULKES, TATE HOLDEN
 ABSENT: SCOTT CASEY-WOOLDRIDGE

U15B Football Team

These young men adjusted well to being shifted divisions regularly.

Due to pure enthusiasm and commitment we had far too many players for every weekend game which caused more than a few headaches. I am sure we are all really pleased with how the season turned out and would like to thank 'Shorty Clarke' for his help and encouragement throughout the year.

**Mr David Storey
 Coach**



U15B FOOTBALL TEAM
 BACK ROW: MR DAVID STOREY, CHRIS KELLY, HARRY DE GROOT, HAMISH DUNN, SEAN SKELTON, GEORGE MOHI, JOSIAH CLOW
 FRONT ROW: JAMIE HOUGHTON, THOMAS FLETCHER, QUENTIN DORLEANS, ARCHIE SKIPWORTH, AUSTIN SPICER, COREY FOUGERE, LIAM AITCHISON



JAY MAAKA TEEING OFF AT NATIONALS

GOLF

It is always a bit of a cop out for any sports outfit worth it's salt to claim they are having a re-building year. Unfortunately this year we are copping out, and we're going to have to take our lumps whilst re-building.

After a number of years of relying on a stream of very talented golfers coming into the school we found ourselves at the beginning of the year with only 6 senior boys with handicaps, but only 3 of these have golf as their No. 1 sport.

With very few other boys in the school on full handicaps the only focus this year was on junior development. Fortunately there has been considerable interest from a number of boys who have already shown genuine desire to work on their games. It will be interesting to watch their progress over the coming years.

Super 8 Tournament

This year's Super 8 golf competition was held at the Poverty Bay course in Gisborne from 14 – 15 March.

We had hoped to take two teams of 4 but the cupboard is pretty bare at the moment and the school lacks the depth we have enjoyed in previous years. So it was up to Jay Maaka, Sanjay Modgill, Charles Barnes and Brad McLachlan to represent the school in the A division.

It would be fair to say conditions were demanding. The weather was superb, but by the time the players were getting near the end of their second round of the day (at just under 5 hours each), with the temperature into the 30's for much of that time, everyone was struggling to keep going.

Although no-one had any disasters, none of our boys were particularly happy with either of their first 2 rounds and at the end of the day we were in 7th position, and only 1 shot ahead of Napier Boys'. Still, we had a realistic chance of heading off Hastings Boys' for 6th if we played well the following day.

The mood was very positive on the final morning and the cooler conditions at the 7.30am tee off were greatly appreciated. Jay and Sanjay turned in steady performances although both boys were frustrated with a couple of dropped shots near the end. Charles suffered a similar fate but Brad bucked the trend and finished very strongly after a rather forgettable first 6 holes.

Hastings were good enough to stay 2 strokes in front of us so we finished in 7th place, 14 strokes ahead of Napier.

Interschool Exchanges

**May 10
Auckland Grammar at Titirangi Golf Club
Lost 1 - 6**

Team: Jay Maaka, Charlie Boon, Brad Cottam, Daniel Lundt, Davis Mills, Brad McLachlan, Tyler O'Leary. With an almost brand new group of boys involved in interschool golf it was a major blow to lose Sanjay Modgill from the team a couple of days before the exchange. Such is the lack of depth in golf this year that we had to play this exchange with only 7 players, and of these, only Jay and Brad had played interschool golf before.

Jay was our only golfer playing off single figures so it was never realistic to expect a great team result. This proved to be a correct assumption.

To be able to play at Titirangi was a great experience for our boys, and while everyone took a pounding on the scoreboard (except Jay who had an easy 5 and 4 win), it was very pleasing to see them all continue to fight hard throughout their rounds.

More experience and a lot of dedicated practice are going to be needed if we are to compete at this level in the future.

**June 1
Hamilton BHS at Lochiel Golf Club
Lost 1½ - 6½**

Team: Jay Maaka, Charlie Boon, Brad Cottam, Daniel Lundt, Davis Mills, Sanjay Modgill, Brad McLachlan, Tyler O'Leary.

This year's exchange was played in perfect conditions at the Lochiel course. Another big ask for the newer members of the squad playing off the stick against opponents with handicaps 12 – 18 strokes to the good.

Sanjay Modgill and Jay Maaka were the only two of our lads who had handicaps which matched up with their opponents and both had very close matches against their Hamilton counterparts.

Sanjay did extremely well to fight back from 3 down with 4 holes to play to halve his match by sinking a 5m putt on the 18th. Jay also had a close one, going one better to hole a longer putt on the last to win 1 up. The other boys had an enjoyable time adding to their experience of interschool golf on a new course. Enough said.

Wellington College

Wellington were obviously worried about the prospect of taking another pounding and withdrew from the exchange a couple of days before we were scheduled to play. Disappointing, as the boys were looking forward to a school exchange on home turf.

Regionals

This year's regional tournament to find the qualifying school for nationals in Tauranga was due to be held at the Stratford course on Friday June 10 but was postponed to the 17th due to a passing storm.

NPBHS has dominated this competition for a number of years and it was obvious that there were several schools who were aware that we weren't as strong as we have been and were looking forward to knocking us off our perch.

After a few holes play many in the field would probably have preferred to play in the storm. A calm cloudy day in Stratford, middle of winter on a sodden course, and so cold it became increasingly difficult to hold on to a club.

The scores reflected the conditions and there were very few in the entire competition who managed to play to their handicaps. Sanjay Modgill and Jay Maaka came in with rounds of 82 and 83, which in context were quite reasonable, but the hero of the day was year 10 student Charlie Boon who returned an 86 off a 15 handicap. Brad McLachlan's 88, also off a 15, was an equally fine effort.

In the end a relatively comfortable victory by 3 strokes which will see the boys off to Tauranga in August.

National Tournament

This year's national tournament was held at the Tauranga Golf Club on Monday 22nd August. Somewhat disappointingly this

is still only 2 rounds of golf played on the same day. There was considerable debate in the managers meeting beforehand with unanimous support for a more meaningful competition in the future.

The practice round on Sunday was played in perfect conditions and allowed a good look at the course. Tauranga isn't a long course but it is quite tight with some unusual and challenging holes.

Brad McLachlan was due to be first off on Monday with a 7.15am tee time, followed by Charlie Boon, Jay Maaka and Sanjay Modgill at 8 minute intervals. So an early start to the day with breakfast at the golf club at 6.30. Unfortunately the fantastic weather put a spanner in the works and frost on the greens meant a shotgun start 90 minutes later.

At the end of the first round Captain Maaka was not happy, having shot a very disappointing 84. The others hadn't exactly set the world on fire either – Sanjay a 76, Brad an 86 and Charlie finished the first round with a 90.

A very similar performance to Super 8 in that no-one had played particularly well, although Brad was only 1 over his handicap. We were stuck in 2nd to last spot, but with the potential of moving up a number of places if we could string together some good performances in the afternoon round.

Jay really stepped up in the afternoon and his score of 69 was the second best of anyone in the 2nd round.

Sanjay played steadily apart from a couple of holes and he was very unfortunate to be penalised 2 shots for an out of bounds decision made after play finished. In the end he called the penalty on himself which was the honourable thing to do, in spite of no real evidence one way or the other. But a 2nd round of score of 78 definitely wasn't his best.

Brad got off to yet another disappointing start but pulled things back over the second 9 and ended up with an 88. A creditable performance, but a case of "what might have been", with a little more focus at the start.

Charlie played really well for the first 13 holes but things slipped a little after that and he finished with an 87. Overall, a solid effort from a year 10 student at his first national tournament.

Unfortunately the slight overall improvement in the afternoon round wasn't enough to allow us to make any ground on the opposition so we had to settle for 12th place, quite a way back from the winners, St Peters.



SUPER 8 BRAD MCLACHLAN TEEING OFF ON THE 1ST

SUPER 8 JAY MAAKA PUTTING FOR EAGLE

SUPER 8 CHARLES BARNES HITTING INTO THE 9TH

SUPER 8 SANJAY MODGILL FOLLOWING HIS PUTT



HOCKEY

The 2011 season will go down as possibly the most successful season for NPBHS hockey. Firstly we put out eight teams, and player numbers were up to 110 players. This was a first for our school and two teams up on the six teams of 2010. Six of our teams made the three finals in Taranaki High School hockey. And the Black, Hatherly and 5th XI's teams went on to win the A, B and C grades respectively. This is the first time in Taranaki hockey history that one school has won all three grades and provided all six finalists.

C GRADE

This year saw the addition of the Lightweights coached and managed by Mr Robert Wisnewski. They proved to be a dominating force in the boys C grade and a very good challenge for the two opposing champions of 2010; the Hatherly (boarders) team and the 4th XI.

The final was closely contested, but in the end Hatherly, who had been second the year prior came out on top with a 3-0 win.

Special mention has to go to Mr Creery and Mr Wisnewski for putting their time into both of these teams.

B GRADE

In the development grade this year we had two NP Boys' High teams, the 5th and 6th XI. Thanks to the coaching and managing of Joe Cathie, Nicola Loft and Petrina Barham both teams had a very successful season. Again it was a NP Boys' High vs NP Boys' High final and an amazing one! The lead changed four times during this game, which added to the excitement. With less than a minute to go the 5th XI were up by one but the 6th XI made a last ditch attempt and almost took the game into extra time. However, 5th XI goalie Ted Cooper made a miraculous save and gave the 5th XI the win, by 3 goals to 2.

A GRADE

In the boys' A grade this year we had three teams. They consisted of the development team and two 2nd XI that were made up of 1st XI players and 2nd XI players split evenly across both. The development team was very lucky this year as they received

coaching from Kallem Bayley and Darren Smith both very good ex Boys' High 1st XI players. They were also extremely lucky to get Wendy Bayley as their manager who was a huge help behind the scenes.

Although these boys in the development are half the size of their competition they play some fantastic hockey and are the up and coming stars of NP Boys' High hockey. They ended up 7th in the grade, which wasn't quite where they had wanted to be. They had some very close matches where they had just been nipped at the line.

Congratulations goes to Ross Stembridge who received the award for Most Promising Junior player in 2011. We will all be looking on with much excitement to see how Ross develops in the future.

The two 2nd XI had a sensational season. The Black 2nd XI was coached by Mike Greensill and managed by Ken Lockhart who also teamed up to coach and manager the 2nd XI at Nationals; and the 2nd XI White team was coached by Josh Hamilton and managed by Troy Standish.

The Black team had a great all round season beating FDMC in both round robin matches and only just losing to Stratford. All players in this team showed excellent development throughout the season and achieved all the goals that were set at the beginning including making the final.

The White team struggled a wee bit in their pool play as they lost a couple of their major players due to injury, but two players were asked to step up from the 4th XI and they proved to be a valuable asset to the team. These two were Jade Grayling and Phillip Roach. In the semi finals they had to beat the un-beaten Stratford side in the semi final which they did in a nail biting match final score 2-1. While this game went on the Black team was playing FDMC in New Plymouth and they came out on top with a big victory of 5-1. In the final the Black team showed why they had such a consistently good season and beat the White team 3-1.

Overall out of the 8 teams we had in the school grade 6 had made finals, an all out Boys' High year of hockey in Taranaki. A huge thanks to all the boys who love the game and to all the parents and teachers putting in their time to give these lads the opportunity to play.

1st XI Hockey Team

2011, a year to remember for NPBHS hockey. In the beginning the coaching staff could see we had the making of what could be a great team. We selected a squad of 20 which has been the first time that we have had this number of high calibre players. The boys are listed as follows:

1. Rhys Chilcott
2. Charles Barnes
3. Dean Lobb
4. Orin Burmester
5. Sonny Nguyen
6. Alex Iversen (C)
7. Rupert Young
8. David Avery
9. Ben Pigott
10. Jay Rodger
11. Lane Simkin
12. Henry Boon
13. Dylan De Bruyn
14. Greg Lockhart
15. Kieran Whitmore
16. Michael Standliff
17. Gideon Washer
18. Rhys Millynn
19. Alex Fleming
20. Ryan Kiely

The season started earlier than usual with the change in times of terms which proved difficult for our two star cricketers Henry Boon and Rupert Young, but both always put 100 percent into trainings and games and were an integral part of the team.

Our first match up was against Auckland Grammar who are always tough opponents. The game was a bit of back and forth and although we had more territory Grammar were quick to punish any mistakes we made. In the end Henry Boon our unorthodox left handed hockey player converted from cricket to hockey was the star of the day scoring two amazing goals and contributing to the 3 all draw.

Henry continued this for the rest of the season and although unorthodox he shows incredible ability in the circle with deflections which made him top goal scorer in our college fixtures.



1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM
 BACK ROW: MICHAEL STANCLIFF, GREG LOCKHART, HENRY BOON, RYAN KIELY, DEAN LOBB
 MIDDLE ROW: MR DAVID STONES, RUPERT YOUNG, DAVID AVERY, DYLAN DE BRUYN, BEN PIGOTT, ALEX FLEMING, RHYS CHILCOTT
 FRONT ROW: ORIN BURMESTER, CHARLES BARNES, JAY RODGER, ALEX IVERSEN, SONNY NGUYEN, LANE SIMKIN, KIERAN WHITMORE
 INSET: MR JOSH HAMILTON

Our next match up was against Hamilton who are becoming constantly better and better. Although we had them on the ropes for most of the game our lack of scoring ability and their ability to punish any mistake in the circle saw us lose 5-2.

Wanganui Collegiate came up to us to play and having beaten them twice in pre season matches we were confident we could do it when it counts in the college matches. However, both teams played a very scrappy game and although we won 2-1 it was not a pretty win but a win nonetheless, something that has not happened against Collegiate very much in the past.

This year we also had another college match added to the calendar against Wanganui High School. This was not a great game to watch and NP Boys' High ended up losing 3-2.

We travelled again down to Palmerston North to face the ever strong Palmerston North Boys' High team, who year after year prove themselves as one of the top hockey schools in the country. Their defence, speed and size proved too much for us to get the opportunity to score and without two of our 7th formers we lacked a bit of size which was needed against such a physically able side. We ended up going down 2-0 which was an honorable loss as the boys played exceptionally well; a special mention to Alex Fleming who had one of his best games and Rhys Chilcott.

Later on in the season we played Wellington College, a target match for our boys. We came out a bit slow in the first five minutes and it looked as though Wellington had it all over us. However the boys kept their composure and scored first off an attacking penalty corner scored by Charles. This put Wellington on the back foot a bit but just before half time they scored to even it at one all at the half. In the second half Wellington took things up a notch and our boys did not increase the intensity and unfortunately a mistake led to Wellington's star player making an amazing break and scoring a good goal which gave Wellington the win 2-1.

Super 8 Tournament

NPBHS, TGA, GBHS, HBHS

We had the first game of the tournament playing at 8am on Saturday vs HBHS. These guys are always a tough proposition and the boys knew they would have to play well to come out on top. We scored first with a sensational run from Lane Simkin who crossed the ball into the circle and a diving left handed Henry Boon deflected it top left. This certainly startled Hamilton Boys' and they tried their best to apply pressure which soon gave them a goal half way into the first half. We were quick to respond and scored again making the score 2-1 to us. Just before half time Hamilton scored again tying it up at the break. Unfortunately in the second half our boys were slower to mark and lost the anticipation they had in the first half which enabled Hamilton to run away with the game with three more goals in the second half.

Next for us was Gisborne, a team always filled with keen and fast players. They played a great game against us and we came away with a tie.

We then played TGA on Monday, a school we do not often get to play and have not played in a few years due to the draw at Super 8. Our boys were very keen to get a win under our belt as this was our last chance to make top four. The boys came out firing and did not stop all game. Sensational play from all players made it extremely hard for the opposition to get started and they had little in response to our young men's fast leads and strength. Alex Iversen as captain had another great game and helped lead the boys to a 5-2 victory.

We then had to rely on Hamilton beating TGA for us to go through into the next round. They managed this in a nail-biting match but the bad news for TGA meant great excitement for us!

We would have to play Palmerston North, last year's winners and again this year's favourites along with Hamilton. Palmy were again too strong for us and beat us in the semi final.

Napier lost to Hamilton in the other semi so it was us and Napier to play off for 3rd and 4th. The boys approached the game like it was the final and played extremely hard and physical hockey against a team that favoured themselves. We scored first but Napier was not keen on the concept of 4th place and were adamant they were not going to lose. Our boys kept their cool and played their game for the entire 60 minutes which in the end broke the back of Napier and we put one more goal in to win 3rd place 2-1.

Back home in Taranaki the job was not over in terms of our mens grade competition. We had been doing particularly well throughout the entire season and were focused on attaining 3rd place going into the semi finals. We had the opportunity to play Stratford at our home ground where the boys disposed of them 2-1 in an intense but well played match by both sides. This gave us 3rd place going into the semis.

In the semi finals we faced the defending champions, Northern United. At the beginning of the game it was all Northern and



it looked like it was going to be a whitewash. Northern scored first within ten minutes. However the lads found their feet and applied the pressure straight back scoring in a p.c off the stick of Charles Barnes. NPBHS continued to apply pressure and Northern seemed to have no answer. NPBHS scored two more times taking it to 3-1 with fifteen minutes in the match left.

Northern managed to climb their way back in the last bit and scored. In the last minute Northern continued to attack and was awarded an attacking p.c., the full time whistle blew but the p.c still had to be played out. Northern went for the drag but it was saved by Rhys Chilcott and Kieran Whitmore cleared it.

Northern was awarded 3 p.c. it was cleared each time. The victory was awarded to NPBHS.

NPBHS was going to their first ever Taranaki Men's final!

When NPBHS knew we had made the final we had some serious organising to do as the date of the final was also the same day that we had to begin our travels south to Nelson for our national secondary school tournament. Although Nationals is the all important event for the year for a school team Taranaki was not prepared to move the game forward so we could be available to play and the season ended in a controversial default of the finals, gifting the trophy to Te Kiri. This was an unfortunate situation for the young men at NPBHS but we knew we had to travel to Nelson to complete our major goal of the season which was to make top two at Johnson Cup so we could make it to India Shield the following year.

Nationals

Nationals started extremely well with a good win against Heretaunga. We then beat Avondale but lost to Scots College in our pool play which put us in 2nd place in our pool going into cross over matches. Kieran Whitmore was having the drag flick nationals anyone would dream of, helping us through all our games with his pinpoint top left accuracy.

We beat Shirley Boys' in our cross over pool on the must win Wednesday match. This gave us the opportunity to go into the semi finals where we were to meet Wanganui Collegiate for the 4th time this year. NPBHS beat Wanganui who could not match up to NPBHS' well structured and fit unit. Completely

outclassed, Wanganui went down 3-0. Scots College narrowly won their semi against Avondale, this meant that we were to face Scots again. They were the only team to beat us in the tournament but they could be beaten and we were the team at nationals to do it.

Scots came out firing and scored first, but this did not deter the boys. We came back equally as hard and pushed Scots back into their own half where their defence finally broke and we scored to level the game.

We set up for an attacking p.c which we missed and then ended in a disastrous counter from Scots putting them ahead 2-1. This scored stayed the same all the way to just about the end. However just as the final whistle was about to blow we were awarded a p.c which meant even though it was full time we were allowed to play it out. The first attempt at the p.c missed but the rebound was cleaned up by Greg Lockhart who had stepped up in place as dragger from Lane Simkin who had a hand injury earlier in the week. This tied the game and meant we had to go into extra time golden goal. 7 minutes each way whoever scores first wins.

The game was played at an intensity you only find in finals with both teams scrambling on defence and attack willing to ball to go into the back of the net. Although our team had a near perfect national tournament with the most goals for and the least against, we unfortunately lost with a golden goal coming from Scots star player in the final minutes of the first half of overtime.

Although this was devastating for all our lads, supporters and coaching staff we had come to Nelson with the goal of making top two and we had. The boys had played some amazing hockey

2nd XI Hockey Team

The 2nd XI players were split across two teams for the domestic Taranaki Secondary Schools competition this year. The idea behind this was to have the 2nd XI players learning from the 1st XI players, and to provide some more challenging hockey in the High Schools A grade.

The two teams were called Black and White, with the Black team being coached by Mike Greensill and managed by Ken Lockhart, and the White team being coached by Josh Hamilton and managed by Troy Standish. In the round robin part of the competition the Black team won 12 of their 14 games, and the White team won 10 of their 14 games. The semi finals then resulted in the Black team playing Francis Douglas, and the White team playing Stratford High. It was a bitterly cold night, but an incredibly successful one, as the Black team beat Francis Douglas 5-1, and the White team beat Stratford 2-1. The two top Boys' High teams then played off in the final, with the Black team winning by 3-1.

Our first college level match was against Hamilton Boys' High 2nd XI, in Hamilton. They are a very strong team with 14 members of the team Waikato Under 15 representative players.

and done things in the season no-one had thought possible of a high school team.

Nationals is all about the ability to win every single match. This gives you the easiest possible road to the finals. Every game is treated as your own final because all the boys know that if you lose early you lose the chance of making the final. Its huge pressure for an entire week but I commend all the boys for their fantastic dedication and focus over this week. Alex Iversen as captain can be extremely proud of the way his men performed and the way he performed as a captain and player.

Awards this year given to -

Charles Barnes - MVP of national tournament.
Kieran Whitmore - top goal scorer at nationals
Greg Lockhart - Most improved player at national tournament

Awards for 2011

Alex Iversen - second year in a row MVP
Dean Lobb - Most Improved player
Ross Stembridge - Most Promising junior

A special mention this year to the work and commitment of Ken Lockhart, David Stones, Mike Greensill and their families. Great work and thanks for all your time.

To the men of the 1st XI Hockey team 2011. Remember; You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take! (quote/ David Stones 2011). And champions are never born they are made, you have all proved this time and again this season and it has been a real privilege to have managed you. Good luck for the future.

Mr Josh Hamilton - Manager

In the first half we turned the ball over too cheaply and gifted possession away. At half time we were down 2-0. In the 2nd half we mounted some goal attacks and circle penetrations of our own. Despite this we could not put the ball in the net, and late in the game we conceded two more goals. The result was



2ND XI HOCKEY TEAM

BACK ROW: NICHOLAS LLOYD, GIDEON WASHER, JAKE MCCOMB
SECOND ROW: MR MICHAEL GREENSILL, RYAN POTROZ, JOSH AYLES, JOHNNO AYLES, PHILLIP BARHAM, RHYS MILLYNN, MISKA SILVENNOINEN, MR KEN LOCKHART
FRONT ROW: SIMEON OBORN, TIM ANDREWS, ROSS STEMBRIDGE, RYAN KIELY (CAPTAIN), ALEX DENT (VICE CAPTAIN), JAMES O'DONOVAN, DAVID AWBITU

a 4-0 loss. Our next college game was against Wanganui Collegiate. We beat them 9-1 in a very comprehensive display of competent hockey. We played them twice more and again won by 2-0 the first time, and 1-0 the second time.

Our National Tournament this year, the Gallately Cup, was held in Auckland at Lloyd Elsmore Park. The six teams entered are the top teams in the country and the level we have to play at is similar to the level our 1st XI are playing at. We lost all our round robin games to Hamilton Boys' High, Tauranga Boys' College, Auckland Grammar, Palmerston North Boys' High and Wellington College. Our goalie Gideon Washer was ill and we had to play our star centre half Johnno Ayles in goal which weakened the team considerably. At the end of the round robin, our cross pool game was against Auckland Grammar. This was playing off for 5th and 6th place. The boys really lifted for this game and we scored first with Ryan Kiely scoring a field goal.

We led 1-0 at half time, but let our guard down early in the 2nd half and Auckland cashed in on an easy turnover to score a goal. The boys came back fighting though. We got several circle penetrations, and a couple of penalty comers. Rhys Millynn

Boarders' XI Hockey Team

Hockey is not called the beautiful game and the NPBHS, Hatherly hockey team never threatened to change this in 2011. What we lacked in finesse, however, we made up for in heart.

Thanks to Maikeli Dennis, a new look Hatherly side took the field this season, playing their signature fast-paced, front-foot style of hockey.

We had an excellent start to the year, which saw the boys live up to their reputation as the team to beat. After an unbeaten grading round, we found ourselves well clear at the top of the table.

Made up of athletes from across many codes, our team traditionally struggles through the middle part of the season as the lads fulfil commitments to their other teams. This saw us fall to second on the table after the round robin section of the tournament as we suffered our only loss and draw of the competition. Though, as always, the boys showed true dedication and determination, and with the other codes finishing up earlier than hockey, our team was soon back to full strength. This meant as we headed into the sharp end of the season, we were fully focused.

The semi final was a foregone conclusion by half time and we secured our final berth with a 5-1 win over Waitara 1st XI.

The final had us facing our arch rivals 'The NPBHS Lightweights.' A team of similar make-up to ours but lacking the heart which comes from being a part of the NPBHS hostel. It was a hard fought game and could have gone either way in the first half. We held our composure and stuck to our game plan finishing on top with a 3-0 victory. An outstanding result to end an

scoring off a pre-worked move to lift the ball into the top left hand corner of the net. Auckland weren't done with though, and they fought back and had several shots on our goal. Gideon Washer, who was back in goal, made some fine saves. The warm sunshine had come out and time eventually ran out for Auckland. We had beaten them for the first time, by 2 goals to 1! The boys lifted their skills remarkably during tournament week and Rhys Millynn, Ryan Kiely, Miska Silvennoinen, Ross Stemberge, Simeon O'born, Nick Lloyd and Josh and Johnno Ayles played well. Johnno Ayles was selected by Auckland Hockey as the Most Valuable Player. Congratulations Johnno, who we selected as MVP as well. Our most improved player was Ryan Kiely who has just taken up hockey.

I would like to thank Mike Greensill for all his coaching input and his encouraging comments to all the players, and Ken Lockhart for all the work he has put in behind the scenes as team manager.

Thanks also to Coralie Andrews who came to tournament and provided great assistance. We also had plenty of parents support the boys during our season in Taranaki and away on tournament. Many thanks to you all.

outstanding season, which ended up with a record 71 goals for, 17 against.

Stand out players were Lawrence 'The Wall' Barr our aptly named goalie. Mark 'The Rock' Martin whose solid, reliability at the top of the 'D' was uncompromising. Nick 'Whiskey' Jager as top goal scorer deserves a special mention as do his parents who often travelled a long way to support the team. Elliot 'Cotton' Jenkins was the leader and foundation of our team. His ability to weave through an entire opposition and place the ball at the feet of our forwards will be sorely missed next year. A special mention also must go to Joshua Hamilton who is a fount of hockey knowledge and unwavering positivity.



BOARDERS HOCKEY TEAM
BACK ROW: GIO HABEL-KUEFFNER, JOSHUA DOWSING, RHYS BISHOP
SECOND ROW: MR REUBEN CREEERY, BEN NEILSON, JORDAN YOUNG, ALBIE MULLER, GEORGE HARDWICK-SMITH, NICK JAGER
FRONT ROW: JAMIE THOMAS, MAIKELI DENNIS (CO-CAPTAIN), MARK MARTIN (CO-CAPTAIN), LAWRENCE BARR, ELLIOT JENKINS (CO-CAPTAIN), THOMAS CLARK-PUIA, HAMISH LE PINE
ABSENT: DOUGY CARROLL

Development XI Team

The Development XI is a team of predominantly Year 9 students, many having Taranaki representative honours.

The team is coached and mentored with the view that the boys have the potential to be future 1st XI players. They competed in the secondary school 'A' competition to expose them to the highest level of competition available.

Coached by Kellam Bayley and Darren Smith the boys' skill, teamwork and competitiveness grew markedly as the season progressed. Although the teams they faced were the 1st eleven teams from other schools, consisting of mostly senior players who were older, stronger and more experienced, the development team was able to compete well. They won more than their fair share of games and won their final game for 7th place overall.

Rhys Chilcott, our Year 11 goal-keeper, is to be acknowledged for his maturity and team-spirit. Rhys supported the younger players by directing their play from the back-line.

Zac Howarth was awarded the most valuable player. His adaptability was outstanding.



DEVELOPMENT XI HOCKEY TEAM
BACK ROW: MS WENDY BAYLEY, MATTHEW CLELAND, JAMES O'DONOVAN, ZANE ROACH, STEVEN MEAD, MISKA SILVENNOINEN, JESPER SLAGER, MR DARYN SMITH
FRONT ROW: ZACH HOWARTH, CORY SUTHERLAND, JACKSON HURLEY, TIM ANDREWS (CAPTAIN), JAMIE LOVERIDGE, ROSS STEMBRIDGE, ORIN BURMESTER (VICE CAPTAIN)
ABSENT: RHYS CHILCOTT (GK), SAM TULLETT, TALOR OWEN, KELLAM BAYLEY (COACH)

Matt Cleland's developing skill and dedication awarded him the most improved player of the year.

Many thanks to parents for supporting the players with transport and positive encouragement.

Ms Wendy Bayley

Other Hockey Teams



4TH XI HOCKEY TEAM
BACK ROW: MRS PAULINE CROW, TOBY BRANKIN, MARK POTROZ, EDUAN FOURIE, PHILIP ROACH, ANDREW TEMPERTON, NICHOLAS KJESTRUP, MRS ALISON SLATER
FRONT ROW: SIMON ZHONG, HARRY NICHOL, JAKE MCCOMB (VICE CAPTAIN), NATHAN WEIR (CAPTAIN), ALAN ANSELL, SHANNON AWHITU, BEN BARNETT



5TH XI HOCKEY TEAM
BACK ROW: JOSHUA RITCHIE, LAKYN HARROW, HAYDEN WOOD, TED COOPER, OLIVER NEILSON, ROBERT HANCOCK, BLAKE WILSON, MRS PETRINA BARHAM (COACH)
FRONT ROW: MATHESON LEE, MAX WHITEHEAD, JAYDEN WOODHEAD, BRADLEY BULLOT (CAPTAIN), MITCHELL TARRANT, LUCAS DRAKE, CAMERON BULLOT

INDOOR BOWLS

TSS Indoor Bowls

This event was held on Wednesday 25th May at the Central Division Hall in Belt Road, New Plymouth and NPBHS entered a team of 7 players to cover the requirement that there be a 4's team, a pairs team and a singles specialist from each school entered.

Our team was:

Singles James Cathie

Pairs Matthew Brev, Connach McKinnstry

Fours Ryan Potroz, Seb Eastment, Fran Rogers, Mark Potroz

The boys enjoyed the experience and played some good bowls during the afternoon event which involved the 4's team playing 3 games of 5 ends each, the pairs playing 3 games of 7 ends each and the singles being 3 games of 9 ends each.

The school with the highest number of wins over the 9 games was to be the overall winner. There was no distinction between boys and girls teams and there was a good turnout of schools entered. (12 schools entered with a total of 98 players)

The challenge for next year is to see if NPBHS can be in amongst the placegetters.

Mr Kevin Gledhill, Manager

INLINE HOCKEY

During the first three days of the July holidays the 1st Inline Hockey team attended the National Secondary Schools Tournament in Auckland. In pool play we won all our games beating BDHS 10-2, Invitation team 8-1, Alfriston 7-1 and HBHS 6-1.

In the semi finals we beat St Kentigern College 5-2. In the finals we faced KeriKeri High School. NPBHS and KeriKeri have been in the finals for the past five years, with KeriKeri having won for the past two years. The final this year was a fantastic game of hockey with team work where we controlled the tempo of the game. At the end of full time the score was 3-3. Late in extra time we managed to score. The final score 4-3.



INLINE HOCKEY TEAM
BACK ROW: SAM MCCOMB, MITCHELL PEARCE, MR KEN LOCKHART
FRONT ROW: TIM CRAIG, HAYDEN WHYTE (ASST CAPTAIN), JASON MCMAHON (CAPTAIN),
EDDIE KONIJN (ASST CAPTAIN), GREG LOCKHART
ABSENT: BEN BAILEY

Team

Jason McMahon - Captain
Hayden Whyte - Assistant Captain
Eddie Konijn - Assitant Captain
Greg Lockhart
Sam McComb
Ben Bailey
Tim Craig
Mitchell Pearce

The team was a credit to the school, they set the standard for play on the rink and the dress standard and behaviour expected off the rink. Greg Lockhart was awarded the MVP for the tournament.

Thanks to the team for making the tournament so enjoyable.

Mr Ken Lockhart
Mr John Tullett

MOTOCROSS

Taranaki Secondary Schools Motocross Champs 2011

The Taranaki Secondary Schools Motorcross this year was held on 21st August 2011 at Barrett Park in New Plymouth. The track was in mint condition all day which brought some pretty good results for the school.

Josh Holmes won all three races making him 1st overall in the Year 11 class. Jayden Rowe finished 2nd overall with three 2nd place finishes behind Josh. Hayden Walkington finished 5th overall with Tyron Peters 6th overall. Jayden Wilson-Crane also rode finishing 12th overall.

In the Year 12 class Ben Furze got three 3rd place finishes making him 3rd overall. Sam Brown finished a great 2nd to last in the first race. Jackson Hine rode in the second race for Sam and he got a even better last place and Sam rode the last race again getting a respectable 2nd to last place making them 10th place overall.



In the Year 10 class Taylor Roberts was the lone rider finishing 4th overall. We had no riders in the Year 9 class which hampered our chances of owning the overall best school.

We ended up finishing in 2nd place behind Hawera High School and in front of Francis Douglas Memorial College.

A big thanks to Mr Hill for organising the school team and all the support. Also thanks to Matt Carr and Nik Richards for taking photos.



RUGBY

1st XV

The 2011 1st XV were a relatively experienced side with only one of the backline not being a year 13 student. The focus was on improvement from 2010, both as individual players and as a team. There were three pre-season matches before the first traditional of the year.

Losses to Sacred Heart and St. Kentigerns hurt preparations not only from a team view point, but also due to player injury, however the win against Wanganui High School added confidence leading into the first traditional against Auckland Grammar.

This game was to be a highlight of the season with all players showing "sting in the tail". It was played with a passion that was sadly missing in later games. Although individual players did stand out, this was not to be a memorable season for the 1st XV. Often unforced errors and untimely injuries led to under-performance and results that went against the team. If Grammar was the highlight, then Francis Douglas was the low with a determined FDMC team winning 19 - 13 in front of a packed Gully and a Sky TV audience.

It was one of only a few games to be played on the Gully this year. With the Rugby World Cup, the Gully had been designated as a training base for the Irish, Russian and Welsh sides. As such, the field was to have limited use so that it would ready for these teams. The players must be congratulated on their acceptance of this. For most, the highlight of playing for the 1st XV is to play on the Gully. To miss out was hard on players who had dedicated themselves to five years of service to the sport at the school.

Despite a poor team season, players and coaches went on to higher honours. Mitch Brown was named in the New Zealand Schools Team to play against Australia. Mitch and Lachlan Boshier made the Hurricanes Coaching Clinics, whilst a number made Taranaki U18 and U16 sides.

Another highlight was the outstanding sponsorship of Inspirec. A local recruiting agency for the Oil and Gas industry, Inspirec were generous sponsors not only financially, but also in time and expertise.

Albeit a poor year on the field, the 1st XV maintained high standards off field and despite losses and criticism; all players continued to be positive and always gave their best. Each was a great ambassador for the school, his family, and himself.

We wish each player the very best for his future.

vs Auckland Grammar Loss 20 - 29

Report by Darryl Leath

Played in Auckland, this was the first time the 1st XV had worn the famous black and white hoops for the season and responded with a very proud and passionate performance. Down 6 - 9 at half time, Grammar scored first in the second half with a fortuitous intercept try, then quickly scored again to go up 21 - 6. However the 1st XV game plan of expansive running rugby started to take its toll on the larger Grammar pack, and through continuity and dominant possession, the 1st XV came back with two well-constructed tries to trail 20-24 with 3 minutes to play. The 1st XV went wide from the restart however a cruel bounce of the ball left both wingers in a sprint for the loose ball. Grammar won the race scoring in the last second of play. The final result was a loss, but respect was earned and Grammar commented that "the sting was back in NPBHS Rugby".

(Gio Habel-Kueffner, Kane Wilson tries; Matt McDonald 2 conversions, 2 penalties)

vs Wanganui Collegiate

Win 29 – 6

Report by Justin Bigwood

A quick-fire start had NPBHS up 24-3, four tries to a penalty, by halftime. A well crafted strike through midfield with the blindside winger streaking through, led to another try shortly after the restart. Collegiate showed great spirit to dominate possession and make all the play for the rest of the game. We did keep our line from being crossed, but coming up with a consistent, 70 minute, focused and error-free performance was to become an issue for the season.

(Luke Jones, Lachlan Boshier, Johnny Thomson, Isaac Robinson, Nathan Maharey tries; Matt McDonald 2 conversions)

vs St Patricks Silverstream

Loss 10 – 13

Report by Justin Bigwood

A top defensive effort kept the 1st XV in contact with a large Silverstream team. Strong defence eventually turned into attack opportunities and a penalty in front of the posts was awarded. A 13-13 draw with 2 minutes to play was an exciting prospect. Unfortunately white-line fever took over and a tap was taken, the ball went wide and our winger was bundled into touch. Another learning point for the team to discuss.

(Isaac Robinson try; Matt McDonald conversion, penalty)

vs Hamilton Boys'

Loss 15 – 53

Report by Justin Bigwood

Hamilton blew us away in the first 25 minutes: accuracy, go forward ball, hitting the contact area in numbers, running decisively, dominating set piece. In hindsight it was amazing to watch; at the time the precision of their play was ignored as we tried to come up with an answer. We tried to vary the game to break their flow and did run in two well constructed tries. Amazingly, Mitch Brown put on a stellar display, in attack and defence, in front of a New Zealand selector. A sign of the professional approach to schoolboy rugby had Hamilton training at 6am, six days in row, with after school practice as well, leading up to this fixture.

(Isaac Robinson, Josh Parker tries; Drew Waitaiki conversion; Matt McDonald penalty)

vs Francis Douglas Memorial College

Loss 13 – 19

Report by Glen Hannah

As mentioned earlier in this report, this game was a major focus of the season. The annual local derby against Francis Douglas, with extra spice added by having Sky TV there to televise the match. The school came to the party, and though the team under-performed, the terraces certainly did not. Some great



1ST XV CAPTAIN
ISAAC ROBINSON
BEING INTERVIEWED
BY SKY TV BEFORE THE
FRANCIS DOUGLAS
GAME

hakas and passionate support was appreciated by the players, and the Sky commentary team – hopefully enough that they will come back. They certainly were very impressed with the school and the Gully at the aftermatch.

In the game we were out-passioned by Francis Douglas, both at the break down and with the kick chase. What is always a tough game became tougher still as Francis Douglas got their tails up and fear of losing, on our part, added more pressure to our boys.

It was great to see, after a shocking newspaper report only the week before, two of its targets combine so well, as JT had the vision to place a kick perfectly into space for Macca to chase, get the bounce and score a wonderful try.

It wasn't going to be our day, however, and we couldn't cross the line again. The boys will feel this result for a long time.

A wound has opened now. Hopefully, next year's 1st XV will respond appropriately.

vs Tauranga Boys'

Loss 10 – 19

Report by Isaac Robinson

Following a week of heavy rain, the 1st XV went out onto a very wet McNaught field. After twenty minutes it was impossible to identify which team was which due to the mud coated jerseys. In a tight game marred by handling errors, penalties and a dubious sin-binning neither side managed to gain any advantage with Tauranga finally coming out the victors.

(Josh Thomson try; Matt McDonald conversion, penalty)

vs Palmerston North Boys'

Loss 3 – 43

Report by Glen Hannah

This game almost wasn't! A vicious stomach bug was making its way through the school, and the team was hit hard by it. Only a team meeting on the morning of our departure confirmed we had enough for the trip, with a few boys staying behind to travel up by car the next day to allow for a longer recovery.

corks in place and plastic bags on hand we boarded the bus a little more nervously than usual!

With this as our build up we had an outstanding first half. Behind, but in touch, having made the most of the structured play, but being stung by Palmy Boys' break out tries.

Sadly, we could not maintain the effort, and a large Palmy Boys' pack attacked us in the forwards with one-out runners and pick and goes, before tearing us up with their sharp backs. A brave performance from our boys, but the opposition would have been a handful even if we were at a hundy.

(Drew Waitaiki penalty)

vs Gisborne Boys'

Loss 25 – 37

Report by Matthew MacDonald

Coming into this game the 1st XV knew it had a tough game ahead as Gisborne were leading the Super Eight competition. The team started off well with the forward pack getting strong go forward ball with the backs attacking well. With a good lead at half time it was a case of consolidating the advantage and building up points. However, sadly the 1st XV let the game slip away and Gisborne took back the game through dominance up front and strong attack through their fullback. With some key injuries late in the game, structure was lacking and Gisborne deserved a determined win.

(Mitch Brown, Lachlan Bunn)

vs Hastings Boys'

Win 21 – 18

Report by Lachlan Bunn

Hastings was one of the games that we targeted as a team to get a win. Some of the players from 2010 wanted revenge as they felt they had let Hastings have a soft win that year. It was yet another wet and muddy game on McNaught Field. With a good start, the 1st XV gathered points early through a try and penalties. Up at half time, some of the team got a little ahead of themselves and started to let the game slip away as Hastings came back into the game through some weak tries. While some good kicking allowed the 1st XV to grab another try, a last minute attack by Hastings kept everyone on their seats. Their failure to turn opportunity into points meant the 1st XV had their first Super Eight win of the season.

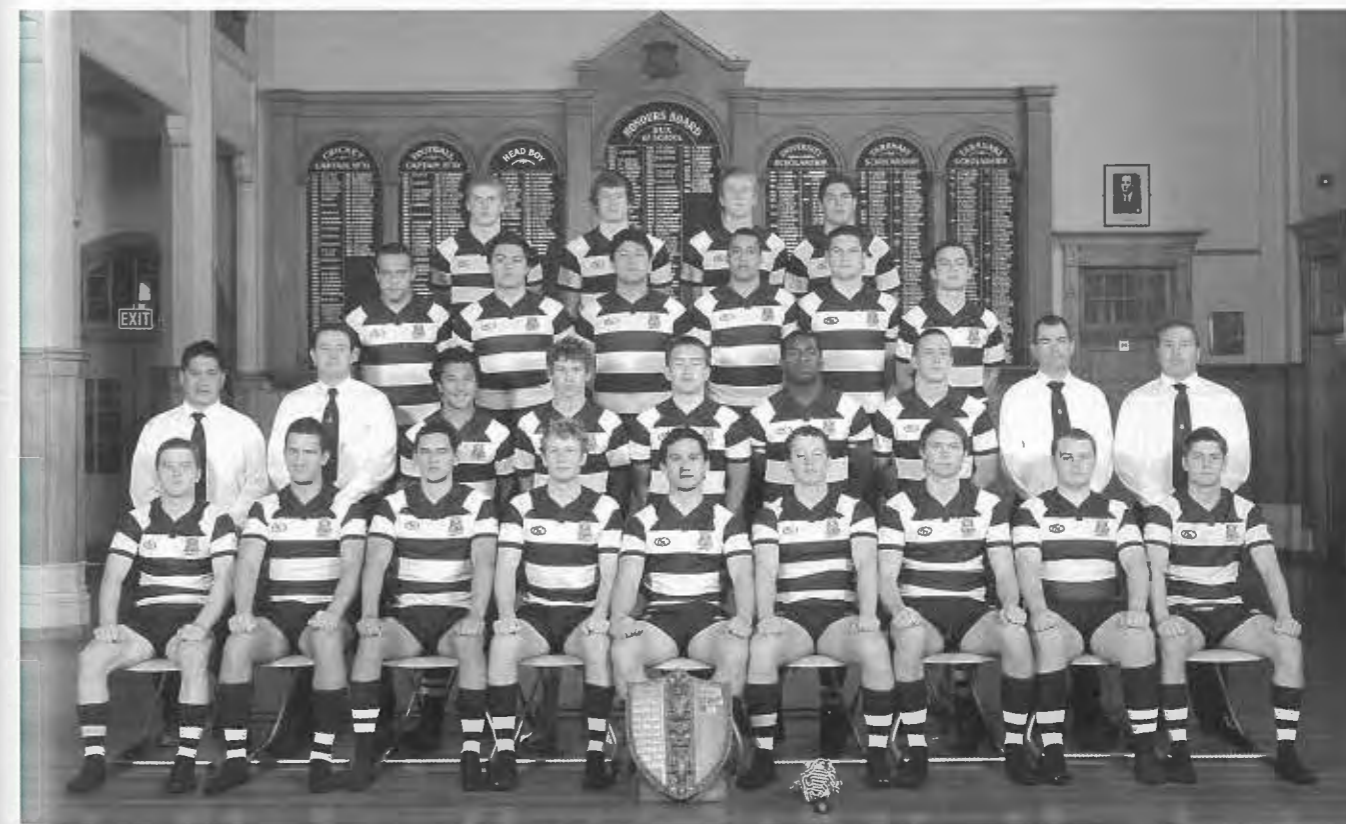
(Johnny Thomson, Josh Dowsing tries; Matt McDonald conversion, 3 penalties)

vs Napier Boys'

Loss 0 – 70

Report by Glen Hannah

The 1st XV travelled to Napier with a squad ravaged by injury and illness. With half of the 2nd XV helping out, it was always going to be a tough game against a very good Napier side. Instead of lifting in the face of adversity, the team under-performed. Falling off tackles and relying on individuals on attack, the result was a deserved win to Napier.



1ST XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: TIM RYDER, LACHLAN BOSHIER, JOSH THOMSON, JOSH PARKER

THIRD ROW: MAEVARAURII RONGO, MAIKELI DENNIS, HAORO HOND-GOFFE, GIOVANNI HABEL-KUEFFNER, JOSHUA DOWSING, CONNOR WILSON-PUHARA

SECOND ROW: MR DAVE ROBINSON, MR JUSTIN BIGWOOD, BYRON MCDERMOTT, TYLER WISNEWSKI, THOMAS CLARK-PUJA, BILL RATU, LUKE HURITU-JONES, MR GLEN HANNAH, MR DARRYL LEATH

FRONT ROW: MATT MCDONALD, JAKE PARKER, DREW WAITAIKI, LACHLAN BUNN, ISAAC ROBINSON (CAPTAIN), JOHNNY THOMSON, MITCHELL BROWN, MARK MARTIN, KANE WILSON

ABSENT: NATHAN MAHAREY

vs Rotorua Boys'

Loss 10 – 55

Report by Glen Hannah

Despite being the last game of the season, the 1st XV started very flat. This allowed Rotorua to get away to a good lead through a traditionally big forward pack and an equally impressive and quick back line. After some stern words at half time, the loose forwards did some great work behind a losing pack, defending and counter-rucking well. With some good forward ball, the backs looked more threatening. Two length of field break-outs put pressure on Rotorua before Orion Kana finally crossed for a great try. Sadly it was a case of playing well way too late.

(Orion Kana try, Drew Waitaiki conversion, penalty)

Final Word

As coach I'd like to thank the boys, especially the leavers, for their company, their efforts and their attitude at training. We always thought it would be a tough year and the results can't have been satisfying for them, but they made a hard year bearable. Good luck with your rugby futures!

I'm sure they'll join me in encouraging future 1st players to start working now and to exploit the training opportunities the school is offering. Not just players targeting the 1st XV next



LACHLAN BUNN BREAKING THROUGH AGAINST FRANCIS DOUGLAS



JOHNNY THOMSON CLEARS AGAINST FRANCIS DOUGLAS



A LOT SMALLER, BUT A LOT QUICKER. TYLER WISNEWSKI MAKES A BREAK



ISAAC ROBINSON PREPARES TO BE SBW

year, but those wanting to make it in two or three years time. Be ready for your opportunity. Be the best you can be!

Thanks also to our sponsors, Inspirec. They lifted the bar in sponsorship relations, not just offering money, but also their time and professionalism to the boys who wanted help with CVs and interview techniques.

Dave Robinson was also a major asset, giving up his valuable time at no small expense to his business, making trainings and travelling to games, strapping the boys and managing injuries for us. Thank you Dave. We'll miss your help and your good company on the trips!

Kelvin McDowell, thanks for the early mornings in the gym. The lads, whilst perhaps not exactly loving them, certainly benefitted and now have a good grounding of what is required of them, gym wise, if they want to pursue a rugby career.

Thanks must also go to Hamish Mitchell who came in to help with our scrum, and to the TRFU for their support with the team and schoolboy rugby in general.

Finally, thanks to Biggy and Leatho – only those who have done the job will understand the time and energy you have had to put in this year. Thanks for that, your support and your company throughout a tough year!

Mr Glen Hannah
1st XV Coach

2nd XV Rugby Team

The 2nd XV endured a mixed season that promised a reasonable standard ahead. At least five members from last year's team returned, thus giving us a little bit of experience at this level.

The club season is difficult at the best of times but this year some factors worked against us. In the first instance the 1st XV struggled for players with rugby experience in a range of crucial positions and therefore, so did the 2nd XV. Another reason was the rushed nature of team selection due to the rather quick change from summer to winter code sports. However, an optimist would say that it would be the same for all teams and to look forward to a reasonable season.

In the past the 2nd XV usually fields a team in the average age range of 16-17 years of age in the local under 20 rugby competition. It usually takes a few games for the team to find their feet and then become competitive. Although we finished mid table, there were some games where the game plan execution and confidence increase was evident and showed we were on the right track for the Super 8.

Unfortunately, as the season unfolded the team lost some good players to the 1st XV and quite rightly so. Some other team members left school, and others opted not to play at all, which made room for some well performing 3rd XV players to step up during the season.

The club season was littered with games that either saw us start very strongly and match the opposition all over the park, only to lose composure in the crucial periods or to score outstanding team tries, only to let in soft tries in reply. This was also to be the case in our College games as well.

The team was well led by Jahi Wicksteed who was an example of steady sportsmanship and high reliability. Jahi was ably assisted in the backs by Mitch Aro and Daniel Chapman in leadership and decision making. Along with Orion Kana, these boys should add to the 1st XV next year.

In the forwards, Jamie Shrubbsall was a tireless worker and leader. Thomas Clark-Puia also provided an example for others to follow in the manner of his on the field and off the field attitude. Bevan Lowl was a toiler and was rewarded for his work by being called into the 1st XV from time to time.

3rd XV Rugby Team

The NPBHS 3rd XV were entered into the Taranaki Secondary School Rugby Premier division for the 2011 season.

We were pitted against 5 other teams from around Taranaki. These included; Inglewood High School 1st XV, Central 1st XV (Stratford), Hawera High School 1st XV, Coastal 1st XV (Okato/Opunake) and the FDMC 2nd XV.

We were honoured to have the services of Neil Barnes, a man with a long time affiliation with the school and New Plymouth



2ND XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: BEVAN LOWL, KYLE GILLESPIE, JOSHUA DOWSING, JOSH PARKER, JACK GREENSLADE, ORION KANA, MAX LUMB, MITCHELL GREEN
MIDDLE ROW: MR COLIN MAIHI, BYRON MCDERMOTT, BRIAN RONGO, MICHAEL LLOYD, KOHEN ROBINSON, MITCHELL ARO, ISEI VULUMA, MR GORDON GIDDY
FRONT ROW: BRAD VALINTINE, LEWIS GREEN, BRANDON GAUSTAD, THOMAS CLARK-PUIA (VICE CAPTAIN), JAHİ WICKSTEED (CAPTAIN), TRENT SPICER, JAMIE SHRUBSALL, DANIEL CHAPMAN

However, the loose forwards were the pick of the group, namely Josh Dowsing and Bailey Raumati-Katene. These two possess a lot of skill, aggression and endeavour and both can look forward to higher selection. Josh deserved his late call up to the 1st XV and played very well indeed.

In the college games, we defeated Wanganui Collegiate convincingly, had a close win over Hastings Boys' and a heartbreaking loss to Tauranga by two points.

In all of the other games we were found wanting in the execution and decision making areas of rugby. Against Hamilton and Rotorua especially, the team scored some wonderful tries but our defensive plans would be easily breached.

On behalf of the team I would like to acknowledge the support of the 1st XV coaches, especially Mr Hannah and in the latter part of the season, Mr Giddy.

Thanks Gordon for your back play expertise and help in the organisation of the college season.

Good luck to those players who are leaving the gates, I hope you continue to play in the years to come. To those players returning; ensure that you prepare for rugby next year by training hard and asking for advice whenever you can.

Mr Colin Maihi

Old Boys' rugby. His contribution to the team would prove to be invaluable as the season progressed.

The season started at the end of term 1 with a trip to Te Kuiti and a pre-season game against the Te Kuiti High School 1st XV. With limited preparation, mainly focussing on set piece and defence, we had no idea how things would pan out. In the end we came out comprehensive victors 26-0.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools season started on the 7th of May against the FDMC 2nd XV at the college grounds. It was a tight, scrappy and unstructured game dominated by the whistle and we eventually lost (7-11)

It took two more losses, a dour game against Central in Stratford 0-6 and a close 20-22 loss against Inglewood before our first win of the season against Coastal 26-24. We were down 24-5 at half time after they scored 4 tries from 4 terrible mistakes by us. We cut the mistakes out in the second half and scored 21 unanswered points to win the game.

A loss against Hawera High School (6-22) saw us end the first round in 4th place by virtue of bonus points gained in the close losses to FDMC, Central and Inglewood as well as the 4 try bonus points gained in the loss against Inglewood and the win against Coastal.

In the second round it quickly appeared to become a 3 horse race for the 4th place spot between ourselves, Coastal and Inglewood. 4th place meant a semi final and the opportunity to win the grade. We knew if we could beat these two teams, and barring any upsets along the way, the spot would be ours.

Our quest for 4th spot started poorly with more close losses to FDC 2nd XV (7-15) and Central (10-20) before a very entertaining win against Inglewood (10-6) and probably our best performance of the year, a 25-10 win against Coastal. Those two wins saw us guaranteed a spot in the semi finals with one round robin game still to play. That game, against Hawera ended up being a spirited loss 12-21.

The semi final saw us head to Stratford for a game against the top qualifier, Central. It became a game of attrition as both sides incurred a number of injuries throughout. Central started the game strongly and were on attack for a long portion of the first half and it wasn't until midway through the first half that we gained any ball. We used it well and Central were forced into defending inside their 22 for a lengthy stretch. It showed Central we were here to play. That period of play seemed to kick start Central into life and they really started to hit their straps. From that point on Boys' High never really held onto the ball for any length of time and we were squeezed out of the game. Central were victorious 23-8, unfortunately our biggest loss of the season. Final Placing - 4th

4th XV Rugby Team

Teamwork and commitment were the drivers of a successful season for the 4th XV which ended the season losing in the "Division B" final to a strong Waitara High 1st XV.

The team had a good mix of experience as well as a number of younger players who all played well in what was a tough, competitive grade. The team adopted an open, running style and scored a number of long range tries because of their teamwork and fitness.

Highlights of the season included winning against a previously unbeaten Waitara High 1st XV in the regular season game, beating Spotswood College 1st XV and being unbeaten against Francis Douglas 3rd XV.

Thanks to all players for their enthusiasm and commitment and a special thanks to Coach Kevin Haggart.



3RD XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: ELLIOT JENKINS, MAX BETHAM, JACK GREENSLADE, TANE MULLER, JOHN SHEPHERD, RHYS POINGDESTRE
 SECOND ROW: CONNOR BEVAN, DOUGY CARROLL, GEORGE HARDWICK-SMITH, ALBIE MULLER, ISRAEL DAVIS, SHAY SEU, ANDREW TEMPERTON, MR BLAIR CORLETT
 FRONT ROW: JAI GRANT, LAWRENCE BARR, THOMAS BOWERS, JAYDEN FORD (CAPTAIN), MILES WHITE, MITCHELL GREEN, LEWIS GREEN

On behalf of Neil and myself I would like to thank the strong band of supporters who were consistently there to cheer the boys on. They were a great bunch of boys to be involved with, and I know for a fact Barnsey enjoyed the time he had with them immensely. A huge thanks to Neil Barnes, I know the boys really enjoyed having you around, and I am sure each one of them took something away from your coaching.

I look forward to seeing the majority of you all back next year.

Mr Blair Corlett
 Coach/ Manager 3rd XV

Points for - 167
Points Against - 180
Highest Points Scorer - Max Betham
Top Try Scorers - Lawrence Barr and Connor Bevan
Final Placing in TSS Premier Grade - 4th



4TH XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: TE MANU TUTAKI, CALEB KEARNS, STUART CHRISTENSEN, ZEB URBANH
 SECOND ROW: RUPERT YOUNG, LUKE HOUGHTON, RANIERA TAMATI, MICHAEL GELLEN, TANE RUWHIU, JAKE CHURCH
 FRONT ROW: CHEY WELLS, CONNOR JONES, REGAN ROBINSON (VICE CAPTAIN), JORDY HAGGART (CAPTAIN), DYLAN MORATTI (VICE CAPTAIN), JOEL VAN DEN HOVEN (VICE CAPTAIN), GABE LAUDERDALE-SMITH

5th XV Rugby Team

2011 was a great year for rugby in New Zealand and saw two of the most amazing teams in the country's recent history.

One of those teams is the world cup winning All Blacks, the other the NPBHS 5th XV.

The fifths was comprised entirely of boarders and played as a unit from the outset. Slick backline moves flowed every game as a result of years of after school rugby, league or touch on the top field.

A committed forward pack always managed to find a mate running off their shoulder, all worked at 100% and at any time during a game seven out of eight could have had a blanket thrown over them. They defended like Trojans and took real pride in their performance.

For the year thirteen boys it was a great swan song, some of the younger boys will be back for more of the fifths next year, others like Jai, Jack, Whai and Eduan will hopefully continue to move through the ranks.

Highlights of the season would have to be beating the FDMC 3rd XV 27-15 and NPBHS by 22-15.



5TH XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: EDUAN FOURIE, AJAX HORN, LACHLAN MACDONALD, BEN NEILSON
 SECOND ROW: MR NIGEL HUNTER, JONTE HAYSTON, JONATHON ADAMS, DION PETERSEN, FELIX HORN, JORDAN BERRY, JAMIE THOMAS, JAI GRANT, WHAI HOHAIA
 FRONT ROW: FRASER HARRISON, TYRIL JONES, THOMAS BOWERS, ELLIOT JENKINS (CAPTAIN), DAVID AVERY (CAPTAIN), TOM BURNSIDE, TYNAN MATHESON, ASHLEY MELLOW

A huge thanks goes out to the great group of parents who supported during the season and recognised the special team that the fifths really was.

Mr Nigel Hunter
 Coach

6th XV Rugby Team

It was a great season for the 6th XV with some good results for the boys.

Nick Crawford and Daniel O'Keefe both did an excellent job skippering the team. Ben Skinner and Alistair Hickey managed the team, which was at times like herding cats. They did a great job of keeping a strong team on the park, and developing all the players in the squad.

We all appreciate the reliable help of Johnny Campbell with the logistics of match and training gear.

A big thank you goes to Paul Howatson, our inspirational back coach, for all his enthusiasm, work and expertise.

Mr George Poole
 Coach



6TH XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: DOUGLAS YOUNG, ORION KANA, JOHN SHEPHERD, ZAK SIMPSON, BEN CROMBIE, MAX BETHAM
 SECOND ROW: MR GEORGE POOLE, CAMPBELL READ, JORDAN BEVAN, BEN SKINNER, RYAN KIELY, MILES WHITE, BRADLEY MOORE, JOHNNY CAMPBELL, MITCHELL GREEN, MR PAUL HOWATSON
 FRONT ROW: KYRON STEWART, WILLIAM ZHONG, ALISTAIR HICKEY, DANIEL O'KEEFE (CAPTAIN), NICK CRAWFORD (CAPTAIN), LOGAN KLENNER, LEWIS GREEN, JAMES HOWATSON



U15A XV Rugby Team

The chance for rugby glory all started in the depths of term one 2011. A group of sixty enthusiastic boys strived for the chance to be one of the 22 selected boys who would represent the New Plymouth Boys' High U15A team in the local and national competition.

After the squad was announced our first college fixture was against Auckland Grammar, at Grammar. We travelled up not knowing what to expect because it would be our first proper run as a team. Grammar proved to be too good winning 27-0. The boys showed a lot of promise, but didn't finish the opportunities we created.

In the local competition following the Grammar match we won most of our matches. Our forward pack was small, with lots of guts and determination, we managed to compete against the larger packs we faced. When our forwards presented clean balls to the backs, they showed off some dazzling skills, and style, mainly scoring through our slippery, quick wingers and strong midfielders.

Our second college fixture was against Hamilton Boys'. We lost the fixture at their home ground, 37-7, with Kody Brown and Izaak Wilson both claiming the try, late in the second half. Our third and final college fixture was at home against Tauranga Boys'. On a drizzly Saturday morning, we fought a challenging match against a very skilful footy team and lost 37-0.

Back in the local competition we finished 1st equal with Coastal on the table. In the semi-finals we played Central 2nd XV. In this match we scored one of the best tries of the season, passing the ball through at least ten sets of hands before Izaak Wilson scored under the post. In the end we lost the match 26-27, but

went through to the finals because of Central playing players that weren't registered. In the finals we played a gruelling contest against Coastal 2nd XV and narrowly lost the match by two converted tries in the last five minutes.

The following week we travelled to Hastings to play the national tournament. In our pool we played Christchurch, Hastings and Hamilton Boys'. We lost all three fixtures, but nearly beat reigning champions Christchurch 10-14. Our next match was against St Bede's in the cross overs.

The best result of all for us was against Wesley Boys' where we fought out a hard winning 30-19, after watching Taranaki win the shield the night before. The next day we were going to play off for 13th place. Massey College forfeited the match so in the end we finished 13th out of all the top secondary schools in New Zealand, and travelled home the following afternoon.

The player of the tournament would have to be star winger, year nine Joachim Faga who scored numerous tries, many of them solo efforts. We left finishing three places higher than the previous year, but still left disappointed as we realised we could have placed higher if we had started better. The story of our whole season was that the team had loads of potential, but we didn't develop this talent enough to become a truly successful team.

I would also like to thank our coaches, Mr Ken Maharey and Mr Murray Watts for giving up their valuable time, and teaching us valuable skills and ethics that will further everyone's rugby career.

Written by Alex Watson
Captain



U15A XV RUGBY TEAM

U63KG GOLD Rugby Team

The 2011 season was a successful one for the Gold team coming 2nd in the A division of this grade against a formidable foe in the very good FDMC side.

The team was soundly beaten by this team in our first match 57-0 and this result highlighted what areas we would need to address if the team was to be competitive in this grade.

After this loss, the boys had 5 successive wins and were playing some attractive rugby, having developed greater urgency on attack and being more aggressive on defence before the team suffered another loss, this time to the Central team at Stratford by 34-12.

This completed round 1 and the team was reasonably pleased to be in contention having lost just two games with seven being played.

We were placed in the second round U63kg A division and played 3 more games defeating Inglewood 26-12, losing again to FDMC 26-0 after a very competitive first half and soundly defeating Central 33-12.

We played Central again in the semi finals and won the game comfortably 33-12.

Other Rugby Teams



U15B XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: MR STEVEN LEPPARD, COOPER GARNETT, LOGAN WOODHEAD, FARRELL ROBERTSON, AQUILA KALSAKAU, JOSH RYAN, GRIFFIN GEHLHAAR
FRONT ROW: JACKSON HURLEY, HARLEM BARBARICH, ZINZAN WINEERA, VINCE KALSAKAU, ISAAC GRIFFIN (VICE CAPTAIN), SHAI NGATA, JAHDEN MCDONALD, RYAN BOLT (CAPTAIN)
ABSENT: STEPHEN HUNT, BEN LEWA, BEN LISTON, TYSON PINNY, JORDAN SAVAGE



U15D XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: ZENTAYNE MCRAE, JUSTIS BERRETT, DANIEL PARETE, TAKARANGI HENDERSON, REUBEN MACLEOD, JACK AYLETT-COOPER, ZINNY WINEERA
SECOND ROW: ETHAN BAR'E, DANIEL RANGITONGA, BRADY SIMPSON, BRONSON MITCHELL-KEREHOMA, CHILLI ROSS, LEON MARTIN, DIANDRE POTGIETER, ROPATA RANGI
FRONT ROW: COOPER ROGERS, COLE BLYDE, BLAKE PATTERSON, LIAM BLYDE (CAPTAIN), THEO BETTERIDGE, MITCHELL O'NEILL, CONNOR ARBUCKLE, DEAN COPELSTONE



U63KG GOLD RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: SAM CHURCH, WESLEY TAMEHANA, JESSE STEWART, ELIAS LIND, JACK AYLETT-COOPER
SECOND ROW: MR KEVIN GLEDHILL, JAKE FARNSWORTH, JOSS RUTTERTANDY, JAREB MILNER, BRODIE STRONG, SEAN HONE, JESSE ARBUCKLE
FRONT ROW: ALLAN HARTLEY, HIWAWA KAHLU, IAN DE BEER, CALEB RICE (VICE CAPTAIN), CONNOR GRAY (CAPTAIN), LUKE FISHER, CAINE DAVIES, COOPER ROGERS
INSERTS: JUSTIN BISHOP, ALEX TROWBRIDGE ABSENT: MR GEOFF FARNSWORTH

The final, against the FDMC side was a little disappointing, and although the team had a real desire to win, it was always going to be difficult, given our previous performances against this team who had been unbeaten all season and we lost 35-0.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Coach



U15C XV RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: CAMERON KAHUI-GREEN, AARON CAMERON, SCOTT HUGO, ISAAC GRIFFIN, KALEB BROWN, VINCE KALSAKAU
SECOND ROW: MR FELIX HARTMANN, JAWAD MENSOURI, YANIK LEWIS, TAHITI O'BRIEN, IKA HOHAIA, LOUIS DUFFELS-DES FORGES, NATHANIEL FLEMING
FRONT ROW: BLAIR CORBAN, JOE FRANKLIN, HIWAWA KAHLU, HARLEM BARBARICH, JAHDEN MCDONALD (CAPTAIN), HAMISH LE PINE, MARLEY O'BRIEN, JULIAN ALBERT



U63KG BLACK RUGBY TEAM

BACK ROW: RAKSIT PRASITKUSOL, JACOB MACGREGOR, JONNY PRICE, KRIS CAMPBELL, LEGEND CAMPUS-NEWTON
SECOND ROW: ETHAN PEATTIE, TAYLOR DAVY, FLYNN WALSH, CRAIG JACOBS, POTCHARA SUWANNACHAI, CODY MACKINDER, GEORDI PRESTIDGE, JAYDEN CROSSAN
FRONT ROW: TREY TUORO, JAYDEN EVANS, ALEX GOWER-STILLS, JACOB HELLIER, KANE LOWE (CAPTAIN), JORDAN HENRY, BEN BARNETT, XAVIER-PAUL SMITH

RUGBY LEAGUE

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Rugby League

This year saw a new initiative provided for boys who play rugby league, with the introduction of a Taranaki secondary school competition. There are many boys here who are keen and skilled in rugby league and these trialed to make the senior league team.

Isaac Robinson took over the trainings /organisation and coaching / management of the boys to ensure they would be ready for the series of games planned against other Taranaki schools. This was done in liaison with Mr Geange.

The semi final was played against Stratford at Stratford and our boys convincingly defeated them by 42 -15.

The final was played against FDMC on the Gully Field on October 5th and our team ran out convincing winners 36 - 10. The half time score was 20 - 4. The team were awarded the Willy Tahu Cup and were crowned TSS Rugby League champions for 2011.

The final was an absorbing and physical contest and all players in the 20 man squad contributed to the victory. Rolling subs were permitted and this meant all squad members had quality game time.

FDMC scored first, with three very good phases, followed with a cut from their playmaker to score close to the posts, which was a quick wake up call for the boys, because after that, NPBHS dominated the match scoring seven tries and converting four of them.

Lewis Ormond was clearly the star of the match, scoring three times with the other tries coming from Lachlan Bunn (2), Kane Wilson (1) and Jonny Thomson (1). Isaac Robinson showed his class as the playmaker but he was equally effective as a sweeper on defence and regularly shut down players when the line was broken.

Brian Rongo, Rhys Poingdestre, Thomas Bowers, Bevan Lowl and Haoro Hond-Goffe were also impressive in the physical exchanges with Jonny Thomson, Kane Wilson, Lachlan Bunn, Drew Waitaiki and Lewis Ormond providing the skills and footwork to score the tries.

Lewis was next to score, when, after four good phases the ball was quickly shifted to the short side where Isaac Robinson as playmaker put Lewis in the clear to score in the corner.

Jonny T was next, after Haoro Hond-Goffe and Rhys Poindestre had made some bruising physical hit-ups in succession which took the boys close to the posts before Jonny darted across. The conversion was successful. NPBHS were suddenly 10 -4 ahead.

After some further physical hit-ups from Haoro, Rhys, Bailey and Brian Rongo, and on the 5th tackle Jonny Thomson made a nice cross field kick for Lewis to claim and score out wide.

FDMC came back strongly for a period and applied some serious pressure close to the line, but a great tackle and a spilled ball saw NPBHS surge back into FDMC territory with some great barging runs which eventually saw the ball through the backs for Lachlan Bunn to score out wide. It was now 20 - 4 and it was time for the halftime break.

FDMC started the second half strongly but another spilled ball close to the NPBHS goal line saw more pressure applied on the turnover and some slick quick hands saw Lewis Ormond scamper away again to score in the corner.

More pressure was applied after the restart and eventually Lachlan Bunn was able to step his way through some tired defenders to score near the posts. Drew converted.

FDMC, once again managed to get a few phases going before yet again spilling the ball in a crunching tackle which gifted the ball to Kane Wilson who also stepped his way through some poor defence to score. Drew converted. 36 - 4

FDMC never gave up and finally, after getting once again into Boys' High territory managed to get the ball to their most athletic player who found a gap to score near the posts. The conversion was successful. Final Score. 36 - 10. A special thanks to Mr Gledhill who managed the side from the sideline for the final.

Mr Kevin Gledhill Manager



ISAAC ROBINSON (CAPT) LEADING FROM THE FRONT, V FDMC IN FINAL



THE WINNING TEAM, ALL SMILES WITH THE WILLY TAHU CUP

ROWING

The life of a rower!

Being a rower was long, challenging, rewarding and extremely trying. Six days every week from October, nine rowers and two coxswains would be out at the Waitara River training.

It could have been an intense rowing machine workout or an hour plus out on the water. No matter what, every day was challenging. Practically every weekend we would have a regatta, which meant travelling to Karapiro or Wanganui. This also meant a lot of travelling. Sometimes even there and back within a day. We had two teams from NPBHS competing for our school and also the Clifton Rowing Club. The teams consisted of a Quad: Logan Toa, Dion Petersen, Toby Hoeta and myself Blake Wilson. The Sweep ore crew consisted of: Jack Greenslade, Lachlan Rouse, Jackson Canter-Visscher and Cory Murray. We had a single rower who trained with us: Henry Smith. Coxswains were: Shannon and David Awhitu. We would also combine and compete in an eight.

By the end of the season my fitness was the best it had ever been. Not surprising by the amount of hill sprints, race pace rowing and intense rowing machine workouts we had to do, thanks to our coach Gus. We did have a main focus for all of our training. The Maadi Cup. Sixty years earlier an NPBHS crew managed to win the Maadi Cup. Now sixty years later we have started trying again. The week at Karapiro was an amazing experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. Our dress up award evening and the rowing all added to an amazing Maadi Cup.

If anyone wanted to give rowing a go I would definitely recommend going out to Clifton and becoming a part of our rowing culture. You will meet friends you will keep for years to come, become extremely fit and have amazing racing experiences.

Written by Blake Wilson



THE BOYS (B) RETURN FROM A HARD FOUGHT RACE AT MAADI CUP 2011



THE B HEADS OUT TO DO BATTLE AGAIN AT MAADI CUP 2011

SAILING

On Sunday the 26th of April the New Plymouth Boys' High School sailing team consisting of Joe Batchelor, Tristan Hodge, Dylan Taylor, Sam McComb, Adrian Robb, Shaun Burton, Daanie Morgan and Campbell Graham made the long trip up to Algie's Bay near Warkworth, in order to compete in the 2011 Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships.

Algie's Bay is renowned as the home of teams sailing and so the team went into the week hoping to have lots of good sailing and plenty of success on the water.

Our initial goal for the week was to make it into the gold fleet, but this goal was made a whole lot harder when we arrived for registration on Sunday to find that we had been seeded in the bronze fleet. This meant that to get into the gold fleet we had to finish in the top two for first the bronze fleet then win the repechage to get into the silver fleet, we then would have had to go on to finish in the top two in silver fleet and again win the repechage to gain entry to the gold fleet, and all this was weather dependent. With a difficult challenge ahead of us we kept our heads up and headed to the campsite to prepare for day one of racing.

We awoke on Monday to a brisk wind, which was ideal for our racing style. We got out on the water as soon as possible and tested the conditions. For our first two races of the day we were up against two all girls schools Craighead Diocesan and St Cuthberts but we managed to win both of these races with relative ease which gave us much needed confidence. Later on in the day we raced Auckland Grammar, whom we knew would be a challenge as we have competed against them a number of times in the past. After a hard fought race in testing conditions we suffered a close defeat against a similarly skilled team. After Grammar we were scheduled to race against Long Bay College from Auckland but this was postponed due to increasing wind speeds making racing unsuitable.



Left to right: ADRIAN ROBB, DYLAN TAYLOR, SAM McCOMB, CAMPBELL GRAHAM, DAANIE MORGAN, SHAUN BURTON, JOE BATCHELOR AND TRISTAN HODGE

We kicked off on Tuesday with a lucky win against Long Bay College, but this race proved to be our one and only of the day because of not enough wind providing a complete contrast to the day before. So we headed back to the campsite and waited for something to happen. Nothing did happen and once again on Wednesday the wind was up to around 25 knots. It was on Wednesday that the race committee had the brilliant idea to sail across open sea in extremely rough conditions to the relative safety of one of Kawau Island's inlets. This trip takes around an hour to make on the ferry and so would have taken around three hours to make in our two man 420s. The team sat and hoped that common sense would prevail in the race committee and they would not make us undertake this seemingly suicidal mission. Luckily common sense did prevail and racing was cancelled for the day, which allowed the team to make a trip to Auckland.

The wind had lessened a significant amount on Thursday and so racing was able to take place. This was the most productive day of the competition so far and we managed to complete the bronze fleet round robin beating Christchurch, Wentworth College and Westlake Boys' all in hard fought races before succumbing to a surprise defeat by the Wellington Girls' Combined A team who had only won two other races so far. But even though we lost we managed to secure our place in the repechage with Auckland Grammar and challenge the bottom two silver fleet teams of Nelson Girls' High and Napier Boys' High for a place in the silver fleet. In the repechage we once again lost to Auckland Grammar but managed to defeat Nelson and Napier thus securing our place in the silver fleet. With our goal to finish in the gold fleet now all but over due to the week's wild weather conditions we went into silver to sail for the pride of our school and to prove that the silver fleet is where we should have been placed at the start.

Written by Shaun Burton



DYLAN TAYLOR AND SAM McCOMB, ALGIE'S BAY

SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

2012 turned out to be a mixed bag for the school skiing and snowboarding teams as while there were ample snowfalls the weather conditions prevented operation of ski fields on days scheduled for events.

However for the first time in a number of years the Taranaki intersecondary skiing and snowboarding champs were able to be run in the second week of term 3. After a keenly contested event the school placed second to Francis Douglas College with strong performances in the skiing from Jackson Braddock-Pajo, 3rd senior men, Harry Nichol, 2nd junior men and in the snowboarding Jacob Kelly 2nd, Maukino Skelton 3rd in the junior men.

After many frustrating postponements the school champs, originally scheduled for term 2, got underway on August the 30th. Thirty students travelled to the Turoa skifield where competitors were timed over two runs on a slalom course. Final results saw Jackson Braddock-Pajo become the school skiing champion and Connor Anderson take out the snowboarding title. This event also served as a trial for selection of teams to represent the school at the North Island intersecondary school events.

SQUASH

Squash is carried out during utility period and Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for practice at the Fookes Pavilion. Boarders also have access to the pavilion after school. We have always had a strong group of boarders in the squash team. This year a strong group has come from Taumarunui. Our Fookes Pavilion courts are the best in town with one glass back.

About 35 boys attend squash at Kawarua Squash Courts. This year this has occurred on Thursdays from 2-4pm and the boys really enjoy the courts. Absenteeism is rare. Many thanks to the Kawarua Squash club. This year our squash team consisted of the following players:

	Grade
Jerome Salle	B2
Robert Boot	C2
Antony Van Kooten	D1
Jaime Simpson	E1
Nick McGrath	F
Tyler Hulme	F

During the year we played two inter-college matches. The first against Hamilton Boys' High School was won by the hosts and 9th seed in the country 5-1. Antony Van Kooten having the only win. Jerome Salle tried hard in a close game with (B1) Ben Calvert. Our second inter-school match was against Palmerston North Boys' High where squash is now very strong. They are

The school skiing team comprising Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Finnarr Porteous, Max Lepper, Lane Simkin, Adam Clegg, Jack Anderson and Harry Nichol travelled to Ohakune on September 11 for the North Island Intersecondary School championships but unfortunately after three frustrating days waiting for the weather to clear and the mountain to open the event was cancelled.

Weather and snow conditions the following week were much improved and the school snowboarding team put in a strong performance to finish in 10th place overall.

The team members were Connor Anderson, Lachlan Bunn, Chris Rowlands, Maukino Skelton and Hayden Brooks.



CONNOR ANDERSON - SCHOOL SNOWBOARDING CHAMPION GETS SOME AIR

ranked third in the country. They beat us 5-1 with Jerome Salle beating Sam Nash (B2) in a very close game.

Our team played in the Nationals in Auckland where 38 boys teams from around the country competed. We lost our first match against Auckland Grammar then won all our other matches beating Te Puke High School in the plate final 4-1. Jerome Salle our captain remained on target to be selected in the central regional team. Well done. All the other boys were excellent to take away. The Nationals next year are in Tauranga and are always enjoyable to go to. Our thanks once again to Kawarua Squash Club.

**Mr John Sims
Coach/Manager**



LEFT TO RIGHT: NICK McGRATH, ANTONY VAN KOOTEN, JEROME SALLE, ROBERT BOOT, TYLER HULME, JAIME SIMPSON

SURFING

2011 has proved to be one of the most successful that the school surfing team has experienced for a number of years. In February the team successfully defended the Taranaki secondary schools title with a convincing victory over the seven other schools entered.

- Under 14 - 2nd Michael Watts
- Under 16 - 1st Sean Kettle
- Under 18 - 1st Chad Jones
3rd Josh Kettle

Body-Boarding

- Under 18 - 1st Maukino Skelton
- Under 14 - 1st Adam Clegg

This was followed by an outstanding performance against Hamilton Boys' High who visited during the annual summer sports exchange. The team then travelled to Raglan to compete in the prestigious New Zealand Secondary Schools' surfing champs run by the Raglan surf academy. The competition was moved from the legendary Manu Bay point break and was relocated to Wainui Beach. Competitors were greeted to 2-3 foot waves breaking on a consistent right hand bank.

Outstanding individual results included Sean Kettle winning the National under 16 title and Josh Kettle coming 3rd in the under 18 final. In combination with other team members collecting points for semi and quarter final finishes, the team place 2nd overall in the teams competition. Whangamata Area School placed 1st, with Gisborne Boys' High 3rd.



JOSH KETTLE



SEAN KETTLE

2nd Place New Zealand Secondary Schools' Surfing Champs

- Under 14 - 5th Michael Watts
- Under 16 - 1st Sean Kettle
- Under 18 - 3rd Josh Kettle
5th Conner Anderson

The school extends its congratulations to Sean Kettle who has had an outstanding year in competitive surfing and has been rewarded with selection into the national squad.

Mr Kane Rowson Teacher in charge Surfing



SURFING TOP 10
BACK ROW: CHAD JONES, MR KANE ROWSON, RICCARDO LUCIBELLA, BEN KING, SEAN KETTLE, WILLIAM ALLEN
FRONT ROW: TOBY BRANKIN, MICHAEL WATTS, BRODIE ARBUCKLE, ADAM CLEGG, JOSHUA KETTLE
ABSENT: CONNOR ANDERSON

SURF LIFESAVING

Several boys at NPBHS compete in surf lifesaving events over the summer months and this report will attempt to highlight some of the performances in this sport.

Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Champs

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Ben Nelson	1st	U -19 Board race	
	1st	U -16 Board race	
	1st	U -19 Ironman	
	1st	U -16 Ironman	
	1st	U -19 Surf race	
	1st	U -16 Surf race	
	1st	U -16 Ski race	
	2nd	U -19 Run Swim run	
	Adam Beavis	2nd	U -19 Board race
		2nd	U -16 Board race
2nd		U -19 Ironman	
2nd		U -16 Ironman	
2nd		U -19 Surf race	
2nd		U -16 Surf race	
2nd		U -16 Ski race	
3rd		U -19 Run Swim run	
Max Hardie Boys Mitchell Owen Oliver Mc Cullough Troway Hayes		1st	U 16 Run Swim run
		2nd	U -16 Run Swim run
	1st	U -19 Ski race	
	1st	U -19 Flags	
	2nd	U -19 Ski race	
	2nd	Open Men beach sprint	
	1st	Open Men Flags	
	2nd	U -19 Beach sprint	
	3rd	U -19 Flags	
	2nd	U -19 Flags	
Liam Cole	2nd	U -16 Board race	
	3rd	U -16 Board race	
	2nd	U -16 Flags	
James Toss	2nd	U -16 Flags	

TEAM EVENTS

Ben Nelson / Max Hardie Boys	1st	U -19 Double Ski Race
Ben Nelson / Mitchell Owen	1st	U -16 Board Rescue
Ben Nelson / Mitchell Owen	1st	U -16 Tube Rescue
Troway Hayes	3rd	Open Mens Double Ski
Adam Beavis / Max Hardie Boys	2nd	U -19 Board Rescue
Adam Beavis / Olly Mc Cullough	2nd	U -16 Board Rescue
Max Hardie Boys / Olly Mc Cullough	2nd	U -16 Tube Rescue

Max Hardie Boys

- 1st Open Mens Tube Rescue
- Liam Cole**
- 3rd U -16 Board Rescue

NZ Surf Lifesaving Champs

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- Gold Medals 1st U -16 Board Race **Ben Nelson**
- 1st U -16 Surf Race **Mitchell Owen**

TEAM EVENTS

- Gold Medals 1st U -16 Board Rescue
Ben Nelson / Mitchell Owen
- 1st U -19 Long Course Canoe Race
Jordan Mc Cormack
- Bronze Medals 3rd U -16 Board Relay
Ben Nelson / Adam Beavis / Max Hardie Boys
- 3rd U -16 Surf Teams
Mitchell Owen / Ben Nelson / Max Hardie Boys / Ollie Mc Cullough
- 3rd Open Mens Beach Relay
Shaun Burton

Ben Nelson also came 4th in U -16 ironman



U19 TEAM - 1ST MEDLEY RELAY, 2ND OBSTACLE RELAY

NZ Surf Lifesaving Pool Champs 2011

U19 Team: **Talor Owen, Julian Weir, Mitchell Owen, Ben Nelson:** 1st medley relay, 2nd Obstacle relay

Julian and Mitchell - 1st Mega Relay (boy and girl from each age group)

U16 Individual: **Julian Weir:** 1st 200m obstacles; 2nd 50m with fins; 2nd 100m mannequin tow

U16 individual: **Talor Owen;** 1st 100m mannequin tow

Mr Kevin Gledhill

Teacher In Charge - water sports / surf lifesaving

SWIMMING

This year's swimming sports were held on Friday 18th February. As is typical of New Plymouth, the sublime weather was only surpassed by some of the blindingly brilliant performances in the pool. Julian Weir was once again the name that echoed around the amphitheatre that is the NPBHS aquatic centre.

Individual Championship

The junior competition saw Tolor Owen dominate his opposition. Steven Mead comfortably took 2nd spot ahead of Teague Harvey.

In the Intermediates, Julian Weir was even more dominant, finishing ahead of Mitchell Owen while Jay Cadman-Kennedy managed a creditable third.

The senior boy's competition was quite competitive, with Jordan McCormack and Martin Weir both having wins in different events. Jordan managed to win a few extra and claimed the title.

Placegetters

Junior

Tolor Owen	S03	42pts
Steven Mead	B03	34pts
Teague Harvey	B01	16pts

Intermediate

Julian Weir	S11	60 pts
Mitchell Owen	S03	36 pts
Jay Cadman-Kennedy	D13	28 pts

Senior

Jordan McCormack	B15	48pts
Martin Weir	S11	40pts
Ben Nelson	B11	26pts

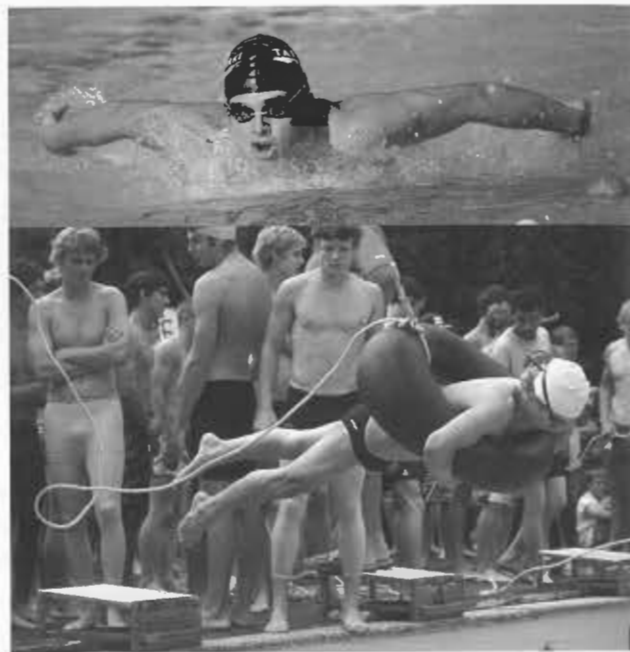
Records

With the quality of swimmers in the pool this year, it is no surprise that records took a dive.

Tolor Owen broke the record for the 50m breaststroke with a 36.6 second swim. This blew the old record set in 2005 by Sean Parker out of the water by more than a second and a half.

Julian Weir set three records. The 50m freestyle standard sank by more than a second to 25.9 seconds. This record was only set last year by Jordan McCormack. The 50m backstroke was the next to go with Julian stopping the clock at 28.8 seconds. This old Isaac Owen record set in 2007, was swamped by more than a second and a half. The 100m freestyle was the last record to go. Julian must have been disappointed when he didn't quite manage to maintain his one and a half second improvement. He had to settle for a 1.3 second dousing of the old time set in 2010 by Jordan McCormack.

The record breaking that has gone on recently is both impressive and pleasing to see. It highlights the importance of a school



event that gives boys, who put a huge number of hours into training, their opportunity to shine in front of their peers.

House Competition

2011 saw Syme back up last year's performance with another convincing win. In the championship events there was a whole lot of yellow featuring in the top three. 351 points was good enough to leave the other three houses wondering if Mr Julius Prasad isn't in fact fitting outboard engines to some of his slower swimmers.

Barak once again steered themselves into a strong second position. When the final results were announced it was obvious that Barak had been hoping to float one position higher than 2010.

Hatherly was happy not to finish last. It's not that boarders can't swim, it's just that they'd rather do a bomb than swim a length.

Donnelly was lacking many powerhouse swimmers and as a result found themselves in fourth place. Obviously this wasn't the start they were after.

House Final Points (scaled)

Syme	351 points
Barak	274 points
Hatherly	179 points
Donnelly	160 points

Mr Hamish Kerr

Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Champs

This year's event was held at Stratford on 29th March and New Plymouth Boys' High School were represented by a team of four swimmers in each category (junior, intermediate and seniors).

The outstanding swimmer was Julian Weir who established two new TSS records, in the intermediate boys 100m freestyle (55.65 sec) and the intermediate boys 50m backstroke (28.07 sec).

Our intermediate team also secured a new record in the freestyle relay (50.25 sec).

Our junior and intermediate teams had a successful meet, and were rewarded with some excellent performances.

There were 18 titles on offer including relays and our team was successful in winning 11 of them. We secured five 2nd placings and seven 3rd placings to cap off a very successful swimming event.

The boys had their traditional feed of fish n chips afterwards. A special thanks to the parents who transported and supported the boys in their events.

Results

Junior Boys

100m freestyle	1st	Tolor Owen	1 min 02.24 sec
	3rd	Steven Mead	1 min 05.27 sec
50m backstroke	2nd	Jordan Gadsby	37.87 sec
	3rd	Teague Harvey	38.41 sec
50m breaststroke	1st	Tolor Owen	38.10 sec
	2nd	Steven Mead	38.72 sec
50m butterfly	1st	Steven Mead	33.28 sec
	3rd	Isaac Hardie Boys	37.91 sec
Freestyle relay	1st	NPBHS	57.30 sec
Medley relay	1st	NPBHS	1 min 06.06 sec

Intermediate Boys

100m freestyle	1st	Julian Weir	55.65 sec (Record)
	2nd	Mitchell Owen	59.27 sec

Intermediate Boys

50m backstroke	1st	Julian Weir	28.07 sec (Record)
	3rd	Jay Cadman Kennedy	30.93 sec
50m breaststroke	3rd	Jay Cadman Kennedy	36.63 sec
50m butterfly	1st	Julian Weir	28.92 sec
	3rd	Mitchell Owen	30.65 sec
Freestyle relay	1st	NPBHS	50.25 sec (Record)
Medley relay	1st	NPBHS	56.87 sec



TSS SWIMMING TEAM

BACK: OLLY McCULLOUGH, TEAGUE HARVEY, JORDAN GADSBY
FRONT: TALOR OWEN, JULIAN WEIR, MITCHELL OWEN, STEPHEN MEAD
ABSENT: MARTIN WEIR, BEN NELSON, JAY CADMAN-KENNEDY, MAX HARDIE-BOYS, JORDAN McCORMACK

Senior Boys

50m backstroke	3rd	Martin Weir	31.32 sec
50m breaststroke	1st	Martin Weir	34.22 sec
Freestyle relay	2nd	NPBHS	51.52 sec
Medley relay	2nd	NPBHS	59.08 sec

Teams who represented NPBHS were:

Junior. Tolor Owen, Steven Mead, Teague Harvey, Isaac Hardie Boys, Jordan Gadsby

Intermediate. Julian Weir, Mitchell Owen, Jay Cadman Kennedy, Max Hardie Boys

Senior. Jordan McCormack, Martin Weir, Ben Nelson, Olly McCullough

Mr Kevin Gledhill

Teacher in Charge water sports / team manager

New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Champs

This year, a new initiative by NZ swimming saw the introduction of a new event for swimmers; the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming championships which saw three swimmers attend from NPBHS.

The event was held in Hamilton on the weekend of 27 / 28 August and was attended by Teague Harvey, Jay Kennedy and Steven Mead.

This is an event that we hope to send more of our top swimmers to, in future years, for we have an outstanding group of swimmers here at NPBHS and this event allows us to compete against the best from other NZ secondary schools.

Mrs Mead and Mr Terry Kennedy travelled to the event and acted as managers for the boys. A special thank you to you both.

Steven Mead managed to gain a bronze medal in the 200m medley event, an outstanding achievement, as too was the 4th placing of Jay Kennedy in the 400m freestyle event, both these fine achievements coming in the 14 year boys division.

NPBHS has many fine swimmers (especially in the Junior ranks) who spend countless hours training, with most boys completing two serious training sessions per day. Students attend both Div 1 and Div 2 National Age grade championships and this year three boys attended the inaugural NZ secondary school swimming championships.

Julian Weir has continued to perform well this year and some notable successes need to be mentioned. He came 4th in the 100m backstroke event at the Australian age group champs, a marvellous achievement against Australia's best while nationally in October, he was selected to attend Swimming NZ's youth camp as one of NZ's top 24 male and female swimmers. He won four golds at the NZ short course champs and won two golds and one silver at the NZ long course champs.

Tiger jackets awarded in swimming this year: Martin Weir.

Results

Jay Kennedy (Boys 14 yrs)

- 17th 200m Butterfly
- 11th 200m Backstroke
- 18th 100m Freestyle
- 7th 200m Freestyle
- 4th 400m Freestyle

Steven Mead (Boys 14 yrs)

- 10th 50m Breaststroke
- 15th 50m Freestyle
- 3rd 200m Medley
- 8th 200m Freestyle
- 12th 50m Backstroke
- 8th 400m Freestyle
- 5th 100m Breaststroke
- 9th 50m Butterfly

Teague Harvey (Boys 14 yrs)

- 15th 50m Breaststroke
- 20th 50m Freestyle
- 15th 50m Backstroke

Mr Kevin Gledhill Teacher in Charge Swimming

TOUCH

2011 has been a busy year for touch. The senior team started the season by winning the Open Men's New Plymouth Seaside Series, as well as making the semi-finals in the open men's Hawera module. Both competitions gave the boys much needed weekly competition.

We were again convincing winners of the TSSA senior and junior touch competitions which continues our regional domination.

This year we hosted Hamilton Boys' in our annual fixture, this is made up of a three game series, with Hamilton Boys' being the national schoolboys champions it was a chance for the team to play against the best in New Zealand. Hamilton won the series 3-0, but our boys played some excellent high tempo touch and pushed HBHS hard in the final game where we were beaten in a three man drop off.

The senior boys then went to the central region qualifier where we failed to qualify for the Nationals. This result confirmed that to make the next step and qualify for Nationals we must put more time and resources into the junior programme so we are able to build a style of play built on more commitment and hard work!

To finish the season the team competed in the Super 8 competition in Hastings where the boys finished a respectable 5th.

Congratulation to both Matt MacDonald and Jake Parker who were awarded Tiger Jackets for their contribution to the sport during their time at NPBHS.

Lastly I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the boys and the school to Mr James Parker whose time and efforts have been huge this season and to Kaylam O'Donnell for helping prepare the team for Super 8. Hopefully we are able to utilise his expertise again next season.



TENNIS

Unlike the previous two seasons when our top four team won the right to play in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships, the 2011 season was more of a rebuilding opportunity. The highlight of this season was our hosting of the Super 8 annual tournament.

Inter-School Fixtures

a) v Hamilton Boys' High School

Seniors: Lost 2 / 7
Juniors: Lost 1 / 8

b) v Wanganui Collegiate School

Seniors: Lost 5 / 4
Juniors: Won 5 / 4

c) v Palmerston North Boys' High School

Seniors: Lost 2 / 4
Intermediates: Won 5 / 1
Juniors: Lost 2 / 4

Team members were -

Junior

Cory Sutherland
Brady Simpson
Raksit Prasitkusol
Cam Younger
Callum Jackson
Toby Brankin

Intermediate

Richard Robbins
Matt Bayly
Niks Lloyd
Hayden Whyte

Senior

Michael Lloyd (captain)
Callum Old
Jaime Simpson
Matt Bayly
Tom Burrell
Niks Lloyd



Super 8 Tournament

This year we hosted the annual tournament. Fine, sunny weather allowed the tournament to proceed very successfully at the New Plymouth Boys' High courts and the Waiwaka Tennis Club courts.

We are grateful to Waiwaka for allowing us to use their courts.

Final Placings

1. Hamilton Boys' High School
2. Tauranga Boys' College
3. Palmerston North Boys' High School
4. New Plymouth Boys' High School
5. Napier Boys' High School
6. New Plymouth Boys' High School "B"
7. Hastings Boys' High School
8. New Plymouth Boys' High School "C"

Team Members were -

NPBHS "A" Team

Michael Lloyd- (captain)
Callum Old
Jaime Simpson
Matt Bayly
Tom Burrell

NPBHS "B" Team

Richard Robbins (captain)
Zac Simpson
Raksit Prasitkusol
Brady Simpson

NPBHS "C" Team

Hayden Wood
Ben Wichman
Cam Jackson
Niks Lloyd



TENNIS - JUNIOR TOP 6

BACK ROW: MR JOHN SIMS, TOBY BRANKIN, BRADY SIMPSON, MR BILL GEANGE
FRONT ROW: RAKSIT PRASITKUSOL, CAMPBELL YOUNGER, CORY SUTHERLAND, CAMERON JACKSON



TENNIS - SENIOR TOP 6

BACK ROW: MR JOHN SIMS, MATT BAYLY, NICHOLAS LLOYD, MR BILL GEANGE
FRONT ROW: CALLUM OLD, MICHAEL LLOYD (CAPTAIN), THOMAS BURRELL, JAIME SIMPSON

NZSS Championships

- a) We defeated Francis Douglas 4 / 2 to win the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships and thereby represented Taranaki in the NZSS Champs.
- b) We lost to Wanganui Collegiate School 5 / 4 in the second round of the Championships.

Team Members Top Four:

Michael Lloyd (Captain)
Callum Old
Jaime Simpson
Matt Bayly

School Championships

Senior Final:

Callum Old beat Jaime Simpson 6 / 0 6 / 2

Junior Final:

Cory Sutherland beat Raksit Prasitkusol 7 / 5 6 / 2

2011 Senior Champion: Callum Old

2011 Junior Champion: Cory Sutherland

Taranaki Representatives

The following players represented Taranaki during the 2011 season.

- a) Cory Sutherland and Brady Simpson – 14s
- b) Jaime Simpson, Tom Burrell and Callum Old – 16s
- c) Callum Old – Senior Men's Provincial Team

Callum deserves recognition for representing Taranaki at senior men's level while still being at high school. This is an outstanding achievement.

He also played No 1 for the Pukekura Soffe Cup team.

Thanks

My thanks to all players who represented the school during the season and who participated in the school championships.

Special thanks go to Mr Sims who continued to offer training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to all interested players. He also administered the Waiwaka pool of the Super 8 tournament.

We look forward to another successful season in 2012.

Mr W J Geange
Teacher in charge of Tennis

TRIATHLON/DUATHLON

Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon

This event was held on Sunday March 20th at Ngamotu Beach and several boys from NPBHS competed, including many boys from our NPBHS Senior Physical Education programme who are required to do this event as part of their assessment programme. There were 44 boys entered in the Senior event and just one junior boy from NPBHS.

The event comprises a 250 m swim off Ngamotu beach, followed by a 10km cycle and finished off with a 3 km run. The event is a popular event on the TSS calendar and attracts many entries from all the Taranaki schools.

Chaz Hall and Liam Jansen were not far behind the two rising stars of the sport (Amin Osama and Ryan Dingle from Spotswood College who came home in 1st and 2nd place) and competed well, coming home in 3rd and 4th place respectively in the Senior boys race. Well done to you both.

Jonti Hine was our only Junior competitor and he was duly rewarded for his effort by being the 1st to finish. Well done Jonti. A special thanks to Dale Atkins who attended the event ensuring the boys were looked after on the day.

Results

Senior Boys

3rd	Chaz Hall	38 min 17 sec
4th	Liam Jansen	39 min 27 sec
6th	Robbie Wood	39 min 44 sec
7th	Hayden Brooks	40 min 47 sec
8th	David Avery	42 min 21 sec
9th	Lachlan Bunn	42 min 32 sec
10th	Mitchell Owen	42 min 52 sec

Taranaki Secondary Schools Duathlon

This event was held this year on Saturday April 16th and attracted a very small field from NPBHS. The event comprises a 2.5 km Run followed by a 15km Cycle and finishes with a 2.5 km run around the district of Lepperton. Josh Girvan came a creditable 3rd in the senior event. Well done Josh. A special thanks to Mike Parker who oversaw the event.

Mr Kevin Gledhill
Teacher in charge Triathlon / Duathlon

VOLLEYBALL

1st Volleyball Team

This year's senior programme was pretty intense as it has been for the last few years.

Some of the boys started over the summer with participation in the beach volleyball series run by the Spotswood Volleyball Club.

The TSSSA beach tournament is held early during the first term, and NPBHS had a lot of teams participating in both the junior and senior events.

Nick Jager and Richard Robbins came second in the senior event behind a Spotswood College pair, with Robbie Wood and Jahi Wicksteed finishing third in the same grade. So well done boys.

Senior indoor training started early in the first term with two 2-hour practices a week, also early morning fitness work with Mr Weston and a lunchtime practice run by Robbie Wood.

Taranaki regionals were played against FDMC and Spotswood College, with NPBHS winning the series and taking the Taranaki number one spot for the National tournament.

This year we included a summer exchange match vs Hamilton Boys' High as part of the interschool sports programme.

This was valuable experience for the team as Hamilton are a higher ranked team than us, so plenty to learn and work on.

Our next fixture was the two-day super -8 trip hosted by Palmerston North Boys' High School. This pits us against some of the top North Island teams like Tauranga and Napier.

Another step up for the team, with some good competition.

Nick rolled his ankle early in the day and this meant that Max Lepper had to step up and take on the setters roll, a job well done after some nervous moments.

The team finished 6th and improved well over the two days but we went home with plenty to work on, if we wanted to be competitive at Nationals.

Summer tournament week at the end of March saw us back in Palmerston North for the big National Volleyball tournament with over 60 boys teams competing in four divisions.

We were seeded 31st, against regular top 20 finishing teams, so we had some tough matches ahead.

Throughout our pool play and second round matches we had to battle for every point, winning some sets but losing all matches against some very good opposition.



1ST VOLLEYBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: JAHÍ WICKSTEED, ORION KANA, NICK JAGER

MIDDLE ROW: MR JOHNNY WESTON, DANIEL PARK, CONNOR HOBBS, MAX LEPPER, MR BILL JAGER

FRONT ROW: RICHARD ROBBINS, HAYDEN BROOKS, ROBBIE WOOD, LACHLAN BUNN, MATT SANGER

It was disappointing to be losing, but the standard of play and skill level demonstrated by the boys was very pleasing and showed great character.

We ended up only winning one match during the week and the result does not really reflect the great effort put in by the team.

Thanks to the Lepper family for hosting the team prizegiving, our hotly contested tournament MVP went to Robbie Wood, with Nick Jager second and Lachlan Bunn third. Most improved player went to Matt Sanger. And five boys received Tiger Jackets for the excellent effort displayed during the year.

Junior Team

When the indoor volleyball season started at NPBHS by mid September, 23 very keen year 9 and 10 boys attended our first meeting. Our three coaches Nick Jager, Orion Kana and Jahi Wicksteed took them for training sessions during lunch times to refine their skills.

The following nine boys were chosen to compete in the TSSSA Junior Volleyball Championships at the end of September at TSB stadium: Talor Owen, Sean Hone, Adam Stuart, Jono Brownjohn, Harry Meads, Dane Brooks, Blair Shorter, Jeremy Bennetts and Nick Pathemore.

TSSSA Junior Volleyball Tournament at TSB Stadium on Friday 30 September 2011

Nine Taranaki Secondary Schools played in the tournament.

Results for Section A

FDMC	v	NPBHS	Won (2-1)	54 - 37
Waitara	v	NPBHS	Won (3-0)	70 - 31
Stratford	v	NPBHS	Won (3-0)	74 - 29
Coastal	v	NPBHS	Won (3-0)	71 - 28

We then played against Opunake in the semi-final and won 64 - 26 (3-0).



FRONT (L TO R): TALOR OWEN, JONO BROWNJOHN, SEAN HONE (CAPTAIN), ADAM STUART, BLAIR SHORTER
MIDDLE: MR CHRIS ROUX (TIC)
BACK (L TO R): ORION KANA (COACH), JEREMY BENNETTS, NICK PATHEMORE, HARRY MEADS, DANE BROOKS

Robbie also received the volleyball trophy at the school senior prizegiving.

A big thank you to Mr Weston, for his great effort in managing the team during the year, a job very well done and much appreciated by all the boys and me. Also a big thanks to mother helpers (camp mums) Carol Jager, Judy Wood and Rose Lepper.

Thanks to all the boys for your great effort during the year.

**Mr Bill Jager
Coach**



FRONT (L TO R): TALOR OWEN, JONO BROWNJOHN, SEAN HONE (CAPTAIN), ADAM STUART, BLAIR SHORTER
BACK (L TO R): ORION KANA (COACH), JEREMY BENNETTS, NICK PATHEMORE, HARRY MEADS, DANE BROOKS, JAH I WICKSTEED (COACH)

We were crowned the TSSSA Junior Volleyball champions by beating Spotswood College 59 - 25 (3-0) in the final.

Sean Hone was nominated as male player of the day, winning a Pita Pit voucher.

Volleyball Taranaki Regional Series 2011

Before the start of the regional series Talor Owen and Jeremy Bennetts left the team due to other sporting activities. Jake Farnsworth and Cameron Blencowe joined the team.

We played three tough games against Spotswood College to compete for the Taranaki Junior Volleyball Trophy.

Regional games played

		NPBHS	Spotswood
1 November	Won (3-0)	75	32
4 November	Lost (2-3)	101	88
11 November	Won (3-2)	107	97
TOTAL	Won (8-5)	283	217

North Island Junior Championships 2011

We competed as Taranaki 1 ranked 26 out of 34 secondary schools at the NI Junior Championships in Tauranga during 28 November to 2 December 2011.

YOUTH BOWLS

This year NPBHS were again represented by a team of bowlers who competed on a regular basis over a six week period beginning on Feb 15th at the New Plymouth Bowling Club from 5 pm - 6 pm.

This initiative is to encourage more students to play lawn bowls. Members of the New Plymouth Club were in attendance each night and assisted in the instruction/running of the event, providing their facilities, greens and bowls to our students.

The players enjoyed the games and it is hoped they will stay involved in the game for there are many opportunities available now for young bowlers.

Players involved were: Brad Bullot, Ryan Terrill, Jade Grayling, Jack Martin, Jack Tuson, Sam Stevens and Liam Aitken.

**Mr Kevin Gledhill
Co ordinator / teacher in charge**

Last but not least...



FRONTING TO TSS BOWLS DAY AFTER THE BALL



VICTORY CELEBRATIONS AGAINST WELLINGTON



MITCHELL BROWN PUTS IN PLENTY OF EFFORT DURING HIS SHOT PUT



REACHING HIGH



JUSTIN BISHOP, MATT BAXTER AND RHYB BISHOP AFTER WINNING THEIR RESPECTIVE 3000M FINALS ON WEBSTER FIELD



New Plymouth Boys' High School ensures that students who have cultural interests are well catered for. These interests fall into four main areas: music, debating and public speaking, kapa haka and drama.

Music plays an important part in school life. Professional tutors offer lessons during class time in a wide variety of instruments. There are a number of music groups in the school: orchestra, barbershop chorus and choir, concert bands, jazz stage bands and rock bands. These groups meet and perform regularly.

The annual highlights for musicians include participation in the Chamber Music NZ contest, The Big Sing and Young Men in Harmony. There are also opportunities to take part in the Smokefree Rockquest competition and various song-writing competitions. School jazz and concert bands regularly participate in festivals and competitions, where they have significant success. This year's awards include gold, silver and bronze medals at the Waikato Jazz Festival and silver and bronze medals at the National Festival.

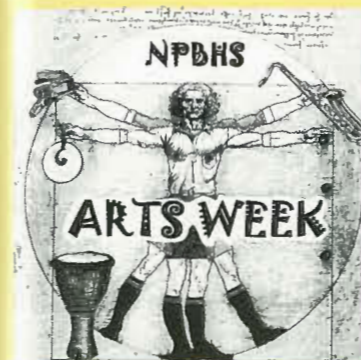
Debating is a part of the classroom programmes. Junior and Senior teams compete at interhouse level. For the school's top debaters there are opportunities to debate against other schools and in competitions such as the Russel McVeigh regional debating competition and the Waikato Law Society moots.

Speaking is a key communication skill in the classroom and our best junior and senior speakers go on to the school speech competition held during Arts Week in term 3. The top senior speakers can also take part in the Lions Speech Competition, the Jaycees Young Speechmaker of the Year Competition, the National Bank RSA Cyril Bassett VC Competition, Mana Korero and other national contests.

The school Kapa Haka group takes part in Pae Rangatahi, Puanga and Maui Pomare and combines with NPGHS kapa haka for some performances.

Drama is a growing activity in the school, catered for through the drama club, participation in the University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival (winning direct entry for outstanding actor to NSSP - 2011), drama and theatresports activities in UP (options period) and opportunities to take part in workshops with visiting artists. The major production is a joint musical with Girls' High every second year (next production is in 2012).

The culmination of the cultural year is the Arts Festival. Held over a week in September, it includes the finals of the school speech competition and of interhouse debating, the school poetry competition, performances by music groups, drama and kapa haka and lunchtime busking and workshops. Visual art displays are held throughout the school and art competitions can include photography, mural or pavement art. The climax of the festival is the interhouse singing competition, where houses can muster their voices and test their creativity at interpretation and staging.



ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK

Arts Week 2011 was a hugely enjoyable time with high levels of participation. The traditional fixtures of the Speech Competition, House Debating finals and House Singing were hotly contested as always. Lunchtime activities this year built on the boys' feedback from last year and workshops and competitions covered a broad spectrum of interests.

The busking competition on Tuesday saw several members of the school's new circus club demonstrating their skills, along with a solo musician. Keegan Pulman won the Audience Choice prize for his Diablo act, Fisher Rivero-Connell won the Judge's Prize for guitar. Anthony Guptill and Kalin Wara won spot prizes for juggling.

Meanwhile down at Kokiri Te Reo the sound of boys having a go on Maori traditional instruments drifted across the school gardens in a well-attended Maori Carving and taonga puoro demonstration given by Glen Skipper from Puke Ariki.

On Wednesday the sound of 15 boys in Marie Maka's hand-drumming workshop provided a perfect soundtrack for the Pavement Art competition. The great level of participation in this event had the quad covered in teams of boys drawing everything from super heroes to a design based on the flags of every Rugby World Cup nation.

On Thursday 30, surfers, rugby players and others took part in the Yoga for Surfers workshop, while debating finals took place around the school. Aranui Theatre Co's shortened version of MacBeth was seen by Mr Elgar's Year 10 English class and members of the Drama Club.

On Friday, House Music was a close competition with some great performances, ably MC'd by Anand Rose from Singer-Songwriters Club. The judges were Dave Ritchie-Smith (also from Singer-Songwriters), professional musician Joe Amstead and performing arts promoter Marlaina Curtis.

Results

Poetry Competition: 1st - James Murphy

Debating: Juniors won by Barak, Seniors by Donnelly

House Singing: House song - Hatherly, Ensemble and overall winners - Syme

Speech: Yr 9 3rd = Quentin Dorleans and David Trye

**2nd Tom Fletcher
1st James O'Donovan**

**Yr 10 3rd Matthew Standen
2nd Campbell Younger
1st Jake McComb**

**Yr 11 3rd Connor Hobbs
2nd Ben Mitchell
1st Seb Eastment**

**Yr 12 3rd Mark Houwers
2nd Alistair Fisher
1st William Livingston**

Overall Winner: William Livingston





Pavement Art



Yoga Workshop

In Arts Week this year there was a yoga workshop, aimed mainly at surfers. The turnout was good with around thirty students participating.

We did various stretches that really tested our limits for strength and flexibility. We were following instructions from Mrs Hale and a "Yoga for Surfers" DVD with lots of different people on it; some were yoga instructors and some were surfers.

Because most of the boys were keen to do more yoga, we had another workshop the week after. There may be more yoga workshops in the future, so if you're interested in getting fitter and more flexible, yoga could be for you.

Written by Riccardo Lucibella

Maori Carving Demonstration

At lunchtime on Tuesday during Arts Week in the Kokiri Te Reo classroom we had a Maori carver, Glen Skipper, come in and speak to us. I wasn't there for the whole workshop, but caught most of it.

Glen bought along some of his tools and instruments, one of which was a Maori traditional flute called a koauau. This was made of wood with Maori patterns such as beautiful koru and a tiki face. The holes of the koauau had paua shell around them and it made a deep hollow noise when I played it.

Another instrument was a strange looking one, it was called a puutorino. It had two chambers and they curved away from each other then curved back together to make the exit holes for the air flow. It would have been interesting to see what sound it made. There was a second koauau made of stone. It was solid and rather heavy for its size. It made a very crisp and sharp whistling noise that was quite high pitched. It too had beautiful carvings along the sides of it.

Glen Skipper brought two Maori horns with him as well which had amazing carvings on them. They were very long and made a very deep vibrating sound. These were called puukaea. You may have seen them in the opening of the Rugby World Cup.

Mr Skipper also brought carving tools with him. They were for hollowing out wood. He spoke to us about his work, I caught the last

bit of what he was talking about. He was expressing his views on authenticity. He believes that what you make your items with doesn't matter. He further said that using modern tools does not make it fake. I think what he meant was, it is what you are trying to create and why you are trying to create it that is important - how you create it doesn't matter. Such as, a painting is still a painting no matter how you paint it.

Written by Van Michel



MAORI CARVER GLEN SKIPPER

PAORA LAURENCE DEMONSTRATES THE PUUTORINO

Winning Poetry

THE SNOW IS A HOUSE-CAT

The snow is a house-cat,
Graceful yet somewhat erratic.
The cold makes a den inside the attic.
The housecat meows, desperate to escape.

As you open the door you seal your fate,
The housecat bounds down, bowls you off your feet.
It races through hallways, covers them in sleet.
Snow runs out the door, to the clouds outside.
It leaves your hallways as a massive snow-slide.
The snow is a housecat.

Written by James Murphy (1st Place)

HEATHER AND THE WEATHER – A LITERARY CRITIQUE

Come hither Heather, come see the weather,
I don't know whether the weather will float this feather.
Do you endeavour to confront the weather?
You had better get a sweater when braving the weather.
You must face the weather for us to be together.
My pleasure is without measure when I see you Heather.
I can never, ever tether the weather.
I wish to see you Heather, behind all that weathered leather.
Whenever the weather disrupts my leisure,
I think of you Heather and wish I could sever
The weather.
Won't you let us be together, forever?
Come hither Heather, get out of the weather.

The poem 'Heather and the Weather' by Matthew Stephenson and Ben Bonner is a strong, powerful and emotional piece describing a man and a woman, Heather. But the weather (the ways of nature) creates a barrier between the two lovers.

The poem's symbolic implications continue with the feather which represents freedom, or being able to be free, whilst Heather's leather shows her reluctance to show her emotions. This acts as another barrier between the two lovers. The partner tries calling out to Heather to try and understand his feelings, saying "I wish to see you Heather, behind all that weathered leather".

This modern masterpiece uses an ingenious network of rhyme to communicate the theme of natural barriers to love. Ultimately, the poem asks the reader the question - Is love part of the laws of nature? And is love worth going into the weather for (i.e. confronting hardships in a relationship)?

Written by Matthew Stephenson and Ben Bonner

WEATHER BLUES

When the skies open up and let it all out
Even when they're not the wind may blow
After it all the skies are clear
The drenched street the sign of rain
Hazard lights warning of danger ahead
Excited children splashing around in the puddles
Rain in the background clearing away
Boring people walking around puddles
Lyrical wind blowing through the streets
Unwell people stay indoors
Extreme weather deforming cities
Soon the weather will all clear up

Written by Dion Lundt

The ice falling from the monotonous sky
Is the heaviness of many people's lies
Barraging down, not only hurting my exterior
But also bruising my interior
The pelting pebbles chill my bones
'Till it freezes my weak heart and soul
I feel myself being engulfed
In the blizzard of loneliness and pain
A feeling I do not need to explain
The blizzard overcomes me physically and
mentally
I drop down on my knees
I'm falling, I'm falling

The hailstorm suddenly stops
An eerie pause
Grains of snow slowly fall before my eyes
Gently tapping the ground, erasing all the lies
The street lights turn on
Lighting up the monotonous sky
The warmth of the light thaws my frozen heart
and soul
Lifting my spirits out of my misery hole
I stand up
Full of courage and joy
Nothing can stop me now
With this feeling bursting out
From inside

Written by James Park

Marie Maka's hand-drumming workshop



SUPER 8 CULTURAL FESTIVAL

At 6am on the 13th of May a sleepy bunch of boys headed to Napier for the Super 8 Cultural Festival. A breakfast stop in Wanganui and an outbreak of singing in the van ensured we were wide awake and cheerful when we arrived at Napier Boys' High School.

Despite being the furthest travelled, we were the first school to arrive and after being greeted by seniors from Napier Boys' we were officially welcomed at the powhiri for the many representatives from all the schools. The sound of the bagpipes and a full school haka made this event feel quite special and made it a proud moment for those of us who were there.

We then made ourselves at home in our nice backpackers accommodation before heading back to Napier Boys' for debating and solo music.

Our junior debating team of Teague Harvey, Jake McComb and Josh Ritchie won their debate and ended up coming third overall on points, which was a fantastic result for their first time competing at inter-school level.

The NPBHS senior debating team was footed up against Palmerston North Boys' who later came second in the Super 8 debating competition. The team of Joshua Girvan, Simon Jones and Nathaniel Manning were affirming the moot that "The assassination of a dictator is justified." The team took the historical angle, while the negative team took more of a legal spin on the argument. It was a highly competitive debate, but unfortunately NPBHS came out second best. However, we can still take pride in the fact that the adjudicator, a lawyer himself, remarked that it was the closest debate he'd ever seen.

In the music section, amongst some hugely talented instrumentalists, Jake Church's performance of "Sunburst" brought him success on classical guitar with a well-earned third place.

Dinner that night was at a lovely roast restaurant and I think we all walked away very satisfied with our healthy meals. Back at the backpackers was where all of the socialising came in.

We all had some really good laughs, which took away a few nerves from those of us who were competing in the morning, although an early night was still compulsory.

Jake greeted us in the kitchen Saturday morning with a barely acceptable choice of clothing. This started the day off with a laugh

JOEL ROBERTSON - 2011 SUPER 8 JUNIOR SPEECH CHAMPION



JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM TEAGUE HARVEY, JOSH RITCHIE AND JAKE MCCOMB



JAKE CHURCH WAS PLACED THIRD WITH HIS PERFORMANCE OF "SUNBURST"

before we headed back to Napier Boys' for day two of the competitions. The drama crew of Billy Smith, Keegan Pulman, Van Michel and Sam Morgan performed their scene from Hamlet which impressed the audience, but drew a short straw when it came to a placing from the adjudicators.

Junior and senior oratory followed. Joel Robertson was a standout with a very convincing and controversial speech about the 1969 moon landing - hoax? His first place in the junior division was well deserved! The senior speakers were a very talented bunch, so I held no grudge at missing out on a placing. The atmosphere and outstanding topics made it a worthwhile experience.

At lunchtime on Saturday we set off for home after a quick refuel at Subway. Setting aside half-closed eyes and exhausted expressions, I think most of us were pleased with our own performances. The thing that made this trip special for me was getting to know the other guys with interests in a variety of cultural areas. This made for a very positive and enjoyable weekend. To anyone who wants a new experience outside of sport I certainly recommend giving the cultural side of things a go. Lastly I would like to thank Ms Bousfield, Mr Elgar and Mr Warner for making this trip possible!

Written by Matthew Baxter

(with senior debating info from Josh Girvan)

Ode to a cultural trip...

by Mr John Warner

- 1: Come gather around as I tell you a tale, The tale of a trip, With a shortage of kip, And no expectation to fail.
- 2: 6.15am, Friday 13, An interesting day it's true, Departure was made, We carried a spade, But the group all knew what to do.
- 3: In a car and van the travellers left, To Napier off we went, A musician with debators, Dramatists not imitators, A talented team had been sent.
- 4: The drive was long, and frustrating too, In Wanganui we were slow to be fed, The traffic erratic. We were not ecstatic And Dannevirke best left unsaid.
- 5: The arrival in Napier was later than planned, Drama rehearsal was put on hold, Instead we waited, And anticipated, The powhiri of which we were told.
- 6: A lunch was provided and tuck in we did, To fortify us for what was to come, No surprises we wanted, No surprises we needed, For last year there was enough and then some.
- 7: And so to the competitions, all eagerly awaited, Junior debating was first to begin, Victory was achieved, Mr Elgar was pleased, But the final was not ours to win.
- 8: So small was the margin, to not be in that final, So close and yet so far, It was not expected. And never suspected, That NPBHS would not reach the bar.
- 9: In the evening session, much was hoped for, From the senior debators, our men, But the debate, it was sticky, The opposition was tricky, And the outcome was less than a "ten".
- 10: Our debating opponents took a legal defence, And argued as one thinker The resident adjudicator, Was a Crown prosecutor, And accepted their line, hook and sinker.
- 11: With Saturday come more moments of truth, Drama, music and speaking, A hostel breakfast we had, Of this we were glad, As some juniors practised housekeeping.
- 12: The drama group performed a meritorious scene, From Hamlet, with a skull as a prop. Billy Smith swung the spade, A grave it was made, And the applause took a long time to stop.
- 13: The orators too, did a wonderful job, They spoke with polish and flair, To stand up and orate, Is not a natural state, For many it requires a dare.
- 14: Jake Church, our musician, played a classical piece, With guitar he displayed his skill, By technique and finesse, And minimal stress, He showed a resolute will.
- 15: The results were announced of the places and wins, Two thirds and a first were our lot, Not bad overall, A reasonable haul, For a team running reasonably hot.
- 16: In ending this story, credit must be paid, To those who put in the time, The students, the teachers, The believers, the preachers, Who thus allowed me to rhyme!

SMOKEFREE ROCK QUEST

Our band Living Lightly formed 3 months before Rockquest, practising several times a week. We are BJ Monk, Sam Thomson, Jarrod Bakker and Sam Notman (all from Francis Douglas Memorial College) & myself from Boys' High.

On the day we performed three of our best pieces, one in the heats & two in the finals, in front of a large TSB Showplace audience. It was amazing to win first place in the Taranaki competition. NPBHS did well, as second place went to Wonderland (Reuben Knauf, William Livingston and Stuart Morris, all from Boys' High). Both our bands then had to make a DVD to enter for selection into the National Smokefree Rockquest finals.

Living Lightly made the Top 20, but not the finals. Our disappointment at not making the top six in the national finals, by only two places, was quickly forgotten when we were asked to perform at the Taranaki Winter Festival during the Rugby World Cup. Opening for Shihad was a great experience for us all, playing in front of the public in the Big Tent.

We would like to thank all our friends and family that have supported us along the way.

Written by Jake Church

Guitarist - Living Lightly

JUGGLING and CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

The Juggling and Circus Skills Club formed after the circus skills workshop in May. We have been meeting on Tuesday lunch times, and with our home made gear have been learning a variety of circus skills.



MR GEORGE POOLE

ANTONY GUPTILL

STAGE BAND 2

2011 has been a fun and challenging year for Stage Band 2 (formerly Junior Band), despite the band members' grumblings at having to get up at ungodly hours to attend 7:45 am practices every Tuesday.

Nevertheless, when we do turn up the band runs like clockwork, flying through every blues number and movie theme Mr Maunder could throw at us. We were all impressed by the sound we produced, considering that most of us were only into the second year of learning our instrument. For many of us, myself included, Stage Band 2 also presented our first opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. This included our trip to the Waikato Band Festival in Hamilton early in July (where we won silver) and more recently our performance at the Taranaki Jazz Club, at which the Headmaster was present.

A big thanks goes to Mr Maunder for putting up with all the moaning, forgetfulness, and chattering, and also for finding so many great pieces for us to play. Without him, the Music Dept. at New Plymouth Boys' High School would be a less colourful place. I thoroughly enjoyed my year in the band, and I'm sure everyone else did too. I'm looking forward to Senior Band next year.

Written by Richard Gottlieb
First Alto Sax, Year 10



JAZZ BAND 2
BACK ROW: DR. MCLAURIN, TEAGUE HARVEY, ALEX FRASER-CHAPPLE, ADAM STUART, JAKE MCCOMB, RICHARD GOTTLIEB, JOSHUA RITCHIE
FRONT ROW: JAMES MURPHY, CAMERON TIPPETT, JACOB MANNING, GRIFFIN GEHLHAAR, REUBEN GRAY, GEORGE MOHI, ADITH IYER, KALIN WARA
ABSENT: MR S. MAUNDER - BAND DIRECTOR

SAX QUARTET

The Sax Quartet has been very successful this year, and has been involved in many performances.

We knew we were in for a good year when we won a prize for the best woodwind performance at the Taranaki Chamber music competition. The saxophonists this year were Adrian Robb (Tenor Sax), William Livingston (Alto Sax), Jordan Hughes (Alto Sax) and myself on Soprano Sax. The quartet has represented the school throughout the year in a wide variety of performance situations including the National Concert band festival, the New Plymouth Rotary Youth Artist's concert, and the blind society. It has been a pleasure playing in this group, and I would like to thank Mr Stewart Maunder, under whose guidance we have all made huge improvements in our playing ability.

Written by Jacob Tomlinson



SAX QUARTET
LEFT TO RIGHT: WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, JACOB TOMLINSON, JORDAN HUGHES, ADRIAN ROBB

CHAMBER MUSIC

In June 2011, the Taranaki finals of the 46th annual Chamber Music Contest were held at the Cue Theatre in Inglewood. 500 groups were competing in 15 district competitions nationwide, and ten of those groups were from New Plymouth.

The contest was adjudicated by leading clarinet performer and teacher, Gretchen La Roche, and the district organiser was former NPBHS HOD Music, Jocelyn Beath.

The Gragnani Garnish trio, consisting Adrian Robb on violin (NPBHS), Mikaela Christian on flute (NPGHS) and Dylan Solomon on guitar (FDMC), gained first place. This is at least the fourth time in a row that the winning group has included a student from NPBHS.

The Can-Do Trio, of Christopher Raynes and Nathaniel Manning (both alto recorder) and Alan Ansell (piano), all from NPBHS, were awarded highly commended.

The KBB Music Prize, for a group involving wind or percussion instruments, went to SAAT Two Eleven, the NPBHS sax quartet comprising Jacob Tomlinson, William Livingston, Jordan Hughes and Adrian Robb.

Written by Adrian Robb

JAZZ BAND

In late February, Jazz Band reconvened again for another year. For those seasoned campaigners who were beginning their 3rd, 4th and 5th years, it was business as usual with the band struggling to get through the first few months.

Once again we passed up the opportunity to attend both the Tauranga and Palmerton North Festivals which came around before the end of term one. Instead, we set our sights on Hamilton and the Waikato Festival. Some members were very much looking forward to the trip as it gave them the opportunity to redeem last year's efforts. In 2010 we received a bronze award and it was of general consensus that we deserved more.

Nevertheless, Mr Stewart Maunder laid out a very good programme and the band responded well to their first performance as a group. We received a gold award and a report that was very flattering; but rightly reflected how we played.

Our next play out was at the year 8 open evening and it was one that was very well received. It is always a pleasure performing to those outside of the school and displaying what the music department has to offer.

The Jazz Club was our next assignment and it is the year's major play out, requiring a large selection of pieces. This really

showcased the band to the public and both band and Mr Maunder were pleased with our efforts.

Finally we performed at prizegiving, the school's showpiece event of the year. We played Jumpin' Jack, much to my mum's excitement. All the leavers played solos and the band, which was struggling to follow the beat at the beginning of the year, sounded like the great bands of yesteryear.

Personally, the last 5 years of music at Boys' High have been an amazing journey and something I am very proud to have been a part of. Being a part of the school's cultural group of the year is a real honour but I wish to take this moment to thank Mr Maunder for all he does for the band. Without him, the Jazz Band would be non-existent. He is a real credit and asset to the school and my thanks and praise is nowhere near as much recognition as he deserves.

The Jazz Band once again had a successful year and no doubt those who remain look forward to next year's challenge. The school thanks the follow leavers for their contribution to the Jazz Band and the Music Department: Jesse Watt, Jacob Tomlinson, Josh Girvan, Jordan Hughes, Robbie Wood, Shaun Burton, Jake Church and Matt Lamb.

Written by Matt Lamb



JAZZ BAND
BACK ROW: DR. MCLAURIN, GEORGE MOHI, ADRIAN ROBB, LYDIA HAYLES, WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, JORDAN HUGHES
FRONT ROW: JAKE CHURCH, SHAUN BURTON, MATT LAMB, ROBBIE WOOD, JESSE WATT, JOSHUA GIRVAN, JACOB TOMLINSON
ABSENT: MR S. MAUNDER - BAND DIRECTOR

DRAMA CLUB

This year Drama has had quite a turnout. First we saw the Ugly Shakespeare Company perform a comical version of William Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, where three guys played Antonio, Bassanio, Portia, Shylock, Nerissa, Lorenzo, Balthasar, Stephano – okay, pretty much the whole cast of the play.

After their performance they did a workshop with the two groups of boys doing Drama UP (Playmaking and Theatresports). In the workshop, through exercises and activities, the actors shared their knowledge of levels and use of space to give us an insight into different ways to perform a scene.

Next day members of the Drama Club were off to this year's Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. It was the NPBHS Drama Club's second time participating so we still were the underdogs in this event. Ms Bousfield's plan was to enter one scene last year, then gather more acting talent and other teachers to direct this year. With Mr Kerr and Mr Townes on board, Boys' High had three scenes to roll with this year. Ms Bousfield's team of Van Michel, Sam Morgan, Keegan Pulman and myself performed the gravedigger's scene from Hamlet, Mr Kerr's group performed the opening streetfight from Romeo and Juliet. Mr Townes' group performed the scenes from Twelfth Night where Toby Belch, Sir Andrew and Maria have their revenge on Malvolio.

We all travelled by van to Stratford where the event was held. A good trip with plenty of music and singing helped us forget any thoughts of stage-fright. We arrived looking forward to seeing what other schools, such as Girls' High and Francis Douglas, would be performing. The atmosphere at the festival was totally ka pai, as were scenes from Girls' High, St Mary's, Spotswood and Sacred Heart. Stratford High's was the funniest, with a daft bunch of painters and decorators performing a scene from A Midsummer Night's Dream. Each Boys' High entry had its own unique quality and each group was happy with what they achieved.

As the night drew to a close we came to awards time. Out of the minor awards Stratford High gained two: funniest scene and best recovery from forgotten lines. The major awards of entry into the Sheilah Winn Nationals went to Francis Douglas (teacher directed) and Spotswood (student directed). We thought the Drama Club would be leaving with nothing, then they gave



SAM MORGAN, VAN MICHEL, BILLY SMITH AND KEEGAN PULMAN

out the prize for best actor in a scene not selected for nationals to none other than the guy writing this report. The Drama Club left with heads held high and feeling like a family. My winnings of a box of chocolates were passed round the Hamlet group on the way home.

The Hamlet group later on represented the school at the Cultural Super 8s held in Napier.

Throughout this year boys in UP Theatresports and UP Playmaking have been to see performances held at the TSB Showplace such as Station to Station, which was excellent. In the Arts Festival we saw MacHomer, Rita and Douglas, Raising The Titanic, Carnival of Souls and Soap. Thanks to Powerco and the Arts Festival for free tickets. These were all fun and also gave interesting insights into performing. We also saw extracts from new NZ plays (from Ensemble Impact) at Spotswood, went to presentations from New Plymouth Girls' High drama students and had a Circus skills workshop. In Arts Week near the end of the year the Aranui Theatre Company brought us Macbeth and we witnessed some emotional and exciting acting.

Drama this year has been fun and awesome, not just because of seeing Girls' High – although that was a part of it. To some, the whole idea was to see what drama was like. To see how drama works and understand the concepts and styles has been intriguing and fun. So I'll lay this down to those who may have doubts about joining drama: join drama because if it's something you aspire to and want to do then gun it and go for it.

Written by Billy Ray Smith

(Ms Bousfield adds: At the Taranaki Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival Billy won more than chocolate. The award gives a student actor direct entry to NSSP – the National Schools Shakespeare Production, a week long immersion in Shakespeare with professional directors, culminating in a public performance. Around 20 students are chosen from the regional competitions and the remaining 25 from the Nationals. At NSSP Billy played Lorenzo in a 40 minute version of The Merchant of Venice. This year there were two public performances, to celebrate the 20th NSSP - the second performance was at Parliament. From NSSP 22 students are selected for the NZ Young Shakespeare Company who travel to the Globe Theatre in London).

INTERHOUSE

Music Report

This year the Inter-House Music Competition was held on Friday 16 September. The music competition consists of two performances by each house, firstly a full house song, secondly an ensemble performance group.

Barak started off with a stellar performance of Follow Me by Uncle Cracker with a somewhat familiar acting by Mr Hyde.

This was followed by an outstanding performance from Hatherly of Do Wah Diddy by Manfred Mann shaking the whole building with their foot stomping. Thirdly Syme made a tribute to the Canterbury earthquakes with the songs This Little Light of Mine, Pokarekare Ana and Amazing Grace with a stirring haka by Hayden Wipatene. Finally Donnelly sang a series of songs led by a hilarious skit from the house leaders, finishing with a song written by one of their own teachers, Mr Davies.

Debating Report

Junior Team

Junior interhouse debating this year was a great challenge and experience for me. There were both Year 9 and Year 10s involved in junior teams. This is good because as the Year 10s move up to senior years there will be someone to replace them.

One of the teams even consisted solely of Year 9s who, impressively, were quite talented. In another debate a Year 9 was best speaker.

This year's moots were quite interesting. Some of them were very different, such as 'Taranaki is the best playground in the world', forcing us to think outside of the square. This made for some unique arguments. I was very impressed with the general quality of the debates.

There were some calendar conflicts with sporting events and various trips, which just shows that it's important to have reserves for your team.

Only one team managed to win all three debates, thanks to excellent members and great teamwork. This was the Barak team, which consisted of Jake McComb, Jake Manning, myself and our reserve Blake Malley.

Thanks go to my excellent team who always pulled through, Mr Hyde who organised meetings and victory fish and chips and Mr Elgar for organising some out of school debating practices for anyone who wanted them. Also thanks to all the teachers who chose to be adjudicators, which meant giving up their lunchtimes. Finally a big thanks to Ms Bousfield for organising the debates.

Written by Teague Harvey
1st speaker, Barak Junior team

The ensemble performance then rolled on with Barak playing Hysteria by Muse. Hatherly then followed with a group playing I'm Yours by Jason Mraz. Then Syme played the songs Timshell and Little Lion Man by the band Mumford and Sons. Finally Donnelly played "My Hero" by the Foo Fighters followed by an impressive solo section to finish what had been a talented set of performances from all bands.

At the end of our day the suspense was held tight as it was announced we would not hear the results immediately as the bell was about to go. Once the results surfaced the following Monday we learnt that Syme won, with Hatherly second, Donnelly third and Barak fourth.

Written by Josh Girvan

Senior Team

There were three interhouse debates, one each of term 1, 2 and 3.

The first debate against Syme was enjoyable and high-spirited. Donnelly was able to present the winning argument "That New Zealand should fly a new flag". Syme however were visually spectacular with their desks adorned with NZ flags.

The second debate against Hatherly was a real challenge. Donnelly had to overcome personal opinions and research thoroughly to prove successfully "That deep sea oil drilling is the solution to the fuel crisis". Mr Warner was the adjudicator for this match (with a wealth of experience in coaching the school senior debating team).

The third and final debate was against Barak. The topic was "That the first aim of education is a career". Despite some strong arguments from Barak, Donnelly again emerged the winner, this time with Mr Geange adjudicating.

The senior Donnelly debating team is all that is best about "nerds". We tried to be well organised. We communicated easily with each other, shared research and ideas and took the advice given us by each adjudicator to assist us at the next debate. The topics were thought-provoking, especially once research was underway and we were viewing the topic from another perspective.

We all enjoyed the 2011 interhouse debating season and look forward to new topics to research and debate next year.

Written by Seb Eastment, Alistair Fisher and Elliot Dunn

DEBATING

Senior Team

NPBHS Senior Debating had a quiet year in 2011. Three external events formed the competitive part of debating, and several students were exposed to the challenges of arguing in public.

The first experience in 2011 was the Russell McVeigh competition in Palmerston North. This saw a team of four debators represent NPBHS in a series of prepared and impromptu debates. Simon Jones, Zac Lunjevich, Nathaniel Manning and Ben Mrowinski were able to see first-hand the level required in winning secondary school debates at regional level.

Shortly after, NPBHS participated in the Waikato Law School Mooting competition with a team of Elliot Dunn and Daniel Jensen-Schmidt. While not progressing through to the regional semi-finals in Hamilton, both students gained from this year's experience and will be ready for 2012.

The final serious debating opportunity for 2011 was the Super Eight Cultural Festival in May at Napier Boys' High School. The team of Josh Girvan, Simon Jones and Nathaniel Manning were unsuccessful in their only debate, narrowly losing to Tauranga Boys College, but performing with credit nonetheless.

With the development of several keen junior debating students this year, the future is reasonably encouraging for a continued NPBHS presence in these important debating competitions. There are, however, issues which work to the disadvantage of



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM
BACK ROW: BENJAMIN MROWINSKI, MR. JOHN WARNER, DANIEL JENSEN-SCHMIDT
FRONT ROW: JOSHUA GIRVAN, ELLIOT DUNN, NATHANIEL MANNING, ZAK LUNJEVICH

NPBHS when it comes to maintaining and increasing the skill level of debators-geographical remoteness and a lack of structured competition within Taranaki are problems which need to be worked on if success is to come to NPBHS. I thank all the students who put in the time and work necessary to prepare themselves to debate, argue and speak publicly in all the above-mentioned events.

Mr John Warner
Teacher in Charge of senior debating

Junior Team

In an attempt to develop debating at a junior level and prepare future debators, a group met early in the year and established a regular Wednesday evening gathering. The aim was to encourage interested persons and to develop their speaking and debating skills.

A group of 20 students from BHS and GHS, spent a lot more time laughing than might have been expected. Teague Harvey's long dissertations on anything were only exceeded by Daniel Ralphs' ability to speak endlessly on any topic without appearing to run out of enthusiasm or material.

Perhaps the highlights were the impromptu presentations from Richard Gottlieb as a psychiatrist, amongst a range of other roles. His deadpan expression and command of language often brought the gathering to a complete halt as they dealt with their own hysteria.

In the end, all gained from the experience, enjoying each others company and the chance to talk almost uninterrupted, on a ridiculous range of topics.

The offshoot was a 3rd placing at the Super 8 Cultural competition at Napier, in the junior debating. Congratulations



JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM
LEFT TO RIGHT: TEAGUE HARVEY, JAKE MCCOMB, JOSHUA RITCHIE

to Teague Harvey, Josh Ritchie and Jake McComb. The boys missed making the final by 1 point, 286 to 287. Another spin-off was the success of Joel Robertson in gaining 1st place in junior oratory at the same competition.

Well done to all and may 2012 see even greater leaps forward for you all.

CHESS

National Tournament

Board 1 – Allen Ansell
Board 2 – Jesse Watt
Board 3 – Jacob Tomlinson
Board 4 – Billy Rodenburg

This year at the Nationals, we played pretty well with board 4, 3 and 1 winning most of their games, sadly, on board two I was having a bit of a tough time and only managed to win one game.

The Nationals were held in Mount Maunganui just a few weeks before their marine disaster. This year, like last year, we were taken up by John Ansell who again proved to be a very good person to keep us on time and in shape. Our first round got off to a good start as we managed to win 3 out of 4 of our games. Because of this win, in our second round we had to face Macleans College which proved to be a very strong team. We only managed to win one game which was on board 1 in this round. The rest of the day seemed to be mainly draws where we would win 2 boards and lose 2, but we had the odd win with the odd loss. Day 2 started of very well as we had a good first round by winning it. Sadly this put us up against Auckland Grammar who had, so far, won most of their games, in this final round we suffered a big loss, losing all of our games which put us to finish a bit more in the centre of the tournament.

The chess team this year would again like to thank, first of all, the New Plymouth Chess club and especially Erroll Tuffery and David Notly for all their help and training previous to the tournament, and secondly to Mr Ansell for taking us to Mount Maunganui and providing us with a place to stay and keeping us in shape, and thirdly to Mrs Porteous who organised the regional tournament and the teams.

Written by Jesse Watt



A & B CHESS TEAMS
BACK ROW: MRS MARY PORTEOUS, JESSE WATT, BILLY RODENBURG, JACOB TOMLINSON
FRONT ROW: TYLER STEWART, BRENT SMITH, ALEX HARFIELD, SHAY GUISE, ALAN ANSELL (CAPTAIN)

KAPA HAKA



SOME OF THE SENIOR MAORI STUDENTS PERFORMING AN EARTH SHAKING HAKA AT MISSION HOUSE REST HOME, LEAVING THE VIEWERS QUIVERING IN THEIR SEATS.

Tena Koutou katoa. This year Kapa Haka started with a good size roopu. However, as the year progressed and commitment waned, numbers dwindled.

However many of the senior Maori students performed credibly for Tutu Kaika with Matua Clive at the Nationals.

Although few in numbers, when called upon to perform to support the kaupapa of the school they did so with mana and kaha.

LIBRARY



LIBRARIANS 2011
 BACK ROW: NIKOLAO MEAFUA, BRETT ALEXANDER, RYAN CLOUGH, DANIEL JENSEN-SCHMIDT, MATTHEW SALISBURY, ALEX FRASER-CHAPPLE, MRS JEAN VAN BEERS
 FRONT ROW: PHILLIP PETERSON, DUNCAN O'DEA, RYAN PARR, CHRIS TAYLOR (DEPUTY HEAD LIBRARIAN), BENJAMIN MROWINSKI (HEAD LIBRARIAN), GEORGE THONY (DEPUTY HEAD LIBRARIAN), GARY CHIU, JESSE TANGAROA
 ABSENT: BRANDON MATHLUSSEN, JAMES SPEED-KERR

Off The Bookshelf

The long service board in Ryder Hall reads "Jean Van Beers 1976 - "; a recent Board of Trustees letter reads "thanks for 38 and half years of service". Either way, Jean Van Beers was "interviewed and appointed a long, long time ago" as Librarian at NPBHS. "It was then Headmaster Mr Geoff Cramond, along with Mr Terry Heaps who offered me the job. At least someone else has been here longer than me!"

Jean's first impressions of the school and the boys started on that day as she walked down the hallway to her interview right on bell time. A flood of boisterous boys came hurtling down the corridor all going in the opposite direction to where she was headed. The echoes of that morning still reverberate with Jean today - "boys don't change."

The library in 1976 was a separate building - the current year 13 common room. "Contrary to popular belief it is not an old chapel, but a purpose built library erected in 1938" notes Jean. A major change occurred in 1986 with the opening of the new library (to be named after Headmaster Cramond) in its current position. Jean remembers the movement of books and furniture as quite clever. "A long line of boys formed from the old library to the new and everything was passed along the chain where

a group of us were waiting to re-shelve them. Fortunately it was a fine day."

Jean remembers the next major shake up was when the library was re-housed to a room in Pridham Hall so pillars could be erected in the library to strengthen the ceiling. The ceiling needed to be able to hold an additional floor of two computer suites. This introduction of specialised computer suites also meant the



MRS JEAN VAN BEERS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

library moving into the technological age. "This spelt the end for the traditional card catalogue. All books had to be labelled and recorded on a computerised catalogue system. As we had over 8000 volumes that took me quite a lot of time. We still use the same system now with an update every 4 months. All done with the tap of a few buttons."

Other changing-with-the-times has seen the library going from a silent, strictly no talking (even teachers!) era under Mr J Hatherley to the present day where chess is played and laptops and wireless are in. This change has also unfortunately resulted in a "tailing off of reading of books" says Jean. "Computers and ipads are taking over and e-books are the supposed future. But I do like to think that books will still be around for many years yet. Boys currently can't get enough of Robert Muchmore and Andy McNab."

Jean's most enjoyable moments at NPBHS have been the many times where she has learnt a lot about human nature - the good and the bad of boy behaviour. "I had the chance to relocate to a girls' school. But no way! I much prefer boys. Boys get over things; girls hold a grudge."

Jean is not sure what the future holds, but guesses that with three donkeys, three Highland cattle, two horses and a menagerie of dogs, cats, poultry, fish and a turtle she will have plenty to occupy her time. "I do hope to keep in touch, especially with all the changes approaching. And of course my friends are here. Many thanks to all at Boys' High and their help and friendship over the years."

For someone who has spent 35 (or 38) years quietly going about her business in a quiet place, the end should appropriately be a quiet one. "I don't like fuss." So, the final chapter at Boys' High; the last page to be gently placed shut, to the whispering echo of boys hushed voices, on a life lived at NPBHS. In the library it will have to be a silent salute, a one-handed clap as Jean slips her last book into its place on the shelf, softly as usual, one last time. One last time she will drift through the office, deftly swish her pink feather duster, tuck it under her arm to nestle in near her infamous sleeve protectors, and make her way out the back door, quietly. But not forgotten.

Goodbye Jean. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our school.

Justin Bigwood



ORIGINAL LIBRARY IN THE CURRENT YEAR 13 COMMON ROOM

CHAOS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CHAOS Christian Fellowship met regularly throughout the year to study the Bible, pray and generally hang out together.

Farewells were said to a number of Year 13 boys who had spent most of their Friday lunchtimes in room A9, but it was encouraging to see a good number of younger students get involved with the group.

FUSION is always a highlight of the year and was no different in 2011 with guest speakers, electives and some very silly games.

A reminder to boys and Staff that they are always welcome as we look forward to next year as we share more about what it means to be a Christian and to follow Jesus.

Mr Paul Dominikovich
Christian Fellowship Co-Ordinator

40 HOUR FAMINE

This year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine raised just over \$1000, a big increase on last year - a good effort by famine leaders Kyle Gillespie, Mitchell Keast, Josh Girvan, Ben Morowinski and Mark Houwers.

Kyle had the advantage of being the Year 12 member of last year's team, so was well prepared for this year. Mitchell, Ben and Kyle attended the World Vision Young Leaders training session in March. This set them up well to run the school famine and they also brainstormed ideas with the Girls' High team early on for combined activities

A bake sale at Girls' High and mufti day at Boys' High added to income received from the traditional sponsorship books. Students chose a variety of 'famines' or things to do without over the 40 hours - many were sponsored for doing without cell phones, TV and video games over this period.

This year's fund will go to East Timor, where there is shocking rural poverty due to a succession of wars and changes of land ownership, resulting in a loss of farming knowledge and resources.

The good news is it doesn't take much money to make a difference. NPBHS' money will buy seeds for these families. \$4 of seeds can grow a year's vegetables for one child, so this money will go a long way.

STAR

A STAR COURSE is done in addition to a student's normal school subjects.



The majority of courses are run by either tertiary education establishments such as WITT and the Open Polytechnic or private training establishments such as Practical Education Institute and FEATS.

STAR courses are aimed at facilitating a smooth transition for those intending to go straight into the workforce.

STAR courses provide tertiary courses that meet students' needs and motivate them towards either further training or employment.

STAR courses: support students to explore career pathways and help them to make informed decisions about their future.

Two hundred and seventy one boys were involved in STAR courses in 2011

Twenty eight different courses were offered in 2011.

Courses included:
Radio Broadcasting
Forklift Driving
Chainsaw Safety
Welding
First Aid
Defensive Driving
Agriculture and Hospitality

GATEWAY

What is 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. Units are assessed in the workplace or by a Gateway Provider, counting towards national qualifications.

Gateway helps build skills for employment, working in real workplaces on real tasks. It gives opportunities to try out potential careers and build links to Industry Training Organisations, Modern Apprenticeships and workplaces.

After an interview with Mr Watts and Mr Moore students are then encouraged to make the initial approach with the employer of their choice for their placement. Most placements have unit standards to do in the workplace and other theory units to do in the classroom. These will all be marked by a registered assessor.

In 2011 we started with 42 boys on the Gateway Programme with 13 boys leaving during the year to either start work or go on to further training. Seven boys so far have gained apprenticeships this year which is slightly up on last year.

The following businesses took on a Gateway Student this year.

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| Clelands | Podjursky Motors |
| Bateman's Bakery | Lonestar |
| McKechnie Aluminium | Casa Pequena |
| Fulton Hogan | Meco Engineering |
| Sean Puttock Builders | Mach 1 Yamaha |
| Van Beers Motors | Street & Cook Construction |
| Rampage Gym | McFarlane Motors |
| Andrews Family Farm | Pigott Electrical |
| Taranaki Engineering | Honnor Family Farm |
| Stumble Inn | Fitzroy Service Station |
| Merv Lucas Auto Electrical | Police |
| Ken Northcott Building | Ansford Smith Motors |
| Vogue Kitchens | Rob Mason Electrical |
| Paul Jones Construction | Steelfab |
| Cavalier Homes | Ross Bolton Farm |
| Elite Kitchens | Pace EngineeringAquatic |
| Centre Gym | NP Electrical |
| Fitzroy Engineering | Taranaki Motor Reconditioners |
| BTW Surveyors | Aluminium Taranaki |
| Fletcher Construction | City Fitness Gym |
| Paul Muuta Builders | Neil Barnes Builders |
| Westbar & Café | McCurdy Engineering |

On behalf of our students we would like to thank these employers for giving the boys the opportunity to participate in work experience. The time, instruction and knowledge imparted on them is greatly appreciated.



ALEC FRANKHAM AT STREET & COOK CONSTRUCTION



SAM BROWN AT CASA PEQUENA



JOSH CLARK AT FULTON HOGAN



BRANDON GAUSTAD AT MCFARLANES MOTORS

2011 FONTERRA SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY FAIR

2011 was again a great year for NPBHS, especially for our year nine students. Our boys won a number of awards as listed below.

Science Fair participation is an important stage in a student's scientific development. We encourage all year nine boys to participate in at least one of the categories.

While most boys choose the scientific investigation or technological development categories, it's good to see others entering the water rocket and steam car challenges, as well as the poster and drawing sections. Especially pleasing was Rhys Poingdestre's first placing in the scientific drawing section.

The prize-giving on Thursday evening was a great showcase for the winners and gave the sponsors and media an important "snapshot" of what young people are producing in these exciting areas.

Results

Rhys Poingdestre, Yr 11

First Prize, Observational Drawing, Years 11-13

Grady Barker, Yr 9

Title: Tooth Fairy does Myth Busters
Merit, Scientific Investigation, Year 9

Edward Lawley, Yr 13

Title: Quench the thirst
First Prize, NIWA environment prize

Nathan Hawkes, Yr 9

Title: The video/texting game advantage
Merit, Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health

Adam Busing, Yr 9

Title: Tee time
Merit, DairyNZ Scientific Endeavour Prize



NATHAN HAWKES

Thomas Fletcher, Yr 9

Title: How does exercise affect my body?
Merit, Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health
Merit, Scientific Investigation, Year 9

Timothy Andrews Yr 9

Title: The power of electrolytes
Merit, Scientific Investigation, Year 9

Adith Ayer, Yr 9

Title: How does a ventilation system affect moisture content in a house?
Merit, DairyNZ Scientific Endeavour Prize

James O'Donovan, Yr 9

Title: Retro-fitting insulation
Second Prize, Scientific Investigation, Year 9

Alex Trowbridge, Yr 9

Title: Silt sucker
First Prize, The NZ Institute of Soil Science prize for the best project on soil. (Book Prize)
Merit, Technological Development, Years 9 & 10

Sam Tullett Yr 9

Title: Measuring turbidity
Merit, DairyNZ Scientific Endeavour Prize
Merit, Technological Development, Years 9 & 10

John McLellan HoD Sciences



SEBASTIAN MOLLOY



MR PRASAD WITH SOME OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR ENTRANTS

Outdoor Education

Yr 12 Outdoor Education Expedition Week 2011

Mr Wild's History 101 – In 1939 the Germans did not forget Poland. In fact they invaded it.

Outdoor Education 101 – In 2011 the Germans forgot the Poles.

The week of expedition week 2011 dawned with what we had hoped would not happen... a weather forecast of gale force winds and snow. So with some uncertainty in our minds we headed off to Tongariro National Park wondering what we would experience.

Day 1 saw the group of 20 students, two teachers (Mr Hewlett and Mr Dobbie) and two outside instructors (Christine Worsfeld of Near and Far Adventures, and Don Paterson of Adventure Dynamics) head east over Tama saddle towards the Waihothonu area. With the westerly winds it was hoped that east of the mountains the weather would be better. Five hours with a tail wind and a mixture of rain and sleet saw the group reach the Waihothonu hut. As camping was out of the question in the conditions the decision was made to use the hut as a much appreciated shelter from the storm and overnight snow. This newly built hut easily accommodated us plus a couple of other groups. The students filled one bunkroom and had a pretty sweet experience.

Day 2 and fresh snow lay on the ground. We spent the morning doing navigation assessment with just day packs, following bearings, bush bashing, and generally exploring the surrounding landscape. Lunch back at the hut was followed by a 3 hour trip to the Oturere valley in horizontal snow and strong winds, the winds almost blowing us over at times, making the journey anything but a breeze. We reached Oturere hut and as again camping was out of the question we spent a cosy night in the hut listening to the wind and snow outside. We were even visited by the descendant of some Australian immigrants but he was soon dispatched by an ice axe wielded by Jamie Thomas.

Day 3 and 30cm of fresh snow lay on the ground, there was some sunshine, though the mountains were still in cloud. East was definitely the place to be. The winds were still blowing hard and with more wind and snow forecast the decision was made to abandon our hopes of getting high to dig snow caves. We ventured for a while up the Oturere valley enjoying the fresh snow and the magical landscape of rock and ice. A couple of groups literally had a ball. Occasional snow showers hit, but the sunshine was also enjoyed at times. Comments like 'What



ROCK CLIMBING AT PARITUTU



OLD WAIHOTHONU HUT



GREG LOCKHART PLANKING

a beautiful day, what a great day to be alive' fell off the students' lips. We returned to the Waihothonu valley and a lovely sheltered campsite by the Waihothonu river. A pleasant but cold night was had under a starlit sky. We were afforded an impressive display of German ingenuity as Josh, Sebastian, and Tobias managed to set up their tent despite leaving their tent poles behind.

Day 4 and the last day of our now shortened trip. More wind and snow and rain forecast. We packed up camp and headed back out into the wind towards the Chateau. Fortunately it was relatively dry till the western side on Tama saddle when the rain showers began again. It was beautiful tramping in the fresh snow in the stunning landscape that has made Tongariro National Park a World Heritage area. On reaching the vans we packed up and headed home.

While we did not achieve all our goals due to the weather it was a memorable experience. Some student comments were...

"yeah it was pretty choice"

"man kann auch ohne zeltstangen eine nacht im freien verbringen"

"Is the moon made of cheese?"



LIQUID MOUNTAINEERING "YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT"

TOPEC 2011

On the 12th September 2011, Mr Hewlett's Year 10 geography class went to TOPEC. For those of you who have not experienced it before, TSB TOPEC is an outdoor adventure camp for secondary school students.

Some regular activities on TOPEC are white-water rafting, hiking, camping in the bush, snow caving, exploring Paritutu rock, climbing on the ropes course and bridge swinging. As well as these off-site activities, TSB TOPEC has a large facility where they are based next to the meeting of the waters. This site contains many cabins to sleep up to eight students as well as a large dining area, high and low ropes course, climbing wall and a large field. This would be our home for the next five days.

On the Monday we were straight into it, with the hour long mud-run then rafting down the Waiwakaiho River. There was plenty of food for dinner and after dishes there was a mean game of spotlight before supper and bed. Tuesday had most groups experience the ropes course and a substantial bush walk. Plenty of rain kept us inside for some skits and games to round out the day. All of the rain meant Wednesday was perfect for a hard day of rafting where we spent upwards of 6 hours on the water. Even the instructors were excited about this, although somewhat apprehensive due to the makeup of some of the boats. This was probably the highlight of the trip for

many with everyone going in the water at different times and some memorable naval battles occurring. On Thursday we were up bright and early as this was the big overnight trip. We hiked up the mountain which took little over an hour and ended with each separate group going to one of the mountains many cabins where we would awake the next morning to find it was sleeting heavily. After making our way through the sleet and snow to the bottom of the mountain, we travelled back to TOPEC where the traditional end of TOPEC 'Friday pie-day' was most gratefully had. We were picked up by friends and family later in the day.

Overall, TOPEC was an amazing and inspiring experience where our class bonded and many new friendships were formed. I would recommend this trip to anyone and everyone who either has a passion for the outdoors or has never experienced these activities before and wants to try something out of their comfort zone.

A big thank you to Mr Dominikovich and Mr Cayzer for looking after us on TOPEC and joining in with us on some of the activities; you are both great sports.

Written by Ethan Taylor
(Year 10)

Wakeboarding Camp 2011



CHRIS KELLY WAKE SURFING



WAKE RAFTING ON KAITUNA

Surfcasting Camp 2011



SURFCASTING

Water Week Camp 2011



SAILING AWAY

Wellington Camp 2011



ALL READY TO GO!

Coromandel Camp 2011



GETTING TO THE SUMMIT

Tongariro Camp 2011



WALKING ON AIR



STREAMBASH WATERFALL

Taupo Camp 2011



END OF WHITE WATER RAFTING



CALM BEFORE WE HIT THE BIG WHITE WATER

Adventure Kayaking Camp 2011



WAITARA WHITE WATER LINE UP

Year 9 School Programme



DANIEL RANGITONGA
BEGINNING HIS ARMED
OFFENDERS TRAINING

Tongariro Camp 2010

I'm Finn Holland and I was one of 18 students who accepted the adventure of Tongariro Camp.

We set out from N.P.B.H.S. in two vans, one which was comfortable and the other, not so much... It was a bit like looking at a Lambo and a muddy Hilux. Anyway the difference in luxury was very apparent. After the long drive we pulled into Tongariro National Park and began a short but fun off-road trip. We set up camp at the end of the roller-coaster of a road at an area that made the paradise islands of the Pacific look like two-star hotels with no swimming pool. We were surrounded by a gorge and steep bush-covered hills that seemed to shield you from the modern world. We were truly at one with nature (however our attempts to use nature (branches) as a clothesline did not go well – clearly nature cannot be bribed).

After setting up camp and scoping out the area, the first activities began. Now abseiling may seem daunting (and credit to those who stepped out of their comfort zone) but once you get the 'hang' of it then it becomes very enjoyable. Sadly it had to end and we continued on to the caving. With Mr. Hewlett leading us through the pitch-black twist and turns we had a thorough experience of life in a confined space, sometimes crawling on our stomachs. We emerged looking quite different to when we entered. Conveniently there was a shoulder deep pool where one could sterilize themselves of any prevailing gravel and wildlife. After shedding ourselves of the caving gear we were treated to a luxury meal from the Hewlett Chateau before turning in for the night.

Next day after breakfast we kicked off early with the gorging trip. The water was breathtakingly cold (breathtaking as in 'Gasp! That's cold!') and even with a 3.2mm wetsuit I could feel the effects. The river we were tubing was honestly the most serene location I've ever experienced. After thoroughly warming up and getting into dry gear we were briefed on our next activity. It was a group of challenges which lead to a chest of 'gold bars' which, for some reason, were wrapped in foil with 'Dairymilk Crunchie' written on them. Our team quite literally thrashed the other team.

The time had come to pack up and move to the Tongariro Holiday Park family campground. Before dinner that night we took a brief trip to Te Kooti's last stand we re-discovered a geo-cache and learned a great deal about Maori warfare. After dinner we hit the sack knowing that tomorrow we would be climbing to the summit of Mount Tongariro.

Waking early we left the campground, driving to the Mount, passing Ruapehu before arriving at the beginning of the eight hour walk to the summit. The first half hour or so was just a well kept path through tussock which gave way to a boardwalk over a small network over streams flowing from the Soda Springs. After a short break we began the next leg of the journey, up many flights of steps which ploughed through a solidified lava flow from the adjacent Ngaruahoe. At the top of this climb

we rested before entering out onto the plateau upon which we branched off, rather than following the Tongariro Crossing. We climbed onto a ridge which led up to the summit. Along the way we found a cool, refreshing spring surrounded by greenery, large areas of snow and in one particular place an area where we accidentally dislodged some unsettlingly large boulders. At the grand summit of Tongariro we took a break for lunch enjoying the triumphant feeling. The trek down was far more steady going, although it had its fair share of interesting views and encounters, including the remarkable view from the red crater lookout point from which we could see the dyke of red crater, blue lake and the green lakes. When we descended once again to the plateau we edged off slightly veering toward the seasonal lake for a quick look before moving on to an area of snow where we had a short but hilarious snow fight. Some of us ran ahead, down the lava flow of Ngaruahoe which bought William, Kale and I time to check out the Soda Springs, a small spring with a waterfall that formed hundreds of streams that laced in and out of one another resulting in an intricate network of water, surrounded by thriving, insane greenery. Back over the boardwalk we went and back through the tussock to our awaiting vans.

It had been an exhilarating day full of sights, sounds and epic experiences leaving us thoroughly satisfied. We had Pizza Hut for dinner that evening, heading down to some soothing natural hot springs. It was a relaxing end to an active day. But more was to come.

Our next activity was white water rafting along the Grade 3 rapids of the Tongariro River. It was an exhilarating ride with our raft at times veering sideways over hidden rocks to as much as a 45 degree angle before sliding off with an inappropriate wallop. At the end of our fantastic journey we said goodbye to our faithful rubber transports and boarded the vans back to the campground.

On to Rock N' Ropes. This was pure heaven for height addicts. All the courses were imaginative and pushed you to achieve namely the Leap of Faith and Ricketty Bridge. These involved leaping off a 30ft wooden pole which swayed in the wind and a swinging bridge of small planks with no hand holds. Daunting stuff but well worth the experience. Lastly of course was the famous Giant Swing. From a platform 20m high you were expected to leap, experiencing about a second of freefall before the cable you attached to went taut and you swung low before flying skyward, yelling in happiness. Mr. Dobbie apparently had little confidence on this activity so we all lay underneath as he leapt. This activity also scored several great action shots.

That marked the last activity of Tongariro Camp. Several other small activities along the way included two climbing venues with one that had a room full of walls that were 15m high.

The week was truly a magnificent week with its thrills and spills.

Written By Finn Holland

International Students

The 2011 year has been one of consolidation and growth, to ensure the Department continues to have the infrastructure and systems in place, and therefore be able to comply with Ministry of Education Code of practice regulations.

The year started with an influx of Nie Vanuatu boys with six new enrolments - Roggery Vari (yr 12), Peterson Chichirua (yr 12), Vince Kalsakau (yr 10), Aquila Kalsakau (yr 10), Matai Kaltabang (yr 10) and Gilmore Kaltongga (yr 9). All of these boys were accommodated in our Hostel.

Three new boys arrived from Thailand as well. These were Raksit Prasitkusol (yr 9) and Potchara Suwannachai (yr 9) both from Vajiravudh College, here just for 1 year, (hostel accommodated) and Pun Thepkunhanimit (yr 9) who was homestayd. (Janette Theobald)

NPBHS also welcomed Jayden Kim (yr 9) from Korea (homestayd with his designated caregiver sister Julia Kim) and Josh Meyer (yr 12 from Germany, homestayd with Hamish Mitchell and Rebecca Douds).

These 11 new enrolments meant we started the year with a roll of 17 International students. At the end of Term 2 we farewelled our first ever German International student, Raffael Schlueter (homestayd with John and Jean Bennetts) who returned to Germany after spending a full year here (he arrived mid year in 2010).

We also gained 3 new German students at this time. Christian Schellhaas (yr 11, homestayd with Shona Lahood), Tobias Brimmers (yr 12, homestayd with Nita Hutchinson and Aaron Lock) and Sebastian Hamacher (yr 12, homestayd with Judith Van Kooten).

This meant our numbers were now at 19 International students and this remained our roll throughout the rest of the year.

It is now time to farewell the following. Makeili Dennis (yr 13 from Fiji) who has spent his formative years here, becoming a first XV member and prefect in the hostel this year, and Champion Kalsakau (yr 13) who was a member of the Boarders' Rugby team, and who has had his senior years of education here.

Raksit Prasitkusol and Potchara Suwannachai also leave and will continue their education at Vajiravudh College in Thailand and finally, Jayden Kim who is moving to Auckland due to his sister's promotion.

We wish all leavers success in whatever endeavours or further education you get involved in and thank you for your contribution to the diversity of experiences here at NPBHS.

During the year, Mr Gledhill as Director, attended the 3-day ANZA workshop in the Gold Coast where agents from around the world gather so that NZ schools can promote their services to attract new enrolments.

Mr Gledhill and Murray Grimwood (Ex Senior Hostel Master) also spent 4 days in Port Vila (Vanuatu) in September to meet with the Board members of the Ifira trustees (sponsors of our ni-Vanuatu boys), parents of existing students, Old Boys who had once attended NPBHS and were hostel accommodated, and parents of prospective new enrolments.

This was a very successful visit and it was an important opportunity to build and cement relationships within the community of Vanuatu.

During the year, the new teaching block which is now the home for the International Dept was completed and by term four, the office was being set up and a new appointment made for next year (Mrs Shirley Rowe) who will assist in the management / administration of our International students with specific responsibility for the homestays and administration and for the teaching of ESOL.

At this time I would also like to thank those families who hosted our Hostel International students during the regular 2 week holiday breaks throughout the year, and to the full year homestay host families who have given our International students many opportunities and new experiences. This is most appreciated and valued and I do hope you will continue to make yourself available to host our students in future years.

Although most of our International students sit NCEA exams, two of our German boys are not, and as part of their end of

year program, Hamish Mitchell (a loyal Old Boy) who is also a host parent for Josh Meyer, has been providing farm experiences over a 3 week period for Tobias Brimmers and Sebastian Hamacher for a couple days for each boy each week. A big thank you to you Hamish.

The Rugby World Cup also allowed NPBHS the opportunity to shout our ni-Vanuatu boys a seat at the USA v Ireland match at Yarrows stadium, which was most appreciated by all.

As we look ahead to 2012, I can report, as at the time of writing, that invoices have been forwarded to 16 new enrolments. We are expecting six from Vanuatu, three from Japan, two from Germany, two from Thailand, one from Chile, one from Malaysia and one from China.

This is a promising sign and we look forward to welcoming the new intake of International students next year.

The international students of 2011 have all immersed themselves in the life of NPBHS, have been involved in sporting and cultural activities and have enjoyed their time here. We encourage those leaving to keep in touch with your school and to those returning, may you continue to find our school a neat and worthwhile experience.

Kevin Gledhill
Director International Students NPBHS



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2011
BACK ROW: SEBASTIAN HAMACHER, JOSHUA MEYER, AQUILA KALSAKAU
SECOND ROW: MR KEVIN GLEDHILL (DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS), ROGGERY VARI, ERIC KALTEREKIA, MATAI KALTABANG, CHRISTIAN SCHELLHAAS, TOBIAS BRIMMERS, POTCHARA SUWANNACHAI, PETERSON CHICHIRUA, VINCE KALSAKAU
FRONT ROW: FACUNDO SANTA CRUZ, PUN THEPKUNHANIMIT, DANIEL PARK, MAIKELI DENNIS, CHAMPION KALSAKAU, ANDREW KALT ONGGA, RAKSIT PRASITKUSOL, GILMOUR KALTONGGA
ABSENT: JAYDEN KIM

Hey!

I am Tobias aged 17yrs and from Germany.

I have been in New Zealand five months now.

I like it every time I do new things. New Plymouth Boys' High is a great school with very many nice students and teachers. A new thing for me was "Boarders", they are pretty cool. The city New Plymouth is also well pretty cool. It's not too big, but not too small. There are many opportunities to do.

I have had other great experiences like working on a farm. It's quite different to German farms. They are way bigger and have heaps of sheep and cows.

I still like New Zealand and I do look forward to my next half year.

Cheers!

Written by Tobias Brimmers
Year 12



School Trips



included snorkelling off Phi Phi Island, sea canoeing in the Phang Nga National Park. Elephant Trekking and visiting the Phuket Zoo. It gave us a great opportunity to see our Tourism development case study

After five amazing nights we picked up our freshly made suits, packed our bags full of bounty from the markets, said our goodbyes, or in many cases 'I'll-be-back's' and began our 24 hours of ruthless travel back home to New Zealand.

All in all, this trip was an experience that we will never forget. Thanks must go out to Mr Wisnewski and the Mums for their supervision and always comedic comments, and huge thanks must go to Mr Russell for his organisation of this whole trip. Korp khun krup, Sawatdee krup.

Geography Trip to Thailand

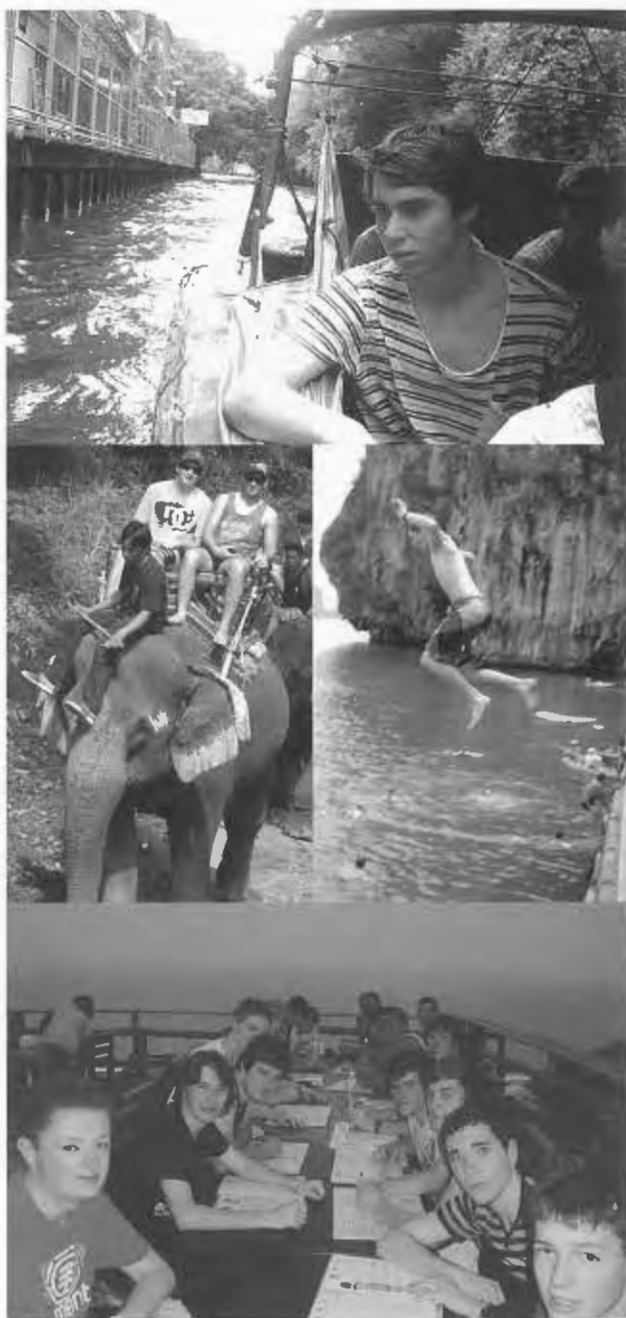
On the morning of July 12, 16 tired students, Mr Wisnewski, Mr Russell and four ladies departed in convoy en route to Auckland to begin the much anticipated geography trip to Thailand 2011.

After over 10 hours of flight time we touched down at Bangkok Airport at 9pm. Mr Russell then arranged our transfers on the new high speed rail link that connects the airport with the city. While exiting the train station we were greeted by a solid 32 degree heat which left some gasping and cursing. We were very fortunate that our hotel was 100m from one the stations. We carried and pulled our bags over the rough and uneven curbing to our hotel.

When we finally arrived at our hotel we were ready for bed. By morning we couldn't wait to get outside and take in all that Bangkok had to offer. The highlights of Bangkok would be the Wat Poh and Wat Arun temples which outlined a lot of the traditions and religious beliefs of the Thai people, the view of the endless city from the 87th floor of the tallest building in Bangkok. On the second day Mr Russell challenged us to race across Bangkok using only public transport and getting information from certain check points along the way. It was a great way to explore the city and it forced us to communicate with the locals with our limited Thai to find our way.

Pat Pong Road was also an experience for its crazy markets surrounded by sad side of Bangkok. Tuk-Tuks Taxis were the fastest way of getting around this bustling city and advice from Mr Russell to keep all parts of the anatomy inside was definitely valuable.

After four nights in Bangkok we flew down to Phuket Island to spend the remaining days at Kata beach. While in Phuket we were involved in some life-changing activities. Some of which



Vietnam 2011

The trip provided us with both a great cultural and educational experience, which we will remember for the rest of our lives.

The Vietnam War (or as the Vietnamese call it, the American War) which we would have only have experienced through the pages of a text book, was made all the more real, not only by the battle sites and building we had learnt about, such as the Reunification Palace, Chi Chi Tunnels, and 'Hanoi Hilton'; but also more subtly, such as the bullet holes that peppered many buildings, the odd concrete bunker, and some of the people there, who had fought for their liberation against colonialism.

Viewing the Chi Chi Tunnels, you had to have respect for the men who dug them. The 100 metres of expanded, yet still very narrow tunnels that we crawled along was only one small part of a kilometres long network, which even stretched beneath an American airbase. Having to live underground in the humidity, darkness and sweltering heat combined with adrenaline, would have driven most people in these conditions insane, but not the Viet Cong. Through these tunnels, which shows the hardship, determination and innovation of the local people, it is obvious



DERELICT AMERICAN TANK AT CHI CHI TUNNELS

why American troops trained in conventional warfare failed to beat them. Unfortunately, the likes of Afghanistan show that America has not learnt their lessons from Vietnam by continuing to misunderstand some of the local people and conditions.

The trip also provided us with a great cultural understanding of a non-Western culture. For me, this trip was the first time I have ever left New Zealand, so it was a brand new experience for me. Now, after the end of the trip, it is amusing to think back to what the group was like our first night in Vietnam; on our way to our hotel from the Ho Chi Minh City airport, we had our cameras out, moving from one side of the bus to the other, amazed at the Saigon traffic. Thousands of scooters drove past us, with whole families all riding on a single scooter. Road rules were more simply guidelines and as we soon discovered, pedestrian crossing are purely there for aesthetic reasons. Even towards the end of the trip, when we had become accustomed to the Vietnamese traffic, we would still be amazed when we saw scooters transporting cabinets, piles of merchandise and even one carrying 5 or 6 live pigs.

It was amazing, however how open Vietnam is to the west, especially the Americans and the French, considering the fact they had fought against two nations so passionately over 40 years ago. The influence of these two countries is still too large in this country. American dollars are more popular than the native Vietnamese Dong. If a street vendor even thought you had some US\$ on you, then they would be relentless in trying to make a sale.

French architecture can be seen all over the country, while most of the food is a mix between traditional Vietnamese and cuisine from France and other European nations. One of the most enjoyable experiences of this trip was the food. Some of the food we ate, such as the beef, pork, seafood, spring rolls and noodle dishes, we are familiar with in New Zealand, but they are nowhere near as nice as they are in Vietnam. I also took

the opportunity to explore food further, experiencing more interesting Vietnamese and European food, including deep-fried frog, ostrich steak (which I have to say is far more nicer than a New Zealand beef steak), boiled silkworm cocoons, fried crickets, buffalo and the very nice snake wine. Others in the group also tried snails and pigeon. Having come back to New Zealand, food becomes disappointing and is one of the biggest things which I miss about Vietnam.

Although it would be impossible for me to choose a favourite highlight of the trip, one of the many would have to be our stay in the seaside town of Hoi An which, with a total population of 120,000, was the smallest of the places we visited and provided us with a chance to relax and enjoy walking around the towns quiet streets. It was a much needed contrast to Saigon (with a population of 7 million) and Nha Trang (with a population of 350,00). Our stay in Hoi An's old quarter was amazing and unlike anywhere that can be found in New Zealand. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, Hoi An, once a busy trading port for the Chinese and Japanese from the 15th to the 19th centuries, has essentially escaped outside influences and development for the past 200 years. Untouched by the war, walking through the street was like walking through the past that predates the establishment of New Zealand, especially at night when the town and river is lit up by handmade lanterns and floating candles.

This trip has been an amazing opportunity and it has left me with a strong appreciation for Vietnamese culture and history.



SIMON JONES IN THE TUNNELS AT CHI CHI

It has also provided a different perspective of the war and what effects war can have on a country. This is a trip that I'll never forget and one day I would love to visit Vietnam again.

Written by Nathaniel Manning



ABOVE: HAKA ON BOAT AT NHA TRANG. BELOW: HOI AN BEACH

World School Forum Italy, October 2011

This year World School's Forum (13 – 26 October) was held in Italy because of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and, appropriately, the theme for the Forum was "Rebuilding from Disaster".

The boys selected to attend were Matthew Bayly, Ben Liston and Adrian Robb who really appreciated the fact, as Latin students, that the forum was in Italy. We spent the first week of the school holidays, before the start of the forum, travelling and looking at historical sights in Rome, Pompeii and Florence. The chief highlights were visiting the Colosseum, the Pantheon, Mt Vesuvius, Pompeii, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Uffizi Gallery. We also enjoyed all the guided tours we went on, even if we got frustrated at times, when the 'Hop On and Off' buses we were using, would not stop for us at the places shown on their maps. From this, we gained a true appreciation of drivers in Rome, who did actually slam on their brakes, as we rushed across five or six lanes of traffic. It brought to mind a comment by one of Rome's taxi drivers that 'driving in Rome was an art form'.

The forum was attended by 24 countries, and hosted by the school ITC E.Tosi in Busto, an industrial city about half an hour's travel from Milan. To take the pressure off the school's daily routines, the first four days of the forum were held at a conference centre at Lake Garda. Here the boys gave their presentation on New Zealand, and on the Christchurch earthquake and its aftermath. This turned out to be quite significant as Japan seemed to be the only disaster this year, that most of those attending World School had heard about. Italian civil defence people, representatives from UNICEF and from the Red Cross gave very interesting talks on disasters and the strategies used to cope with them.

Officials from the Italian Ministry of Education attended the forum as observers and joined us on a day trip to Venice, returning to Rome with us on an overnight bus trip. The friendly banter of the schools from Australia, South Africa, England and New Zealand over who would, or who deserved to win the Rugby World Cup, was a source of much amusement on board our bus. Needless to say Bus 2, our bus, gained the reputation of being the best bus to be in, even if not much sleep was to be had. We visited Rome again and then the town of L'Aquila, which had suffered a monumental earthquake in 2009. The Italians have the philosophy of rebuilding historical landmarks, like cathedrals. Consequently these buildings are secured with scaffolding (made of plastic) with domes supported by an Italian invention called the "octopus" whose tentacles lock over them. Money to repair the buildings, the Italians believe, will come with time, a marked comparison to Christchurch.

For the rest of the forum we were home-stayed in Busto. It was interesting to be part of an Italian family for even a short time. I am sure, most students formed strong, enduring bonds of



OUR DISPLAY STAND AT WORLD SCHOOL



MATTHEW BAYLY LEADING A GROUP DISCUSSION

friendship with their families, as they similarly did with the delegates to World School. The official language for the forum is always English, but those who did not have English as their first language, especially those from China, India, Korea and Indonesia spoke superbly in their presentations, seminars and debates. Some of these debates were televised in Milan, Ben Liston being part of that, when he had to deliver his group's point of view on renewable energy.

During the forum ITC E. Tosi had an open day at which every school had to repeat its presentation or performance, that had previously been given in Busto's Town Hall. Our students performed the Haka, much to the delight of the many Italian visitors. Each school displayed a stand about their country and school. We had the Australian group next to ours, so enjoyed the vegemite and biscuits they had on offer, even if, in return, we had to share our pineapple lumps and chocolate fish!

Our group was the last to leave on the long trip home, having to sit all day in the airport at Milan waiting for our 10pm flight. We were also the very last ones to get home to our own families. It was a long way to go but it was extremely memorable.

Mrs Margaret Atkinson

Space School Houston, July 2011

I was fortunate enough to be selected for Space School in 2011. Space School was set up to provide students from around the world with an insight into the Space industry.

NPBHS and NPGHS secured the opportunity to represent NZ. The selection process involved an application letter and interview. Strengths in Mathematics and Science were prerequisites to applying.

On Saturday the 23rd of July, I left New Plymouth to fly to Houston. I arrived in Houston at around 10pm and was met by a representative from Space School before arriving at my host family's house at midnight. Space school is based at the University of Houston Clearlake (UHCL). There were 38 students spread over 18 different countries. Everyone was interviewed and put in five different teams. I was in the Red Team and elected team leader. We were in charge of getting from lower Earth orbit, to Mars and back.

Most days started at 8am, finishing at 5pm. There was then either a host family night or a social event organized at 7pm.

Each of the teams were dedicated a room in the University where they would work from for the following week and a half. We had a technician speak about the space suit and there was one on show for us to look at. Nicole Stott, a former astronaut, spoke about her experiences into space and her husband spoke about space law.

Another guest speaker spoke about nanotechnology in the space industry and a woman from Virgin Galactic, Richard Branson's company, talked about commercial space travel. We visited two commercial space industries who are trying to develop space tourism. One working lunch we had a speaker who was a retired mission controller for NASA. He was working when they successfully returned Apollo 13 back to Earth in a state of emergency. Following that we spent the day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

One real highlight was that we were able to radio call the International Space Station (ISS). We only had a 15 minute slot, as the ISS was passing, 360km overhead at that time. Ten students were elected to ask specific questions of the ISS Captain. One interesting fact was that one Earth day (24 hrs) is equal to 16 days on the ISS.

That evening we went to a soccer game, the Houston Dynamos vs the Seattle Sounders. Houston won 3-1.

One cultural highlight was the culture fair. There was delicious food from all countries. After lunch everyone performed something unique from their country. I did the Haka to represent NZ, which was well appreciated. We were also taught Scottish dancing from Scotland and line dancing from the USA. We also attended a baseball game, which was a real USA experience.

In the second week we had the opportunity to tour around the

Galveston Medical Centre as well as the Johnson Space Centre. We got to see old mission control rooms, real space craft and many more testing and practice facilities. They also showed us where the astronauts train. It is the world's biggest indoor pool, at 12.2m deep, about 70m long and 40m wide. In the pool is a full mock up of the ISS (International Space Centre), which gives Astronauts the ability to train in similar conditions to space.

Towards the end of the second week we had a presentation on robotics. These robots are essential to space exploration to provide valuable information prior to human ventures. We spent considerable time working in teams on our power-point presentations, built our model space shuttle and lander and worked on the lyrics for our team song, based on 'hot and cold' by Katy Perry. We drove out to the country for star-gazing. It was a beautiful clear night with several large telescopes set up in a field. One of the highlights of Space School was seeing the rings of Saturn through one of the biggest telescopes in the world.

Saturday, 6th August was the day of the final team presentations. The Yellow Team started by talking about mission control. The Maroon Team talked about their space elevator from the surface to lower Earth orbit. My team then talked about getting from lower Earth orbit, to Mars, and back. The Green Team talked about their habitat on the Martian surface and finally the Blue Team talked about their rovers and experiments on Mars.



THOMAS BURRELL MEETS HIS FIRST SPACE SUIT

Sunday, 7th August was the final day of Space School and the day of graduation. The Chairman of UHCL began with a speech, which included telling us we are all guaranteed entrance into the University. Each team went up and were awarded their graduation certificates. Each of the five team leaders then had lists of names to read out, thanking everyone involved. We finished with a dinner and a video of the past two weeks. It was then time to say our final goodbyes.

Space School was a great experience. The number of different cultures and diverse learning will stay with me forever. I made many lifelong friendships and it has broadened my perspective with regard to career options.

Global Youth Leaders' Congress Washington July 2011

On 17 July the three of us, Miles White, Jasper Stevenson-Bone and myself, Hayden Wood, left New Plymouth airport bound for the United States of America to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC and New York.

Little did we know at the time that we were about to embark on one of the most life changing experiences. After a total of 17 hours flying, with a night stop in LA, we arrived in Washington where we were checked into our hotel and divided into one of eight assigned country groups. Within each group were 25 students from all corners of the globe, each and every one of us from different backgrounds and experiences to share and as a result we began making friends instantly. Throughout the conference we listened to highly regarded speakers from the Department of State, the UN, and other global organisations. Each speaker helped give us a perspective on, and form opinions about, global issues facing our world today. Because of this, the way we look at the world today has changed. In the leadership group meetings for our country groups we were briefed on the day ahead, and shared and discussed ideas on the topics raised by the guest speakers. Armed with the speaker's advice, we participated in simulations concerning global issues which included politics of trade and peace and security to create resolutions and come to an agreement on these global issues.

On to New York, where, after a 5 hour bus ride, stopping in Philadelphia, the birth place of US democracy, we were greeted by the programme co-ordinator for an orientation of Manhattan College, our home for the next five days where we would quite literally get a taste of university life. After a full-on week with some starts as early as 7 am and finishing at 10 pm, the simulations culminated in a global summit held at the UN headquarters in New York. Here delegates spoke on behalf of their country, voicing their opinions on matters facing the world today such as human rights, health, and peace and security, where solutions were suggested and motions passed on these important topics. As a result, we gained a unique perspective

I would like to thank NPBHS, particularly Mr McLellan for his support and selection. I would also like to thank my host family in Houston for their hospitality, my teachers and New Plymouth public for supporting my raffle and the following sponsors who made the trip possible by assisting financially.

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THE AMBASSADOR, JASPER STEVENSON-BONE, MILES WHITE, HAYDEN WOOD, AND THE MAYOR HARRY DUYNHOVEN

on how such issues are solved and gained many leadership skills that will be of benefit in the future.

Beside the academic work of the conference, we had plenty of time to take in the many famous sites and landmarks around Washington, DC and New York City. In the capital these included the WWII, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials along with the famous Georgetown district, Department of State, the Holocaust and Smithsonian Museums, Capitol Hill and a photo opportunity outside the White House. In New York, we visited Times Square, Chinatown, 5th Avenue, where we saw the show "Mary Poppins" on Broadway, Ellis Island and the UN Head Office. The conference was an amazing experience to be part of and a lifetime opportunity where we all gained skills, knowledge and friendships that will last a lifetime. It would not have been possible without the assistance of the school, in particular, Mr Heaps, whose extra time and effort to organise everything made our trip possible. We would also like to thank our families, particularly our parents, who have not only supported us along the way but given us this great opportunity.

Written by Hayden Wood, Jasper Stevenson-Bone and Miles White

Queens

"Please Tom, she's the one," Will said, surprisingly calm for one looking at the barrel of a gun, "I love her, man."

Tom lowered the gun and looked away, long sun-streaked hair falling over his dark eyes. "We've been through this before, Will, she hates you."

"So? Hate and love are both attractions. You can turn hate into love, or at least I can."

"True" came Tom's curt reply, as he brought the stock back to his shoulder.

"Aw don't be like this, man, please. You know I'm right."

"Oh? How so?"

"She hasn't always hated me," a touch of fear crept into Will's voice, "We used to be close; used to be a couple. I guess you could even call it love."

"Will, that was years ago. You've done a lot to her since then. Caused too many tears." Tom's voice grew cold, the barrel of the gun never wavering.

Will looked down; hiding the sorrow in his storm-grey eyes, "I never meant to hurt her," his voice barely above a whisper, "I didn't realise what I was doing, I didn't know my Gift. Had I known, I would never have taken advantage of her like I did. I was stupid."

"Yeah, you got that one right." The gun shifted slightly, always keeping track of its target.

"Why are we doing this, man? There are other ways!" Will's voice was strong, but weighed down with worry.

"No. There's your way, or my way. And if you can't remember, we tried your way. So much for 'I can work attractions'," a crooked, quirky grin appeared. "We almost died! I hadn't had so much fun in years!"

"Yeah, well try being the one they were shooting at!" Will almost laughed, see if you're still having fun then."

"Bullets is easy," said Tom shrugging, "It's those damn slow-motion swordsmen that are annoying. Anyway, why did your way fail? You were so certain it could work."

Will ran his hands through his spiky black hair and sighed impatiently. "That wasn't hate I felt, Tom, it was loathing. That isn't attraction. Hate, you need the contact. Reminds you why you hate it I guess. But loathing... Fuck you could be on the far side of the System and it would be just as strong."

"Okay, okay. I get the point already," Tom cut in impatiently, "which means we do it my way."

"Your way sucks."

"My way works."

He fired, and watched the body fall lifeless to the ground as the echoes rocked through the clearing.

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"Honestly Liz, never trust a man who says he loves you." Gemma strode down the gaudy corridors of the mansion which for the past ten years had been her home and prison; knee length heeled boots sending echoes like gunshots from the marble tiled floor, loose ringlets of blonde hair dancing about pale blue eyes. "What they really mean," she said with a voice resigned to being listened to and obeyed without question, "Is they love what we do." She booted open an ornate panelled door to the wincing of servants, "And," she turned abruptly to Liz who stood in shock at her ladies tirade, "That we keep doing it."

With that she flung herself into an armchair, one of many in the room, and stared impatiently at a second door with crossed arms and a look of calculated malice that would have caused any men present to strategically shift positions for better protection. "Honestly, men's hearts contain only one thing," she raised an eyebrow, "I don't you agree?"

Liz stared in shock for a moment. "If...if you say so ma'am. But personally I think there is love in men's hearts, and besides..." she stopped suddenly, blushing furiously.

"You spend too much time with Tom," laughed Gemma, "No, I don't blame you. He is gorgeous isn't he?" she added slyly. Then she laughed. A youthful, bubbly laugh, and with it went all traces of anger from her fine features.

"Come now, stop blushing! Honestly, Liz, you've bedded with Tom! I would think very little could surprise you after that." Still giggling quietly, Gemma studied Liz while she struggled to reply. She was pretty; easy to see why Tom liked her. Short. Shorter than her at least. A slight, delicate frame, but well-curved, even though she tried to hide it. Storm grey eyes, straight dark hair and a face to kill for. And her Gift... She sighed, "They should be back by now. I would never admit to them, but I'm worried. Especially for Will. It costs him so much whenever he uses is Gift. Do you think this plan was right? Could it end the Match? Once and for all, I mean."

Liz paused, lines of thought aging her pretty face. "It ends when one Queen only still stands." She spoke softly. "You know that. If Will and Tom succeed there will be three Queens left, counting you. It's been five years since any Queens fought. The others may be unprepared for conflict, but it will take more than one death, Maya's death, to end this completely."

"I know," whispered Gemma, pain clouding her eyes, "I just hope that it will end with as few as possible. Maya's death should throw her Hive into an uproar, and if we have any luck that uproar will be taken out on the other two Queens."

"So that's why you always stayed from conflict!" Liz's eyes widened in understanding. "All those years, it's been for this!" She stood and began pacing the room. "All those fights that could have increased our standing, all those retreats that made us seem weak, it was all a façade!"

Gemma smiled wryly. "Exactly. While every other Queen wasted their best troops, we saved them. And we have the two top Hunters. If my plan succeeds, we all go free with minimal blood on our hands."

Then she smiled. "Talk of the Devil! Tom, Will, I know you're

Deception

Victor Payne sat at the desk in his office and thought. Several questions flashed through his mind, and with them came potential solutions. Victor Payne was a very intelligent man. He was also very patient. It was the main reason he had got to where he was today. He would not rush this decision, just as he had not rushed the many hundreds of decisions before this one. Payne leant back, sinking lower in his specially designed chair. He closed his eyes, his brain whirring into gear, relishing the exercise of his intellect. He remained this way, contemplating the most immediate problem while the hour hand on the clock completed three full rotations. Finally Victor Payne reached his conclusion. He pushed the intercom button on his desk and gave the order. "Bring him in."

John Archer was dragged into the office of Victor Payne with five minutes left to live. He stood for a second, swaying in the harsh light of the office, before collapsing to his knees, where rough hands grabbed his shoulders to keep him there. Archer was in a bad state. His thick brown hair was stuck to his forehead and matted with congealed blood. A large yellow-purple bruise adorned his left cheek, while his right cheek was slashed open in a large gash, from which crimson red blood oozed down into the five-day stubble on his jaw. Further down it could be seen that he was missing the fingernails on both hands, which had been replaced with dried blood. His right arm hung limp and useless at his side, bent at a funny angle. His usually bright eyes faded as he drifted in and out of consciousness. His deathly pale face was beaded with sweat and masked with pain.

"You continue to disappoint me Mr Archer." Victor Payne spoke barely above a whisper yet the words were perfectly clear. "I was told that to bring you here would be the answer to my problems, yet you have been of no assistance to me."

Again Archer heard the cold clear voice of his captor. Archer was still to catch a glimpse of him - even now he sat concealed in a large chair with his back to the audience. Yet Archer had heard him many times over the last few days - or was it weeks? The cold voice that spoke from the shadows while his henchmen set to work desecrating Archer's body. Always calm, always questioning, always bringing pain.

"Mr Archer." The cold voice spoke once more, and Archer

listening at the door! Come in and share your exploits. We are waiting..." These last three words contained a subtle poison, one that if the listener didn't obey instantly would become a lot less subtle, and a lot more painful.

"I told you she would know!" came Will's muffled voice, obviously furious.

Gemma rolled her eyes at Liz, "Men..." she sighed.

Written by Sam McComb

1st Prize

emerged from his haze. "I ask you again, where is Jack Taylor?" Archer stayed silent, his mouth shut in defiance. Payne sighed. All his life he had been given what he wanted. Denial was a stranger to him, and Victor Payne did not take kindly to strangers. Slowly, Payne rose from his chair, and turned around to face his prisoner.

Archer gasped with shock. The man in front of him looked like a creature from a nightmare. Clearly he had been involved in a horrific accident. Terrible burns covered most of his face, the purple and red cicatrice ruining his once handsome features. His head was completely hairless, his scalp bald and scarred, and even his eyebrows had been scorched off. Archer also noticed with fresh horror that the man had no ears. All that remained were small, shrivelled lumps of flesh. One of the man's eyes was dull and lifeless, however the other eye was brilliant blue, fixing Archer with an unblinking stare. The man had a hooked nose, and his mouth drawn back in a sneer, revealing a set of crooked yellow teeth. He was dressed in a jet black suit, shirt and tie, and his shoes had been polished until they resembled shiny black mirrors. He was tall and slim, yet Archer could see strength in the wide shoulders and wiry arms. He was also slightly hunchbacked. Overall, Archer thought to himself, the man bore a remarkably strong resemblance to a vulture.

Payne moved forward until he was in front of his desk, and despite his disfigurements he moved with the ease of a man in total control of his movements. Finally, he opened his mouth to speak again.

"Even my patience has limits Mr Archer. Tell me what I want to know now, before it is too late."

Archer noticed that the cold voice was slightly louder this time, slightly sharper in tone. He also knew that he could not answer even if he had wanted to. The sight of the nightmare man before him had brought back the pain, crashing over him in huge waves. His shattered arm in particular screamed at him in overwhelming agony. Archer knew that he was drifting perilously close to unconsciousness again, and the next time the nightmare man spoke the cold voice seemed to be coming from very far away.

"Mr Archer, for the last time, where is Jack Taylor!"

Archer felt a sharp pain in the back of his head as one of his

guards cracked him with an open palm, encouraging him to answer. This new pain was enough to take Archers breath away, but, almost absurdly, he gave a faint smile. If they thought that more physical punishment would unlock the information that the nightmare man so desperately sought, they were sadly mistaken. With the last of his strength, he looked the nightmare man straight in the eye and spat out three simple words "Go to hell."

Pilled Cardigans & Tartan Slippers

As I slowly open my eyes, I feel the burden of old age crash over me like a dangerous wave. The cold feeling of embarrassment as my ridiculously wrinkly hands stroke the exterior of my face – waking up on the morning of my 80th birthday. I remember back to the days with no arthritis, no pills and no walking stick. I glance over at my husband and see his lips jump up and down but all I hear is the high pitched squeal of my hearing aid. Gone are the days where I had enough strength to go for a walk or even make a meal for visitors. But my mind is still agile enough to reminisce about the good old days over an earl grey tea and a biscuit.

People our age are notorious for being absent-minded and ignorant. If only people knew what we thought. We don't have a say – our old-age vote doesn't reach the ballot box. Our opinions are worthless in the realm of the modern world. 80 long years and they can't see all that our generation has to offer. Our pilled cardigans and tartan slippers don't express who we are. Our interior feelings are as strong as ever, just because the hair is grey and the face is wrinkled, people don't have faith in our capabilities.

What they don't realise is this that we don't like the baggage of being old either. But living for 80 years has its advantages and disadvantages – we have lived through wars, economic depressions, and losing loved ones – but we have come out the other side and we have gained strength through the tough experiences. These immeasurable lessons are those achieved only through conquering the rough storms that many years of life has thrown at us. Yet the younger generation still dreads the 'horrible feeling' when they wake up on their 80th birthday. But along the way we have been shaped by our surroundings and strengthened by the rocky roads we travel on – they don't understand how proud we are when our grandson scores a goal or our granddaughter tells us she loves us. They don't understand how rich the feeling of satisfaction is when you make someone smile... if only they had experienced what we have and take another look at themselves, then they might get a grip on society, a grip on the real world.

So I lie here, thoughtful and thankful for 80 memorable years and hope I have a few more yet to come, and the opportunity to make a difference to today's generation.

Written by Thomas Fletcher, Yr 9

Victor Payne seemed to pause for a moment, as if he was weighing up his options. He then gave the men guarding Archer an almost imperceptible nod. A split second later John Archer pitched forward, his eyes unseeing, dead before he hit the floor.

Five thousand miles away, on a sleepy London morning, Jack Taylor awoke with a start.

**Written by James McDougall
2nd Prize**

The Journey

Dirt and pebbles crunch beneath my weary feet as they scuff along the leafy path. I am walking through a high-built, green-walled cathedral, lonely, silent and dark except for the occasional finger of amber light poking through the canopy. It is a mystery to me now why I am tramping along this path, yet only a few hours ago it seemed so clear. For, overcome by curiosity, like a kitten, I had hours earlier strayed from the main way along this unmarked and unfamiliar road. I did not know where this road would take me, and thus the magnet of the unknown pulled me along.

Kept in company by the scant comfort of my own solitude I march on, lured by the mysteries of the undiscovered. Left foot in front of right foot, right in front of left, the monotonous rhythm runs, tough and insipid like a flavourless piece of overcooked chicken.

To start with I was enjoying my isolation in the wilderness but now the aimless meanderings of the track are no more original than perfect straightness. I halt. What should I do? Turn back? Defy the dangers of the now-setting sun and plunge on ahead?

Emotion tussles with reason in my mind; now this one, now that one rolling on top of the other. Finally, emotion prevails and stifles my rationality, and I proceed, more determined than ever now to reach the goal I cannot see. I speed up my energy, my energy renewed by the resolution of my uncertainty. My objective is far from the sight of my eyes, yet quite within the grasp of my mind.

No sooner do I resolve my own indecision than the track itself straightens, its direction clear. It climbs steadily, yet I feel so light I could just as easily be gliding as climbing. My curiosity is about to be fulfilled my journey complete.

The track levels, flat at its end. What awaits me?

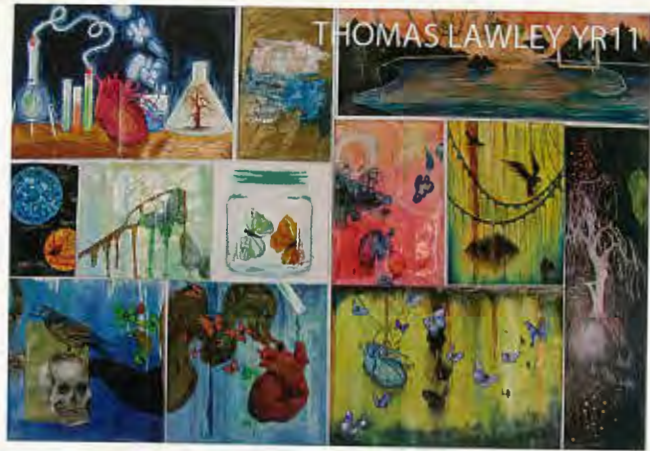
All of a sudden I freeze, feeling like a heavy stone statue sinking slowly down through a deep pit of glutinous quick sand, struck by the realisation that fate has been toying with me this whole time. There, standing cold, unfeeling, hard, impassable, like a high brick wall, silently mocking me, is a dead end.

Written by Allan Ansell, Yr11



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 Row 10: Brody Schultz, Ben Mrowinski, Jesse Watt, Billy Rodenburg, Donald Otterson, Martin Weir, Jerem Wichman, Johnathan Faapoi, Shaun Burton, Jake Church, Daniel Reeve
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 Row 2: Jerome Salle, Ashley Mellow, Robert Hancock, Daniel Jacobs, Jaemyn Toa, Kyle Gillespie, Cyril Panoho, George Thony, Joel Van den Hoven, Ryan Boot, Max Lumb
 Front Row: Alex Iversen, Connor Wilson-Puhara, Maikeli Dennis, Darren Alexander, Isaac Robinson, Edward Lawley, Joshua Girvan, Chaz Hall, James McDougall, Matthew Lamb, Robbie Wood, Jay Maaka

Absent: Connor Anderson, Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Hayden Brooks, Mitchell Brown, Lachlan Bunn, John Dickson, Stanley Faaseu, Gene Fowell, Rafael Garcia-Moreno, Troway Hayes, Michael Hernandez, Haoro Hond-Goffe, Felix Horn, Brayden Jones, Eddie Konijn, Van Michel, Ryan Morshead, Jacob Morton, Tyrone Ngatai, Andre Pingo, Finnbar Porteous, Jahrell Preston, Arran Richards, Regan Robinson, Chris Rowlands, Facundo Santa Cruz, Jason Thomason, Bradley Thomson, Johnny Thomson, Kane Wilson



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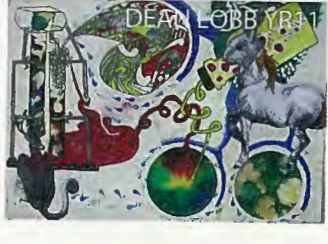
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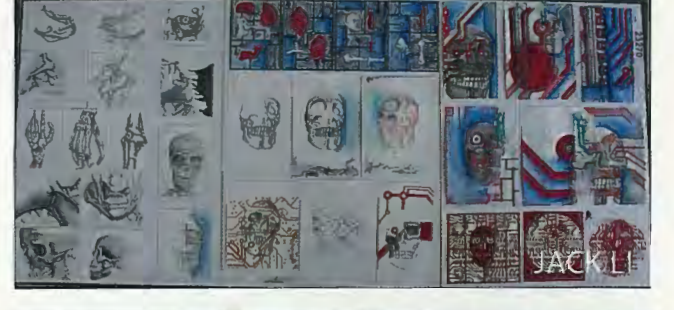
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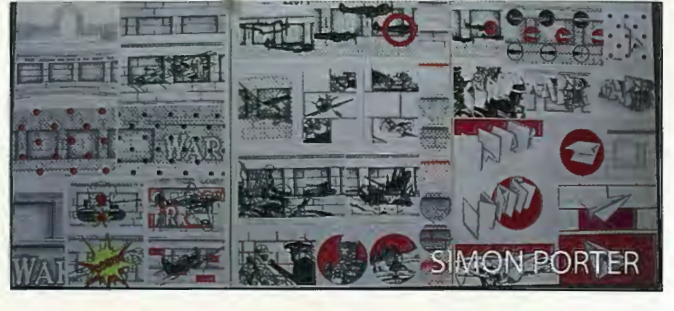
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Groups 2011



B01

Back Row: Troway Hayes, James Innes, Geoffrey Hewlett, Aaron Jackson, Bevan Lowl
2nd Row: Mr A. Beyer (Group Teacher), Trovis Olsson-Jane, Marcus Nancarrow, Ben Kauvadra, Alistair Hickey, Jahrell Preston, Luke Houghton, Chase McDonald, Thomson Matuku
Front Row: Finn McKenzie, James Howatson, Teague Harvey, Jacob Hinga-Brill, Adam Landers (Group Leader), Daniel Lundt, Jordan Kemp, James Murphy
Absent: Jason Richardson



B02

Back Row: AJ Hoskin, Mark Houwers, Jacob Kadlec
2nd Row: Mr Chris Roux (Group Teacher), Tyson Pinny, Jakob Kelly, Jacob Hughes, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Keeley-Thame, Alex Johnston, Jonson Phillimore, Isaac Hughes, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Levi Jardine, Kayne Haskin, Craig Jacobs, Connor Jones, Alex Iversen, Alex King, Jai Julian, Taylor Davey
Absent: Ryan Hunt, William Martin



B03

Back Row: Caleb Kearns, Cody Kivell, Simon Jones, Samuel Julian, Joshua Koch, William Livingston
2nd Row: Mr Jonathon Dobbie (Group Teacher), Ben King, Alex Kenning, Jesse Kenny, Isaac Julian, Mitchell Holyoake, Jesse Paterson, Ben Bailey, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak), Ms Wendy Bayley (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Jacob Hellier, Regan Lovegrove, Peter Mo, Chad Jones (Group Leader), Steven Mead, Aidan Mills, Marley O'Brien, Tyler Hedley
Absent: Ivan Kagadij, Kallee Newton, Shaquille Newton



B04

Back Row: Ryan Kiely, Luke Kernot, Hayden Knowles, Ben Liston, Orion Kano, Steven Li
2nd Row: Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak), Matt Langlands, Josh Jones, Aidan Krutz, Logan Klenner, Rueben King, Maikara Pahau, Hout Lim, Josh Lawn, Mr Finn Peters (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Dion Lundt, Adam Klenner, Simon Porter, Ethan Kisby (Group Leader), Sam Johnson, Daniel Patten, Abhijit Kabir, Joe Osmond-Wallam
Absent: Kim Lim



B05

Back Row: Daniel Marshall, Corey Jordan, Jack Li, Thomas Lynch, Beau Martens
2nd Row: Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak), Harry Lynch, Theo Newbold, Tavita Makatoa, Bill Kauvadra, Thomas Lawley, Keegan Jones, James MacLeod, Mr Ces Hill (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Christopher Kelly, Martin Leith, Justin Lehndorf, Matt Lamb (Group Leader), Edward Lawley (Head of House), Jason Li, Toby McManus, Davis Mills
Absent: Nathan Maharey, Beaudene Joyce, Hawanii Kimi, Gabriel Pitano



B06

Back Row: James McCluskey, Shai Ngata, Josh McAsey, Joshua Meyer, Alex MacDonald, Luke Huritu-Jones
2nd Row: Oly McCullough, Jesse Laursen, Kieron Hinz, Yanik Lewis, Ethan Martin, Ben McLean, Bronson Mitchell-Kerehoma, Mr Richard Wild (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Jayden Kim, Jodeci Ormsby, Nicholas Nattrass, Jay Maaka (Group Leader), Jeffrey Martin, Javon McCallum, Jihun Jung, Robbie Nattrass
Absent: Shaun MacDonald, Vijay Bhatt



B07

Back Row: Ryan Marshead, Tyler O'Leary, Dane Malnar, Samuel McCamb, Cady MacDonald, Cole O'Dannell
2nd Row: Ben Leng, Thane O'Leary, Graysan Keen, Jake Leng, Liam Paterson, Tahiti O'Brien, Bradley Nickel-Lashford, Sam McLennan, Mr Felix Hartmann (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Kane Lawe, Duncan O'Dea, Peter Polo, Richard Newsame, Denza Knap, Danyon Lythgow, Richard Murrey, Conner Kuklinski
Absent: Denim Lellmann, Caddison Murfit



B08

Back Row: Ryan Maxwell, Cannar McGechan, Zac Hareb, Kaleb Nally, Brad McLachlan, Nathaniel Manning
2nd Row: Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak), James Park, Michael Hernandez, Liam Nelson, Jacob Manning, Bradley Meredith, Reuben Knauf, Nicholas Park, Adam McLoughlin, Mr Larry Wilson (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Jordan Pollock, Bailey Macbeth, Lachlan Mackay, Simeon Oborn, Cam Jackson, Kam Jago-Franklin, Connogh McKinstry, Rupert Jones
Absent: Sanjoy Madgill, James McDaugall, Tom McDougall



B09

Back Row: Regan McClelland, Jake McComb, Robin McKillen, Callum Rabinson-McLellan, Greg Lockhart
2nd Row: Mrs Lizann Hale (Group Teacher), Came Osborn, Saxon MacKinnon, Stefan Maechler, Brandon Mathijssen, Dylan Moratti, Misha Parkinson, Damian Maechler, Jacob MacGregor, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Tama Meihana-Hosking, Taylor Nixon, Mattison Peri, Mitchell Pearce, Chris Miller, Byron McDermott, Tyrone Peters, Chintan Patel
Absent: Jacob Morton, Liam Mugeridge



B10

Back Row: Lenard Monk, Liam Jansen, Nathan Jackson, Jackson Moke, Tyrone Ngatai, Ben Mrowinski, Van Michel
2nd Row: Mr David Storey (Group Teacher), Blake Malley, Shinara Knott, Ben Mitchell, Jesse Pemberton, Sonny Nguyen, Jacob Mumby, Jordan Moller, Sam Martin-Wall
Front Row: Jordan Palmer, Liam Parkes, Leon Martin, Casio Marino, Taylor Prichard, Jamie Loveridge, Josh Moffatt, Satyam Patel
Absent: Elias Lind, Harrison Martin-Wall



B11

Back Row: James Mundell, Ben Nelson, Stuart Morris
3rd Row: Nelson Tiatia (Lauderdale), Daniel O'Keefe, Jesse Paul, Sam Mundell, Flynn Valentine-Robertson
2nd Row: Mr Shintaro Kirkaldie (Group Teacher), Jash Holmes, Max Lepper, Tom Xiong, Cody Niederberger, Nikolao Meafua, Harrison Meads, Gabriel Lauderdale-Smith, Pedro Valentine-Robertson, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Dylan McLellan, Jack Parsons, Juneth Kumar, Cyril Panoho, Chris Neville-Lamb, Joel Kumar, Will Jones, Connor Pearson
Absent: Caleb Kemp



B12

Back Row: Issac Manuel, Daniel Halmes, Haoro Hond-Goffe, Danyon MacFarlane, Dylan Leuthart
2nd Row: Mr Craig Thomas (Group Teacher), George Mohi, Sam Pettett, Nick Parthemore, Sam Pearce, Nick McGrath, Jacob Oldfield, Leigion MacDonald, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Matthew O'Neill, Steven Malster, Liam O'Neill, Michael Mischeski, Beau Philip (Group Leader), Diandre Potgieter, Paul Noble, Riccardo Lucibella
Absent: Kayle Petherick, Cameron Loft, Zentayne McRae



B13
Back Row: Karl Hill, Nathan King-Tabuteau, Uriah O'Connor, Mark McMahon, Alex King-Tabuteau, Ieuan McLeod
2nd Row: Mrs Adrienne Roberts (Group Teacher), Jareb Milner, Joshua Kettle, Tyler Jurgens, Cole Paulin, Luke Hooper, Rhys Millynn, Sebastian Molloy, Ben Peattie, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Ethan Peattie, Ezra Morgan, James O'Donovan, Dannie Morgan, Eddie Konijn, Tourakai Itiaai, Sean Kettle, Morehu Luke
Absent: Tin Itiaai, Hayden Parkes, Ryan Parr



B14
Back Row: Klein Jimenez, Bradley Moore, Shane Nolan, Corey Hobbs-Gibson, Jaidyn Jurd, Max Hordie Boys, Mitchell Keast
2nd Row: Mr Martin Brown (Group Teacher), Isaac Hardie Boys, Ian De Beer, Liam Nolan, Jayden Offen, Jordan Hales, Brayden Jones, Jared Nagle, Sam Morgan, Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak)
Front Row: Adith Iyer, Trent Harper, George Hulse, Sam Morrison, Michael Lahood, Jamie Ham, Jawad Mensouri, Michael Morrell



D04
Back Row: Steven Brown, Glen Bramhall, Jesse Buckland, Max Betham
3rd Row: Uraia Buresova, Junior Buresova, Lance Burgess, Connor Bevan, Cameron Blencowe, Theo Betteridge
2nd Row: Ms Christine French (Group Teacher), Jack Burr, Chad Blakelock, Sam Betteridge, Stephen Butchart, Alex Clifton, Jake Heays-Larkin, Adam Bellringer, Jayden Holland, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Orin Burmester, Jordan Bevan, Xavi Clarkson, Shaun Burton (Group Leader), Jesse Rosser, Cameron Gale, Jordan Gadsby, Adam Butchart
Absent: Ryan Clough



D05
Back Row: Chad Collap, Dean Braithwaite, Sam Coster, Lewis Bryant, Matt Carr, Sean Chivers
2nd Row: Mr Steven Leppard (Group Teacher), Bodean Davis, Sam Church, Gavin Grant, Aidan Brooker, Tim Boag, Ethan Coombe, Jonathan Cox, Cameron Brooker, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: William Challacombe-King, Scott Casey-Woolbridge, Chris Carrie, Jake Church, Jack Helme, Brad Cottam, Grady Barker, Quentin Dorleans
Absent: Ben Chau



B15
Back Row: Niks Lloyd, Aaron Osment, Jordan Mossop, Mark Jury, Nathan Hedley, Braeden Hancock, Caleb O'Connell
2nd Row: Mr Justin Hyde (Head of Barak), Mr Michael Townes (Group Teacher), Jesse Pearson, Cory Murray, Lakyn Harrow, Michael Lloyd, Connor Hemingway, Brendan Osment, Ricky Hopkins, Jordan McCormack, Ms Dowman (Teacher Aide)
Front Row: Kasey Hayman, Max Miller, Kadie Murray, Jordan Hull, Jason McMahon (Group Leader), Luke Morresey, Nathan Hortley, Nathan Howkes
Absent: Ethan Murray, Logan Hermanns



D01
Back Row: Isaac Bailey, Omar Abouelkheir, Sam Adlam, Cory Adams
2nd Row: Mr Stephen Brown (Group Teacher), Jivan Gill, Finn Chadwick, Andrew Adlam, Blake Davies, Luke Adams, Derek Albertsen, Matt Baxter, Jono Brownjohn, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Caine Davies, William Hancock, Kyal Batchelor, Tarek Abouelkheir, Tate Allen, Alan Ansell, Simon Gibson, Clork Asia
Absent: Oliver Ackroyd, Kaleb Chamberlain, Joseph Franklin, Ridge Freakley, Tate Holden



D06
Back Row: Justin Corbett, Jack Greenslade, Israel Davis, Tyla Dougan
2nd Row: Mr Philip Hewlett (Group Teacher), Connor Anderson, Chad Crawford, Josh Burmester, Tom Burrell, Josh Clark, Takarangi Henderson, Adam Colless, George Burwell, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Jake Adamson, Quinn Crawford, Zac Clark, Jason Daurua, Nick Coplestone, Ryan Holtom, Ben Davis, Trae Boker
Absent: Chad Cawsey, John Banks, Jayden Cameron, John Dickson



D07
Back Row: Jackson Hine, Alex Hall, Ben Bonner, Cameron Hill, Ted Cooper, Thomas Collier, Rhys Döllimore
2nd Row: Mr Jonathan Flynn (Group Teacher), Connor Gallichan, William Adlam, Rhys Chilcott, Jamie Aitchison, Cameron Hopkinson, Henry Bower, Ben Hall, Tim Bonner, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Liam Aitchison, George Collier, Alex Gowers-Stills, Brendan Davies, Sean Hone, Liam Hook, Jonti Hine, Ethan Brooke
Absent: Robert Boot, Jaron Doyle, Marcel Hook



D02
Back Row: William Allen, Richard Gottlieb, Kieran Buttimore, Alex Bartley Catt, Jamie Black, Connor Auker
2nd Row: Miss Nicola Healy (Group Teacher), Jack Anderson, Anthony Guptill, Phillip Barham, Joel Bennett, Johnno Ayles, Adam Clegg, Ben Bartley Catt, Joshua Ayles, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Matthew Brew, Toby Brankin, Jagbir Singh Chahal, James Cunningham, Cameron Black, Joe Bell, Joseph Franklin, Isaac Brown
Absent: Blair Corban, Angus Drake, Mitchell Aro, Chris Banks



D03
Back Row: Mitchell Green, Dane Brooks, Adam Bull, Matthew Bayly, Tyler Gordon-Glassford, Charles Barnes, Finn Beattie
2nd Row: Mrs Michelle Puckeridge (Group Teacher), Lewis Bloomfield, Griffin Gehlhaar, Jack Cooper, James Chadwick, Michael Chamberlain, Ethan Bar'e, Taylor Herbert, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Matthew Chadwick, Kieran George, Balin Brons, Hayden Brooks, Lewis Green, Joseph Batchelor, Vincent De Beer, Danyon Doeg
Absent: John Beale, Jackson Braddock-Pajo, Legend Campus-Newton, Josh Brons



D08
Back Row: Seb Eastment, Nick Crawford, Jonathan Faopoi, Ben Crombie, Nicky Davis, Dylan De Bruyn, Liam De Grey
2nd Row: Mr Josh Hamilton (Group Teacher), Jarrod Earp, Luke De Ridder, Shane Coombe, William Drelaud, David Dudson, Nico Baas, Cruize Hare, Tim Craig, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Luke Etheridge, Liam Blyde, Adam Busing, Chris Aebig (Group Leader), Kaleb Dravitzski-Smith, Tyler Cole, Cole Blyde, Beau Cronin
Absent: Stanley Faaseu



D09
Back Row: Alex Fraser-Chapple, Jakob Dietrich, Thane Blyde, Jai Barlow, Kieran Cave, Gabe Dobson, Ash Brooks, Bryton Dietrich
2nd Row: Ms Suzanne Scott (Group Teacher), Jake Farnsworth, Tony Dediu, Kari Te Awhe, Zac Gillespie, Jason Brown, Toby Hoeta, Gordon Fong, Matthew Cleland, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Allan Hartley, Jay Dicker, Ethan Hirini-Price, Kyle Gillespie (Group Leader), Luke Faulkner, Lucas Drake, Julian Albert, Jake French
Absent: Ely Bueno



D10

Back Row: Campbell Graham, Alistair Fisher, Jackson Canter-Visscher, Alex Harfield, Hamish Dunn, Elliot Dunn
2nd Row: Denzell Cotterill, Seth Gordon, Jayden Harold, Blair George, Hamish Harting, Darren Green, Liam Gulliver, Justin Gavin, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Jamie Houghton, Hamish Grant, Tristan Hodge, Robert Hancock (Group Leader), Josiah Clow, Conrad Hall, Chey Harting, Cameron Bullock
Absent: Miss Alana Dawson (Group Teacher), Cory Brown, Stuart Gradwell, Conrad Fraser



D11

Back Row: Nathan Greenland, Alex Dent, Beauden Giddy
3rd Row: Tyler Erb, Kaloni Herewini, Alex Fleming, Paul Durrant, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
2nd Row: Kieran Honnor, Cooper Garnett, Braden Hopkins, Cameron Hopkirk, Michael Gellen, Curtis Fisher, Dylan Fynn, Luke Fisher
Front Row: Matt Furze, Jayden Crossan, Ben Furze, Louis Duffels-Des Forges, Mitchell Brown (Group Leader), Nikora Hana, Aaron Barkla, Matt Curmill
Absent: Kody Brown, Jacob Carberry



H01

Back Row: Michael Foote, Tone Muller, Reuben O'Neill
2nd Row: Liam Atkin, Andrew Temperton, James Cathie, Shae Croft, Brandon Gaustod, Nick Jager, Mr Reuben Creery (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Josh Barraclough, Mitchell Esterhuizen, Jesse Collier, Mark Martin, Matthew McDonald (Group Leader), Connor Gray, Zak Lunjevich, Ben Barnett
Absent: Mitchell O'Neill, Aquila Kalsakau, Champion Kalsakau, Vince Kalsakau



H02

Back Row: Brian Rongo, Isaac Ludlow, Oscar Bound-Walsh
3rd Row: Charlie Boon, Isaac Griffin, Thomas Clark-Puia, Douglas Carroll, George Hardwick-Smith, Rephan Woods, Jake Loft
2nd Row: Cameron Monkley, Jahden McDonald, Regan Dowsing, Henry Boon, Joshua Dowsing, James Speed-Kerr, Cameron Kahui-Green, Keegan Pulman, Mr Hamish Kerr (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Hayden Walkington, Nicholas Kjestrup, Donald Otterson, Connor Wilson-Puhara, Thomas Burnside, Kaleb Howard-Dillon, Jordan Henry
Absent: Maikeli Dennis, Dion Petersen, Johnny Thomson



D12

Back Row: Rodney Barlow, Juan Fisher, Kris Butterworth, Murdoch Gray, Louis Ferens, Kris Campbell, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
2nd Row: Mr Don McLaurin (Group Teacher), Ben Farquhar, Layne Connell, Liam Cole, Tyler Baker, Kain Bowden-Eves, Josh Harris, Finn Dwyer, Rasyad Che Ismail
Front Row: Byron De Villiers, Danny Harris, Harry De Groot, Ben Grant (Group Leader), Lachlan Bunn, Craig Gordon, Daniel Herren, Ryan Corrigan
Absent: Mason Farrant, Matt Everest, Jasper Eaton, Jordan Hughes, Johnny Campbell



D13

Back Row: Mitchell Foreman, Jay Cadman-Kennedy, Stuart Christensen, Ben Ellis, Rhys Evans, Alec Frankham, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
2nd Row: Mr Paul Dominikovich (Group Teacher), Samuel Biesiek, Caleb Fitz Patrick, Kaleb Brown, Callum Fougere, Mitchell Fenwick, Bradley Gray, Liam Hawley, Reuben Gray
Front Row: Corey Fougere, Joe Cochran, Timothy Andrews, Lachlan Fenwick, Shay Guise, Ryan House, Jakob Gyde, Matheson Brown
Absent: Adam Beavis, Samuel Beavis, Sunee Calder



H03

Back Row: Ben Neilson, Lachlan Boshier, Oliver Neilson, Lewis Ormond, Giovanni Habel-Kueffner, Elliot Jenkins
2nd Row: Daniel Parete, Grayson Wilson, George Thony, Dion Hesketh-Dowd, Tynan Matheson, Jayden Woodhead, Reece Longman, Mr Michael Somers (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Jayden Mathews, Chilli Ross, Logan Woodhead, Zale Staheli, Wiremu Murdoch, Jack Martin, Chase Tangarao
Absent: Alex Oldershaw, Angus Neilson, Lachlan MacDonald, Jack Martin, Wiremu Murdoch, Wesley Tamehana



H04

Back Row: Jack Tuson, Gideon Washer, Michael Yarrow, Tyson Hine, Jordan Young
2nd Row: Potchara Suwannachai, Raksit Prasitkul, Marc Hurley, Stewart Clark, Jonathan Adams, Cam Younger
Front Row: William Pease, Jake Vandenberg, Zinny Wineera, Max Lumb, Ryan Boot, Jai Grant, Jackson Hurley, Trey Tuoro
Absent: Peterson Chichirua, Matai Kaltabang, Gilmour Kaltongga, Raggery Vari



D14

Back Row: Justis Hobson, Chev'vy Edwards-Reihana, Sam Boon, Ariki Fraser, Finn Holland, Mikka Byarugaba, Robbie Foulkes
2nd Row: Mrs Linda Dickson (Group Teacher), Jared Amstalden, Luke Barron, Matthew Boswell, Hayden Egan, Joachim Faga, Bailey Halls, Brandon Cherry, Adam Frederickson, Mr Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Ben Foulkes, Billy Fowell, Shannon Awhitu, David Awhitu, Chaz Hall (Group Leader), Connor Arbuckle, Baily Arbuckle, Sefton Garlick
Absent: Rhys Garner, Sam Brown



D15

Back Row: Isioh Gray, Brad Bullat, Jordy Haggart, Brodie Arbuckle, Jeremy Bennetts, Scott Hugo, Neill Good
2nd Row: Mrs Margaret Atkinson (Group Teacher), Treigh Dombroski, Jesse Arbuckle, Brad Goldsworthy, Zane Coleman, Daniel Gomez Mendez, James Boccock, Gary Chiu, Matthew Henry, Mr John Sims (Head of Donnelly)
Front Row: Thomas Fletcher, Mannie Anglesey, Nathan Harris, Jackson Bennett, Jayden Davy, Jesse Grayling, Nat Fleming, Zach Howarth
Absent: Kane Gordon



H05

Back Row: Ajax Charteris, Keegan Crawford, Rhys Bishop, Sam Fletcher, Lawrence Barr, Justin Bishop
2nd Row: Luke MacLeod, Selwyn Cooper, Jayden Ford, Albie Muller, Philip Roach, Jamie Thomas, Aaron Cameron, Daniel Park, Mr Justin Bigwood (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Blake Holmes, Hiwawa Kahu, Meka Mauriri, Thomas Bowers, Tyril Jones, Harlem Barbarich, Jardyn Kyle, Ryan Bolt
Absent: Bloke Patterson



H06

Back Row: Bailey Nichol, Logan Shaw, Eduan Fourie, Connor Hobbs
2nd Row: Ryan Potroz, Stephen Hunt, Lee Bridson, Brendon Holtham, Reuben MacLeod, Paul Munro, Mr Max Maako (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Dean Coplestone, Tyler Hulme, Nathan Weir, Daniel Chapman, Sam Stephens, Mark Potroz, Josh Harrap, Hayden Lee
Absent: Daniel Jensen-Schmidt, Jerem Wichman (Group Leader), Sam Fletcher, Grayson Wilson



H07

Back Row: Cody MacKinder, Jakob Paul, Ngoni Nicholas, Blair MacKinder, Liam Kelland, Jade Grayling

2nd Row: Mr Colin Maihi (Group Teacher), Waiteika Hohoia, Dean Lobb, Jordan Liggett-Bowring, Brendon Meehan, Sam Corney, Jay Marnoch, Jonte Hayston

Front Row: Brook Saul, Blake Patterson, Fraser Harrison, David Avery, Ashley Mellaw, Kowhaiwhai Hohoia, Matheson Lee, Hamish Le Pine

Absent: Eric Kaiterekia, Andrew Kaltongga



H08

Back Row: Caleb Ruki, Vincent Lamont, Jordan Harries, Rhys Poingdestre, Josh Parker, Jamie Shrubbsall, Vedant Molaviya

2nd Row: Mr Nigel Hunter (Head of Hatherly), Brodie Strong, Bayley Ruki, Felix Horn, Ajax Horn, Brett Alexander, Jayden Poingdestre, Fraser Holloway, Mr Dale Atkins (Group Teacher)

Front Row: Brayden Tonga, Logan Wells, Jordan Berry, Jake Parker, Darren Alexander, Harry Nichol, Ben Rountree, Jayden Evans

Absent: Gareth Jones, Lachlan Rouse



S05

Back Row: Raniero Tamati, Tommaso Verri, Corban Whiteman, Joel Robertson, James Smith, Jasper Stevenson-Bone, Jahi Wicksteed

2nd Row: Mr Dave Moore (Group Teacher), Brady Simpson, Moukino Skelton, Trent Spicer, Callum Old, Jaime Simpson, Sam Scott, Mitchell Tarrant, William Zhong

Front Row: Ethan Taylor, Austin Spicer, Geordi Prestidge, Robbie Wood, Keegan Thomson, Laken Remihana, Simon Zhong, Shawn Watts

Absent: Mott Smith



S06

Back Row: Ben Skinner, Matthew Stephenson, John Sinclair

3rd Row: Paul Stephenson, Hamish Stones, Cody Skinner, Zak Simpson, Jovontoe Sandbrook, Scott Surrey

2nd Row: Mr Alon Elgar (Group Teacher), Jaz Simpson, Callum Russell, Allan Richards, Jonny Price, Cameron Thompson, Zac Rutherford-Sirett, Tyler Stewart, Mr Julius Prasad (Head of Syme)

Front Row: Shane Reid, Darryl Telfer, Josh Telfer, Jacob Kogut, Kyle Sutcliffe, Cameron Tippet, Kashon Walker, Xavier-Paul Smith



S01

Back Row: Ben Pigott, Ethon Rawson, Dwight Rawson

2nd Row: Mr Kane Rawson (Group Teacher), Alex Trowbridge, Daniel Rangitonga, Jayson Webster, Matt Reeve, Vaughan Phillips, Campbell Read, Stirling Tuuta, Keenan Tamarapa,

Front Row: Jesse Tangaroa, Oliver Pedley, George Tamati, Daniel Reeve, Jerome Salle (Group Leader), Cody Awhitu, Elliot Pedley, David Trye

Absent: Finnbar Porteous, Oliver Smith, Phillip Peterson, Aaron Ransfield, Jamie Richards, Adrian Robb



S02

Back Row: Antany Van Kooten, Finn Robertson, Ben Van Huenerbein, Arran Richards, Bailey Raumati-Katene

2nd Row: Mrs Monica Fenney (Group Teacher), Sheldon Rennie, Matthew Salisbury, Shae Raumati-Katene, Joel Van Den Hoven, Tane Ruwhiu, Christo Visser, Jesse Stewart

Front Row: Ashtyn Wirihana-Woods, Tony Vickers, Shaquille Ruwhiu-Buckle, Kieran Stancliffe (Group Leader), Josh Ritchie, Bryden Saper, Rapata Rang, Adam Smith

Absent: Kaden Regan



S07

Back Row: Shoy Seu, Jason Thomason, Hayden Wood

2nd Row: Michael Stancliff, Mr Bruce Johnston (Group Teacher), Billy Smith, Joe Tratter, Joel Bennett, Keelyn Tuuta, Tyler Spencer, Ben Thom, Jack Whitmore

Front Row: Jass Rutter-Tandy, Jon Rimmer, Mendel Moos, Henry Smith, Josh Thomson (Group Leader), James Toss, Matthew Sadler, Owen Gordon

Absent: Josh Ryan, Rendi Saputra-Waite, Bradley Thomson



S08

Back Row: Beau Thomson, Nik Richards, George Zhang, Antonio Tuala, Jordan Stockwell

2nd Row: Brad Rolston, Thomas Roodbeen, Lewis Simeon, Brody Schultz, Tim Penn, Chris Taylor, Kramer West, Mr Troy Standish (Group Teacher)

Front Row: Jamie Stockwell, Kyle Sanger, Kainamu Whitinui, Jacob Tomlinson (Group Leader), Kyron Stewart, Cory Sutherland, James Sandford, Maxwell Robinson



S03

Back Row: Louis White, Ben Sinton, Jonah Scott

2nd Row: Mr Tony Susans (Group Teacher), Tevin Schwalger, Talor Owen, Zahn Ruwhiu, Farrell Robertson, Lewis Sarten, Akshay Rai, Jamie Perry

Front Row: Taylor Roberts, Mitchell Owen, Lucas Story, Billy Rodenburg (Group Leader), Isaac Robinson (Head Boy), Oscar Remihana, Brent Smith, Jamie Richards

Absent: Jay Rodger, Daniel Willetts



S04

Back Row: Daniel Willetts (S03), Leith Rutherford, Billy Sanger, Jared Rook, Thomas Rowlands, Dan Robb

2nd Row: Mr Murray Hill (Group Teacher), Ryan Still, Aaron Saunders, Jacob Read-Bross, Matt Scott, James Sunley, Jayden Rowe, Cady Phillips, Fred Rogers

Front Row: Brock Tancred, Jack Pawell, Kenneth Rasal, Tim Ryder (Group Leader), Matthew Sanger, Tyler Veitch, Joshua Saunders, Cooper Rogers



S09

Back Row: Scott Valentine, Kris Vaughan, Jack Wagstaff, Brad Valentine, Harry Rossouw

2nd Row: Harshal Upadhyay, Nick Waddell, Cody Scott, Jypson Thompson, Isei Vuluma, Jordan Savage, Luke Stewart, Azeem Raziff, Mrs Alison Sloter (Group Teacher)

Front Row: Izzmel Raziff, Daniel Ralphs, Shane Vevers, Zeb Urbahn (Group Leader), Jakob Vink, Ethan Tate, Taylor Williams, Matthew Prevett

Absent: Detrait Williams, Sio Urwin-See



S10

Back Row: Justin Ward, Ari Veragas, Matthew Wallace, Cody Willis, Garth White

2nd Row: Blair Shorter, Dylan Taylor, Uly Veragas, Kieran Vooght, Dylan Treweek-Kumeroa, Blake Wilson, Towera Ruakere, Mr John Tullett (Group Teacher)

Front Row: Justine Taribia, Ollie Sawyer, Ayden Walker, Jesse Watt, Miska Silvennoinen, Zach Smith, Sean Yeates, Sam Schaeffer-Horne

Absent: Jack Watson, Jeremy Wadsworth, Caleb Ward



S11

Back Row: Ethan Wimsett, Kane Willems-Blocktopp, Jamie Winchcombe, Julian Weir, Casey Wanokore, Fisher Rivero Connell
2nd Row: Mr Richard Turner (Group Teacher), Teina Whakatau, Sean Skelton, Zhihao Zhou, Nico Waitere, Cody Way, Riaan Waitere, Jeff Walsham-Sharroock, Joden Wood-Larking
Front Row: Liam Shotter, Jonathan Weir, Keegan Sillis, Michael Watts, Martin Weir (Group Leader), Kaden Wood-Larking, Balkaran Singh, Steven Thomson
Absent: Rupert Young, Te Rima Whakatau, Kane Wilson



S12

Back Row: Max Sattler, Alex Watson, Kohen Robinson, Chris Rowlands, Jabe Radich, Miles White
2nd Row: Jack White, Korbyn West-Lindsay, Louis Webster-Kumeroa, Mitchell Rattenbury, Regan Robinson, Tyler Wisnewski, Caleb Rice, Josh Quinney, Mr John McLellan (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Fergus Thamson, Flynn Walshe, Craig Walker, Mox Whitehead, Richard Robbins, Aaron Ratahi, Archie Skipworth, Zane Singh
Absent: Wiremu Thompson



S13

Back Row: Bradley Wilson, Kieran Whitmore, Sam Reeves, Shay Steptowe, Taylor Simpson
2nd Row: Jacob Watson, Jesper Slager, Trent Watson, Ben Wichman, Chey Wells, Luke Read, Ben Wheeler, Mrs Mary Porteous (Group Teacher)
Front Row: Kevin Wang, Rass Stembidge, Conrard Watt, Hamish Sturmer, Dante Perfect, Kayden Walker, Akhmil Smith, Brady Whole
Absent: Josh Roguski (Group Leader), Blair Short, Joseph Stanton



S14

Back Row: Izaak Wilson, Ryan Terrill, Te Manu Tutaki
2nd Row: Mr John Warner (Group Teacher), Christopher Raynes, Lane Simkin, Hayden Wipatene, Drew Waitaiki, Jaemya Toa, David Sulzberger, Logan Toa
Front Row: Sam Tullett, Cam Speedy, Charlie Smith, Josh Girvan, Hayden Whyte, Mason Woods, Tane Street, Conor Williams-Watson
Absent: Jock Trillo, Jacob Watson, Angus Tinson



S15

Back Row: Byron Van Den Hoven, Brendon Turner, Raffael Schlueter, Douglas Young, Callum Stuart, Tom Spencer
2nd Row: Mrs Pauline Crow (Group Teacher), Mathew Standen, Caine Woodham, Mitch Walker, Connor Rust, Sam Thompson, Hunter Ward, Zion Wilton, Stefan Young
Front Row: Brandon Siffleet, Somuel Thomson, Montel Kelly, Billy Smith, Lewis Win, Adam Stuart, Zac Woodham, Kavan Ward
Absent: John Shepherd





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