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THE HEADMASTER COMMENTS

It would be easy to say and just as easy to prove that this has been a year of tumult. We began with the knowledge that our roll would be up but in the event no one predicted we would leap from 949 boys to 1029 boys. This stretched our resources to the limit and especially our accommodation because the new Music Suite we had expected to occupy in February was not ready until March, and the pressure did not just apply to the day school. In the hostel we were jammed to the doors. But thanks to very efficient work by the Department of Education and contractors an additional room was on site and ready for use on Day One and when the Music Suite was handed over, we had gained the necessary teaching spaces to cope. The hostel, too, benefited from the completion of the Music Suite and rooms on Wakefield Street, previously used for music tuition, became available for bedding boys in. The hostel roll had jumped from 135 to 150 and for the first time in a decade we could hang up the sign "FULL".

And the consequences of roll growth did not stop there. We had become eligible for an Executive Officer (the position becomes automatic when a school's roll exceeds 1000). The appointment will make a big difference to administration but where will the new appointee go? Sufficient office space does not exist! The new library automatically had to be larger to serve the bigger school and urgency was developing for the need to refurbish our ancient woodwork block and to build a new permanent draughting room.

Term One then was a strain, made no less so by the rapid succession of three events which captured headlines here and beyond. It all started with a blast in the locker bay in the upstairs floor of the Alexander Block. Happily no one was hurt by a prank that went badly wrong, and no sooner was that over than the town was set buzzing by the sudden overnight appearance of a trail of extraordinary three-toed footprints extending from the Council Offices to the Memorial Gates. The City Engineer was not amused! Then the Gala was on us. Activated by our energetic P.T.A. and propelled forward by the boys and staff we grossed \$13,000.00 in a day - highlighted by the battle between the teams of Mayor, David Lean of New Plymouth and Mayor Tim Shadbolt of Waitemata City as they laid concrete for our new practice wicket.

Perhaps we should have limited changes and actions in other directions, but the needs of boys must always be paramount so special academic arrangements were made for five of our top School Certificate Candidates and twenty-four boys in Form 4 last year moved directly to a full University Entrance Mathematics programme.

The term was over in a flash and in the first week of the May school holidays, Mrs Ryder and I set out for our term's leave in Britain and Europe.

It is enough to say that we returned refreshed and fit to resume a busy life, in only a few ways envious of the schools we visited while in England. British teachers are generally dispirited by growing unemployment in the wake of declining rolls and morale is worsened by disputes and strikes over salaries and the closure of schools. The debate over the junior school curriculum is anything but over there, and the physical maintenance of State schools is at the very best both mediocre and depressing.

In September, then, we returned home to a school that had been well led by Mr Bublitz and his immediate team of Mr Brine and Mr Abraham during another eventful term, which ended with a fire in the junior engineering workshop! We cannot record an outstanding year like 1983 in winter sports, but as Philip Armstrong, our Head Boy, made clear as he welcomed us back, the 1st XV had beaten Auckland Grammar at Auckland, and the Senior Ball was a superlative success. Moreover our badminton players have emerged again as a very real force. The team, which will return to school next year, survived the rigours of elimination matches and contested the National finals in Wellington.

A change of government has ended, I am pleased to say, an impasse over the placing of University Entrance but with its shift to Form 7 by 1986 a good deal of work must be done to revise programmes and systems of evaluation at Form 6 level. The change of government too, may well cause a fresh consideration being given to the junior school curriculum and it may also lead to the abolition of corporal punishment and the advance of systems of internal assessment in schools. These latter two considerations concern me and I am hopeful that there will be strong professional and community debate before fundamental changes are made.

I began by referring to tumult but equally let me stress the even tenor of our life.

The Hostel Committee of the Board have continued their unremitting labour to upgrade the interior and exterior of Moyes and Carrington Houses and the results are most impressive as the record elsewhere in the Taranakian will show. The P.T.A. presses on with plans for the baths and a number of Old Boys, including our tireless Board Chairman, Mr McIntyre, and local trustee, Mr Ian Russell, have been working strenuously and successfully to invest the Centennial Trust Funds and the Clem Cave endowment in a form that will give lasting benefit to the boys of the school.

Within the school, staff and boys have worked well at the basics. Our 1983 academic results are again very good. Sixteen Taranaki Scholarships and 'A' Bursaries is a record for us and twenty-seven bursaries from a Form 7 class of forty-six Bursary Candidates is no mean achievement. Twelve boys passed University Entrance by sitting and again our total pass rate came very close to 70%. The courtesy, standard of dress, loyalty and involvement of the boys in all aspects of school life is a tribute to them, their teachers, and their parents, and especially to the high standards of leadership given by the Head Boy, Heads of Houses, Group Leaders and the whole of Form 7.

We have yet to feel the anguish of a declining roll and I wish to thank the staff this year for their enthusiasm and support and especially do I thank those who have left and those about to leave:

Mr Lay, Senior Chemist and Old Boy. A very able teacher, and strong promoter of the sciences and basketball. He will be a considerable gain for Northland College.

Mr Boyd, H.O.D. Music and Old Boy. To Mr Boyd's busy talents we owe a powerful revival of music in the last five years. Don will be very hard to replace.



Mrs Ryder, Monty and Jo Barak at Blagdon Cottage, Burgess Hill.



Angus Campbell, English Master, and Headmaster before Founder's Statue, Eton College.

Mr Bennett, Senior Geography and Old Boy. David gave more than ten years service as a staff teacher and his classes produced very good academic results. David is striking out into the world of commerce.

Mr Abraham, H.O.D. History and Social Studies. Mr Abraham's service to us began in 1966 and in addition to being a House Master and a pillar of the school his wry humour, direct speaking, and intense loyalty make him a staff member no one will ever completely replace. We all wish Ernie a happy retirement.

On the other hand we have gained new staff this year and I congratulate Mr Burnham, Mr Bevin, Mr McNae, Mrs Bublitz and Mr Armstrong for the quality of their work. Miss Rogers was appointed Headmaster's Secretary in February and she has proved a most diligent and conscientious lady.

In addition I thank Mr Nials and Mr Roy Bublitz for another excellent year's service to our grounds and buildings and Miss Jo Curd has completed five years outstanding service to the hostel as Matron. She and her assistant, Mrs Leggett, and the kitchen staff so ably led by Mrs McCartney, and the cleaning and laundry staffs must be pleased and proud of their contributions, which in support of Mr Carroll's team of house masters and tutors have helped lift the standards and tone of the boarding houses.

Finally, we all rejoice with Mr Lynn Bublitz in becoming the recipient of a Woolf-Fisher Travelling Scholarship for outstanding contributions to teaching. It is one of the highest honours that can be conferred upon a teacher and Lynn will travel to Asia and visit schools there in 1985.

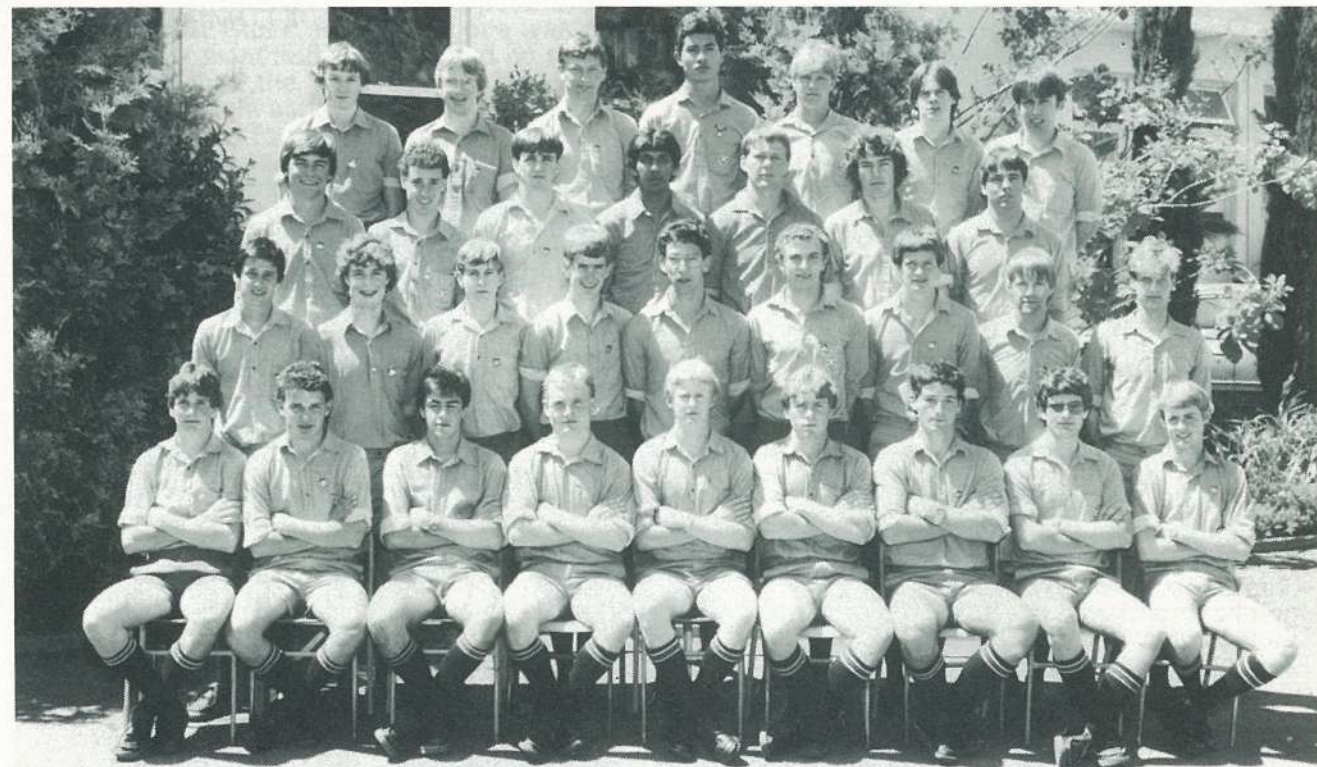
Next year we shall continue to be a big school in number. Let us all be determined that we shall remain big in heart, and performance.

T.T. Ryder, Headmaster

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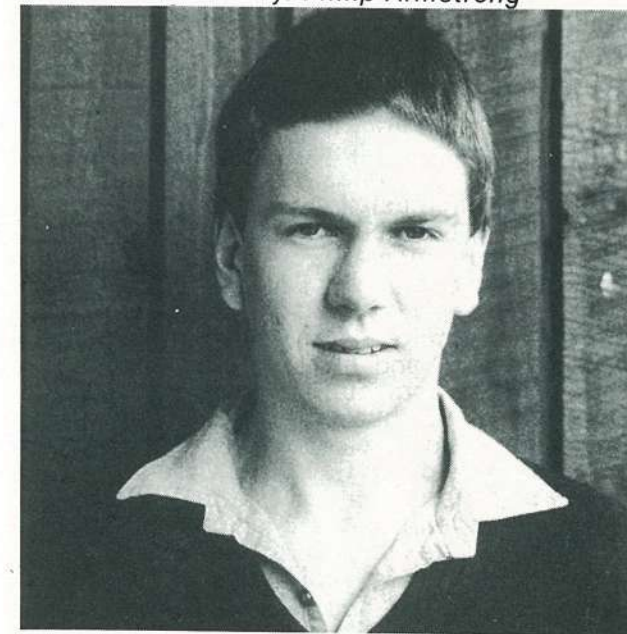


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Head Boy: Philip Armstrong



Dux 1983: Stephen Brine

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HEAD BOY'S REPORT

1984 has been a busy and productive year within the life of our school. The senior boys have worked and co-operated well to achieve many successful goals.

The Gala Day was this year's major fundraising effort and a large group of anonymous senior boys set about devising an advertising campaign. One enthusiastic Group Leader gave permission for his car to be a mobile advertising unit and so a team of not-so-artistic signwriters set to work with pink metallic paint to let the town know Boys' High were having a Gala. Another brave band of senior boys took over Radio Taranaki and for an hour promoted the Gala. Maybe the most mysterious happening was the gigantic monster feet that appeared during the middle of the night and led to the gates of the school.

The school council has again functioned well and along with providing funds for sports subsidies has also provided money for trees which were planted on the bank between McNaught field and the Polytechnic. Council also saw fit to provide funds for the purchase of two new cricket practice mats which are to be used on the new concrete practice pad laid by New Plymouth, Mayor David Lean and invited celebrity, Mayor of Waitemata, Tim Shadbolt, during Gala. The Council has also continued in sponsoring a Raphael Child in India.

This year it was decided to have two junior council members from each house; they were given speaking but not voting rights. It has proved successful with more opinions coming from the junior school. Hopefully this will be continued in future years.

Socially the year has been eventful and again the highlight was the Senior Ball with a lot of senior boys working together to make an enjoyable and memorable occasion. Social events did not stop at the ball as dances between our school and Girls' High School were frequent with both schools enjoying and benefiting from the occasions. Annual assembly swapping and sports exchanges were continued between the two seventh forms, the highlight being the 14-11 netball win by our seventh form team who were ably coached by Mrs Barnes.

School spirit has been of a high level this year and the Group Leaders and senior boys have worked well to help maintain a high standard of dress and conduct, part of the tradition of our school.

The house competitions were again run successfully and this year the School Haka was turned into a house competition; it was a great success and helped in promoting house pride and now will become an annual affair.

I now come to the great internal rivalry within the structure of our school: the Day Boy, Boarder clashes. The competition this year was extremely fierce and competitive. The Day Boys came out with the honours as far as results went but the Boarders, as is customary, gave everything and their support for their teams was as enthusiastic as ever. I wish both Boarders and Day Boys the best for next year's competition and remember: the real winner on these occasions is N.P.B.H.S.

Philip Armstrong

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STAFF NOTES

Mr David Bevin and Mr David Armstrong were welcomed from Training College to the staff at the beginning of the year. Mr Bevin teaches French and English and Mr Armstrong Maths and Economics: both have taken an active interest in soccer and cricket. Mr Bevin has also served on the hostel staff and as teachers' representative on the P.T.A.

During the course of the year Mr Lay resigned to take up a position at Kaitaia. He had served the school well. Arriving in 1976 he played a full role in school activities. He taught Chemistry, Maths and Science and was well known and respected for his enthusiastic approach to his teaching, the clear notes and the full, detailed instruction given especially to the senior classes. His service to the school was not restricted to the classroom as Mr Lay took a full and active interest in many extra-curricula activities. His enthusiasm ensured a successful rise in the popularity of Indoor Basketball which he coached and managed for many years. He was an officer in the A.T.C. unit in the cadet battalion and he organised a number of camps. His interest in the school and, more particularly, the individual boys encouraged him to serve as a housemaster in Carrington House and later as Dean of the fourth forms. A committed Christian, Mr Lay lived by the ideals of his faith. We are more than grateful for his nine years contribution to the school; he will be missed and we wish him well in Kaitaia.

The growth in music in the school over the last few years has been quite dramatic and recognised by the Department of Education in their provision of a Music Suite. Mr Don Boyd, the Head of Music, was deeply involved in the planning of the suite and the architect of the growth in music. His relaxed manner, and his amazing ability which made him a competent player of most instruments, his enthusiasm, for jazz, especially 'Big Band' music, was transferred to many of the boys who learned to enjoy the standards set and attained in performance. It was, then, with much regret that we learned that Mr Boyd had decided to resign and take up a position of Itinerant Teacher of Brass in Taranaki.

Mr Dave Bennett had been granted a year's leave, partly to take a short trip to Europe and also to give him time to assess his future in teaching. The relative freedom in the world of commerce won and he tendered his resignation. Mr Bennett, a former head boy of the school, first joined the staff in 1970 and then after a year at Spotswood returned in 1973 as Head of Geography. Mr Bennett assisted with cricket and for a number of years was master-in-charge of Rugby. He coached the game and was a referee. When he resigned he was Sixth Form Dean.

A number of former staff members were again employed as relieving teachers assisting in the absence of Mr Ryder and Mr Krook who took leave to travel in Term II. They were Mr J.J. Stewart who has returned to New Plymouth after retiring as Principal of Flock House, Mr Bruce Scales, formerly H.O.D. Technical, who recently retired from the Taranaki Polytechnic, and Mr Jim Clouston, former Deputy Headmaster.

Two other relieving appointments saw Mr W.O. Little teaching Science in Terms I and II and Mr I. McNae Science and Social Studies during Terms II and III.

Mrs R. Bublitz joined the staff as a full-time teacher of Science at the beginning of Term III.



Extracts from School Dairy

- JAN 30** Mon—Welcome back! 5th, 6th, 7th forms (a.m.)
- FEB 1** Wed—Assembly: Introduction of Genesis/Beginnings theme. The shape of the year is in our hands.
- 17 Fri—Certain Sounds Concert.
- 22 Wed—Swimming Sports. A very fine day.
- 24 Fri—Emergency drill and assembly on Gully Ground. Panic averted again.
- MAR 2** Fri—Whistle # 1 issued. Third form dance.
- 5 Mon—Japanese visitors from Bunkyo University welcomed.
- 6 Tues—Athletics Day and collection of Halberg Raffle for Crippled Children.
- 14 Wed—Explosion in Alexander Block.
- 25 Mon—Assembly. Worship theme introduced: False gods.
- 27 Wed—Mr John Treeby - Campus Life.
- 28 Thurs—Cadet Camp - Smart Road, Thurs -Sat.
- 29 Fri—40-hour Famine begins 8 pm - 12.00 Sunday.
- APR 2** Mon—April Fool's Day + 1. Girls' High Rugby skit.
- 6 Fri—Sir William Gilbert - Conservation of World Wild Life.
- 7 Sat—The Gala.
- 10 Tues—Mufti Day. Sponsoring Peter Amor -World Surfing Championship in California.
- 18 Wed—Tongan mat presented.
- 19 Thurs—Anzac Ceremony 2.00. Air Vice-Marshal Cam. Turner. A country worth dying for should be a country worth living for.
- 27 Fri—Philip Armstrong gives Mr Ian Russell \$12,845 - accumulated Council Funds to Centennial Trust. Jackson Duo p.m. Peter Leach receives bat for century; Philip Armstrong receives Mr Ryder's wallet!
- MAY 2** Wed—Band performance; Orewa Concert P4 - Juniors.
- 4 Fri—A rousing farewell to Headmaster on a term's leave to visit Europe.
- 21 Mon—Welcomes. Mr Bublitz's first assembly as Acting Headmaster. Japanese culture, prestige.
- 25 Fri—Corporate Players present Objection Overruled.
- JUN 5** Tues—Essay Competitions begin.
- 13 Wed—Y/One band-for juniors. Senior exams begin.
- 22 Fri—Whistle # 2 issued. Hostel Open Day -Weekend; Concert.
- 29 Fri—Assembly: Winning and losing; Exam room/Sports field. Phillip Armstrong reports on Under-19 Taranaki tour of Queensland that he and Kim Le Bas took part in. Dance: Red Rage.
- JUL 5** Thurs—Dancing classes begin 7.00 p.m. Prelude to The Ball.
- 6 Fri—Assembly: Trees/Vegetation: The Carpet of the Earth - Mr Bublitz's Sight and Sound Presentation.
- 9 & 10 Exeat: Beautiful days - high pressures!
- 25 Wed—Welcome to Shin Tanaka, Keiko Yokoo and Mr Yamada from Kanto High, Japan.
- 30 Mon—Junior drama production: The Animal Makers.
- AUG 1** Wed—Expo - Careers - Army hall.
- 7 Tues—Mufti Day for Raphael Home, India. Careers Evening; 350 attend.
- 9 Thurs—Cross Country events - through the afternoon. Time of truth for fitness. Drug Awareness Seminar.
- 11 Sat—Senior Ball.
- 13 Mon—School Band perform: Clarinet Rag; Billy Joel in Concert.
- 15 Wed—Fire in Metalwork Room.
- 17 Fri—Last day of term! Science Fair opens in the hall.
- SEP 10** Mon—Mr Ryder Returns. Welcomes to newcomers. House sports contests this week.
- 13 Thurs—Speech finals: Mrs Ida Gaskin (Mastermind) Adjudicator.
- 14 Fri—Maori Party Concert/Welcomes to Mr Ryder.
- 20 Thurs—Tree planting by group representatives; Day Boy vs Boarders Rugby Match.
- OCT 8** Mon—News of Woolf-Fisher Travel Award to Mr Bublitz - Visit to Japan Term 2 1985.
- 10 Wed—Awards announced. Heart Foundation Week address - Mr Cooper: Fitness, Life a trip. Awards Dinner evening - Mr D. Lean, Mayor.
- 13 Fri—Senior School Dance.
- 17 Tues—Mufti Day \$260 raised for beautification (trees).
- 20 Fri—Friendship theme introduced: How to get a friend - the white-wash approach.
- 22 Labour Day - blustery.
- 25 Thurs—Cadet Camp begins-Upper Mangorei Road.
- NOV 8** Thurs—Senior Prize Giving: Guest Speaker: Hiwi Tauroa.
- 13 Tues—Junior Exams begin.
- 14 Wed—School Certificate begins.
- 26 Mon—Outdoor Education Week - Junior School.
- DEC 3** Mon—Return of text books. Leaving procedures -seniors only.
- 6 Thurs—Junior Prize Giving.
- 7 Fri—School year ends!!!





The formal attraction was a concrete laying competition. Two teams headed by Mayors Lean and Shadbolt pitted their talents to lay two new concrete practice wickets. Appropriately Tim Shadbolt arrived in a Daimler pulling a concrete mixer and David Lean in a more sleek Porsche. It took a little over an hour to do the job with plenty of light-hearted banter and sweat. The generosity of many meant that for minimal outlay the school now has two good concrete practice wickets. The mastermind behind the venture, Mr Kerrin Roberts, was just one of the great team of P.T.A. executive members and parents numbering nearly one hundred who assisted with the Gala. Added to this group the staff and numerous boys all worked to ensure, for the large crowd present, plenty of entertaining activities and loaded stalls which collectively determined a profit of nearly \$10,000. Added to this of course must be the \$4000 or so, the value of the new cricket wicket.

A grand conclusion to an important school occasion.



The major fundraising venture this year was a GALA DAY organised to raise money for replacement baths. The secret of a good gala is to draw the crowds. The senior boys once again allowed their imagination to take control and they chased monsters from the Mayoral Chambers along Devon Street up the High School hill and through the Memorial Gates. The large white footprints left behind caused a good deal of concern in some quarters and amusement in others. The first person to follow the steps through the gate happened to be the Minister of Education. Mr Wellington presented himself at the office to be told that Mr Ryder was too busy to see anyone. A rather incredulous office girl went back to Mr Ryder and said, "The man said he is Wellington, the Minister of Education". The Headmaster soon had the minister in his office, much to the embarrassment of the staff. Among other matters raised, Mr Wellington enquired if the enrolment procedures catered for **monsters!!** The publicity stunt certainly advertised the gala.



STUDENT EXCHANGE TO JAPAN

Last year I was chosen to go to a Japanese school, Kanto High, for a month. During this time I lived with a host family in Tokyo. My host father was a Buddhist priest and owned a large house and his own temple. Of the four children in the family the eldest girl was the only one who could speak English fluently. The school was a private co-educational one with a roll of seven hundred students. School was held six days a week with six periods a day and four periods on Saturday. The main sports played were baseball, volleyball, basketball, rugby, judo, taiko, kendo and table tennis. A student was only allowed to play one sport all year round and he was required to practice for three or four hours a night.

The school provided plenty of opportunities for me to travel around Tokyo and its outskirts. One of the most memorable days was when I was accompanied by four hundred other students to an ice-skating rink. The exchange was well worthwhile and it was made very easy for me to fit into Japan by a wonderful host family. I thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is interested.

K.J. Brine



INTERACT

This year Interact started off with a very low membership. However, we have completed several projects. These included flounder delivery, the proceeds of which went to sponsorship of a World Vision child in South-East Asia. Members supervised at the Forty Hour Famine dance and sold drinks.

In the second week of the third term we combined with Girls' High Interact to hold a dance for fourth formers of both schools. The evening was a great success with over two hundred people attending.

Our thanks go to Mr Bublitz for his aid, understanding and co-operation in allowing the club to operate and to Mr D'Ath our teacher-in-charge.

Paul Hayton, Tony Pugh

VISITORS FROM JAPAN

Last year an exchange was set up between a Tokyo school called Kanto High School and New Plymouth Boys' and Girls' High Schools. The suggestion for an exchange was made by visiting Japanese teachers and was enthusiastically taken up by our school.

The first visit by Japanese students was made in July/August of this year. Three students and one teacher made the journey (the teacher teaches English and so when needed acted as an interpreter).

Shin Tanaka stayed with me, Yuichi Yokoo stayed with Kerry Brine, Keiko Higashiyama stayed with Claire Mandell and Mr Yamada stayed with the Bublitz family.

So it was a Monday night that I found myself at New Plymouth airport apprehensively awaiting their arrival with everyone else. They arrived and after quick informal greeting and introductions we went home and their 'kiwi' experience began.

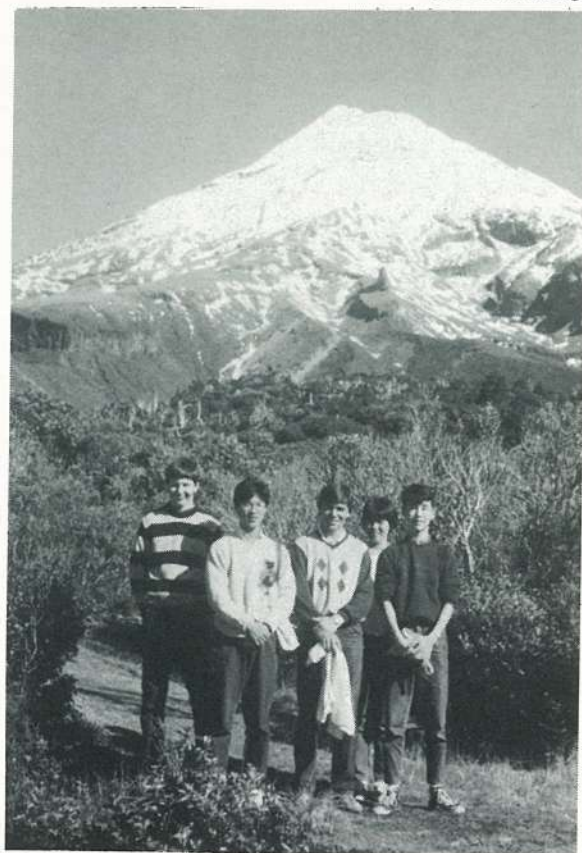
During their two week stay (they were in N.P. for two weeks and they went to Hamilton for two more weeks) we went to farms, factories, the mountain, parks, the city, Wellington and a quick trip over to the South Island.

Language was of course the major stumbling block but with a bit of patience and the aid of a Japanese/English dictionary we managed to converse though thankfully their English was quite good.

They liked our city though they thought it was a bit small and our school was to them large, well equipped and very 'pretty'.

Thanks must go to the many people who made their visit such a success; numerous people went out of their way to make the Japanese welcome and show them what our lives are all about. It was a wonderful experience which should be continued not only for its educational rewards but also to understand and appreciate our friends across the water.

M. Standing



THE FIT BUNKER OR HEART WEAK?

Extract from Mr Cooper's Assembly Address

I bumped into the Headmaster the other day and for my pains was given twenty-three hours to prepare a speech on fitness, to be delivered to the school. As the alternative was to pick up paper for a week, I agreed to exercise the vocal chords. (Now you know what Mr Ryder does to keep fit!)

With five hours of teaching and eight hours of sleeping that twenty-three hours was somewhat reduced. Reports and outdoor education had to be put aside - well, I didn't want to have to keep my socks up for a month, not forgetting the paper.

It so happened the incident took place during Heart Foundation Week. Earlier in the week the newspapers had carried several articles containing facts and figures, the radio had various experts voicing their concern and the television had viewers' heart beats up with either "Inside Straight" or "Inside not-so-straight", a documentary on the furring up of arteries, alias "Count-down to a Coronary". Not wishing to join these prophets of doom I chose to highlight the benefits of being fit.

It is generally recognised that good physical conditioning improves the strength of muscles and helps co-ordination and flexibility, thereby reducing the chances of injury. According to the Mountain Safety Manual N12 the fit person feels less tired at the end of the day, and it takes him less energy to complete his journey than it does an unfit person. He sleeps better, is less tense, and more able to handle emergency situations. This last point is significant in that most people feel fit when they are going about their everyday business, but it is only when they do some sudden physical exertion that they find themselves under stress. You must have that reserve. For instance, if you are in the Te Henui cemetery at ten o'clock in the morning pursuing some extra-curricula activity, or whatever her name is, and Mr Bell appears on the horizon would you have that reserve of fitness to make the safety of Lemon Street before he reaches you? "No, Sir. It couldn't have been me. I'm on the way to the dentist". Incidentally this would be a better response than, "Gee, Mr Bell, you aren't very fit, are you?"

In order to build up those reserves you should exercise for at least thirty minutes and at least three times a week. For those of you who own motorbikes you should find some quiet stretch of the road, where no one else will see you, get off your bike and PUSH IT for a change. Barry Goodin, you should push start your car a bit more often.

And when you are fit you should feel those attributes I mentioned at the beginning. To remind you and perhaps to make them stick in your head I will paraphrase with reference to our friend in the cemetery.

"The fit bunker feels less tired at the end of the bunk, and it takes him less energy to complete his bunking than it does an unfit bunker. He bunks better, is less present, and is more able to handle the emergency situations if they arise on the bunk".

So you see it even pays for bunkers to be fit!

R.L. Cooper

FORTY HOUR FAMINE

About eighty boys from the school signed up to do the Forty Hour Famine this year. They raised about \$1,150.00 altogether, with individual amounts ranging from fifty cents to over a hundred dollars. The largest single amount was handed in by Dallas Williams, a fourth former. He raised \$123.00. The next largest sum was collected by Gavin Smith, a third former, who collected over eighty dollars.

Lain Jager and Bruce Jonson promoted the cause by organising a dance and other activities and this persuaded more people to join. I would like to thank them and also Mr Derby and the other staff members who supervised the weekend's activities.

J.A. Howes

AU FEU

A dix heures du soir, j'avais tellement sommeil que j'ai décidé de prendre une tasse de café puis d'aller au lit. Je m'endormais quand tout à coup je me suis réveillé. Je croyais que je pouvais sentir de la fumée.

Je me suis dépêché à la cuisine parce que beaucoup de fumée venait de la porte. Je suis entré dans la cuisine et j'ai vu un feu dans la salle à manger, qui est à côté de la cuisine.

A ce moment-là les voisins ont téléphoné. M. Laval m'a dit qu'il a vu l'incendie et qu'il avait téléphoné aux pompiers. Puis je suis allé à mes parents et à mon frère, et je les ai réveillés. J'ai dit à mon frère de sortir de la maison et mes parents sont sortis aussi.

Après que les pompiers étaient arrivés et le feu était éteint nous sommes allés rester chez les voisins. Parce que les pompiers sont venus très vite, notre maison était sauvée et nous y retournerons avant le Noël.

At ten o'clock in the evening, I was feeling so sleepy that I decided to have a cup of coffee and then go to bed. I was falling asleep when suddenly I awoke. I thought I could smell smoke.

I hurried to the kitchen because a lot of smoke was coming from the door. I went into the kitchen and I saw a fire in the dining room which is next door to the kitchen.

At that moment the neighbours phoned. Mr Laval told me that he saw the fire and had phoned the firemen. Then I went to my parents and my brother and woke them. I told my brother to leave the house and my parents went too.

After the fire brigade arrived and the fire had been put out, we went to stay with the neighbours. Because the firemen had arrived so quickly, our house was saved and we will be going back there before Christmas.

J. Maclean




Air Vice-Marshal Cam. Turner: A country worth dying for should be a country worth living for.

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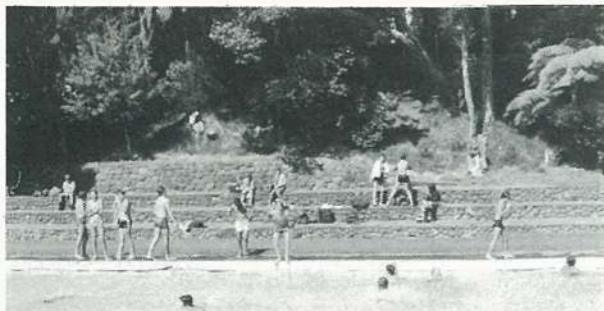
Two copies of the school newspaper were successfully sold out this year and while the level of support for the paper was good and encouraging there was a disturbing apathy in terms of pupil willingness to contribute.

Without the pupils' input a newspaper cannot exist; even letters of complaint from students are welcome. Next year I hope more people will be behind the Whistle to tilt at windmills and puncture bloated sacred cows.

Having made that statement I would like to thank those people who did write, draw or advance constructive comments on specific issues. Jonathon Lyall worked with enthusiasm as a co-ordinator and Andrew Moore was a willing graphics man. Our head boy, Philip Armstrong, and N.P.G.H.S. head girl, Julie Chadwick, happily made themselves available for interviews. I would also like to thank the sixth form for their opinions on U.E. and Sixth Form Certificate - an issue which now seems to be resolved with the change of Government.

I look forward to a better year next year with lots of input from the many talented people within the school.

W. Purdy



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THE SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

The speech competition which was run in the last weeks of June this year, produced some outstanding speeches, of which the best tended to be of a humorous nature. The finals were delayed by the fact that Mrs Ida Gaskin, our adjudicator, was involved in the July elections, and was not free to judge the finalists until the first week of September.

The finals were held on the evening of September 13 in the Boarders' Lounge, before an appreciative audience of about seventy.

In her summing up, Mrs Gaskin emphasised the importance of keeping in contact with your audience and of not being tied to notes. Some people, she said, thought that research and solid facts were an essential part of a good speech, but she disagreed: a speech was a kind of entertainment and the test of a good speech was how much the audience enjoyed it.

The evening concluded with a supper prepared by the P.T.A. I would like to thank these ladies very much for their unfailing help in events of this kind, and heartfelt thanks too to Mrs Gaskin for acting as our adjudicator. We look forward to seeing her again next year.

J.A. Howes

SCIENCE FAIR

The second Taranaki Science Fair was held in our assembly hall on the last Friday of the second term. A total of over 140 entries in various classes were exhibited by pupils from most Taranaki secondary schools. The exhibits were set up on the Thursday night and required numerous drawing pins, miles of string, and yards of adhesive tape!

On Friday morning the fair opened. It was well attended by pupils from our school, other schools and members of the public. The judges spent most of the morning deliberating over some of the excellent exhibits, particularly in the Senior Science class. The winning exhibit was from Tina Shilrock and Juliana Mansvelt of Hawera High School. Their exhibit showing the pH of hair shampoos represented Taranaki at the Hastings National Science Fair.

Our school had more entries this year than any other and there was a very good response from our senior students. Prize winners from our school included:

J. Hook and J. Kennard - First in the Computer Programme class.

A. Gray - First in the Junior Secondary Biological class.

S. Buchanan, A. Simes and P. Holswich - Optometry Prize for best exhibit on light.

H. Veluwenkamp - a merit prize in the Senior Secondary Applied class.

D. Brown - a merit prize in the Junior Secondary Applied class.

Congratulations to the prizewinners but also to the other exhibitors, without whose enthusiasm and effort a science fair would not be possible.

D.J. Mossop

MUSIC

This year has probably seen a turning point for music in the school, and within the refurbished walls of the Memorial Block there have been more than the usual rumbles and groans.

At last we can boast a "real" Music Department with practice rooms, space for the band, shelves for the books and scores, padded seats for the sometimes long practice sessions and even a swivel chair for the Boss. (Mr Boyd really fancied himself in that!)

Musically the school year has gone very quickly with visiting performances and our fair share of being the performers at various venues. Working with Wellington College was fun and we look forward to our return trip next year.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Music Festival saw the boys in fine form - the singers especially worked hard, and the instrumentalists performed to their usual high standard.

The choir is now an integral part of the musical life of the school and is growing in its ability and adventurousness.

The Variety Concert was held as usual in Term Two and is diversifying to include Drama, Skits, Staff Skits and Band as well as the usual musical expectations.

With the remodelled music rooms came a remodelled third form music course which has been very successful. Mrs Meryn Ashworth has joined the staff as guitar teacher and quickly established herself as a vital asset to the Department. (Thank you, Meryn, for your resilience and

enthusiasm!)

As always we could never move onwards without the often unseen input of the instrumental teachers - Mr Ron Smith, Mr Paddy Dwyer, Mrs Kerry Ginever, Mrs Margaret Purdy, Mr Stephen Johnston and Mr Ken Andrews, and Mrs Beryl Simpson who has worked faithfully as accompanist for orchestra and choir.

Mrs Ginever has worked especially hard this year. She has established an orchestra of young players, thus broadening the base of musical activity in the school. We hope to see this group grow and mature musically.

Undoubtedly the thing which has affected us all - musician or not, staff or pupil, was the departure of our lovely, selfless and seemingly tireless H.O.D., Mr Don Boyd. Three weeks into Term Three he left to become itinerant teacher of brass for Taranaki. (We think it was the sleek silver car that did it). However he still shows his face three or four times a week to conduct the band and nurture the fifth form to academic brilliance. Don, we miss you and now more than ever are grateful for your service to the school: only afterwards are we aware of what kind of work and effort went on behind the scenes. Your labours have left a solid foundation - thank you.

So next year there will be a new addition and maybe the beginning of a new era. Thank you to all the boys who give up their time to make it all work; your smiles, grimaces and noise make it all worthwhile.

R. Mabin



The Orchestra



The Choir



The Band



The School Concert: a stern view of Mr Boyd.

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CRICKET

FIRST XI CRICKET

A very experienced side started the season under new captain P. Armstrong but this changed at the Christmas break when six members left, most to join Senior teams.

The club competition consisted of one round of one-day games and one of two-day games. In the one-day games the results were:

Merrilands 60 — P. Armstrong 5 for 7
 School 157 — P. Armstrong 44, B. Johnston 62
 Huatoki 36 — G. Hall 6 for 9, S. Hill 3 for 18
 School 222 — P. Leach 94, G. Hall 76
 New Plymouth 110 — S. Hill 9 for 45
 School 116-9 — G. Hall 27, A. Jury 36

School 128
 Waitara 207-5
 School 157 — T. Irvine 83
 N.P.O.B. 221-7 — S. Hill 5 for 54

Two games were washed out. This gave the team third place.

The two-day games saw some of the established players leaving and there was a challenge for new players.

Merrilands 113 — Hall 6-47
 School 115-9 — Armstrong 36, Dempster 36
 School 61, 142 — Armstrong 46, Giddy 31
 Okato 124
 Huatoki 194, 172-6
 School — Armstrong 47, Leach 40
 196-4 — Armstrong 40, Dempster 28,
 Leach 74 n.o.

School 106 — Leach 28, Giddy 31
 New Plymouth 79 — Jury 8-50
 Waitara 201 — N. Downing 5-56
 108-6
 School 167-5 — Armstrong 49, Leach 62
 185-9 — Armstrong 42, Dempster 38,
 Giddy 40

School 78
 N.P.O.B. 273

School finished fifth overall in a season where many games were rain affected. The team also played in a Sunday League one-day competition losing to Patea and Marist. These games provided valuable practice.

Representatives:
 P. Armstrong - C.D. Under-19
 - Taranaki Colts
 P. Leach - Taranaki Colts

The laying of the new cricket block proved very valuable. In general it played very well for a wicket so new. It was good to play college games on the Top Ground once again. With continued work the block should improve. Special thanks go to Mr Lance Armstrong who has spent hours developing the new block.

The P.T.A. with the assistance of the Mayors of New Plymouth, Mr David Lean, and Waitemata, Mr Tim Shadbolt, have laid two new practice strips which will improve the practicing facilities immensely when completed.



FIRST XI CRICKET

Back Row: C. Hibell, G. McEwen, R. Stenning, C. Downing.
 Middle Row: T. Parsons, S. Dempster, G. Cross, Mr Giddy.
 Front Row: D. Burbidge, N. Downing, P. Armstrong, P. Leach, A. Jury.

COLLEGE GAMES

vs Wellington College - Top Ground

5/12/83 6/12/83

This was the last college game for many of the '83 1st XI. It was also the first game for Philip Armstrong as captain and the first game for the new wicket on the Top Ground.

Wellington College won the toss and put School into bat on a damp wicket. Runs came briskly and wickets fell steadily. School were dismissed for 246 - Brendan Johnston 51, Murray Cox 47, Deane Cross 24, Russell Dempster 24.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

First	Innings	Second Innings	
P. Armstrong c Heron b Sanders	18	c Heron b Maloney	2
P. Leach c Heron b Maloney	3	not out	40
T. Irvine b Phillips	8	c Miller b Maloney	17
G. Hall b Maloney	18		
B. Johnston c Kelly b Phillips	51	run out	3
M. Cox b Sanders	47		
D. Cross c & b Maloney	24		
A. Jury c & b Maloney	4	run out	4
S. Hill lbw Maloney	0		
R. Dempster c Sanders b Thompson	25		
H. Fairey not out	1		
Extras	48		
Total	246	Total for 4 wickets	86

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Phillips	9	1	38	2	4	0	19	0
Maloney	29	9	68	5	8	0	24	2
Thompson	16	4	36	1	4	0	15	0
Sanders	16	5	38	2				

At afternoon tea Wellington College were two wickets down for 9 runs. After the loss of another quick wicket the middle order fought well to be 144 for 9, three runs short of the follow-on total. The last wicket fell for addition of two runs and the follow-on was enforced.

Runs came and wickets fell. With two hours remaining Wellington College were 174 for 7 wickets but a 69 run eighth wicket meant they were dismissed for 251. Poor fielding had cost School many runs. This left School 151 runs to score in less than an hour. At stumps they were 86 for 4 wickets with Peter leach 40 not out.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE

First Innings		Second Innings	
Fairey — b Hall	25	c Cross b Hall	5
Bridge c — b Hall	0	c Cross b Hall	3
Heron b Hill	4	run out	32
Kerr lbw Armstrong	24	run out	0
Phillips b Fairey	37	c & b Dempster	39
Richards b Hill	21	b Dempster	0
Sanders b Fairey	2	c Jury b Dempster	78
Kelly c Cox b Armstrong	5	c Hall b Cox	21
Maloney c Leach b Dempster	16	lbw Hall	1
Gibson c Hill b Hall	0	run out	14
Thompson not out	2	not out	0
Extras	28	Extras	36
Total	146	Total	251

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
S. Hill	17	4	30	2	15	3	36	0
G. Hall	12	4	23	2	30	8	75	3
Dempster	13	6	29	1	21	7	64	3
Armstrong	10	0	20	2	10	1	27	0
Fairey	7	2	15	2	8	3	13	1

Result: Drawn

vs HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL Top Ground

This was the first college game for eight players. School won the toss and put Hamilton in to bat. After the loss of two wickets with the score at 11 H.B.H.S scored at a run a minute on a fast wicket and quick outfield. School's fielding was good with two good runouts. Hamilton were all out for 341 with most batsmen making double figures.

School batted slowly losing Dempster at 11. Grant Cross and Philip Armstrong added 60 for the second wicket, Cross scoring 34.

Parson's wicket fell early on the second day. McEwen and Armstrong combined in an 85 run partnership. Armstrong showed great control, hitting only very loose balls. He brought up his century with a six over square leg to the delight of the lunchtime crowd. He was out after scoring one

more run for a very valuable 102. McEwen was out for 38 and Stenning scored 16. School were out for 212.

The follow-on was enforced. Leach and Dempster opened in a very positive manner. Wickets fell at 25 and two at 41. Armstrong added 50 with Leach till caught. McEwen joined Leach and for the second time in the match accompanied a batsman to his century.

The partnership took the total past the H.B.H.S. score. Leach's 120 not out included 16 fours and may not have been completed but for a fine piece of sportsmanship by Hamilton captain, Robert McLeod. Leach was given out lbw after the ball had hit the bat. McLeod called him back to the crease to continue batting.

At stumps School were 205 for 5, McEwen 14 not out. The result was a drawn game.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

First Innings	Innings	Second Innings	
P. Armstrong b Stevens	102	c - b Coker	21
S. Dempster c - b Fear	1	b Thomspn	8
G. Cross b Griffiths	34	c Coker b Smith	9
P. Leach lbw Thompson	4	not out	120
T. Parsons b Thompson	0	run out	0
A. Jury b Thompson	0	b Coker	18
G. McEwen c - b Coker	38	not out	14
D. Burbidge b Coker	0		
C. Hibell st - b Coker	0		
R. Stenning not out	16		
N. Downing c - b Stevens	0		
Extras	21	Extras	15
Total	212	for 5 wickets	205

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Thompson	18	12	14	3	6	1	7	1
Fear	16	9	21	1	4	1	17	0
Smith	12	2	28	1	5	1	13	1
Stevens	18	5	49	2	11	1	44	0
Griffiths	16	0	48	1				
Coker	7	1	16	3	25	4	85	2

Result: Drawn

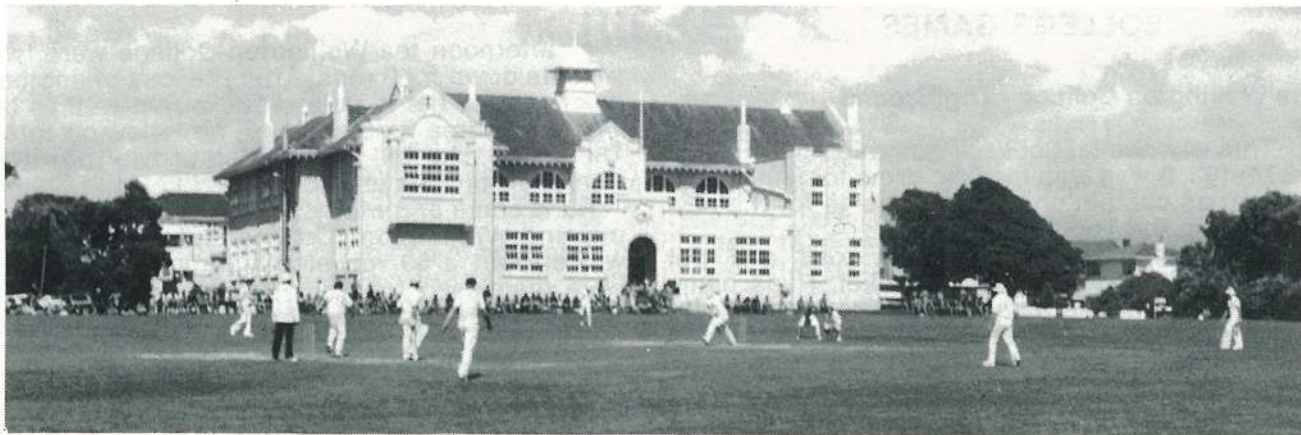
HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

First Innings	Innings
S. Limmer b Jury	3
B. Coker c Burbidge b Armstrong	8
N. Coker b Leach	38
R. McLeod run out	42
S. Thompson b Stenning	70
R. Stevens run out	32
C. Kilpin run out	15
A. Fear c Stenning b Parsons	31
Griffiths c Dempster b Stenning	71
B. Smith c Parsons b Dempster	5
A. Leys not out	8
Extras	11
Total	341

	O	M	T	W
Jury	21	6	75	1
Armstrong	16	4	33	1
Dempster	6	1	32	1
Leach	11	1	53	1
Stenning	16	4	38	2
Parsons	4	0	12	1



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vs WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

Collegiate won the toss and batted very well at a run per minute. They were very harsh on any loose bowling. The top order batsmen all scored well with Collegiate captain top scoring with 79. Collegiate declared at 270 for 9. Stuart Dempster took 3-45 from 17 overs.

Dempster and Armstrong started well until Armstrong was out for 19 with the score at 44. The remaining wickets fell reasonably quickly and

School was all out for 147. S. Dempster batted very well for 65.

School followed on 134 runs behind and struggled from the start with only Grant Cross 40, in over three hours at the crease showed any real resistance. With the last hour starting School was 90 for five wickets. The last over began School 107 for 8 but we lost both wickets with two balls remaining.

This game was the first where new team members were really under pressure. They should be all the better for the experience.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

First Innings		Second Innings	
P. Armstrong c Strang b Atkinson	19	c Sherriff b Atkinson	12
S. Dempster c - b Atkinson	65	c Hyslop b Bolt	5
P. Leach c Young b Atkinson	1	c Sherriff b Petrie	25
G. Cross b Young	3	c Atkinson b Bannister	40
G. McEwen c Williams b Hyslop	0	c Bannister b Bolt	2
T. Parsons lbw Bannister	12	c Williams b Strang	5
D. Burbidge run out	5	b Bannister	1
A. Jury b Young	4	c Petrie b Bannister	1
R. Stenning c Bolt b Atkinson	8	not out	0
N. Downing b Hyslop	0	b Hyslop	0
C. Downing not out	0	lbw b Hyslop	0
Extras	18	Extras	17
Total	147	Total	108

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Hyslop	16	7	13	2	18	6	18	2
Atkinson	29	14	48	4	30	12	37	1
Bannister	18	10	13	1	20	15	16	3
Young	7	5	4	2	4	4	0	0
Bolt					19	10	26	2
Strang					2	2	0	1

Result: Outright loss.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

First Innings		Second Innings	
L. Sherriff run out	30		
P. Young c Burbidge b Leach	79		
J. Atkinson c Jury b N. Downing	45		
G. Morison c C. Downing b Armstrong	36		
R. Bannister c Jury b Dempster	29		
W. Marr c Leach b C. Downing	24		
M. Williams st Burbidge b Dempster	18		
A. Petrie c Stenning b Dempster	2		
J. Hyslop not out	5		
R. Strang b Downing	0		
C. Bolt not out	0		
Extras	11		
Total	280		

	O	M	R	W
Armstrong	21	6	57	1
Jury	11	2	41	0
C. Downing	20	8	40	2
N. Downing	9	3	16	1
Leach	12	2	51	1
Dempster	17	3	45	3

SECOND XI 1983/84

The 1983/84 cricket season found the Second XI playing open grade cricket in the North Taranaki Second Grade Competition.

Because of the exceptionally large number of players moving up to the First XI after Christmas, players generally lacked experience in this competitive grade and few recorded any outstanding performances in terms of wickets or runs.

In their only true school match against Hamilton Boys' High School the team performed with credit to share the two 50-over matches one all. It was during these games that the experience gained in open grade cricket was most apparent with the team batting, bowling and fielding with a very positive approach.

With a number of young players now in the squad and with the experience they have gained prospects for the next season look promising.

Players included: W. Scott (Captain), D. Burbidge, A. Croad, N. Downing, K. Dohig, B. Hall, D. Harris, D. McCallum, G. McEwen, A. Moore, T. Parsons, R. Stenning, R. Sumpter, B. van der Water, S. Sheahy, C. Downing, C. O'Dowda, S. Dempster, M. Carr.



FOURTH GRADE

BLUE

R. Mabin

Fourth Grade Blue had a lot of fun and enjoyed their cricket, even if wins weren't magnificent. Thanks to Mark Atkinson's bowling arm and a general enthusiasm, we managed to work in the field very well.

Appreciation and thanks go to the parents who helped with their time and support at games.

WHITE

W. Purdy

This was a lively, cheerful team that enjoyed its cricket. In terms of results we left our run a bit late, but the season ended for us on a high note with some spirited batting from N. McKee and J. Carter helping to overwhelm our opposition. I would like to thank the boys for their support during the season.

Team members: M. Schultze, R. Jeffrey, N. Young, A. Darke, G. Green, A. Crawshaw, N. McKee, R. Ghosh, M. Telfer, J. Carter, N. Latimer, B. Ransome.

YELLOW

G. Bell

Game 1: vs Spotswood College. School made 107 in their 30 overs with Kurt Ward making 42. Spotswood College were all out for 99 in 27 overs with Kurt Ward taking 1 for 10 off six overs and Tony Little taking 4 for 12 off six overs.

Game 2: vs Francis Douglas College. Francis Douglas made 99 off their 30 overs and then dismissed School for 51.

Game 3: vs School White. White made 69 in their 30 overs with Tony Little taking 4 for 14. Yellow made 132 in 30 overs with Brett Cronin making 36 and Ross Pennington 26 not out.

Game 4: vs Inglewood First IV. Inglewood made 157 off 25 overs with the loss of only one wicket and School made 105 off 22 overs all out. Kurt Ward made 34 hitting 7 fours and a six.

Brett Cronin and Kurt Ward (Captain) were selected for the North Taranaki team.

Team members: Kurt Ward (Captain), B. Daneford, T. Little, B. Cronin, C. Moles, C. Hogg, R. Pennington, J. Dalmer, V. Wood, G. Robertson, C. Penberthy.

GOLD

This team consisted of Jason Burbidge (Captain), Stuart Chapman, Brett Newsome, Warren Wisneski, Glenn Turner, Neil Pennington, Andrew Wilson, Paul Roberts, Gary Woodward, Gene Kenedy, Rana Ghosh, Tony Marsden. It was a very good batting side with Burbidge, Chapman, Newsome and Wisneski to the fore and it was a very good bowling side. Chapman, Pennington, Wisneski showed good form. The team also fielded very well and each member performed with distinction. Very few catches were dropped and runouts were always on.

Poor weather resulted in only three games being completed. We had two wins and one loss - to Inglewood, a much older side who won the competition - by three runs.

vs Woodleigh-Spotswood 37 — Pennington 8 for 10, Roberts 2 for 12
 School 154 — Burbidge 22, Newsome 19, Pennington 31, Turner 10, Wisneski 25
 vs Westown 83 — Chapman 5-17, Newsome 2-4, School 119 — Chapman 28, Burbidge 18, Wisneski 16, Turner, 27
 vs Inglewood 112 — Wisneski 2-15, Wilson 2-20, School 109 — Wisneski 51, Newsome 13, Burbidge 13

FIFTH GRADE

YELLOW

This was a team of sixteen very enthusiastic third formers. Unfortunately enthusiasm was not enough as we had little success on the field.

Teams played against were Inglewood, Francis Douglas, 5th White and Spotswood.

Coach: G. Clarke.

Team members: P. Shearer (Captain), B. McKee, Smith, J. Vickers, J. Nuku, M. Finer, D. Cooper, S. McFall, J. Pettersen, C. Martin, H. Silby, B. McCulloch, M. Meager, P. Mitchell, J. Fairey, K. Jonas.

BLACK

Coach: Bert Robson, **Captain:** Greg Clark.

This team had two wins and three losses, one game being lost by one run. Some games were played on very poor wickets; two games were interrupted several times by rain showers.

The principal batsman and wicket-keeper, Richard Haszard, batted well in all games, his highest score being 32 not out.

Brett Lister, the team's off-spinner, bowled a good length with consistent accuracy. His best bowling was against Waitara High School when he secured four wickets for 13 runs.

All players showed improvement as the term progressed. The fielding, at times, was of a very good standard.

Team members: Greg Clark, Richard Haszard, Greg Scriven, Shane Stockwell, Jon Wallace, Dwayne Burt, Murray Foreman, Glen Roebuck, Chris Booth, Jamie Phillips, Andrew Bunn, Neil Tapsell, Brett Lister, Andrew Loft.



Sticky wicket!

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SWIMMING

Individual Results

JUNIOR:

100 Freestyle: J. Fisher 1:04.59; S. Johns, G. Wood
33 1/3 Freestyle: R. Green 18.6; J. Fisher, B. Wipatene
33 1/3 Butterfly: R. Green 23.47; G. Wood, J. Fisher
33 1/3 Breaststroke: R. Green 23.5; S. Johns, D. Shorter (Record)
33 1/3 Backstroke: J. Fisher 23.3; S. Johns, J. Brewer
1st—R. Green. 2nd—J. Fisher. 3rd—S. Johns

INTERMEDIATE:

100 Freestyle: P. Jensen 1:02.9; B. Johns, I. Rust
33 1/3 Freestyle: P. Jensen 17.4; P. Lyall, C. Barclay
33 1/3 Butterfly: P. Jensen 19.89, P. Lyall, B. Van de Water.
66 2/3 Breaststroke: P. Jensen 51.5; B. Johns, N. Webb
66 2/3 Backstroke: B. Johns 46.5; L. McKay, R. Flavell
1st—P. Jensen. 2nd—B. Johns. 3rd—P. Lyall

SENIOR:

100 Freestyle: M. Simons 59.9; D. Larsen, M. Penny
33 1/3 Freestyle: S. Davenport 20.5; B. Axeby, E. Nemaia
33 1/3 Butterfly: A. Rothwell 19.7; M. Simons, D. Larsen
66 2/3 Breaststroke: M. McRury 51.9; D. Larsen, A. Rothwell
66 2/3 Backstroke: A. Rothwell 48.7; M. McRury, M. Simons
1st—A. Rothwell. 2nd—M. Simons. 3rd equal— M. McRury, D. Larsen

Open 200 yd: P. Lyall, M. Simons, S. Johns



MASS SWIM:

	Swimmers	% Swimming
Donnelly	218	83
Barak	173	72
Hatherly	162	59
Syme	180	72

LIFESAVING:

1st: Fisher & Johns (Barak)
2nd: Foubister & Fawcett (Donnelly)
3rd: Simons & VanderWater (Syme)
4th: Murphy & Lilly (Hatherly)

'A' HOUSE RELAY:

1st—Donnelly. 2nd—Syme. 3rd—Hatherly. 4th—Barak.

Dayboys narrowly beat the Boarders.

Oldboys beat Present Dayboys.

HOUSE POINTS:

1st — Barak — 1,166 points
2nd — Hatherly — 951 points
3rd — Donnelly — 897 points
4th — Syme — 796 points

Entry points gained from the preliminaries determined the final outcome of the competition with Barak House much to their credit (being one of the smaller houses numerically) achieving an almost unassailable lead followed by Hatherly, Donnelly and Syme.

The two swimmers from each house selected for the finals swam in designated lanes over which house symbols were hung. Donnelly produced a huge blue 'Lance Cairns' size bat, Barak a green replica of the Crammond Cup of which they are current holders. Hatherly had a giant replica of a tin of tuna fish labelled 'Hatherly's Finest' and Syme house a dux's cap signifying the academic achievements of Sir Ronald Syme. The symbols added colour and spirit to the occasion.

There were some very close contests throughout. Robert Green in creating a new school record in the Junior one length breaststroke provided one of the highlights. Another had to be the mass swim, which has to be seen to be believed. And the Day Boys beat the Boarders!

G. Bell



TARANAKI INTER SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

These were held at our pool for the second year running, with the Taranaki Swimming Centre providing the officials. Once again they did a very efficient job; many thanks ladies and gentlemen.

Either the calibre of the opposition is improving or our ability is slipping. Of the twenty-one events for boys we only managed to win three. Bevan Johns won the Intermediate Backstroke; Rhys Flavell, Paul Jensen, Patrick Lyall and Bevan won the Intermediate Medley Relay; and Simon Davenport, Brendon Axeby, Ernest Nemaia and Dean Armbricht won the Senior Freestyle Relay. Other than that our swimmers tended to come second, third or fourth. Each event had about sixteen entries, so perhaps we didn't do so badly.

THE TEAMS:

Junior: Jason Fisher, Stephen Johns, Greg Wood, Karl Wipatene.

Intermediates: Paul Jensen, Patrick Lyall, Bevan Johns, Ross McKay.

Seniors: Jonathon Lyall, Dean Larsen, Marcus McRury, Michael Penny, Dean Armbricht, Simon Davenport, Brendon Axeby, Ernest Nemaia.

** Top swimmers Mathew Simons and Rodney Green were away at the North Island Championships. So too were the top opposition!

R.L. Cooper



Peter Amor who was selected to represent N.Z. Juniors at the World Surf Champs in California.

LIFESAVING

For the second year, officers of the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Royal Lifesaving Society have taken courses of instruction in the first term in particular with our Boarders.

The training has been excellent and again a number of boys have achieved awards, and more to the point, have gained skills of use not only to themselves but the community at large.

Recipients this year are:

Elementary Certificate: Tristan Brimelow, Jonathan Fields, Leighton Upson, Owen Frenz, Deon Warren, Murray Fox.

Junior Certificate: Glenn Jones, Nicholas Young, Owen Frenz, Murray Fox, Andrew Warren, Alistair Cole, Deon Warren.

Intermediate Star: Phillip Clark, Greg Mills, Roy Abbot, Gordon Robertson, Michael Wilson, James Quinn, Bernard Sullivan, Neville Wells.

Bronze Medallion: Chris Gaze, Robert Field, Karl Robbins, Braide Coplestone, Lloyd Robbins, Andrew Iles, Roderick Walter, Kelly Kahukaka.

Instructor's Certificate: The highest award won this year is the Instructor's Certificate earned by Chris Gaze.



Arnold Fawcett and James Foubister demonstrating resuscitation.

Taranaki Inter Secondary Lifesaving Championships

This year the School entered two teams in the Open Competition. They were tested on various lifesaving skills, such as resuscitation, releases, tows and general water skills. Team members draw lots as to who does what, so that all four swimmers have to train beforehand in all the skills. Absolute concentration is essential and it is in this aspect that the Senior team, and to a lesser extent the Junior team, let themselves down. Although the Senior team did win the Butcher Cup for the best boys' team, they were a long way behind the standard of the teams from N.P.G.H.S. who came first, second and third!

The Junior team did reasonably well despite a last minute team change and they will have gained valuable experience in readiness for next year's competition.

TEAMS: Senior: K. Littlejohn (Instructor), M. Simons, B. Johns, P. Lyall, B. Van de Water.

Junior: M. Kay (Instructor), J. McFarlane, S. Johns, G. Wood, R. Flavell.

R.L. Cooper

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ATHLETICS

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a fine day everything went according to plan. Although no records were broken there were some close contests. Two stars to emerge in the Junior grade were Andrew Bunn in the sprints and Steven Kendall in the middle distances.

Graham Cawsey was the star in track events in the Intermediate grade winning the 100m, 200m and the 100m hurdles. In the field events Douglas Mace won both the shot and discus with a 2nd in the javelin.

In the Senior grade the contest was very close with Philip Armstrong winning two events and a second, Patterson Aifai winning two events and several minor placings, and Peter Hepworth showing his versatility by winning the high jump as well as the middle distance events.

After a close contest during the day, Donnelly drew clear to become the Athletic House Champion. The Junior champion was Andrew Bunn, the Intermediate champion was Graham Cawsey and the Senior championship was shared by Peter Hepworth and Patterson Aifai.

In the two big events, Staff v 7th Form and Dayboys v Boarders Relays, the staff came a very close second and the Day Boys "cleaned out" the Boarders.



Day Boys leading the Boarders.

Taranaki Secondary School Championships

We sent only a small team to Francis Douglas compared with other years but the success was very good. It was a fine day but a very strong head wind up the finishing straight made it very hard for the sprinters. Just about every athlete achieved a fourth placing or better in the events we entered. Four new school records were set. Two in the Junior grade - Andrew Bunn in the 400m and Steven Kendall in the 1500m. Graham Cawsey in the Intermediate boys hurdles. Peter Hepworth set a new record in the Senior mens high jump with a leap of 1.74m.

Graham Cawsey and Douglas Mace had a successful meeting as well with two wins each. Albert Hekesi won both the senior long and triple jump.

From the meeting these boys were selected to go to the North Island Secondary School Athletic Championships at Hamilton: Peter Hepworth, Douglas Mace, Graham Cawsey, Patterson Aifai, Charlie Mead, Steven Kendall, Andrew Bunn, Trent Adams and Jodie Brewer. Peter Hepworth was second in the Senior Boys 800m and Graham Cawsey was third in the Intermediate Boys 200m. Two new school records were set, Jodie Brewer in the Junior Boys shot with a throw of 11.6m and Douglas Mace in the Intermediate discus with a throw of 40.32m.

Tasman Hertz League

Our school successfully retained this trophy for the fifth year in succession. Our team was comprised of a few stars and some average but very competitive athletes. My thanks go to all the athletes who competed for our school during the two nights of competition.

While running for our school during the athletic season Peter Hepworth lowered our Senior 800m time to 1 min. 56.9 secs.

My thanks go to all athletes who competed for the school during the year and I'll see you all again next season.

M. Watts



Philip Broadbridge using 'The Western Roll' whilst Peter Hepworth 'The Fosbury Flop' in winning the high jump.



BASKETBALL

GENERAL

With the success of Hertz New Plymouth and the increased coverage of indoor basketball on television, it is little wonder that the sport has had an upsurge in recent years. Consequently at the start of the year sixty third form boys wanted to play, far more than ever before. With the changing of the grades to correspond to the National Competition, School fielded four teams in the under-14s and four teams in the under-16s competition. The third form boys proved their enthusiasm with placing; Celtic were first, Lakers were second and All-Stars and Bomber were fourth and fifth. This was a credit to the boys and augurs well for the future.

The under-16s found their League to be a close fought competition with Raiders, Eagles and Pioneers coming third, fourth and fifth respectively. The highlight of the year was our fourth form team winning the Taranaki Junior Schools' Tournament.

With all these teams competing we were hard put to field the teams in full uniforms and many thanks must go to the aid given, by Robert Stone Co Ltd. With Mr Lay's departure from School indoor basketball will lose a keen coach and referee. Thanks must go to him and all the other coaches and parents who put the time and effort into the boys' welfare.



BASKETBALL 'A' TEAM

Back Row: Mr Bayly, James Douglas, Ernest Nemaia, Philip Broadbridge, Scott McEwen, Rod Snodgrass
Front Row: Brendon Boon, Andy Laurenson, Luke Worth, Tom Morris, Scott Boniface

'A' TEAM

With only two players left out of last year's squad of ten the team had a real task ahead of them. At the beginning of the season Luke Worth (Captain) and Tom Morris used their experience gained from last year and held the team together with some noteworthy performances. Philip Broadbridge, our tall centre, played an important part in all games and when he gained possession of the ball inside he was practically unstoppable. It was also good to see other players developing their skills and confidence as the season went on.

This year saw us playing in the Men's 'B' Grade competition, against older and more cunning opponents. To begin with the boys struggled and came out with either close wins or narrow losses, but when the team began the second round it was a different story. With the experience gained in the first round we were easily able to dispose of

our opponents. Although the early losses affected the points table, the team came a creditable second.

Our college games are always the highlights of the year and this year was no exception. Our first was against Hamilton Boys' High at Hamilton. In a very intense game with both sides getting frustrated at some inconsistent refereeing, the home side ran out the eventual winners. The most important thing learned from this game was temperament and from that point on the team began to play with more co-ordination and less panic. Wanganui Collegiate at Collegiate was our next opposition and in a confidence-boosting game all players took on their opposition man to man and won by a convincing margin, 62-28. It was a great chance for players like James Douglas and Rod Snodgrass to find their feet and from there they never looked back.

The third game was against Wellington College. In a fast and open game Wellington ran out the winners, 121-45, showing their experience and talent. But it was a credit-worthy performance by the team who stuck to their task.

Our final college match against Wanganui Boys' College proved to be the highlight of the season with the team gaining an upset victory, 42-30. In an exciting game everything came right with shots being taken from the outside and dominance being gained on the boards and through this we took control. Andy Laurenson and James Douglas drove the baseline while Philip Broadbridge and Ernest Nemaia cleaned up the loose ball. Brendon Boon, Rod Snodgrass and Tom Morris combined well and double-teamed the ball up front while Luke Worth gave a Captain's performance. The team finished their college matches with a creditable 2 win 2 loss record.

The team also competed at two other tournaments. The Regional tournament was at Hawera this year and we were competing for a place at the Nationals in Christchurch. The team played well and was narrowly beaten into fourth place by Francis Douglas. This qualified us to go to the North Island tournament in August where the team went well and gained third place. Congratulations must go to Luke Worth and Tom Morris for selection in the New Plymouth Men's under-20 team. Thanks must be given to Mr Worth, our team manager, who was always on hand to give support and encouragement to team and coach alike. With a young side and the experienced gained this year all looks well for indoor basketball next year.

Coach: B. Bayly.

UNDER 16 GRADE

EAGLES

Coach: Miss Mabin

The Eagles certainly enjoyed their basketball. It was a good season, with only three losses and some excellent scores. Thank to a committed team, a talented Kemp Detenamo and a much appreciated helping hand by John Goodare, the team enjoyed considerable success.

The team: Tony Emanuel, Maurice Gilmour, Albert Hekesi, James Pohenga, Link Uera, Tony Groot, Stephen Lewis, Michael Broadbridge, Andrew Darke, Kemp Detenamo.

RAIDERS

Coach: Mr Roberts

The Raiders ended up third in the competition with only two losses to the finalists. The team was comprised of fourth formers who had some exciting and narrow wins against some of the older and more experienced sides. This was a credit to the boys who played as a team and were ably coached by Mr Roberts. We thank him for his time and effort.

The team: Tony Roberts, Scott Boniface, Scott McEwen, Craig Moles, Stuart Chapman, Tony Dew, Bernard Sutherland, Rana Ghosh, Kelly Kahukaka.

MOHAWKS

Coach: Mr Bayly

The Mohawks had a enjoyable and entertaining season with some fine team performances. Although inexperienced to start with, the team never gave up and gained some good victories

over tough opponents. It was good to see spirit and character from the boys with special mention to 'Sky-hook Abdul' Wilson, the shortest member of the team.

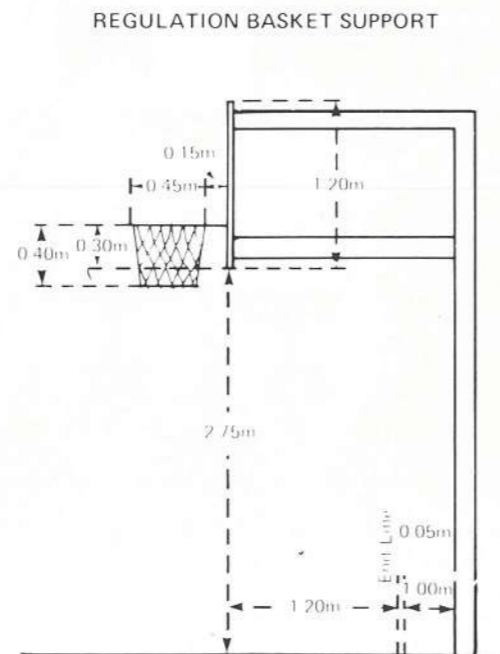
The Team: David Mandell, John Dance, Andrew Wilson, Shane Reynolds, Paul Jensen, Angus Stuart, George Stafford, Darren Willets, Grant Cross, David Vickers, Patrick Lyall.

PIONEERS

Coach: Tom Morris

The Pioneers always gave their best and ended up in fifth position. The team knitted together well, combining flair with solid performance on the backboards. The team suffered two early setbacks with the loss of Brendon Boon to the 'A' team and Karl Quinn leaving but the team showed character to come back. Solid performances were put in throughout the year by Conan Heatly and Dean Larsen. Thanks must go to Tom Morris for coaching the team.

The team: Darren Jensen, Dean Larsen, Michael Blair, Conan Heatly, Terry Chapman, Henry Vira, Andrew Matheson, Jarod Bilbe, Damian Ellerton.



UNDER-14 GRADE

BOMBERS

Coach: Mr Burnham

Bombers opened the season in great form being unbeaten for several of the early games and at the conclusion of the first round were joint leaders.

Sadly their form began to slip at this point and several opponents exacted their revenge for first round defeats.

Throughout the season Bomber's most prolific scorer was Craig Lilley, ably supported by Hogg, P. Shearer and Upson. The most improved player was Andrew Hocken. Darren Hemara and Andrew Crawshaw worked hard in defence and newcomer to the team Andy Shearer gained in confidence with each game.

The team ws: J. Anderson, D. Hemara, A. Crawshaw, A. Hocken, C. Hogg, C. Lilley, P. Shearer, A. Shearer and L. Upson.

CELTICS

The Celtics team won their grade, with a consistent standard throughout the season. The team of Trent Adams, Sean Donovan, Rhys George, Malcom Finer, Stewart Wilson, Karl Wipatene, Vincent Huirama and Michael Meager was captained by Tim Johnson and coached by Mr Mossop. Rhys George was chosen to represent his grade at representative level but all team members participated fully. The team had a great spirit and won many of its games in the last few moments after being behind in points. Of a total of thirteen games, the Celtics won 11 and lost 2. This gained them a place in the final. The final, played against a rival N.P.B.H.S. team, the Lakers, was a close fought affair but much to the surprise of the Celtics, they were never behind on points, and managed to win 29-25.



ALL-STARS

Coach: Mr Lay

The All-Stars had a mixed beginning to the season but came back strongly at the end to finish in fourth position. They did this with attractive fast-breaks, which worked very well. With big Jody Brewer cleaning up the rebounds the team could stick to the pattern. It was with deep regret that we saw Mr Lay leaving our school as the team always appreciated his participation from the sideline.

The team: Jody Brewer, Jason Duckett, Jamie McKenzie, Chris Luke, Graeme Sands, Justin Old, Neil Mandell, Carl Jensen, Kenny Rodgers, Ross Pennington.

LAKERS

Coach: Mr Bayly

The Lakers produced some entertaining indoor basketball this season and came a close second to B.H.S. Celtics. The team excelled at fast breaking and played excellent man-to-man throughout the year. The talent is definitely there and with continued enthusiasm and good team work they should do well next year. Congratulations to Dean Shorter for making the Fourth Form Team and Philip Chapman and Dean for making the Under-14 Tournament team.

The team: Dean Shorter, Nicholas Wilson, Ken Smart, Jason Fisher, Philip Chapman, Rodney Green, Stephen Johns, Craig Richards, Brendon Winder.

CELTICS:

Back Row: Sean Donovan, Malcom Finer, Stuart Wilson, Michael Maeger, Mr Mossop (Coach)

Front Row: Trent Adams, Rhys George, Tim Johnson (Captain), Karl Wipatene.

Winners of Under 14 Grade Basketball.

25.7.84 Mr X burns his socks - in the oven.

VOLLEYBALL

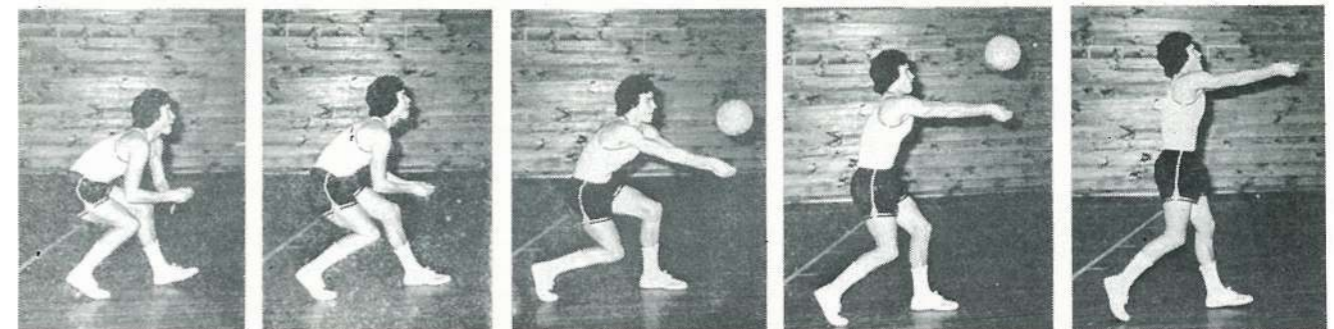
This year the school formed a junior and a senior team to participate in the inter-secondary school volleyball tournaments at our school. The seniors managed second placing in their section taking a game from the eventual winners, Hawera, in the process. The junior team played Hawera in the final and went down two games to one in a close-fought and exciting match.

Unfortunately Wellington College was unable to play the annual inter-school fixture so most of the volleyball was confined to games during practices and against a skilled staff team which often proved too strong. The senior boys also played in

the Western Volleyball Sunday league and were well placed in the 'B' division.

Seniors: Allan Jury (Captain), Tom Morris, Albert Hekesi, James Panuve, Link Uera, Stan Kalanini, Tevila Tupu, Misi Tasmania, James Douglas, Gavin Clegg, Brendan Axeby, Nigel Rex. Coach: Mr Bell.

Juniors: Brent Larsen (Captain), Ronald Brons, Kerry May, Jason Burbidge, Simon Clegg, Rodney Bishop, Peter Grey, Gavin Cox, Emery Sue. Coach: Mr Turner.



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HOCKEY

1st XI REPORT:

With six fourth formers and one third former in the squad this has been a season for rebuilding rather than a season of consolidation. Progress was hindered by breaks of two or three weeks between league matches, which meant that the players were not match fit when they came to the College games. Whilst they could hold their own in the first half they tended to fade in the second half. Hence instead of coming home with a 0-2 loss to Hamilton they came home with a 0-5 loss. The exception was the Wanganui Boys' game where our players dominated play right through, yet failed to capitalise on the scoring opportunities. Wanganui had the very occasional shot at goal, but still managed to run out winners. Score 2-1. The other results were: vs Wellington College 6-1 loss; vs Wanganui Collegiate 5-0 loss.

Tournament

The squad travelled to Levin this year to challenge for the Woollaston Cup. If the players weren't fit at the start they certainly should have been at the end of the week. The organisers decided that the nine teams should play a full round-robin, which for us meant eight games in three and a half days, our rest period coming in the last afternoon of the tournament.

With a table of P8 W2 D1 L5 F13 A16 the team appears not to have done too well - it came sixth. However it did win the respect of the other teams, as the defeats were only by a one goal margin. Robert Burns did extremely well as goalkeeper, especially as he had played in that position only once prior to going to tournament. Otahuhu thought they were on to a cricket score when they went 3-0 up in the first half, yet they were somewhat relieved when the final whistle blew with the score at 3-2.

Wednesday was a strange day. At 11 a.m. the team played against Lytton High School and won 2-1. It was Lytton's first loss, and in beating them we had thrown the competition wide open again. At 1 p.m. the team took to the field against Taita College who had yet to win a game. Result - a 4-3 win to Taita! By losing this game we had put ourselves out of contention for the top places. The only excuse for the change in fortunes is that Taita came into the game fresh after having the morning off, whilst our players had to take to the field one hour after a tough match and an emotional "high". Perhaps the writing was on the wall!

Papatoetoe were the eventual winners, whilst the other schools involved were (in order of finishing): Aotea College, Lytton High School, Otahuhu College, Waiopahu College, New Plymouth Boys' High School, Horowhenua College, Takapuna Grammar School, Taita College.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank those parents who billeted the Wellington team, those parents who provided transport on Saturdays, Harley Simpson, David Stones and Fred Stones for umpiring the College matches, the P.T.A. for the "teas", the School Council for subsidising travel costs, the groundsman for preparing the pitch, and Wade Scott for the time and effort he put in as captain. Thank you all.

R.L. Cooper, Coach

Representative Honours:

Wade Scott - Taranaki Secondary Schools.
Justin Brownlie - Taranaki Form 3/Form 4 team.
Jamie McKenzie - Taranaki Form 3/Form 4 team.



1st XI Back Row: Andrew Darke, Robert Burns, Brian Smith.
Middle Row: Scott Newman, Chris Bridgeman, Bruce Lilly, Mr Cooper.
Front Row: Harvey McCandlish, Richard Watson, Wade Scott, Justin Brownlie, Guy Vickers.
Absent: Karl Phillips, Jamie McKenzie.

2nd XI REPORT

In previous years the Second XI operated with a squad of sixteen or more, which meant that in order to give everyone a game no particular playing pattern was established. This year there were sufficient numbers to operate a Third XI, so that the Second XI had a squad of only thirteen. They were able, therefore, to build up teamwork, which they put to good effect, losing only three matches during the season.

Wayne Burt, their coach, hammered home the need to do the basics well, whilst John Murtagh initially gave encouragement from the sideline, but soon found himself in the thick of things with stick in hand. The greens were a bit uneven!

David Morris, the captain, writes, "On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr W. Burt and Mr J. Murtagh for the work and commitment they put into the squad." He adds, "Thank you for playing great hockey, squad. It is not often I get a chance to see any".

3rd XI REPORT

Manager/Coach: Mr S. Peacock

Team: J. Peacock, T. Deighton, C. Porteous, W. Cleaver, G. Pettersen, D. Stewart, P. Williams, D. Brown, J. Darke, G. Goodson, P. Matheson, J. Pettersen, A. Larking, M. Stachurski.

It would be correct to say that at least five of this squad had not played hockey before, nor even held a hockey stick for that matter. However, their enthusiasm to master the game had them chasing and striking at that ball. As the trapping and striking rates improved so their play became less flurried. In fact they put some very good play together.

Thank you, Mr Peacock, for the time and effort you put into coaching the team.



2nd XI

Back Row: Jason Williams, Vaughn Smith, Michael Ekdahl, Richard Law
Middle Row: Champ., Glen Murtagh, Mark Billingham, Matthew Russell, Mr J. Murtagh.
Front Row: Brent McCandlish, Tony Little, David Morris, Dwayne Burt, Tony Ainsworth.

*Black rolls across skies
Thunder cries and lightning strikes
Suddenly the rain.*

P. Hutton

*Dull basketball courts
Waiting for the players game
The ball sits there, still.*

J. Anderson

SKIING

Despite a poor snow season which severely curtailed the race-training programme, the school skiing champs proved to be a highly competitive event. Twenty competitors each completed two runs through a slalom course, with the best time being used to determine eventual winners.

Results were: 1st B. Boon 25.48 secs; 2nd A. Moore 28.07 secs; 3rd D. Wiggins 29.04 secs; 4th R. Green 29.17 secs; 5th J. Foubister 29.20 secs; 6th D. McCallum 29.60 secs; 7th B. Sutherland 30.21 secs; 8th P. Gillespie 30.35 secs.

The first five placegetters were selected to represent the school at the North Island Secondary School Championships which were held at Turoa. The team gained a creditable thirteenth place from a field of sixty schools. Best individual performance was gained by B. Boon who gained third fastest time on the first day of competitions. The school wishes to thank Mr Foubister and Mr Moore for their help with transport and accommodation and all other parents who assisted with transport to and from Mt Egmont.

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Brendon Boon competing in dual slalom event at the N.I.S.S. Championships.

RUGBY

GENERAL

This was a difficult season for all teams. The timing of Easter meant a later start for all grades and the season lacked continuity.

A large number of injuries in the first group meant a total of 48 players were used and eventually this meant that one of the Secondary Schools Grade teams had to be disbanded, as did an eighth grade side through lack of support. It is important that boys realise what is involved in making a commitment to a team. In many cases, especially in the lower grades, boys had not done this.

In the Saturday morning competitions both the 6th Grade Gold and 7th Grade Gold teams won their divisions, playing attractive rugby. Not only were these our first competition wins for a number of seasons but also the calibre of the individual players was such that it augurs well for the higher teams in the years to come.

Special thanks must go to all the coaches and especially those who come from outside the school; Messrs. Bellringer, Hayson, Boon and O'Dowda. Also Mr Wills whose team was eventually abandoned. Without the help of these gentlemen it would be difficult for the school to retain rugby at its present level.

Congratulations must go to the following players for gaining representative honours. Kim Le Bas for representing New Zealand Secondary Schools and being Captain of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Team. Julian Walker, Paul Mackenzie, Ronald Reuben, Shane Young, Mark Ryder, David Doorbar and Tim Crossman were selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools team although Mackenzie and Walker both pulled out through injury.

Mark Ryder and David Doorbar played for the Taranaki Under 18 side while Kemp Detenamo, Phillip Rawlins, Peter Sampson, Neil Pennington and Boyd Gardner gained selection in the Taranaki Under 16 Team.

FIRST FIFTEEN



1st XV 1984

Back Row: Andrew Cole, Peter Sampson, Peter Sarjeant, Shane Young, Arnold Fawcett, Greg McEwen, Boyd Gardner.
Middle Row: Kemp Detenamo, Michael Penny, Chris Benseman, Phillip Rawlins, Albert Hekesi, Dean McCallum, Oveni Masi
Front Row: Ronald Reuben, Phil Armstrong, Tim Crossman, Kim Le Bas, Mark Ryder, Julian Walker, Paul Mackenzie

The First Fifteen started the season with nine players returning from the 1983 squad. However, only four of these players had played a full season of College matches. Unfortunately Greg McEwen broke his leg in the first club match and later in the season Julian Walker was forced out through injury.

In the last week of the first term a twenty-two player squad toured the South Island, playing four matches. The team left New Plymouth on Sunday April 29th and flew to Christchurch where it was hosted by Lincoln College. The match against Lin-

coln College was played under lights on Tuesday night and resulted in a 41-0 win. The following morning the team travelled by train to Ashburton where on Thursday afternoon another win was achieved against Ashburton College by 22-0. Friday, and another train trip to Dunedin where we were billeted by Kings High School.

The introduction of experimental scrum laws and atrocious weather somewhat ruined the game as both teams and the referee had difficulty adjusting to the local rules. A 14-0 win was achieved but overall it was a disappointing performance.

We were on the train again on Monday afternoon and headed for Tuesday's "Test Match" against Southland Boys' High. A tired travelling team lost by 31-0 and learnt the difference between mediocre and well drilled dedicated teams. A lack of commitment under pressure by some players was seen in this match and some valuable lessons learnt. Weather conditions forced the team to have an extra night in Christchurch at the Commodore Motor Inn, courtesy of Air New Zealand and then a flight from Christchurch to New Plymouth via Auckland. Following a ten hour stop-over in Auckland it was an extremely tired team that arrived back in New Plymouth at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th May.

In the Taranaki Under 21 Competition the team finished in sixth place. It played good rugby against Patea and Spotswood Old Boys in the first round, but then gave some shocking performances against Inglewood on Anzac Day and Clifton in the last club match of the season.

TRADITIONAL FIXTURES

vs Hamilton Boys' High

Played on the Gully in fine weather the Firsts started strongly but were unfortunate to concede a runaway intercept try just when they looked like scoring. While the forwards contested well throughout the match the backline was out-classed and the second spell was spent mainly on defence. The final score of 21-6, two penalties by Dean McCallum, was a fair indication of the superiority of the Hamilton Team.

vs St Pat's, Silverstream

Again we had fine conditions but there was quite a strong wind swirling at the Silverstream Ground. The final result was a defeat of 18-6. It could be summed up as a game where opportunities were missed and too often the wrong options were taken. A try conceded in the last minute of the first half gave Silverstream a 9-6 lead meaning that we turned to play into the wind already points down. The team played well although the backline failed to function as a unit, wasting the ball won by the forwards. A disappointing performance but in the final analysis a defeat by a more skilled team. Players to stand out for the Firsts were Tim Crossman, Kim Le Bas and Andrew Cole. The final score was 18-6 to Silverstream.

vs Wanganui Collegiate

A penalty by Dean McCallum and a fine try for Albie Hekesi to a Collegiate penalty gave us a 7-3 halftime lead. New Plymouth was always on top in this match; the forwards dominating the Collegiate pack especially in the race to the loose ball and the backs showing in the second spell that they were capable of putting together some good movements. The disappointment of having the referee disallow two tries from a distance when nobody else could see his reasoning meant that it was a dejected team that travelled back to New Plymouth. Ron Reuben, Tim Crossman, Kim Le Bas and Boyd Gardner played well in the forwards and Mark Ryder, Kemp Detenamo and Phil Armstrong were the pick of the backs.

vs Palmerston North

On the Gully ground, an even encounter in which each team scored a try, the final result was a 13-9 defeat. Chris Benseman scored a great try after a 40 metre run which was converted by Dean McCallum who also kicked a penalty. At half time New Plymouth led by 9-3.

The second spell was again very even and while Palmerston scored the only try in this spell their kicker placed extremely good penalties to make the final score 13-9 in Palmerston's favour.

vs Te Aute

Probably a record defeat at the hands of a proficient and huge Te Aute side helped by continued errors, especially among the New Plymouth backs, who continually kicked possession away and failed to find touch on numerous occasions. To their credit the backs did attempt to run the ball late in the game, and while they failed to score showed they had some ability and added to the free flowing nature of the game.

In a team defeated by 54-9, conceding nine tries, Kim Le Bas showed out for his tireless tackling and effort.

vs Auckland Grammar

Not wanting to be the first New Plymouth Boys' High School 1st XV to be defeated in all its traditional fixtures meant that the match against Auckland Grammar became one of major importance.

The match was played in ideal conditions and the opening exchanges between the two forward packs showed that it would be a vigorously contested match.

New Plymouth spent most of the opening 25 minutes on defence and only some terrific covering tackles by Le Bas and Armstrong saved a couple of certain tries. Grammar gained points through a penalty and scored a try wide out which they were unable to convert. As half time approached the New Plymouth pack showed signs of gaining some control and the whole team lifted its performance. The half finished with New Plymouth on attack but down by 7 points to nil.

The Firsts started the second half well and kept Grammar pinned in their own half, then after 15 minutes a bursting run by Kemp Detenamo went into the Grammar 22. Kim Le Bas and Paul Mackenzie were first to the breakdown linked up with the backs who fed the ball for Oveni Masi to score. This was converted by Dean McCallum. Within five minutes Masi and McCallum repeated this act after some excellent lead up work with the whole team linking well between forwards and backs. This made the score New Plymouth 12, Grammar 7.

Grammar then tried to open up the match but devastating tackling by Kemp Detenamo and a tremendous covering tackle by Mark Ryder ensured that they were unable to score again. This was a match in which every member of the team performed well and many in their last match for school made it also their best match. Kim Le Bas was again outstanding in the loose while Shane Young and Ronald Reuben dominated the lineouts. In the backs Kemp Detenamo stamped his mark on the game and on a number of the Auckland boys he tackled.

It was fitting that the last match was won, as although the team suffered many defeats, their enthusiasm for the game continued till the final whistle of the final match. This was N.P.B.H.S. first victory over A.G.S. since 1974.

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2nd XV RUGBY



Back Row: Andrew Sampson, Richard Stening, Francis Nori, Jody Brewer, Andrew Warren, Nick Maxwell.
Middle Row: Andrew Slater, Craig Miller, Stuart Chapman, Mr G. Giddy (Coach).
Front Row: Darren Warren, James Pohenga, David Vickers (Captain), Neil Pennington, Osi Sionetuato, John Gibbons.
Absent: Steven Sheehy, Jamie Strode, Shaun Broderick.

The season started with two close losses to Waitara 6-12 and Spotswood 4-9, followed by a very good win against Francis Douglas 15-6. This was a good performance by the forwards with the backs just failing to finish off many good moves. We were well beaten by Hawera and this was followed by a loss to Stratford 10-18, a good revival after trailing 0-15 at one stage. The best performance of the first round was against unbeaten Opunake, who capitalised on two mistakes School made to score two tries. School dominated the rest of the game but was unable to score.

It was around this time that many new players joined the squad. Although it was an inexperienced side that travelled to Hamilton to play Hamilton B.H.S. 2nd XV, the team put in a creditable performance gaining a 10-3 victory. The forwards laid the foundation for the win with an early try to Andrew Slater converted by John Gibbons (both newcomers to the team). The backs ran the ball well at all chances; finally James Pohenga scored after an excellent break by Gibbons and Stuart Chapman.

The next three games resulted in losses to Waitara 0-14, F.D.C. 0-14 and Spotswood 0-23.

Playing away to Opunake we won a very close game 10-9, after being locked 6-6 at half time. This was a well deserved win which was in doubt to the final whistle.

Colleges Day at Rugby Park saw us lose to top team Stratford on a very wet, muddy field the score 0-18.

There were players who showed considerable promise as the season developed. In the backs Jodie Brewer, Stuart Chapman, John Gibbons, Neil Pennington, Nick Maxwell showed out, with support from Darren Warren, James Pohenga, Steven Sheehy, Michael Penny and Chris Benseman (until promoted to the 1st XV).

In the forwards David Vickers (Captain), Boyd Gardner, Andrew Slater, Andrew Warren and Osi played consistently well, with Richard Stening, Craig Miller, Francis Nori, Jamie Strode, Shaun Broderick and Andrew Sampson.

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8th GRADE RUGBY

The team had mixed fortunes through the season. At one stage it seemed two teams might be fielded so organisation for one team was delayed. At its best the team played very well, with great purpose and co-ordination. Too often, though, it took time to achieve this, usually after conceding early points. Nevertheless good character was often shown in coming back at the opposition and snatching victory from defeat.

In games that were lost, the coach feels much of the fault lies in activity before the games started. Team work, support of each other, the right mental approach, does not begin with the first whistle. One wonders at times, too, whether we use the same scales at weigh-in as the other schools. There is talent in the side; it will shine more with increased commitment on the part of some and more self discipline. The years will help in these regards. Thanks go to the boys themselves, those who stayed with the team, and supportive parents.

7th GRADE GOLD

This was a very good year for the Gold team which finished unbeaten. This included a win of 100-0. Gold won the 'Top Dog' shield from Francis Douglas and never let go of it all season. The forwards worked well and hard, to feed the speedy backline the ball it needed to win the games they played.

The backline had only a few moves but when they were put on they always seemed to work well. The team relied on passing the ball around and keeping it moving instead of any real individual efforts. This is one of the reasons our team scored so many points and had so few scored against us. This team played good, clean rugby and enjoyed every moment of it. The high team spirit was a result of the high quality coaching by Mr O'Dowda and Mr Ward.

The team thanks Mr O'Dowda and Mr Ward for everything they have done for us.

C. Carrick, Captain



7th GRADE GOLD

Winners of Top Dog Shield and 7th Grade Championship
Back Row: Robbie Emmett, Gordon Slater, Donald Harris, Wayne Keightley.
Middle Row: Angus Stewart, Bernard Sutherland, Jason Fisher, Broderick Walters, Brett Newsome, Mr R. O'Dowda.
Front Row: Michael Carr, Craig Penberthy, Kurt Ward, Chris Carrick (Captain), James Dalmer, Karl O'Dowda, Robert Aim.

SIXTH GRADE GOLD

6th Gold were successful in winning the 6th Grade Competition. We had a good solid forward pack and an outstanding backline. We combined to make a good team which produced some attractive and competitive rugby.

Six boys from our team were chosen to play in the Under-15 team which travelled to Auckland.

Our sincere appreciation must go to Mr Boon and Mr Hayes for giving up their time and so ably coaching our team.

A. Slater

SIXTH GRADE WHITE

We struggled all year to get the same team playing and enough players to turn up on Saturday. Pupils were not prepared to put in the dedication and training that was required for a successful season.

The only game we won was by default, however, we lost to Spotswood narrowly three nil in the last few minutes of the game. Our most consistent players in the forwards were Darren Difford and Dean Shorter with Alan Stevens and Tristom Brimelow trying hard. Our best backs were Glen Turner, Stuart Dempster and John O'Neill, the Captain. John O'Neill played to a high standard all season, even though he has only been playing rugby for a couple of seasons.

Hopefully this season the players learnt something about the requirements to play good, enjoyable rugby. Best of luck in future seasons of rugby

Coach: M. Watts

Under 16 vs Wanganui Collegiate

After dominating the first twenty minutes of this game, especially in the forwards, but failing to score, school was gradually overcome by Wanganui's forwards and quicker backs. Wanganui scored two tries to a single penalty by Nick Maxwell for school. The final score 3-10 to Wanganui.

The team was: S. Blanchard, P. Roberts, J. Dalmer, D. Warren, S. Dempster, N. Maxwell, B. Hall, C. Barkley, R. Dixon, T. Wrigley, J. Foubister, C. Aird, J. Strode, S. Broderick, D. Vickers, C. Mead, L. Uera, C. Vosper.



1st XV vs Hamilton Boys' High School



SIXTH GRADE GOLD

Back Row: V. Wood, G. Stafford, T. Thomas, C. Barkley, T. Hill, N. Webb.
Middle Row: Mr Boon, S. Sutcliffe, N. Maxwell, H. Osborne, M. Broadbridge, C. Hibell, Mr Hayes.
Front Row: M. Barrack, R. Dixon, B. Copplestone, A. Slater, M. Stevenson, S. Blanchard, L. Hayson.

UNDER 15 RUGBY TEAM

The Under-15 rugby team consisted of: T. Marsden, K. Kahukaka, L. Hapen, A. Mahuro, A. Warren, R. McKay, J. Brewer, C. Hibell, V. Wood, P. Grey, S. Luke, Tomkins, S. Chapman, R. Field, G. Stafford, S. Bashier, G. Robertson, J. Jonas, A. Slater, R. Aim, B. Copplestone.

The team travelled to Auckland to play in the North Island Tournament from the 10th to the 14th August.

Teams taking part were from Rosmini, Westlake, Wesley, Tauranga, Kelston, Whangarei and New Plymouth.

Our team was billeted by Westlake Boys who were also our first opponents. We lost 6-8. Our second game was Rosmini and we lost by two points, 4-6, after an incredible kick from half way. Our third game was against Whangarei and we won this by 11-0. We managed to get into the top four to play Kelston, losing 10-12, and in the afternoon we played Westlake. We drew 4-4. Our final game was against St. Peters whom we had to beat to come second but we went down 9-12. Our team improved as the tournament progressed. Over all we performed very well. The game against Kelston was the best.

We were extremely unlucky to lose as we crossed the Kelston line on two or three occasions in the last few moments of the game, only to be called back for a 5 metre scrum.

It was a great experience to meet and play against some of the best college teams. The day after our return from Auckland we played Wanganui Collegiate Under-15s and beat them 33-6. The team must have been suffering from jet lag in the first half but clicked in the second half to play some of our best rugby.

I. McNae

SOCCER

FIRST XI

Manager: Mr W. Purdy **Coach:** Mr B. Lawson

The 1984 Soccer Season saw the First XI once again competing in the local league's Division One. As the team was young, with only three players returning from last year's squad, we were unsure as to how the team would perform. All doubt was soon put behind us when we won our first game 7-0.

The team then went on to have a successful season, finishing in joint third place, the highest placing ever by a B.H.S. team. The squad trained hard and gained a reputation as being a fit, skilful team. Its best performance was against the eventual Division champions, New Plymouth Old Boys, which resulted in a 3-0 win to School! Scorers were Steven Blakelock, Steven Hinton and Henry Vira. And to show its supremacy over N.P.O.B. the School team went on to beat its 'B' team 2-1 in a game played under floodlights.

Another challenging game was against Moturoa. The score remained locked at 0-0 for much of the game, but following some fine play by Henry Vira, Billy Lawson scored to give School a 1-0 win.



1st XI SOCCER

Aop: Mr W. Purdy (Player/Manager), H. Vira, D. Hine, R. Sumpter, N. Downing, P. Aifai, Mr W. Lawson (Coach)
Bottom: A. Bobogare, S. Hinton, D. Burbidge, B. Lawson (Captain), G. Watson, L. Adams, S. Blakelock.

COLLEGE GAMES

Hamilton Boys' High School (N.P.)

We started the college games on a "high", playing Hamilton Boys. It was a fine day with a good playing surface under foot. It was a long exhausting game which saw some good play from both teams. Hamilton had had a couple of scoring opportunities but the N.P.B.H. defence proved too strong for them and we managed to keep them out. A scoreless draw was a great achievement for the school because we haven't been able to beat Hamilton for the past 20 years, so the first eleven walked away from that game feeling very satisfied.

Wanganui Collegiate

After a long bus trip down to Wanganui in the morning the lethargic atmosphere continued into the game. Two lapses in concentration from the defence and no cover from the midfield left R. Sumpter with no help and their striker capitalised on our mistakes both times. Once again a high ball over the heads of our defenders sent a fast winger off to score their third goal. Even at 3-0 down the first eleven managed to produce some good soccer towards the end of the game and after a good ball from Hinton the ball was put into the net by N. Downing. The final score was 3-1 to Wanganui Collegiate.

Wellington College (N.P.)

The game against Wellington College was played in good spirit despite the muddy ground and bad weather. We went into the game with plenty of confidence but found it a hard struggle in the conditions. We were soon overcome by a flood of attacks and found ourselves trailing 3-0. For a long period the game slowed down and a quick burst from the Wellington attack gave them another goal. In a last effort we went all out in attack and a good pass from D. Burbidge enabled B. Lawson to score. The final score was 4-1.

Wanganui Boys' High (N.P.)

In this game the team played very good soccer. We dominated every aspect of play throughout the match and were rewarded with a 7-0 win. This game saw our players on form. D. Burbidge scored a brilliant hat-trick. G. Watson and H. Vira also played very well. Throughout the game Wanganui never looked like scoring thanks to our defenders - A. Bobogare, L. Adams and K. Kaloris. It was a very satisfying game for us.

Tournament

August of this year found us once again in a tournament in Christchurch with 32 teams competing. The competition was organised into pools of four teams and unfortunately we drew a strong pool. We were unable to beat the two teams we played on the first day, although we gave Rosmini College a very good game. These losses meant we could only play off for 16-24 place. The eventual winners of the tournament were Kelston.

To sum up the year we had a good team with plenty of talent. Once again credit must go to Coach B. Lawson and Player-manager W. Purdy for producing such a fit and disciplined team. Without them the team would have been of far less calibre.

Thanks must also go to all our supporters who followed us throughout the season and helped in fundraising. Also thanks must go to Mr Duynhoven for the time and effort he puts into organisation of school soccer.



School on attack against Hamilton

16th Grade Soccer

Team: P. Olliver (Captain), R. Rowlinson, N. McKee, P. Landon, D. Sumpter, J. Burbidge, C. McEwen, D. King, B. Johns, B. Reid, N. Lattimer, S. Brown, E. Kreisler, J. Hayden.

The squad started the season well with defeats over Woodleigh (4-2), Francis Douglas (3-2) and Central City (3-2) in what were hard fought but open games. There followed a series of losses against representative teams from Taranaki and Waikato, N.P.O.B. (1-4) and Okato (3-5). The N.P.O.B.'s game was remarkable in that three penalty kicks were awarded. In the final game of the first round we drew with Fitzroy (0-0).

The second round saw us either losing to teams we beat in the first round or beating teams we had previously lost to. The losses were to Woodleigh (0-3), Francis Douglas (1-7) and Central (1-5). We drew with the top team N.P.O.B. (0-0), drew with Waitara (3-3) and Fitzroy (3-3). In all we played 14 games, won 4, lost 5 and drew 5, with 28 goals for and 39 against and were never beaten by the same team twice.

P. Olliver

14th Grade Soccer

This team, coached by Mr Wrigley, had quite a number of players but gradually settled down to a basic core. The team finished thirs in the competition. Carl Wipatene was the Captain, with Alan Rueb being the top scorer. The team played very well throughout the season, probably the most outstanding player being Paul Cummings. In the seven-a-side tournament the boys finished in third position.

13th Grade Soccer

We did not have the best of seasons. The team put up a good effort, and was working well together near the end of the season. Thanks go to our coach, Mr Robson, and our manager, Mr Duynhoven, who helped us learn both new skills and sportsmanship. The team shows promise with skilled players who could, in the near future, reach the first and second elevens.



1st XI (plain shirts) competing in the tournament at Christchurch.

SECOND XI 'B'



Back Row: P. Shearer, C. Downing, K. Hyde, G. Cross, G. Heaysman, D. Armstrong (Coach)
Front Row: B. Goodin, I. McKinder, S. Lewis, M. Hori (Captain), J. Findlay, R. McKinnon

SECOND XI 'C'



Back Row: K. Webb, D. Phal, A. Croad
Middle Row: M. Harvey, M. Walker, S. Raj, D. Brown, Mr Bevin
Front Row: P. Ellis, J. Clarke, N. Shandil, C. Deane (Captain), T. Groenestein, C. Wadsworth.

Two equally strong second elevens were fielded this year in the second division of the T.F.A. The side won't be written down in the record books as one of the greatest teams in this adult grade, but we managed to score a few well-deserved wins and draws.

Despite the competition we faced, every person gave to his fullest on the fields as well as on practice nights each Tuesday and Thursday.

Our player/coach Mr David Armstrong was a great asset to the side with him showing a fine example of determination and sportsmanship.

The help with transport and parent side-line support also must be acknowledged as well as the always enthusiastic and organised help from Mr Duynhoven.

All in all the season has been an excellent one with the players hopefully enjoying themselves and gaining valuable experience for future games.

Michael Ham (Captain)

The team, comprising of only two of last season's squad met tough opposition in the first round of competition and suffered heavily. However, through determined effort gained experience and renewed confidence came back and managed to secure several wins, proving to be a formidable opponent in the second round.

Some of the highlights of the season would have to be the matches played against the rival 2nd XI 'B' team where a strong sense of superiority was dearly sought after - especially for the bottom placings in the division, making for very exciting games.

The team sincerely thanks our coach, Mr Bevin for getting us through the season, and to the game saving support given by parents who provided precious transport.

Thanks must also go to all other teachers involved for their efforts towards soccer this year.

Colin Deane (Captain)

SAILING



Greg Cockerill

An enthusiastic band of sailors meets in the first term under the guidance of Mr Krook. They enjoy sailing at Ngamotu. In the May holidays three boys from School took part in the National Inter-Secondary Schools Yachting series held at Narrow Neck Beach, Takapuna: Jeremy Draper, Shawn Burt and Craig Thompson. It was a young team and competition was fierce. The boys learned a tremendous amount, not only about sailing but also how to get on with people from different backgrounds. The experience will make them even more competitive in the seasons ahead.

1.6.84: Staff learn effects of re-aligning Webster Field grounds by 180°.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For a change the sun shone, there was little wind and the courses were firm. The majority of the school were keen to run; indeed many were changed and ready at 1 p.m. even though the first race did not start until 1.30 p.m.

Peter Hepworth won the Seniors outright this year in a time of 25 mins. 42 secs. (Course record 24 mins. 27 secs. by M. Day in 1981). Steven Kendall came second, which is remarkable as Steven is only a junior. He had already won the Junior race in a time of 15 mins. 19 secs! (Course record 15 mins. 01 secs. set by W. Grady in 1983). This particular feat has only been bettered by Murray Day who in 1980 won both the Intermediate and Senior races, with only five minutes rest between races.

Warren Grady followed up his win in the Junior category in 1983 by winning this year's Intermediate race in a new record time of 20 mins. 19 secs., beating the previous mark of 20 mins. 25 secs. set by Peter Hepworth in 1982.

Whilst this report only contains the winners' names, theirs are not the only exceptional performances. Indeed a person who pushes himself to do the course faster yet only comes fiftieth has done as creditable a performance as the winner, who after all tends to be a natural runner anyway. The emphasis is on the determination to do one's best and any student who did that can feel justly proud.

On the other hand any student who just ambled around doesn't deserve a mention other than the acknowledgment of the fact that at least he started.

RESULTS:

Seniors: P. Hepworth 1; S. Kendall 2; M. Harvey 3. Winner's time - 25.42. Course record - 24.27.

Intermediates: W. Grady 1; H. Radcliffe 2; M. Weston 3. Winner's time - 20.19. Course record - 20.25.

Juniors: S. Kendall 1; K. Ward 2; A. Larking 3. Winner's time - 15.19. Course record - 15.01.

Time limits: Seniors - 104 runners finished within 35 minutes.

Intermediates - 156 runners finished within 30 minutes.

Juniors - 174 runners finished within 25 minutes.

HOUSE POINTS TABLE:

Donnelly: Junior 1188, Intermediate 1439, Senior 1498.

Barak: Junior 795, Intermediate 1278, Senior 1602.
Hatherly: Junior 1823, Intermediate 1313, Senior 723.

Syme: Junior 1164, Intermediate 1021, Senior 1174.

TOTALS & PLACINGS:

Donnelly - 1st, 4125 points.

Hatherly - 2nd, 3859 points.

Barak - 3rd, 3675 points.

Syme - 4th, 3359 points.

Congratulations Donnelly!

* Staff entries this year were G. Bell, J. Rowlands, D. Boyd, R. Cooper, M. Carroll, L. Nials and H. Duynhoven.

R.L. Cooper

TARANAKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday, 21st September, was a red letter day for the school for it won all three sections of the teams' events.

Steven Kendall paved the way for the Juniors by convincingly winning their race. Warren Grady came second in the Intermediates as did Peter Hepworth in the Seniors. Peter is not only a natural runner but also a 'gutsy' one. Earlier in the week he had been ill with a heavy cold and then on the Thursday he sprained his ankle on a training run. Whilst he knew that he now only had an outside chance of retaining his Taranaki title, he was still prepared to run for the school, for on the day it is the best team that wins.

Each school is allowed eight runners in its team and its best six placings are aggregated. The team with the lowest total wins. All the schools had three or four good runners, and it was mainly the placings of the fifth and sixth runners that influenced the results. Fortunately we have a depth of running talent at this school. Mind you, the Intermediate's win was a close thing with only three points separating the first three teams. If Craig Vosper had not overtaken three runners in the last ten metres, we would have been the ones in third place. So every placing is critical and whilst Craig's burst (and Shane Wood's in the Senior) was spectacular, because it was close to the finish line, all our runners must be congratulated for the way they worked to maintain or improve their positions, yet out of sight of the spectators. Well done all of you.

TEAMS:

Junior (3 km): Steven Kendall (1), Kenneth Ward (7), Aaron Larkin (12), Karl O'Dowda (22), Delaney Chatterton (24), Jason Peacock (25), Andrew Brooke (46), Wayne Andresson (48).

Intermediate (4.5 km): Warren Grady (2), Brett Harvey (9), Chris Barry (12), Heath Radcliffe (13), Craig Vosper (21), Michael Carr (27), Marc Besseling (31), Robert Duff (39).

Senior (6.0 km): Peter Hepworth (2), Mark Harvey (8), Billy Lawson (10), Michael Weston (15), Shane Woods (18), Paul House (22), David Hine (D.N.F.), Matthew Wilson (D.N.F.).

TEAM PLACINGS:

Juniors: N.P.B.H.S. 1st - 87 points; Hawera 2nd - 98 points, Stratford 3rd - 111 points.

Intermediates: N.P.B.H.S. 1st - 84 points, Spotswood 2nd - 85 points, Hawera 3rd - 87 points.

Seniors: N.P.B.H.S. 1st - 75 points, Spotswood 2nd - 104 points, Opunake 3rd - 139 points.



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BADMINTON



Back Row: Mr Heaps, C. Barkley, A. Kelly, S. Hinton
Front Row: W. Temata, A. Pennefather, K. May

This year, after trials in May, the school Badminton squad for the 1984 season was chosen. The squad was: Adrian Kelly, Craig Barkley, Andrew Pennefather, Stephen Hinton, Kerry May, Willard Temata, Wade Alsweiler and Peter Olliver.

Our Monday night practices were able to take place in the new gymnasium, a much more convenient arrangement. Much better also for badminton's future was the formation of a proper club which met every Wednesday after school during Term 2. With over 40 financial members, the club made a very sound revival after having been in abeyance for a number of seasons. Some coaching was given, a Yankee Tournament, with Wade Alsweiler the winner, was held, and the club season was concluded in late September with the School Championships. The results were:

Senior Singles (Cook & Lister Cup): Andrew Pennefather def. Craig Barkley 15/5, 15/9

Senior Doubles: A. Pennefather and C. Barkley def. K. May and C. Anderson 15/1, 15/3.

Junior Singles (Isaac Cup): Andrew Pennefather def. Kerry May 15/6, 15/6.

Junior Doubles: A. Pennefather and K. Chambers def. K. May and C. Anderson 15/7, 15/6.

Our thanks must go to Mr Grimwood who bore the brunt of organising club play each Wednesday afternoon and looking after the ladder matches.

The inter-collegiate season got underway with the visit of a team of four from Hamilton Boys' High School. Our team was: Adrian Kelly, Craig Barkley, Andrew Pennefather and Stephen Hinton, with Kerry May and Willard Temata playing in the reverse singles and doubles. Our strength showed through and we won both sets of matches 6-0.

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In late July we played in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships at Spotswood College. Adrian Kelly and Craig Barkley represented us in the Senior competition and in the Juniors, Andrew Pennefather and Kerry May. At the end of a very well run tournament, and consequently an enjoyable day, the results were:

Senior Singles winner: Adrian Kelly

Senior Doubles winner: Adrian Kelly & Craig Barkley.

Junior Singles winner: Andrew Pennefather

Junior Doubles winner: Andrew Pennefather & Kerry May.

A clean sweep for School.

The following Monday it was the Taranaki elimination round of the N.Z. Secondary School's Championships at Stratford. We were up against two teams - Stratford High School and Hawera High School. Against Stratford, the team of Kelly, Barkley, Pennefather and Hinton won 6-2, whilst those four with Temata and May playing doubles beat Hawera 8-0.

So for the second year in a row we went to Hamilton in mid-August for the Central Zone finals. We were again pitted against teams from Waikato, Hawkes Bay and Thames Valley, but 1984 gave a far different result. In the first match against Fraser High School (Waikato) our victory was a very near thing. After being 4-4 in matches, and 8-8 in games we had a margin of 194 points to 169 points. Frasers' top players were good, but their bottom pair were too weak to avoid losing by large margins.

In the afternoon we faced Havelock North High School (Hawkes Bay) and won this tie 6-2, with Craig Barkley playing a very fine singles at No 2 to win in three games after losing the first game 15-3 - a great fight back! In the evening the team of Kelly, Barkley, Pennefather and Hinton, the same as for the previous two matches, defeated Morrinsville College (Thames Valley) 7-1 taking N.P.B.H.S. through to the N.Z. Final for the first time.

N.Z.S.S. BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The team journeyed to Wellington on the second weekend of the third term for the N.Z. Final against James Cook High School (Northern North Island Zone), Hutt Valley High School (Southern North Island Zone) and Christchurch Boys' High School (South Island Zone). Here the competition was far tougher with these schools able to field some of New Zealand's top ranked junior players.

James Cook were our first opponents and despite wins by Stephen Hinton in the singles and Stephen and Adrian Kelly in the doubles, together with a great effort by Craig Barkley, we could do no better than 6-2. The afternoon saw us up against the eventual winners and although we lost 8-0, Adrian Kelly especially had a good tie extending the top player of the weekend, Gerard Bray, to three games. In the doubles Kelly and Hinton took Christchurch's top doubles pairing to three close games. Willard Temata replaced Stephen Hinton at No 4 and Willard, a third former, gave his form 7 opponent the fright of his life - a great effort. Temata combined with Kerry May in the doubles and they gained good experience against older and more mature players.

Sunday morning saw us up against Hutt Valley H.S. Again it was a 6-2 defeat, but Adrian Kelly and Andrew Pennefather, playing at 1 and 2, defeated their opposition in very fine displays of badminton.

So School came fourth, but valuable experience was gained. With the same team next year, we will be wiser and stronger.

Many of the team performed well outside the school. Adrian Kelly represented Taranaki at Under 18 level, while Andrew Pennefather, Craig Barkley and Kerry May played in the Under 16 team. Willard Temata was an Under 14 representative.

In the Taranaki age group championships the team members achieved these results:

Under 18 Singles (runner-up): Adrian Kelly

Under 16 Singles (winner): Craig Barkley

Doubles (winner): Kerry May and partner (runner-up) Andrew Pennefather and Craig Barkley.

Mixed Doubles (winners): Andrew Pennefather and partner (runner-up) Craig Barkley and partner. **Under 14 Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** Willard Temata.

In the N.Z. Under 14 Singles Championship Willard Temata was a semi-finalist - a very fine effort. Willard is a young player with a great badminton future.

This was a very successful season for our school's team, but success only gained by a good deal of time, hard work and financial cost. Let us hope this can be built on next year with our goal a higher placing in the N.Z. Secondary School Championship.

Honour Awards: Adrian Kelly, Andrew Pennefather, Craig Barkley, Stephen Hinton, Kerry May and Willard Temata.

T. Heaps

TENNIS



Back Row: C. Aldrich, L. Pilbrow, B. Dunnet, D. Armbricht, B. Haszard, R. Sumpter, Mr Heaps
Front Row: S. Hinton, M. Weston, N. Maxwell, M. Ham, T. Morris, T. Roberts

The school tennis teams began 1984 by playing Hamilton Boys' High School at New Plymouth. This year we were host to a junior team as well as a senior team - a development that we hope will continue.

The senior team chosen was Lindsay Pilbrow, Michael Ham (Captain), Michael Weston, Tom Morris, Tony Roberts and Dean Armbricht. Hamilton are formidable opponents and after some good matches we lost 8-1 on both the first day, and the second day when reverse matches were played.

On the opening day the junior team fared much better, only losing 5-4. The team was Craig Lilley, Andrew Pennefather, James Dalmer, David Rydon, Philip Clarke and Kerry Wray. The second day was not, however, as close with Hamilton winning 9-0, although there were some close three setters.

In March we were visited by twelve senior players from Wanganui Collegiate. Nicholas Maxwell replaced Dean Armbricht in the 1st VI and the 2nd VI were: Dean Armbricht, Karl Aldrich, Richard Sumpter, Stephen Hinton, Brent Dunnet and Bruce Haszard. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and not all the matches were completed. After the singles the 1st VI were three all with Collegiate, but the 2nd VI were trailing 5-1.

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Playing in Wanganui on grass on a fine hot day the senior VI beat Collegiate 7-2 whilst the junior VI playing Collegiate's second senior team lost 7-2, a very creditable performance, especially from David Rydon and Kerry Wray who won, and Andrew Pennefather and Philip Clark who only lost after long three-setters.

And so on to Palmerston North against very strong opposition. The seniors were only able to score a solitary victory - a doubles win for Tony Roberts and Nicholas Maxwell. That 8-1 defeat does not, however, reflect the closeness of many of the matches. For the juniors the result was a little better. Whilst only Kerry Wray could win a single, which he did most convincingly 6-0 6-0, the doubles pairings of Craig Lilley and James Dalmer, and Kerry Wray and Philip Clark both scored wins giving a 6-3 victory to Palmerston North. On a particularly hot morning some matches were very hard fought, especially David Rydon's two hour stint on court, and although David lost in three sets this opponent needed 22 deuces to win the last game.

Tennis within the school in term three has been hampered by the courts not being resurfaced in time for the beginning of the season. Consequently there was no competition this year between houses for the Stevenson Cup or between day boys and boarders for the Beetham Cup. The school championships were played at the Waiwaka Courts and the results were:

Senior single (Candy Cup): Craig Lilley

Intermediate singles (McKeon Cup): Karl Aldrich

Junior singles (Herbert Smith Cup): Craig Lilley

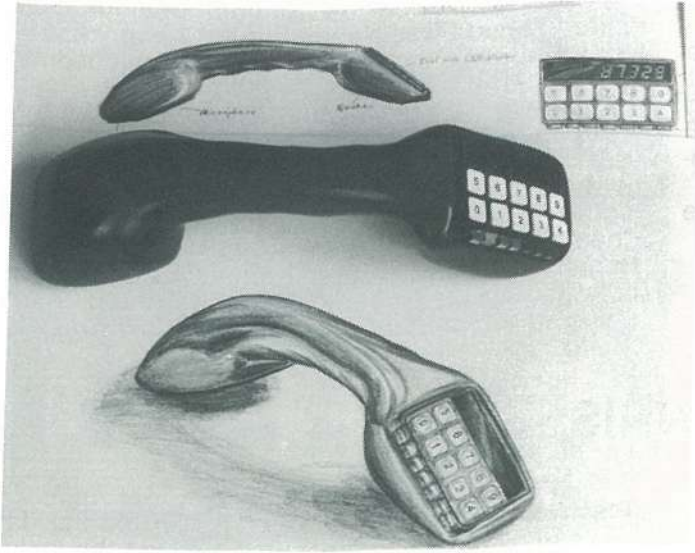
Having had a successful season in the local junior interclub competition with the better of our teams coming third, we again entered the competition with three teams. They were:

F4 (A): Craig Lilley, Andrew Pennefather, James Dalmer, Philip Clarke, and Roderick Walter.

F4 (B): Jonathon Jonas, Gordon Robertson, Michael Wilson, Andrew Darke, Brent Wallis and Nicholas Young.

F3: Sean McFall, Andrew Bunn, Russell Candy, Dion Price and Alan Rueb.

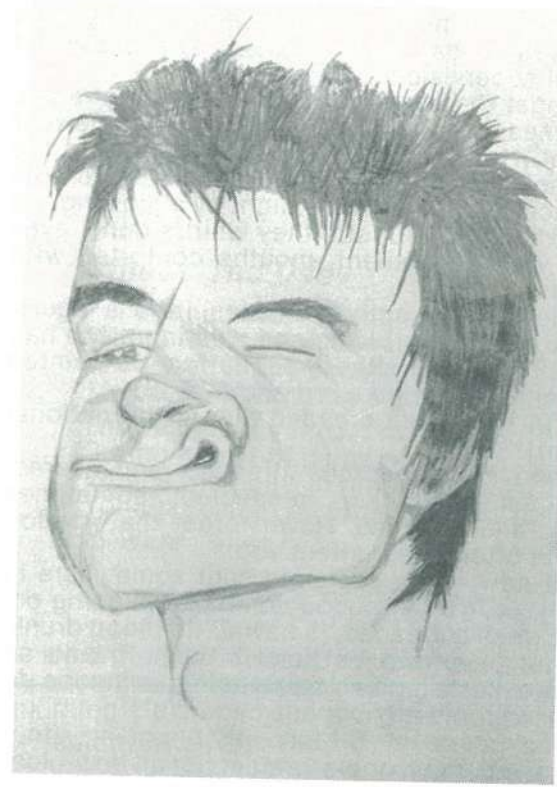
We hope that these teams can acquit themselves well in the 1984-85 season.



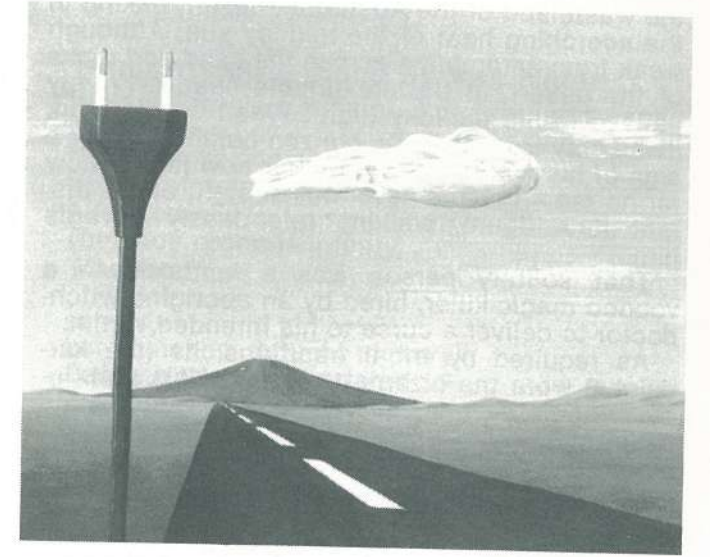
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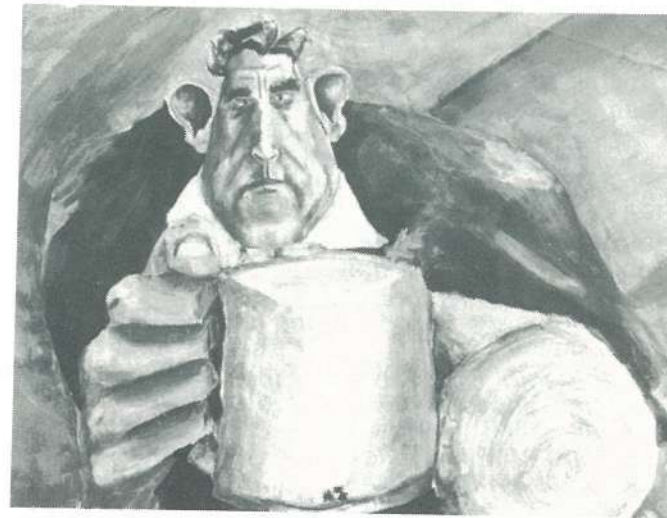
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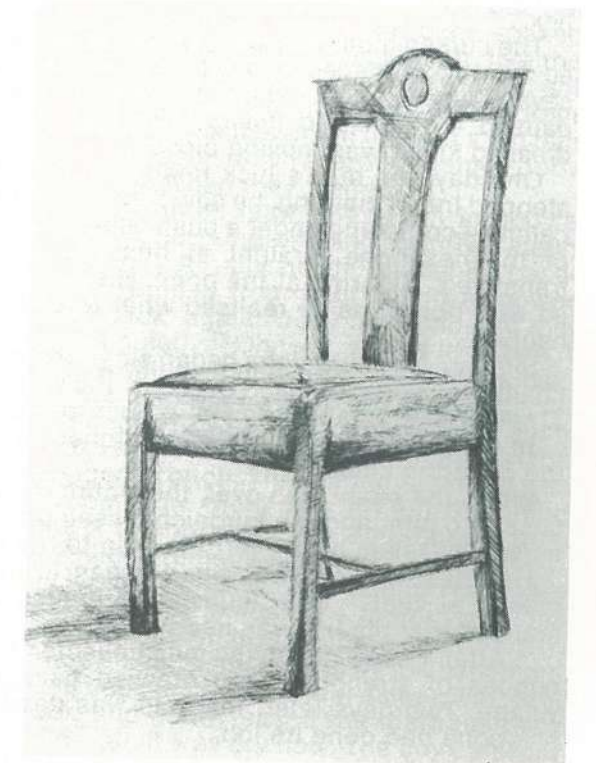
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LITERARY SECTION

VOODOO

Out of breath ... out of water ... and half crazy with fear ... the aborigine man stumbled across the wasteland of the Australian desert, baking in the scorching heat of the midday sun. Although weak from scrambling across the sand and rocks of the desert, in the unbearable heat, he rarely paused in his panicky flight. When he did stop, 'twas only to search the horizon behind him for a sign of his hunter. For no matter how fast or how far he ran - he was never out of sight of the distant lone figure, walking relentlessly towards him....

That solitary person was a kurdaicha - a voodoo magic-killer, hired by an aborigine witch-doctor to deliver a curse to his intended victim.

As required by tribal traditions, he (the kurdaicha) wore the bizarre costume of his cult. Instead of clothes, he had kangaroo fur glued to his naked skin - with a paste made from dried human blood; and over his face, he wore a weird-looking mask - made entirely of feathers....

The dreaded killer carried no weapons, except for a specially prepared curse bone. The bone was made from the leg of a human, and was sharpened to a point on one end. It had been carefully crafted by an aborigine witch-doctor, to deliver the curse imbedded in it, to the victim for whom it was intended.

It would only be a matter of time now before the kurdaicha got close enough to his victim to release the curse - for he was a superb hunter, and a man of great patience. He would take all the time necessary - weeks ... months ... or even years to track down his intended victim and unleash the hex.

The cursed man, who was himself an experienced hunter, managed to elude the kurdaicha for several weeks, but he knew that every moment he paused - death - in the form of that strangely dressed killer, was moving closer....

One day, the man's luck finally ran out. As he stepped into a clearing, he saw his killer - the kurdaicha - crouching under a bush, aiming the point of the hex bone straight at him. He stood ... transfixed ... staring at the bone. His eyes widened with horror, as he realised what was about to happen.

Slowly ... the kurdaicha began singing the death chant that would unleash the hex - the man stood ... seeing nothing but the sharp point of the bone ... hearing nothing but the high pitched whine of the chanting killer....

When the chant was over, the victim felt death pass into him, and the kurdaicha, seeing that the curse had taken hold - left the man to his fate!

He fell to the ground ... and began to moan - quietly at first - then louder and louder, as he realised that his life was nearly over.

After a while, the dying man collected his last ounces of strength - and crawled back to his village. Two days later, the man was dead - the hex bone had done its job.

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Voodoo, one of the oldest forms of black magic - whose mysterious rites include the practices of sorcery, magic and conjuration - still exists today; generally amongst the Aborigines, the Negroes and the Haitians.

Take the true report that I have just related to you - that kind of thing still goes on today. Aborigines walk into modern hospitals, telling the amazed and sceptical doctors that they are going to die, because a hex bone has been pointed at them. The doctors give them a thorough examination and find nothing whatsoever wrong with them, yet, a day or two later, after constant hospital supervision - they are dead.

Amongst the Negroes in America, the strange, sometimes dreaded ritual of voodoo, is somewhat different. Here, ritual chants are repeated to the incessant beat of wood and skin drums. Perspiring dancers - visible in the night by a glowing fire - are exhausted. But still they whirl around; eyes glazed with excitement, mouths contorted with exertion.

Suddenly - all activity ceases and a figure, dressed entirely in black, and wearing a top hat, emerges from the shadows. His face is painted white, and he carries a rod and a skull.

And in Haiti, this dreaded cult is the national religion!!!

Voodoo is sometimes dreaded and feared; sometimes loved and respected; sometimes scorned and ridiculed. Never forget that voodoo can, and often does, affect you!

Right now - in a secluded spot somewhere in New Plymouth - a voodoo ceremony is going on. A goat, once beheaded, is having its blood drunk; a rooster is having its head bitten off; and an aborigine kurdaicha is sentencing someone to death - with his hex bone....

Greg Reynolds

BLACK RAIN

*I saw her,
Standing alone,
At a signpost,
On an endless metal road, with white markings,
White markings pointing to infinity,
She wondered to herself:
"Where am I going?"*

*No houses,
No cars,
No trees,
No green,
No colours,*

No people,

Just the boiling cracking, crackling road.

*The sky was deep,
Deep white on white.
She knew she couldn't touch it,
She breathed deep of the white sky.*

*White dress,
White socks,
White hat,
White shoes,*

*She felt tired,
She sat down.*

*The rain came to cool the smouldering road,
She wondered why it rained only on the road.*

*No flowers,
No yellows,
No red,*

No blue,

*To reap the gentle harvest.
The black rain stopped,
The white sky melted away,
Bed springs creaked all over the world.*

W N P

LOST

you gave me a place
a time of my own
you built a nest
and called it my home
so now that you're going
where shall I turn?
now that you're leaving
who holds my map?

where is my goal?
and how shall I know?
please will you tell me?
before you go.

J. Lyall

What's The Use

I'm sitting here, looking appealing,
With a feeling someone is stealing,
With soulful and sensitive eyes,
My public's admiring sighs.

I'm wasting my time, I'm afraid,
Sitting here, not being paid
What's the point of striking a pose?
You just can't compete ... with a rose!

K. Ward



HAIKU

*UP ABOVE THE CLOUDS
THE MOUNTAIN SO TALL AND WHITE
SO COLD IN WINTER*

D. Frank

Thoughts on a piece by Van Halen

High electronic synths on a distant landscape,
Keys pressed over, and over, and again.
High wire voices and android sound,
Beams of noise, more than R2D2.
A futuristic priest on a planet, in a church,
The choir organ is infinity,
Maestro plays two handed

serene,
but somehow thought is there,
Beneath the sea of uttered sound
Robots and more than alien laser,
floating in space,
depth of a black hole,
Dr Who.

R. Snodgrass

THE DAY AFTER

He drifted back into consciousness. Although it was still dark, he had a feeling that it was now morning. He groped about on the floor beside him, until he found the lantern. Its metal case was cold, and he felt his way along it until he found the switch, which he flicked to 'On' softly, not wanting to make any noise. The fluorescent tube inside the lantern flickered for a moment, then shone out brightly, filling the basement with cold, white light. Shielding his eyes at first, the boy looked around the room. His father and mother slept beside each other nearby on one side of him. His sister should have been sleeping on the other side of him, but she had been at one of her friend's places when the warning had been given, and they had all tried to get away in a car. His mother had argued over the phone with his sister's friend's mother to bring his sister back home, but the other mother had said that there was not time to bring her back, and that she would have to go with them. Then she hung up. The boy's mother had cried herself to sleep that night.

When Jody's father had told him that there was going to be a war, Jody thought of the war movies he had seen on television, and of the game that he and his friends sometimes played in the local domain. He had said that he wanted to go outside and see the soldiers and planes, but his father said that there was not going to be any soldiers or planes; he said it was going to be a nuclear war, and that if they were not all down in the basement in half an hour, then they would all be "blown away". Jody asked his father to explain it more, but his father had said that there was no time now, and they had to move all the tinned food and stuff from the kitchen, down into the basement, and that they had to fill up the big white plastic containers, that Jody's father had bought last week, with water, and move them down there too. The water containers had been very heavy, and Jody had had to help his father with them. There had been four of them, each one filled with five

litres of water. Jody had been learning his times tables over the past week, and he knew that four times five was twenty, so they had twenty litres of water. Jody told his father that that seemed like a lot, and his father had said it was, but that they would be needing it all.

After they had moved everything they needed (and quite a bit that they did not) downstairs, Jody and his mother watched while Jody's father shut the basement door, locked it, and then put the mattress off Jody's bed, which had been soaked by his father with the hose, up against it, like the man had said to do on television. Then they all got into their sleeping bags, huddled up in the corner down at the end of the basement, behind a big pile of junk that had been down there ever since Jody could remember. Then they waited.

About five minutes later, the alarm in Jody's father's watch had gone off, and then had been suddenly cut off. All around the darkened basement, sparks jumped from light fitting to power point, then back again. Jody remembered his father saying quietly: "Oh God, this is it". Then it happened. Nothing spectacular. Nothing amazing. Just a rumbling noise, like ten million diesel electrics stampeding. Jody covered his ears, but it did not help. He tried to cry out. Nothing. Then the sound changed in pitch. The roaring rumbling was still there, but now there was a high, whistling sound, like a strong wind, like a hurricane, then that was all Jody remembered.

Now he looked at his parents again. They were still fast asleep. He shaded the lantern with his hand, and got out of his sleeping bag, slowly, quietly. He walked to the middle of the basement then looked back once more. Still asleep. He went to the door, and gently eased the mattress back against the wall. It was dry now. The boy carefully turned the lock, not wanting to wake his parents. His father would be mad if he knew that the boy was going out. He had told him not to. The lock snapped open. The boy stepped out into the grey world outside....

Bryan Gascoigne

6th Form Speech - 'Neurotic Teachers'

What exactly is a school teacher? To this there may be many answers, but there is only one real definition. Yes, he or she is a person capable of imparting skill/knowledge at an institution for educating boys/girls, although to most of us, he is simply known as 'hey you' or 'the old geezer'.

It is hard to imagine that the word 'school' once came from the Greek word *scholē* meaning leisure; this is proof that meanings change over the years. The word teacher is derived from the Latin word *magister*, meaning a person who owns the right to teach over others. Neurotic - well, this comes from the Greek word *neurōn* meaning nerve, although its English meaning is 'suffering from a nervous disorder', or of abnormal sensibility!

Now we have the full definition of our character; he is 'a person of abnormal sensibility, capable of imparting knowledge at an institution for educating boys/girls'.

The Characteristics of a neurotic school teacher—

Before we all go jumping to conclusions, how can we be sure that our teacher is in fact neurotic? Here are a few guidelines:

1. They usually all excel as throwers. Their aim is bad, but their ability to throw objects across the room is not. Anyone staying in the immediate vicinity must do so at their own risk. Among some of the IFO's favoured by cases are - chalk, dusters, paper, rulers, chairs, desks, bad breath and, fully grown third-formers.

2. Secondly, they have their vocal cords. While students prefer words as means of communication, teachers employ a wider and more imaginative range of sounds. They are also known to hiss, growl, snort, grunt, and invent words as they go along.

3. They are also known to adopt various natures as they talk. Examples are:

"My God! I can hardly believe you're 6th formers!"
"Did you throw that dart? ... Did you throw that dart?"

"Just sit down, shut up and get on with your work. No! Turn around! Don't be silly! No don't be silly!"

Finally neurotic cases are known to adopt all sorts of facial and bodily expressions as they talk. This comes in handy with junior classes, but in 78% of cases studied, these abnormalities are natural, so if your teacher is showing any of these signs, submit his/her name to the following address: Neurotic Case Special Offer, Freepost 999, Cherry Farm, N.Z.

Now that you have identified your neurotic case, you must try to keep them calm. Do not try and provoke them. If during a lecture, your teacher suddenly throws himself to the ground and starts beating the floor with his fist, he is simply using a more expressive technique to get a point across. So if this happens, it isn't a signal to start gouging your little finger up your nostrils, just continue to listen, show some courtesy. Remember that your teacher is mentally disturbed and isn't capable of handling all the pressures. Give him a helping hand, and reassure him that his life is worth living.

Now you know how to identify a neurotic case and how to keep him calm, but what actually causes it? To answer this, we must look inside their head. This is done with a brain scan, not an axe!

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This is the general case in most teachers studied:

Note: the most prominent feature of cases studied.

- (a) bald patches
- (b) stunted growth
- (c) the most common abnormality, the elongated nose.

His brain makes up in complexity, what it lacks in size.

(1) Alibi cortex - this enables him to talk to two people at once; himself and the student.

(2) Language centre - this is where there is a wide range of vocabulary is stored ie - it enables him to use 100 words when one would do.

(3) Reflex Mechanism - enables him to feel when his head starts banging into things.

(4) Alternating Brain Current Centre - speeds up his mind changing process.

(5) Sensory Centre - this is his intelligence centre ie - it enables him to remember what he should've forgotten, and to forget what he should've remembered.

BUT, what does all this boil down to?

What causes our teachers to develop into neurotic cases? Quite simple, it is us! All our work becomes their work, they have to put up with us four periods a week, and most of all, hammer information into us all the time - no wonder they become neurotic!

G Deane

Faith or Hope

crystals glitter in the light,
castles of forgotten might.
someone's refuge now long past
the cards of fate have since been cast.
roads not seen and paths well covered
focused faith to where the gods hovered
the apex to man's power of will
their word the source for good and ill.
dreams once held foretold a coming
the promised birth kept hearts still strumming
this centre of the universe sent
to save mankind and preserve the earth.
transcribed from the dreams of men
the scriptures of a sacred pen
a song of reasons to point the lure
for all men's pain, a timeless cure.

tomorrow's sun is all possessed
when man is swathed in night's dark dress
in the gloom he sees himself
his rudder in his own hand held.

along this tightrope man must tread
the blame he bears, alive or dead
but hope in future cannot die
For where swells death, life must lie.

J. Lyall

THE MESS MAN'S MADE

The nicotine that riddles lungs,
The nuclear waste that leaks from drums,
The acid rain that causes destruction,
The car exhaust, a deadly combustion.
Forest fires so strong and fierce,
The bullets of war, through skin they pierce,
Homo Sapiens, so wise and strong,
Destroying the earth as he goes along.

D. Crane

Sonnet

Joy to see you glide through the pure white snow
With your purple lips and your green felt eyes;
Baptised in the glory of that pure flow;
As you fall into the powder and rise,
You smile with the knowledge that you have slept.
I wake to see the snow between us part.
Your liquid face melts as my fingers search,
The hollow of your cheek in wat'ry joy.
Like the morning dew on the silver-birch,
The beads of snow form and with your cheek toy.
I want to remove each drop from your face,
And place them on mine, exactly in place.

W. Purdy

STORM

I walked slowly along the stretch of beach picking my way among the piles of seaweed and refuse of the sea. A cool autumn breeze was blowing up the coast and menacing grey clouds gathered above. The temperature dropped and the seabirds came to gather on the cliffs or the rocky stacks offshore. I put on a light parka as a drizzle began to fall and settled under the scrub that lined the cliffs. The air was heavy and the sky was growing dark with the cloud mass above. The silence was suddenly cut by the growing impetus of the rain which now fell in thick sheets.

A sudden fork of lightning lit up the marestails forming on the heaving sea which pounded breakers upon the shingle. As a wave smacked into a rocky outcrop a huge plume of water exploded into the air. I felt the spray on my cheek.

Thunder sounded to the west which increased in volume as the heart of the storm approached.

I found it hard to make out the cliffs and shrubs surrounding me. My ears and nose showed to me the vibrations of the surf rolling the beach pebbles or the tang of salt in the air.

I saw white shapes riding the waves to the shore and waddling up the beach. As they grew nearer I could distinguish the forms of many penguins disappearing into the undergrowth. The centre of the storm seemed to have passed from overhead and the blinding rain became less turbulent. The sea still heaved and tossed the kelp on to the rocks but it had lost its intensity. A gap appeared in the surging grey clouds and let in a chink of light from the setting sun. I could discern a rainbow spanning the horizon and the shore.

I felt the water laden drops on my back after clinging to the scrub bushes, manuka and flax. I got to my feet and walked out into the high tide zone.

The beach had changed dramatically. Where a sandbar was once the breakers now covered. Piles of debris tossed up by the storm littered the beach. I continued my beachcombing among the wreckage. A fishbox here, the body of a seabird or the skeleton of a fish. Sandhoppers danced under piles of seaweed and driftwood.

The rain had washed the beach clean of footprints and my feet sunk heavily in its smooth surface. Other creatures too were searching the piles: oyster catchers probed with orange bills and a harrier circled looking for carrion, perhaps the carcass of a whale. I left the beach while the sun sank in an orange ball over the sea.

Andrew Gray

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Timmy Turtle & Woodchopper Smurf

A CAUTIONARY TALE

One fine day in the smurf village Woodchopper Smurf was chopping wood on his new chopping board. Woodchopper liked his new chopping board because it was a present from Smurfette. It was green and black and very, very colourful. He was glad Smurfette gave it to him because he had a secret love for Smurfette and he wanted to marry her.

Anyway there he was chopping wood when all of a sudden the chopping board moved and said "Och", and then it said "What are you doing, you little blue toad?". Woodchopper jumped when he saw that his chopping board was a turtle.

Woodchopper said that he was sorry to the turtle (whose name was Timmy) and then he burst out crying because his present from Smurfette was running away. Timmy heard him crying and went back to see why. Woodchopper told him how he loved Smurfette and Timmy said he would help Woodchopper.

The next day Timmy had a plan, he ran home and got a little book which he knew would help, it was a book that was full of romantic lines for shy people (and smurfs). It had lines like, "Your eyes look like little smurf pools of water"; "Your little smurf tail is like a Whangamomona bush"; "When I'm near you your magnetic personality draws my metal heart" and all that sort of thing.

Anyway Timmy gave him this book and said to memorise one every now and then and say one to Smurfette every now and then. So he did.

The next morning he saw Smurfette and he said "Your hair is like smurf silk", and this really turned her on. That afternoon he said "When I'm near you I just want to flip". One thing led to another and soon they were to be married.

On the wedding day Woodchopper lost the book and he was so upset he ran to Timmy and said "Do you have another one", but Timmy didn't.

Woodchopper ran home in a panic but he decided to go ahead with the wedding anyway. Soon they were married and Woodchopper decided to tell Smurfette the truth about the book. Not only that but soon the smurfs started calling him poet smurf and Casanova smurf and things like that. He became a well known smurf in the village and everyone liked him.

So Woodchopper, or should I say Casanova smurf, and Smurfette and all their little smurflings lived happily ever after.

Craig McKenzie

FLOOD

As I stood there and watched the dawn break
Upon the unearthly stillness of the water
I felt a sense of wonderment.

Yet as I watched the village people
Hustling about;
I sensed fear.

Then beneath my feet I heard the earth
Tremble and groan.

Then up it came from the deep

In one swift move

Like a gigantic hand

As it drowned out all life within its grasp.

R. McNeil

40,000

40,000 men went out
and marched across the plain,
40,000 men tilled the earth
with their pain.
flowers watered with,
the soil covered with,
a glistening blanket of blood,
beneath the noonday sun.

The General sits upon his horse,
the King upon his throne,
the M.P.s hustle, a bustle,
like ants, in a nest,

Full of stories, —
But 40,000 wives no more,
shall see their men alive.

40,000 wives,
no more shall see,
their men, alive.

40,000 boys went out
and marched through the snow.

they churned the snow,
mixed in guts,

on trails, we seldom go.
the rivers flowed red,
the crops well fed,
fertilised with the spirits,
of 40,000 boys, held dear.

But the General sits upon his horse,
the King upon his throne,
the M.P.s hustle,

a bustle,
like ants,
in a nest,

Full of stories —

But 40,000 girls,
no more, shall dance,
with their boys in joyful twirl,
But 40,000 girls,
no more shall dance,
with their boys in joyful twirl.

40,000 babies went out
and ploughed themselves in the ground

mixed with their dads and brothers,
they sowed the earth,

with their bodies;
and they washed the land
in mortal blood

and the stench rose up in the
noonday sun.

the General's horse turned his nose
the smell the King couldn't bear:

but the M.P.s, in the warren,
of paper work said,

"we'll have, a bumper crop next year".

J. Lyall

SECONDS

ALWAYS FLOWING
NEVER EVER STOPPING
NOT PAST OR FUTURE
TIME.

Chris Bridgeman

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AUCKLAND

Skyscrapers delay the path of floating clouds.
Planes hurl their enormous weight into the air.
The traffic of Queen Street stutters continually,
Motorway traffic flows like a diverted river.

The bridges mighty shoulders of steel forces,
Carries the traffic skyward away from
consuming waters.

Golden beaches border the circumference of
the harbours,

People everywhere!

P. Roberts

ACE OF SPIES

It was a late Chicago night. I walked alone
down the deserted alleyway, my cold hands clenched
in my coat pockets and a cigar smoking in
my mouth. My footsteps broke the silence of the
air and disturbed the rats scurrying among the
trashcans. The night was mine and I paused to
gaze up at the smog covered tops of the highrise.

I pulled another cigar from my sleeve and broke
off the top. I whispered my report back to Control
H.Q. through the microphone inserted in the
tobacco.

As I continued my stroll the lights of a sleazy
nightclub became apparent as a neon light blazed
forth an invitation. Upon reaching the door I slipped
in unobtrusively and pulled up a stool by the
bar. Over the noise of the pub I signalled the
bartender.

Glancing at the mirror on my watch, my keen
eye spotted three men gambling in the corner.
They were the men all right, the short fat one, the
Italian and the skinny one who looked as if he had
had enough liquor for one night.

I swallowed my second scotch and slowly
stood up. A hush had descended on the bar as I
advanced towards the trio. Ignoring the wink of a
sparsely dressed woman belly dancing near me, I
stopped behind them. I smelt the reek of stale
drink immediately and my eyes watered at the pall
of smoke that lay over the game.

Ha! the fat one had a straight; too bad he
wouldn't have time to play it.

Using my ventriloquistic skills I spoke through
the waitress serving the three.

"All right guys the game's up". They looked
slowly up from their poker game to her.

Quick as a flash I dealt the man in front of me a
blow on the neck sending his face smashing into
the table. Grabbing the bottle they were using I
smashed the second in the face sending him
down in a mess of glass, blood and alcohol. The
third had pulled a magnum from his belt before he
died from a blast of iron the revolver had spat from
my coat.

Quickly I knelt by one of my victims and pulled
back his gums - the glare from his teeth set me
back. As I had deduced the old trick of smuggling
diamonds in the teeth. He probably had a mint of
money and cannabis back in his hideout. I got up,
surveyed the ugly scene, and left the pub leaving
a twenty on the bar to pay to clean up the mess. I
was again alone in the night where my brain could
work in silence.

It was another night in the life of a secret agent.

Andrew Gray

LOVE AND THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Pornographic magazines aren't all there is to
LOVE, here is one boy's story.

It's just another typical day and on a typical
street, a typical boy with just a common, normal,
typical name Pastandrezquatergorodregiz (we'll
call him Bill for short!) is walking down past Girls'
High School. An average 14 year old fourth
former, he hasn't had any real interest in girls.
That is till now. Just passing the bridge he sees
an exceptionally attractive blonde with a miniskirt
somewhere round her neck!! Immediately a
strange happening takes place. Bill changes
rapidly. He has become another victim of - THE
LOVE-BUG! He walks around as if in a daze,
crashing into lamp-posts, tripping over curbs
which aren't even there and generally looking like
a drunk who's on drugs. All day long his mind is
on her. He wonders if she has seen him. She has.
But she doesn't show it. This is one of the amazing
powers of the female sex. She has put out the
bait and he took it - hook, line and sinker.

The next time they see each other they im-
mediately get acquainted and a short conversa-
tion ensues. Having established a relationship
and with formalities out of the way - the first date
is established, Friday night on the town.

After drawing out all of his precious savings
(\$6.52) he proceeds to get ready to go out. Trying
to look his best and sweating nervously he boards
the bus to town. Now there is purpose to go to
town. He doesn't just go to search for 20 cent pro-
stitutes or to try to find the latest chewing gum on
the Waitara bus seats, he is going out with his
girl.

After meeting at a pre-arranged meeting place,
he gets acquainted with her friends and she with
his. Then they proceed to Time Zone where he at-
tempts to beat his high score of 240. Unsuc-
cessful after a few tries, he forces himself to ask
his girl the big question - Can she shout him an
eggburger??!! When greeted by shouts of sar-
casm and laughter he decides to ignore his rumbling
stomach and they go outside.

In the dark alley behind the shops they indulge
in slightly physical activities of which I won't
describe. Having got to know each other better
Bill now feels slightly at ease. They talk more
about each other with questions such as, "What's
your favourite flavour toothpaste" or "Do you
think Kermit the frog is sexy". This sort of rela-
tionship continues for a few days, weeks or even
months. Bill has now become a nervous wreck
buying anti-grey hair potion and bathing in oxy-
wash to get rid of pimples which don't exist.

But this relationship is destined to fail - June
10th was the fateful day when Bill discovers that
his girl has fallen for some other boy. He is heart-
broken and thinks up terrible plans to get rid of
him. "Yes, that's it", he says, "I'll do him over".
His 20 minutes of muscular training on the Rigby
Slimmer are wasted when he finds out that his op-
ponent is 50 kilos heavier and 15 cm taller.

After cursing himself and the other boy, he may
decide to ring up the girl to win her back. Failing
this he may commit suicide. Never again he vows,
will he fall for a female's body and he sinks into
seclusion. This was just one boy's story of one of
the most enjoyable, expensive and heart breaking
things in life - LOVE.

Darren Shadbolt

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2 HAIKU'S

Life looms on nature
Clouds form sun-shines through shadows
It warms the cool sand.

A cool breeze cruises
Through tall pine trees in movement
An inspiration

Tim Johnson

BRACES

"Come In,
Take a seat.
Don't worry,
It won't hurt a bit".

14 years old and they tell me I need braces,
What a drawback to my sex life.

No girls now.

"It will be all worth it,
The pain will go away,

Your friends won't notice in a week".

Why call me Tin grin and Shrapnel face?
How come I'm afraid to open my mouth.

Did I really look so bad,
When I had a tooth

at right angles
To the rest of my teeth?

G. Kennedy

The Guano on the Window Pane

We stood upon our mountain peak.
the god of life had lead the weak.

his claims to us of blood not red
he called himself the yet undead
but what is dead and what is dying
couldn't we tell that he was lying.

He flicks a switch and punches keys
and sixty million less to feed
as a mushroom grows over town
the flesh is ashen upon his frown
and the blood that flows within his veins
is not as blue as he would feign.

the coffee scalds his rotting throat
a victory won by the bloody tote
his tongue falls out on the warm fire hearth
his face becomes death's 'cleaned visage'

the grinning skull - our lord is dying
cries out triumph - we know he's lying
if god can die then so can we
our death to him rings cold necessity.

the promise of some better treasure
to live out life in eternal pleasure
in heaven far above you'll thrive
those pagans can't be left alive

All pious victors to our cause
we never stopped or thought in pause
the ones we slaughtered in battles mud
hurled cries of death from their blue blood

and through the rotting stench of strife
came a messiah of eternal life
in his veins the blood was red
he called himself the yet undead
but was he dead? or was he dying?
only the guano, on the windowpane,

could tell,
that he'd been lying.

J. Lyall

HORROR MOVIE

The annual night of the week, this is no normal night for any teenage boy, oh no - tonight is the night when Mums are sent to bed, and Dads are kicked out of their lazy boys, only to let their teenage boys indulge themselves in the cramp-packed horror of the week.

The teenage boy, eyes bulging in curiosity waits for that moment for that Sunday horror to appear. The long wait of the night is near an end, Karen Hay signing off on a last freaky song, 'Ding Dong Dam', something lunatics wouldn't want to miss. After finishing on that far out note, Jackle prepares himself for the grand start, the bit you don't dare miss, it is the part you've got to see, to get the most out of the scary parts. In big letters the words appear, SUNDAY HORROR, scary music in the background adding to the mood of the evening. Dim lights, T.V. right up loud and the full moon beaming through the curtains, as if someone knew up there it was Sunday night.

The camera pans a beach. Jackle prepares himself, knowing something scary is only around the corner. The camera pans to a halt, on a group of ants feeding on a chemical leaking from a barrel, Jackle relaxes in his seat, thinking nothing exciting can come from that. "I think it's going to be stink tonight". At the same time momentarily taking his mind off the T.V., not noticing the growing size of the ants, a clicking sound captures Jackle's attention, only to notice ants as big as dinosaurs. Startled by their size, Jackle is thrown back in his seat, hitting his head on the corner, but too intrigued to notice the sharp pain. The ants move into the township of 'Waverley', mutilating innocent people without a fair fight.

Jackle's eyes are half open, almost not daring to watch, squinting in amazement, waiting for the terror to end. But nothing was stopping the ant's stampede. Their hunger only seemed to grow bigger, "What's going to happen, what can they do to stop them?". Jackle almost shouting now, questioning himself, almost as though he was waiting for an answer.

A hand touches Jackle's shoulder, almost jumping ten feet in the air, he turns around slowly, appearing as white as a sheet, sees a dark figure hovering over the chair, peering through squinted eyes, only to recognise his own father. "Oh, it's you Dad, you nearly scared me half to death". "Well it's past your bed time, Jackle, quick off you go". "But Dad". A sly moan, something that sometimes works. "No excuses son, get to bed", his father presses the button and the ants fade away into a dot. Jackle commenting to his father in a light rough voice, "I bet my best friend Hyde's allowed to watch it".

C.J. Bensemenn

VIDEO GAMES

*Time Zone, Jays and Space World.
20 or 40 cents for maybe 5 minutes
Swearing, booting the machines
And punching the glass
Spending all your pay in Time Zone
These places stinking of smoke
Defender, Phone in, and Rally X.*

C. Daniels

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**FUEL;
BLACK GOLD,
POWERING WORLD'S
TRANSPORT,
OLD UNWANTED
DINOSAURS
DECOMPOSED;
Oil.**

MY LIFE SO FAR

We all may have had certain experiences in our life as a student. One may look at it as a very exciting, enjoyable and worthwhile piece of life. It helps us to improve our view of what our surrounding environment is like. It provides us for our future and makes us think about what it will be like. But the question is "Am I enjoying my school life so far?"

Way back when I was in Primary school, I never thought of problems, troubles, and I never dreamt of them. My mind then was simple, and premature. All that I can remember doing was playing and fooling around with other kids. Even if I played with girls, no one took notice of it. The only thing which worried me then was when I first left home. I missed my parents, but not much because I knew I would see them every weekend.

However, I found that something else was on my back, striking me and forcing me to do what I am not familiar with. The rules are there for me to abide, and if I don't, I will be punished. I then started to return home, but my parents would not allow me to do so. So I must obey them. After my years in Primary schooling I moved one step further. I was sent to another strange place. But I was told it was a reward for me.

I left Primary school and went to a secondary school. This was a second turning point in my life. I now not only missed my parents, but now my whole village. I often think about it, but I also remember that it was my reward. My experience grew wider, but my problems also grew. I got problems with regard to physical growth. Alongside these was another problem. I got school work to do which caused my mind to do work as well.

Nevertheless I overcame it and moved another step upwards. I was sent to do my seventh form in another strange place, totally different to what I was used to. My world increased and my problems increased. Work for me now is very tough and challenging. I can't even cope with some of it. My mind tends to get more work than my physical body. I lost my country which I still think of.

So as I am now - I wish I had done much better in my past in order to feel much better now. I also used to feel like giving up things but I just can't. I see that my world is too big and complicated for me to discover.

Albino Bobogare (Solomon Islands)

Whitebaiting

All the men upon the shore,
Awaiting for the many more,
"But more of what?" you say,
Many whitebait on their way.

See the whitebait rolling in,
Moving to their destination,
Many nets with men alert,
Catching whitebait along with dirt.

From dawn to dusk they try their luck,
But sometimes boots and nets get stuck,
And when a mighty catch is made,
They celebrate with lemonade!

G. Munro

Jesus Christ

*I toward, to I past
the man had walked
not slow, not fast*

*and on his shoulder, he bore a load.
a bag of seed,
ripe to sow.*

*and with his arm, he flung the seed.
it fell, in wide circles,
hope to feed*

*and as I sat, and watched
a crop came forth.
the cure for pain,
had truly hatched.*

J. Lyall

MY COMPUTER

My computer has silicon chips,
And its R.O.M. is full of bits.
Now and then a kilobyte,
Vanishes from my sight.

The system crashes and all is lost,
and then the thing loses C.O.S.
The binary counter has overload
and my computer has exploded.

The disc drive has gone for good,
the stupid modern is under my foot,
The operating system is now one-
point-nought,

and the printer is really kaput,
I think the monitor has turned green
with fright,

and the programme has blown the light,
Give me a laser base,
to blow to bits the silicon chips.

Kevin Lowther

THE FANTAIL

*A frustrated fantail fluttered past me
As I tried to catch a butterfly*

*Diving swooping, somersaulting,
And chasing my butterfly.*

*Oh how I wish it was me
Flying up there so high
That I could see the gleam in his eye.*

T. Penberth

A CLASS POEM

Day closing,
Dusk drains light,
Dark shadows creep along the hedgeline.
Fearlessly stalking his prey,
Scalloped paws pad silently
There's a scurrying in dead leaves
There's a scramble amongst the trees
Glittering eyes shine in the gloom
Just made out by the moonlight
Pressed to the ground he listens:
Then he pounces gracefully through the air
To the animal that is so near,
Just in time
The mouse escapes from death.

Class 3 CL

Descriptive Essay

I stop to rest on the glistening icefields of Snow Valley. While catching my breath I look around at the panorama view. Ruapehu glistens in its new snow coat to the east, the very top of the Kaikoura Ranges appears out of the hazy south and in the north the blue cliffs of Raglan beckon. It is breathtaking such natural beauty, all around me, this cloudless morning, high up on Mount Egmont.

Waking in the half light of an early morning I quickly dress in the freezing air temperature. It is going to be a beautiful day - there are no clouds in the sky and not a breath of wind. Mount Egmont catches my eye in its white new coat and after two seconds deciding I make up my mind to do a winter ascent solo today. I gulp down a hurried breakfast and throw my climbing equipment into my V.W. It is debatable if I will even make it up the mountain as my fuel situation is dangerously low. Half an hour of anxiety passes and leaves me in the car park of North Egmont. The snow level has even reached here! I put on my climbing boots and start my ascent. The snowfall has been quite thick and the sub-alpine forest and scrub is bent with its weight. The snow is quite dry and powdery making quite good walking. Eventually I get out of the waist high vegetation and flounder in deep snow drifts on top of snow grass and herb fields. But as soon as I reach the more exposed scoria the snow has become firm - compacted by the wind. It is now a good time to put on my crampons. What a fantastic view. I hurry on my way - blocks of ice are falling from bluffs above and I do not want to get hit. The wind has now got up and is making miniature whirlwinds with the new snow - blowing the spindrift everywhere. The icefields of snow valley are beautiful, glistening in the morning light like millions of miniature cut diamonds. Soon the country becomes steeper and out comes my ice hammer. With my axe and hammer I quickly climb a 70° couloir and come onto the ridge of the Lizard. The snow here is a mixture of powdery drifts and hard strastugi ice. Half an hour of enjoyable climbing and I enter the crater from the summer entrance. Ice is plastered everywhere. Thick icicles hang from bluffs, really nice fluffy ice. The wind is howling through the crater so I quickly climb to the summit and put on some extra clothing. The view is fantastic, it is so clear. I walk around admiring the view and then begin to make my way down. This has to be the ultimate!

Richard Kirk

THE HOSTEL

1984 has been a year of spectacular refurbishing within the hostel. Seldom, if ever, in the School's history can so much money and effort have been put into upgrading the fabric of the boarding establishment as a whole and of the dormitories in particular.

All dormitories and games rooms have now been carpeted, and a dormitory in each house has been completely refurbished and furnished. The entrance foyer and the stairway in Carrington have been carpeted and relined, the foyer of Moyes repainted, and the ablution areas of both houses greatly improved. The windows in the Boarders' Lounge and the whole of the Carrington House building have been replaced in aluminium, an exterior painting programme is in progress, and Moyes House is to be re-roofed. Two more dormitories will be refurbished and furnished during each vacation period so that all will be completed by the end of 1985.

However, while such material matters as these are important, 1984 is perhaps a much more significant year in that in this year we have had to establish a waiting list of boys wishing entry into the hostel. This is the first time for many years that the demand has exceeded our facilities. This must augur well for the future of the hostel and in turn of the school.

Tim Crossman and the prefects of Moyes and Carrington have capably guided the boarders through the year and many boarders featured in a variety of sporting and cultural events. Thirty-five boys are from overseas and they bring with them the influence of seven different cultures.

All are sorry to hear that Mr Carroll has resigned his appointment as Senior Hostel Master. He and Mrs Carroll leave after a term of five years following the 60s when Mr Carroll was Housemaster of Carrington. He has guided the hostel well through crucial years and leaves it in excellent shape.



Mr M.C. Carroll leaves the hostel after service spanning 25 years. He will continue as a master of the school.



Head Boarder: Tim Crossman.



SCHOOL BOARDING PREFECTS

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CARRINGTON HOUSE

Back Row: J. Poihenga, T.A. Wrigley, H.S. Osborne, A.B. Mills, S.F. Bushier, J. Douglas, K.D. Kahukaka, T. Tapa, D.R. Vickers.
Fourth Row: J. Tasso, R.J. Lennox, M.J. Penny, U. Masi, S. Kalauni, D.J. McColl, G.D. Jones, I. Wilson, M. Amos, B.A. Mitchell, G.M. Cawsey, I.F. Mackinder, K.W. Detenamo, J.T. Martin, P.H. Clark, L.K. Uera.
Third Row: R.D. Walter, R.C. Field, D.M. Wiggins, G.D. Robertson, W.R. McCallum, R.A. Emmett, B.R. Sutherland, A. Reub, N.D. Pennington, R.D. Law, B.E. Wallis, K.L. Robbins, B.A. Copplestone, J.G. Jonas, K. Kaloris, T.M. Pratt, A.D. Pennefather, R.A. Pennington, W.E. Cleaver.
Second Row: D.M. Price, J. Dalmer, D.P. Young, G.A. Eden, E. Nemaia, P.D. Serjeant, T.G. Crossman (Head Boarder), Miss J.P. Curd (Matron), J. Rowlands (House Master), T.G. Heaps (Head of House), A. Elgar (House Master), Mrs D. Leggett (Assistant Matron), M.C. Carroll, A.M. Cole (Head Boy of Carrington), T.G. Newson, A. Hekesi, D.K. Phal, I.A. Rahim, H. Vira, A. Hussain.
Front Row: M.L. Fox, G.D. Goodson, S. McFall, A. Frew, C.S. Stevenson, R.B. Candy, C.M. Liddington, A.A. Morris, P.K. Williams, A.A. Bunn, A.S. Crawshaw, G.A. Hastie, M.J. Steed, K.A. Jonas.



MOYES HOUSE

Back Row: S. Raj, C.J. Porteous, C.J. Miller, J.M. Abbot, F. Nori, A.J. Warren, O. Sionetuato, T.J. Deighton.
Fourth Row: M. Newton, T. Chapman, N.K. Shandil, M. Tasmania, L. Yates, M.J. MacRury, M.E. Broadbridge, N.S. Webb, D.R. Willetts, G. Stafford, J.E. Foubister, C.J. Benseman, A.P. Darke, K. Hetet, G.J. Kerr, J.H. McCallum.
Third Row: J.A. Darke, M.A. Wilson, A.R. Wilson, D.J. Stamper, C.D. Gaze, M.P. Barrack, K.R. Jeffrey, D.S. Blake, G.B. Mills, D. Warren, C.J. Carrick, B.R. Marshall, M. Brien, A.D. Donald, V.B. Wood, T.B. Brimelow, A.R. Bullians, A. Bobogare.
Second Row: C.R. Lilley, D. Warren, B.E. Haszard, T.G. Crossman (Head Boarder), Miss J.P. Curd (Matron), K.L. O'Keefe (House Master), J.A. Howes (Head of House), D. Bevin (House Master), Mrs D. Leggett (Assistant Matron), M.C. Carroll (Senior Hostel Master), A.J. Sampson, E.P. Broadbridge, L.M. Robbins.
Front Row: S.D. Foley, A. Cole, D.M. Gorrie, A.M. Loft, J.I. Quinn, N. Wallace-Wells, C.A. Hogg, N.G. Young, M.J. Telfer, R.C. Abbot, J.H. Fields, P.G. Frenz.



CADETS

The Cadet Unit is going through a phase of transition. By government decree the Battalion has been reduced to a volunteer unit of one hundred. In early April all cadets took part in a three day two night exercise at the top of Smart Road. For all but a few Under Officers this was the boys' first experience of a bivouac camp and many valuable lessons were learned.

The unit parades during Utility Periods through Term III and will exercise for three days, October 25 - 27, in an area of bush at the top of Mangorei Road. Each cadet has been issued the shirt and trousers of his uniform but we await the arrival of training jerseys, berets and badges.

Interest in promotion courses was high and during the May vacation at Ngaruawahia Military Camp the following boys qualified their Senior N.C.P. Course and are now sergeants: Sgts. M. Broadbridge, M. Smith, A. Gibson, C. Wadsworth.

These boys qualified for the Junior N.C.O. Course at Linton: Cpts. A. De Gray, J. Haden, R. Aim, J. Fitchen, C. Carrick, B. Cronin, S. Buchanan, A. Richards, C. Imbs, G. Cockerill, A. Iles, A. Way, A. Batten, A. Soffe.

Congratulations are in order to Craig Wadsworth who in August qualified for a promotion course to the rank of Under-Officer and who also has been awarded this school's trophy of Best Cadet of the Year.

In addition to those named above the following comprise the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the unit:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel M.C. Carroll, Adjutant Lieutenant: M.E. Dobson; Platoon Commanders etc.: Major R.E. Brine, Captain D.J. Mossop, Lieutenant R.W. Carter, Second Lieutenant A.E. Elgar, Pilot Officer A.D. Butler; Under Officers: John Russell, Barry Goodin, Robert Burns, Robert Greer, Brent Barleyman, and Philip Broadbridge; Sergeants: P. Shearer and W. Crowsley.



Raft-making and (successful) river crossing.

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Camp at Tapuae.



Abseiling at the quarry.



View from the trig of the Kaitakis.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

1983 saw the third formers departing to various parts of the North Island for their outdoor experience. Mr Turner, assisted by Mr Sims, Mr Watts and Mrs Barnes, ran another successful camp on Mayor Island, whilst Mr Moore, assisted by Mr Heaps and Mr Derby, took a group to Wellington. A highlight was the double crossing of Cook Strait - by ferry!

Mr Bryant, assisted by Mr Wright, tramped through Tongariro National Park along with a host of other North Island schools. It paid to get into the hut first. Mr Cooper, assisted by Ms Mabin and Mr Krook, took a group to Kiritehere, which is an hour's drive up the coast from Awakino. (See report on this camp).

Mr R. Rowland's and Mr Wrigley's group jet boated up the Wanganui River to the start of the Matemateonga walkway, which they duly tramped.

Based at the Kennedy's farm at Uruti, Mr D'Ath's group received valuable instruction in firearms safety, shooting practice and setting up a bush camp.

Mr Bell, Mr Clark, Mr Rangitaawa and Mr Kennedy were his assistants, whilst Mr Dannefaerd provided the firearms instruction. Anyone interested in mining lead should prospect the Larsen block.

Closer to home Mr Howes and Mr Fletcher made their annual pilgrimage around Mt Egmont with sixteen or so "initiates". Also on the mountain, but staying on the northern side, were Mr P.Q. Smith and Mr Bayly who gave their students a very thorough grounding in mountain craft and leadership skills.

The seventy or so boys who could not go out on camp followed a programme which included fishing at the port, a day trip or a tramp on Mt Egmont and various activities based at school. Mr Grimwood oversaw the programme and he was assisted by Mr Bublitz, Mr Smith, Mr Giddy, Mr Hurler, Mrs Gallon, Mr Taberner and Mr Gush.

Whilst the intention is to expose students to activities they wouldn't necessarily experience at school, one of the major benefits of the programme is the contact between students and staff outside of normal school hours. Most of the tales that are told after the trip are centred around the staff, if the boys are telling them, or around the boys if the staff are telling them. The shared experiences alone make the programme worthwhile.

R.L. Cooper

KIRITEHERE 1983

Kiritehere is situated about forty kilometres north of Awakino and just south of Marakopa. The school there was closed down in the early seventies, but rather than let it fall into disuse the Taranaki Education Board decided to convert it into an Outdoor Education Centre. It was a wise decision as the area has a lot to offer. In outdoor pursuit terms there is tramping, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, surfing, camping, fishing, skin diving and caving. On the academic side one can do studies about the coast, river flats, fossils, middens, native bush and early Maori history, to name but a few.

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With five days of sunshine the '83 squad were able to enjoy a wide range of activities. After settling in on the Monday they went on the Half Beach Walk, finishing with a swim in one metre waves. (There is only a limited period of time when the beach is safe for swimming).

On the Tuesday the group climbed Mount Pehimatea, one of those hills with a top that never seems to get any closer, until you are suddenly on top of it. Mr Krook had an interesting return journey with the "slowies", playing Egyptian Golf and tutoring Dutch.

Wednesday was spent making closer studies of the coastline. Dr Mark Mabin, who lectures in geography at Auckland University, proved very informative. He related well to our students.

Thursday proved to be the highlight of the week. There are three spectacular natural features just inland from Marakopa, on the road to Te Kuiti. There is a natural bridge with an arch thirty metres above a river. The Marakopa Falls are well worth the ten minute walk in from the road, but the best has to be the Piripiri Caves. What looks just like a hole has a hidden tunnel into a large cavern with stalactites and stalagmites. You have to do your own exploring and a good torch is recommended. There are some narrow tunnels for the more adventurous to explore. Take care!

Ms Mabin and Mr Krook are thorough people and under their direction the camp was spotlessly cleaned prior to returning to school on the Friday. The willingness with which students knuckle down to this task is often an indication of how well they enjoyed the camp. This must have been a successful camp. Good effort, lads.

R.L. Cooper (Camp Leader)

Outdoor Education 1984

The 1984 camps include from last year: Mayor Island, Kiritehere, Tongariro, Round the Mountain and Uruti with newcomers Ohakune, Tarata, Okoki, Oakura and a cycle ride around the mountain. The Wellington trip had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers, partly due to the cost of \$130, but also due to this third form year having fewer boys not interested in camping and tramping.

It will be interesting to hear a report from the group of thirty-six students who went to Ohakune to undergo a course run by three ex-teachers, who have set up their own Outdoor Education Centre called Educational Tours Unlimited. Other new camps this year are a cycle ride around Mount Egmont, a tent camp at Tarata run on similar lines to Uruti, a tent camp at Okoki School and a fishing/tramping trip based at Oakura. The plan with the latter was for the students to make their own rods and then to test them in sea and rivers around Oakura. Hopefully they met with success as their menus are based on what they catch.

*Leaves dance as she walks
Happily they laugh with her
When she steps on them.*

BEFORE RAIN

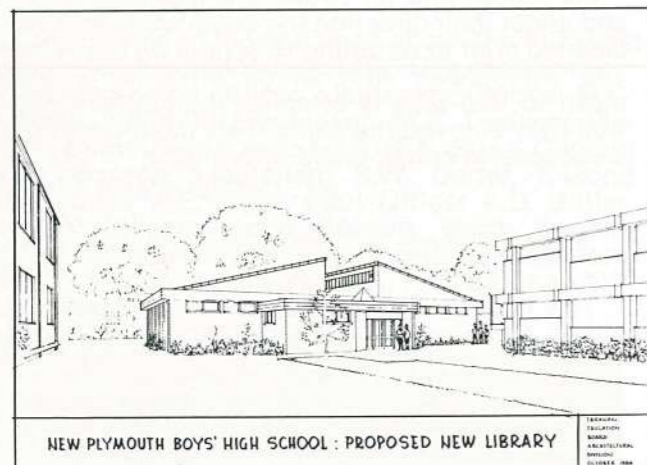
*Black rolls across skies
Thunder cries and lightning strikes
Suddenly the rain.* P. Hutton

LIBRARY REPORT

After two years as teacher-librarian the new library now seems much closer than it did in February '83. After a number of setbacks for a variety of reasons, it seems now that the new building should be under way in 1985.

Meanwhile in the present library life goes on. There have been a number of encouraging signs for the future - the growing number of issues suggest that the library is being used more and more. This is due in part to the number of teachers (many outside the English dept.) who are now using the library as an extra resource. It is also encouraging to see a large number of young librarians ready and willing to aid the senior boys.

However any success must be measured against or tempered by failure and the library suffers as much as any part of the school. The most obvious and most distressing is the result of the yearly stocktaking which reveals that a few selfish boys do not wish to abide by the rules and simply remove the book of their choice from the library. These are usually popular books and inevitably expensive as well; therefore too much of the yearly budget is spent replacing books which have been stolen or damaged. A little more consideration would mean a better deal for all.



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL: PROPOSED NEW LIBRARY



LIBRARIANS

Back Row: A. West, T. Penberth, K. Robbins, S. Sutcliffe, P. Holswich, M. Fox.
 Middle Row: Mrs J. Van Beers (Librarian), P. Mitchell, T. Brooker, H. Wills, P. Baylay, P. Hanser, T. Saywell, Mr A. Elgar (Teacher-Librarian)
 Front Row: B. Rollo, C. Wadsworth, T. Pugh, B. Pettersen (Head Librarian), M. Grey, B. Davidson.
 Absent: K. Webb, K. Phillips, C. Imbs, D. Blake, J. Pettersen, P. Van Leeuwen.

The old building itself is not a particularly enticing place and little has been done to improve it since the new library was proposed. A dearth of heat and absence of carpet along with the layout of the interior make the building more of a book storage room than a library.

These are difficulties which will be removed by the new library which should be a more comfortable and relaxing place. A more spacious area will allow a greater flexibility in layout and improved presentation of displays.

No library can function without a reliable and willing staff and this staff is ably led by Mrs Jean Van Beers who has served the library now for eight years. Her organisation is first rate and her knowledge of the books very useful as many a lost boy has found. The day-to-day running of the library is a rather thankless task which is often made more difficult by the attitude of some boys - especially in the lunchtime rush.

Mrs Van Beers however, runs the library efficiently and is a very approachable person.

There are too many librarians to go through by name but I must single out the head librarian, Bruce Pettersen, who has been a tower of strength, and Tony Pugh, a recent addition, whose willingness has been infectious.

The library staff look forward to 1985 as a year of continued growth and change.

SFC Physical Education

A HIGHLIGHT

This year the sixth form certificate P.E. option, under the leadership of Mr Bell and Mr D'Ath, spent three days deer stalking in the Ahu Ahu Valley, north of Kai Iwi.

The build-up to this trip came in the form of the boys sitting their firearms licences, and trying out several types of shooting. The boys also sat their St John's first aid courses and obtained their firearms licence.

After a great deal of effort and organisation the party set out on Sunday morning and arrived at the valley at about ten o'clock after an hour's easy walk from the end of the road.

I cannot say that both nights of my stay were enjoyable but the excitement of stalking and the peaceful solitude I found in such an area made up for the restless nights. With the combination of the hard, cold ground, various buzzing insects, and Tim and Dean snoring, times of sleep were few and far between.

Tuesday, because it was our last day, we were allowed to go after any animals but the main species on every one's brain was goat. For the past two days we had only heard two shots, Mr Bell's killing shot, and Mike's missing shot. On Tuesday the noise sounded like a civil war. There were about a hundred and twenty shots fired but only two goats were shot. They must have been very unlucky not to have got away. Several other species were bagged and these included banks, bushes and tweety birds.

We left the valley at about 5.30 on Tuesday afternoon and after a journey of many hours because of a petrol stop, a munchies stop, and Mr Bell's roundabout route to New Plymouth we all arrived home safe and sound. The trip was a great success and very worthwhile. Thanks again to Mr Bell and Mr D'Ath.

James Foubister

Representative Awards 1984

TERM ONE

Head Boy: Philip Armstrong

School Council: Tim Crossman, Arnold Fawcett, Jason Findlay, Kim Le Bas, Barry Goodin, Jonathon Lyall, Paul McKenzie, Tony Pugh, Greg McEwen, Julian Walker, Peter Sarjeant, Grant Wills.

Cricket: Philip Armstrong, Peter Leach, Stewart Dempster, Grant Cross, Tom Parsons, Greg McEwen, Richard Stening, Neil Downing, David Burbidge, Alan Jury.

Swimming: Alan Rothwell, Paul Jensen.

Athletics: Graham Cawsey, Patterson Aifai, Peter Hepworth, Albert Hekesi, Douglas Mace, Charles Mead.

TERM TWO

Rugby: Philip Armstrong, Philip Rawlins, Albert Hekesi, Kemp Detenamo, Chris Bensemman, Dean McCallum, Mark Ryder, Andrew Cole, Peter Sarjeant, Kim Le Bas, Ronald Reuben, Shane Young, Paul McKenzie, Boyd Gardiner, Julian Walker, David Doorbar, Tim Crossman, Ovin Masi.

Soccer: Bill Lawson, Glen Watson, David Burbidge, Richard Sumpter, Albino Bobogare, David Hine, Lee Adams, Stephen Hinton, Neil Downing, Henry Vira.

Basketball: Luke Worth, Tom Morris, Rod Snodgrass, Brendon Boon, Philip Broadbridge, James Douglas, Andrew Laurenson.

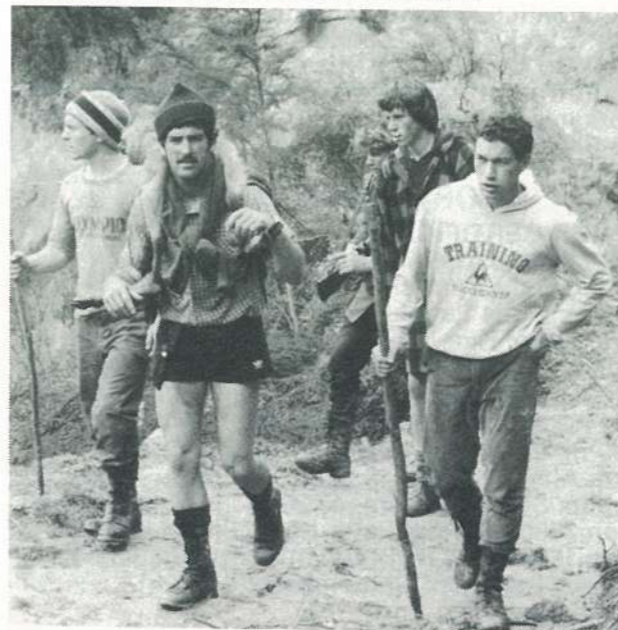
Hockey: Wade Scott, Robert Burns, Karl Phillips, Justin Brownlie, Guy Vickers, Harey McCandlish, Chris Bridgeman, Bryan Smith, Scott Newman, Bruce Lilly, Andrew Darke, Richard Watson.

Badminton: Adrian Kelly, Craig Barkley, Andrew Pennefather, Stephen Hinton, Kerry May, Willard Temata.

TERM THREE

Band: Philip Broadbridge, Timothy Deighton, Tony Pugh, Simon Davenport, Jonathon Lyall, Koen Groot, James McKillop, Gavin Deane, Spencer Brown, Trevor Thomas, Philip Armstrong, Greg Reynolds, Ian Jury, Michael Ekdahl, Craig Wadsworth.

Choir: Mathew Russell, Wade Scott, David Stewart, Ian Rust, Bruce Pettersen.



Nimrods all.

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Orchestra: Timothy Deighton, Aaron Holswich, Ian Rust, David Schwamm, Alex Scott.

Lighting & Audio: Kerry Brine, Richard Baker.

Wrestling: Wilson Gulliver, Steven Rodger.

Tennis: Lindsay Pilbrow, Michael Ham, Tom Morris, Michael Weston, Tony Roberts.

Cross Country: Peter Hepworth.

Visit to Glenbrook

19th to 20th June

Tuesday

A 6 a.m. start was made. We saw sunrise at Mount Messenger and had lunch at midday at Pukekohe. We picked up our guides from Glenbrook at 1.30 and toured the Ironsands Mine site at Waikato North Heads approximately fifteen kilometres from Glenbrook. Here the sand and as much non-metallic material as possible is extracted. The iron content then is about 35%. The primary concentrate, as it is called, is at present trucked to Glenbrook, but within a year a new slurry pipeline should be working.

After the visit to the Ironsands Mine we arrived at Waiuku College at 3.00 p.m. for our billets, only a few of whom were boys.

Wednesday

We left Waiuku College at 9.30 and arrived at Glenbrook Steelworks at 9.45. The next three hours saw us touring the Iron plant, the steel melting area and billet casting before the pipe and galvanising departments exhausted us all and lunchtime beckoned. We left Glenbrook with the noise still ringing in our ears, the heat scorching our skin and the smells reminding us of how we in New Zealand produce steel. We had dinner at Te Kuiti and a good run saw us at school at 7.30 p.m. tired, happy and hopefully wiser for the experience.

Teachers in charge: Mr Rose, Mr Krook.

ORAL READING

Form III: 1st D. Haynes; 2nd H. Silby; 3rd D. Burt.

Form IV: 1st J. Ede; 2nd R. Pennington; 3rd S. Nightingale.

Form V: 1st K. Littlejohn; 2nd J. MacLean; 3rd T. Rawlinson.

Form VI: 1st N. Rex; 2nd G. McEwan; 3rd S. Broderick.

Form VII: 1st W. Scott; 2nd T. Pugh; 3rd B. Davidson.

ESSAY COMPETITION RESULTS

Form III: 1st C. MacKenzie; 2nd M. Pugh; 3rd K. Surrey; 4th G. Sharman.

Form IV: 1st P. Mitchell; 2nd A. Gray; 3rd M. Thompson; 4th D. Shadbolt.

Form V: 1st B. Gascoigne; 2nd C.J. Bensemman; 3rd N. Pennington; 4th J. McKillop.

Form VI: 1st N. Rex; 2nd R. Gillies; 3rd G. Clegg; 4th M. Standing.

Form VII: 1st I. Rahim; 2nd A. Bobagare; 3rd T. Pugh.

PRIZE LIST 1983

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

FIFTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES:

Horticulture: Alan Mills
French (French Embassy Prize): Paul Anderson
History: Andrew Laurenson
Art: Karl Quinn
Music: Tim Deighton
Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize): Tim Deighton
Mathematics: Douglas Herbert
Technical Drawing: Ross Gillies
Woodwork (Practical)(Spear & Jackson Prize): Mark Sexton
Woodwork (Theory): Alan Jury
Engineering Shopwork: Nigel Marsh

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

3rd Aggregate: Mark Smith (1st Economics, 2nd Geography)
2nd Aggregate: Craig Wadsworth (1st Geography, 2nd Science, 2nd Accounting, 4th Mathematics, 2nd Economics)
1st Aggregate: Simon Davenport (1st English, 1st Mathematics, 1st Science, 1st Latin, 1st Accounting, 2nd Economics)
Effort & Progress: Chris Vause, Gavin Deane
Public Speaking: Gavin Deane
Certificates:
2nd Form 5 Public Speaking: David Joyce
3rd Form 5 Public Speaking: Mark Smith
Essay: Ross Gillies
Certificates:
2nd Form 5 Essay: Craig Imbs
3rd Form 5 Essay: Gary Woodward
Oral Reading Certificates:
1st: Tony Pugh
2nd: Simon Davenport
3rd: Bruce Harrison

SIXTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES (TABOR AWARDS):

Geography: Brian Connelly
Art: Campbell Brown
Accounting: Philip Armstrong
Economics: Kerry Dohig
Physical Education: Kim Le Bas
Construction: Paul Tatham

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

3rd Aggregate equal (Tabor Prize): Ross Cheyne (1st English, 1st Technical Drawing) and David Flay (2nd Biology, 3rd Mathematics, 4th Physics, 5th Chemistry) and Bruce Garrett (1st French, 5th English, 4th Accounting)
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize): Brett Miller (1st Physics, 2nd Biology, 2nd Chemistry, 2nd Mathematics)
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize & Harrison Cup): Peter Neilsen (1st Mathematics, 1st Chemistry, 1st History, 2nd Physics)
Effort & Progress: Wade Scott, Brendon Johnston
Public Speaking: Bruce Garrett
Certificates:
2nd Form 6 & 7 Public Speaking: Wade Scott
1st Form 6 & 7 Oral Reading: Wade Scott
3rd Form 6 & 7 Public Speaking: Nigel Smith
Essay: Brett Davidson
Certificates:
2nd Form 6 Essay: Eliot Groves
3rd Form 6 Essay: Rhys Robinson
Oral Reading Certificates:
2nd: Barry Goodin
3rd: Kerry Dohig

SEVENTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

English Literature (White Memorial Prize): Peter Kane
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize): Ian Armstrong
Geography (Bennett Prize): Ian Armstrong
Mathematics: Mark Dannatt
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize): Craig Healy
History: John Edwards
Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize): Geoffrey Nightingale
Art History: Dean Raymond
Effort & Progress: Dean Elgar, Jeffrey Newell, Stephen de Grey
Essay: Loveni Enari
Certificates:
2nd Form 7 Essay: Jeffrey Newell
3rd Form 7 Essay: Lameko Talia
Oral Reading Certificates:
1st: Ian Armstrong
2nd: Deane Cross
3rd: Murray Cox

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup): Tim Robertson
Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup): Wade Scott
Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup): Simon Davenport
Maori Language: Murray Herbert
L.V. Giddy Prize for Best Technical Drawing Project: Ross Cheyne
Best Original Work (Heurtley Memorial Prize): Sharney Way
Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup): Tim Deighton
Best Polynesian Student (Maori & Island Affairs Prize): Loveni Enari
Best Cadet (Sole Cup): Darryn Pritchard
Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges Cup): Tim Robertson
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize): Tim Crossman
Head Boy (Brookman Cup & Prize): Ian Armstrong
Jack West Centennial Medallion: Ian Armstrong
General Excellence (Fookes Cup & Prize): Brendon Smith
Proxime Accessit (McLeod Memorial Prize): Mark Stevens, 1st Chemistry, 1st Physics, 2nd Applied Mathematics, 3rd Mathematics.
Dux (Buick Cup, Academic Excellence Cup, N.P.O.B. Association Prize): Stephen Brine, 1st Applied Mathematics (Harrop Prize), 1st Economics, 2nd Chemistry, 2nd Mathematics, 2nd Physics.

SPORTS AWARDS 1983

SENIOR CERTIFICATES:

Long Jump: Geoff Hall, 6.05 m
Shot: Gerald Barrack, 11.22 m
Javelin: Chris Lagaluga, 47.7 m
High Jump: Kim Le Bas, 1.65 m
Triple Jump: Cameron Todd, 12.49 m
Discus: Cameron Todd, 33.85 m
INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATES:
1500 m: Gary Woodward, 4m 54.3 secs.
Shot: Alan Doorbar, 11.02 m
Javelin: Steven Tahere, 43.20 m
Open 3000 m Walk: Peter Kane, 9m 54.5 secs.
Open 1600 m Walk: Stephen Scott, 9m 0.3 secs.
Senior Champion: Cameron Todd
Intermediate: Ian Porritt
Triple Jump: John Stephenson, 10.92 m

SENIOR ATHLETICS:

100 m: Old Boys Cup-Cameron Todd
200 m: Herbert Smith Cup-Philip Armstrong
800 m: Mason Memorial Cup-Peter Hepworth
1500 m: Fookes Cup-Peter Hepworth
100 m Hurdles: Noakes Cup-Tony Aiolupo
400 m: Old Boys Shield-Colin Deane

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS:

100 m: Beckbessinger Cup-Ian Porritt
200 m: Challenge Cup-Ian Porritt
400 m: Bothamley Cup-Bruce Hall
800 m: Gilmour Cup-Michael Johns
High Jump: Keller Cup-Robert Megaw
Discus: Edmonds Trophy-Charles Mead

OPEN:

Senior Cross Country: 1911 Cup-Peter Kane
Intermediate Cross Country: Herbert Smith Cup-Clive Ward
Athlete of the Year: Gary Towler Cup-Peter Hepworth
Cycling: N.Z. Secondary Schools 30 k Individual Champ Trophy-Brendon Smith

SWIMMING:

Senior Champion: Sykes Memorial Cup-Brendon Smith
Life-saving: Smith & Easton Cup-Marcus Crane and James Foubister
Boxing: Most Scientific Boxer-Cameron Todd

BADMINTON:

Senior Champion: Cook & Lister Cup-Adrian Kelly
Intermediate Champion: Issac Cup-Stephen Hinton

SOCCER:

Winner South Island Section of the National Secondary School Tournament Linwood Trophy N.P.B.H.S. 1st XI R. Morrice Captain.

GYMNASTICS:

Senior Champion Jenkinson Cup-Ian Porritt

CRICKET:

2nd XI Most Improved Player: Giddy Shield-Russell Dempster
1st XI Batting: Meuli Cup-Tim Irvine
1st XI Bowling: Parkinson Memorial Cup-Spencer Hill
Contributed the most to Cricket: Alistar Jordon Cup-Phillip Armstrong

SOCCER:

1st XI Most Improved Player: C. Wilson

HOCKEY:

1st XI Most Improved Player: Simonson Cup-Robert Burns

BASKETBALL:

Most Improved Player: Peter Lay Trophy-Scott Anderson

RUGBY:

1st XV Contributed the most to Rugby: Leuthart Cup-Kim Le Bas
1st XV Supporters Most Improved Player: Watts Cup-George Latu

DAY BOYS V BOARDERS:

Swimming: Dempsey Shield-Boarders, T. Crossman

Rugby: Pease Cup-Dayboys, K. Le Bas

Tennis: Beatham Cup-Dayboys, L. Pilbrow

INTERHOUSE:

Swimming: Burnbank Cup-Barak, S. Hill

Rugby: Kerr Cup-Donnelly, T. Crossman

Soccer: Holder Cup-Barak, K. Le Bas

Athletics: Hansard Cup-Barak, S. Hill

Tennis: Stevenson Cup-Hatherly, L. Pilbrow

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Overall House Champion: Cramond Cup-Barak, S. Hill

Sportsman of the Year: Colleges Cup-Kim Le Bas

TENNIS:

Senior Champion: Candy Cup-Paul Whitelock

Intermediate Champion: McKeon Cup-Michael Ham

JUNIOR PRIZE LIST 1983

ACADEMIC:

Junior Essay:

Form 3: 1st Peter Mitchell, 2nd Andrew Gray, 3rd Brent Larsen

Form 4: 1st Rex Dowding Memorial Cup, Richard Murphy, 2nd Shane Reynolds, 3rd Hamish Kyle

Junior Reading:

Form 3: 1st Derek Cattley, 2nd Blair Pritchard, 3rd Martin McMillan

Form 4: 1st Shane Reynolds, 2nd Kitt Littlejohn, 3rd Adrian Claridge (left)

Junior Oratory:

Form 3: 1st Paul Vivian, 2nd Andrew Slater, 3rd Nicholas Young

Form 4: 1st Moss Cup, Calvin Scott, 2nd Greg Reynolds, 3rd Bryan Gascoigne

Music:

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy): Matthew Russell

Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Cup): Calvin Scott

FORM 3 AGGREGATE: 1st Andrew Gray (1st English, 1st Latin, 1st Social Studies, 1st Science) 2nd Paul Roberts (2nd Latin, 3rd Mathematics), 3rd Blair Pritchard (1st Mathematics)

FORM 3 SUBJECT PRIZES:

Technical Drawing: Richard Watson

Art: Ronald Brons

Maori: Darren Shadbolt

Metalwork: Stephen Barry

Woodwork: John Vink

Business Studies: Peter Mitchell

French: Rana Ghosh

FORM 3 PROGRESS & EFFORT AWARDS:

Gary Ikin, Peter Smale

FORM 3 FRENCH SPEECH PRIZES:

1st: Peter Mitchell

2nd: Blair Pritchard

3rd equal: Danny Sullivan, James Dalmer, Jason Ruruku

FORM 4 AGGREGATE: 1st Angus Stewart (1st French, 1st Latin), 2nd Kitt Littlejohn (2nd Latin, 4th French), 3rd equal Brent Cathie (1st Science, 4th Technical Drawing, 5th Mathematics), Spencer Brown (1st English, 2nd equal Music)

FORM 4 SUBJECT PRIZES:

Technical Drawing: David Hine

Mathematics Taranaki Maths Assoc Prize: Michael Johns

Horticulture: Bruce Wills

Music: Calvin Scott

Woodwork: Bruce Johnson

Art: Paul Jensen

Metalwork: Nigel Kelly

Business Studies: David Mandell

Social Studies: Jamie Strobe

FORM 4 PROGRESS & EFFORT AWARDS:

Bryan Gascoigne, Ritchie Sheather

WATTIE WILKIE MEMORIAL PRIZE: For progress in Form 4 Mathematics Mathew Savage

TENNIS:

Junior Champion: Herbert Smith Cup—Lindsay Pilbrow

Most Improved Player: Burgess Cup—Michael Weston

GYMNASTICS: Junior Champion: Peter Saunders Memorial Cup—Michael Carr

BOXING:

Most Consistent Boxer Cup: Patterson Aifai

Most Promising Boxer Cup: James Steward

ATHLETICS:

Intermediate:

800 m: Gilmour Cup—Michael Johns

100 m Hurdles: Graeme Cawsey

Junior:

100 m: Bennett Cup—Paul Roberts

200 m: Tony Grainger

400 m: Harmon Cup—Tony Grainger

800 m: Houston Cup—Andrew Pennefather

1500 m: Greive Cup—Warren Grady

100 m Hurdles: Marsh Cup—Ross Wright

Long Jump: Glen Jones

Triple Jump: Nicholas Young

High Jump: Tony Holswich

Discus: Douglas Mace

Shot: Douglas Mace

Javelin: Douglas Mace

Field Events Champion Garlic Cup: Douglas Mace

Junior Champion: Douglas Mace

Cross Country Junior Champion: Warren Grady

SWIMMING:

Junior:

33 1/3 yd Freestyle: Stuart Chapman

33 1/3 yd Backstroke: Ian Rust

33 1/3 yd Breaststroke: Ian Rust

33 1/3 yd Butterfly: Stuart Chapman

100 yd Freestyle: Stuart Chapman

Junior Champion: Fox Cup—Stuart Chapman

Intermediate:

66 2/3 yd Backstroke: Paul Jensen

66 2/3 yd Breaststroke: Paul Jensen

100 yd Freestyle: Paul Jensen

33 1/3 yd Butterfly: Matthew Simons

Intermediate Champion: Challenge Cup—Paul Jensen

Open 220 yd Freestyle: Matthew Simons

4th Rifle Champion: .22 Rifle Champion: David Hine; .22 Rifle Runner-up: Phillip Landon



Maori Welcome to Headmaster on his return term 3.



Carrington Foyer



Anzac Memories

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is an enthusiastic group of people who have one object in mind – to serve the school to the utmost of their ability.

Many of the concerns of the Board have been mentioned elsewhere in The Taranakian. Projects of special attention include the completion of the Centennial Gymnasium, the provision of a music suite, major improvements to the two hostels, redevelopment of McNaught Field and tree planting, consideration of new baths, upgrading of the Technical Block, planning for the new library to be built on the north end of the Science Quad. and re-sealing of the Tennis Courts.

A major project has been the investment of funds totalling \$300,000 by the Centennial Fund Trustees and the Clem Cave Estate which has led to the erection of a building on Devon Street East with a lease back arrangement, ensuring income for the school in the future.

At the end of the second term of the foundation Board in August 1983, nine of the eleven members retired after having given unstinting sterling service. They, along with the new Headmaster, Mr T.T. Ryder, laid a foundation for future Boards to build upon. Only Jim Garcia (foundation member) and John McIntyre (member of the second Board) remained.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

This year the Parent Teacher Association was:

President: Mr J. Daniel

Vice President: Mr K. Roberts

Secretary: Mrs A. Jensen

Treasurer: Mrs M. May

Committee: Mesdames Larsen, Shaw, Hyde, Mandell, Buchanan, Boniface, Van de Water, Rudd, Coles, Vickers, Armstrong, Pugh. Messrs R. Armstrong, Barnes, Wadsworth, M. Roberts, Wills, Pugh, Worth, Nielson, Rex, Foreman, Durrant, the Headmaster, Derby and Bevan.

Our first Gala Day for some years was held in April and was a great success, both financially and as an exercise getting many parents involved with the school. We express our thanks to the very large number of people who helped and offered support to this rewarding day. In addition the school gained a practice cricket wicket of considerable value.

The P.T.A. has helped with many social and sporting functions during the year and our thanks go to Mrs Bev Larsen and her team for a job well done. Our help was also given to count money from the Halberg Raffle.

The Board has given approval to the Baths Steering Committee to go ahead with plans for a new swimming pool. This Committee is now ready to return to the Board with plans for approval. Our priority for fund raising must be for the new swimming pool and a work day is planned for early in the new year.

We are looking ahead to a network of computers after the baths project is completed.

A Drug Seminar was held in the middle term. Although the audience was disappointing, it was a very worthwhile evening.

Once again the P.T.A. has had an important role at the New Plymouth Boys' High School. It has been a most enjoyable year and our thanks go to parents, staff and everyone else who has helped in our successful term in office.

"The Taranakian" acknowledges with gratitude sponsorship from **Kash Menswear Ltd.**

Brief Pen-Portraits of the Board Members:

John V. McIntyre (Old Boys) - Chairman: Serving his second three-year term as a member, is in his second year as Chairman. His three sons, Ian, Victor and Donald, all boarders of Carrington House during the 1960s and 1970s are now farming in partnership on the family farm at Waitui, Inglewood.

Brian S.E. Bellringer (Parents) - Deputy Chairman: an Old Boy, 1953 Taranaki Scholarship winner, is in the family business of a well-established accountancy firm in New Plymouth, a New Plymouth City Councillor, previously on New Plymouth High Schools' Board as N.P.C.C. representative, Chairman of Hostel Committee, member of Executive; he has a son now at school.

Mrs Viv Bone (Parents): one of two lady members, whose son John Bone was Head Boy in 1981, is a strong supporter of the School's P.T.A., member of Hostel Committee, member of Marfell Scholarship Committee.

Jim Garcia (Taranaki Education Board Rep.): foundation Board Member in his third three-year term, an Old Boy, served as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, member of Executive, member of Appointments Committee.

Ron J. Goodare (Parents): member of Executive, Past Chairman P.T.A., member of Appointments Committee, manager of Natural Gas Corp., New Plymouth.

Terry G. Heaps (Teachers Rep.): H.O.D. English Department, member of Hostel and Appointments Committee.

Alan D. Jellyman (Parents): strong supporter of P.T.A., Chairman of Buildings and Grounds Committee, member of Marfell Scholarships Committee, Director of Parks and Reserves N.P.C.C. Son at school.

Mrs Alison Jensen (Parents): one of the two lady members, married to an Old Boy, Rex Jensen, Executive Manager of Robert Stone Ltd. Engineering firm engaged in 'Think Big Projects', Secretary P.T.A., member of Hostel Committee, Chairperson of Appointments Committee, sons at school.

Don L. Slater (Parents): an Old Boy, member of Hostel Building and Grounds Committee, L.A. Alexander Estate Rep., Chairman of Directors, Moa-Nui Farmers' Dairy Co-operative (Inglewood), Dairy Farmer Bell Block, son at school.

Barry A. Vivian (Contributing Schools): member of Building and Grounds Committee, has a Diesel Specialist Company, son at school.

T. Neil Wolfe (Old Boys): member of Hostel and Appointments Committee, Captain of First XV and First XI 1959, Past President of Old Boys' Association (Parent Body), All Black at 19, Chairman of Central School Committee, member of Taranaki Jockey Club Committee, Director of Western Bottling Company, New Plymouth.

Bob P. Bowler A.C.A. (Secretary): an Old Boy, Secretary of N.P.B.H.S. Board and Hawera H.S. Board.

Harry Russell M.C. — Assistant Secretary: an Old Boy, retired after distinguished service in the army, now farms a property with his brothers at Urenui.

Old Boys' News

AUCKLAND BRANCH NOTES

On 17 August the Auckland Branch held a Dinner at the Ellerslie Racecourse. Branch President **John Syme** (1958-62) welcomed 70 Old Boys and some invited guests to the evening during which many old friendships were renewed and forgotten memories revived. Guest speaker "J.J." Stewart was in great form as was Auckland Grammar headmaster **John Graham** (1948-52) in proposing a fine toast to the School. **Lynn Bublitz** (1955-59) rounded off a great night for Old Boys with his reply on behalf of the School.

The Dinner honoured past captains of the First XV and those present were **Murray Hooker** (1945), **John Graham** (1952), **Brian Moorhead** (1954), and **Ian Stewart** (1963). Unable to attend were **John Terry** (1917) and **Mark Gray** (1975-6).

Oldest Old Boy at the Dinner was **Jim Syme** (1925-29), now retired in Tauranga, and father of current Branch President.

Represented amongst the 70 Old Boys present was the usual cross-section of New Zealanders including the legal profession (**James Garbett**, 1959-62), business (**Harold Titter**, 1944-48, and **Gavin Faull**, 1966), farming (**Rod Hedley**, 1955-60, **Ian Montgomerie**, 1957-60, **Alan Fleming**, 1948-51), teaching (**Leo Palmer**, Head Boy 1942 now retired, **Allan Faull**, 1960-61) and accounting (**Wayne Dyer**, 1958-61, **Colin Osborn**, 1949-52).

Leslie Neill (1918-20) could not attend the Dinner but recalled commuting to New Plymouth each term by boat as a boarder. The trip was usually an overnight one, but at one stage it had to be in daylight so that a good lookout could be kept for mines.

The Branch has lost **T.N.M. Waters** (1944-48) who is now Vice-chancellor and Principal of Massey University.

Neil Kyle (1903-04), our oldest Old Boy will be ninety-five on 30 November 1984 and continues to keep in touch.

G.B. (Gubby) Allen, (1936-39) retired after sixteen years as principal of Henderson High School. He is a keen golfer and jogger. At the age of sixty-one he completed the Round the Bays run in a mean fifty-one minutes.

During the year we lost **Craig Saxton** (1948-55) when Air New Zealand transferred him to London as Regional Manager for the United Kingdom and Europe.

Also leaving Auckland is **Geoff Bendall** (1948-52) with his transfer to Manager of the ANZ Bank Branch at Broadbeach, Queensland. He is sure to have a stream of Kiwi holiday-makers knocking on his door.

The Royal New Zealand has promoted **Dusty Miller** (1964-66) to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He is currently posted to HMNZ Philomel's Technical Support Group as the ship's maintenance co-ordinating authority officer. He also finds time to be Editor of the New Zealand Navy News magazine.

Pat Williams (1959-63) has recently taken up a top management position with New Zealand News (Auckland Star).

In the Auckland athletics field is **Ross Hetherington** (1958-62) who has got his Marathon running into the sub three hour times.

B.J. (Brian) Davey is a partner with his brother, Terry, in a very successful physiotherapy practice in Campsie (just out of Sydney) and is a member of the World Council of Physiotherapists.

H.C. ("Froggie") Newell (1913-20) has in his retirement now moved from Taupo to Warkworth. In Taupo he spent some thirteen years of his retirement working with the Waipahihi Botanical Reserve (85 acres of forest) and is now a Patron of the society.

John McLeod (1948-49) has been transferred from Papakura to Upper Hutt as Manager of the ANZ Bank Branch there. While in Auckland he was a Grade 2 Senior Rugby Referee, New Zealand Selector of the Under 19 Cricket Tour to Australia and managed a North Island Under 17 Cricket team on a tour of the North Island.

Continuing his role as an author **Noel "Wig" Gardiner** (1924-28) has followed his successful "Freyberg's Circus" with an equally successful "Bringing up the Rear". The second book has a good coverage of our old school, including the 1982 Centennial celebrations.

Max Vercoe (1938-42) is enjoying the alternative lifestyle at Beach Road, Awanui, Northland.

Recently retired from the Royal New Zealand Air Force is **Frank Larking** (1939-44) and he is now involved in boat-building at Greenhithe, Auckland.

Russell Fuller (1936-37) has retired as Town Clerk, Kaikohe, after a period of thirty-two years in that position.

DEATHS

John Veale (1927-29) and **Vic Fookes** (1919-23). Both were active members of the Auckland Branch and keen supporters of our activities.

The Auckland Branch Committee currently consists of:

President: John Syme (1958-62)

Vice President: Alan Fowles (1942-45)

Past President: Brian Sykes (1942-45)

Secretary: Dick Still (1948-52)

Committee: Jack T. Alsweller (1949-52), Alan Faull (1960-61), Bruce Fraser (1958-61), Ron Harrison (1939-42), Murray Hooker (1940-45), Graham McGlashan (1951-54), Ian L. Manby (1947-51), Brian Moorhead (1949-52), John Wood (1941-45).

LOCAL OLD BOYS' NEWS

Donald Mander—Chairman, Inglewood County Council

Tom Watson—Chairman, Clifton County Council

Ross Allen—Chairman, Taranaki County Council

David Walter—Chairman, Stratford County Council, farming at Douglas, son at school

Darcy Crone—Mayor of Inglewood Borough Council

Dick Wilson—Mayor of Waitara Borough Council

David Lean—Mayor, New Plymouth City

Clyde Proffit—Chairman Board of Governors, Stratford High School

Dennis Lepper—Chairman, N.Z. Pork Industry Council

Jim Graham—Chairman, N.Z. Dairy Board

Brian Mooney—Member N.Z. Dairy Board

Harvey Wellington and Brian Nicholls farming Bristol Road, Inglewood

Bruce McMurray, farming Kaimata district

Keith McMurray, farming Norfolk Road

Graeme Lepper, farming on family farm, Lepper-ton

Trevor Jury—Foreman for Jones & Sandford on building for A.N.Z. bank, N.P.B.H.S. Board Centennial Trustee project.

We have been very pleased to learn that Dr William James Watt (1924-28) was awarded the Q.S.O. in the New Year's Honours List for his services to medicine. He has worked in New Zealand

hospitals and in the United Kingdom, saw active service in France and worked as a military doctor in Sierra Leone, India and Burma. Since the war he has been based in Rotorua and was later Superintendent.

OBITUARIES

Alex W. Scott (75), a former managing director of New Zealand Newspapers Ltd died in Auckland. For more than thirty years he was active in various areas of the newspaper industry and in 1974 was elected a life member of the Newspaper Publishers Association.

James Thomas Gibbs (73), old boy from 1926-30, died suddenly at his home at Alton on 21.8.84.

Major Claude Rodney Hatherly (Tad), nephew of John, died on 1.4.84 in Dunedin after a brief illness. He was fifty-eight. He began his career in 1945 with five months service in the Fleet Air Arm and served later in Japan and with the K-Force in Korea where he was a Forward Observation Officer with the artillery. In 1953-54 he was again on active service in Malaya and in the '60s was Adjutant and later Company Commander at Waiouru. Besides his military experience Major Hatherly also trained as a teacher, completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in anthropology, and taught at Kings High in Dunedin from 1975-83. Major Hatherly is survived by his wife, daughter and two sons.

Association members and the school extend sympathy to the relatives of these Old Boys and all Old Boys who died during the year.

TRUST FUND BUILDING

A charter outlining the terms of the \$300,000 Centennial Trust has been hung in the new Assembly Hall. It includes a \$120,000 bequest from the late Mr Clem Cave and his wife, Jan. Mr Cave was head boy in 1931. The framed document represents three years of fund raising and names contributors such as Taranaki commercial houses (\$50,000) and the students who raised \$12,845 in 1981-82.

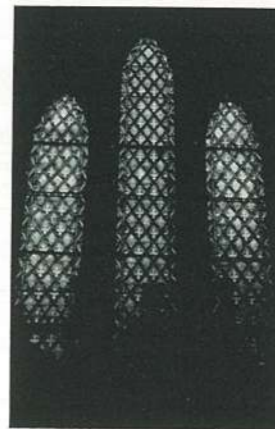
The building administered by the Trust is expected to be opened in December. It will be leased for at least \$30,000 a year to the A.N.Z. Banking group. The trustees are Mr Ian Russell, New Plymouth; Mr Harold Titter, Auckland, managing director of Feltex Industries Ltd.; and Mr Lyn Papps, Wellington, a corporate lawyer and Chairman of the Railways Corporation.



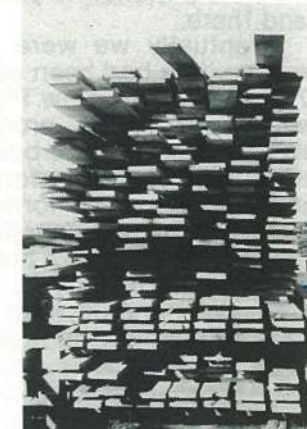
Centennial Charter: Messrs McIntyre, West, Ryder, Armstrong and Russell.



The Centennial Trust Building in Devon St. East.



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Drama Notes

Drama started in the first term with workshops twice a week. Mr Kibby took a group of fourteen through various workshop experiences to ascertain whether the group of mainly juniors was competent enough to present a play for the New Zealand One Act Play Festival.

Term two arrived and the gamble was taken. The play chosen was *The Animal Maker* by the Wellington playwright Phillip Mann and the cast of eleven was chosen.

The pace increased and rehearsals were held every lunch hour and two hours after school every week as boys saw the need for a more polished performance.

The visit of the New Zealand film actress, Mary Regan of *Heart of a Stag* and *Strata* fame, replaced one lunchtime rehearsal. Her visit quickened the heart of more than one boy and one enthusiast in the cast vowed to everyone present his determination to pursue an acting career then and there.

Eventually we were notified that our performance date had been set for Monday 30th July at 7.30 p.m. at the New Plymouth Little Theatre. As with any serious production, there were last minute hitches. The boat was finally painted the afternoon of the performance and left to dry in room 7. The sixth form study group were most vocal in their suggestions as to how the boat could be made more manoeuvrable on stage.

Seven thirty arrived, the curtain went up and forty-five minutes later a very weary cast took their final bow. The adjudicator, Mr Jim Maclean

from Hamilton, was full of praise for the efforts of the boys attempting such a difficult play. By and large he and the drama critic from the Taranaki Herald made favourable comments about the performance of such a young cast.

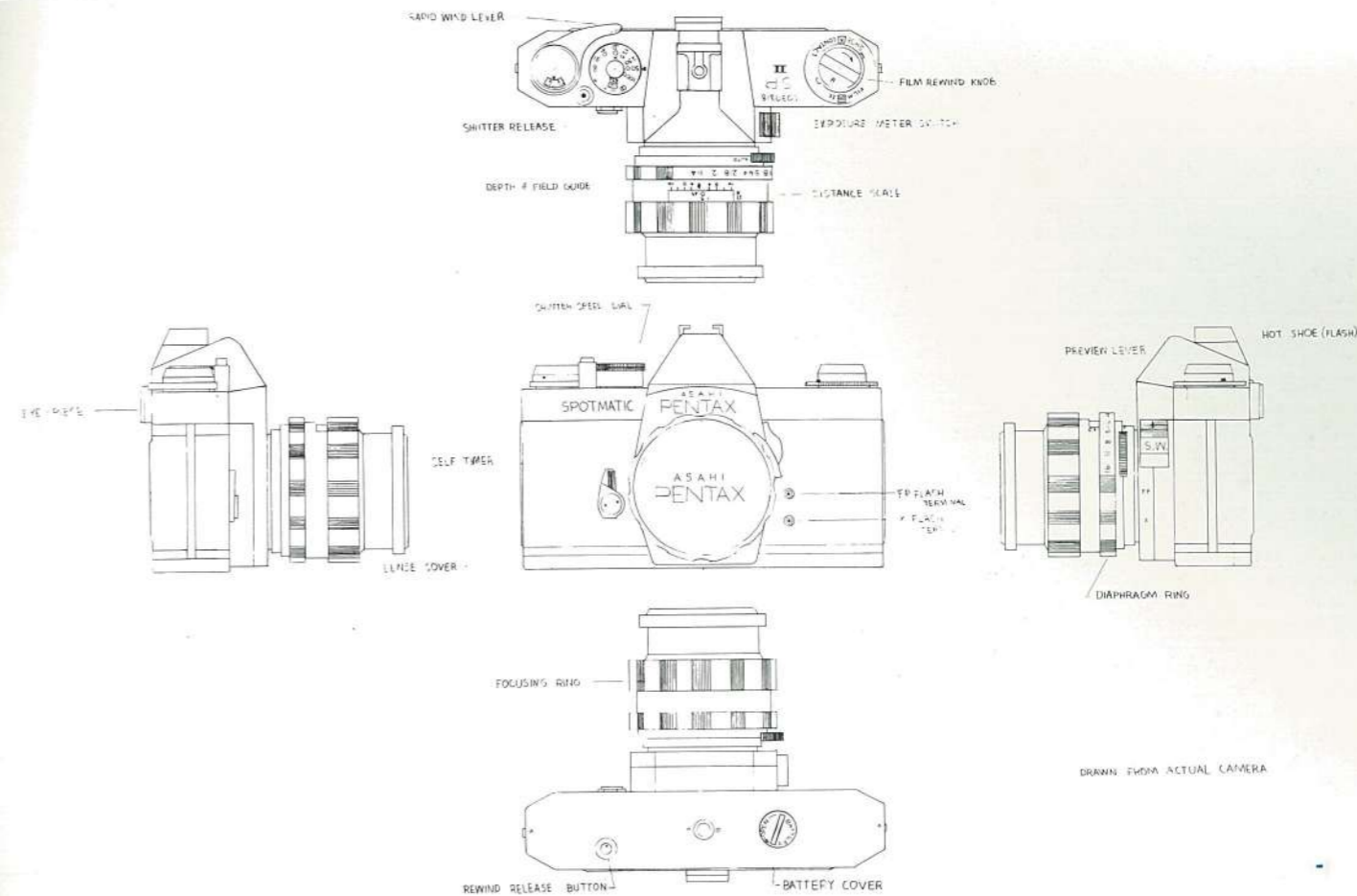
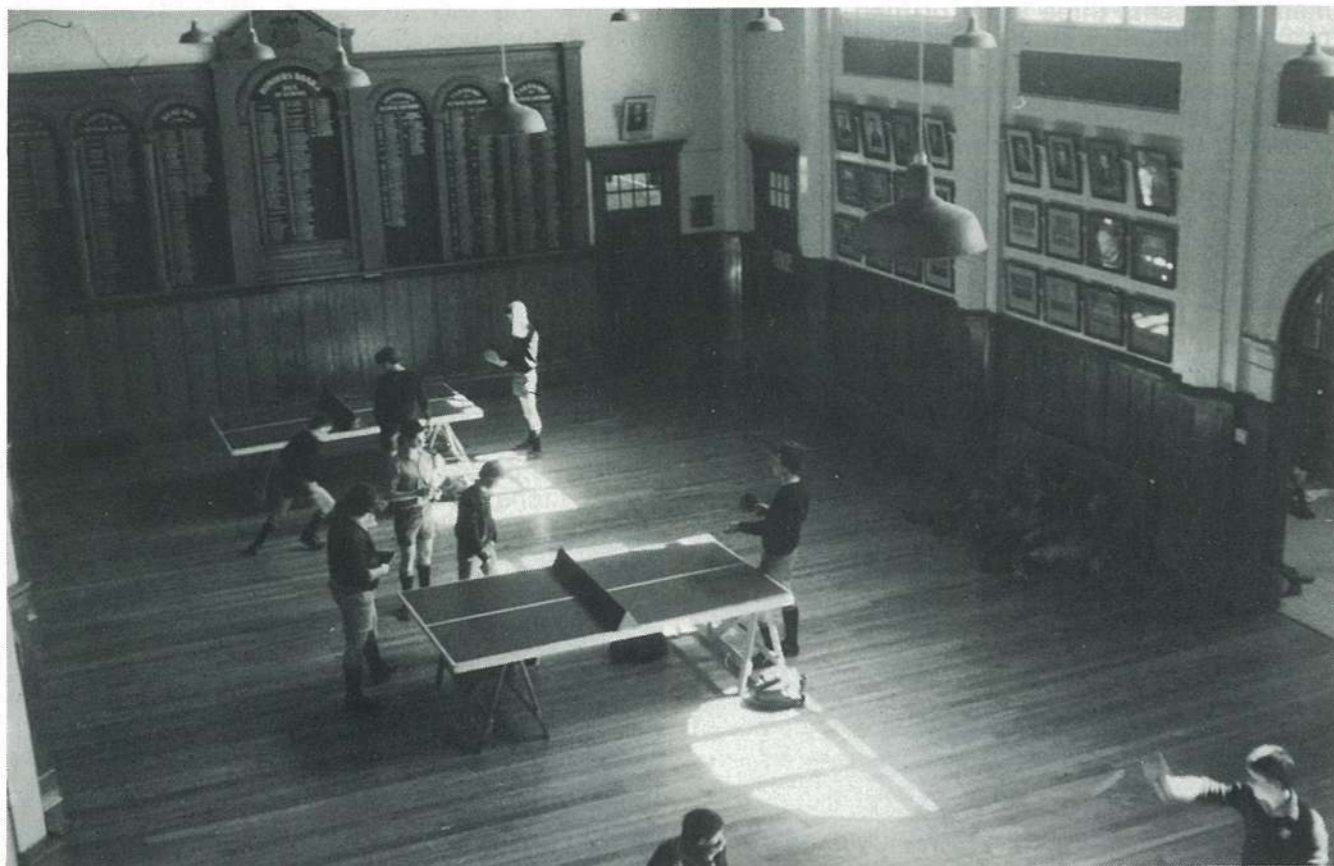
Presenting *The Animal Maker* was a most valuable theatre experience for everyone involved. The nucleus of eleven, mainly juniors, should provide a very solid foundation for more ambitious developments next year.

The producer was Mr W. Kibby and the cast for *The Animal Makers* was:

Sam I-Darryl Iplady, Sam II-Mathew Russell, Pete-Ziziel Ward, Benny-Merrick Stead, Announcer-Paul Holswich, Lion-Duncan Haynes, Pig-Paul Fenton, Peter-Nicholas Young, Sheep-Chris Walker, Monkey-Carl Martin, Creature-Colin Penno. David Stewart was in charge of backstage and lighting.



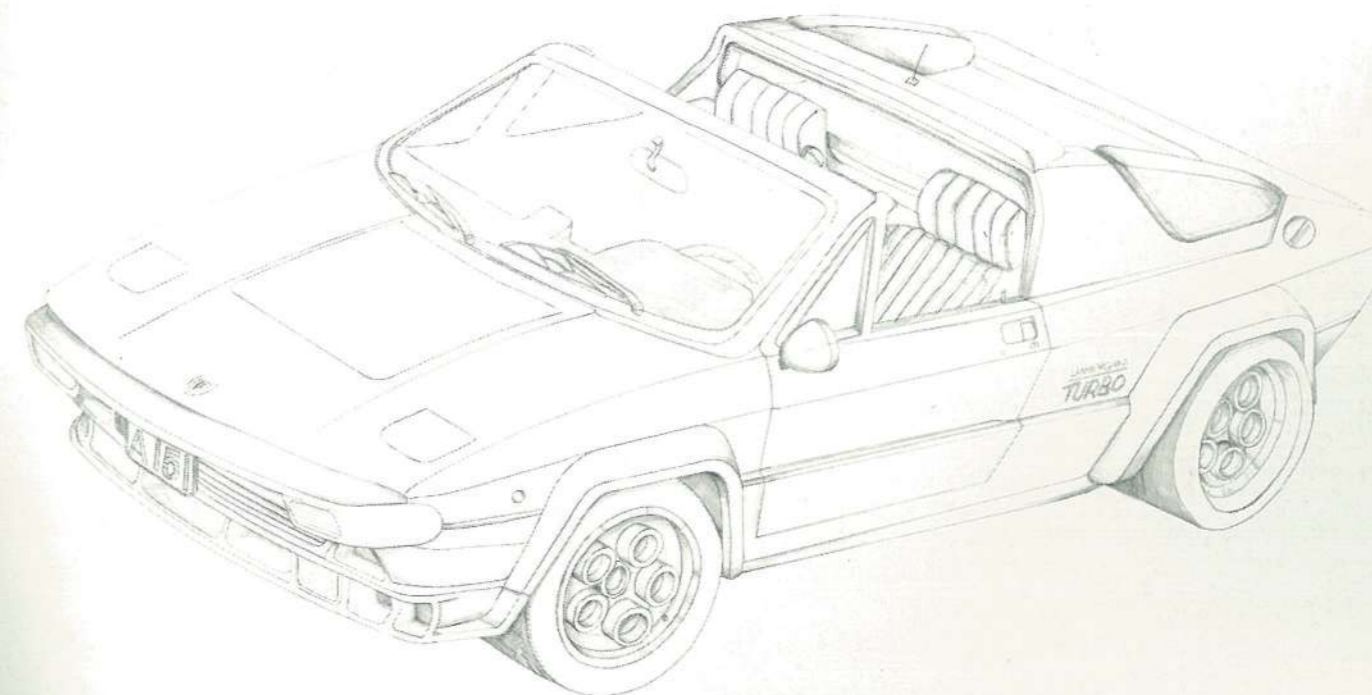
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