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THE HEADMASTER COMMENTS

People will remember 1988 for things special to them: for the boys it may be the success of getting a job in times of accelerating unemployment; the setting of an academic goal and reaching it; the long-awaited victory over Palmerston North Boys at rugby - the pleasure of completing a fine piece of craftsmanship in a workshop.

For a headmaster there are so many incidents - set-backs and achievements. Especially is this year significant because full house status was restored to the Boarders; at long last we had acquired a comprehensive computer system for the students; Mr R. Brine, Senior Master - had to retire prematurely because of ill-health; a young and recently - appointed master, Mr Robert Connell was tragically killed in a road accident; Cyclone Bola blew us more good than ill and administrative reform as sign-posted by the Picot report will give new slants to education. After ten years as headmaster I should pause for a stock-take.

We began the year without a major contract to disturb the normal tenor of the place - a rare experience soon shattered by the March storm. Best of all we began with news of our best academic success ever by the seniors of 1987. Four University Scholarships bring to thirteen, scholarships won so far this decade: by far the best performance in our history. Added to that, 50 University Bursaries, including 20 Taranaki Scholarships, produced another record for the school. In summary the results go thus:

Full Bursary Candidates	75	Dale Winter (Dux)	674
University Scholarship		Paul Roberts	603
Winners	4	Charles de Beuger	603
		Huib Buyck	586
A Bursary Winners	16		
B Bursary Winners	34		

At School Certificate, too, the boys produced results to be proud of - including passes (2 B or better) by fifty eight candidates in six subjects. In February Mr Rob Green assumed control of a brand new network of twenty three computers set up in properly furnished adjacent rooms. There is much to be learned but patience and hard-work have finally been rewarded.

Then came a revitalised House Competition with Hatherly, the new all-boarders house, winning the Swimming Sports after a day of clamour - by a touch! And they underlined their new strength by winning the Athletic Sports. As Karl Wipatene (Head Boy), Jody Brewer, Stephen Johns, and Paul Shearer (Head Boys of the Day School Houses) remarked early - "We shall have to sort out Martin Bates and his Boarders on the Day Boys v Boarder Rugby Match in September!"

All was set fair for a great year when Mr Brine's health deteriorated and his resignation followed. Good health is now restored, fortunately, but we have lost the services of a fine teacher, a meticulous administrator and, above all, a gentleman. The tribute paid to him by the school at a special assembly in July was deserved and deeply appreciated.

Tennis had one of its better years but a very young 1st Cricket XI tasted defeat at the hands of Collegiate, Hamilton and Grammar. The Top Field Wicket with too little grass deteriorated - but as usual our friends have come to our aid - and fresh supplies of clay and a heavy autumn sowing - give promise of an excellent surface in the coming season.

Cyclone Bola battered the East Coast and Taranaki and the school suffered damage to roofing, windows, garages and horticulture buildings and trees around the gully were uprooted or broken. We closed for a day because of the danger of flying tiles and iron - and within a week Mr McIntyre, Board Chairman, and I made our case for aid to the Department of Education in Wellington and generous aid followed. Aluminium 'windows' replaced old timber frames in Moyes House, new garages were built and new horticulture buildings are rising on the re-shaped horticulture site. Best of all, new metal tiles were fitted to the strengthened roof of Pridham Hall and in a sense the major refurbishing of that building has begun. The ground staff did an excellent job with repair work to the grounds and wise replanting by the Board two years ago will soon restore a screen at the North end of the Gully Ground.



By the end of Term Two the 1st Soccer XI had established itself as perhaps our best side ever with a clean sweep in inter school games; our 1st Basketball team had performed equally well and again won itself a place in the National Schools finals and the 1st XV again won the Taranaki Under 21 Competition and inflicted crushing defeats over Hamilton Boys, Wanganui Boys and Wanganui Collegiate - but especially over our old rivals Palmerston North Boys - with the school in full voice and haka on the Gully. Three individuals stood out: Stephen Johns stamped himself as an outstanding N.Z. Water Polo representative; Gordon Slater became the second N.P.B.H.S. and Taranaki representative in the N.Z. School Boys' Rugby Team, and Darren Bride played in the National League for New Plymouth.

Miss Mabin engineered a brilliant variety concert which entertained a crowd of eight hundred and the Senior Ball was again the crowning achievement of the social calendar. Mr Alan Kirk, B.A. - formerly H.O.D. Mathematics at Queen Elizabeth College was appointed Senior Master from a very strong field of applicants and Mr Graeme Smith, B.A., became yet another very young H.O.D. Commerce to join a very able team of middle managers. Four of our students visited Kanto High School in Tokyo early in the year and four of their students shared our classes and were escorted around the west and centre of the North Island by Mr Bublitz in August. Early in Term Three the Pacific Island Boarders of Boys' and Girls' High combined to feed and entertain more than one hundred guests in the Main Hall and we were all treated royally.

A reform government with a Prime Minister serving as Minister of Education endorsed the Picot Report which had the main aim of decentralising authority and giving local communities more say in and control over their schools. Secondary School Boards like ours with a history of major financial responsibility for a large hostel will suffer little but there are concerns felt especially by Primary Schools and small communities and by teachers generally who feel anxious about conditions of service in a more competitive world - where ac-

countability will be real rather than token. We have made submissions to the Minister - but it is obvious reform will proceed and already we have drafted the School's prime objectives - and those have been overwhelmingly endorsed by our parents, the P.T.A. and the Board of Governors. Moreover each Department is setting out in detail the learning objectives for its students at each level for each subject and next year these will be available to anyone on request. We must live in a new order and we will be ready. Let us hope that the reform brings benefits because unless students are better served and perform better - all will be for naught or worse!

When I came here ten years ago the 1979 Taranakian reported me as saying these things: "I wish to get to know the school, to find my feet and feel at home. To have the boys feel they have a Head who is accessible and who has their best interests at heart ... and to gain the respect and loyalty of staff and support of the community ... I want the school to be one the boys want to belong to - to be proud of - where they can grow in all-round fitness and confidence. ... It will be my job to stop the decline in hostel numbers and to help restore con-

fidence and growth - and pride. ... Let us be outstanding at rugby by all means but let us also be outstanding at soccer ... or tennis - whatever the activity and matching talents might be. Balance is important in life and school."

Others may judge how much has been achieved; I shall content myself with the observation that the intervening years have been unceasingly busy, Teachers, and staff of every kind, students, Board Members, Old Boys, parents and friends of the school have injected energy and enthusiasm on a scale it has been stimulating to share in and observe.

The decade has been good for Taranaki generally. We have had the benefit of an energy boom - but recession has replaced buoyancy and we shall need all our accumulated strength to cope with an immediate future of economic hardship and unemployment, generally declining school rolls, and administrative reform which may prove difficult to implement. Our cohesion, purpose and resilience will be tested in the next few years - but then adversity was always the sternest test of quality.

T.T. Ryder
Headmaster

GROUP LEADERS



Back Row L to R: N. Cox, M. Lees, B. Bellamy, C. Lake, A. Hocken, B. McKinnon, D. Joseph
Third Row L to R: T. Wilson, C. McKenzie, M. Low, C. Greig, S. Wilson, M. Revell, A. Wall, T. Wolfe
Second Row L to R: W. Aisweiler, D. Cleaver, D. Haynes, B. Winde, T. Brimelow, R. Gray, A. Harvie, P. Chapman
Front Row L to R: C. Marshall, J. Carter, M. Bates, K. Wipatene, P. Shearer, D. Donovan, H. Silby, J. Fisher

Junior University Scholarship Winners



Dale Winter
Dux 87



Paul Roberts
Proxime Accessit 87



Charles de Bueger

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 1987

H.C. Buyck (English 65%, Biology 82%, Chemistry 78%-62%, Calculus 86%-66%, Physics 86%-64%).
C.W. Bueger (Chemistry 76%-60%, Economics 80%, Calculus 78%-63%, Statistics 90%-73%, Physics 83%).
K.P. Roberts (English 96%-88%, Accounting 74%-66%, Calculus 75%, Statistics 77%-52%, Economics 75%).
D.J. Winter (Biology 96%, Chemistry 92%, Calculus 96%-77%, Statistics 90%-59%, Physics 85%-79%).

'A' BURSARY PASSES

J.M. Baker, C.T. Bridgeman, S.J. Buchanan, C.R. Clow, A.J. Collis, A.N.C. Gray, G.D. Green, P.A. Hanser, K.J. Lowther, S.R. McKenzie, C.D. Mitchell, R.A. Pennington, K.B. Pritchard, A.F. Russell, D.B. Schwamm, H.R. Wills.

'B' BURSARY PASSES

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The number in brackets indicates the number of subjects with a Grade B2 or better.

B.L. Adler (5), R.I. Alexander (3), C.L. Anderson (6), K.J. Anderson (2), N.B. Andrew (5), G.J. Andrews (4), S.C. Baker (6), M.J. Baldwin (4), C.S. Barker (3), D.T. Barrett (6), P.R. Baty (4), A.P. Baylay (2), J.M. Bayly (6), C.R. Beatty (1), B.R. Bellamy (5), J. Bines (1), E.A. Breach (5), S.R. Bremner (6), D.A. Bride (6), S.M. Bright (3), G.C. Brinkhurst (6), P.M. Brown (3), D.J. Bublitz (5), T.M. Buchanan (6), T.A. Burbidge (2), M.J. Burroughs (3), P.R. Buttermore (3), G.P. Clark (4), J.N. Clarke (6), S.J. Clarke (4), S.L. Cleland (5), L.D. Cochlan (1), S.J.M. Coffey (4), D.W. Cole (5), N.F. Coley (6), A.J. Connell (5), B.C. Corbett (3), R.M. Corry (1), J.T. Cottam (1), R.M. Couper (6), G.J. Coxhead (6), K.J. Crawshaw (5), A.M. Crofskey (5), K.V. Cross (5), M.P. Cryer (4), V.M. Curd (5), D.L. Davey (6), S.P. Davies (6), J.C. Davy (6), C.R. Dawson (6), W.R. Dickson (5), R.K. Dines (2), M.J. Dingle (6), D.J. Dixon (1), R.J. Dobson (6), G.A. Dodunski (2), V.F. Dolores (4), J. Done (2), T.R. Donovan (6), J.A. Dunlop (6), P.S. Durling (4), N.H. Eason (5), B.R. Eden (6), M.J.

Ediriweera (6), C.J. Ekdahl (6), M.J. Farley (2), P.P. Feltoe (6), J.R. Fever (5), S.P. Fitzpatrick (6), G.K. Flannagan (6), B.R. Fougere (4), R.J. Furze (4), E.M. Gardiner (5), M.I. Gardiner (2), B.N. Gardner (3), J.D. Gardner (2), B.S. Gedye (2), H. Gellately (6), S.D. George (5), K.R. Gilmour (3), B.J. Goldsack (5), P. Goodsell (6), J.W. Goodwin (4), A.D. Graamans (6), B.R. Greig (1), A.W. Gunn (3), M.J. Hall (3), S.A. Hammond (6), T.D. Harland (6), M.M. Harrison (4), A.D. Harvie (5), J.D. Hay (1), M.N. Hayman (2), A.E. Heather (1), D.A. Hetherington (2), B.D. Hicks (5), D.R. Hillier (1), S.E. Hogg (4), N.G. Holdom (5), G.A. Holmes (4), T.J. Hopkins (4), G.D. Hudson (5), B.R. Hunt (3), A.J.C. Hutton (5), K.J. Jager (2), J.D. Johns (2), M.H. Johnson (1), E.B. Jonas (2), T.H. Kana (4), M.J. Kane (2), D.E. Kay (2), G.J. Keegan (1), S.M. Kelly (5), C.B. Kerr (2), C.D. King (6), R. Lambert (5), R.K. Landon (3), S.R. Langlands (4), T.J. Lattimer (3), E.P. Lawrey (6), Y.T. Lawrey (6), M.W. Lees (5), M.J. Lester (4), C.W.K. Lim (6), F.C. Lowry (1), R.C. Lyall (6), J.D. MacKenzie (2), S.P. Manu (3), K.B. Marsden (3), B.D. Martin (1), C.N. Maxwell (2), P.D.I. Maxwell (6), S.L. McLintock (6), P.G. McCutcheon (5), D.J. McDonald (5), S. McFall (1), G.J. Meredith (6), K.N. Merriman (5), C.R. Metcalf (2), S. Meuli (1), D. Michel (3), C.J. Mills (5), D.J. Moles (5), M.J. Moore (6), F.A. Mora (2), J.I. Moreland (6), T.A. Morris (1), P.M. Newsome (5), C.J. Norris (5), G.A. Olliver (5), S. Patel (6), N.C. Penno (6), D.A. Peters (5), J.D. Petherick (5), R.H. Petterson (3), B.F. Pitts-Brown (5), D.J. Plumtree (4), C.J. Pollock (3), L.D. Porteous (6), S.J. Pratt (6), W. Pratt (3), J.N.D. Prestidge (5), D.J. Price (1), N.A. Priest (1), G.C. Pritchard (6), K.F. Proffit (4), D.J. Putt (5), B. Quickfall (5), R.O. Quin (1), P.J. Rabbittie (4), S.J. Rassmussen (1), L.H. Rattray (5), K. Reid (1), C.M. Richards (2), B.A. Richmond (6), K.A.A. Robbins (2), B.P. Roberts (5), G.R. Roberts (4), J.M. Robinson (2), D.M. Rogers (6), W.M. Rollo (5), M.T. Ruakere (5), C.E. Rust (5), K.M. Rutherford (6), R.M. Saker (5), M.D. Saywell (5), M.C. Scott (6), M.N. Scott (5), P.K. Scott (6), M.B. Sharp (1), M.C. Sheridan (5), A.D. Simons (6), S.W. Skedgwell (5), A.A. Slack (1), G.L. Slater (5), G.A. Smith (6), T.P. Smith (2), C.W. Squire (2), K.J. Steele (1), C.E. Stewart (5), M.W. Stewart (2), C.D. Strawbridge (5), S.J.C. Strombom (6), T.I. Sulzberger (1), D. Tamati (1), R.S.W. Taylor (1), G.R. Thomas (6), G.T. Thomas (5), C.D. Thompson (6), R.C. Treanor (3), P.B. Tuffrey (5), J.P. Van der Water (5), D.K. Vink (5), A.J. Wall (6), N. Wallace-Wells (2), D.W. Walters (2), P.J. Watt (2), J.P.I. Wesley (5), M.G.S. Whittaker (3), W.A.J. Whyte (3), S.D. Wilcox (6), A.D. Williams (6), S.P. Wilmshurst (2), D.B. Wilson (1), S.M. Wilson (4), T.J.M. Wilson (1), T.W.N. Wolfe (6), B.J. Wood (3), W.R. Wood (2), A.K. Woodward (1), A.J. Wright (2), D.M. Young (3), T.J. Young (6), S.M. Zinsli (3).

1988 GRADUATES

Massey University

(date shown is last year at school)

Lee Adams - Dip.Hort. Nurs. Prod. with Distinction - 1984
Wayne John Allan - B.R.P. - 1982
Philip Robert Lance Armstrong - B.B.S. - 1983
Kenneth Murray Billing - B.B.S. - 1973 (Massey Scholar -Challenge Properties Prizewinner)
Simon Michael Cayzer - B.Hort.Sc. - 1982
Graeme Robert Coleman - B.B.S. - 1982
Steven John De Grey - B.Sc. - 1983
John Wallace Dempsey - Dip.H.A. - 1964
Gary Roger Dunnet - B.Sc.(Hons) Second Class (Div. 2) Mathematics - 1982
Michael Fenton - B.Sc. - 1983
Tim Malcolm Irvine - B.Ed. - 1983
Mark William Kibby - B.B.S. - 1982
Fraser Charles Meachen - B.B.S. - 1983
Geof Dries Nightingale - B.B.S., Dip.B.S. in Accounting - 1983
Ernest Priestly - Dip.Guid.Couns. - 1967
Dean Philip Raymond - B.R.P. - 1983
Nigel Howard Robinson - B.Sc. - 1981
Denis Clive Shaw - B.B.S. - 1979
Richard Charles Tucker - B.Ed. - 1982
John Edward Walmsley - B.A. - 1968
Raymond James Wilde - B.B.S. - 1980
Simon Venn Young - Dip.Hort.Sce. Div. 2 - 1977

Prizewinners:

Eric John Clegg - N.Z. Computer Society Prize

University of Canterbury

David Murray Goodare - B.Sc. - 1983
Peter William Kane - B.A.(Hons) - 1983
Tavita Sio - B.Com. - 1980

University of Otago

Ian Mervyn Brown - B.Sc.
Roger Graham Geden - M.B.A. - 1974
Johnathan David Lascelles Lyall - B.Sc.
Brendon James Salisbury Smith - LL.B. - 1982
Russell Frank Denne - B.D. - 1963

University of Waikato

Michael Gilbert Franks - B.M.S. - 1982
Brett Lloyd Miller - B.Sc. - 1984
James Roderick Shepherd - Cert. Maori Studs. - 1956

University of Auckland

Graham Perry Harrison - M.B.,Ch.B. - U.E. 1980
Nicholas Jeremy Kreisler - B.A. - U.E. 1982
Christopher Manning Vause - B.A. - U.E. 1984

Victoria University of Wellington

Timothy John Deighton - B.Mus. - U.E. 1984
Aotasi Iose - B.Sc.
Spencer Charles Lilley - M.A. - U.E. 1980
Peter Martin Nielsen - B.C.A. - U.E. 1983
Ian Walter Ormiston - LL.B. - U.E. 1978
Devanesh Prakash Sharma - LL.B. - U.E. 1982
Gary Ronald Weston-Webb - B.A. - U.E. 1970
Brett Edward Wilson - B.A. - U.E. 1981

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STAFF NOTES 1988

At the beginning of the year we welcomed to the staffroom Mr Anthony Josephs, Mr Andrew Bone, Mrs Margaret Crawford, Ms Vanessa Herbert, Miss Adele Scott and Mr Mani Lal. Mr Harland returned to staff; and Mr Sims was granted two years leave of absence to teach science in Rarotonga.

These were only the start of a number of other significant changes. Bruce Bayly was appointed to HOD Commerce at Spotswood College, a well-earned promotion, in the beginning of Term One. At the end of that term John Angell HOD Commerce left to chance his arm in industry.

Both had contributed considerably to the life of the school. Bruce Bayly had coached rugby and cricket but will be remembered by many boys for his leadership in basketball. As master-in-charge and coach of the First Five the sport grew in strength, the First Five finally competing in the Nationals in Invercargill in 1987. The foundations well laid, the Five this year won the regionals and therefore again earned a place in the nationals.

John Angell built up the strength of the Commerce Department and as Chief Examiner for School Certificate Accounting was well recognised for his talent. His efforts in the classroom and as HOD were matched only in his cross country running.

In training the boys he ran with them, often starting from school at 7.00 am. His skills and advice on accounting matters were used extensively by the administration staff.

Mr Majid Abdul-Wahhab, an Old Boy, came back from the Maldiv Islands in the Indian Ocean to replace Bruce Bayly and Graham Smith joined us from Rangitikei College to run the Commerce Department.

Mr Neil McLaughlan decided to have some overseas experience and resigned to travel the UK at the end of Term One. He was replaced by Mr Robert Connell. A keen soccer player and sportsman Robert soon carved a niche for himself in the Woodwork Department. He coached the second soccer XI. All were impressed by his openness and keenness for the job. As a young teacher he was impressive, as a role model for the boys an outstanding example. His accidental death in October left the school stunned despite his short time on the staff.



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Mr Alan Kirk, appointed Senior Master following interviews in May, joined the staff following mid-term break. He has quickly settled into the routines of the school and is making his mark. He replaced Mr Rendell Brine, Senior Master since 1976, who dogged by ill health for the last eighteen months opted for early retirement. Mr Brine set himself high standards in all he did. Second best was never good enough. His administrative work was accurate and thorough, his teaching precise and clear, his guidance to beginning teachers sound.

All boys respected his example and few of us were not touched by his integrity, loyalty, dignity, wisdom. His contribution to the life of the school was also enhanced, with his active involvement in many extra curricular activities. He was a Captain in Cadet Battalion, he coached rugby and cricket, he had been in charge of both sports during his twenty years on the staff which he joined in 1968 as HOD Mathematics. He is a keen golfer and also assisted in the coaching of that sport. Because of the accuracy of his work his job entailed checking many departmental returns, the bane of many a school administrator, and checking the Sixth Form Certificate grades and organising those annual 'raffles' which came under a variety of names such as 'Murray Halberg' and "Spirit of Adventure". Through these he ensured thousands of dollars were raised for the school.

Rendell hid his talents behind his ever-present dignity; but his professionalism, dedication to his job and the school were never camouflaged. We wish him a long and contented retirement.

It has been traditional to report in this column 'happy events' among staff. This year is no exception. Additions to families were welcomed by Mr and Mrs Glass (their first daughter), Mr and Mrs Josephs (a daughter) Mr and Mrs P. Ryder (a son), and Mr and Mrs Watts (a daughter).

Relieving teachers this year have included Mrs Margaret Jardine, Mrs Margaret Harrop, Miss Heather Smith, Mr Bill Little, Mr P. Wolfenden, Mrs Barbara MacDonald all of whom were willing to assist on short term notice occasioned by sickness or leave sought by permanent and part-time staff.

STAFF OF '88



Back Row L to R: Mrs B. Egan, Ms V. Herbert, R.M. Turner, J. Krook, D.A. Cook, R.D. Green, R. Harland, J.R. Lander, D.C. Moore, P.E. Sole, R.P. Davidson, M. Abdul-Wahhab, Ms I. Frengley, P.L. Ryder
Third Row L to R: Miss A. Scott, J.A. Howes, J. Jones, Mrs M. Ashworth, M. Lal, G.P. Hannah, A. Josephs, A. Bone, M.W. Fitzgerald, Mrs M. Crawford, R.D. Glass, Mrs V. Moore, Mrs R.M. Bublitz, M.C. Carroll
Second Row L to R: Mrs D. Baylee, A.D. Butler, G.G. Giddy, A.E. Elgar, A.J. Dennis, Miss R. Mabin, M. Rose, A.T.V. Burnham, K. Lockhart, M.G. Watts, Mrs M. Atkinson, G.L. Clareburt, Mrs E. Rowlands, Mrs J.A. Barnes.
Front Row L to R: R.D. Taberner, M.E. Dobson, J. Rowlands, R.T. Rowlands, R.M. Carter, D.J. Mossop, L.R. Bublitz, T.T. Ryder, A. Kirk, T.G. Heaps, M.R. Grimwood, J.B. Laurenson, R.L. Cooper, N.L. Swindells, G. Smith



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Back Row L to R: T. Wolfe, D. Ruakere, C. Greig, G. Scrivin, C. Luke, A. Hocken, B. Bellamy, A. Harvie
Third Row L to R: C. Marshall, J. Fisher, M. Baird, V. Spurdle, B. Honeyfield, H. Silby, C. Taylor
Second Row L to R: Mr D. Mossop, Mr M. Dobson, Mr K. Lockhart, Mr A. Kirk, Mr M. Carroll, Mr T. Heaps, Mr J. Laurenson, R. Anandaraja
Front Row L to R: Mr L. Bublitz, S. Donovan, M. Bates, K. Wipatene, S. Johns, P. Shearer, Mr T. Ryder



MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This year has been one with periods of both high energy and relative inactivity for the Music Department. In the first term we relied on Mr Fitzgerald and Mrs Ashworth to organise all the ins and outs. Then when Miss Mabin fought off her serious illness, to return to school, evermore lifted the effort and rehearsals began in earnest to prepare for the busy programme planned for Term Two. The highlight of this was the inaugural public performance of the Stage Band at the Ball —the culmination of two year's solid work and commitment from all involved. Since then we have played at Devon, Highlands and Bell Block Intermediates plus a short concert for Dudly Primary School and its neighbours. In the personnel column thanks go to Mr Taberner, Paddy Dwyer, Trevor Bremner and Dave McKay for giving their time and the extra depth and experience in the Stage Band. Once again the Music Department played a major role in the annual Variety Concert —one of the best yet. The itinerant music teachers must be mentioned and gratefully thanked as well, for without them there would be no music in the school. Mr Don Boyd, previously a brass tutor here, has now left to take up a position at Hillcrest High and is replaced by Stratford jazzman Warren Orr. Thanks also to Duncan Haynes for his time and the school for the continued support. All in all a good year, and one to be proud of.

VARIETY CONCERT '88

This year's annual Variety Concert, held on July 22 was one of the best yet, especially considering the Music Department struggled blindly for the whole first term without its dynamic HOD, Miss Mabin. However when she returned from illness the sparks began to fly to all corners of the school in the search for talent, both on and off-stage. And this really paid off—with this year's concert more varied than ever, including four dramatic items, one a wonderful performance of the John Cleese classic "Fawlty Towers." We had Mrs Ashworth's Guitar Group, Mr Fitzgerald's Junior Band, a different interpretation of Mary had a Little Lamb in Lamb Jam, the concert and stage bands plus the ever-popular staff band with a version of Shirley Temple's "Good Ship Lollipop." Guest stars "The Orange and the Green" added "the Red" of Miss Mabin and were really well received, as were the Girls' High Madrigal Singers, under Mr Harry Brown, who we must thank for coming again, to combine with the school choir. The Island Boys put together a powerful display once more, as did the Staff Quartet, especially in the bass department!

All in all the Variety Concert was huge success, but only due to the huge number of people that gave their time and effort. Thanks everyone.



ISLANDERS AT A VARIETY CONCERT

On the night of the school's variety concert the islanders gave an exhibition of traditional island dances.

There were two dances and the first one was "ramasai" which was performed by the Solomon Island boys lead by Peter Korinihona. One of the refrains from this song is "Ramasai, Ramasai, Ramasai Omata Omalima Omata." These words are sung by the chief calling warriors to form a battle group. "Omalima" translates broadly as "those who are able bodied join us in war."

The second dance was done by that infamous Sione Sione-tama. The dance's name was "Takalo." This dance is about the notion of a challenge. The leader (Sione) goes out in front to call the other warriors "Hake Mai." The dance progresses to a challenge to invading warriors and ends up in their withdrawal.

As the headmaster noted — not many people would like to face Sione Sionetama one dark night in the jungle!

by Avindra Naidu



CONCERT BAND

Back Row L to R: D. Haynes, R. Thomas, P. Lester, C. O'Halloran
Middle Row L to R: Mr M. Dobson, S. Bremner, S. Rae, A. Taylor, H. Chisolm, Miss R. Mabin
Front Row L to R: M. Dobson, M. Bremner, G. Thomas, S. Haynes, A. Rae, E. Davies



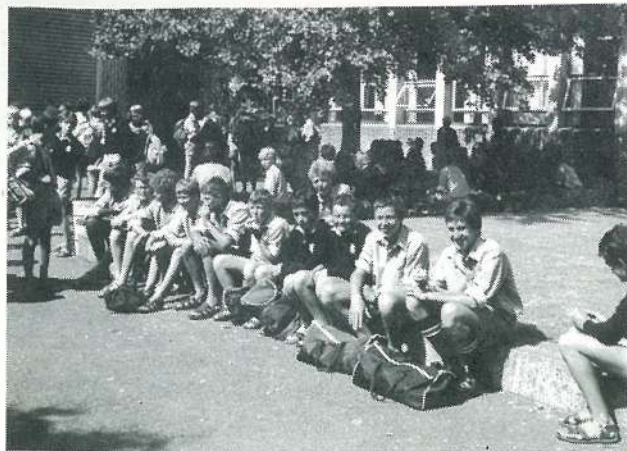
CHOIR

Back Row L to R: R. Dobson, G. Thomas, M. Baldwin
Middle Row L to R: C. Kildare, D. Haynes, M. Dobson, Miss R. Mabin
Front Row L to R: M. Bremner, S. Haynes, S. Bremner, S. Rae, H. Chisolm



STAGE BAND

Back Row L to R: R. Lambert, R. Thomas, D. Haynes, P. Lester, Miss R. Mabin
Front Row L to R: S. Bremner, G. Thomas, S. Haynes, M. Bremner



Third Formers' first day



The Gully Ground trembled.



The aim, if reached or not, makes great the life.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SCHOOL DIARY

February

- 1 Mon The year begins officially with Seniors checking their courses... the expected burning, hot, clear February day.
- 2 Tues First day for Thirds and Fourths. Lessons begin period 2. 945 to go!
- 3 Wed First Assembly: Haere mai.
- 5 Fri Presentation to our four Scholarship winners: Dale Winter, Paul Roberts, Huib Buyck, Charles De Bueger.
- 10 Wed Group leaders announced for new House System. Donnelly A-G; Barak H-P; Hatherly - Hostel; Syme Q-Z - an experimental year to encourage House "spirit".
- 12 Fri Staff barbecue. 40 cars pulled out of the mud! After poor sales Mrs Bublitz declares eggs are off.
- 15 Mon Senior Topec Camp begins. Cricket v Auckland Grammar.
- 17 Wed Intro to Campus Life. Old Boy Marcus Crane eats a banana with relish. Swimming Sports second year in new pool. Very vocal response from the boarders. What was once known as "Baraking" will now have to be know as "Hatherling".
- 28 Thur Industrial action taken by teachers a.m.

March

- 2 Wed Athletics Day.
- 3 Thur Further Industrial action — all day.
- 7 Mon Rather a windy day.
- 8 Tues Cyclone Bola closes the school. 80 knot South Easterlies. Trees down. Flying tiles. 300 roofs damaged.
- 16 Wed Blood Bank contributions.
- 17 Thur Third Form Social.
- 25 Fri Sir Murray Halberg visits School.
- 28 Mon Easter readings this week.

April

- 7 Thur Old Boy Bruce Brown, Acting High Commissioner in Canada visits School.
- 11 Mon A drole address by Howard Silby on the Australian Science Conference.
- 12 Tues Scaffolding goes up around Pridham Hall in preparation for tile and chimney restorations.
- 15 Fri Reading theme on "Needs" begins.
- 18 Mon Full involvement with Music Festival. Topec Camp begins for Group leaders.
- 22 Fri Anzac Address by Mr Vale.
- 28 Thur Fourth Form Dance at Girls' High School.
- 29 Fri Philip Rush, long distance swimmer, addresses School. Mrs Bublitz sent a boy to her car but he got the wrong Commodore and was caught breaking into the Headmaster's car.

May

- 5 Thur Whistle No. 1 issued.
- 6 Fri The end of a busy term.
- 23 Mon A fresh new term. Welcomes. No power in Pridham Hall - instructed to "do what you can in he dark". A workman fell through the roof in a tangle of wires...
- 28 Sat A good win to First XV over Wanganui Boys' High 32-6 - Curtain Raiser for Welsh Game v Taranaki. A "dust up in the rain".

June

- 8 Wed Senior exams begin. Some have the chance to show what they know... "You may look up for inspiration, down for dejection, but no one may look sideways for information."
- 9 Thur Thirds initiated in the mysteries of the haka: Ko wai matau ...
- 16 Thur Auckland Metal Work Trip finally gets away.
- 20 Mon Chemistry Lab. concerns expressed in assembly. Mr Swindells farewelled — Educational tour of Japan.
- 23 Thur Mufti Day for Telethon.
- 24 Fri Open Hostel Weekend.
- 27 Mon "Joys and compensations of winter". Fourth Form camp at Topec.

July

- 4-6 Exeat Days - bleak cold weather - a series of "fronts" passing over.
- 9 Thur Strange holes cut in concrete walls in Pridham Hall and sealed over. You know the nature of concrete dust?
- 13 Wed Victory to School over Wanganui Collegiate 23-6 at Wanganui.
- 14-15 Speech and Drama Festival - School figures very prominently.
- 15 Fri School farewells Mr Brine. Retired staff gather in his honour too.
- 18 Mon Mr A. Kirk now Senior Master takes up his duties. Mr G. Smith takes up his duties as Head of Commerce.
- 22 Fri Welcome to Japanese students from Kanto: Shigeyuki Okuzawa, Fuminari Takahashi, Goh Otsuka, Kenji Hase. Grand Variety Concert held.
- 27 Wed The drought broken! First XV defeats P.N.B.H.S. 37-4.
- 28 Thur Mufti Day sponsoring Raphael Home, Gordon Slater N.Z. Secondary Schools rugby rep. and Stephen Johns N.Z. Water polo rep.
- 30 Sat Grand miss of Headboy on the soccer field.

August

- 3 Wed Scotland Schoolboys Rugby team (8) defeated Taranaki (7) on Gully ground.
- 5 Fri Old Boy Andrew Little visits School. National President of the Students' Association.
- 8 Mon Mr Swindells gives entertaining report on Japanese tour.
- 18 Thur Whistle No. 2 issued. Woodwork and Science field trips. Dance G.H.S.
- 19 Fri Well, that was another busy term.

September

- 12 Mon Welcome back to the "Spring Term" - a "testing time". Topec Camp for Fourth Formers.
- 13 Tues Martin Donnelly visits his old school.
- 14 Wed Careers Evening.
- 15 Thur The Cross Country Runs in the afternoon - a fine day after a week of rain. Conditions "firm underneath - perhaps slippery on top".
- 21 Wed Y-One entertain at School. Speech Night finals.
- 22 Thur Day Boys (47) defeat Boarders (7) rugby (13-7 half time).
- 26 Mon Sean Donovan new head of Donnelly.
- 27 Wed Exams for 5ths and 7ths.

October

- 5 Wed Robert Connell staff member dies after accident when jogging.
- 10 Mon Reading week - culminating in visit by David Hill, writer extraordinaire, of Inglewood/Moaville.
- 12 Wed Awards Dinner: Best Performing Artist: Duncan Haynes, Best Sportsman: Stephen Johns.
- 14 Fri Mr Ryder had difficulty making out his own notes in briefing. Mr Heaps finally deciphered the word "writing".
- 17 Mon Entertaining speeches given by invited student speech-makers this week: Shane Grant, Romesh Anandaraja, Thomas Buchanan who finds out ("What Is It"), Paul Fenton, Millen Baird, Paul Shearer who is "Speechless".
- 19 Wed Sixth Form exams begin. Crystal Ball Predictions:

November

- 15 Tues Senior Prizegiving. Mr Neil Walters invited guest.
- 16 Wed Junior exams begin.
- 18 Fri Form Six Courses end.
- 21 Mon School Certificate begins.
- 28 Mon Form Three Outdoor Education programme begins.

December

- 8 Thur Junior Prizegiving.
- 9 Fri The End.



Leroy and one of many deracinated trees



School daze



I have many a mile to go...

SWIMMING SPORTS REPORT

The sports day saw ten records tumble, two-hundred plus heats of non-championship races and a very close inter house competition.

Stephen Johns in great form set six new records. His time of 58.11 seconds in the 100m Freestyle was a superb effort not only did he go under the one minute mark, but it was the last Championship event of the day.

Was it the threat of no meals for a week, or just good support which helped Hatherly win the very close inter house competition.

On the whole a good day was had by all.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Junior

1st Jason Norden
2nd S. Howard, M. Hemmings, Carey Davis

Intermediate

1st Nico Buyck
2nd Nathan Hemmings
3rd Paul Veric

Senior

1st Stephen Johns
2nd Dennis Ruakere
3rd Karl Wipatene

House Placings

1st Hatherly	1335
2nd Donnelly	1272
3rd Syme	1223
4th Barak	1120

Ten new records were set on the day. Stephen Johns set new records in all events he swam in and Nico Buyck set two new times.



The latest swimwear

NEW RECORDS

Stephen Johns
100m Freestyle 58.11sec bettered old mark by 4 sec
50m Breastroke 33.30sec
50m Backstroke 32.39sec
50m Freestyle 25.82sec
Open 4x1 Medley 1:05.67 bettered old mark by 6 sec
Open 50m Butterfly 29.80sec

Nico Buyck
100m Freestyle 1:04.56sec bettered old mark by 2 sec
50m Freestyle 28.85sec

Paul Veric
50m Breastroke 38.67sec

Jeremy Frazer
50m Backstroke 37.32sec

He promised Sophie's parents that he would never tell a sole.

RESULTS

100m Freestyle Junior
1st J. Norden, 2nd S. Howard, 3rd B. Laurence time 1:15.28sec

100m Freestyle Intermediate
1st N. Buyck, 2nd N. Hemmings, 3rd B. Honeyfield New Record 1:04.56sec

100m Freestyle Senior
1st S. Johns, 2nd D. Ruakere, 3rd K. Gilmour New Record 58.11sec

50m Freestyle Junior
1st J. Norden, 2nd S. Howard, 3rd G. Martin time 32.94sec

50m Freestyle Intermediate
1st N. Buyck, 2nd N. Hemmings, 3rd M. Faulkner New Record 28.85sec

50m Freestyle Senior
1st S. Johns, 2nd S. Meuli, 3rd D. Ruakere New Record 25.82sec

50m Breastroke Junior
1st S. Avery, 2nd M. Hemmings, 3rd C. Davis time 50.67sec

50m Breastroke Intermediate
1st P. Veric, 2nd N. Hemmings, 3rd H. Wilson New Record 38.67sec

50m Breastroke Senior
1st S. Johns, 2nd K. Wipatene, 3rd S. Stombom New Record 33.3sec

50m Backstroke Junior
1st M. Hemmings, 2nd S. Howard, 3rd P. Rust time 44.20sec

50m Backstroke Intermediate
1st J. Frazer, 2nd N. Buyck, 3rd N. Hemmings, P. Feltoe New Record 37.63sec

50m Backstroke Senior
1st S. Johns, 2nd J. Fisher, 3rd D. Ruakere New Record 32.39sec

50m Open Butterfly
1st S. Johns, 2nd N. Buyck, 3rd A. Simons New Record 29.80sec

4x1 Open Medley
1st S. Johns, 2nd D. Ruakere, 3rd K. Wipatene New Record 1:05.67sec



The Senior Champion in action



The Headmaster looks on



INTERSECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

Back Row L to R: B. Honeyfield, C. Rust, K. Gilmour, R. Abbot, H. Wilson.
Front Row L to R: P. Feltoe, M. Hemmings, P. Veric, S. Stombom, A. Wood,
Absent: N. Hemmings, Mr McLaughlan (Coach)

Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming

On Wednesday the 2nd March the school swimming team travelled to Opunake to participate in the Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming Sports. The top swimmers from the school were competing at the National Surf Championships. Even with top swimmers away the team gained the following results:

Junior 100yds Freestyle

2nd Paul Veric

Senior 100yds Freestyle

3rd Kris Gilmour

Junior 66½yds Butterfly

3rd Aaron Wood

Junior 66½yds Breastroke

1st Paul Veric

Senior 66½yds Breastroke

4th Simon Stombom, Kris Gilmour

Senior 66½yds Backstroke

2nd Roy Abbot, 3rd Simon Stombom

RELAYS

Junior Freestyle 4x33½

1st Paul Veric, Markus Hemmings, Aaron Wood, Brett Honeyfield

Intermediate Freestyle 4x33½

2nd Hamish Wilson, Nathan Hemmings, Paul Feltoe, Paul Veric

Senior Freestyle 4x33½

1st Roy Abbot, Simon Stombom, Graig Rust, Kris Gilmour

Junior Medley Relay

1st Paul Veric, Markus Hemmings, Aaron Wood, Brett Honeyfield

Intermediate Medley Relay

1st Hamish Wilson, Nathan Hemmings, Paul Feltoe, Nathan Hemmings

Senior Medley Relay

1st Roy Abbot, Simon Stombom, Craig Rust, Kris Gilmour

Overall the team swam very well, especially as the top swimmers were away at the National Surf Championships.



A well turned out Hatherly House

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Swimming Sports Starter Mr Moore

SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday the 23rd of February, at Fitzroy Beach in choppy conditions with five foot waves, the School Surfing Championships were held.

There were thirty-two surfers competing (a record number). After a series of elimination heats there were twelve surfers who qualified for the semi-finals.

The semi-finals were held on the next Thursday at Oakura beach in three foot high waves. The finals were held and the results were: 1st Dawson Tamati, 2nd Gareth Jolly, 3rd Tao Wells, 4th Mitchell Tamati, 5th Neil Mandell, 6th Barry Walsh.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Surfing Championships

These were held at Ahu Ahu Road Beach in three to five foot waves on March 2nd.

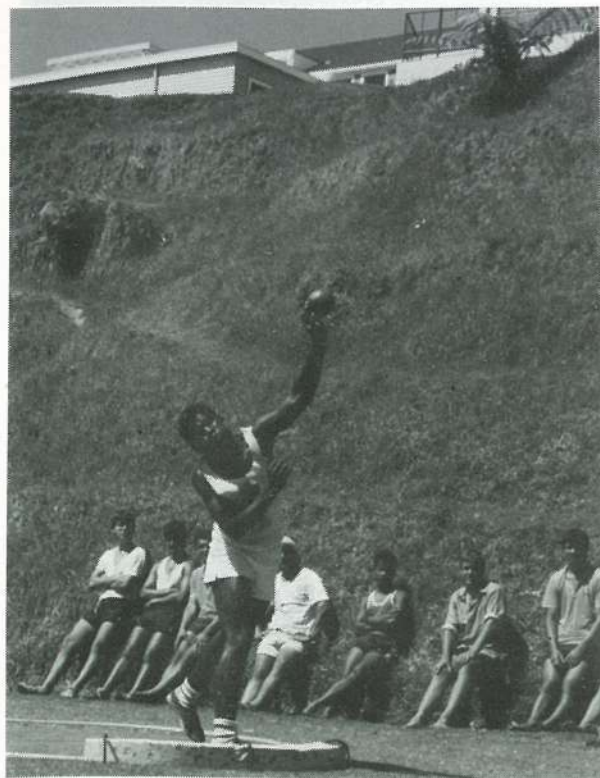
Sixty boys from seven schools competed for the Whittaker Memorial Trophy which New Plymouth Boys' High School won.

In the individual competitions Dawson Tamati came 4th, Mitchell Tamati 5th and Tao Wells 5th. An excellent effort.



SURFING TEAM

Back Row: N. Mandell, R. Turner (Coach), G. Jolly
Front Row: T. Wells, M. Tamati, D. Tamati



Fred Tarlo in the Shot Put



The results of the first three placings are as follows:-

ATHLETICS

If numbers of bodies running around the track, or just down the straight, or bodies hurling either themselves or some foreign object through the air is a measure of success then this year's athletics were a tremendous success. Very few of those present did not participate in any event; the majority took part in at least three.

Four records were broken and one tied in the championship competition. In the Juniors **Mathew Old** broke **Lyall Clapam's** '87 record of 25.6 seconds with a time of 25.3 seconds for the 200 metres. He also broke **David Jones's** 1978 record of 5.17 metres with a leap of 5.4 metres. In the Intermediates **Mathew O'Dowda** high jumped 1.70 metres to better the record held jointly by **Ross Megaw** ('81) and **Jon Lines** ('87) of 1.66 metres and in the Seniors **Simon Manu** equalled the high jump record of 1.74 metres set by **Peter Hepworth** in 1984, while **Nixon Toremana** broke the long-established 200 metre record of 22.9 seconds set by **B.W.E. Binnie** in 1971 with a time of 22.77 seconds.

The individual champions for 1988 are **Matthew Old** of Barak, **Justin Lofton-Brook** of Barak, and **Nixon Toremana** of Hatherly, by one point from **Simon Manu** of Barak.

Hatherly House emerged as over-all winners of the inter-house competition. The quality of each of its member's performance proved superior to the quantity put up by the other Houses.

The Boarders beat the Dayboys and the Staff defeated the 7th Form, who admittedly did not use all their best runners, some of whom were competing in field events at the time.

The athletics sports cannot run without the good services of a number of people. As organiser I would like to thank the following for their input into a successful day: The Ground staff, the Office staff, the Academic staff, Mrs O'Byrne, the Sixth Form Certificate Physical Education class and the Third Form Boarders. Thank you all.

My thanks also go to all those students who wore their House colours. You certainly made for a better sports with supporters being able to identify their runners and officials being able to award House points more easily.

Richard Cooper

JUNIOR

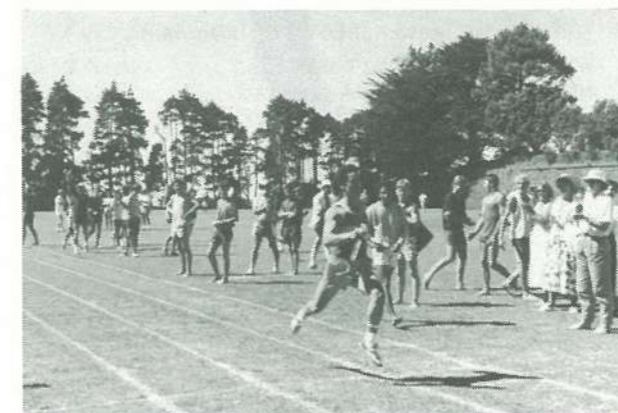
- 100m: 1st M. Old, 12.50; 2nd S. Feek, 12.90; 3rd M. Gibbs, 14.00.
- 200m: 1st M. Old, *23.35; 2nd S. Feek, 26.06; 3rd L. Nicholls, 27.09.
- 400m: 1st L. Nicholls, 1:04.5; 2nd R. Goldsack, 1:05.5; 3rd R. Thorne, 1:07.5.
- 800m: 1st L. Nicholls, 2:23.7; 2nd D. Robertson, 2:24.3; 3rd R. Goldsack, 2:23.3.
- 1500m: 1st C. Hickey, 5:00.4; 2nd L. Allen, 5:02.0; 3rd Z. Green, 5:06.3.
- Shot: 1st M. Old, 10.30m; 2nd D. Fowler, 9.96m; 3rd R. Thorne, 9.95m.
- Discus: 1st B. Cribb, 26.10m; 2nd J. Faulkner, 25.10m; 3rd M. Old, 22.50m.
- Javelin: 1st A. Drinkwater, 30.75m; 2nd J. Down, 26.14m; 3rd D. Robertson, 24.94m.
- High J.: 1st D. Fowler, 1.45m; 2nd R. Thorne, 1.42m; 3rd M. Old, 1.42m.
- Long J.: 1st M. Old, *5.40m; 2nd A. Drinkwater, 4.53m; 3rd M. Gibbs, 4.35m.
- Triple J. 1st M. Cheer, 9.23m; 2nd B. Metcalfe, 9.07m; 3rd M. Peacock, 9.06m.

INTERMEDIATE

- 100m: 1st K. Mariner, 12.20; 2nd L. Clapham, 12.30; 3rd R. Helms, 12.73.
- 200m: 1st L. Clapham, 25.30; 2nd P. Tully, 26.00; 3rd G. O'Neil, 26.00.
- 400m: 1st R. Helms, 55.00; 2nd M. Miller, 57.20; 3rd J. Lofton-Brook, 1:03.3.
- 800m: 1st M. Miller, 2:09.1; 2nd J. Lofton-Brook, 2:12.4; 3rd P. Maddaford, 2:13.8.
- 1500m: 1st J. Lofton-Brook, 4:32.6; 2nd M. Miller, 4:33.3; 3rd K. McDowell, 4:49.1.
- Shot: 1st C. Trigger, 10.93m; 2nd G. Tiaon, 10.46m; 3rd D. McLellan, 10.40m.
- Discus: 1st C. Bell, 31.57m; 2nd A. Ruakere, 30.53m; 3rd G. Tiaon, 30.23m.
- Javelin: 1st D. Stewart, 29.01m; 2nd J. Cameron, 28.64m; 3rd D. Bublitz, 27.40m.
- High J.: 1st M. O'Dowda, *1.70m; 2nd G. Tiaon, 1.64m; 3rd J. Lofton-Brook, 1.61m.
- Long J.: 1st G. O'Neil, 5.22m; 2nd J. Lofton-Brook, 5.10m; 3rd G. Tiaon, 5.06m.
- Triple J. 1st J. Lofton-Brook, 11.20m; 2nd J. Lash, 10.77m; 3rd S. Luke, 10.71m.

SENIOR

- 100m: 1st S. Manu, 11.20; 2nd N. Toremana, 11.40; 3rd N. Penno, 11.47.
 - 200m: 1st N. Toremana, *22.77; 2nd N. Penno, 22.97; 3rd S. Manu, 24.39.
 - 400m: 1st J. Mitau, 55.50; 2nd C. McKenzie, 56.20; 3rd T. Wolfe, 58.32.
 - 800m: 1st M. Scott, 2:09.1; 2nd M. Bates, 2:13.2; 3rd B. Bevin, 2:14.7.
 - 1500m: 1st M. Scott, 4:35.2; 2nd B. Bevin, 4:43.7; 3rd M. Bates, 5:06.6.
 - Shot: 1st J. Brewer, 10.59m; 2nd J. Okesene, 10.34m; 3rd F. Tarloe, 9.92m.
 - Discus: 1st F. Tarlo, 32.40m; 2nd J. Brewer, 29.00m; 3rd C. Richards, 27.90m.
 - Javelin: 1st J. Okesene, 52.30m; 2nd S. Sionetama, 51.65m; 3rd A. Wisniewski, 45.95m.
 - High J.: 1st S. Manu, #1.74m; 2nd N. Toremana, 1.66m; 3rd M. Bates, 1.62m.
 - Long J.: 1st S. Manu, 5.91m; 2nd N. Toremana, 5.89m; 3rd W. Temata, 5.73m.
 - Triple J. 1st N. Toremana, 11.92m; 2nd J. Okesene, 11.36m; 3rd A. Harvey, 11.20m.
- (* new record), (# equalled record)



An exciting relay finish

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

- JUNIOR**
1st M. Old, (Barak) 39 pts; 2nd L. Nicholls, 30 pts; 3rd D. Robertson 23 pts.
- INTERMEDIATE**
1st J. Lofton-Brook, (Barak) 44 pts; 2nd G. Tiaon, 36 pts; 3rd M. Miller 23 pts.
- SENIOR**
1st N. Toremana, (Hatherly) 39 pts; 2nd S. Manu, 38 pts; 3rd = T. Wolfe, J. Okesene, 26 pts.

RELAYS

- JUNIOR**
4 x 100m, 1st Barak, *53.5; 2nd Donnelly; 3rd Hatherly.
 - INTERMEDIATE**
4 x 100, 1st Hatherly, 50.60; 2nd Barak; 3rd Syme.
 - SENIOR**
4 x 100, 1st Hatherly, 47.51; 2nd Barak; 3rd Donnelly.
 - STAFF vs 7th FORM**
1st Staff (A); 2nd 7th Form; 3rd Staff (B).
 - DAYBOYS vs BOARDERS**
1st Boarders; 2nd Dayboys.
- (* new record)

FINAL HOUSE POINTS

First	Hatherly	1673 points
Second	Barak	1241 points
Third	Syme	1016 points
Fourth	Donnelly	963 points



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC COMPETITION TEAM

Back Row L to R: G. Tiaon, J. Lofton-Brook, M. Bates, D. Cleaver
 Middle Row L to R: M. Scott, B. Cribb, T. Wolfe, L. Clapham, R. Thorne, B. Beaven (Manager)
 Front Row L to R: S. Manu, Z. Green, K. McDowell, P. McCabe, D. Hickey, B. Bullock, M. Miller

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was held in fine conditions at Inglewood on Saturday, March 19. Without doubt from our point of view the highlight of the day came at the very end when the school was successful in all three 4 x 100 relay events. All teams won by clear margins and the Junior boys team set a new Taranaki record of 51.1 seconds. These successes demonstrated our strength in the sprinting area and this was confirmed with our athletes winning four of the six 100 metre and 200 metre events.

Lyall Clapham was possibly our star individual, winning the Junior 100 metre and 200 metre, the latter event in a record 24.7 seconds. In the Senior area, Nixon Toremana was our most talented athlete, and he impressively won both the 100 metre and 200 metre.

Other boys to win titles were:-

- Matthew Old - Junior long jump.
- Daniel Fowler - Junior high jump.
- Glenn Tiaon - Intermediate discus.
- Simon Manu - Senior long jump.
- Johnathon Okesene - Senior shot put.
- Sione Sionetama - Senior javalin.

New Plymouth Boys' High Performances at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships Hamilton, April 9 - 10

- Senior Boys 100m: S. Manu, 11.5sec, didn't qualify.
- Senior Boys Long Jump: S. Manu, 6.43m, 6th, personal best
- Senior Boys 100m: N. Toremana, 11.3sec, 5th.
- Senior Boys 200m: N. Toremana, 23.4sec, 5th.
- Senior Boys Javelin: S. Sionetama, 51.94m, 4th.
- Senior Boys Discus: G. Tiaon, 34.95m, 9th, personal best.
- Shot Put: G. Tiaon, 11.16m, 11th.
- Junior Boys 100m: M. Old, didn't qualify.
- Junior Boys 200m: M. Old, didn't qualify.
- Junior Boys Long Jump: M. Old, 7th.
- Junior Boys 100m: L. Chapman, 12.2sec, didn't qualify.
- Junior Boys 200m: L. Chapman, 25.1sec, 3rd.
- RELAYS**
Senior Boys: 4th.
Junior Boys: 2nd.

... no self respecting farmer would be seen dead drinking coffee ...

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Todd Wolfe a long way in front

TASMAN HERTZ '88

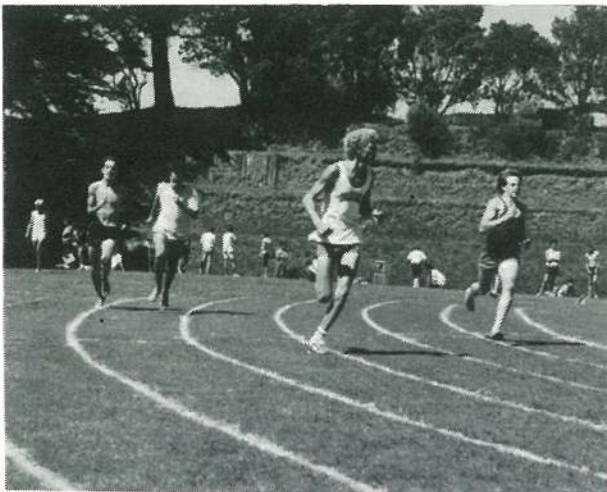
Held on two consecutive Thursday nights the 18th and 25th of February. As usual we struggled to get a team together because the meeting is held before our Athletic preliminaries.

We were still able to gain enough wins and placings on both nights to win both nights and thus the trophy once again.

Athletes to stand out were:- M. Old, C. Davis, T. Earl, D. Hickey, A. Ruakere, L. Clapham, G. Tiaon, M. Miller, J. Lofton-Brook, C. Bell, A. Wisneski, N. Toremana, S. Manu, M. Scott, B. Beaven, M. Bates and S. Chadwick.

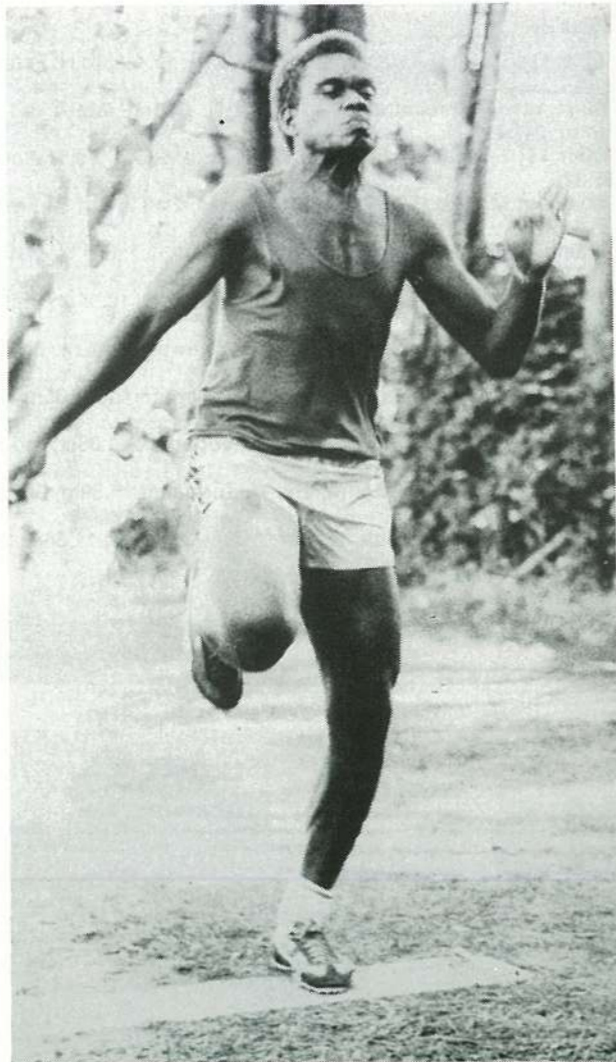
Thanks to all boys for their effort, especially those that filled in at the last minute.

M. Watts



J. Lofton-Brook Intermediate Champion

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Nixon Toremana competing in the long jump

T.S.S. CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The competition was once again held in Patea in early October, in dry but very windy conditions. All three teams performed extremely well, with the Juniors coming second, the intermediates a very comfortable first, and the seniors also first but only by a mere three points from Francis Douglas College.

The teams and individual placings were as follows:-

Juniors - Leon Allen (8), Dean Hickey (14), Lewyn Leef (16), Jackie Faulkner (19), Chris Amon (20), Tony Earl (24).

Intermediates - Justin Lofton-Brook (1), Mark Miller (2), Kelvin McDowell (3), Paul McCabe (7), Chris Skellern (16), Nigel Tapsell (21), Fraser Marshall (30).

Seniors - Martin Bates (6), Mark Scott (10), Brent Beaven (13), Glenn Hooper (19), Todd Wolfe (22), Alan Woodward (23), Tim Young (30), Dylan Cleaver (retired hurt).

Juniors - Leon Allen (8), Dean Hickey (14), Leevan Leef (16),

Overheard in passing—

Don't go down the stair-well in Alexander Block - I don't know what lurks there. Send a boy!

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1988

Several factors may have contributed to what appeared to be a good student response to this year's competition. It could have been the mild, almost windless day, the new House structure, the awarding of ten points rather than just one for finishing within the time limit, or just the students being influenced by the various profiles of past and present athletes being shown on television as a lead-up to the Olympics. Whatever the reason as organiser I was impressed by all those who gave of their best, whether they finished in the first twenty or just finished within the time limit.

Strangely enough the first four home in the Junior event were all from Donnelly, whilst the first four in the Intermediate were from Barak! Whilst neither Hatherly nor Syme could match this in the Senior event, Martin Bates, who as Head of Boarding led by example, powered away to a good win over Mark Scott of Syme. Although Syme had no individual winners it had greater depth of talent and emerged the over-all winner. Justin Lofton-Brook won the Intermediate race as expected, whilst the Junior race saw an extremely close finish with both runners being given the same time, but Jackie Faulkner being declared the winner over Leon Allen by "a nose".

The staff who competed this year over the Senior course were: Mr Laurenson, Mr Sole, Mr Connell, Mr Cooper, Mr Rowlands, Mr Maaka (who also ran in the Junior event), Mr Bone, Mr Hannah plus dog, Mr Carroll, Mr Swindells, Mr Elgar and Mr Kirk.

The individual results were as follows:-

Junior Race -	1st Jackie Faulkner (Don) 23m 09s 2nd Leon Allen (Don) also 23m 09s 3rd Tony Earl (Don) 4th Kerry Feaver (Don)
Intermediate -	1st Justin Lofton-Brook (Bar) 20m 48s 2nd Kelvin McDowell (Bar) 3rd Paul McCabe (Bar) 4th Mark Miller (Bar)
Senior Race -	1st Martin Bates (Hat) 26m 53s 2nd Mark Scott (Sym) 3rd Brent Beaven (Hat) 4th Glen Hooper (Bar)

The inter-house competition went as follows:-

1st Syme	5476 points
2nd Barak	5170 points
3rd Hatherly	5047 points
4th Donnelly	4890 points

R.L. Cooper (Organiser)



TARANAKI CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS PATEA 1988

Back Row L to R: T. Wolfe (S), J. Lofton-Brook (I), M. Bates (S), D. Cleaver (S)

Middle Row L to R: C. Hooper (S), M. Scott (S), M. Miller (I), B. Beaven (S), T. Young (S), R.L. Cooper (Manager)

Front Row L to R: K. McDowell (I), J. Faulkner (J), T. Earl (J), D. Hickey (J), K. Feaver (J), P. McCabe (I)

Absent: L. Allen (J), L. Leef (J), C. Amon (J), C. Skellern (I), N. Tapsell (I), A. Woodward (S)

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"ROUND THE LAKES" RELAY RACE 1988

It was without much preparation that four teams of four students journeyed to Wanganui to compete in the annual relay race around Virginia Lake, in Wanganui, held on July 25th. Garth Wilson, an ex-teacher of Boys' High and who, incidentally, took our first ever teams to the race in 1979 when we won the Form Three section, was there with his thoroughbreds, (they had won the N.Z. Junior Road Championships), from Westlake High School in Auckland. Such is the prestige of this annual event and such is the calibre of the opposition, with teams also coming up from Wellington. The faster runners run for less than seven minutes!

The Form Three "A" team of Zane Green, Dean Hickey, Cary Davis and Tony Earl came eighth out of twenty nine teams in their division in a time of 32:40 against the winner's Rongotai College, time of 29:56. The "B" team of Brooke Wolfe, Craig Ussher, Paul Kelly and Chad Northcott came eighteenth in a time of 34:58.

The Under Sixteen junior team of Robert Bullock, Kelvin McDowell, Mark Miller and Paul McCabe finished in fourteenth place, (there were thirty teams), in a time of 30:47 against the winner's, Westlake High School's time of 29:22.

The Senior team consisting of Justin Lofton-Brook, Brent Beaven, Paul Feltoe and Nathan Walter came thirtieth out of thirty-five teams in a time of 31:37. Wellington College won in a time of 26:50.

If New Plymouth Boys' High School is to get anywhere in this competition in the future then the teams must consist of students who can run two kilometres in under seven minutes.

Richard Cooper



ROUND-THE-LAKES RUNNERS

Back Row L to R: P. Feltoe (S), B. Beaven (S), J. Lofton-Brook (S), N. Walter (S)

Middle Row L to R: R. Bullock (I), M. Miller (I), T. Earl (J), K. McDowell (I), P. McCabe (I), R.L. Cooper (Manager)

Front Row L to R: P. Kelly (J), K. Davis (J), B. Wolfe (J), C. Ussher (J), C. Northcott (J), Z. Green (J)

Absent: D. Hickey (J)

I got the showfer to get me my horse???

The invention of the record: "This started a revolution of recorded sound..."

GOLF

Our six man golf team lost quite conclusively to a very strong Hamilton Boys' High School when the two Schools met for their annual winter sports exchange.

The School Championship was held at the Ngamotu Golf Links. Paul Shearer is the champion for 1988 and Robbie Busing is runner up.



1st XI CRICKET

Back Row L to R: M. O'Dowda, G. Holmes, A. Simons, A. Ruakere, R. Campbell, T. Burbidge, G. Giddy (Coach)
Front Row L to R: M. Jonas, M. Hall, W. Alswater, D. Cleaver (Capt), J. Holland, C. Richards

1st XI CRICKET

This season was one of contrasting results. The pre-Christmas results were not good. We lost all but one of the one-day games. The college game before Christmas (Wellington College) saw the 1st XI in a good position at the end of the first day only to have the second day washed out completely. The second round of club play (two day games) saw four very good outright wins and three draws leaving the 1st XI in second place in the Senior Competition overall. The college games at the start of the year - an annihilation against Auckland Grammar, a very poor performance against Hamilton and only a fair effort against Wanganui Collegiate, for three outright losses.

Individual effort saw representative honours go to:-

Karl O'Dowda: Taranaki A, Taranaki Emerging Players Central Districts U18, Dennis Lillee Coaching Clinic, Cricket Council Coaching Squad.
Dylan Cleaver: Emerging Players, Taranaki U17 (Captain).
Andrew Harvie, Todd Burbidge: Taranaki U17.
Matthew O'Dowda, Jason Holland, Mark Jonas: Taranaki U16.

The side benefited greatly from the coaching by Steven Rhodes, Avis Vogeltown, Worcester and England B wicket keeper/batsman.

CLUB CRICKET

The team was dominated by the performances of Dylan Cleaver as Captain, top run scorer (517 runs) and top wicket taker (42 at an average of 9 runs per wicket). The other players had some good individual performances but lacked consistency. Anthony Ruakere produced very good efforts with the bat and later in the season with the ball. The fielding once again was very good.

Club Games One Day Series (50 overs)

v Okato	Won	NPBHS 273-6, T. Burbidge 77, K. O'Dowda 71 Okato 73, D. Cleaver 7 for 8.
v Hawera	Lost	NPBHS 141, W. Alswater 30 Hawera, 142-5, M. Carr 3 for 24
v Marist	Lost	Marist, 239, S. Matheson 3 for 39 NPBHS, 222-7, A. Harvie 95, W. Alswater 61
v Stratford	Lost	NPBHS, 127-7, J. Burbidge 33 Stratford, 128 - 2
v Manaia	Lost	NPBHS, 180 M. O'Dowda 34, K. Ward 36 Manaia, 150-9, K. O'Dowda 3 for 27
v Waitara	Lost	NPBHS, 89 Waitara, 92-7

Two Day Series

v Marist	Won	Outright by NPBHS 198-8, D. Cleaver 38 181-8, K. O'Dowda 50 n.o. D. Cleaver 41 Marist, 143, K. Ward 4 for 29, D. Cleaver 3 for 34 95, D. Cleaver 6 for 40, K. O'Dowda 3 for 27
v Okato	Won	Outright by NPBHS 176-8, D. Cleaver 30 108-4, T. Burbidge 38 Okato, 105, K. Ward 4 for 33, D. Cleaver 3 for 34 133, D. Cleaver 4 for 15, R. Campbell 3 for 20
v Hawera	Won	Outright by NPBHS, 210-7, D. Cleaver 71, T. Burbidge 54 161-9, W. Alswater 40 Hawera, 142, D. Cleaver 3 for 22. T. Burbidge 3 for 54 112, D. Cleaver 5 for 41, K. Ward 4 for 17
v Ratapiko	Draw	NPBHS, 138, J. Holland 34 n.o. 181, D. Cleaver 50, R. Ruakere 57 Ratapiko, 146, M. Hall 7 for 49 175-8, M. Hall 4 for 41
v Stratford	Draw	Stratford, 171, D. Cleaver 5-48 123-8, T. Burbidge 3 for 47 NPBHS, 100, A. Ruakere 31 63-7, D. Cleaver 33
v Manaia	Draw	NPBHS, 177-3, D. Cleaver 63, A. Ruakere 60 173-8, D. Cleaver 64, A. Ruakere 44 Manaia, 175-8, D. Cleaver 4-41 42-4, M. Jonas 2 for 5
v Waitara	Won	(one-day game) NPBHS, 147, M. O'Dowda 30 Waitara, 106, G. Holmes 3 for 24

NEWSFLASH

An interesting side to New Plymouth Boys' High cricket: Phil Newport and Steven Rhodes who have assisted coaching the 1st XI in the last two years have just been selected for England to tour India.

Will the 1st XI show similar form?



TNL Photo

Martin Donnelly showing the boys the correct way

1st XI CRICKET COLLEGE GAMES

RESULTS

WELLINGTON COLLEGE	Draw (2nd day rained out)
AUCKLAND GRAMMAR	Lost outright by 226 runs
HAMILTON BHS	Lost outright by 5 wickets
WANGANUI COLLEGIATE	Lost outright by 130 runs

v WELLINGTON COLLEGE - TOP GROUND 7/12/87

New Plymouth Boys' High School won the toss and sent Wellington into bat. New Plymouth Boys' High School gained the initiative early and dominated the innings until Wellington were dismissed for 140 with extras contributing 30 to the total. Mike Hall in his first college match took 4-26.

The New Plymouth Boys' High School innings proceeded steadily towards the Wellington total helped by solid but exciting innings of 53 by Karl O'Dowda confirming his all round ability. However a tail-end collapse saw Boys' High School dismissed for a disappointing 153.

In the six overs available before stumps Ward and O'Dowda took three wickets between them to leave Boys' High School in a commanding position. Unfortunately the second day was abandoned due to heavy rain.

v AUCKLAND GRAMMAR TOP GROUND 14, 15 & 16/2/88

This was the first fixture between the sides for many years and was played over 2½ days. Auckland Grammar School went through to 229-9 at stumps. Matthew Horne brother of New Zealand International Phil held the side together scoring 97 on a difficult pitch.

Auckland Grammar School declared overnight and Boys' High School were soon in trouble against the Grammar opening attack and were 4/11 at one stage. A brave sixth wicket partnership between M. O'Dowda (62) and Jason Holland saw Boys' High School pass the follow-on mark and Boys' High School ended with a total of 126.

Auckland Grammar School declared just before lunch on the final day at 153/4. Their innings was once again completely dominated by Horne ended with a total of 126.

Boys' High School had to bat out the day to save the game but once again started badly but this time they never recovered being dismissed for a demoralising 29.

v HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TOP GROUND 22 & 23/2/88

Hamilton made 137 and were reduced by some good bowling from Hall and Cleaver who took 5-47 and 4-39 respectively.

On the 2nd day some steady batting from Ruakere (33) and Alswater (21) put New Plymouth Boys' High at a position of strength at 91-4. But a disastrous post-lunch collapse which saw the remaining 6 wickets fall for 6 runs meant that Hamilton needed just 108 for victory.

New Plymouth Boys' High were in with a chance when Hamilton were 5/48 but a sensible sixth wicket partnership saw Hamilton through to victory.

v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE WESTERN PARK 21, 22/3/88

Wanganui batted first and were soon in trouble at 6-71. However poor fielding and wayward bowling allowed Collegiate to score a considerable larger total than they should have been allowed. Burbidge and Hall took three wickets each.

Chasing Collegiate's first innings total of 238 New Plymouth Boys' High started well reaching 130-3 before a familiar second day collapse meant they went to 155-9 before the innings was closed.

Boys' High School were left 223 for victory but a steady loss of wickets saw that Boys' High School were dismissed for 94 with only Ruakere (34) and Burbidge (32) reaching double figures.

2nd XI CRICKET

A strong side started the season under Mr Neal Swindells. Wins were recorded against F.D.C. (N. Swindells 58 n.o.), Fitzroy (A. Simons 53), Westown 'B', NPOB (T. Burbidge 104), Huatoki and Mangorei. Losses were recorded against M.A.N.P., Woodleigh-Spotswood, Westown 'A', Avis Vogeltown and Oakura (G. Hooper 69).

In the second round (2 day competition) a win was recorded against Huatoki, New Plymouth Boys' High School 206 (N. Swindells 94) and 144 declared (Swindells 84 n.o.), Huatoki 145 and 107. Losses were recorded against Woodleigh-Spotswood, New Plymouth Boys' High School 251-7 (Swindells 54, G. Hooper 60, M. Jonas 58) and 116. Woodleigh-Spotswood 253 and 119 and Westown 'B', New Plymouth Boys' High School 265-4 (B. Winder 78, N. Cox 62) and 139-7 (Simons 57), Westown 'B' 193-7 and 213-9.

Consistent batsmen were N. Swindells, T. Burbidge, C. Richards with the best bowlers being Swindells, R. Campbell, B. Hicks, M. Jonas and T. Burbidge.

COLLEGE MATCH v HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Played on Webster, School batted first to score 116 (D. Putt 40). Hamilton were bowled out for 107 (M. Jonas 5 for 19). School batted again declaring at 215 for 7 (C. Richards 83, G. Hooper 21, M. Jonas 42, D. Magon 40). This left Hamilton 224 runs in even time. In a tense finish Hamilton ended at 200-9 (Hicks 3-70, Metcalfe 4-20). In a game that could have gone either way a draw was the final result.

Neil Cox



3rd XI CRICKET

The 3rd XI under the experienced guidance of Mr Bob Hall started the season very well winning their first four games in grand style. As players moved up to higher teams the results slipped but still attained some good wins.

The batting was led by Andrew Simons 112 vs Marist, 83 n.o. vs Huatoki, 67 vs Inglewood Glenn Hooper 71 vs Francis Douglas College, 43 vs M.A.N.P., 52 vs Spotswood, Daryl Putt 101 n.o. vs Marist.

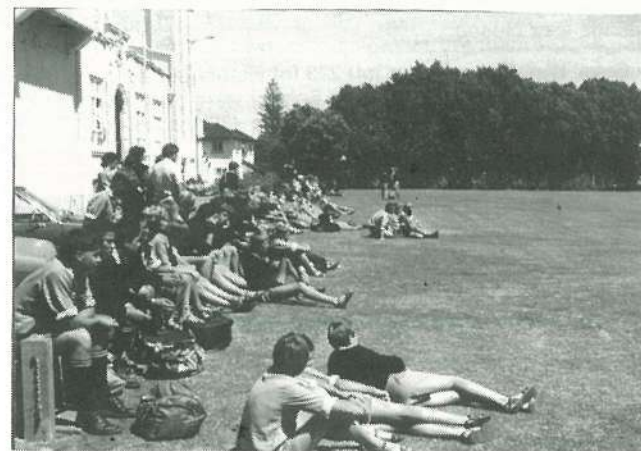
The leading bowlers were Daryl Putt 4 for 17 vs Francis Douglas College, 7 for 18 vs Huatoki. Mark Jonas 5 for 22 vs M.A.N.P. Greig Metcalfe 3 for 14 vs Bell Block. 4 for 38 vs M.A.N.P. 5 for 14 vs Huatoki. Kirk Mariner 4 for 36 vs Bell Block.

Garth Flannagan and Glenn Hooper also performed consistently with the ball.

The 3rd XI Squad

Daryl Putt, Tony Hopkins, Andrew Simons, Glenn Hooper, Mark Jonas, Ian Reddington, Garth Flannagan, Kane Bishop, Kirk Mariner, Nelson Polotu, Mathew Mariner, Shane Kelly, Hamish Mills, Jason Ruakere, Andrew Wall, Tony Earl, Carl Kildare.

Special thanks to Mr Bob Hall for his efforts in assisting the team.



Watching Wellington College play on the Top Ground

Dr Peter Allen, the Taranaki Cricket Association's patron for many years was recently musing over the demise of billeting.

In the fifties and sixties members of touring Central District sides were hosted by Taranaki families. This meant the public had the opportunity to contribute hospitality and form lasting friendships.

Now that teams stay in hotels Dr Allen feels a golden opportunity has been lost.

Dr Allen played for New Plymouth Boys' High School before World War II and since then has retained close ties with Taranaki cricket.

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Match against Auckland Grammar

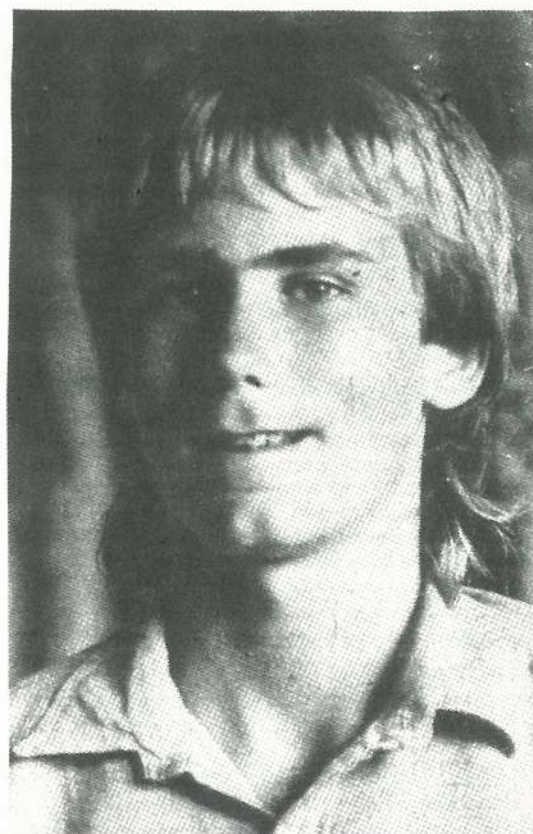
Chris Patten

Taranaki's sole member of the Inaugural Junior Regional Tennis Development Programme. Central Districts number one Junior player is very much an up and coming young tennis player.

Last year he was the first Third Former to win the Schools Senior Championship tennis and this year has ably led the Junior team.

Chris has been playing tennis since he was eight and is a member of the Waiwaka Club.

Being chosen to be in the Development Programme means travelling to Wellington once every three weeks for coaching sessions with national coach Kevin Woolcott. The May and August School holidays have also been taken up with training camps.



Chris Patten . . . the only Taranaki member of the national squad.

TENNIS



JUNIOR & SENIOR TENNIS TEAM

Back Row L to R: J. Roebuck, S. Darke, D. Bublitz, M. Baird, D. McDonald, T. Lim, Mr Hannah
Front Row L to R: D. Griffiths, C. Patten, A. Taylor, G. Hudson, M. Couper
Absent: J. Davy, S. McFall

TENNIS

This year our Tennis team's have had yet another successful season, winning both of our encounters.

This team has now been together since last year and a good team spirit has developed. This has given the team that extra boast when the pressure is on.

The Junior team is packed with talent, that includes our most successful player Chris Patten.

With Mr Hannah managing the team a closely knit unit has developed.

The first college match was against Hawera High School which was a resounding success to us.

This victory was a good dress rehearsal for our match against Wanganui Collegiate. We had not beaten them for then years, however this spurred us on. After several long hard battles we eventually won.

JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM

Chris Patten
Terrence Lim
Tony Earle
Jody Roebuck
Stefan Darke
Aaron Walsh Daman Griffith

A new subject: Would Work.



SENIOR TENNIS TEAM

Back Row L to R: G. Hudson, D. Bublitz, M. Couper
Front Row L to R: Mr Hannah, D. McDonald, M. Baird
Absent: S. McFall

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PERFORMING ARTIST OF THE YEAR
DUNCAN HAYNES

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
STEPHEN JOHNS



Stephen Johns in action at the School Swimming Sports

WATER POLO

The New Zealand Water Polo Team met in August to travel to the twentieth annual HIUPT to be played at the University of Hawaii.

The tournament is made up of four divisions, we were in the Under 17 Division with twenty-eight other teams from all over the world.

Our first game was at twelve-thirty on a Monday afternoon and with the temperature at thirty-three degrees and the water temperature at twenty-two degrees it posed a great problem for a team of untanned Kiwis used to playing in indoor pools.

We had to keep taking fluids because of the heat and to keep covered while sitting pool-side. Even with all the precautions there were still a few red bodies around, especially those from the South Island.

It was made worse, by a Water Polo rule which says that no suntan lotion may be used on team members while playing in a game. This is because it could go onto the ball and make it slippery.

We played seven games in all, winning five which put us in eighth place overall. This was lower than we had hoped for. However we were playing in a pool a lot larger than the one we had trained in, in Auckland, and sprinting up and down the pool for forty to fifty minutes without touching the bottom can get very tiring.

In general the Americans are very fit and very fast.

The tournament ended on the twentieth so we had two free days to shop and sight see. We went to the usual places, like Pearl Harbour, Sunset Beach and the famous pipeline.

I would like to thank the School and staff for all the help and support that they have given me over the last two years.

Stephen Johns

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY TEAM

After getting over the unexpected thrill of being selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby team, there seemed to be little enough time to prepare for the tour of Australia as part of the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations.

The team was managed by the Principal of Upper Hutt College, Mr David Scott, and the coach was Mr C. Grinter, Deputy Principal of Wesley College. B. Jacksies from Auckland Grammar captained the squad of twenty-three.

Once in Auckland we went to the Papakura Military Camp and the first task was to get to know one another; it was surprising how quickly this was done. Our next task and perhaps the most difficult was the outfitting of the team and of course there was training and more training.

Our first big test came with the game against the Scottish Secondary Schools. Although we had a good win by 32-10 it was evident that if we were to succeed in Australia there was more work to be done.

We finally arrived in Sydney and were billeted around our various venues. We began a familiar schedule of training everyday that we didn't play, official after-match functions, meeting new billets and attending civic welcomes. There was very little free time for sightseeing or shopping.

Our first Australian game was against New South Wales Combined High Schools. I will remember this match as it was the first time I officially played for New Zealand Secondary Schools; we won forty-four to three.

Our next major game was the English Test which we lost fifteen to eight. It was played at the Concord Oval and was perhaps the low point of the tour because it was a game we should have won, although the English played well on the day.

After this we travelled to Nowra, a small town between Sydney and Canberra. Nowra really turned it on for us where we played the Australian Division 2. We regarded this as the fourth test. There were banners across the street advertising the game and at the ground (which had been converted out of a gum plantation) there was the local band, sausage sizzles; and of course the New Zealand and Australian flags flying. Rotorua Boys' High Schools First Fifteen were there also and we lined up on the dead ball line and did the haka.

The Australians had no answer for that and we were the winners by thirty-eight to twelve.

Our next game was the curtain raiser for the Australia v English test.

We then moved on to Canberra where we visited the Australian Institute of Sport. A huge complex which provides for coaching in almost every sport.

Our last test, the climax of the tour was to be in Brisbane, against the Australians. We realised of course that we had never beaten Australia in Australia and we were made very much aware of the importance of this game.

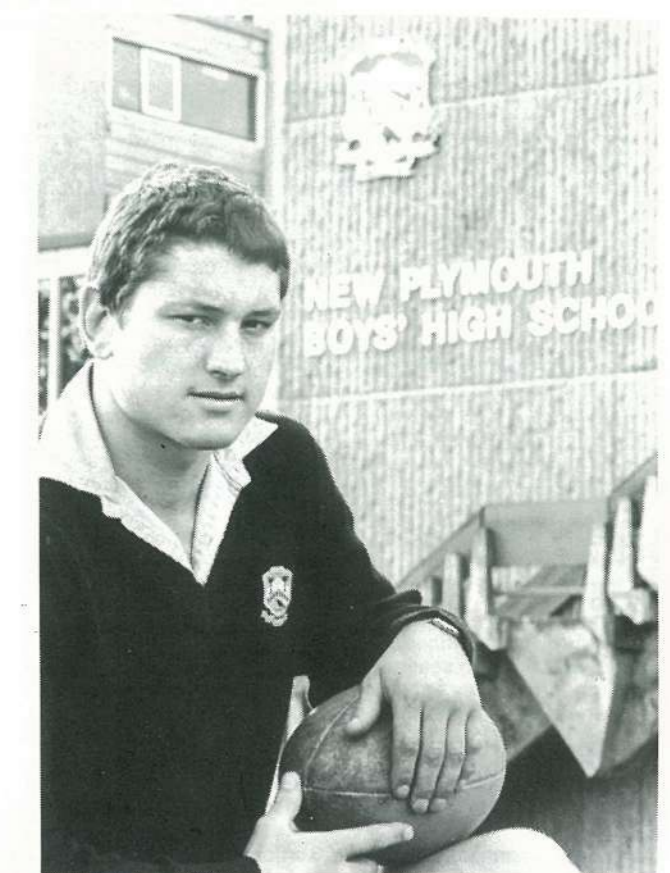
I counted myself fortunate to be selected to play in what was undoubtedly the highlight of the tour for me.

All our preparations came together and in what was our best game of the tour we beat the Australians twenty-three to thirteen.

A trip to Expo finished the tour for us.

It was an honour to represent my country and an experience I will never forget. None of this would have been possible without the coaching and encouragement of past and present coaches and team members. Their consistent support helped me gain this selection.

Gordon Slater



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1st Fifteen

Back Row L to R: J. Okasene, T. Kana, J. Vickers, T. Trowern, C. Stewart, D. Mahura, J. Holland, G. Holmes, S. Kelly, B. Bellamy (Manager), J. Fisher, B. Pitts-Brown, E. Grainger, N. Penno, D. Moore (Coach), M. Bates, A. Hocken, C. Luke, J. Brewer (Capt), G. Slater, S. Donovan, T. Wolfe

1st XV

The 1988 season for the 1st XV was one in which some memorable goals were achieved, some attractive rugby played yet in the end only a fifty-fifty result was achieved in traditional fixtures.

The Firsts scored six hundred and thirty-nine points; this total included ninety-three tries and an outstanding personal contribution of two hundred and twenty-two points by Todd Wolfe. We conceded two hundred and eleven points.

The highlights of the season were firstly a 28-6 victory over Wanganui Boys' College, the match being played at Rugby Park as a curtain raiser to the Wales vs Taranaki International Match. This was the first time the 1st XV had played Wanganui since 1931. Secondly, the first win over Palmerston North Boys' High since 1974 and thirdly, the winning of the Taranaki Under 21 Grade Championship for the third successive year. In addition a large number of the team played for Taranaki Secondary Schools against the Touring Scottish Secondary Schools Team and lastly but by no means least the selection of Gordon Slater in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team to tour Australia.

Jody Brewer captained the team and his injury suffered at a crucial stage of the season was a damaging blow to the team. His standard of play and commitment had been a major factor in the team's performance. His leadership was sorely missed.

Representative Honours

New Zealand Secondary School - Gordon Slater.

Northern Regions 'B' Team (N.Z. Triad) - Gordon Slater, Jody Brewer.

Taranaki Secondary Schools - Gordon Slater, Jody Brewer, Thomas Trowern, Grant Holmes, Jason Fisher, Chris Luke, Tony Kana, Damian Mahura, Sean Donovan, Todd Wolfe.

Auckland Savings Bank Tournament Team - Damian Mahura

Taranaki Under 16 Team - Shane Kelly, Jason Holland.

TRADITIONAL FIXTURES

vs Hamilton Boys'

The first Traditional "College Match" was played on the school gully and resulted in a 25-6 victory. New Plymouth dominated the whole game but were held to a 9-6 scoreline at half time. In the second spell Hamilton wilted under the pressure and a most satisfying result was achieved. Try scorers were Andrew Hocken, Sean Donovan, Jody Brewer and Thomas Trowern. Todd Wolfe kicked two penalties and two conversions.

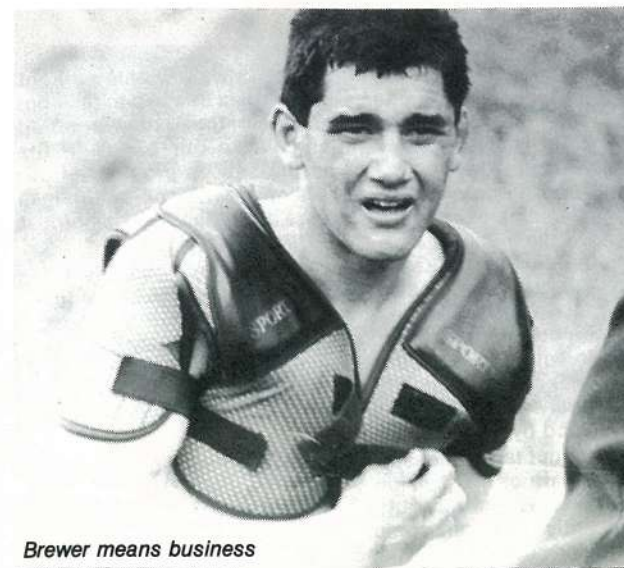
vs St. Patricks Silverstream

St. Pats were a very fast, well drilled side who completed the season undefeated, but a lack of appreciation of tactics to be adhered to when playing into a strong Wellington Southerly meant that we were always on the score board. When early in the second spell Silverstream went to a 19-3 lead the game appeared well out of reach, but a magnificent forward effort and strong tackling brought us back into the game and in the final analysis Silverstream were fortunate to come out of the match victors by nineteen points to sixteen.

Scorers for New Plymouth were Jonathan Okesene and Thomas Trowern tries and Todd Wolfe two penalties and a conversion.

vs Wanganui Collegiate

This was perhaps the 1st XV's best performance of the year, and the scoreline of 23-6 indicates the superb defensive display by Collegiate as much as it does the dominance of the New Plymouth team. The team played to a simple pattern and while it was based around the forward strength it proved most effective on the day. Thomas Trowern, Martin Bates, Damian Mahura, and Sione Sionetama scored tries. Todd Wolfe kicked two conversions and a penalty.



Brewer means business

vs Palmerston North Boys' High School

The first victory over 'Palmy' since 1974 was perhaps the biggest highlight of the season. Thomas Trowern scored three tries, a magnificent effort, the forwards dominated and the backs ran and tackled hard. Todd Wolfe scored a try, kicked four conversions and a penalty for fifteen points, added to Trowern's treble. Palmerston were defeated by twenty-seven points to four.

vs Te Aute College

A game played in two parts. The Firsts dominated the first half but could not turn the advantage into enough points. A try to Gordon Slater and two penalties to Todd Wolfe to a converted try by Te Aute meant that after forty minutes of domination New Plymouth led by only ten points to six.

In the second spell Te Aute lifted the pace of their game and playing attractive rugby scored two more converted tries and a penalty to come run out easy winners 21-10.

vs Auckland Grammar

The team's poorest performance of the season. Atrocious ground conditions that neither team could master, some dubious refereeing decisions and a lack of commitment meant the final match was a disappointment not only due to the losing scoreline of nine points to six but in the match all the points were scored by kicking giving the spectators very little to cheer about.



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SECOND FIFTEEN

This year has been a successful year for what has been a very shaky Second XV. With players leaving and new players joining, it took a long time to get into the swing of things. This, possibly, was the cause of two large, early losses.

With these losses behind us, the team settled down and picked up the effort. After early losses of twenty points, games became much closer with only six or fewer points difference in them.

Finishing fifth in the competition was therefore a big achievement for the team — particularly since in our final game, the eventual champions could only beat us by one point, in a very close, tough game.

Many thanks must go to the young minded and very fit coach Mr Hannah, who gave up lots of his time, often not getting a dedicated response from the team. But when targets were set and the squad trained seriously, they pulled out big games when needed.

Thanks also go to Andrew Harvie (Captain), who had to control a very verbal team. He screamed and cursed at us when needed and praised us when that was earned.

On 22nd of June we travelled to Hamilton to play Hamilton Boys' High School. On a cold, showery day, everything clicked into place. The forwards, particularly, played well, working as one, often taking the ball forward fifteen to twenty metres in rolling mauls. We came out winners 16-6. This was the boost we needed for the rest of the season.

The backs hit their peak against Hawera, whose pack denied us of most of the ball. Yet only getting clean ball four or five times in the second half the backs scored two spectacular tries and came close to scoring on another occasion.

Congratulations go to Chris Bell, Byron Faulkner, Craig Trigger, Glenn Tiaon, Darryl Aim and Scott Lines for making the Taranaki U16 Rep team. Scott went on to win selection in the Tournament Team. With only one Seventh Former in the team, if everyone stays together, next year will look promising.

G. Tiaon, A. Harvie.

SECOND XV



Back Row L to R: S. McClintoch, C. Trigger, S. Lines, B. Faulkner
Middle Row L to R: S. Manu, W. McCallum, C. Bell, M. Stewart, W. Whyte, S. Meuli, Mr Hannah (Coach)
Front Row L to R: S. Chadwick, K. Tamati, D. Tamati, A. Harvie (Capt), G. Troune, T. Penberth, D. Aim

Gordon Slater Robo-prop



3rd XV

Back Row L to R: M. O'Dowda, D. Ruakere, A. Ruakere, R. Wheeler, M. Lees (Vice-Capt), P. Lester
Middle Row L to R: S. Hunt, R. Campbell, G. O'Neill, B. Winder, R. Helms, S. Eliason, A. Josephs (Coach)
Front Row L to R: B. Schrader, I. Reddington, S. Kara, T. Brimelow (Capt), D. Mohi, B. McGrath, M. Jonas

THIRD XV REPORT

This was a team that showed plenty of promise. After a rather haphazard start to the season and only fifteen players we faced our first game. It was obvious that the team was full of potential but the challenge was moulding them into a working combination. This proved the most difficult challenge not helped by an everchanging team from Saturday to Saturday. Aply led by T. Brimelow we proceeded through the season unbeaten but for two games. These were most unexpected and brought about by lapses in commitment. The crucial point of the season was playing the last game against Stratford High School. At stake was a trophy and the grade championship. The result was a loss which proved the low point of an otherwise good season. However the winning of our inter school game against Wanganui Boys' High School finished our year on a positive note. The team was filled with talented players and many boys will surely go on to represent the First XV in years to come.

A. Josephs (Coach)



1st XV 1988

Under 19 Black Rugby

Our team started off the 1988 season well, winning all but one of our first round games. But the team seemed to lack fire and determination - after an excellent first half we would collapse to have victory snatched from our hands in the second half of the game. But as the season progressed our teamwork and determination developed with the last games seeing us come back, when we were down against the hardest teams in the league.

At the end of the season we had still only been defeated once. It was a first round game against Spotswood and we were missing many players (we were fortunate that the team was comprised of mainly boarders) we still managed to hold them to within a six point margin, but didn't manage to get that elusive winning try. This loss disappointed the team but we got our revenge in the second round when we massacred Spotswood by over 40 points.

A distinct lack of losses in the second round guaranteed us the winning of the division.

The whole team was outstanding and everyone did their jobs excellently and rarely complained so I find it hard to single out particular people. I think special mention should be made of Andrew Breach our Vice-Captain and kicker who got us those few extra points and of Keith Cross who filled in for him when he was away and also supplied consistently good ball to the back line for the whole season. Special mention should also be made of Jason Bryant who played out of his usual position for the good of the team and without a doubt would be the most improved player of the season. I would like to thank all the team for their support and commitment throughout the season. I would also, on behalf of the team, like to thank Mr Laurenson who at the end of the day made it all happen. Without his coaching we would never have experienced the delights of running up Gover Street and therefore would not have achieved what we did, Thank you.

Brent Beaven (Captain)



WINNERS COMPETITION U19 B2

Back Row L to R: S. Brimelow, D. Walters, C. Powell, A. Breach (Vice-Capt)
Middle Row L to R: M. Seaton, B. Honeyfield, K. Cross, A. Graamans, D. Stewart, B. Robertson, Mr J. Laurenson (Coach)
Front Row L to R: M. Muir, A. Tekanawa, J. Lush, B. Beaven (Capt), A. Huston, J. Schrader, J. Bryant



B2 GRADE U19

Back Row L to R: B. Gransville, S. Davies, M. Stevenson
Middle Row L to R: D. Jackson, H. Gellatly, A. Read, S. Tremlett, S. Skedgewell, G. McLaren, Mr R. Davidson
Front Row L to R: G. Dodd, D. Cole, J. Ruakere, A. Mills, D. Brown, C. Lee, G. Hillier



U15 BLACK

Back Row L to R: H. Smith, J. Salisbury, M. Bielski
Middle Row L to R: J. Harris, M. Best, S. Kennedy, T. Jans, N. Walter, Mr A. Elgar (Coach)
Front Row L to R: A. Hassall, D. Sampson, W. Aldridge, S. Graville, P. McCabe, M. Andrews, S. Gorrie

RUGBY UNDER 15 BLACK

The Under 15 Black team had a varied season with a sprinkling of wins and draws among the losses. The team's strength lay in its tenacious defense, while its weakness was an inability to finish moves and score points. There seems little doubt that a greater effort and attendance at practice would have helped a great deal on Saturdays. Congratulations to Scott Granville who led the team by example all season.

Under 15 White Rugby

Coach: Jeff Jones; Captain: Craig Taylor; Vice-Captain: David Sutcliffe.

The year started with three grading games. Inglewood won 44 - nil. Francis Douglas College won 36 - nil. Okato won 30 - 13.

This gave the season a very promising start. In the competition were twelve other teams. After six weeks it was clear the top teams were Waitara High School, Stratford Red, Inglewood and ourselves.

By August it was down to Waitara High School and New Plymouth Boys' High School White. We won against Waitara and had only two games left to play in order to win the competition. These were both away games at Opunake and Okato.

With calm and discipline we won both matches and became winners of the Taranaki Under 15 Championships gaining 45 points from a maximum of 48.

Most points scored by Dean Magon with 6 tries, 20 conversions, 2 penalties for a total of 70 points. Next was Lyall Clapham with 14 tries for a total of 56 points. Third was Paul Vyver with 9 tries, 2 conversions for a total of 40 points.

The captain Craig Taylor showed excellent team leadership and was well supported by David Sutcliffe's good play and leadership in the forwards.

Finally, I enjoyed being able to coach a team with a good school spirit and prepared to listen and to learn new skills and tactics.

A season of rugby I'll not forget.

J. Jones (Coach)

U14 Black

The team had a very mixed season. We were not highly placed in the competition, having only won three games. The team consisted of a mixture of boys who either had many years of experience or were relatively new to the game. They always gave of their best against teams that were usually larger. Through teamwork and perseverance we were able to score during most games.

The team was ably led by A. Allen (Captain) and K. Mulligan (Vice-Captain).

THIRD FORM RUGBY TEAM

Inclement weather and conflicting rep. practices made it difficult for this year's 3rd Form team to come together for training runs. However when it met Wanganui Collegiate at Vogeltown Park the side combined very well, especially the forward pack.

Neither side scored in the first half but by dint of some strong forward rushes early in the second half we took control and the team moved from strength to strength and won the game by 12 points to nil. All players are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Scorers were:- Michael Collins, Bradley Cribb and Matthew Peacock.

v Auckland Grammar School

This game was played at Grammar as the curtain raiser to the two First Fifteens. The ground was extremely wet and muddy, making constructive play very difficult.

Our team toiled manfully throughout the first half and the scores were even at seven points each.

However the heavy conditions and the much bigger Grammar pack sapped the strength of our much smaller boys and we were defeated by 25 points to 7.

Paul Neilson led his team well as a loose forward and inside backs Carey Davis and Paul Kelly kept their team in the game.

Michael Collins gained our only try and Brooke Wolfe kicked a penalty goal.



GREEN D DIVISION

Back Row L to R: G. Sharp, C. Read, P. Nielson, M. Dromgool
Middle Row L to R: J. McDonald, J. Hepi, L. Hopkinson, R. Arbaugh, B. Tannahill, M. Peacock, Mr B. Davis (Coach)
Front Row L to R: C. Davis, B. Wolfe, D. Smith, B. Laurence (Capt), S. Lowe, D. Scott, J. Houston



U14 BLACK RUGBY 1988

Back Row L to R: H. Gibbs, G. Martin, T. Jordan, J. Smith, J. Dimond, J.S. Sinclair
Middle Row L to R: M. Gordon, P. Eason, M. Boyde, T. Reid, D. Mills, N. Wood, K. Dawson, A. Roebuck
Front Row L to R: S. Chadwick, R. Bullock, C.A. Amon, K.R. Mulligan (Vice-Capt), B. Eynon, T. Lim, M.S. Bremner
Coach: Mr K.R. Lockhart

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Rugby Summary '88

E Division White Mr Earl's team won the competition.
Black Mr Lockhart's team finished fifth.
D Division Gold Mr Maaka's team finished fourth.
Green Mr Davis's team finished fifth.
C. Division Mr Jones's team won the competition.
Black Mr Elgar's team finished ninth.
 Mr Potier's Bell Block School side finished twelfth.

B. Division U19 Black Mr Laurenson's team won the competition.
Gold Mr Davidson's team finished seventh.
B Division Third XV Mr Joseph's team finished second.
A Division Second XV Mr Hannah's team finished fourth equal.
U21 First XV Mr Moore's team won the competition once again.
Mr Moore selected and coached the Taranaki Secondary School side. At tournament they missed out on the final by a count back.
Mr Giddy Selected and coached the Taranaki U16 side. At tournament they were unbeaten but missed out on the final by a count back, finishing in third place.

E GRADE WHITE

Played thirteen, won thirteen. An impressive record for a dedicated team who developed extremely well during the season.

The team scored 316 points and conceded only 18, with the three quarters Mathew Gibbs and Duncan Robertson, together with fullback, Grant Rawlinson scoring 45 of the team's 68 tries, showing the teams talents in moving the ball.

The forwards combined well and in all games ensured that the backs received a plentiful supply of good ball.

Congratulations to Mathew Gibbs, Duncan Robertson, Tony Earl, Paul Kelly, Paul House and Nigel Dasler who were selected in the New Plymouth Boys' High School's Third Form team.

Thanks to Mr Kelly for his invaluable assistance and to the parents for their enthusiastic support with a special thanks to the parents of the boarders who travel long distances to support the team.

G. Earl (Coach)



Slone Sionetama in action

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BADMINTON



BADMINTON

Back Row L to R: S. Keightley, M. Dingle, S. Barkery, T.G. Heaps (Coach)
Front Row L to R: D. Sutcliffe, R. Lambert, (Capt), R. Alexander

Richard Lambert was the Senior Champion.

Shaun Keightley was the Junior Champion.

SQUASH

SQUASH

The squash option for Utility Period was this season well patronised with over twenty boys playing at either Kawarua Park or the Y.M.C.A.

However, due to the master-in-charge being overseas for the first few weeks of the winter term and due also to other demands on the Utility Period, it was not possible to arrange as varied a fixture list as was enjoyed last season.

Few other schools in Taranaki offer squash as a sporting option, which is unfortunate. It was unfortunate also to lose the core of last year's team as seventh formers left for university.

New arrivals bode well for the future, however. Newcomer Stefan Gray secured his place in the team and for his club Kawarua Park, played in the Men's C.D. 7 Grade teams elimination. Russell Harding joined the option later in the season and shows promise as does Crowe. Older hands Greg Scriven (Captain), Duncan Wilson and L. Cochlan provided experience and playing strength.

T. Burnham



SQUASH TEAM

Back Row L to R: D. Wilson, R. Harding, T. Burnham (Coach)
Front Row L to R: L. Cochlan, G. Scriven, S. Gray

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Standing L to R: Mr Dennis, J. Mitau, L. Rattray, S. Wilson, B. McKinnon, C. McKenzie, J. Waki, Mr Lawson (Coach)
Seated L to R: W. Horroto, A. Wall, K. Wipatene, J. Carter, M. Hancock, M. Scoff, G. Hooper

Second XI Soccer Team



Back Row L to R: C. Greig, A. Connell, G. Smith, T. Burbidge
Middle Row L to R: B. Tabi, H. Anderson, A. Woodward, O. Jeffries, A. Naidu
Front Row L to R: P. Maxwell, S. Strombom, M. Cummings, R. Dines, S. Hogg
Coach: Robert Connell



2nd XI SOCCER

FIRST XI SOCCER

This year the school First XI had to play in the Men's Division One league. We found the competition extremely hard but in the end we were very successful, only losing one league game and ended up being joint winners with New Plymouth United. We then also went on to win the Nimmo Cup which was a knockout competition for men's teams in Division One and Division Two.

This year Glenn Hopper, Mark Scott and Andrew Wall were chosen for the Under 19 Taranaki Team.

Awards given this year are:
Most Improved Player - Louis Rattray
Most Valuable Player - John Waki

The school had an upset in the end of the league with the death of Robert Connell. He was greatly appreciated for his contribution within soccer. He will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the First XI we thank Alan Dennis and Bill Lawson for making the year so successful and for the time and effort they gave.

COLLEGE GAMES

Hamilton 4-1 to New Plymouth Boys' High School

This game was fast right from the beginning. We managed to net three goals in the first half. The second half was still fast with the Hamilton team not giving up. A goal was scored from each team making the final score 4-1. It was one of the best wins the school has had.

Wanganui Collegiate 3-2 to New Plymouth Boys' High School

This was the school's only away game. It was a well deserved win which School never looked like losing throughout the whole game, even though the goal margin does not show it.

Wellington College: Draw 2-2

We knew that this was going to be one of the hardest games of the year. The weather conditions were appalling, making it very hard to play soccer. Both teams battled hard throughout the game. We scored first and later took a 2-1 lead for most of the game. Wellington had a stroke of luck by scoring an equalizer in the very last seconds of the game.

Wanganui Boys': 9-1 to New Plymouth Boys' High School

This was our last College game of the year so we were keen to make the most of it. Everyone in the team gave it their all. We dominated the whole game as the scoreline shows.

Jason Carter

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15 A-GRADE TEAM League Runners Up

Back Row L to R: B. Smith, J. Whalley, S. Adams, G. Young
Middle Row L to R: K. Miles, M. Mitchell, J. Berentson, H. McKenzie, Mr Glass (Coach)
Front Row L to R: A. Cosgrove, R. Klinkert, P. Veric, D. Newman, S. Spurdle

SOCCER UNDER 15 'A'

LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP

From the commencement of the season we knew we had a strong side which was definitely the tallest side in the league and overall one of the most skillful. We were confident of contesting the championship. Our expected rival was New Plymouth Old Boys. Our lead up games to the clash with New Plymouth Old Boys proved our team to be in top form with convincing wins. In the clash with New Plymouth Old Boys unfortunately our team had a poor game with low confidence being demonstrated. We lost 6-1. The second game against New Plymouth Old Boys proved a closer encounter with a 2-1 victory to our rivals. This left our side in the runners-up position.

Guy Young had a great season and combined well with Justin Whalley in the forwards. Young, Whalley and Veric scored the majority of the team's goals. Hamish McKenzie and Karl Webb showed signs of exceptional skill in mid-field and Kristian Miles and Simon Spurdle played consistently all season in defence. Paul Veric and Kristian Miles represented the Taranaki Under 15 side.

I would like to thank the parents for their support and give a special thank you from the team and myself to Mr Glass for giving up his afternoons and Saturdays to coach and support us

Paul Veric (Captain)



14th GRADE SOCCER
 (Finished 3rd in Grade, runners-up in 7-a-side)

Back Row L to R: K. Guillian, M. White, T. Caldwell, M. Old, S. Avery, T. Garwood, Mr A. Bone (Coach)
Middle Row L to R: S. Blackett, H. Rata, G. Clarke, A. Wood, A. Edser, A. Aakajaer, G. Ward
Front Row L to R: Z. Green, D. Maxwell, S. Beaurepaire (Capt), K. Hinze, A. Yu

LIFE SAVING

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Life-Saving Competition 1988

Our senior team consisting of Steven Johns, Dennis Ruakere, Nathan Hemmings and Phillip Chapman won the Butcher Cup for the Boys' Competition from its only opposition, our Junior team consisting of Julian Dimond, Nathan Hills, Karl Guillain and John Harre.

For those "Old Boys" who might have competed in previous years, the format of the competition has been altered. Rather than being a test of the more esoteric components of the now out-of-date life-saving scheme, it tests the competitors in more realistic situations with skills outlined in the Aquapass Scheme. And competitors no longer have to march in step from station to station!

Richard Cooper

CHESS

The first inter school chess tournament for many years was played on 8th August this year against Wanganui Boys' College. Each team had six players who played two games each. The chess was of a good standard, one game taking two hours. School representatives were: Chris Lim, Terence Lim, Andrew Williams, Wayne Hayman, Tony Jans and David Lea. Games were drawn 6-6.

J. Krook



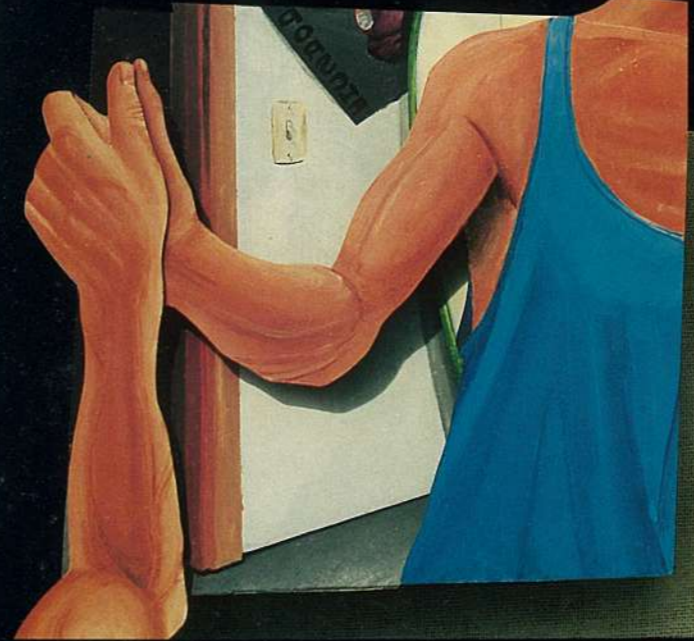
Todd Wolfe in action



Duncan Wilson 6



M. Henry
B. Wilkes 4



Simon Barratt 5



J. Urwin
S. Granville
M. Emerins
M. Locker 4



Gareth Thomas 6



Tao Wells 5



K. Webb
J. Whalley
N. Betts 4



Kevin Leong 7



1st XI HOCKEY

Back Row L to R: Mr Geursen, M. Taylor, M. Dingle, J. Petterson, A. Taylor, B. Whitter
Front Row L to R: N. Betts, B. Larsen, D. Burt, D. Cleaver (Capt), G. Vickers, N. Hills, A. Hills

HOCKEY REPORT

1st XI

This very young team has been a little over-shadowed by the very successful team from last year but they have achieved as much success as the team from last year in winning the local Men's B Grade and coming third at the India Shield Tournament.

Local Competition

In the last ten games the team scored fifty three goals and seven against. This result was a very good effort since a number of Senior players did not play because of injury.

During the season Dylan Cleaver scored seven hat tricks and Guy Vickers six hat tricks. The low number of goals scored against us was due to good defence by the halves and backs. Dwayne Burt and Andrew Taylor can take credit for the good defence.

COLLEGE GAMES

Hamilton Boys' High

For the new players to the team this was the first college game and they had to adjust to the hard competition.

We got off to a poor start with Hamilton scoring two quick goals. Slowly we came back into the game. At halftime the score was 4-1. In the second half we had more scoring opportunities than Hamilton. Result 5-3 loss.

Wanganui Collegiate

This game was a lesson in hockey for us as Wanganui had a very good team and out-played us in every department.

This year the Wanganui team won the Rankin Cup so is the top school team in New Zealand. Result 9-0 loss.

Wellington College

We started the game very well and Wellington did not get out of their half for the first twenty minutes. We had a number of corners but could not score from them. Wellington slowly came back into the game to win. Result 4-2 loss.

Wanganui Boys'

This was a game played in 10cm of water. Wanganui had a very weak team and we out-played them in every department. Mark Dingle scored five goals. Result 10-1 win.

India Shield Tournament

We did very well in the tournament coming third over all which for this young team was an excellent achievement as we were in the hardest pool and the more difficult half of the draw. This meant that we did not have any easy games.

POOL PLAY

Wellington College

A hard fast moving game which was close for fifty minutes of the game until Wellington scored three late quick goals to win 5-1.

Martin Taylor scored our goal.

This loss meant that we had to win the next two games to make it through to the quarter finals. This we achieved by beating Rangitoto College 6-1.

Dylan Cleaver scored five goals and Guy Vickers one goal.

Awatapu College 5-1.

Dylan Cleaver scored two goals, Adrian Graamans two goals and Guy Vickers one goal.

QUARTER FINALS

In the quarter finals we had to play the top team in Pool D which was Pukekohe High. This turned out to be a very exciting game with New Plymouth Boys' High School scoring first and Pukekohe coming back two minutes later. We scored again and two minutes later Pukekohe scored again. In the second half Thomas Goodwin saved a stroke to keep us in the lead. Final result 4-2.

HOCKEY

SEMI FINAL

In the semi final we played Westlake Boys' and although we had the better of the game forcing seventeen penalty corners in the first half we could not score at all. Westlake got two fast break goals which we could not better. Final result 2-1 loss.

This result put us out of the final and we played Wellington College again for third place. This was another fast moving game which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Final placing in Tournament 3rd.



2nd XI HOCKEY

Back Row L to R: C. Hannon, A. Rae, C. Pollack
Middle Row L to R: B. Larsen, G. Andrews, S. Rae, A. Peacock, Mr M. Betts
Front Row L to R: N. Betts, J. Renau, A. Hills, B. Waldie, S. Darke

2nd XI

This year the second XI improved greatly from last year and won a number of games. This improvement in the team is due to the excellent coaching which they received from Mr M. Betts.

The boys would like to thank Mr Betts for his time and effort this year. It must be pointed out that the second XI is playing in the first XI Grade for other schools in the Taranaki area.



BLACK & WHITE HOCKEY TEAMS

Back Row L to R: L. Hunt, G. Goodson (Captain of White Team), R. Paul, L. Hall
Middle Row L to R: K. Anderson, J. Moreland, N. Kilminster, D. Kinera, B. Eden, K. Moorehead, Mrs Gilkison
Front Row L to R: S. Bangard, N. Withers, A. Jamieson, M. Henry, B. Zohs

Black & White Teams

This year the Black and White teams had a number of close games with the White team coming out on top. In the local 4th Grade competition they ended in the middle of the table.

As master in charge of hockey I would like to thank Mrs Gilkison for her time and effort organising the Black and White teams - a most difficult task as the year progressed.

A special thanks goes to Mr Betts for coaching the second XI and Mr P. Cleland for his time with the White team.

H.C. Geursen Master-in charge of Hockey

SKIING

Skiling

After a dismal season, where any training was non-existent and all skiers became converts to the Green House Effect theory, the school ski team of Todd Wolfe, Stefan Quin, Tim Young, Brooke Wolfe and Todd Velvin headed to Ruapehu to compete in the North Island Secondary School Ski Champs.

Day one dawned with the sun shining and a team full of confidence despite the bad draw which saw all our skiers starting well down in the starting order. The event began with promise but the inevitable happened with wind and driving rain setting in, making conditions marginal at best. The team managed to finish in a creditable seventh position at the completion of day one with best individual effort coming from Stefan Quin closely followed by Todd Wolfe.

Fortunately the weather improved for day two and the team made the decision to go as fast as possible and not be content with maintaining seventh place. Flying gates resulted as skier after skier made costly mistakes and we ended in eighteenth place and one broken leg! While not the school's best performance it was a good effort nevertheless. Stefan Quin becomes the 1988 School Champion. The team extends its thanks to Mr & Mrs Wolfe and Mr & Mrs Velvin for their assistance.



SKI TEAM

Back Row L to R: T. Young, Mr Turner, S. Quinn
Front Row L to R: T. Velvin, T. Wolfe, B. Wolfe

Mr Swindells put himself in the detention book for lateness! 5.8.88 - a lucky boy escapes!

VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEY BALL

Back Row L to R: K. Wipatene, A. Breach, J. Lofton-Brook, D. Bublitz, G. Roberts, R. Turner (Coach)
Front Row L to R: R. Landon, S. Manu, P. Cummings, S. Quinn

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FIRST BASKETBALL

Back Row L to R: D. Moles, J. Lofton-Brook, C. Thompson, B. Hicks, J. Burton, D. Bublitz, Mr F. Russell
Front Row L to R: G. Roberts, T. Young, G. Sands, D. Bride, G. Coxhead, S. Luke

BASKETBALL

A Basketball Team

The 1988 season started with mixed emotions. Who was going to coach the team? Mr Bayly who was the "A" team coach for many years, had accepted a position with Spotswood College.

After a few anxious weeks the team were on cloud nine, when they heard their new coach was the I.W.D. coach, Frank Russell.

Frank demonstrated to the boys the expectations of a "Professional Coach", he gave 100% and expected the same in return. Frank was soon to gain the respect he deserved, as the team went from strength to strength from every game.

The team were fortunate to retain their two big men Graham Sands and Darrin Bride from the previous season. Graham led the team admirably as captain with powerful displays on offensive and defensive boards.

Darrin was always reliable throwing in the big three pointers and many long range shots at crucial times.

The "find" of the year was Blair Hicks who has a great future in the game.

Forwards Jeremy Burton, Tim Young, David Bublitz, Campbell Thompson, Blair Hicks and Justin Lofton-Brook played mature basketball especially against the older players on Wednesday nights at the Y.M.C.A. The guard line up of Daryl Moles, Glen Coxhead, Gavin Roberts, Tony Hopkins and Shaun Luke showed excellent control, and executed the offensive patterns very efficiently and at times showed sparks of brilliance.

Winning the Regionals was the icing on the cake for the team for many months of hard training. The team success at the Regionals meant a high seeding at the New Zealand Nationals. With an intensive build up that included often three or four practices a week as well as A Grade club competition inter college games and Taranaki Secondary Schools games.

The first encounter was against Nelson Boys' College and we were looking for a first up comfortable win. The boys excelled themselves from the start and gained an early lead which was never threatened throughout the game. Gavin Roberts captured early points and was impressive throughout the game.

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With this result, the team only needed one more win from its next two games to qualify for the quarter-finals. The next opponent was a very under-rated Tararua College who took the game to New Plymouth Boys' High School diminishing the boys hopes of another victory. The final score was a fine 87-76 victory to Tararua College.

The following day we came up against Kelston Boys' College of Auckland and needed to win to qualify for the quarter-finals. The game started evenly with Kelston's speed and fitness taking its toll on the boys which was reflected by the sixteen point deficit at half time.

A revitalised Boys' High, led by Darrin Bride, Blair Hicks and especially Glen Coxhead brought new meaning to the game. The pressure however couldn't be maintained even with a flourish of three pointers in the dying stages by Darrin Bride. The final score 78-62 demolished hopes of making New Zealand's top eight.

This led us to play Francis Douglas. The team not able to fire couldn't stop Francis Douglas's sharp field shooters. Daryl Moles however controlled the game from the top of the key, feeding his inside men well. However Francis Douglas ran its fast break well and its impressive outside shooting left the boys dismayed with the final score being 72-59.

Our second to last game was against Saint Pats' College to see whether we played for 15th-16th position or 13th-14th spot. The team ran their fast break with confidence and commitment with Shaun Luke and Justin Lofton-Brook playing impressive basketball. We ran out clear winners 97-68.

We had to play Nelson College once again to determine our final position. We won 72-64 and finished 13th in the tournament.

However the boys deserve much applause for their inter school matches which was the highlight of the season, winning every game. An individual highlight was Darrin Bride's inclusion in the Ivon Watkins-Dow squad.

Many thanks must go to Mr Lander whose organisation in the under 16 and under 14 league teams was great. Without his commitment the future of basketball in New Plymouth Boys' High School would die. Murray Roberts once again did a superb job as the "A" team manager and must be thanked for fulfilling the position.

Our captain Graham Sands led the way excellently throughout the season and his commitment and effort rubbed off on every player.

Thanks also to our many supporters especially Mrs Hicks whose voice carried us throughout many tense situations.

And finally thanks must go to our coach Frank Russell. He gave 100% effort all the time and proved to be a very successful coach.

Team Member.

**FIRST BASKETBALL TEAM
 1st TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION
 A TEAM SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

Winners of their regional qualifying tournament for the NZ Secondary Schoolboy National Basketball Tournament and G. Sands and D. Bride selected for the Regional Qualifying Tournament V.

D. Bride selected for the New Plymouth Mens' team.

G. Sands and D. Bride selected for the New Plymouth Under 20 team.

G. Sands, D. Bride, J. Burton, B. Hicks, S. Coxhead, T. Young, D. Moles, and D. Bublitz selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools team.

J. Lofton-Brook and S. Luke selected for the New Plymouth Under 16 team.

D. Moles G. Sands (Capt) Mr F. Russell (Coach)

A TEAM COLLEGE GAMES

1988 was an outstanding year for the A Team in its traditional college game performance. All were won for the first time in the history of the school.

They were against:-

Hamilton Boys' High School won 123-49

Wellington College won 90-45

Wanganui Boys' College won 72-67

Wanganui Collegiate won 98-35

In addition to the above further history was made by the A Team in winning the Taranaki Intersecondary School Competition for the first time.

"B" TEAM

All team members enjoyed themselves this year, although in terms of results it was not very successful.

By the end of the season, all players had improved greatly. The most improved player was Stuart Pratt, followed by Justin Van de Water.

I would like to thank Mr Josephs for all the help he gave the team this year and indeed without him there would probably not have been a team.

I would also like to thank all the boys who filled in for the team when we were short during the season.

J. Gardner



BASKETBALL B's

Back Row L to R: W. McCullam, P. Shearer, N. Muller, A. Josephs (Coach)
Front Row L to R: D. Cleaver, S. Pratt, J. Gardiner (Coach), A. Harvie

UNDER 16

CARRINGTON

This year is the first for the Carrington Basketball team in the Under 16 Grade. The team is made up of boarders except for one day boy. Carrington did not have a successful year from the point of view of winning games but basketball provided fitness for the team as well as good fun. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Cook for acting as manager and for organising transport. Thanks also to Jeremy Burton for his good effort coaching.



CARRINGTON UNDER 16

Back Row L to R: A. Mills, M. Bielski, M. Stevenson, I. Redington, J. Burton (Coach)
Front Row L to R: M. Jonas, B. Robertson, B. Faulkner, J. Schrader
Absent: C. Scadden, A. Hills, D. Commerer

RAIDERS

The Raiders started the season with a positive attitude which showed out in their games. They won most easily with an average margin of twenty four points.

The team was led well by Shaun Luke who showed much skill and determination in his ball control which eventually won him a place in the 'A' team. Scott Hine and Stefan Quinn showed ability in controlling the ball with Hine at times showing brilliant shooting skill.

Jolly showed improvement throughout the year in the off guard position and Duane McLellan showed excellent offensive skills averaging over twenty points per game.

In the big men's line up Eugene Williams gave 110% effort every game and showed good defensive skills. Mark Wipatene and Tao Wells showed excellent rebounding at both ends of the court with their offensive improving throughout the year. The year was a successful one with the final going our way by 32 points, 60-28, against Francis Douglas College. Graham Sands and I enjoyed coaching the team and our thanks go to Mr Hine for offering his services to be parent in charge.

D. Bublitz



RAIDERS UNDER 16

Back Row L to R: G. Sands (Coach), S. Quin, T. Wells, M. Wipatene, D. McLellan, D. Bublitz (Coach)
Front Row L to R: E. Williams, S. Luke, S. Hine, G. Jolly

PIONEERS

The Pioneers had a mixed season this year, finishing about half way down the points table. They had many close games, losing many by only a few points. Unfortunately, the team was affected by injuries to key players in crucial games and the final results could have been much better. However, the team enjoyed their games.

Thanks to Mr Mossop and Mr Jones for their excellent help and their coaching and refereeing respectively.



PIONEERS UNDER 16

Back Row L to R: M. Jones, C. Lee, D. Mossop (Coach)
Front Row L to R: P. Vyver, M. Opie, G. Diack

EAGLES

The Eagles were undoubtedly one of the most talented teams in the league. They finished third and most of the players have another year in Under 16 level to go. The team was spearheaded by Nelson Polutu and Anthony Ruakere who are great prospects for the A team in years to come. They were ably assisted by the overall abilities of forwards Chris Patten, Hamish Mills, Stephen Latham and Nigel Tapsell who all performed well for coaches Darrin Bride and Glen Coxhead.

The guards were very important in this team both offensively and defensively and the hustle of Michael Martin-Dromgool, Ryan Arbaugh and Paul McCabe almost always paid off. Most of the players were also in the Fourth Form basketball team so if the team stays together the future of Boys' High School Basketball looks good. Special thanks to Mrs Martin-Dromgool who was the team parent supervisor.



EAGLES UNDER 16

Back Row L to R: G. Coxhead, C. Mills, C. Patten, A. Ruakere, D. Mohi, D. Bride (Coach)
Front Row L to R: R. Arbaugh, N. Tapsell, P. McCabe, N. Polutu, M. Martin-Dromgool

THIRD FORM TEAMS UNDER 14

CELTICS

Apart from Boarders the team has been the same team that have played together in previous years. This could be the reason for the strong team spirit and determination to do well throughout the season.

Although the team was the smallest in the competition they have done extremely well against bigger opposition. Tony Earl was forced to change position to forward. We had a strong set of rebounders later in the season when the tallest player Aaron Fearn found some promising form.

With Brooke Wolfe's percentage shooting and Paul Kelly's speed, running the court we had the best guards in the competition. The team's main strength coming from the evenness of talent throughout.

The team came third in their competition, losing narrowly to Francis Douglas in their final game.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Kelly for attending all games throughout the competition and for being the adult associated with the team. Also thanks to Shane Kelly for his refereeing.



COCA COLA CELTIC UNDER 14

Back Row L to R: T. Garwood, M. Gordon, A. Fearn, G. Martin, N. Mills, M. Roberts (Coach)
Front Row L to R: P. Kelly, M. Peacock, T. Earl, B. Wolfe, C. Davis

BEARS

This team showed a lot of promise at the beginning of the season. However, because of unforeseen circumstances they dwindled through most of the season.

The team won only a few games, but all members played as a team. The most improved player was Kylie Le Bas.

Many thanks must go to Mr Hickey who helped me with the team every week.

Team members:- J. Gardner (Coach), S. Barkley, K. Le Bas, J. Norden, M. Taylor, D. Drake, P. Neilson, D. Hickey, J. MacDonald, M. Hemmings.

J. Gardner



THE BEARS UNDER 14

Back Row L to R: P. Nielson, M. Taylor, M. Hemmings, J. MacDonald, J. Gardner (Coach)
Front Row L to R: D. Drake, J. Norden, K. Le Bas, S. Buckley, D. Hickey

LAKERS

Beginning the season was difficult for the Lakers as not only was there a number of first year players but none had played together before proving hard to get teamwork together. The man to man defence was played by the team, relying heavily on fast break for offence. The team had a good forward line with players like Brendan Metcalfe, Reuben Thorne and Bradley Cribb all showing potential but suffered from the lack of ability from the guards to get the ball inside. Overall the team did work hard and never gave up in the face of defeat. The team would like to thank Mr and Mrs Ritchie for coming along on Fridays and providing transport to venues. Also thanks to the parents for their great support.

The team was:- B. Metcalfe, R. Thorne, B. Cribb, J. Ritchie, H. Chisholm, R. Beale, C. Northcott, C. Mowatt, T. O'Rourke.



THE LAKERS UNDER 14

Back Row L to R: T. Young (Coach), R. Beale, B. Cribb, R. Thorne, C. Northcott, D. Moles (Coach)
Front Row L to R: H. Chisholm, J. Ritchie, B. Metcalfe, C. Mowatt, S. Haynes
Absent: T. O'Rourke

BOMBERS

An enjoyable season of basketball was had by all team members, with the team developing well. All players improved throughout the season.

R. Farrow, J. Yiannett, A. Murray and M. Collins were selected to play in an Under 14 team at a tournament at Waitara.

Thanks must go to Mr Harland for his coaching and interest throughout the season and to the parents who came to the games to support us.



BOMBERS UNDER 14

Back Row L to R: S. Rae, A. Murray, M. Collins, M. Finnigan
Front Row L to R: J. Yiannett, R. Yarrow, N. Dasler, B. Goodey
Absent: T. Velvin

The kidnapers' weapons were a sworn off shotgun and a baseball bat.

4th FORM TEAM

This team was mainly the Under 16 Eagles team with Malcolm Opie and Third Former Tony Earl.

The team's short time together produced a win against Wanganui Boys' College 48-31, which was part of an inter-college fixture.

The annual Fourth Form team tournament was poorly organised and the team was disappointed to lose early on to Francis Douglas College.

If each member is prepared to put time and effort into this sport then their future looks bright.

Thanks to Darrin Bride and Jeremy Burton for their coaching and to Mr Harland for his help.



UNDER 15 REP BASKETBALL

Back Row L to R: A. Fearn, C. Patten, N. Pulotu
Middle Row L to R: M. Roberts (Coach), R. Yarrow, J. Norden, A. Murry, M. Gordon, Mr Harland
Front Row L to R: J. Yiannett, B. Wolfe, M. Peacock, T. Earl, P. Kelly

3rd FORM TEAM

These boys apart from a few exceptions were brought together from different teams later in the season to play in a tournament in Waitara.

They would be competing against teams such as Francis Douglas, Spotswood and Inglewood. They defeated Inglewood early in the day but could not hold their own against the old rivals Francis Douglas.

The boys finished in second place in the tournament after winning a closely matched game against Spotswood. The tournament was an Under 15 tournament.

We thank Form 4 boys, N. Polutu and C. Patten for assisting the squad.

Also thanks to our coaches G. Roberts and Mr Harland.

Final Comments

New Plymouth Boys' High School has had another very successful year of Basketball. This is the result of the effort and support of a large number of people. Without this support we could not function. I would like to thank the following:-

Parents associated with the teams. Mr Roberts (A team), Mrs Martin-Dromgool (Eagles), Mr Hine (Raiders), Mr and Mrs Ritchie (Lakers), Mrs Kelly (Coca Cola Celtics), Mr Hickey (Bears).

Coaches of teams:- Mr Russell (A team), J. Gardner (B team), Mr Mossop (Pioneers), D. Bride, G. Coxhead (Eagles), G. Sands, D. Bublitz (Raiders), J. Burton (Carrington), Mr Harland (Bombers), D. Moles, T. Young (Lakers), G. Roberts, T. Hopkins (Coca Cola Celtics), J. Gardner (Bears).

The staff who assisted on Friday nights:- Mr Harland, Mr Mossop, Mr Clareburt, Mr Bone, Mr Howes, Mr Cook and Mr Sole.

Thanks must go also to all the parents, staff and boys whose various contributions all went to make it the excellent year it was.

J. Lander

LITERATURE

and ART

JAPANESE

HAIKU

A haiku poem consists of seventeen syllables. The season is often referred to. The following is by one of the greatest haiku poets, Matsuo Basho (1644-94).

よくみれば
なみはなさく
なくみれば
なみはなさく
かきねかな

Carefully looking,
Blooming shepherd's purse
Under the hedge

かきのなか
さくのふいて
くうのきこ
うのきこ

In the trees
The wind blows
The Cherry Blossom tree

A. Coles

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See the birds
Sitting in trees,
It is nice.

J. Schrader

LATIN

Romani multas superstitiones de mala fortuna habuerunt.
Romani putabant malam fortunam esse:

- * flores plasticas mori
- * haruspicem vagrantem tibi fortunam, quam tu non possideat, dicturum esse.
- * te oculos vitreos invenire, cum tibi opus sit.
- * te decidere, sed pavimentum evadere.

The Romans had many superstitions about bad luck. Bad luck to the Romans is:

- * when your plastic flowers die.
- * when a gypsy goes to tell your fortune and finds there isn't one.
- * when you need glasses to find your glasses.
- * when you trip over and miss the floor.

Blair Duffy

audio nihil mali
video nihil mali
dico nihil mali

I hear no evil
I see no evil
I speak no evil

David Maxwell

Humptius Dumptius

Humptius Dumptius consedit in muro
Humptius Dumptius cecidit de muro
regis omnes equi hominesque
non poterant Humptium reficere.

Mark Hills



Kevin Leong 7

The Two Of Us

We are two petals which make up the flower,
We are the two sparks which are part of the power.
You are the Sun, I am the night,
You are the vision and I am the sight.
These are the words that unite us today.
These are the feelings that make us stay.

We are the two rivers that meet at the sea,
We are the two birds that are happy and free.
You are the future, I am the past,
You are the first and I am the last.
They think they are right, and we are wrong,
They are the weak and we are the strong.

When we're apart I am in pain,
But when we're together I see it's in vain.
You are my mind, you are my thought,
You are everything I ever fought.
I've never thought of power and glory,
To me you are a one man's story.

Hellow my love do you remember me?
I'm the guy who used to be,
You Love.
Can't you see I'm in pain,
It's worse than the falling of the rain.
You used to be the one my Love.

We could have been weak, we could have been strong,
We could have made it but you went wrong.
But please my Love don't forget the times we had, they weren't all bad.

I had you, and you had me,
Then you left just to be,
With the other guy.
Love can be bought, Love can be free,
But you girl wanted all three.

You my Love are numbered with fools,
For you have broken all of the rules.
If you're going to treat me like dirt,
And you're going to be a flirt,
Then you can get off this boat right now.

You my Love have now gone and I'm alone,
Now I'm free to wander and roam.
Without you on my every thought.
So long my Love.

Louis Rattray

Freedom

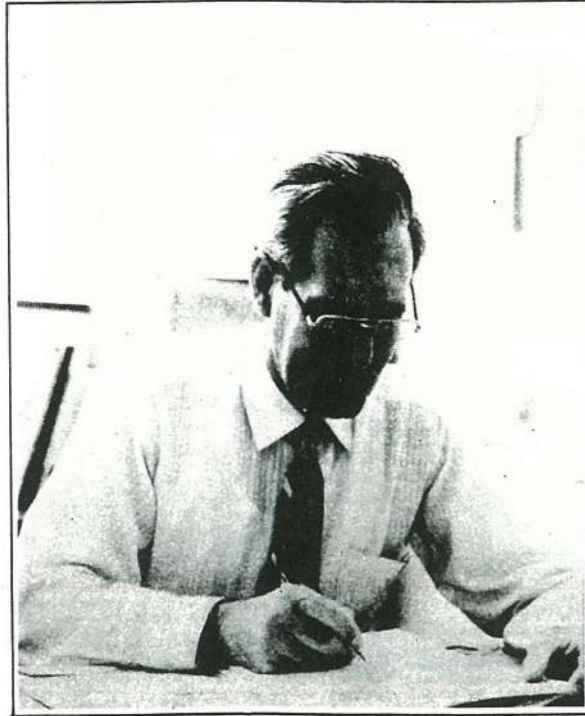
Don't run, don't hide,
Can't you see I'm on your side.
Don't feel the pain,
Running through your veins.

Give me your hand
And make a stand.
Fight the ones,
Who hold the whips and guns,
For we want liberation,
No more segregation,
These are the feelings that are heard,
From the blacks of Johannesburg.

We've got to fight,
For the right,
of Freedom of speech,
So we can teach,
The children of tomorrow,
Not to live in hate and sorrow.

Louis Rattray

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The "Brine" of NPBHS

The Brine Experience

Rendall Brine ended his teaching and administrative career at NPBHS recently with the announcement of his retirement from teaching. Mr Brine first came to the school in 1947 as a student and returned 21 years later as a teacher. Upon his arrival to the school in 1968 he took up a position as the Head of Mathematics. Mr Brine advanced to the Senior Master's position on a permanent basis in 1976 where his most active and important roles have been in evidence. Mr Brine has also been involved in various deanships, his most recent being the Seventh Form Dean position.

As a Senior Master, Mr Brine had many areas of responsibility. He was concerned with the training of new teachers and was basically in charge of the entire guidance network such as the various deans. The day to day administration of the school was also under Mr Brine's control, such as the running of raffles. Along with these two major areas Mr Brine was involved in producing a staff manual or a set of rules for staff to follow and was the co-ordinator of SFC at NPBHS.

Personally, Mr Brine says he was "very disappointed" at having to leave the job he has served in for the past 20 years. Mr Brine has given to the school in three main areas. Firstly, Mr Brine has contributed to sport inside the school with various areas of involvement - cricket and

rugby in particular. This has included being President of the Secondary Schools' Rugby Union. His teaching ability in maths, especially to higher level students has been very much appreciated and of great value to the school. Finally, his role as Senior Master has been Mr Brine's most challenging and enjoyable area of work. It is here in particular that the school has seen his numerous skills put to work.

Mr Brine feels that the person who had the most influence over his career was the First Headmaster he served under at Waitara High School. He has been able to apply the strict, high professional standards which this man first introduced him to back in his first years of teaching.

Mr Brine now intends to continue his active interest in sport. Faking and playing golf will have a high priority along with his involvement in Lions. He also hopes to continue a small involvement with NPBHS. Rendall Brine is a remarkable man. His contribution and loyalty to NPBHS is second to none and his dedication to his job was just one of the attributes of a fine man. Mr Brine has firmly established a reputation of excellence in the Senior Master's position at NPBHS and his significant contribution and competence will be missed in the years to come.

by Mark Low.

STATE SECTOR SWINDLE

What's created in the dead of night with a staff sworn to the utmost secrecy and introduced to the world in a form that even the creators could not fully comprehend? No it is not the latest from Dr Frankenstein but something equally destructive. It is the Labour Government's 'State Sector Bill'.

When introduced for its first reading, government MPs had not even read it. The central idea of the bill is to equate the state sector with the private sector thus contriving the "Rogeromics" idea that all things in the private sector are productive and cost effective.

The teachers are concerned with those parts of the bill that not only potentially affect their pay rates and working conditions, but also those parts that will cause inequality in education. The possibility of regional pay rates and conditions would mean teachers would desire to transfer to those areas that have higher pay and more holidays or sick pay.

The pressure from state unions forced the Government to make a multitude of changes. So along with its return to the second reading was a Mickey Mouse collection of one hundred and fifty pages of amendments crudely stapled to the back. MPs were debating the changes without even having read the bill. Submissions were asked for from the public and only two copies were produced.

The Labour Government has attempted to rush the bill through the committee stages to get it passed by April 1st. There is no excuse for the Government to totally disregard the democratic process by ignoring public concern. This creates discontent and suspicion among the laymen. Perhaps there is some other reason that the Government wanted the bill passed so hurriedly. Maybe a small clause through the hands of a powerful few could wreak havoc in New Zealand society as the Government continues its quest for the ever elusive economic bliss.

BY CAMERON MARSHALL

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Boled Out!

Recently New Zealand was subjected to the force of Cyclone Bola. During the course of one week, over \$100 million worth of damage was done.

In New Plymouth we suffered high winds, up to gale force, with several houses losing their roofs and having to be re-roofed with tarpaulins.

The school was closed on the eighth of March when a state of emergency was declared in North Taranaki. During the storm many of the older trees were felled, many of the pongas lost leaves, while the large trees at the far end of the gully lost branches. Most of this damage can be

blamed on the funnel effect the gully has in strong winds. Some buildings lost tiles from their roofs with the most obvious damage being done to Fridham Hall.

The replacement trees for the gully are coming from Duncan and Davies although they too suffered damage to a lot of stock. The replanting will take some time as the gully is still being cleared. It will be several weeks beyond the printing of this edition of The Whistle before the school is back to its usual standard.

Certainly Bola had a powerful arm. It is hoped that we don't have to face one like this again. As an interesting anecdote... one mad field tripper was keen to go out and do battle with the gale... on top of a mountain no less. The Whistle is offering no prize

for the identity of this man, but rumour has it that only a Head Masterial decree stopped him from donning his shorts, grasping his walking stick and venting his might against — the wrath of Bola.



Mr Larry Farmer (groundsman) contemplates just some of the damage caused by Cyclone Bola. Only moments after this shot was taken, Mr Farmer almost lost his head due to a large branch having a "swipe" at him.

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THE WHISTLE

1988 has been a good year for The Whistle and its staff. A group of twelve dedicated boys has ensured that the newspaper remains alive and healthy—this despite the fact that economic recession has made the financing of the paper increasingly difficult. In this respect much is owed to Jon Wallace (Form Seven) who has successfully raised enough advertising revenue to pay the operating costs of The Whistle and more! Eventually, the profits from the publication will be used to subsidise the purchase of an Archimedes computer for the English Department. This machine will be of great value to the school newspaper as well. Technologically and financially, then The Whistle has come a long way. With renewed vigour in 1989 the computer will be ours and operating costs may subsequently drop!

P. Ryder M.I.C
The Whistle

MY FATHER'S HANDS

My father's hands measure 4" x 7 1/2". Wow! No wonder my ear stings when I get a clout! I don't exactly get excited when I see that hand wrapped around the strap when I know I'm in for IT. I don't see the strap, only that massive hand. Suppose I asked for it. Anyway, I like the feeling when that same massive hand gives me a friendly pat on the top of my head, or shoulder when I have done something right or helpful.

Dad works at Fitzroy Engineering and is a fitter/welder, so he does his work with hands that need to be strong. He can also fix the car, do carpentry and other jobs. I like it best when Dad's hand is holding Mum's. It makes me feel good inside.

A.B.

THE WIND

It rips through trees and tears at houses, It swirls round cars and sneaks through windows.

It whips the sea up into a rage and freezes the lakes and pools. It strips off tiles from a house as if they were held with tape.

It flattens the weak and humble fences as if to say "lie down and die, your time is up". It will burst through doors if you give it a chance.

It peeks its head through key holes and sends shivers down your spine. It sends people scurrying for shelter to escape it's devastating path. The wind.

Shane Grant

Nothing is What It Seems/You're my Creation,

God does not always drive a Triumph. And liberty is not who holds the torch, The U.S. and Russia are allied, But won't you look how they have fought.

Nothing is what it seems, But who is relating? We've visualised invisible dreams, Don't mention it, You're my Creation.

Little kids with boppy clothes, Thinking how they are at the top. Forget the runny nose, Boppers top the lot...

Nothing is what it seems, But who is relating? We've visualised invisible dreams, Don't mention it, You're my Creation.

Manu Scott

The seal in the dolphin pond

As the man walked in, the quiet, comfortable air of the office turned instantly into one of apprehensive hostility. Speech became forced, then stopped, and in the silence all eyes turned to the newcomer.

"So he has hired one," came a whisper. "Yeah, and look at him," came a reply. For his part the newcomer, a tall, slim negro of about thirty looked apprehensively about him, and cleared his throat. "I'm the new man, you've probably heard about me, but if you haven't, my name is George." On getting no response, he moved to the new stained wood desk in a well lit corner and sat down.

The eyes slowly turned away from him and back to their work; but there was no talking other than soft whispers, ones that would not carry to the man in the corner. "Just look at him, sitting there like a king." "Yeah, thinks he owns the place already." "I'm not taking any orders from that nigger."

Seemingly unperturbed the man continued his work, deftly balancing sheets and budgets neatly, quickly, correctly, all the things others in the office hated. When it came time for morning tea, the others all had theirs handed to them, all that is except the man in the corner, he was ignored.

At lunch, he left, leaving those in the office to talk about him, to air their views, most of them derogatory. "I don't care if our employer's black, at least this is a job, but putting black supervisors to look after us is the limit. I don't know about you but I aren't listening to him," and so saying, he walked over to that corner desk and emptied his coffee over it. The others looked on, unsure but making no move to stop Mark, the unofficial leader of the staff. After all, they weren't too happy either with things, but liked the job and so took a neutral stance.

When the office hours resumed that afternoon, George was still ignored, with some employees, the initial resentment had worn off but they were still not prepared to accept him.

When George discovered the coffee spilt on his desk and paper he slowly looked around, all eyes stayed glued to their work and, with a small sigh, George got a cloth and wiped up the mess, then resumed his work. All through the afternoon the treatment continued, George was ignored and, whispers about him constantly circled the room.

At 4.00 pm, the negro employer walked in, because he was their employer he had long since been accepted, he had a few words with George, asking if he could stay late that night to finish a balance sheet. So it was that George stayed in the building that night. At 8.00 pm George heard loud screams from the room next door, he raced in to find another lady from the same office being confronted by a large man with a knife. Not checking his run, George hit the man at full speed, knocking him against a desk. By this time the security guard had arrived to find the attacker pinned down by George. Without a word, the guard grabbed the man and hauled him away down the hall. After a nervous glance, the lady followed, leaving George amongst broken chairs and toppled desks.

That morning the paper carried a minor story on the incident, but when George entered the office, the occupants (stirred up by Mark) were more hostile than ever. "I suppose he thinks he's really big now." "Yeah, what a big man."

At this George turned around, the surprise and hurt registering on his face at the remark. For a moment he stood and looked at Mark, silence filled the room. Then he turned and headed for the door. For him, this was it, his hope, of being accepted for what he was, remained that, a lost hope.

All eyes in the office followed his progress to the door, all wanting to call him back. None of them did.

And as they watched him walk down the street below the office, each felt a sense of sadness, of loss, but deeper than that, one of shame, shame that they could not accept him, despite his benevolence, his attempts to be accepted in the harsh world, to be liked, fairly treated, and, to be accepted for what he was, an equal. If not a better!

Nicholas Thorp

Armchair Atrocities

Buckled down in armchair theatre one night
A glowing prism of corruption screams
In a scary world of huge headlines
Provoking hazardous and violent dreams
to explode into the reality of society's crimes.
Sipping beverage, apathetic towards this plight,
A man of sixty-five shifts and laughs
As he positions his hands in his lady's purse
Completing a crossword, as she wines and baths
Extravagant, but oblivious of fate's evil curse
Stealing the boxed-up screams upon his flight,
Dark, greasy palms leave but a smudge
On the efforts of those futile figures
Who, unable to hold a realistic grudge
Blame all passing, on native 'niggers'
Racism precipitating the inevitable plebiscite:
Politicians pile on the campaigning crap
Of concern, but vote 'against' in the crunch
And it's the public's humiliation taking the rap
When a hypocritical parliament is 'out to lunch'
Armchair audiences have the potential might -
The flick of a switch to their 'Miami Vice'
Can lighten the mind and unwind the soul
Lightning is said to never strike twice
We should prepare ourselves for the divine role
For man will experience a death-taking fright:
God will burst through the opaque screen
With a flame-thrower, burning their eyes -
The blinding burns, all is serene
And no one then, will look to the skies.

James Stewart

Sense and Senility

Waiting for her loved-one at the station with no name
A skip of anticipation shortens her knee-length dress
She holds a handful of creamy young flowers
Before her face, to hide the youth in her life.
One white train approaches, within a teenage dream.
It steams through come morning-only her train of thought
Waiting was the worst of being so young —
She sat back down in the wooden seat of youth.
The white-suited man with the tilted hat
Had not yet arrived with his suitcase of permanence
Her fresh, first flowers now died with time
But she clutched their stems-hopingly.
She scuffled home, wearing out her new shoes,
As she threw off her flower hat and '50's' skirt.
Train's whistle blowin' down the romantic track
She pulls on a mini, a t-shirt but no bra
And her pizza-face complexion had dripped away.
She stands on the platform as a black train arrives,
She turns her prettied head in despairing anguish
And begins to walk down memory lane.
An unshaven man steps down all in black
His suitcase as old as the flower on his chest
He calls the porter to his paying aid,
And asks of the crying woman, not too far away
He bounds to help her in a stumbling folly
His black suitcase bursts open, its contents spilled
A white suit lies on the cruel platform
A red rose crushed under foot
As he watches near-future disappear into Single Street
Only leaving behind the puddled tears of romanticism.

James Stewart

WAR

"We were on patrol in the jungle, the dense undergrowth and sweltering heat made it hard goin'. All of a sudden, I saw a figure ahead, I pointed my M16 at him and this person turned his head and just stared. I froze 'cos it was a boy of about twelve to fourteen. Then, all of a sudden, he turned his whole body and pointed his automatic weapon at me, I just opened up, fired the whole twenty rounds right into the kid - he just laid in a pool of blood. I dropped my weapon and cried ... "This is a true account of war."

A strange thing, war. With its bloodshed and cruelty, its pain grief and tears, it should fill every civilized person with the utmost and unwavering revulsion. It ought to, and often does. And yet, there is a strange and timeless fascination about warfare and the warrior since the dawn of time. Civilisations have been destroyed, empires created, all for the sake of power. There must be something deep inside the human soul that lusts for and thrills to the clash of arms and the spilling of blood while enabling itself to blot out the shrieks of the dead and the dying.

Battle is a harrowing business. In addition to the physical risks of death or injury, the soldier is subject to intense psychological pressures generated by exhaustion, noise, worries about family and friends and the sight of comrades being killed and wounded. Why? Why must families endure the heart wrenching torture of losing loved ones? Why must young men pay the ultimate price and lose their life in a war which they did not even start? And why must two human beings become mortal enemies and kill or be killed? To answer these questions we must look at the causes of war. Is it big business for the weapon makers? Or is it power for the power hungry leaders of nations - or both? If only politicians and leaders realised that the soldier is not a weapon but a human being, hearts and minds, after all, live in bodies too.

War is the face of pain, grief, tears, despair and death and effects are felt first and foremost by the soldier and immediate family. Warfare alters and sometimes transforms societies and leaves no-one who has been exposed to its turmoil unchanged. But it is still the soldier for whom the experience of war is most vivid. For some, the memory of war is one of horror and suffering, but for the majority, war is comradeship, the pride of achievement and shared endeavour set alongside the anguish of anticipation, the misery of privation and the shock of battle. Most did not find war "glorious" but looked upon it as their duty to fight for their country and freedom and nothing more.

The new threat of nuclear war looms menacingly overhead and the possibility of another World War seems all too real. But do not under value moral attitudes; few national leaders want to commit the worst atrocity of all time and that thought, rather than any other deterrents may be what has saved us - so far. Yet it only takes one mad man, one politician or one fool who misunderstands a crisis to bring civilisation to an abrupt end.

So, how to stop war? For instance, if we give a ban on nuclear testing the Soviet Union and United States would, as the years passed, begin to doubt the effectiveness of their war heads. Both sides might begin to stop thinking about perpetrating a disabling first strike because of the risk of "failure." This might act as a deterrent to the hypocrisy that occurs at the United Nations meetings where governments vow unanimously to work for complete disarmament and after that moving experience, the presidents and prime ministers all go home to order new battle tanks and new submarines! Winston Churchill's dictum still holds true; "Jaw, Jaw is better than War, War."

Some scientists say that whatever treaties are devised, every few years a multi-megaton weapon should be exploded safely in the atmosphere to show the incomprehensible heat and force it holds. Even at a safe distance they will feel it like the opening of an oven door, or the gates of hell....

Paul Fenton - Winning Speech Seventh Form Speech Competition.

Censorship will also help to bring up children influenced by wrong ideas by not having those ideas in the first place ...

THE HOUSE THAT FLOATED AWAY

Kiaora, how is your weather? Most probably better than ours. It has been raining cats and dogs here for hours; I think we are in for a huge flood.

By the way, my name is Hohepa Taranga. I think it is a very important time to mention my name, because this might be the last time you hear of me. The way this rain is pouring down, not only my house will get washed away—so will the whole town, Te Araroa.

The town is close to the sea and already the sea has risen high.

I hope my cousins are all right down in Taranaki because I heard that they are threatened with strong winds.

"Come on Hohepa, breakfast is ready."

"Coming Mum, see you folks later".

"Dad, do you think there's going to be a big flood?"

"I hope not son, because we might lose the house and new garage."

Then Mum said, "If there is a flood we will all pack our things and move to the marae on the hill overlooking the town."

"That's a good idea," I replied feeling safe and secure.

Hullo again, I hope you were not too bored waiting. You missed out on a good bit of kai; we had puha, porkbones and hot bread straight from the oven. I had better not mention anything else because you might get hungry.

Anyway, if there is a flood we are going to move up to the pa on the hill.

Hei Konei ra, I better go, Mum's calling.

"Hohepa pack your things, pack only what you need, we are all going to the marae." I looked out the window.

"Hey Mum, there's a river outside?"

I froze inside, scared of what might happen. Mere my little sister was crying. Mum comforted her. We put our raincoats and gumboots on and headed up the street towards Te Araroa township. I was shocked once I saw the water. It was all over the place. Loose debris was floating on the surface. There were already people walking through the township towards the pa. When we arrived I felt warm and happy inside. I could hear people inside the meeting house singing. Once I was inside I jumped straight into my blankets.

After tea we had a karakia - then we slept. I could not sleep because the rain was pounding down down onto the roof like drums. I was woken the next day, by crying. I went outside. The flood water had increased in size. Te Araroa looked like a swamp; it was devastating. I couldn't believe how the water had covered most of the town. Houses were wrecked. I looked for our house. "Where is it?" I said to myself. I spotted it floating out to sea. I felt weird inside because I lived in that house and now it is floating away never to be seen again. I consider myself lucky because it could have been worse; as long as we are all together, that is what counts.

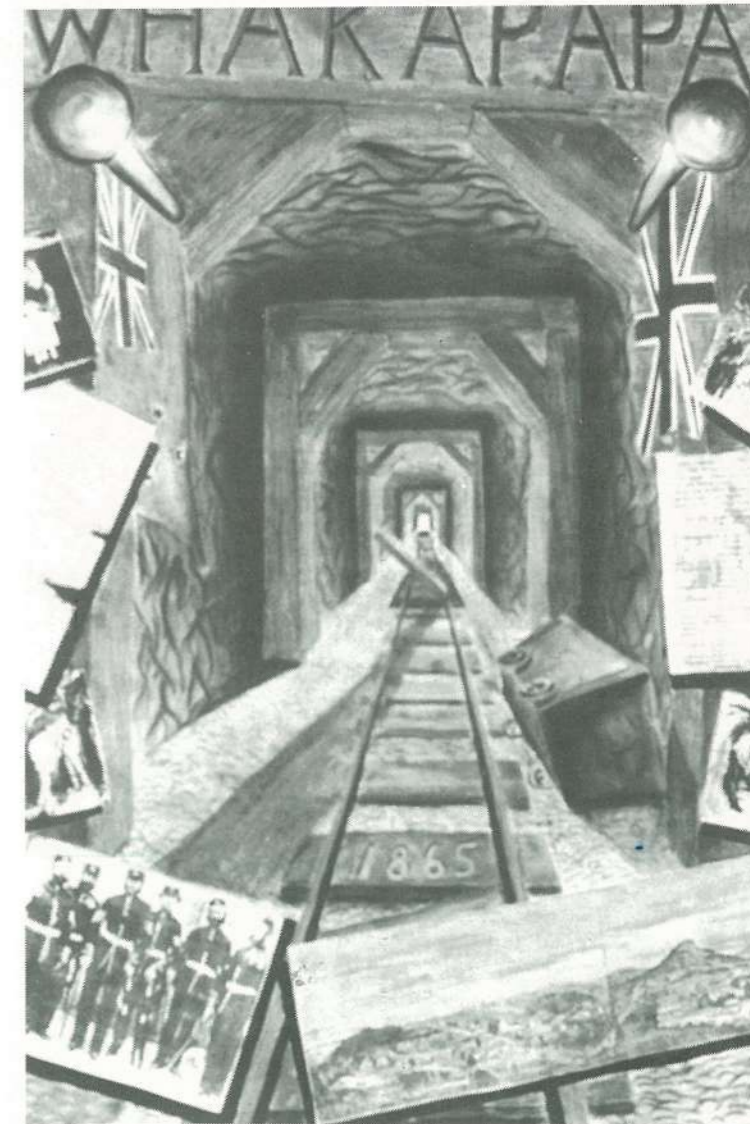
Jason Ruakere

LLOYD

The sleet pelted down on the cobbled stones churning out a sickening drum inside Lloyd's head. No matter how hard he tried it grew slowly from a dull beat to a full orchestral percussion solo in his sullen mind, forcing him to snap open his eyes. He peered into the open expanse of utter nothingness and contemplated on his sour and loveless life. This time Lloyd believed life owed him one. Slowly the cold crept into his thinking and jerked him back into reality. He shivered and let out a slow, long sigh. His gaze fixed on nothing, yet staring straight ahead, again the memories came.

A shrill scream pierced the cold night air and groped for Lloyd's ears. Sitting stiffly upright all that could be heard was the sucking of deep breaths, his own. He had actually fallen asleep.

The soft glow of fluorescent hands on the clock indicated 3 a.m. still cold, still raining perhaps even harder. The sickness in his head returned and the icy air coming in the broken window whispered.



Aaron Topless 5

Ponyboy was asked to write an S.A. by his English teacher so he wrote about how he met two girls ...

King Richard the Lion Harded sent his son on a crusade ...

The long grey coat reflected his state of being and was slipped on last, always before the hat, another rule of his. His rules, their rules, always rules for him, life owed him one. Like a lame dancer he shuffled across the floor, grasped the doorknob and exited his dark paradise. The comfort of darkness seemed to be the only luxury he could afford. Outside the pulsating lights maddened his already troubled mind. Looking down he pulled the hat hard on and lit-up.

Even the flash of the match hurt his eyes. A deep drag seemed the answer. It was probably these that caused him his problems in the first place. The packet went flying. The pain had progressed for the worse. The rain was getting harder, very hard. Lloyd walked on. Why him? Intense pain washed over Lloyd in waves. It was almost a storm. There was nothing, nothing they could do. Four weeks Lloyd was given, it had only been two. It's a tumour Mr Johnson ... it's a tumour Mr Johnson ... it's a tumour Mr Johnson...

Campbell Thompson

The Twelve Tasks of Hercules

Hera was a wicked lady.
She sent two deadly snakes
To kill the youngster Hercules,
Who turned them into steaks.
Who turned them into steaks.
Hera was disappointed, so,
Until later in life,
She drove our hero to despair —
He killed his loving wife.
He was grief stricken when he heard
Exactly what he'd done.
He offered himself to the king,
A broken man become.
Eurystheus set him twelve tasks —
And monstrous tasks they were.
They would rid him of all his guilt.
If he brought back the fur.
We seem to have made a slight mistake,
Jason brought back the fur.
Hercules did no task like that,
So let us not deter.
His first task was to kill a beast
Whose hide no blade could pierce.
But Hercules armed with his own bare hands,
He killed the monster fierce.
His next task was to kill a dog.
It was no plain old mutt.
The dog had nine whole serpents heads
Which grew when they were cut.
He had to seal each serpent head
After he's slashed it clear,
So it wouldn't grow again.
Our hero had no fear.
Impossible task number three:
To catch a deer alive.
It had its share of qualities
To make you take a dive.
Hercules stalked if for a year.
His moment finally came.
He deftly caught it in a net,
And added to his fame.
Our hero had done very well
So far, to number four.
Which was it seemed an easy task —
It was to trap a boar.
The next two were demanding tasks,
But he was quite able.
The first to test his sense of smell,
He had to clean a stable.
Maneating birds were number six.
He scared them with a yell.
They flew into the air so he
Could shoot them. Down they fell
His next task was to trap the mares
Diomedes had cherished.
They were all fed on human flesh,
For that, their owner perished.
Hercules fed them to his mares
To satisfy their lust.
So Hercules could take them to
The grand king as he must.
He asked the great queen Hippolyte,
To hand over her belt.
But Hera showed her ugly face.
And arrows our man felt.
Hera had told the Amazons,
Our man was "bad as sin".
He had to fight an army huge —
Instead of one person!
His tasks were nearly over, and
He had done well he guessed.
He had to get some cattle from
Far away in the west.

The herd was guarded by two beasts,
Which he did kill at once.
He led the herd to the grand king,
Who made him do these stunts.

For his next task, he had to get
The apples of Queen Hera.
If our good hero did succeed,
To his goal he'd be nearer.

Here he had a lucky escape —
Instead of his great size,
For once he had to use his head!
To come up with the prize.

At last here was the final task,
So far he'd struggled and toiled.
He dragged away Pluto's guard dog,
And Hera he had foiled.

And so were the tasks of Hercules.
But Hera planned his demise!
She carried it out but Zeus found out.
Immortality was his prize!!

A. Martin

Old Stumpy Hill

Buy me a beer,
And I'll tell you some lies,
'Bout the wild out-back,
Where the Bush Hawk flies.

Where Johnny McKay,
And Hurricane Bill,
Lived in a hut,
Under old stumpy hill.

The trees all around,
Were black with age,
Had fallen down,
From winds of rage.

Beside the hill,
There was a hut,
Light inside,
Door tightly shut.

The men had lived there,
All their lives,
But this one storm,
They wouldn't survive.

Two men and a horse,
Waited for their plight,
That was to come,
One terrible night.

The horse was weak,
And horribly thin,
It braced itself,
Against the wind.

Lightning flashed,
And thunder roared,
The horse took fright,
Stood there no more.

One month later,
The wind had stopped,
The rain had ceased,
To the very last drop.

The sky was grey,
And threatening still,
When out of the hut,
Came Hurricane Bill.

The big man moved,
To the chopping block,
He lifted the axe,
And there he stopped.

He clasped his chest,
And staggered in pain,
Cried for Johnny,
But all was in vain.

Johnny woke from,
A beautiful sleep,
And dressed to go shooting,
For some meat.

He stepped outside,
Then saw old Bill,
Who by then was lying,
Perfectly still.

He buried Bill,
In a hole in the ground,
Where even the birds,
Never made a sound.

After a while,
Poor Johnny fell sick,
And death came upon him,
Almost too quick.

I buried poor Johnny,
Next to Bill,
And I think they'll be living,
There peacefully still.

And Johnny McKay,
And Hurricane Bill,
Will enjoy all their memories,
Of old stumpy hill.

Christopher Traill

Call the Police Squid out! I've got the number plate.

MY GRANDAD

It has been three months since my grandad's illness, and today is the first time I have visited him since then. I stopped the car and parked it just outside the gate. I got out and walked through the gate and down the path to where my grandad is resting. The weather was immaculate, with the sun beating down and the sky crystal clear. As I approached him something caught my eye — it was the small, stone cross that lay above him. There was moss beginning to crawl up the side of it. It's ugly and unclean and my grandad deserves better attention than that; nobody seemed to care anymore. This is a very emotional time for me and I am really going to have to fight back the tears from breaking through. I am beginning to feel closer to him now, than I ever was.

Kneeling down beside him with my eyes closed I begin to see visions, as clear as day, of my grandad and I together. The good ol' days. Seeing myself, as a seven year old, sitting upon his knee, desperately trying to battle off his attempts to tickle me. Fishing from 'Ol' slipper' on a hot summer's day, watching my grandad walking along the goat track, to 'our' special posi. These are the types of memories I have of my grandad. It will be impossible to let them go, after recalling the expressions upon both 'our' faces. Those expressions of happiness and satisfaction that bared through. The type of emotion that you get when you are content enough, just from being with each other. No, it's never going to be the same without my grandad. With my eyes still closed, memories of my grandad continued. At this time I was separate from everything to do with reality. It seems that I'm trapped between two worlds, one of reality and the other of the world from which no-one returns. I can see my grandad standing there, as if I can just reach out and bring him back to 'my' world. I reach out again and again but to no avail. I looked at him again; God I loved that man.

Suddenly a drop fell into my hand. Quite shocked I open my eyes and looked into my hand, noticing that the palm of my right hand was quite wet; rain? Glancing up I see that the beautiful day that it was, had now turned on me, the sky was filled with clouds, but rain was only threatening. I can feel a burning sensation on my cheeks; touching them I perceive that they too are splattered with water. I am crying. But crying for what? Are these tears of happiness or sadness? I ask myself. How can it be both? How can one be both happy and sad at the same time? I guess it's the happiness of the memories left by him and the sadness as a result of his sudden departure. The sadness is the most difficult to cope with. Death is ugly and I wish my grandad did not have to die.

Glimpsing downward, I cast my eyes upon the concrete encasement that surrounds my grandad while he is resting. The encasement is six feet long and about three feet wide; it is made of concrete. This too had signs of moss beginning to creep up the side, I gave the moss a rub and a little came away. A scar was left on the side where the moss had once been. The encasement is big, but in his day, my grandad too had been big, all of six foot and at least sixteen stone. To me he was a tower of strength and the encasement seemed a trifle pittance to the power that my grandad could behold. How could such a mere encasement hold such a man and let him waste away within, as the years go past? He was a good man and I wish that everybody could have come to know my grandad, the way I did.

Moving up now to a small stone cross that had first attracted my attention, I begin to examine it more closely. On the front is a small golden plate with my grandad's inscription. On the top line are the words: 'Wilmot John Rookes (Bill)'. On the second line are the dates '1915 to 1988' and below it all are the words 'Rest in Peace' Rest in Peace... The words drum over again and again in my mind. The tears are beginning to flow freely down my cheeks. I don't care. Crying is no sign of weakness or lack of manhood. The rain too is beginning to flow freely, as if it is trying to drown my sorrow. Still looking at the cross I move down to the base. Here is my lonely bunch of flowers. They are the only bunch there. They aren't all that attractive, but they were there, they were mine and I was glad. Wiping the tears from my eyes I begin to think of what it would have been like, if my grandad were still alive. Looking at my watch I see that I have been here for an hour and a half, but it had only seemed like ten minutes. I had better be off soon as the night is drawing near and it is starting to set in with rain.

Before leaving I draw my hand to my face and press my lips against it, then touched the grave with that hand. It was something I hadn't planned on doing, it just happened. I stood up and turned to go, but I had to look once more at the scene of my grandad resting — just to make sure that he definitely wasn't coming back. I am thinking how hard it really is to let go of a loved one, while walking up the path. All of the time the only other voice that I can hear is that of the priest's at the funeral. "You will always remember Wilmot John Rookes as a kind and loving man," and "Everyone here today will have a special place in their hearts for this special man." This is the part that really got to me. The tears are still running as well as the rain which has slowed down to a drizzle. As I reach the gate my pace quickens and the tears come to a halt. At the same time the rain too comes to a halt. Drawing to a standstill, I turn and have a final look at the grave of what once was a fine man; realising that my grandad's memories will always inhabit that very 'special' place in my heart for eternity.

D.M.



Jeffrey McLeod
Nathan O'Keefe
Colin Sutherland
Wayne Froome 4

Speechless

Speeches are here again, this time though mercifully, for the last time. Well a man can only take so much. I'm not going to do a speech. I've had enough. For the last seven years I've made pathetic attempts at public speaking, ridiculously pointless addresses on such diverse topics as Seve Ballesteros, My Ideal Home, The World Cup, brothers, abortion and last year on "Why do we have to do speeches" (incidentally a question that is still left unanswered).

Every year English teachers triumphantly present a suggested list of topics that are about as exciting as the sex life of a rock. So inspiring are these topics that it often takes pupils several days to calm themselves back to a state of normality - Philip Sadd in 1986 was so shocked that he actually fainted.

Always though on these topic lists are the regulars - one for sportsmen, one about God and topics where guys can have a go at their school or local M.P. Well established at last on the list however, rather like Ewen Chatfield, is the old faithful "A topic of your own choice". This option is perhaps the most frustrating of the lot as although it opens up infinite possibilities, the choice somehow becomes harder (not to mention that by now you've developed a severe case of writer's cramp by copying down nineteen other topics unnecessarily). However, a topic of your own choice does allow those demented students like myself the chance to wander and waffle, abuse and hopefully amuse, senselessly and helplessly occupying the mandatory five minutes.

However, this year, as I have said, I am speechless. My sick mind and my sick ideas are exhausted; I have absolutely nothing to say.

Our own Mr Ryder (the Ginger Ninja that is - not Batman) has said that this year's speeches are unimportant and meaningless - no doubt they will all be quickly shot down and then dismissed. However we must still do them, such is the logic of the English Dept. In fact it would seem that the new Irish parachute which opens on impact, would make more sense than our English Department.

So one by one, one class at a time, a thousand innocent and unsuspecting simply delightful students will again surrender themselves to the nervousness and humiliation that is associated with this annual event, and all so that their teachers, the mentors of the whole corrupt competition, can assess them a mark, allowing the school year to progress.

From here the three idiots from each class that were actually naive enough to make a decent job of it, are honoured with an invitation to the shabbiest room in Pridham Hall. These are the semi-finals, the stage where many semi-finalists choose to accidentally on purpose bow out of the competition - I guess it's hard to soar with eagles when you're surrounded by turkeys. All of this of course, is assuming that they do actually turn up to the semis. Many a boy has purposely sabotaged his speech at the semi-finals, losing his place or dropping his cards, generally stumbling and mumbling so that he might perhaps avoid the finals.

Thus through a lack of entries and literate candidates the finalists are eventually condemned (or selected as it is called) now able to not only humiliate themselves, but their families too at the annual speech finals. Obviously the ignorance of these boys is now unquestionable, equal to that of the Irishman who refused to be a Jehova's Witness because he said he hadn't seen the accident. Hence the four from each form are equally deserved of their fate.

This does however present a problem, how to separate these finalists? Hence a suitably deaf and geriatric adjudicator must be employed, one that needs only to be capable of dropping a pin on one of the four names and declaring him the winner with a suitably fictitious explanation. The worst is yet to come though for this triumphant twit as he now has the old "you've got no choice, nice of you to volunteer" in front of the whole school trick. No problem Sir. This though is at least the final step of our annual speech competition.

Some Phillistines would scoff at the merits of the annual speech competition, unaware of the vitally important skills that speechmaking harnesses - I mean where else (apart from in politics) do people get to abuse and slander their so called superiors, and get away with it? I for one, though, am not going

to take part in this year's competition. I only wish I'd hung on to my Form I effort; it could have been into its seventh year by now. Reality, as they say, is a poor substitute for television. I'm sorry, I haven't been able to give you a speech. I do hope you understand my frustrations.

Paul Shearer

Escape

It was one of those beautiful sunny mornings in Japan, the home of the infamous ninja Dr Masaki Hatsumi, the thirty-fourth Grandmaster of Tokakure-ryu ninjutsu, was practising outside the Koga-ninja temple with his Bushido sword. Dr Masaki was a man who was patient and one who had discipline but his patience could well turn to violence once it had been disturbed.

While Dr Masaki was outside practising, he felt a certain presence coming closer and closer towards him. Hatsumi used the ninja's "power of the mind" when he felt this and sure enough, he could feel the presence of his enemy ninjas all around him.

Before he could turn around, his old enemy Tadashi Yamashita, had his wife, along with a knife beside her neck. Dr Masaki knew he had to do something but he didn't want to endanger the life of his wife. The evil ninja commanded him to surrender, and it took Dr Masaki about three minutes for him to surrender his pride before his enemies. He knew he was hopeless in any way at self defence at this stage. As he was taken away by the ninjas, he said to Tadashi Yamashita that ropes and bars will not stop a Grandmaster once he is violent and he swore to the evil ninja that he would get his revenge.

For three months Dr Masaki was kept in bars of steel. Only once a month did he receive any food from the evil ninjas. He knew he had to escape; the only problem was that he didn't have his Bushido sword which is his most important weapon of all. What the evil ninjas didn't know was that Dr Masaki had Shurikens (ninja stars) with him. It only took two of these stars to kill the two ninjas guarding him. By luck he could reach the one who had the keys and in seconds the Grandmaster freed himself. He was ready to escape!! What the doctor planned was to destroy all the ninjas in the camp and then face the ultimate master ninja, Tadashi Yamashita who had his wife locked away.

The Grandmaster came into the middle of the camp, saw the ninja master's meditating place and ran straight to it. This was not because he wanted to be killed, but because he wanted to get his important weapon first, the Bushido sword. Dr Masaki thought it was quite strange because the evil ninja wasn't there as he should be. Despite what was happening, Dr Masaki knew Tadashi Yamashita was up to something unexpected and infamous as usual. Once he got his sword, the Grandmaster could feel the power of ninjutsu flowing through him like water.

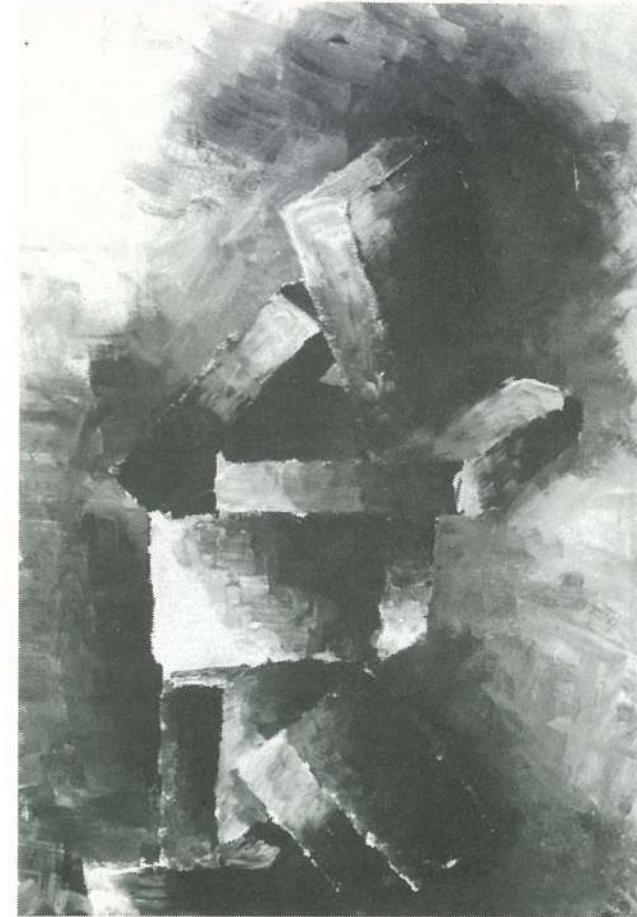
When Masahi Hatsumi came out, the evil ninja was awaiting him like a tiger waiting for his prey. This didn't put any form of fear in the Grandmaster at all; this only made or encouraged him to kill the evil ninja. Dr Masaki Hatsumi got his sword out slowly. Quickly the evil ninja came, about to fight the Grandmaster but their master stopped them because he wanted to fight Hatsumi alone.

The Bushido sword fight carried on for about fifty minutes. Masaki knew that he had to escape with his wife at all costs. Since he was a violent man now, his temper rose and made him stronger than ever before. He slashed his way against the evil ninja who by now was getting weak. Finally the battle ended with the evil ninja on the ground along with his sword in his chest. After this Masaki killed the rest of the ninjas and left with his wife.

The escape was difficult with all he had to go through to get his revenge against those who dared challenge the thirty-fourth Grandmaster of Tokakure-ryu ninjutsu. He escaped leaving everyone dead inside the camp. Not one soul survived from the sharp Bushido sword of the Grandmaster.

Dr Masaki's prophecy was true that the evil ninjas could not stop a Grandmaster once he escapes!!

Jaracz Heather



Nathan Betts 4

A Small Room with Large Windows

It was his room. No one could step inside, for the door was closed and locked at all times. Large windows stretched all over the three walls in front of the closed entrance. These windows were big and bright but people looking in, could only view the reflections of the world around them.

He had not always lived in this room. Once ... he loved company. His life was busier than a freeway in the morning. Constant social appointments were his reward for a personality, developed like the fine taste of a vintage wine. People would envy his lifestyle, and copy his actions. But the flame slowly died to an ember and the heat left, just as it arrived.

Whenever he entered the room a cold and unhappy atmosphere set in. The room was cluttered with many things, and yet it was empty. To him the room was a land of eternal bewilderment, a place to let go of his thoughts. The windows often titillated his feelings. The bright light which came through was blurry; it was as if something didn't want him to see outside. So he would gaze continuously at the interior of the room, without knowing that the walls were subsiding, slowly.

He was spending more time in his room these days. He liked to get away from the constant pressures growing upon him, like flowers on a tree. Unemployment, loss of family and financial loss were all written on the noose which was slowly tightening around his neck. Outside the room he was able to hide his true feelings, and yet inside he had nothing to say.

The pressure became greater and at each visit to the room the walls drew closer and the windows grew larger. One day the pressures breached his thoughts and the curtains closed.

Darrin Bride

The Ballade of Robin Hood

There once was an adventurer bold;
His name was Robin Hood.
And he liked nothing better,
Than to frolic in the wood.

He had an evil enemy,
Twas the nasty Sheriff mean.
Everyone feared that evil bloke,
From London to Aberdeen.

But good old Robin was not alone,
In his fight against the dark.
'Tis time to introduce his friends,
'Tis not an easy lark!

First there was Friar Tuck,
He was religious and all that.
But his most well-known claim to fame,
Was that he was very fat!

And then came great big Little John,
He stood o'er six feet tall.
He liked to wade into troops of soldiers,
And then win out over them all!

And there were others, like Will Scarlet,
Much, Maid Marion, Nasir,
So if you'd like to hear a story,
Just c'mon over here!

One day, Robin and his merry men,
Were defending Shylock Town.
"Here come the soldiers" said brave Robin,
"Let's go out and cast them down."

The bandits jumped on the poor soldiers,
With many a prance and leap.
So in no time at all, my friend,
The soldiers lay dead in a heap.

The cruel old Sheriff heard of this,
And he was boiling mad.
"Gisbourne" he said "Go out and kill them!"
"Or dear boy, you're had!"

Gisbourne rode out with a band of brave Knights,
His mission to kill Robin Hood.
Who at this moment in time, my friend,
Was busy frolicking in the wood!

Arrows flew, crossbows twanged, As the two parties met.
Gisbourne's men were hell-bent to spill blood,
To pay off the Sheriff's blood-debt.

"Aargh!" Robin cried, clutching his leg,
"I'm hit, by God, I'm hit!"
His friends picked him up and ran for their lives,
Straight into a bear-pit!

The soldiers dragged off the captured bandits,
With many a cry and curse.
"Don't worry, friends" said Friar Tuck,
"It can't get any worse!"

Alas, Friar Tuck was dreadfully wrong,
It, I'm afraid, really did!!
They were thrown into a dungeon cold,
And there, in the dark, they hid.

"Hey, wait a minute!" cried Marion,
"There's a loose stone over there!"
The friends pushed together and it came out,
And they fled into the cold night air!

And that, my friend, ends my tale,
Of brave, young Robin Hood.
And to this very day, I am told,
He still frolics around in the wood.

J. Stone

THE HOSTEL 1988

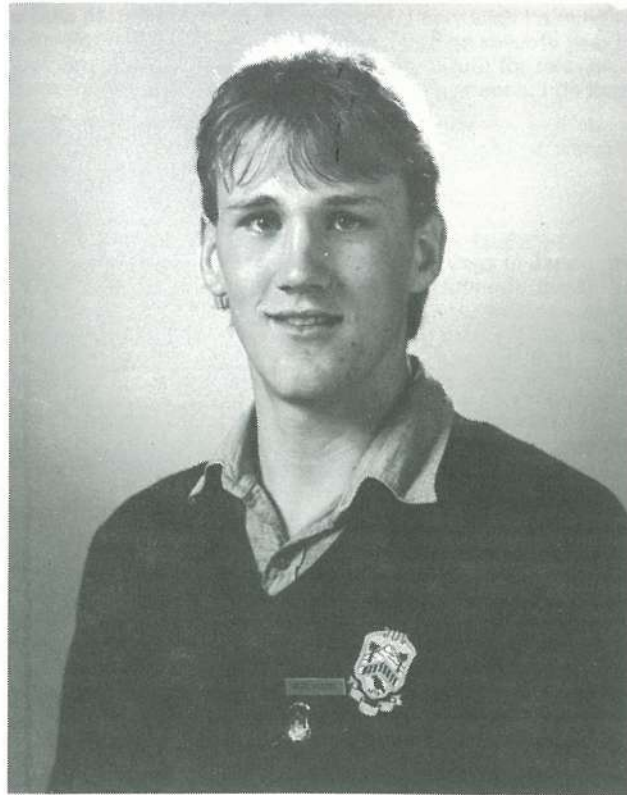
The Hostel has seen major change in 1988. The most significant development has been without a doubt the development of Hatherly House as a Hostel House. This introduction has given the Hostel a focus and a strength that it hitherto had lacked and so Hatherly has emerged as a dominating force in the school. To date it has won the swimming, the athletics and the cricket, and at the time of this writing it is well placed to feature in Junior and Senior rugby and who knows? maybe even the Boarders - Day Boy game will swing in the Hostel direction once again.

The Hostel staffing has been stable in 1988 - more stable than in recent years. Mr P. Ryder has taken over Carrington House and he is assisted by Mr A. Josephs and Mr D. Cook. Mr Howes our longest serving Master once again commands Moyes and this year is joined by Mr G. Giddy and Mr D. Dougherty. The Matron is once again Mrs M. McKenzie and this year her assistant is Mrs J. Morris. All in all a formidable team, that in no small way helped to drive the Hostel to the successes it has known this year.

The student leadership however has been outstanding as well. This year Hostel Head Boy has been M. Bates and Head of Moyes A. Harvie. They have been assisted in Carrington by B. Winder, B. Bellamy, C. Thompson, S. Davies, G. Hastie and W. McCallum, and in Moyes by S. McClintock, D. Cole, G. Holmes, M. Lees, T. Brimelow and R. Abbott. This unit (comprising people who rate as some of the best students in New Plymouth Boys' High School) also helped motivate the Hostel and led it to success.

It would be hard to single out things that have occurred that have special significance because there have been so many. However some of the highlights to date have been the close fought victory in the swimming sports when literally the entire sports hinged on the last event. Certainly the meritorious victory in the athletics sports deserves a mention but significant in this was the one hundred per cent participation by all boys and the dominance in sprint events by Senior athlete champion N. Toremana. The "anchor man" for the Boarders relay is still remembered as he finished off the sports with yet another Hostel victory, this time by all of fifty metres.

The other special event that comes to mind is the victory for the third year in succession by the Boarders Form 3 Niger House rugby team over its yearly rival Palmerston North Boys' High School College House. In this closely fought 8-6 victory New Plymouth Boys' High School came from a 6-0 deficit to score two tries and claim another great victory. The side was a totally committed one, but the efforts of R. Thorne the captain deserve special mention, for the maturity and skill of his leadership. The coaches of this side W. McCallum and B. Bellamy are also worthy of note for the hours of coaching they both willingly gave the team.



Martin Bates

At the time of this writing the year is not yet over and much has yet to be achieved if the prize of House Championship is to be won, however, whatever lies in store I am sure the Hostel will commit itself fully to achieving that goal and finishing off with a flourish an excellent year of consolidation and achievement.

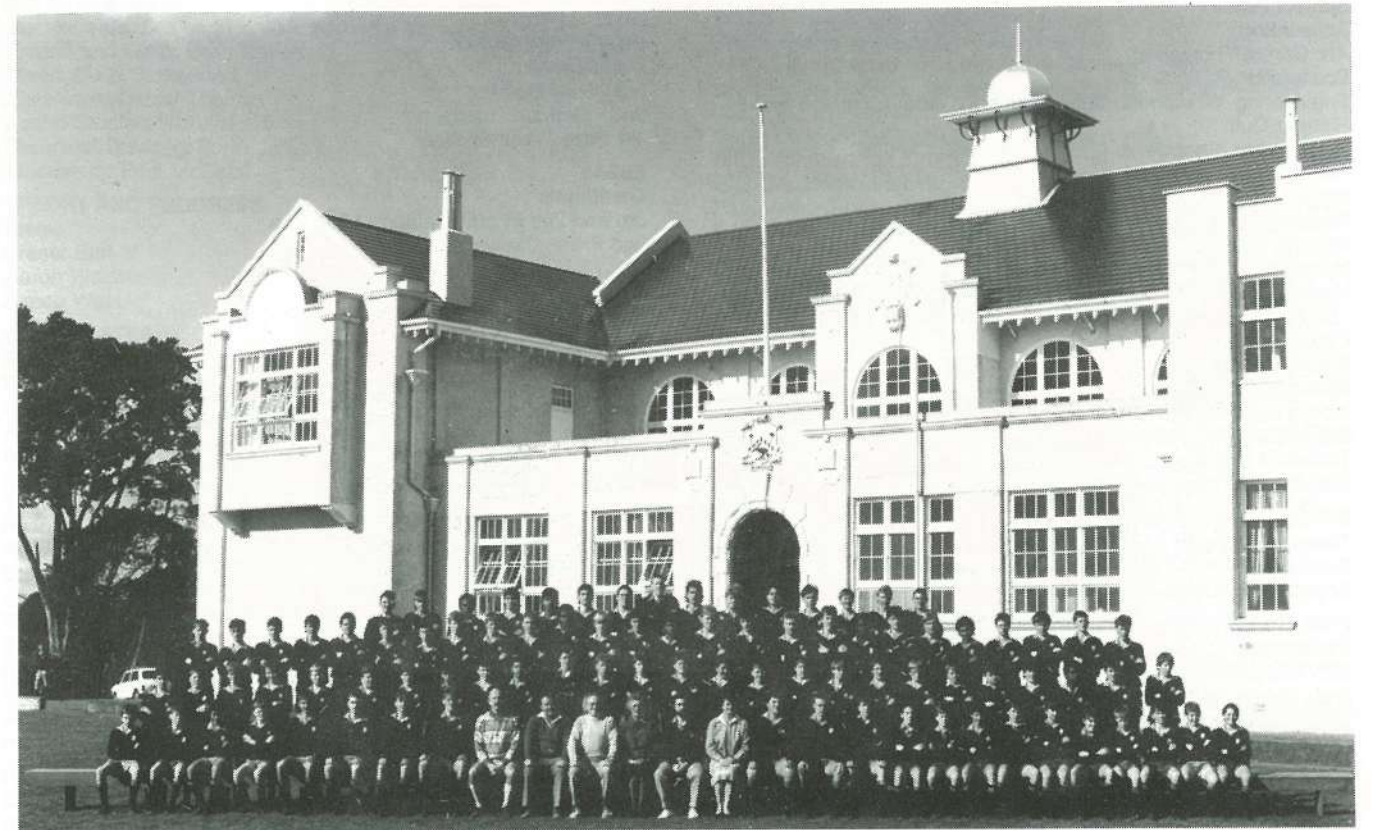
To those who are leaving the Hostel, in some cases after a stay of six years, I wish them well and remind them always to look back and consider their roots, no matter where they go in life; much can be learned from this and not a small amount of strength can be won as well.

To those who will return next year I wish them well and wish them a good vacation so that in 1989 they can return refreshed, ready to do battle once again to try to achieve as well as the Group of 1988.

J.B. Laurenson
Senior Hostel Master

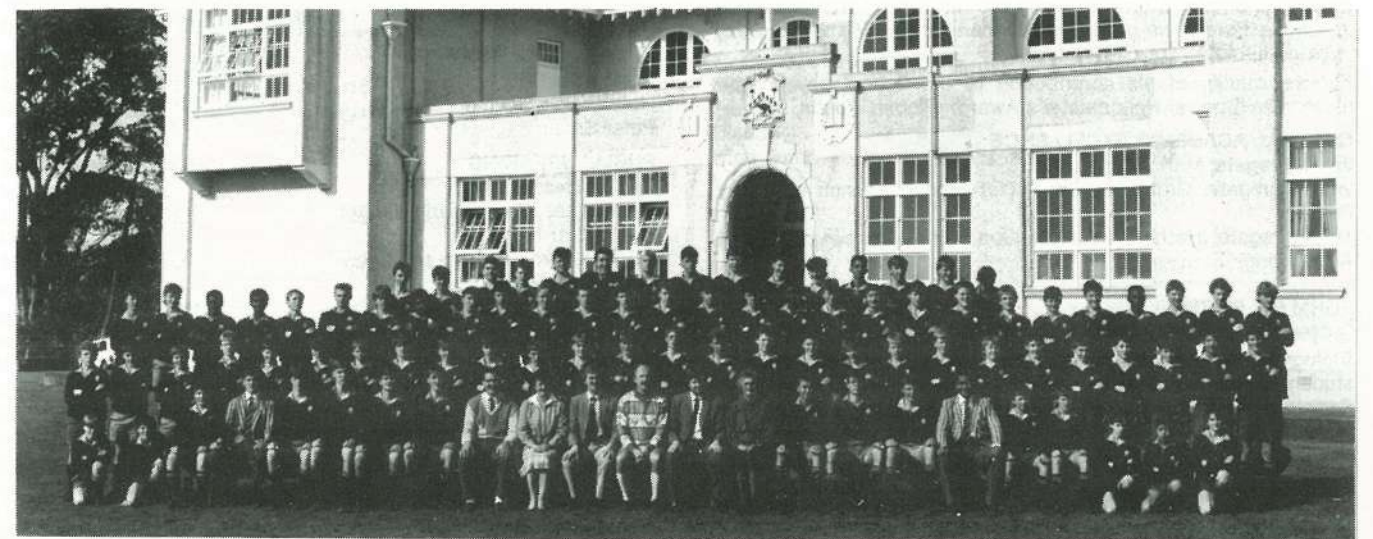


Boarders and Staff after chapel service open week-end, June



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Back Row L to R: B. Sims, B. Granville, N. Toremana, G. Tiaon, J. Okasene, N. Muller, R. Austin, M. Opie, C. Powell, S. Brimelow, D. Rex, O. Jeffery, R. Mills, G. O'Neil, M. Le Cocq
Third Row L to R: J. Bryant, A. Te Kanawa, D. Mulligan, R. Lees, B. Cribb, A. Huston, S. Hogg, M. Best, B. Honeyfield, W. Evans, F. Tarlo, D. Jackson, B. Hall, H. Anderson, D. Stewart, R. Helms, C. Stewart, K. Cross, J. Wari, S. Granville, B. Eden, J. Campbell, S. Darke, M. Cheer, G. Diack, J. Lash
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Front Row L to R: B. Bryant, T. Garwood, J. Hepi, P. Mills, S. McClintock, M. Lees, A. Harvie, M. Bates, Mr J. Laurenson, Mr G. Giddy, Mr J. Howes, Mrs M. McKenzie, Mr D. Dougherty, Mrs J. Morris, T. Brimelow, R. Abbott, D. Cole, S. Burrows, J. Huston, J. Hewitt, A. Aakjaer, N. Tinkler, L. Cryer, J. Cavell, K. Mulligan, Z. Green, C. Barton
Absent: G. Holmes



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Absent: C. Norris, D. Fowler

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SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 1987

FORM FIVE PRIZES

Subject Prizes

Accounting:

Art: Gareth Thomas

Economics: Philip Scott

Engineering Workshop: (Best student) (Trade Tools Ltd Prize) - Richard Quin

Engineering Shopwork: (Practical) (Olex CANZAC Cable Prize) - Kevin Proffit

English: (Daily News Prize) - Paul Maxwell

Geography: Craig Dawson

History: Paul Goodsell

Horticulture: (Best student) (Duncan & Davies Prize) - Matthew Lees

Horticulture: (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize) - David Cole

Latin: Marshall Couper

Maori: Manu Scott

Mathematics: Andrew Wall

Music: Stephen Bremner

Science: Kim Rutherford

Technical Drawing: Glen Coxhead

Woodwork: (Theory) - Shaun Skedgewell

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Timothy Harland

Evan Lawrey

Spence McClintock

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Certificates:

3rd - Manu Scott

2nd - Stephen Hammond

1st Prize and 2nd in essay - Paul Maxwell

ESSAY

Certificate:

3rd - David Rogers

1st Prize - Mark Farley

ORAL READING

Certificates:

3rd - Louis Rattray

2nd - Thomas Buchanan

1st - Marshall Couper

MUSIC

Most improved woodwind player: (Boyd Trophy) - Manu Scott

Most outstanding brass player: (Port Nicholson Cup) - Stephen Bremner

SPECIAL PRIZES

For the student who by virtue of his reliability, ready co-operation, earnest work habits and honest and cheerful disposition is a positive example to students who are not among the most able academic Form Five students (Norman Wright Memorial Prize) - Craig Metcalfe.

For the quality of his contribution to the School beyond the classroom (Special Headmaster's Award) - Robert Austin.

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate: Mark Moore

2nd Aggregate: Grant Brinkhurst (1st French (French Embassy Prize))

1st Aggregate: (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) - Ywain Lawry (1st Accounting)

FORM SIX PRIZES

Subject Prizes

Biology: (1st equal) (Tabor Prize) and Physics (Most improved student) (Hurle Cup) - Tane Hawkins

Construction: (Theory) (Tabor Prize) and Construction (Project) (C.F. Millward Prize) - Aaron Larking

Economics: (Tabor Prize) - Cameron Marshall

Geography: (Tabor Prize) - Karl Wipatene

History: (Tabor Prize) - Mark Low

Horticulture: (Best student) (Duncan & Davies Prize) and Mathematics (Tabor Prize) - Andrew Hocken

Horticulture: (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize) - Glen Jolly

Industrial Technology: (Theory) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Technical Drawing (Theory) (Tabor Prize) - Roy Abbott

Industrial Technology: (Project) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) - Jason Peacock

Physical Education: (Tabor Prize) - Craig McKenzie

Practical Art: (Tabor Prize) and Technical Drawing (Project) L.V. Giddy Memorial Prize) - Richard Quin

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Teri Wilson

Richard Johnstone

Stuart Wilson

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Certificates:

3rd - Tony Booker

2nd - Graham Goodson

1st Prize - Paul Shearer

ESSAY

Certificate:

3rd and 2nd in oral reading - Mark Low

2nd Prize - James Stewart

ORAL READING

Certificates:

3rd - Dennis Baty

1st - Darryn Joseph

MUSIC

Most outstanding string player: (Hatherly Memorial Prize) - Duncan Haynes

SPECIAL PRIZES

Highest aggregate for a 1987 Sixth Former in 1986 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize) - Howard Silby

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form Five or Six Maori student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) - Karl Wipatene

Best creative writing (Ward Cup and Prize) - James Stewart

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate: (Tabor Prize) - Duncan Haynes (1st in French (French Embassy Prize), 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), 1st in Music)

2nd Aggregate: (Tabor Prize) - Gregory Scrivin (1st equal in Biology, Top 1986 School Certificate mark in Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize))

1st Aggregate: (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) - Howard Silby (1st in Accounting, 1st in Advanced Mathematics, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in English, 1st in Physics)

FORM SEVEN PRIZES

Subject Prizes

Art History: Ross Pennington

Practical Art: Ross Pennington and Chris Barry

Computing: (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy) - Philip Hanser

Economics and Japanese: (Japanese Embassy Prize) - Chris Bridgeman

English Language: (John Brodie Memorial Prize) and French (French Embassy Prize) - Blair Pritchard

Geography: (David Bennett Prize) - Leighton Upson

History: Scott McKenzie

Mathematics: (with statistics) (Harrop Prize) - Charles de Bueger

Music: Johnathan Baker

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Adrian Collis

Huib Buyck

Peter Smale

ESSAY

Certificate:

2nd - Gerald Green

1st Prize - Andrew Gray

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Certificates:

3rd and 1st in oral reading - Simon King

2nd - Scott McKenzie

1st Prize, 3rd in essay and 2nd in oral reading - Blair Pritchard

ORAL READING

Certificates:

- Sean Coley

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best senior original work: (Heurtley Memorial Prize) - Andrew Gray

Best Performing Artist of the Year: (College Cup) - Johnathan Baker

Best Polynesian Student: (Maori and Island Affairs Prize) - Wale Tobata

Excellence in Humanities: (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize) - Gregory Mills

Head Boarder: (Eggleton Cup and Prize) and Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize) - Gregory Mills

Head Boy: (Brookman Cup and Prize in conjunction with The Clement Cave Scholarship). For loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the school (Jack West Centennial Medallion) - Andrew Slater

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence: (Fookes Cup and Prize), Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) and Excellence in Drama - Charles de Bueger

Proxime Accessit: (McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) - Paul Roberts (1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and 1st in English (White Memorial Cup))

Dux: (Academic Excellence Cup and N.P.O.B. Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) - Dale Winter (1st in Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize), 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Physics and 1st in Mathematics with calculus)

JUNIOR PRIZE LIST

THIRD FORM PRIZES

Subject Prizes

Art: Nathan Betts

Business Studies and English: Nicholas Thorp

French and Latin: Evan Davies

Maori: Colin Sutherland

Metalwork: Daniel Thomas

Social Studies: Richard Austin

Technical Drawing: Scott Jeffrey

Woodwork: Paul McCabe

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Prizes

Fraser Bint

Aaron Walsh

Simon West

CERTIFICATES

Simon Adams: (Japanese, Science)

Michael Best: (Technical Drawing, French, Science)

Joe Bray: (Japanese, Science, Social Studies)

Aaron Cleland: (Mathematics, Science)

Kent Helms: (Technical Drawing, Social Studies)

Dallas Jamieson: (Mathematics, Science)

Tony Jans: (Social Studies, Science)

Ryan Klinkert: (Business Studies, Science)

Paul Moorhead: (Science, English)

Daniel Mulligan: (Science, Social Studies)

Gary O'Neill: (Metalwork, Social Studies)

Todd Parker: (Science, English)

William Plummer: (Science, English)

Nathan Rillstone: (English, Business Studies)

Leroy Tapara: (Mathematics, Science)

Justin Whalley: (Social Studies, Metalwork)

Hamish Wilson: (Music, Business Studies, Social Studies)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Certificate:

3rd - Dallas Jamieson

2nd - Evan Davies

1st Prize and 1st in oral reading - Nicholas Thorp

ESSAY

Certificate:

3rd - Jay Berentson

2nd - Peter Maddaford

1st Prize - Matthew Mitchell

ORAL READING

Certificate:

3rd - Simon Adams

2nd - Romesh Anandaraja

MUSIC

Junior Chorister: (Urquhart Trophy) - Matthew Dobson

Most improved brass player: (Gibbs Cup) - Evan Davies

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Junior original work: - Paul Veric

Best Junior Cadet: (Ladies' Challenge Trophy) - Paul Puata

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate: Richard Thomas (1st in Mathematics and 1st in Music)

2nd Aggregate: Chris Bougen (1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize))

1st Aggregate: Bevan Smith (1st in Science)

FOURTH FORM PRIZES

Subject Prizes

Art: Tao Wells

Horticulture: (Duncan & Davies Prize) - Ian Reddington and Robert Mills

Latin and Science: David Lash

Maori: Jason Ruakere

Mathematics: (Best student) - Christopher O'Halloran

Mathematics: (Most progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) - Matthew Loveridge

Metalwork: (Trade Tools Ltd Prize) - Alan Doy

Music: Paul Lester

Social Studies: Peter Chisnall

Technical Drawing: Graham McLeod

Woodwork: Thomas Goodwin

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Prizes

Olliver Jeffrey

Jason Renau

Andrew Howse

ORAL READING

Certificates:

3rd - Bruce Trubnick

2nd - Nathan Hemmings

1st - Roger Donaldson

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 1987

Matthew Andrew: (Latin, Social Studies, English)

Simon Barrett: (Art, Science)

Shelton Brimelow: (Science, Technical Drawing)

Kelvin Feek: (English, Science)

Shane Gorrie: (Horticulture, Science)

Rohin Helms: (Mathematics, Social Studies)

Brett Honeyfield: (Business Studies, English, Social Studies)

Grant McKenna: (Art, English)

David O'Donnell: (Social Studies, Mathematics)

Chris Scadden: (Social Studies, Science)

Glen Tiaon: (Science, Physical Education)

Paul Ward: (Social Studies, English)

Brad Whitter: (Japanese, Mathematics)

Eugene Williams: (Science, English)

Peter Whyte: (Japanese, Social Studies, Science)

Kurt Wollaston: (Business Studies, Social Studies)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Certificate:

3rd and 3rd in essay - Brett Honeyfield

2nd - Brent Beaven

1st Prize (Moss Cup) and Excellence in oratory (Wade Scott Cup)

- Millen Baird

ESSAY

Certificate:

2nd - Paul Ward

1st Prize (Rex Dowling Memorial Cup) - Chris Reynolds

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate: Jeffrey Schrader (1st French)

2nd Aggregate: Jason Brown (1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize))

1st Aggregate: Vaughan Spurdle (1st in English, 1st in Business Studies)

CAVE BURSARIES

For academic, sporting and cultural excellence in Form 3 (Cave Bursary) - Bevan Smith

For academic and sporting excellence in Form 4 (Cave Bursary) - Jeffrey Schrader

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 1987

ATHLETICS

INTERMEDIATES

Javelin	A. Wisneski	42.4m
Triple Jump	P. Tully	10.36m
Long Jump Cartwright Cup	G. Tiaon	5.5m

JUNIORS

100m Bennett Cup	L. Clapham	13.06s
200m	L. Clapham	26.52s
Shot	L. Clapham	11.58m
400m Harmon Cup	M. Miller	63.61s
1500m Greive Cup	M. Miller	4m56.74s
800m Houston Cup	B. Robertson	2m23.47s
Javelin	D. Stewart	30.42m
Discus	A. Ruakere	32.36m
High Jump	A. Ruakere	1.36m
Long Jump	A. Ruakere	4.47m
Triple Jump	A. Ruakere	9.32m

Junior Champion/Field Champion

Garlic Cup A. Ruakere

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Champion Noakes Cup M. Miller 23m38s

SWIMMING



A CAPITAL PHOTO

Back Row L to R: P. Shearer, Syme, S. Johns, Barak, P. Donovan, Donnelly
Front Row L to R: K. Wipatene, Mr T.T. Ryder, M. Bates, Hatherly

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION '88

It has been another very busy highly competitive year. The Inter-house Competitions have had a strong impact on the school. Throughout the year, there has been one house which had dominated right from the start. That house was Hatherly — the Boarders. Out of the nine contests Hatherly has won five. A good example of the Boarders' determination to win was at the swimming sports where they really got behind their house and cheered them on. After all the sports had been played, this is how the tally stood.

- 1st Hatherly with 98 points
- 2nd Syme with 69 points
- 3rd Barak with 61 points
- 4th Donnelly with 33 points

Hatherly won the following competitions: Athletics, swimming, cricket, soccer, and haka. Syme won the basketball and cross-country competitions. Barak won the rugby and volleyball.

Donnelly did not win any contest but came second in the swimming, cricket and basketball. Let's hope that the Inter-house Competition next year will be just as exciting, as this year's were. We will also see whether the Boarders will be beaten.

Nathan O'Keeffe

AIR NEW ZEALAND — JET BASE AUCKLAND

Form III July 21st 1988

After one cancellation and an hour's delay, neatly pacified and well-fed courtesy of Air New Zealand, our group of twenty five Metalcraft Students, Mr Jones and I settled back for the fifty minute F.27 Friendship flight to Auckland. During the flight many of our boys were privileged to visit Captain Kirk on the flight deck to have a hundred and one questions answered.

On arrival at Auckland Domestic Terminal we walked to the nearby Jet Base in two groups and toured the base, being shown in detail how the jet engines are stripped down, maintained and rebuilt. We saw plasma metal spraying, T.I.G. welding and testing and the avionics departments (that is where all instruments are repaired and calibrated). We inspected the giant hangar to study at first hand a 747 Jumbo being rebuilt after its regular service. We visited the 'upstairs' Club lounge, and sat in the captain's seat and were photographed in and out of the aircraft.

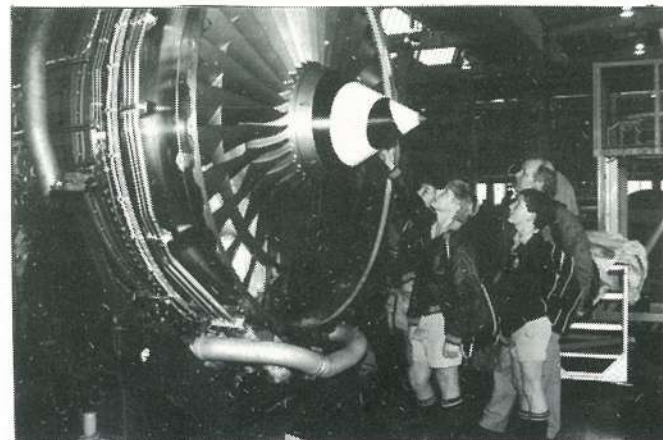
Running almost an hour late, lunch provided by Air New Zealand - delicious club sandwiches and cream cakes, another walk brought us to the Cargo Base. Here our group saw how the important cargo is dealt with. We listened in wonder at the tales of strange cargoes carried. Yes, Air New Zealand has even flown elephants around.

On once more we reached the International Terminal for a talk and tour before all too soon we checked in at the Domestic Terminal for the return flight to New Plymouth.

It had been a busy, informative and fascinating day. New Plymouth Boys' High School has been the only school granted the privilege of visiting the Jet Base for four years. That is a privilege earned by our reputation. Many old boys working at the Jet Base assured us that they still carry much pride in their hearts for the school and enjoyed having us visit them.

Our many grateful thanks go to Air New Zealand for such a great day.

M. Rose



SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Athletics

- Simon Manu
- Jonathon Okesene
- Sione Sionetama
- Glen Tiaon
- Nixon Toremana

Badminton

- Rhys Alexander
- Richard Lambert

Basketball

- Darren Bride
- David Bublitz
- Jeremy Burton
- Glenn Coxhead
- Blair Hicks
- Daryl Moles
- Gavin Roberts
- Graham Sands
- Campbell Thompson
- Tim Young

Cadets

- Edwin Grainger

Choir/Orchestra

- Tim Harland

Council

- Karl Wipatene
- Howard Silby
- Jody Brewer
- Jason Fisher
- Cameron Greig
- Stephen Johns
- Andrew Hocken
- Chris Luke
- Paul Shearer
- Todd Wolfe
- Greg Scriven
- Martin Bates
- Andrew Harvie
- Brendon Bellamy
- Cameron Marshall

Debating

- Greg Scriven
- Gavin Smith

Hockey

- Jeff Vickers
- Mark Dingle
- Dylan Cleaver
- Duane Burt
- Andrew Taylor
- James Pettersen
- Brad Whitter
- Thomas Goodwin

Wrestling

- Chris Scadden

Music

- Duncan Haynes
- Stephen Bremner
- Gareth Thomas
- Manu Scott
- Paul Lester
- Richard Dobson
- Douglas Davey
- Chris King
- Tim Baker

Public Speaking

- Paul Fenton

Rugby

- Todd Wolfe
- Andrew Hocken
- Sione Sionetama
- Sean Donovan
- Damian Mahura
- Jody Brewer
- Thomas Trowern
- Martin Bates
- Tony Kana
- Chris Luke
- Grant Holmes
- Gordon Slater
- Jason Fisher
- Jason Holland
- Jonathan Okesene

Skilling

- Stefan Quinn

Soccer

- Karl Wipatene
- Jonah Mitau
- Peter Korinihona
- Stuart Wilson
- Jason Carter
- Sean McFall
- Andy Wall
- William Horoto
- Glen Hooper
- John Waki
- Louis Rattray
- Blair McKinnon
- Craig McKenzie
- Manu Scott
- Matthew Hancock

Swimming

- Stephen Johns

Tennis

- Gavin Hudson
- Millen Baird
- Sean McFall
- Marshall Couper
- Duncan McDonald
- David Bublitz

A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE

As I walk I notice the shapes of characters
Bold on shop-signs, on the indicators of buses,
On the covers of magazines, on the doorposts of houses.

Some I know, and say to myself quietly.
Others I recognise, understand, but can't remember
What sound they make. Many I recognise
But cannot understand. And many more
Always seem new, unknown.

The poem describes Kanji; one of two alphabets used in Japan. It is as foreign to us as the stimulating and intense society that has developed from a feudal culture to the world's most developed and richest country.

Japanese society is orderly and extremely organised. The trains are accurate to the minute stopping within one centimetre of the point the people queue behind. The society's obedience and organisation are obvious throughout Japan; be it art, clear-cut and definitive, or poetry, the Haiku, brief and exacting.

In April of this year I and three other New Plymouth Boys' High School and four New Plymouth Girls' High School students were lucky enough to partake in a student exchange programme run in conjunction with Kanto High School in Tokyo.

The exchange was for one month and included an opportunity to go to school with Japanese students as well as explore and observe family life and visit ancient shrines and temples.

Japan's recent growth since World War Two has been astounding. It was very interesting seeing the effects of this extraordinary growth entwined with a rich and ancient history making many subtle, but often obvious contrasts. The most vivid I saw included an ancient Shinto shrine surrounded by enormous high-rise buildings and dwarfed by a huge outdoor television screen beating out Western rock video clips.

With over thirteen million people in Tokyo city alone, it surprised me to see a gold pen lying on the ground when I went to school one morning that was in exactly the same place when I went home late that evening! The Japanese as a whole are extremely honest. The respect for each other and impeccable manners are unique to Japan but are essential to the day to day survival in such a high population density.

Visiting Japan is a great experience be your taste for architecture to religion or maybe just an interest in the electric atmosphere of the Shinjuku nightlife. If the opportunity is ever available, I can assure you that a visit to Japan is well worth the effort.

By Thomas Buchanan, Form 6
Poetry: "Kanji" by Anthony Thwaite



Variety evenings ...

I left my heart in San Francisco ...

Third Form Outdoor Education Camp 1987

Mt. Ruapehu

Fifty boys, five teachers, one teacher's wife and one parent spent a week based at the Erua Ski Lodge during the Outdoor Education week.

Our first problem was in fitting all the food into the bus—we seemed to have too much but it was all eaten.

On our way we stopped at the tearooms near Mokau, the Waitomo Caves, the Ohake Model (Maori) village and Taumarunui. With all the stops and food it was not surprising that several boys felt rather travel-sick. By nine on the Sunday night we had settled in at the lodge which was a maze of corridors and rooms sleeping from two to six, a large common room cum-dining-room and a separate games room.

On Monday everyone went round to the National Park Headquarters at Whakapapa. We saw an audio-visual presentation. At the Park Headquarters we toured the Chateau, seeing the loo-with-a-view suite at \$325 a night.

Original plans had included a walk up to the snow but the weather was not good and instead a tramp to the Taranaki Falls by a round trip route took place. After lunch another walk to the Silica Springs was attempted but blisters and rain caused a change in plans and we walked down a track beside the Whokopapanui Stream and rejoined the bus. Every night there were diaries to update and Mr Burnham had some games to play as well.

On Tuesday the group split up. During the course of the day every group visited the Trout Hatchery, the Turangi Information Centre which has a section on the Tongariro Power scheme and the Outdoor Pursuits centre at Tawhitikuri. Here most boys tried rock climbing and abseiling.

Every group, about eight of us plus a teacher, had turns at cooking the meals or making the sandwiches for the next day. Ever tried making fifty odd lunches at once? Some evenings the brave were taken running by Mr Rowlands. Mr Cook came once but disappeared down the wrong track (?).

Wednesday was to be the big day, the chance to climb Tongariro and see the Ketetahi Springs. Unfortunately the weather prevented this so while we all got into the South Crater of Tongariro where there was ankle-deep snow we had to turn round because of the wind. Some tried to build snowmen on the way back. We were all pretty tired that night.

Thursday was a later start, just as well, after the day before. About eleven o'clock we were all sitting in the rafts near the Rangipo Dam on the Togariro riverbank practising the skills needed for white water rafting. Many of my friends looked a sight in their wetsuits and crash helmets.

Then we went down to the river for more practise before setting off for about three hours of controlled thrills and terror in various amounts depending on nerve. All we had for lunch was chocolate; and the rest of lunch was given out after the trip.

Mrs Bublitz stepped out of line at one stage and was pulled out of her raft and thrown into the river by the captain of one of the other rafts. After dinner we started to pack up and clean up as next day we were going home.

Some insane teacher woke us up at 5 a.m. I couldn't believe it. However, it did mean we got an early start and had time to stop at Waiouru Army Museum for an interesting tour. Then as the weather improved we drove on to Wanganui where we lunched at Virginia Park and had the "Geek of the Week" awards; just about everyone got one for various "offences" or actions. I thought that that was the trip nicely over until the bus ran out of petrol on Burgess Park Hill. A really choice week.



Ready, steady, go.

Mayor Island

We departed from the school on Sunday. It was a typical Taranaki summer's day—raining.

The bus was packed tight and as the surf skis were loaded onto the bus we all held our breath so there would be more room.

When we were at Mount Maunganui we stayed at a camping ground that was practically on the Mount. We ran to the top and back down again.

The next morning we took the ferry across to Mayor Island; this was one of the highlights of the trip as I got to see dolphins for the first time. I also exposed my glowing white body to the sun's ultraviolet rays for the first time this summer in an effort to get brown.

As we entered Opo Bay (or Western Bay as it's commonly known) a beautiful sight unfolded before my eyes. Just outside the bay was a big arch which looked majestic.

The next day was a scorcher and we lay on the beach or snorkelled the whole day away. In no time at all it was time to pack up and return to school. What a camp.

David Sutcliffe



I'm meant to be starting a fire

Uruti Camp

The camp was wet all week only one day was fine. We slept in tents. I took along a tent and we put up three people in it but it was only a two man tent. I took it completely dry and clean, when I came back it was wet and dirty. We did a whole lot of activities all in weather rain or fine. Here is a list:

Monday: arrived, set up, cooked our own tea and it was cloudy and rained a little.

Tuesday: tying, knots, orienteering, archery, abseiling and cooked our own tea.

Wednesday: flour fight in pine plantation and tramp, cooked own tea and rained a bit.

Thursday: clay bird shooting, confidence course, watched a film, then went back and found our bridge washed away.

Friday: packed up and left.

Two good points were the flour fights. We had to get through the pine forest without getting hit with a flour bomb, the other was abseiling going down nearly vertical hills with two people holding on to you. This was fun.

The teachers on this camp were: Mr Bayly, Mr Swindells, Mr Glass and Mr Hannah, Mrs Swindells cooked on Thursday.

Steven Dodd



A bit skinny for dinner

Sailing in the Hauraki Gulf

We were the lucky students selected to go sailing in the 1987 Outdoor Education programme and we had two water experiences: one in small boats at the mouth of the Waiwakaiho River, and the other in the fifty foot yacht, Southern Voyager, again generously made available to the school by Old Boy, Mr Philip Hogg, who had her back in the Auckland Harbour after a year in the Marlborough Sounds.

Excitement mounted as we flew to Auckland and joined Mr Krook, the Headmaster and Mr Cooper at the water-front while Mr Montgomery, the crew master, brought the Southern Voyager to the wharf. We had our gear loaded aboard in no time and in light airs motored out past Rangitoto Island to an eastern bay in Waiheke Island where we anchored for the night.

Up early, we had breakfast, lifted anchor and slipped out of the inlet and into the Gulf where we literally began to learn the ropes. Up with the main sail and the fore sail and we were sailing in steady winds of up to twenty knots. The Voyager, in good winds can make ten knots and we sailed north learning rapidly and taking turns at the wheel. After lunch the wind shifted and a few of us crowded up at the bow as it plunged and lifted in spectacular fashion. Sickness took the sting out of a few of us, but we soon got our sea legs and there was always the comfort of knowing we would be safe in sheltered calm waters by evening. Mr Cooper and Mr Montgomery were good teachers, Mr Krook was always helpful and Mr Ryder was kept busy in the galley when the evening meal was prepared. We had plenty to eat and slept the sleep of exhausted sea-men on the second night.

On the third day we had crossed under sail to the coast of the Coromandel Peninsula and explored a number of bays.

Fishing was frequent and successful and we pulled in kahawai and snapper—but there were others more expert than we and with sails furled we watched in awe as gannets plunged like arrows—wings tucked in just before impact—for near-surface feeding fish. The diving sea birds struck in their dozens—from wheeling, shrieking flocks which thinned as gorged birds emerged from the heaving sea and rested, bobbing, full and relaxed on the easy waves. Finally the tumult ended and we lifted sails and made our way west to Motutapu Island, a pleasant anchorage, where we shifted our gear ashore and camped overnight.

On a sunny early December morning we returned to the Voyager and sailed majestically into Auckland Harbour past the built-up waterfront—the international freighters being loaded and unloaded until finally we berthed almost under the high-rise buildings of bustling Queen Street. Our adventure was at an end and from Auckland Airport it was back to New Plymouth to curious parents and envious class-mates.

Outdoor education on a yacht was a marvellous experience and our thanks are due to the staff, Mr Montgomery and especially Mr Hogg whose thoughtfulness and kindness to his old school made our good fortune possible.



Which way did they go?

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Mr Cook receiving a lollipop



The summit at last!

TOPEC

TOPEC stands for the Taranaki Outdoor Pursuit and Education Centre, which is sited at the Meeting of the Waters. Whilst it occupies the same site as the Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Huinga, the two should not be confused. The activities conducted under TOPEC are far more challenging, mainly because of the expertise of its two resident staff, Vicki Adams and John Davidson.

A typical week goes as follows:
Monday - arrive 10.30, settle in, thirty minute run, lunch, then introductory activities, which include a high-level confidence course, initiative tests, compass work and the Topec Luge.

Tuesday and Wednesday - Each student has half a day on each of these activities:- Climbing and Abseiling, Canoeing or Rafting, Bush Navigation, and Sailing in the summer or Orienteering in the winter.

Thursday and Friday - An overnight expedition. (Some of our students have built igloos and then slept in them on their over-nighter.) Depart 2.30 p.m. for home.

All in all it is an extremely worthwhile experience for our students and certainly worth the all-inclusive charge of \$80.00. (The equivalent course at O.P.C. costs \$189.00.) Furthermore there is no need for parents to buy any gear especially for their sons. The Centre has a full range of gear available for hire at a nominal fee. \$7.00 would see a student kitted out with all the protective and woollen clothing.

The school's policy is to put as many Fourth Form students through TOPEC as possible. It's an opportunity not to be missed.

Richard Cooper (Master I/C)

Proposed Camps for 1988

1988 sees the Third Form Camps go international with Mr Rose leading a party of thirty to Sydney. They will be looking at, as well as experiencing (!) different forms of transport as the main theme of the camp.

In addition to the usual camps of Mayor Island, Ruapehu, Uruti, Mount Taranaki, Hauraki Gulf, Wellington, and Cycling, there are two new camps. One will be based at River Valley Lodge in the Ruahines and the other will be tramping the Matemateonga Walkway.

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

Morning everyone! As Mr Ryder has told you, I went on a cruise on the SONZ — sorry, "Cruise" isn't really the right word to describe it! It was ten-day trip in the middle of February this year. I went on the trip for many reasons — I wanted to learn the basics of sailing, as well as get leadership experience and meet some other people my age. In fact, there were thirty-six trainees and a dozen or so crew on board, and it was a mixed trip, eighteen guys and eighteen girls, which spiced it up a little. The trip started at the mooring at Marsden Wharf in Auckland Harbour, and we basically sailed around the Hauraki Gulf and then back in to Auckland. Virtually everywhere we went, I had not been before — over to Waiheke Island, around past Pakatoa Island, across to Kawau Island, then over to Great Barrier Island, then down to the Coromandel Peninsula and finally back past Waiheke to Auckland.

The first few days were spent literally "learning the ropes" — there were almost one hundred ropes to memorise — so that when someone asks you what the difference between the Mizzen Gaff Topsail Sheet, the Mainsail Peak Halyard, and the Forestaysail Downhaul is, you have to have some idea of what they are talking about!

We were also given extensive lessons on navigation, chart reading, interpreting weather charts, the nautical "road code", and many other bits of trivial information such as if you are anchored in fog, you must ring your ship's bell every minute.

Gradually, as we got more experience, we got better and better at sailing and handling the ship as a team. On our second to last day we elected a Captain and other officers from the ranks of Trainees, and the permanent crew had nothing to do with us except scream at us whenever a sail looked like ripping or a mast looked like breaking. We were going to start the motor up and head for Australia, but we didn't have enough food.

We did many other things on the trip apart from sailing — we tramped to the top of Great Barrier Island — Mt. Hobson, it's called. We jogged across Kawau Island to see the old Mansion House — Governor Gray's old residence. We had rowing competitions in the whalers, and paddling competitions in the rubber inflatables. We also did heaps of leadership exercises and games, which were really good value.

It was an excellent experience, although I did form some strong likes and dislikes while on board.

The things I liked were meeting people — I got along with most people really well; climbing the mast — the top square sail yard on the boom is seven stories up, and I had to overcome

a terrible fear of heights while I was up there. But once you're up there — watching all the little ants running around on deck — it's really exhilarating, and well worth the knocking knees and shaking hands. I also liked the personal challenges that you were always presented with, such as getting up the mast, and getting up at six in the morning for a swim in the cold, dark sea. The food was really good, although sometimes I needed three or four helpings to fill the gap.

What I disliked about the trip was that I had to get up, as I have just mentioned, at six in the morning for a few star jumps and then a plunge over the side. This is particularly uninviting when the only reason the sea isn't solid ice is because it's got salt in it, and on top of that you saw a couple of sharks following the ship the night before!

Rising at this ungodly hour, having gone to sleep at eleven thirty or so the night before, and every fourth night we had to do a two hour night watch as well, meant that we suffered from a constant lack of sleep and tended to compensate for this during lectures.

The next worst thing to the six o'clock swim is cleaning the ship straight afterwards. Every morning the ship must be scrubbed spotless from bowsprit to stern railing — this usually involves unblocking the toilets and scrubbing the entire one hundred and fifty foot deck at least three times, using seawater pumped up by hand. The toilets were terrible — they were so small that if I wanted to close the door for some privacy I had to sit sideways!

At one stage we had fifty-five knot winds whipping spray at us (about 90kmh), and we were looking up at the waves as they rolled towards the boat.

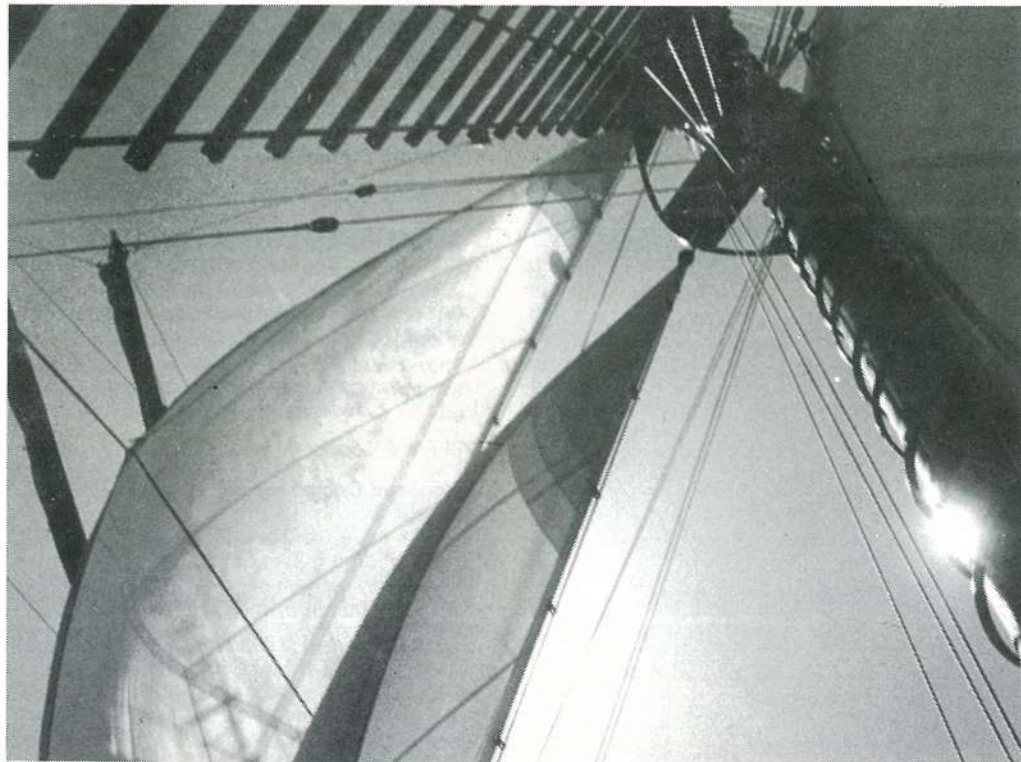
I emptied my stomach, and for my efforts was placed second in the Chundathon — a competition with points awarded for number of times, texture, colour, position, and sound effects.

All these were only minor hassles, and in some perverse way added to the overall enjoyment of the trip.

The Spirit of Adventure — the other sail training ship — is a different experience — it is much smaller, and it only runs single-sex voyages due to accommodation problems.

For any of you boys out there who wish to go on a trip or are going, you should have a chat with me or someone else who has gone on one of the boats. For instance, I would advise you to take at least three towels, because when they get wet with salt water they will never dry out — and also take heaps of chocolate along — after about the fifth day you can sell it off to your drooling fellow trainees for an enormous profit! Thank you.

Greg Scrivin



Sun behind the sails ...

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DEBATING

Debating this year at New Plymouth Boys' High School has been witty, volatile and nerve-racking. We started with an inter-school debate against Spotswood College where Duncan Haynes, Greg Scriven and Grant Smith proved that 'Today's Heroes are Hollow'. Greg, Grant and Paul Maxwell were defeated by an eloquent New Plymouth Girls' High School team on the topic 'That tradition is the Enemy of Progress'. The Speech and Drama Festival provided another forum for battle, this time against Sacred Heart College on the subject 'That New Zealand is the Land of the Long Black Shroud'.

Grant Smith and Paul Maxwell, never at a loss for words, were ably led by Greg Scriven but despite forceful statements, much humour and rebuttal, lost their case. All the debating participants felt they learnt not only from their own debating experience but from watching skilled debaters from other colleges on subjects such as 'That Crime Pays' and 'NZ Should be a State of Australia'.

New Plymouth Boys' High School entered a junior team at the festival. Hamish Wilson, a fourth former, and two third formers, Shane Grant and Hayden Chisholm, debated against Stratford High School 'That Rural Life Is Better Than Town Life' and successfully affirmed their case. Shane Grant was given as best speaker in the debate. These boys were all members of the Utility Period Debating Group and found the support from the audience. The Debating Group in the audience was helpful in this respect.

Debates require a lot of work, organising material, working out a team case and possible rebuttal. Debators need an audience to persuade that their point of view is the right point of view. The Speech and Drama Festival provided this audience who were well entertained at two theatres.

The aftermath of the festival was an exhibition debate between the three best speakers from the festival against a university debating team held at Sacred Heart. Intellectual devastation was enjoyed by debators from New Plymouth schools plus a fifth form class from New Plymouth Boys' High School which was lucky enough to attend.

by Mrs M. Crawford



DEBATING TEAM

Back Row L to R: G. Scrivin, Mrs Crawford.
Front Row L to R: P. Maxwell, G. Smith. Absent: D. Haynes

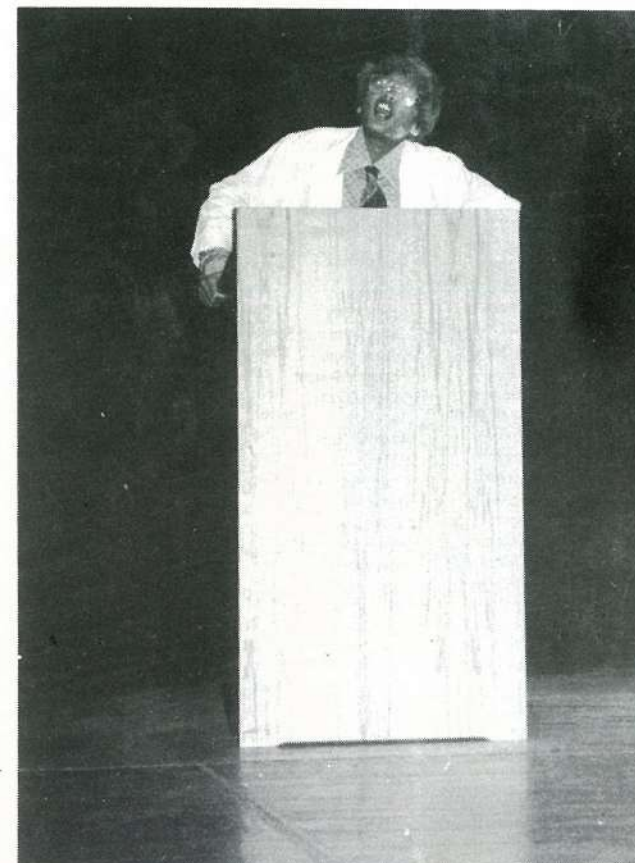
SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

A two day "Festival of the Arts" for secondary schools was held in mid-July this year at the State Insurance Theatre. All Taranaki secondary schools were invited to take part and a significant number did so. School was very well represented, particularly in the drama section, providing nearly half of all the entries and a great deal of entertainment.

Acts included Miss Mabin's Sixth Form English class's "Comedy Macbeth". Mr Hannah's Fourth Form English class had the audience "rolling in the aisles" with a skit in which "Professor Romesh Anandaraja" trailing clouds of glory or smoke? or dandruff? investigated youth.

School entered a junior debating team in the festival. Hamish Wilson, fourth former, and Shane Grant and Hayden Chisholm, third formers, successfully affirmed the case against Stratford High School 'That Rural Life Is Better Than Town Life'.

Millen Baird spoke very well in the 'Prepared Speech' Section and we participated too in the impromptu speeches which ranged in topics from 'Dirt' to 'Nudism'.



"Professor" Anandaraja in full flight



Junior debators sharpening up a point

SCHOOL ROLL BY ENGLISH CLASSES

3CD

Craig Baxter
Steffan Beaurepaire
Simon Burrows
Shaun Crofskey
Carey Davis
Shaun Dingle
Matthew Duncan
Richard Durling
Tony Earl
Troy Evans
Hamish Gibbs
Michael Gordon
Shane Grant
Karl Guillian
Prasenajit Gunasekera
Dene Hickey
Simon Howard
Shane Humphreys
Damian Landrigan
Brendan Larsen
Graeme Martin
Anthony Mildenhall
Craig Mowat
Alastair Muray
Greg Novak
Jason Ritchie
Duncan Robertson
Craig Shorther
Marilyn Taylor
Reuben Thorne
Aaron Wood

3CL

Shane Chadwick
Nigel Cleland
Nicholas Corbett
Bradley Cribb
Boyd Eynon
Jackie Faulkner
Kylie Featonby
Tony Field
John Hemara
Dwayne Hoeta
Jamie Huston
Jamarl Jones
Rangi Kimura
Matthew Mariner*
Brent Millman
Brendon O'Donnell
Tony Parker
Jason Price
Simon Puketapu
Craig Ramsay
Craig Richardson
Lee Ruruku
Derek Rutherford
Edward Sandbrook
Nicholas Thomson
Todd Velvin
Wade Watkins
Jamie Woodman

3EL

Asbjorn Aakjaer
Duane Agate
Leon Allen
Scott Avery
Matthew Birch
Tim Caldwell
Matthew Cheer
Lachyn Cryer
Nigel Dasler
Julian Dimond
Paul Goldsworthy
Brooke Goodiey
Zane Green
Stephen Harding
Cameron Hart
Stuart Haynes
Dion Herlihy
Max Kinder
Daniel MacIntosh
Brendon Metcalfe
Tim Mitchell
Ruel Newsome
Alex Perkins
Darren Rankine
Grant Reeve
Scott Ryan
Darren Scott
Kalley Simpson
David Smaile
Dwayne Smith
Matthew White
Paul Whittaker
Mark Johnson

* Asterisk indicates leavers

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*Adrian Allen
Simon Angelo
Michael Asi
Stephen Barkley
Jason Baty
Steven Blackett
Tim Bowen
Tony Carey
Rae Chapman
John Cavell
Andrew Cosgrove
Andrew de Bruyn
Jefferson Drummond
Adrian Edser
Steven Feek
Ross Goldsack
Darren Grayson*
Chris Halcombe
Rhys Hood
Damon Jacobsen
Laiton Julian
Daniel Kinera
Terence Lim
Daniel Maher
Allan Murray
Stuart Smith
Craig Usher
Bryan Wilson
Regan Yarrow
Andrew Young

3B HT

Chris Ansley
Mathew D'Ath
Sean Bourke
Phillip Brooke
Stephen Burgard
Steven Crawford
Paul Crossan
Jayson Eaton
Wayne Elleray
Daniel Fowler
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Jack Hepi
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Jason Norden
Joseph Whittaker
Byron Zohs

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Dion Aitken
Quentin Chard
Michael Collins
Scott Craven
Shane Davies
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Aaron Feame
Mark Finnigan
Kelvin Giddy
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Michael Bene*
Scott Bignall
Mark Cameron
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Stephen Doorey
Darryl Goddard
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Simon Kidson
Richard Marks
Hamish Mills
David Murrell
Todd Parker
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Hamish Richardson
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Gareth Sharp
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Jason Watson
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Michael Brooke
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Daryll Maiden
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MR NIALS - MORE THAN JUST A CARETAKER

More efficient than a computer, more able than Dale Winter and more popular than lunchtime, British soldier Les Nials was appointed caretaker of New Plymouth Boys' High in 1960.

Now twenty-eight years later he explains that little of the original school is left. "It has almost completely changed. Where there were houses now stands the Main Hall and Alexander Block. There was formerly a school farm and modest golf course and what is now Webster Field was then a piggery." In addition there were more than three hundred boarders in 1960. "The place was like a rabbit warren; if you left your front door open there were boarders there."

Mr Nials cannot describe his duties, "Things just happen, I'm never stuck for work." Mr Ryder adds, "He is extremely versatile, a jack of all trades, and he has the ability to do the lot very well." And what better illustration of this skill and versatility could there be than the fine display cabinet which appears in, and is a feature of, the school foyer.

In fact so rational and practical is Mr Nials that it was his resourcefulness that landed him and the school in trouble in 1984. A group of senior boys came to him in the week of the Gala Day that year and asked him for some whitening so that they could paint a set of feet leading to the school. "But what if it rains?" he asked. "It'll all wash off!"

So to prevent this he mixed in some white latex paint. Around two a.m. that Friday morning the town (notably Devon and Eliot Streets) developed a monstrous white track of footprints, a trail that led from the Mayor's Office to the school gates. A suitably enraged city engineer was at Mr Ryder later in the day. "He really ripped into me," Mr Ryder recalls. Highly amused at this crisis was a further visitor, a Mr Wellington who had called to see the Head. He was informed however that Mr Ryder was busy and could not see him. "Who is this Mr Wellington? I'm totally tied up!" "Well actually, Sir, he is the Minister of Education," came the reply. The embarrassment continues though as Mr Ryder, the Head Boy and Heads of Houses formally apologised to the engineer. Even so they were still presented with a cheque amounting to \$386, this being the cost of removing "The Big Prints". Indeed an expensive advertising campaign. "And it was all his fault!" exclaims the Headmaster who then withdrew.

Mr Nials continued and emphasised, "It is the boys though that I will miss most, and it is the boys that make the school. The place is dead during school holidays, it's like a mortuary. I hate it." And he had similar words of praise for Mr Ryder. "He's a great man. He really is. Of the four Headmasters that I've seen, he's the best. The school's at its best now; he's brought it back up where it should be."

"I'm sad to be leaving—I shall miss it a lot." A runner of nine marathons, Mr Nials has nothing specific planned for his retirement and says he will come back to do any odd jobs if he is needed. "I just want to do my own thing as it comes along." Hence 1988 marks the end of the Nials era.

Although the man is moving on, his love for the school and immense contribution to it, will not be forgotten.

P. Shearer



Mr Les Nials in company with the Headboy and Head of Houses.



Challenging Stone

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THE CAPTAIN ARRIVES

The office is surprisingly orderly for a Senior Master. There are no piles of paper stacked on the desk or messages scrawled on scraps of paper. The two Twink bottles stand poised on the corner of the desk ready to obliterate any seventh former who dares to rattle his cage. The notices pinned strategically to the wall are meticulously finger spaced. This man seems prepared, but I am determined to catch him out. I fire my first question from the hip hoping to catch him off guard, but he is prepared and the answer ricochets back "Allan Kirk". This man has been interviewed before!

But who is the real man behind the mask of short and curlies? He graduated from Massey with a B.A. (the degree you do when you're not doing a degree) and used his new found knowledge to secure himself a number of prestigious occupations which included being a freezing worker, barman, minibus driver and a cleaner. He finally decided to become a teacher of maths (logically the next step) because it is the easiest of subjects to teach and there are no essays to mark.

By now I am wearing him down. His answers are coming slower, so I deliver the killer blow "Parachuting?!" He jolts back in his chair and laughs. It transpires that jumping from a plane was the result of a dare during his 'wild' university years and he managed to do it three times before sobering up and contemplating his mortality.

But be warned, this man, even if he does like Pink Floyd, intends to destroy many activities that students enjoy such as using the phone and bunking assembly. He also intends tightening up on detentions so don't say you haven't been warned.

It is clear that Mr A. Kirk means business.

NOT AN EXCUSE — A REASON

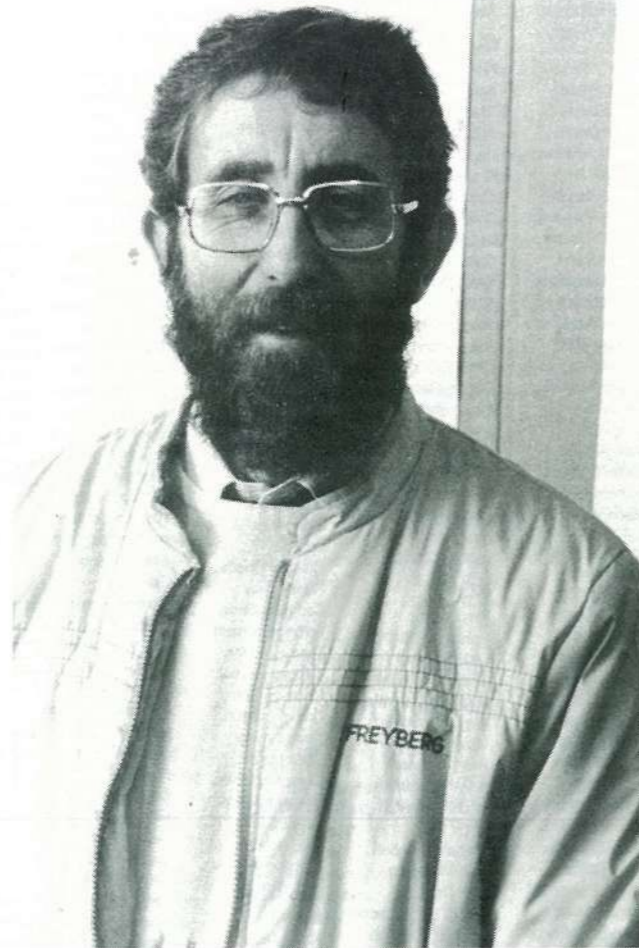
From 1988 schools are to be more closely audited and that includes registers. This year in March the first official scrutineer arrived to check this year's registers and last year's. What is this? One register of last year is missing - the story had better be good!

Well, the Deputy Principal has definitely sighted it, but it just happened that there were one or two "irregularities" so the teacher, of course dedicated to the core, took it home to ensure it was exactly right, all tallying left and right, upwards and downwards. There he was, working late, well at least after six o'clock, when you see, Inspector, in through the door burst a crowd of friends, all well provisioned and bringing with them delectable Kaimoana (in batter) and pommes de terre frites. To make sure "the official legal document which must be retained in the school for no less than seven years" was not spoiled in any way it was placed inside that evening's edition of the Taranaki Herald (the oldest paper in New Zealand) and festivities continued - you see it was Friday night. Since it was a cold night our upright, earnest, diligent colleague went out for wood and soon a merry fire gladdened the hearth. Too late questions of kindling and an absent Herald dawned on our pedagogue....



In the mountains

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Mr Kirk

SCIENCE FAIR AND SCIENCE QUIZ

The Science Fair and Quiz was held at the Girls' High School in August of this year and once again pupils of this school participated well (77 New Plymouth Boys' High School students entered), and enjoyed success in the various classes.

All exhibitors are to be congratulated for the time and effort that they put into their exhibits.

Prize-winners in the various sections were:-

Junior Secondary - Natural Sciences Experiment.
Alistair Jamieson, Simon Howard - "Hydro and Geothermal Electricity Generation" - MERIT PRIZE.

Damian Chapman, Jeffrey Stone - "Behaviour of Common Garden Birds" - MERIT PRIZE.

Junior Secondary - Natural Sciences Display.
Andrew Hall, Shaun Philp - "Earthquakes" - SECOND IN CLASS.

Junior Secondary - Physical Sciences Experiment.
Hamish Archer - "The Ion Effect" - FIRST IN CLASS.
Paul Goldsworthy, Daniel MacIntosh - "From Heat to Electricity" - MERIT PRIZE.

Junior Secondary - Physical Sciences Technology.
Lachlan Cryer - "Air Cushion Vehicle" — FIRST IN CLASS.
David Irving, Tristan Ward - "Mouse the Robot Arm" - SECOND IN CLASS.

Junior Secondary - Physical Sciences Display.
Leon Allen, Matthew Cheer, Matthew Birch - "Optical Illusions" - SECOND IN CLASS, and NZ Optometrical Association Prize.

At the same time the Science Quiz was run for Fourth Form students. The team of Romesh Anandarajah (Captain), Mathew Mitchell, Bevan Smith and Nicholas Thorpe reached the final against Spotswood and eventually easily retained the cup for New Plymouth Boys' High School. Well Done.

D.J. Mossop

NATIONAL SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL - CANBERRA

The Australian Industry Development Corporation National Science Summer School was a long name for a short two week science course, held in Canberra, which I attended during January this year. Two courses were held, one during the first two weeks of January, and the other during the last two weeks. In total six New Zealand students were selected, and each course had around seventy-five guys and eighty girls with many different cultures represented.

Dale Winter, went to a science course last year at Massey University. I recall him describing it as "the good, the ban and the ugly." Perhaps he meant that the good was the science, the bad was the social life and the ugly were the girls. I would hesitate to apply this to the science course I attended and would probably rearrange this statement to the good, the strange and the undefinable. Among the events that contributed toward my labelling of the social events as "the strange" was the Australian Bush Dance we had, performed by the Ettamogah Philharmonic Orchestra. This "Philharmonic Orchestra" would have to be the smallest in the world, consisting of three hippies and a banjo.

Despite Mr Carter's fervent attempts to convince people that science or more particularly physics has application everywhere, I feel that I am expected to speak about the more recognisable forms of scientific activity, so I will not mention any other social oddities. Everybody at the course was divided into interest groups, mine being Engineering Physics. Half the time I was away at some tertiary institution or work place with my activity group, and the remainder of the scientific programme was taken up with forum debates and lectures on controversial topics such as the genetic engineering of human beings, the viability of nuclear power and many others.

Some of the activities and visits I was involved with as part of the Engineering Physics group were visits to the Cooma engineering laboratories where models of dams are built and tested before construction in all parts of the world, visits to the Australian National University's high pressure research laboratories, their laser research department, nuclear accelerator, and sub-atomic particle research department among others. The high pressure research department was involved a few years ago in modelling the effect high pressures had on the space shuttle, when it re-entered the earth's atmosphere. This came in handy for the Americans on the few occasions that it got sufficiently far off the ground.

A lot of the work I was involved in, was at the two main tertiary institutions in Canberra, namely the Australian National University and the Australian Defense Forces Academy, which was a newly-opened multi million dollar complex. Most of this work was first and second year university experiments, usually involving lasers or radioactive materials.

Some of the less memorable events however, were the formal dinners which were collar and tie affairs—not exactly pleasant in thirty-eight degree temperatures. After one of these dinners however, we received a special lecture on the proposed high speed train system between Sydney and Melbourne through Canberra, travelling at speeds of over three hundred and fifty kilometres per hour. Having had to coach from Sydney to Canberra I was in a good position to judge the need for this high speed train, and I concluded it would be very worthwhile indeed, especially seeing there is nothing to see on the way but dead grass.

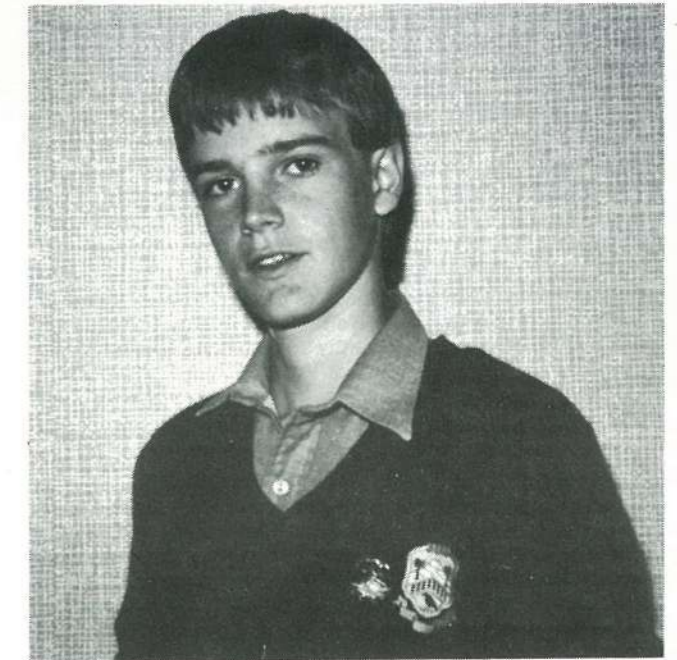
The Australians were excellent hosts, but made sure they took the opportunity to hassle the New Zealanders about our accents, and our cricket team which managed to lose every game against the Australians while I was over there.

In conclusion I'd like to thank the school for the contribution they made, along with Rotary, to my participation in this excellent event.

Howard Silby



Beginning Senior Cross Country

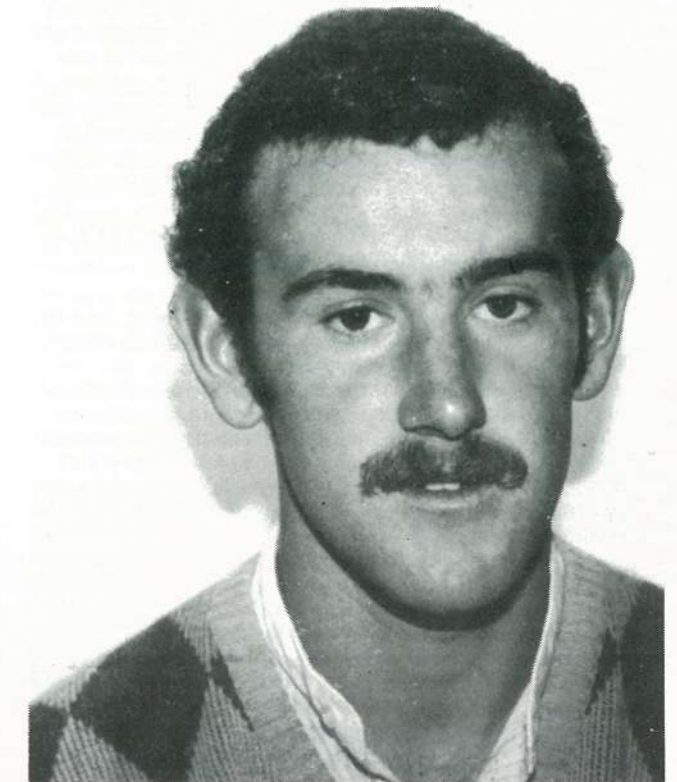


Howard Silby

OBITUARY

Mr Robert Connell, Adv. T.C., recently appointed to the teaching staff and in particular the Technical Department, was knocked down by a motorist while jogging in the early evening of October 5 and died some hours later. The school was stunned by the tragedy. Mr Connell was a young, extremely fit, busy, concerned and thoroughly pleasant young man with much potential as a teacher. His classes enjoyed his organised lessons and his ready helpfulness. The soccer players who played for the Second XI also know they had a coach of considerable ability. Robert was always cheerful and eager to grow in the teaching profession. The school benefited from his wholesome example for all too short a time and we extend our deepest sympathy to the Connell family.

T.T. Ryder
Headmaster



Robert Connell

AUCKLAND OLD BOYS

The Auckland Branch held its third biennial dinner in August preceding the Auckland Grammar match. Attended by fifty Old Boys it was again a most successful evening. **Peter Churchose** (1958-62) proposed the toast to the school and in reply Headmaster, **Tom Ryder** brought us news of many developments, school activities, and successes.

Guest speaker at the dinner was **John McKenzie** (1940-44), well-known solicitor and yachtsman who, as a member of the International Yachting Jury and past Commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, has been very close to the Americas Cup legal battle.

Special guests were **Ted Muell** (1940-44) who was found in retirement at Orewa and **Neil Wolfe** (1955-59) who travelled up from New Plymouth and is currently an Old Boys representative on the Board of Governors.

The oldest Old Boy present was **Laurie Inch** (1919-20) who was especially honoured. Laurie recited his own poems written in 1932 to commemorate the school's fiftieth Jubilee and a poem written later to honour Headmaster Bill Moyes.

President, **John Syme** (1958-62) presented Tom Ryder with a donation of \$2000 to be used for computers and other appropriate school needs. These funds were raised by the Auckland branch over the past two years.

In November 1987 the branch was also involved with the Old Girls Association in a very enjoyable evening barbecue. A similar function will be held again this year.

Rob Geck (1959-62) is busily involved with the establishment of the new Harbour Board company. **Graham Eversfield** (1967-69) is working at Fletcher Challenge in the personnel management area.

Geoff Furness (1958-62) has moved back to Auckland from the Bay of Plenty and is involved in property consulting.

New Zealand's loss in the World Cup Rugby League final in Auckland in October was a disappointing day for **Ron McKay** who was an outstanding member of the Kiwi team in the first World Cup series in France in 1954. Now a livestock buyer with Weddel Crown in Northland, he will be remembered by many Old Boys as an outstanding athlete (rugby, soccer, tennis, boxing) in his school days in the late 1940's.

Frank Larking (1939-44), who has been battling for years at Beachhaven for a better deal for local children and in particular for the local Sea Scouts, was honoured recently when the Governor General opened the new local Sea Scouts base that now proudly bears his name. Frank himself was awarded a Medal of Merit at the opening ceremony — an honour rarely presented to anyone outside the scouting movement. Beachhaven now sports a beach built with seven hundred tons of sand transported and packed down by Frank over a period of many years — and he has not finished yet.

Bart Gillispie (1934-40) was this year made a Life Member of the Auckland Society of Arts for his services over a long period. He was President at the time the Society celebrated its centenary. Bart is also a Life Member of the Mount Roskill Municipal Band.

Mark Petch (1958-61) has sold his company to the United States firm Garcia Seals and is now Vice President with responsibilities for Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Mark has successfully raced Volvo and BMW cars in the Australasian Class A championships.

Graham McGlashan (1951-54), when not working on his launch, is still running Magic Carpet Services and is always found forward to a flooded building or two.

Gubby Allen (1936-39), now retired after sixteen years as Principal of Henderson High School was President of the Henderson Rotary Club for 1987/88. The Club recently raised \$40,000 for local organisations.

Brian Sykes (1942-45) is now retired and very happily living in the Bay of Islands. Old Boys travelling through Paihia should contact him for local news.

R.E. Still
Auckland Branch Secretary

Old Boy tradesmen who frequently work on maintenance and minor capital works at new Plymouth Boys' High are **Bob Street**, builder, **Brian Cole**, builder, **Brian Roebuck**, plumber, **Winston Monk**, plumber, **Ken Rook**, electrician.

Brian Chong (48-53) B.Arch., has frequently been on the site attending to the re-design of the administration area, the development of the Senior Physics Complex and Form Seven Common Room. He is currently planning the refurbishing of Pridham Hall.

WELLINGTON OLD BOYS

On Friday, 18th March 1988, the Chairman of the Board of Governors **John McIntyre**, the Headmaster **Tom Ryder**, and the Deputy Secretary of the Board **Harry Russell**, visited Wellington on business of the school. The Head expressed the wish to meet old boys in the Wellington area, so a function was organised in the Wellesley Club for 5 p.m. that day. It was a very successful occasion and about forty old boys attended. Amongst those present were the following:-

Jim Ross, Deputy Director-General, but at the time acting Director-General, of the Department of Education and a very important man so far as the development of our school is concerned. There is a shrewd suspicion that he was the target of the visit of John McIntyre and his team.

Jim Rowe, former Director-General of the Employers' Federation, now a consultant in Wellington.

Professor **Jeff Weston** of the Clinical School of Otago University, attached to Wellington Hospital.

Malcolm McCaw, Chartered Accountant and former President of the New Zealand Society of Chartered Accountants, now a prominent practitioner in the field of tax.

Lyn Papps and his son **Roger**. Lyn, former senior partner in the legal firm of Bell Gully Buddle Weir, is well known throughout New Zealand as a director of some of the country's more significant companies.

Other legal practitioners present were **Bill Sheat**, **Barry Boon** of Chapman Tripp Sheffield Young, **Bob Edgley Q.C.**, and **Dick Simpson**. Bill Sheat is still very prominent in the arts world, and in particular in film-making.

Alec Kirkland is in the New Zealand Head Office of the ANZ Banking Group (N.Z.) Ltd.

Ken Comber, former M.P. for Wellington Central, is now engaged in business in the city.

Dr. J. Barratt, a senior anaesthetist.

Dr. Rod Deane, who was Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank and then Chairman of the State Services Commission, is now the Managing Director of Electrocorp.

Bob Bradshaw and **Alan Andrews**, two prominent old boys, have now been retired for some time and frequent the golf courses in the Hutt Valley.

Tim Fookes and **Bill Wilson** are both partners in the firm of Bell Gully Buddle Weir.

Air Vice-Marshal **Cameron Turner** retired from the Air Force a few years back but still lives in Wellington.

Some of the other old boys present were **Eric Batten**, **Brian Chapman**, **John Davies**, **Phil Hogg**, **Ian Jackson**, **David Bolland**, **David McConachie**, **Peter McGhie**, **Norman Payne**, **Barry Waite** and **Arthur Wells**.

We were all much enthused by the exploits of the school and the splendid physical shape it is in.

OTHER NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Simon Urbahn (79-83) Captain of the 1st Cricket XI, 82-83, made the Taranaki team in March and also landed a contract with an English club to play in the Yorkshire league. He has shown himself to be a promising off-spinner and was one of the stars in the Emerging Players team.

Brian Rudd, General Manager of Taranaki Savings Bank retired in October after forty-one years with the Bank. He intends to keep up his involvement with surf lifesaving. Mr Rudd left School in 1948.

Kevin Rimmington (43) is the new General Manager of Taranaki Savings Bank, replacing Brian Rudd. Mr Rimmington is also an Old Boy and joined the TSB twenty-seven years ago. He eventually became accountant for the bank and has been deputy general manager for nine years.

Mark Newland, Dux 81, is now employed in Perth by Alcoa, the world's largest aluminium producer as a process engineer. He gained a Bachelor Degree from Massey in Bio Technology (First Class Honours) and a Masters Degree in Bio Technology from Queensland University. He still enjoys his sport having played soccer for Massey and for Queensland University First XI's and surfs and windsurfs in Western Australia.

Geoff Hall (79-83), has completed an Arts degree at Canterbury University. Hopes to enter Christchurch Teachers' College next year.

Murray Cox (79-83), Completed B.Sc(Hons) in Biochemistry last year at Otago University and is now studying medicine.

David Penny (52-56) a Moyes House Boarder and Taranaki Scholarship winner is currently a Reader in Botany and Zoology at Massey. He is one of New Zealand's most significant researchers into building evolutionary trees from gene data. Significant data is supplied from Japan, German, and the U.S.A. for analysis by computers in New Zealand once programmed by Dr Penny and his associates.

Grant Moorhead (83-87), Continues to excel at golf. Now a member of Taranaki's top five for the Government Life Tournament.

Bruce Brown (44-48) visited School this year. He is one of a number of outstanding Old Boys serving their country through Foreign Affairs. Mr Brown has held Ambassador rank in Iran; Pakistan; Thailand; Vietnam; Burma and Laos; and he has been Deputy High Commissioner in London. This year he is serving as High Commissioner to Canada.

Citation of Peter Malcolm McCaw For the Degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa

Mr Chancellor,

In an earlier period of Victoria's development, when there were many fewer post-primary schools, a strong connection was built up with the major schools in the middle district of the North Island which year by year sent their pupils to study in Wellington. From New Plymouth Boys' High School, Victoria received many who were to become outstanding New Zealanders, among them the great classicist Sir Ronald Syme and the distinguished poet Douglas Stewart. These men made their mark overseas. Many more New Plymouth students went on to careers of professional and community service within this city and within New Zealand.

The University honours one of these, Malcolm McCaw. He, like others in the substantial group of former Boys' High School pupils who came to Victoria and to Weir House in the late 1940s, is now at the height of his career. As one traces his achievements and service in different spheres, certain qualities stand out: a deep loyalty to the people and institutions he has identified with, an unsparingly generous dedication of his time and professional skills to supporting them, and an enviable capacity to retain the freshness of his enthusiasm for the many responsibilities he has assumed. In honouring him we wish to recognise not only what he has contributed, but the personal qualities that have made his participation in so many facets of New Zealand life so vigorous and so whole-hearted.

Malcolm McCaw served on numerous national committees of the New Zealand Society of Accountants. From 1979 to 1982 he was chairman of Accounting and Research and Standards Board. He was a special adviser to the Richardson Committee on Inflation Accounting and chairman of the Task Force on Tax Reform whose commendations have had a continuing relevance.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again Max Carroll and Murray Dobson organised the North Taranaki Tournament for the Alexander and Powell Trophies. The weather was kind on May 29th at the Kaitake Golf Club and the field of seventy nine was the largest in recent years with the possible exception of the Centennial Tournament.

Bob Hulbert won the Wit Alexander Trophy with a sensational nett 59 while Dennis Little retained the Peter Powell Memorial Cup. He did this by lot from Vance Rowe, both of whom shot 70's off the stick.

Place getters in order were:-

Senior Stableford: George Sibsten, Jack Jones, Bryce Gordon, Phil Barnes and Vance Rowe.

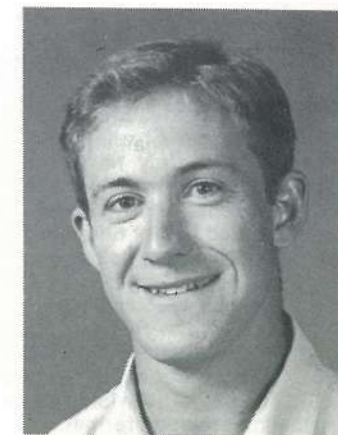
Junior Stableford: Graeme Willison, Andrew Brocke, Reg Mathews, Brian Broome and Cyril Henderson.

Ladies: Bee Barnes, Ali Croad, Loy Jones, Nancy Lawrence and Esmee Rowlands.

All who attended appreciated the sponsorship of Western Bottling Company and M.F.L. through Peter Street and the hospitality of the Kaitake Golf Club.



Bruce Brown



Peter Little N.Z. Student President

Obituaries

Bob Carey, at School in the 1930's died in February this year. He became an outstanding library cataloguer and won a British and world reputation for simplifying the means by which students especially might make full use of huge technical and academic libraries.

Air-Vice Marshall William Crawford-Compton CB, CBE, DSO and Bar, DFC and Bar - Died in London at the age of seventy-three.

Bill Crawford-Compton lived the sort of life usually only read about in adventure novels.

He went to New Plymouth Boys' School in the early thirties and after leaving, sailed around the world with three other men in a twenty tonne ketch. He was wrecked off New Guinea and had to live with the natives for six weeks before being able to resume his journey.

He went to England as a ship's carpenter on a tramp steamer.

He joined the R.A.F. in 1934 and was stationed in Yorkshire, where he quickly showed he was a brave and resourceful fighter pilot and was soon flying his own Spitfire.

By the end of the war he had a personal "Kill" of twenty-two aircraft and a score of transporters destroyed.

The London Times described him as a man with a rare zest for battle. His gallantry and leadership were a constant inspiration to his fellow pilots.

Bill Crawford-Compton was New Zealand's most highly decorated flying ace of World War II.

Mr Ewen McKewen (Mac) - 89, Died in January 1988.

He was well-known in New Plymouth as a Boys' High School teacher, where he taught accountancy and book-keeping for more than forty years.

Indeed there are many accountants practising in New Plymouth today that were taught by Mac.

Mac is remembered for his remarkable memory of numbers. At one time, after his travellers cheques were stolen on a trip to Singapore he was able to recite the numbers to the authorities.

At New Plymouth Boys' High School Mac coached rugby for a number of years and was a school cadet officer.

He was still working as an accountant at the age of eighty-four.

Sir Russell Mathews - 91 Died Nov. 87.

Sir Russell was born in New Plymouth and educated at New Plymouth Boys' High School. A remarkable man who was responsible for a lot of the road sealing in New Zealand. He was the sole proprietor of Russell Mathews & Co. New Zealand's largest road sealing contractor.

He was also a leading figure in the development of the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust which was established in 1952.

His home and garden on Mangorei Road was taken over by the Queen Elizabeth II Trust in 1985 and opened to the public.

This magnificent estate was developed by Sir Russell and his wife from a scrub-covered site in the 1930's. It is one of New Zealand's most outstanding homes and gardens and is especially noted for its horticultural interest, Tudor architecture and landscaped beauty.

Arthur Veale - A former Taranaki doctor and a Professor of Human Genetics died in November 1987.

He had an outstanding career in medicine and later went on to graduate from the University of London with a PhD in Human Genetics.

He attended New Plymouth Boys' High School in the early forties and then studied medicine at the Otago Medical School.

Early this year the Medical Research Council of New Zealand presented Professor Veale with a posthumous award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to health science in New Zealand.

SENIOR MASTER, RENDELL BRINE ...RETIRES AFTER TWENTY YEARS

When Rendell Brine left New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1952 he had a feeling he'd be back.

On 15th July he left again, retiring after twenty years' teaching at the school, the last fourteen as Senior Master.

Students, staff, retired colleagues and the School Board honoured him at different functions.

Mr Brine says he has experienced three major revolutions in teaching during his time and believes more are ahead.

Physics teaching was revised in the 1960s following the launch of the Russian Sputnik. In the late 1960s came new maths followed in the 1970s by computers.

"We're not getting the best out of computers yet," he says. The use of television as an educational aid could also have been developed further.

"I don't think it really has been exploited. I thought that would have been pushed a lot more than it has."

Mr Brine says implementation of the Picot report will trigger some positive changes in education.

"I just hope the competitive element between teachers doesn't become too great because they could lose the spirit of co-operation which is essential."

An important part of Mr Brine's role was as dean of form seven where he was preparing the majority of students for university or other tertiary education.

Half of them now take commerce and related subjects at university. Formerly, science subjects drew half the students.

He says a strong guidance network for educational, vocational, personal and even recreational advice has been developed at Boys' High. The school has deans, assistant deans, a guidance counsellor and careers advisor.

"The people are trained and skilled to handle those problems. Before there was no one to help them (the students)."

As Senior Master Mr Brine also took control of sixth form certificate statistics and of the report system.

Mr Brine taught for ten years at Waitara High School where he was head of science before moving to Boys' High as head of maths in 1968. He has been Senior Master since 1974.

He previously obtained a Bachelor of Science in physics and maths at Victoria University then trained at Auckland Teachers' College, also gaining some education papers at Auckland University.

Mr Brine has been a keen sportsman. He played cricket for Taranaki and in 1953 was a New Zealand trialist. He is a past-president of the Taranaki Cricket Association.

He also helped establish the Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Union and was its secretary for fourteen years. He is a past-captain and past-president of the New Plymouth Golf Club.

Boys' High headmaster Tom Ryder says Mr Brine is a fine teacher, excellent administrator and has outstanding qualities.

"He would be one of the finest men I have ever worked with."

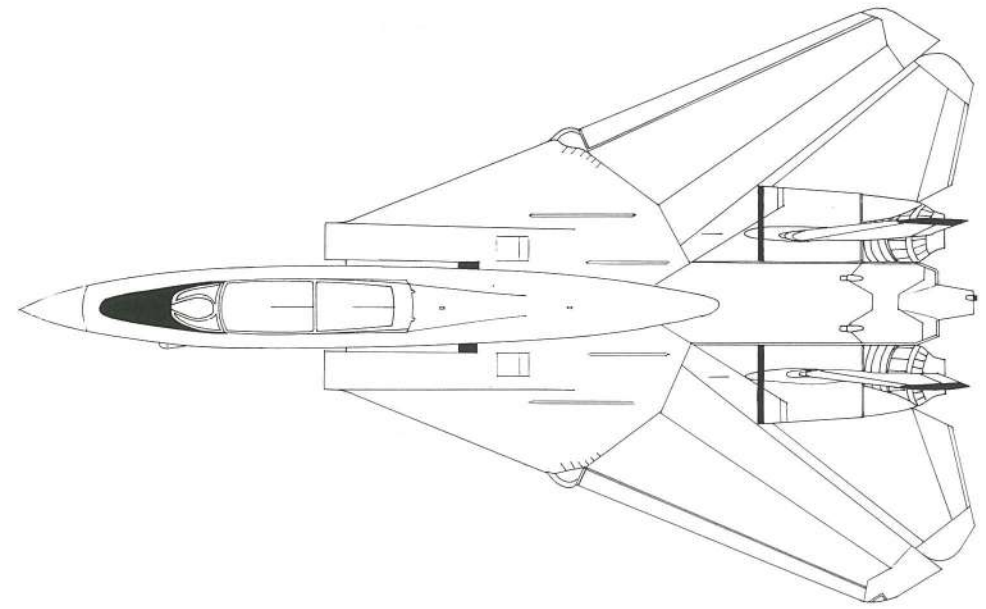
He says Mr Brine is a patient and caring teacher, courteous and orderly.

During his retirement Mr Brine hopes to play some golf, garden, fish, read, write and continue his involvement with the Bell Block Lions. He may also do a little maths coaching.

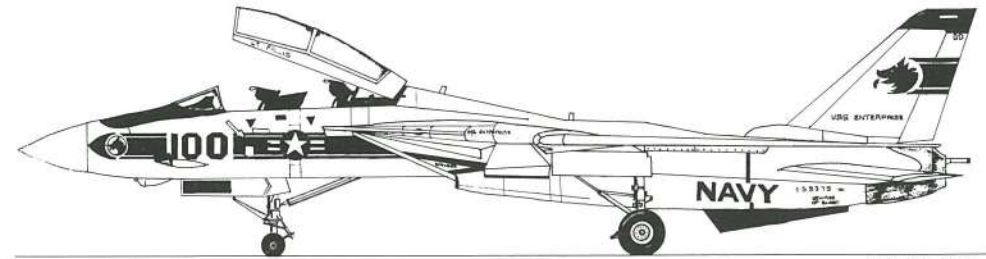
Mr Brine will be succeeded by Palmerston North's Allan Kirk, head of mathematics at Queen Elizabeth College.



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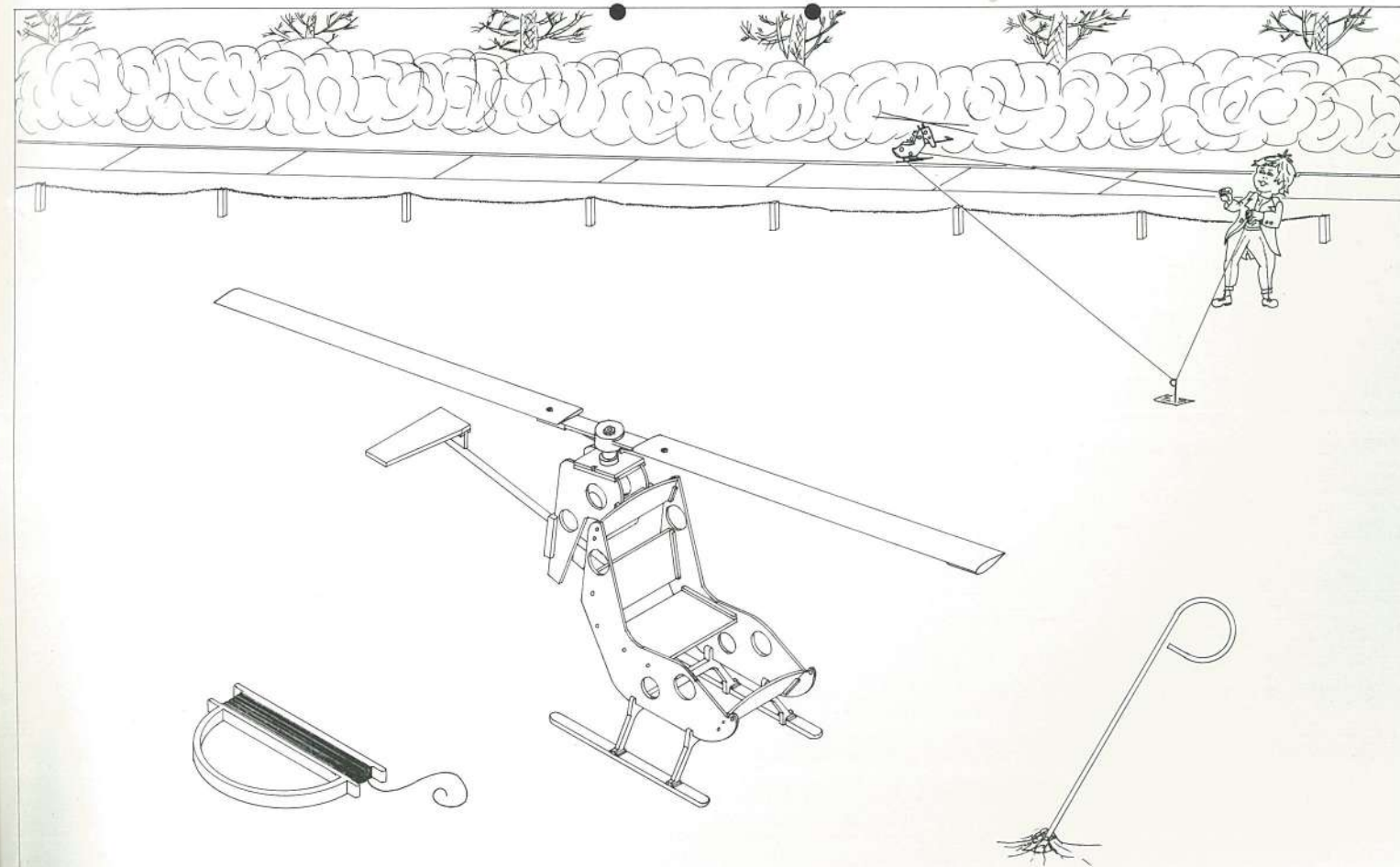


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