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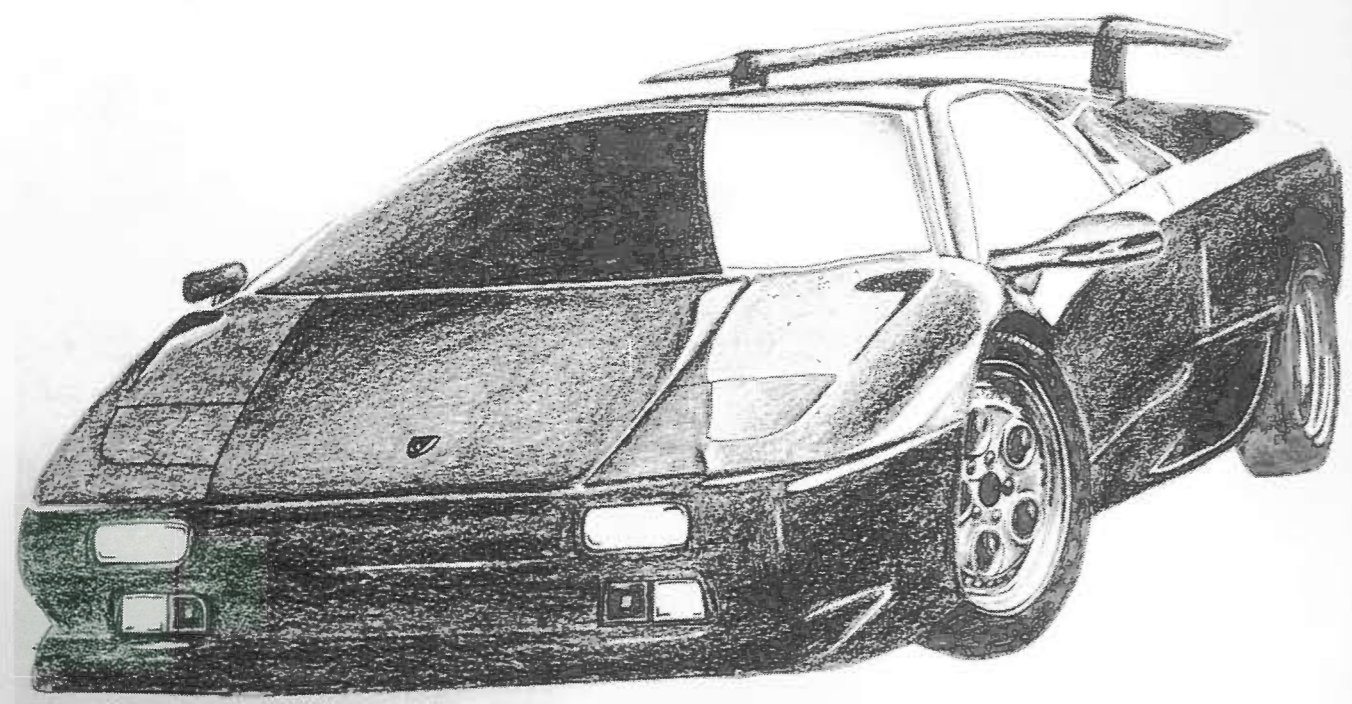


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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Board of Trustees has had another very active and rewarding year and I report on the following matters:

PERSONNEL

Phil Wipatene resigned from the Board and after consultation with the Kaumatua of the School, Donna and Tui Niwa were co-opted to the Board.

PROPERTY

There has been continued development in the School's property:

- All the students services are now together on the ground floor at the end of the Cramond Wing. This drawing together of the students' services is proving beneficial to the students and the teachers involved.
- A classroom has been constructed in the Gym area by using previously wasted space. This classroom now includes a weight training area.
- A Home Economics suite has been completed so that this subject can now be taught on site.
- The Gully courts have been re-surfaced; new basketball goals are being installed, and a volleyball has been constructed.
- An ongoing maintenance programme is being evolved in respect of all the school's buildings.

HOSTEL

- A major refit of the kitchen was completed over the 1993-94 Christmas holidays. The hostel students returned the same time as the finishing touches were being made.
- The old vegetable room at the end of the kitchen now houses four boys as part of the annex.
- A chef has been employed in the kitchen. With the new kitchen and the chef, the food provided to the hostel boys is now of a very high standard.
- The Hostel Committee is at present evolving a long term plan for future development of the hostel.

POLICY

A comprehensive review has been completed of all the School policies. New policies are also completed as required.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

The School received a week long visit from the Education Review Office. The report recently released, praises the Headmaster and Staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School for the standards set. This report reinforced the high standing that New Plymouth Boys' High School has in providing education to its students.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board has evolved a strategic plan for the overall development of the School. The Headmaster's trip to England in which he visited 10 schools will be most helpful in deciding the direction of New Plymouth Boys' High school towards the year 2000.

HEADMASTER

Mr T. T. Ryder has announced his retirement. The Board has called for applications for the position and will be making an appointment in mid-November 1994. The new School Principal will take over at the start of the second term, 1995.

The considerable voluntary work put in by all Board members has ensured that the governance of the School has operated smoothly and efficiently. The management of the School in the hands of the Headmaster, Senior Staff and Executive Officer has again been impressive and the Board thanks the Headmaster, Senior staff and Executive Officer and all teaching and non-teaching staff for their dedication and loyalty during the 1994 year. The Board recognises the input of students at New Plymouth Boys' High School and hopes the impressive results will continue.

J. H. R. EAGLES,
October 10, 1994.



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL STAFF 1994

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T. G. Heaps, BA (Hons), Dip Tchg, HOD English, Dean Form Six

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Reports ... again!



Mr Bone imparting wisdom.



Mrs Allan in full swing.

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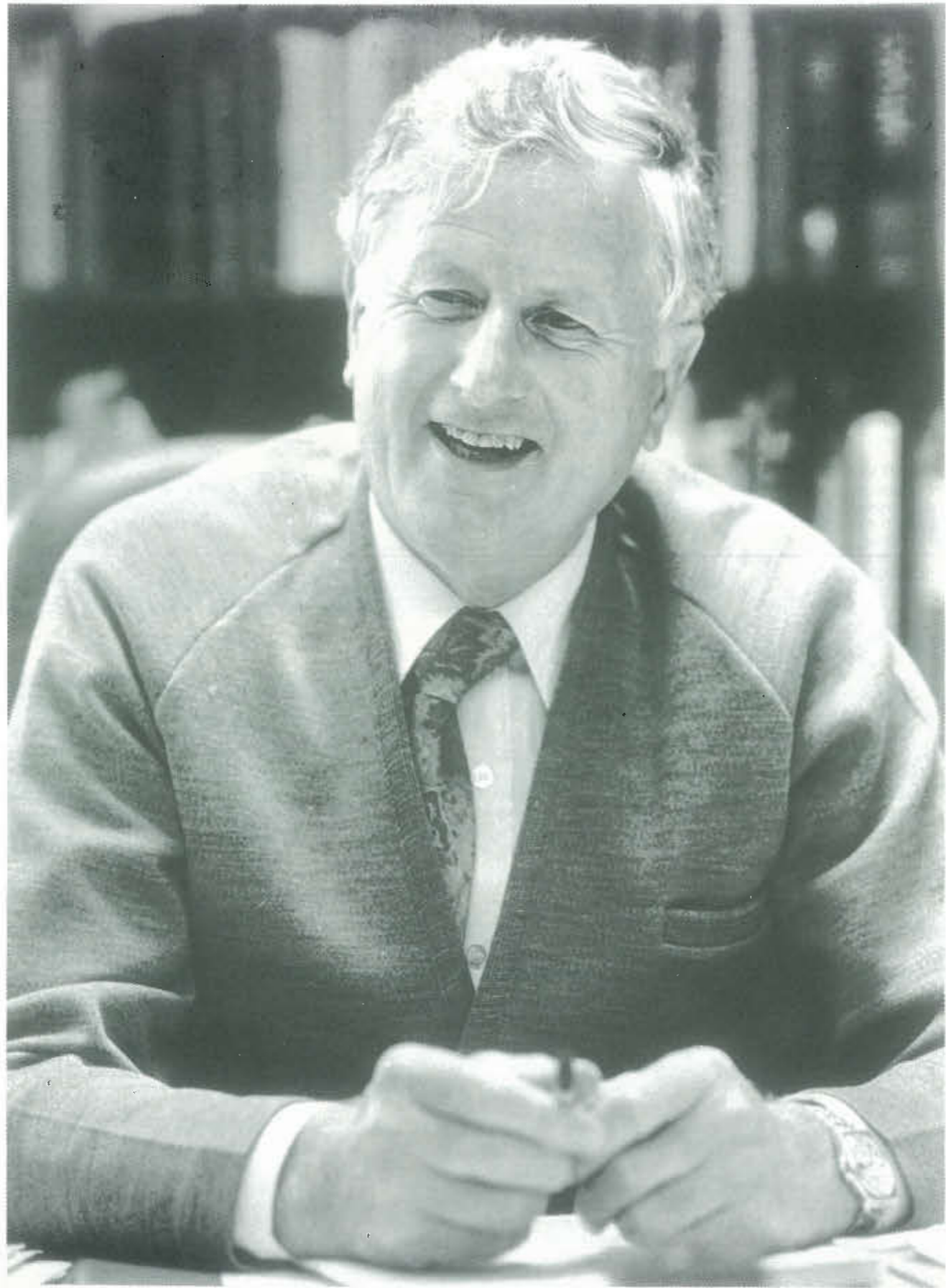
Mrs G. Busing



Mrs Crawford counting to 5!



The Dream Team 1994.



The Headmaster presents the cheque to Patrick O'Sullivan of the Globe Theatre Trust on the theatre site.



Kent Skinner receiving his award from the Governor General .

THE HEADMASTER COMMENTS

1994 promised to be a good year for all of us, on a number of counts; the successful conclusion of the GATT negotiations signalled better trading times ahead for New Zealand; rising sales and prices for our exports have triggered a lift in overall business confidence; unemployment - at last has receded to some extent; interest rates remain stable - inflation holds low and steady and all New Zealand schools were promised the long-awaited **Unit Standards** in Mathematics to match the new curriculum objectives. February was a warm and sunny month and there wasn't a problem cloud on the horizon.

Here at NPBHS the Board pushed ahead with a variety of contracts to improve facilities and services and January echoed to the churning of concrete mixers, the banging of hammers and the buzzing of power tools.

Room 38 was converted to a Home Economics Room, with an adjacent store and office; an extension of the Gymnasium changing - complex saw the creation of a Physical Educational Laboratory; the Memorial Block was painted; the corridors of the Alexander Block and Cramond Wing were renovated and Stage Two of the Student Services Centre was completed.

Above all, the old-fashioned, antiquated and inadequate boarding kitchen complex was completely gutted and by early February - a totally redesigned interior, with the very latest cooking technology was completed and handed over. This latter project cost \$480,000 and puts the NPBHS hostel at the forefront of similar institutions in kitchen design and equipment. In March, the Board approved the appointment of Mr John Holmes as our very first chef and that move completed a telling reformation in boarding.

The dining room is the engine house of any boarding establishment - and you need only ask the users - the boys and staff - to learn about the dramatic improvements to the meals provided. Until December 1993, the food here was plain, wholesome, but fairly predictable. Now the meals come in infinite variety - with flavour and presentation never experienced before. Visitors from St Pauls, Hamilton; St Kentigerns, Auckland; and Wanganui Collegiate - who used our accommodation for a soccer tournament in August, raved about the quality of the fare - and as they are all people from private schools, the measure of the tribute is even more noteworthy.

The cash needed for the kitchen up-grade was acquired as part of a deal negotiated between the Board and the Ministry of Education; the Board received a very considerable cash sum in exchange for our self-reliance in the future. NPBHS now is totally an independent Boarding establishment - which must fund its entire operation, maintenance and capital development from its own income - without any government funding in the future. The deal was struck at the very end of 1993 and the Board is busy fleshing out an ambitious and comprehensive strategic plan to be implemented within the next six years. We now have room for 198 boarders and the maximum planned roll for boarding is virtually achieved.

A total roll of 1157 boys have fitted into our expanded accommodation without complication and that is a long-awaited and happy circumstance that concludes more than a decade of significant roll growth and consequent building and renovations. Secondary School numbers in Taranaki will continue to shrink - but the school's popularity ensures roll stability and we have the opportunity to complete a programme of upgrading to the property in the next few years until expanding junior primary school rolls impact on us by the year 2000.

Other barometers of the school and its performance, must include external examination results and we await them every year with almost the degree of anticipation of the boys!

In 1992 our standard overall at School Certificate did not reach our own expectations and throughout 1993 the staff lifted their sights and set goals and persuaded the boys to set goals which were realistic and attainable. And it worked. Here are the pass rates (50%+) for each subject with the top score in the first brackets and the number of passes 80% or higher in the second brackets. In almost every subject our improvement was at least 10%.

Art 81% (97) (5); Accounting 61% (88) (3); Economics 74% (78) (-); English 69% (93) (18); French 70% (78) (-); Geography 74% (89) (5); History 75% (88) (4); Horticulture 49% (63) (1); Japanese 75% (88) (1); Latin 100% (76) (-); Te Reo Maori (spoken) 100% (Grade 1) (2); Te Reo Maori (written) 100% (Grade 1)

Mathematics 59% (99) (51); Music 56% (68) (-); Science 70% (93) (23); Technical Drawing 85% (87) (6); Workshop Technology 71% (95) (3).

In most subjects the NPBHS mean score comfortably exceeded the national mean score.

At the top of the School our University Bursary Results were equally pleasing. We always aim to achieve a pass rate for five subject

candidates of at least 65% and for the eighth successive year, we reached a 70%+ standard. Thirty four students won A Bursaries with aggregate scores of 300 plus and 36 students won B Bursaries with aggregate scores 250 to 299. When the yard stick of scholarship is applied, NPBHS again achieved excellence. Especially pleasing is the range of success. NPBHS is expected to perform well in English, Mathematics and the Sciences, but happily our success goes much wider. The results with the top score in brackets, are as follows:

Accounting, 1 scholarship, 89 maximum score, Biology, 1 scholarship, 90 maximum score, Chemistry, 3 scholarships, 90 maximum score, Calculus, 4 scholarships, 94 maximum score, English, 4 scholarships, 88 maximum score, Geography, 1 scholarship, 86 maximum score, Japanese, 1 scholarship, 87 maximum score, Horticulture, 1 scholarship, 87 maximum score, Physical Education, 1 scholarship, 88 maximum score, Physics, 3 scholarships, 92 maximum score, Statistics, 2 scholarships, 96 maximum score. Total Scholarships equals 22.

The individual students are properly acknowledged elsewhere in this Taranakian. Certainly one measure of academic excellence is Scholarship success. Only the top-performing 4 or 5% of New Zealand's Secondary School students qualify and it is very gratifying to know that the qualities of teaching and learning here - consistently place this school among New Zealand's very best. Since 1990 a total of 43 students have won 70 Junior Scholarships in a total of 15 subjects. It is an achievement everyone here can be proud of.

Our best student and last year's dux, Kent Skinner, won distinction in the Education Foundation Examinations in Statistics, Calculus and Physics and with Willy Szetu, won scholarship Awards from the NZEST Foundation. Kent topped New Zealand in Statistics in that exam and was second in Calculus with a score of 99! In the New Zealand Qualification Authority examinations, Kent again topped the nation in statistics and with an aggregate of 461 from an absolute maximum of 500, he ranked in the top 5 overall, nationally.

Term one was marked with the usual succession of action, following the selection of the Head Boy - Matthew Laurenson; the Heads of Houses - and 36 Prefects. Training sessions were completed in February and the boys elected their representative: Timu Niwa to the Board of Trustees. Highly successful Swimming and Athletics Sports followed - with fresh records established in the water and on the track. In April alarm bells rang concerning the deterioration of the main cricket wicket block and with the good services of Mr Doug Harvie, of the Board, we were able to freight in 30 cubic metres of top-quality clay from Marton, at the precise time we needed it - to prepare the surface for the 1994-95 season. The availability of the clay couldn't have occurred at a better time because Mr Giddy's 1st Cricket XI embarked on their best season ever at National Schools level. With outright wins over Auckland Grammar, Wanganui Collegiate and Rotorua Boys' High - the team qualified as one of the four NZ finalists for the Gillette Cup to be decided at Palmerston North in December.

Significantly, Old Boys featured throughout the Term. John McIntyre, Board Chairman from 1981 to 1989 was awarded an OBE and Mrs Ryder and I witnessed the investiture at Government House. Ross Field, skipper of Yamaha - featured consistently in the Round-the-World Yacht race. Ross won the Punta del Este to Fort Lauderdale leg and the 60 foot class overall and he rang the school on receipt of our message of congratulations and subsequently visited New Plymouth and spoke to the assembly. In April our Guest Speaker at the Anzac Service was Bill McLay, Head Boy of Moyes House in 1939. Bill is the father of Mrs Gilkison, former staff member and currently a trustee on the Board and grandfather of Stephen and Andrew Gilkison, students in Forms 5 and 3.

If anything, momentum increased as we commenced Term two. The usual round of Departmental Reviews began in May and concluded in August. It is a detailed survey of our teaching and management and there is a strong focus on student performance - what has been achieved and what we plan to achieve. In parallel with that survey, the Board and Senior Management were preparing for an Assurance Audit by the Education Review Office of the Central West region based in Wanganui.

The audit occurs over a week and is essentially a check to ensure that the Board is complying with all relevant Acts and Regulations and the Managers and staff of the School are following the National Educational Guidelines and Administrative Guidelines. The Board and School must provide a good deal of documentation and all Heads of Departments and teachers are observed at work to ensure that we are performing to the standards expected of us. In preparation for the audit and as a preparation for the future the Board and Senior Staff - produced a Strategic Plan for NPBHS to help sharpen our vision for the next five years.

On the eve of the audit; but with all preparations completed (and almost immediately following another most successful Open Weekend for boarding parents - who were entertained splendidly at the annual concert, arranged by our new HOD Music, Mrs Mary Allan), Mrs Ryder and I set out for the United Kingdom for two months leave. It is the first major break we have had since 1984 and for the first 3 weeks I undertook a survey of some 13 schools in the Counties of Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Britain is going through very similar educational changes to those currently being experienced in New Zealand. If anything, self-management is more advanced in England - with all schools receiving full funding for staff salaries and operations, and without exception every school enjoys the freedom of managing its own affairs and those that do best have a very effective partnership between Board and Principal. A new rational curriculum has been implemented. We are in the process of implementation, but we intend to go further than the British by extending ours into the Senior School with the innovation of Unit Standards Assessment, yet to be demonstrated. In England, government is certainly developing vocational training in the Senior School but relies heavily on external examinations such as the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) and A levels - which determine entry to the universities. Professional training of teachers receives much more emphasis than is the case here, and significantly as the teaching profession has been at the cutting edge of reforms - so there has been acknowledgement - with modest but regular salary increases. It is a deep concern of mine that here in New Zealand - government continues to make more and more demands on the profession - yet salaries remain frozen at 1989 levels!!

I had one very important service to perform on behalf of the boys while I was in London. The school had decided to support the Shakespearian Globe Theatre reconstruction in Southwick - just south of the Thames and St Pauls Cathedral and in July, on the site, I handed over a cheque for the equivalent of £300 sterling - raised by the boys, through a mufti day and from Tuck Shop funds. Some 100 schools throughout Britain have already subscribed to this exciting project and NPBHS is among the first Commonwealth Schools to be named among the donors.

By September I had returned to NPBHS, considerably refreshed and with a host of ideas to share with the Board of Trustees. I had also decided that the time had come for me to end my period of headmastership. The Board graciously accepted my notice of retirement to take effect from May 1995. Planning for the succession is well advanced. Education Gazette notices advertising the position attracted inquiries from Southland to Auckland and the Board will soon select a short-list of applicants - with the interviewing and selection process to have been completed just prior to Senior Prizegiving.

In the meantime the detailed report from the Education Review Office has been received and a most positive and supportive report it is.

The summary includes: "New Plymouth Boys' High School presents an imposing physical image, reflecting pride, tradition and history ... and the school has been developed, landscaped and maintained to a high standard". "A competent board, assisted by a dedicated staff ensures the school is managed, organised and administered for the purposes defined in the charter ... and the systems established are delivering quality learning opportunities for students. "Strong professional leadership provides the school with a forward-looking vision that enables it to respond positively to externally initiated change.

"Departments are characterised by a strong team approach and teachers show commitment to their students - are hard working and expect students to perform to their individual potential.

"ERO notes the wide range of student success. Students are achieving in the academic, sporting and cultural domains - and high academic success is common across all subjects. Student leaders provide excellent role models, thus NPBHS maintains the best qualities of its history and traditions.

It reads well and it reads true - and the credit belongs to all of those members of the School Community who works hard to ensure we earn our reputation. Certainly on the eve of my retirement the ERO report provides deep satisfaction.

But, back to the boys. After all the action of the year up to September a number of individual students had achieved excellence at the highest level. Jared Hill, Form 7 won the prize for the best review article in a student newspaper as judged by the School For Journalism at Canterbury University. Timu Niwa, Form 7 won the International Peace Essay Award - and a trip to Hiroshima, just as Michael Frampton did last year. Craig Cochrane, Form 5 continued NPBHS success in music by being chosen as a member of the NZ Youth Concert Band, and the Concert Band won a Silver Medal for outstanding group musicianship. Youth Concert Band, and the Concert Band won a Silver Medal for outstanding group musicianship. Rodney Fisher, Richard Letica and Glen Bullen all contributed to a successful co-production of Macbeth

with NPGHS. Aneel Hay climaxed a first class career in the performing arts by winning the Lions National Young Speakers Award - and he travels to the UK for his prize in December.

In sport the accolades continue. This has been the year for Squash, 5th in New Zealand for the second successive year; Cricket, with a place for the 1st XI in New Zealand's top Four teams and Soccer. The 1st XI won three preliminary inter-schools to qualify for the nation's top Secondary Schools Tournament and confounded everyone by securing 3rd place. Of the individuals - Andrew Gordon was selected for the National School Boys Tournament team in soccer; Mark Horgan (Sportsman of the year) represented Taranaki at Senior Men's Hockey and New Zealand in the Under 18 Teams which played against Australia. John Woodward at the Inter-Schools Cycle Championship in Levin took out the Individual Time Trial title (he is only in Form 4), Brett Hutchieson represented New Zealand at the World Surfboarding championship in Bali, and Thomas Henderson continues to be selected for the NZ Development Squad in Cricket.

It all adds up to a very impressive record in 1994 and with international success in competitions in Mathematics, English and Science (50 boys won distinctions and Karl Laird, Form 4 topped New Zealand in Science) no-one can deny that our top boys can compete with the best in New Zealand and beyond.

For all of that I give thanks to my colleagues, teaching and non-teaching, the senior student leaders who regard the school so highly and the Board and PTA who work unremittinly on our behalf.

What of the future? For me retirement - but for the school, a host of challenges remain. First is the selection of a new headmaster and the Board of Trustees will want to appoint a gifted leader with the wisdom and enthusiasm necessary to guide the school into a very demanding future in which the role of the Senior School, especially, will be open to all kinds of demands as the leaving age rises and as a seamless system of education offering all manner of possibilities begins to have effect. Then there are the demands of maintaining and improving performance by the boys; the demands of an emerging national curriculum and new systems of assessment, with no assurance, yet, from government of the resources necessary to do the job; the demands of educational technology - by no means fully implemented at NPBHS; the demands on teachers contending with social problems as well as achieving the school's goals. Whether we can increasingly behave as welfare agencies, along with everything else that the modern State imposes on schools, such as the ramifications of the Health and Safety Act, the Employment Contracts Act, the Buildings Act, the Privacy Act, the Children and Young Persons Act - is a moot point. If we are increasingly diverted from our main purposes - schools like ours could well be put at risk - and that is a possibility that brings unease. But I prefer to end on a positive note.

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority has now wisely decided to trial unit standards in Mathematics and Geography. Sixty schools will be involved throughout 1995 and NPBHS has made application to be one of the trial schools. There is a great deal at stake in this matter and this new system of teaching and assessing must be proved to be reliable and valid - and only then will it be credible to students, their parents, teachers and the public at large. Mr Jack West's magnificent book "Lest We Forget" - a tribute to the 227 Old Boys killed in World War Two - will appear before Christmas. The school is right behind the publication and will be the major beneficiary. Certainly next year we shall have a very good quality teaching staff and our Form 3 intake of more than 260 students ensures that we shall remain a big school, able to sustain a rich curriculum. Boys and teachers are already planning fresh ventures and new levels of achievement for 1995 and while that spirit of seeking success is uppermost - NPBHS will continue to thrive.

T. T. RYDER, Headmaster

STAFF NOTES - 1994

The staff farewelled several colleagues in 1993, many of whom had made an extraordinary contribution to life and learning at NPBHS.

Mr David Craig left us to teach and conduct research overseas, he represented a big loss to the English Department. Mrs Lilly left us to go to teach at the PNCOE and Natsuko Saito also left the Language Department to return to her native Japan. Matiu Julian completed the decimation of the Language Department by taking a years leave of absence to further develop his language skills. Mr Miles Carter left the Maths Department after many years of teaching at NPBHS and making a special contribution to the education of the mathematically able students of the school. Mr Don Boyd resigned his position as HOD Music, though he retained a part-time position in 1994. Mr Max Maaka left us to further his professional expertise at the Polytechnic.

To all of these people we thank you for the work done for the staff and students of the school. In every case whether your departure is permanent or just temporary, your contribution is valued and the students are as always, properly, the main beneficiaries.

When staff leave there are holes to be filled and new people come to step into the breach.

Mary Allan came from Hamilton to take over the Music Department. Her verve and humour made immediate impressions and she is welcomed by all on the staff. Leith Atkins came to help us in the PE Department temporarily, but agreed to stay with us when our need was great. Her contribution is valued by all. Bill Geange came from the East Coast as our new Guidance Counsellor. A startled counsellor couldn't believe the amount of rain that fell on the West Coast, though he was reassured when informed that by Christmas four days of sunshine could be possible! Todd Gunning joined us from Opunake and impressed everyone with his contribution to co-curricular work and the Geography and Maths departments.

New "Beginning" teachers joined us to give balance to the withered old tobacco purses in the hierarchy. Mr Eliot Jones (Maths), Mr Andrew Slyfield (Maths), Ms Maria Taylor (English), Mr Karl Signal (English), Mr Chris Luke (Maori), Miss Noriko Nakanishi (Japanese) all came and made an immediate positive impression on fellow staff members and most importantly the pupils of the school.

During the year Mrs Doreen Baylee retired after a long and significant contribution to the school. We wish Doreen well for a long healthy and fulfilling retirement. Doreen was replaced by Mrs Kath Martin and then in Term III by Mrs Val Moore, welcome back again Val.

Also during the year Mrs Margaret Crawford won well deserved promotion to HOD English at Sacred Heart. Margaret made a big contribution to NPBHS and we are certain Sacred Heart can only benefit from the injection into that school of her special talents. Replacing Mrs Crawford was Mr Stuart Port from Waitara High school, and Mrs Pauline Koorey who came to teach Margaret's Form 7 English class. To both teachers we extend a warm welcome.

Mrs Julie Rowlands came as an experienced HOD of Home Economics to set up an embryo Department in the school. From a modest beginning we are sure great things will occur.

The big news this year was the announcement of the Headmaster's retirement at the end of Term I 1995. The immediate question (at the time of this writing unresolved) was who was to replace the man, who more than any other, has made NPBHS what it is today. The staff agree that the boots to be filled are very large and therefore the successor won't be easy to find.

The staff wish the BOT, led by Mr John Eagles, well in what will be the most difficult task facing any Board of NPBHS since schools became self-managing in the late 1980's.

The staff wish to thank the Support Staff for all they have done to smooth the path of teaching. Mrs Dawn Eaton, Mrs Coryn Muir, Mrs Jenny Sorensen, Mrs Vicki Baker, Mrs Judy Frankham, Mrs Pam O'Byrne, Mrs Krystina Clarke, Mrs Jean van Beers and Mrs Liz Winters led by Board Secretary and Executive Officer, Mr Les Emslie have again performed beyond the call of duty with dedication and good grace. Where would we have been without you?

The final group of people worthy of note, helped in times of sickness; Mrs Beverley Barkley, Mr John Lykles, Mr Matthew Williams, Mr Brian Allen, Miss Karen Conybeer, Mr Paul Greenwood and Mrs Ann Laursen all helped and without their vigour in times of need the school would have been hard pressed to cope.

Finally for the staff who are to leave us in 1994 we wish you well, may good fortune follow you. For those returning, have a good break and return with renewed vigour.

The 113th year will bring its own blend of youth and experience in the staff together, to once again meet the needs of the New Zealand of Tomorrow.

J.B. LAURENSEN, Deputy Headmaster.



Scrum time - not a pretty thought.



No foul play escapes Mr Giddy's eagle eye.



Mr Hall pokes his tongue out at the opposition - Mr Hoskin's bursting in support.

HEAD BOY'S REPORT



1994 has been a year of continued achievement for New Plymouth Boys' High School. As in almost every year, New Plymouth Boys' High School has enjoyed many highs.

Sports has enjoyed a year of success for both team and individual codes. The First XI Soccer team has achieved more than any other team in the school's history by gaining third in New Zealand at the August holidays national tournament. This team also did well in the local competition coming second in the Taranaki Men's Premier Division.

The Hockey XI performed up to its typically high standards coming fourth in India Shield competition. This team also saw the rise of a possible future men's national representative - Mark Horgan.

The First XV Rugby team once again performed well in a very close local Under 21 competition winning the final in the last seconds thanks to the individual skill of Darrell Sheeran. They also won three out of their six college games.

The First V Basketball team experienced many disappointments this year but rallied together to come second in National Bs.

Individually the best performance of the year would have to come from fourth former, John Woodward, who won the open secondary cycling time trial competing against seventh formers.

Other individual performances of note have to be Tee Sern Lim who secured his third consecutive Taranaki Secondary School's Badminton singles title. Ben Scott and Derek Oldridge also gained spots in the NZ Development Squad for surf lifesaving.

New Plymouth Boys' High School also excelled this year in the performance categories.

In Debating the team performed well locally and in Public Speaking outstanding standards were achieved. Aneel Hay performed very well nationally to win the Lions NZ Under 21 outstanding speakers award receiving four weeks in the UK as first prize.

The school's performance band won a Silver Award in Napier. The Boarders and Day Boys joined together to again put on a good performance during the hostel open weekend. The school's Islanders once again entertained over a hundred people in their annual Island Night fixture.

Two new ventures enjoyed success when senior students Paul Wolfram, Neville Garven, Matthew Dravitzki and Blair Northcott pushed Theatresports with great returns. 'The Square Vibrating Fish Poetry Orchestra' or something to that effect, gave the school some much needed variety, and Matt, Paul, Neville and Robert were the strong driving force behind this.

Personally one of the main highlights of the year was the School Ball. With the theme of 'Romance Under the Stars', the ball went very well with everyone enjoying themselves. Personal thanks have to go out to all those who helped with the Ball, especially Ryan, Steve, Ben, Tee, Matheesa, Charles and all the mums.

The School Council this year held some very successful dances for all age groups and special thanks have to go out to Steve Roguski and Mr Gledhill. Also the heads of the other committees: Mr Atkins, Mr Smith, Mr Heaps, Mr Kirk and Mr Watts have done an excellent job.

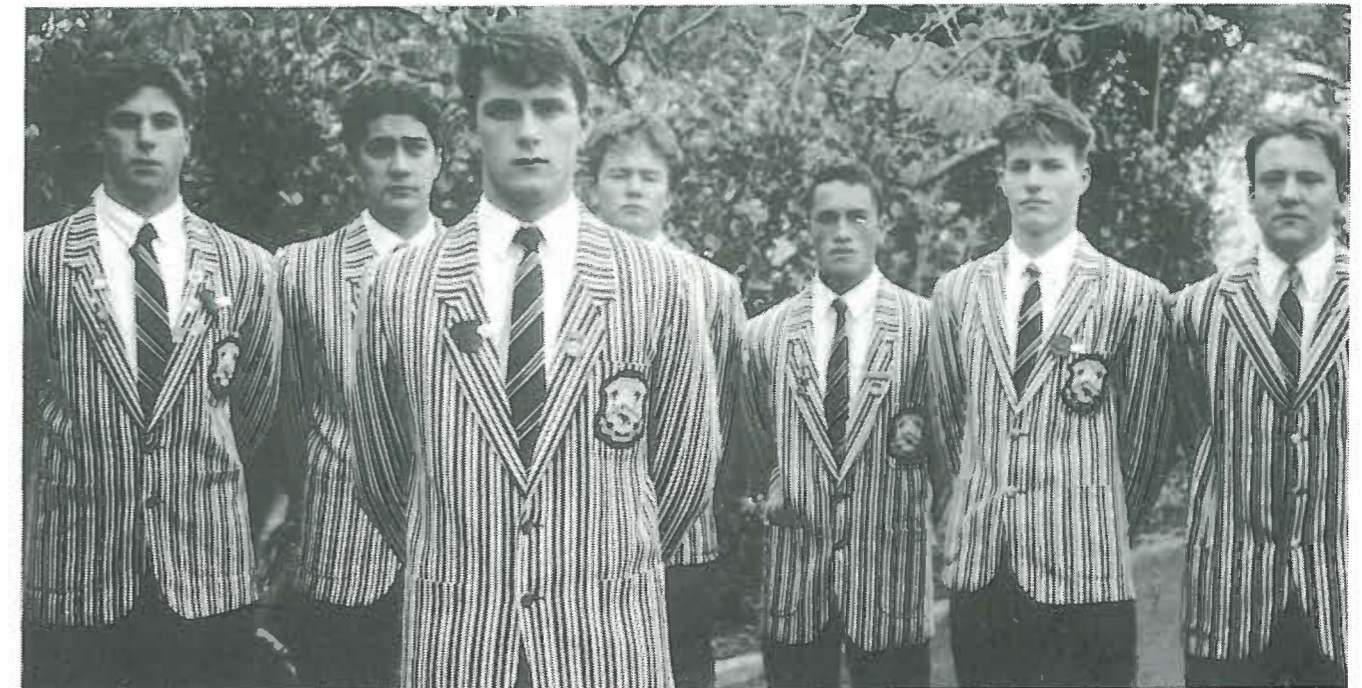
This year we developed strong links with other schools, especially NPGHS. The close contact with Liana Poutu allowed assembly swaps to occur in front of the entire school. This was, from my point of view, very beneficial and enjoyable. Although it must be noted that Simon Gibbs and myself have not yet forgiven Liana for making us sing opera to 1100 Boys' High guys.

The hostel once again proved to be the backbone of the school. This is even more apparent to me than most, as I have lived in the hostel in the past. Hatherly won the house competition and for the second year straight, won the Day Boys/Boarders match (just!).

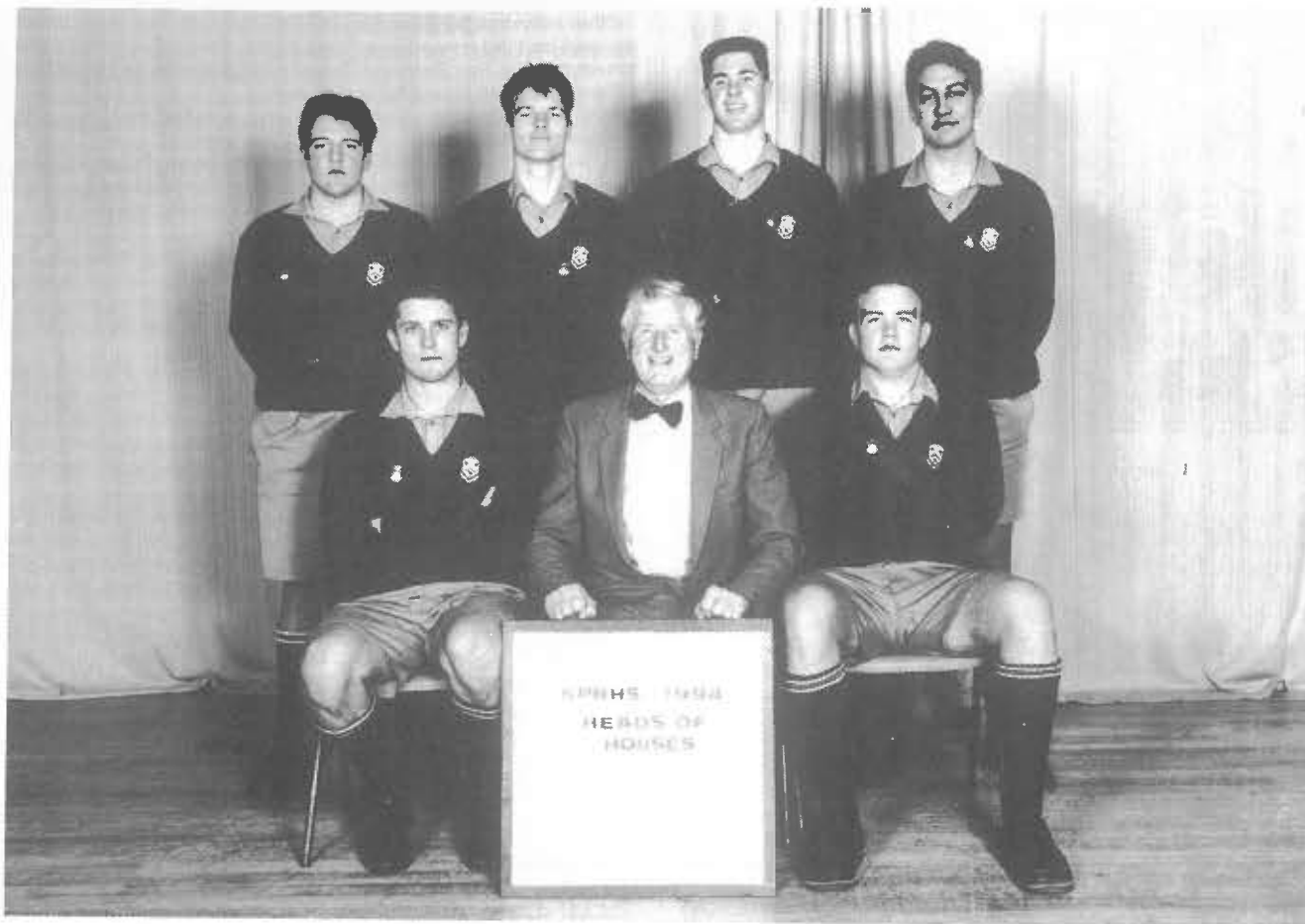
Lastly, I would like to say something about our headmaster, Mr T. T. Ryder. I have had the honour of being the last Head Boy to serve a full year with Mr Ryder. The year hasn't been easy but it has certainly provided a worthwhile experience. Nothing of benefit comes easy, a lesson which Mr Ryder has taught me well, and I personally thank him for this.

Special thanks must also go out to Mr Kirk, Mr Heaps, my family and friends.

I wish the Head Boy of 1995 well in his task to ensure NPBHS has another successful year.



Ben Cooper, Head of Donnelly; Timu Niwa, Student Representative; Matthew Laurenson, Head Boy; Bruce Howse, Head Boarder; Nicholas Davis, Head of Moyes House; Steve Roguski, Head of Syme; Aaron Knowles, Head of Barak.



NPBHS HEADS OF HOUSES 1994

Back Row: A. Knowles (Barak), S. Roguski (Syme), B. Cooper (Donnelly), T. Niwa (Board Representative).
Front Row: M. Laurenson (Head Boy), Mr T. Ryder (Headmaster), B. Howse (Hatherley).



NPBHS PREFECTS 1994

Back Row: C. Stachurski, J. Day, C. Kerr, W. Collier, J. Watkins, N. Taylor, M. Dravitzki, R. Letica.
Third Row: D. Sheeran, D. Brighurst, A. Gordon, S. Edgecombe, M. Houlton, R. Struthers, C. Ansell, S. McCallum, N. Davis, J. Chapman.
Second Row: H. Gray, R. Lancaster, M. Stadden, J. Waterman, E. Ansari, C. Metcalfe, A. Malcolm, D. Sammons, S. Gibbs.
Front Row: A. Knowles, S. Roguski, B. Cooper, M. Laurenson (Head Boy), Mr T. Ryder (Headmaster), B. Knowles, T. Niwa, B. Northcott, M. Jayasekera.



NPBHS SCHOOL COUNCIL 1994

Back Row: T. Henderson, A. Knowles, B. Howse, S. Roguski, C. Bennett, H. Gray.
Third Row: C. Sheridan, M. Worthington, M. Houlton, Mr G. Smith, J. Rowe, N. Davis, M. de Bock, D. Williams.
Second Row: Mr K. Gledhill, N. McLeod, S. Edgecombe, Mr D. Atkins, V. Wellington, Mr M. Watts, B. Cooper, T. Niwa, Mr T. Heaps.
Front Row: G. Hassell, Mr A. Kirk, Mr J. Laurenson, M. Laurenson, M. T. Ryder, M. Dravitzki, Mr M. Grimwood, D. Gibson.

STUDENT REP REPORT

Teachers always seem to say that seventh form would be "your best year of school", in my case, it could be no more than truth. Being elected as Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 1994 has been very rewarding, and I'll never forget the experiences that I have had to encounter.

I attended my first meeting in March. Here I was to meet all the Board Members, who gave me the support I needed for this new position. Being on the Board, I became a member of Whanau Waiora, the Policy Sub-committee, the Property Sub-committee, and also the School Council.

Each Board meeting I would present a report outlining student successes and concerns and answer any questions directed at me by other Board members, who had any queries relating to student matters.

1994 has seen the Board involved with a new bicycle compound, vending machines in the hostel, the final stages of the Gully Court being completed, the hostel kitchen upgrade and the Home Economics Unit. This being just a few of the countless things that the Board had to deal with and overcome.

One of the biggest matters that has been undertaken by the Board of Trustees, has been the position for a new principal. The processes and roads, the Board must go through in choosing the right person for the job, takes a lot of time.

Being Student Rep has allowed me to interact with fellow students, not only to talk about concerning issues, but also being someone to talk to about problems a student may have.

To end, I'd just like to thank all those who have made this year the best year of my high school life. To all the Board Members who have been there to support me (especially Mrs Watkins and Mrs Gilkison for being my 'chauffeurs'). Thank you all so much. To my family who have also been there to support me throughout the year, to all the students of NPBHS, you really have made this year the best I could possibly have.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to Mr Ron Goodare, who gave up his position last year due to illness, and who died this year after battling his disease. He was the Board Secretary, he will be sadly missed by all.

To the BOT Student Rep for 1995, observe, learn and act. Give all that you can and don't be afraid to speak out. Kia kaha, stay strong!! No reira, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Tena koutou
 Tena koutou
 Tena tatou katoa.

TIMU NIWA.

SYME HOUSE REPORT

Like sand falls through the hourglass, so do the days of our lives. Life is strange, days can seem like an eternity, yet years flash by like wickets in the day boys, boarders cricket match. Another year has nearly come to an end, I have enjoyed my time as head of house and the people that I have worked with have been great.

At the start of the year I set three goals for Syme house. The first was to see good participation among the students of the house, the second was to enjoy ourselves, and the third was to have a crack at winning.

The year started off well with a win in the swimming, however this was not a sign of good things to come, it was a sign of great things. We lost the athletics in terms of actual points, but in reality we came second as the house gave a good team effort and came second in the tabloid sports and at the same time had fun doing it.

Strong participation was also found in the minor sports with an overall placing of second with great wins in the cricket (beating boarders by 210 runs) and the basketball, and a strong challenge in the tennis by Topless and myself. The year began and finished on high notes, and we achieved the first two and most important goals and gave it our best shot in the third.

The future for Syme House looks bright as the juniors were the most loyal competitors (especially four Fourth Formers with an excess of growth hormones, head swell and stubble).

There are many people to thank for making the year go smoothly. Firstly Mr Smith, who was always on hand with reassurance, advice and tactics. The group of prefects did a great job, thanks Blair, Jacob, Stagget, Speagle, Staddon, Sammons, Stackers, Timu, Whoppa and Henery. The house and the school lost one of our better prefects Morehu, pull your socks up NOW!! Te Awa but was well replaced by Jacob. As head of the social committee I would like to thank Mr Gledhill, Wellington, Tommo, Charles, Jason, Mathessha, Jayasekera, Cabbage, Worzel, Henery and Tee Lim. Without your help the dances would have been impossible.

New Plymouth Boys' High School offers the fruits of endeavour and it is up to us to take up the opportunity of making our time at the school a period of our life to savour, thus I am very glad and fortunate to have been a head of house. It was a good experience working with the other heads, Coops (buy a watch); Knowlsey, my fiercest rival (the bet's still on); Bruce, a man with the ability to dodge saying his thank yous, never the less a great guy; and of course Chucky, a head boy with the best thank yous I have ever seen in a man, and whose reading of the sports results never ceased to inspire me. Thanks guys, it has been a pleasure and all the best for the future.

To the potential head of any house, make sure you don't let the opportunity pass you by. Finally I would like to farewell Mr Ryder. I wish you all the best for whatever you have planned for the future.

STEVE ROGUSKI.

BARAK

At the start of 1994 I said to the school that I didn't aim to 'win' the House Competition this year, but concentrate on everyone participating and enjoying themselves. After all, winning isn't everything and I'm sure it's not why the House Competition started.

In reflection, I feel that I can safely say that Barak House had the most fun for 1994.

House Assemblies consisted of volleyball, jug o' war, soccer, touch rugby, basketball and the Haka, to name a few activities.

There was also an 'interesting' piece of drama on Monty Barak and the odd spot of music too. I must thank Gavin Hughes for his immaculate attendance at House Assembly all year long.

Barak continued its strong pattern in the Haka, with second place once again this year. My thanks go out to Mr Luke, 'Roly' Lewis and Jai Huta for their input. A lot must also be said for Mr Atkins' theory of stance in the Haka also.

The swimming sports was a great day in the sun and a good time was had by everyone. 'Worzel' McFarlane must be congratulated for his blazing efforts in the cross-country and athletics, dominating in the long distances.

The whole-hearted efforts that went into rugby, soccer, touch rugby, hockey, jug o' war, volleyball and tennis makes me proud. Basketball turned out to be extremely exciting to watch and 'Humper' Humphries blazing batting coupled with some mean bowling from Stubbie 'Ride that bike' Henderson gave Barak a moral victory in the cricket (rules as clear as mud).

I'd like to thank all the prefects for their team work, co-operation and skill, throughout this year;

Matthew 'The Doorman' Hoult tried to run the house like the Third Reich (it was more like Colonel Klink and Stalag 13).

Worzel's wit, enthusiasm and uncanny ability to tell the funniest stories was sorely missed in the later part of the year; Richard 'Punga Legs' Leticia was my right hand man and target for 'delegation dumping'; Alan 'Malcs' Malcolm was always the voice of reason among chaos; Matheesha 'Three Course Lunch' Jayasekera always smiled, was positive and never complained; Simon 'Stimpy' McAllum and Chucky 'Flaming Face' Laurenson were involved in every sporting event humanly possible; Robert 'Bobo' Lancaster expertly reconstructed the life of Monty Barak; Chris 'Karaoke' Kerr, and finally Tee-Sern Lim for coming to the rescue to take over Worzel's group room late in the year.

My thanks also go out to Barak House as a whole. I recieved nothing but enthusiasm and positivity throughout and got 100% support - especially at the crucial moments. A special thanks though to Brian 'Roly' Lewis, Mark 'Green Machine' Nielson, Jai Huta, Ryan 'Hoadly' Johnson, 'Hoops' Hooper and 'Chunky' Kintera - the unsung heroes.

Thank you to Grant 'Hovell Creature' Hasall as well, for scoring judging and explaining the intricacies of lawn bowls to anyone brave enough to come within earshot.

Mr Kirk and Mr Laurenson share my utmost respect for their guidance and inspiration through thick and thin as does Mr Atkins for his leadership and monstrous voice in House Assembly.

You can't have a competition without opposition and I'd like to acknowledge a few guys who kept the House Competition lively this year: Cabbage 'Can't get it up' Crofskey always had a smart comment to make, Speegal 'Heather by thy name' Taylor seemed to compete in every sport, Brett 'Sloth' Rudman who became such a legend that he could've started his own fan club and Staggit 'Uncle Bully' Struthers for sportsmanship and competitiveness in whatever went on.

To the other House Leaders; Steve 'I'm sorry you're wrong' Roguski, Ben 'I'm too sexy' Cooper and Bruce Howse - it's been a pleasure working with you and all the best for whatever the future brings.

And finally, to Head of Barak 1995; make the most of the opportunities that are presented to you throughout the year. Take all the advice you can get, and give it 100%.

Remember, it's not winning that matters - but whether you and the house have fun, play hard and play fair.

DONNELLY

A to the K? No! A to the G, that's Donnelly!

1994 has been for me, a great year, it has been both very busy and demanding, but certainly my most rewarding at New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Student leadership is encouraged within the school and my fellow Donnelly prefects, Mr Watts and I urged this to the house early on in the year at our first house meeting, as this is the strong structure that we pride ourselves on.

Donnelly House has a history steeped in tradition, pride and sense of achievement within the school, whether it be academic, sporting, or cultural activities.

Donnelly's main cultural tradition (which has occurred for the last four years) is to come last in the Haka competition, and yes, this year was no exception - sure we had many good Haka practices but the great tradition continues! - and to next year's Head of Donnelly, give it heaps

but the tradition will never be broken so don't break it - we're known for it. Sadly we perform to that level, that's what gives Donnelly its feeling and irony within the other houses!

I would personally like to thank everybody involved in my selection for Head of Donnelly and I personally know that I have served the school, staff and the students of the school to the best of my ability at formal school functions with guest visitors and other outside school functions, funerals and prizegivings etc.

Donnelly House achieved many notable things this year in the inter-house competition.

First in the junior and senior soccer, first in the rugby league, first in the tennis (both seniors and juniors), and first in the golf.

There were very solid performances to be placed second in the swimming sports, cross country, athletics and tug-o-war, an excellent effort! The makeshift 'Hard as Nails' Donnelly sevens rugby teams, both junior and senior, finished a very creditable second.

A special mention must be noted about our senior sevens rugby team, who played in the house competition on the Gully.

To the boys, Clint, Bennett, Asher, Fabish, Clarke, Planet, Cave and Rob - thanks for the quick lesson in try-scoring, but it was Syme who took the hiding and not us Mr Giddy! (At least we don't go to the Warehouse to buy our rugby jerseys, Barkers unfortunately couldn't make ours!).

To the Donnelly Prefects for 1994. Thanks for your help and support during our successful year.

D1 - Edmond 'Baysari' Ansari
Interhouse basketball player and swimmer.

D2 - Daniel 'Where are the brakes' Brighurst
Our true Donnelly Dare Devil, seriously, get back to 100% fitness soon and good luck for your future!

D3 - Jay 'Regain' Chapman
The pace man in our interhouse and prefects 100m relay running team.

D4 - Wayne 'Surfs Up' Collier
The solid supplier of support and is only willing to help out in all prefects downtown raids.

D5 - My group
Special mention to Mr Butler, thanks for your guidance, it's been a long five years, and you still produce heads of houses year after year. Keep up the great work!

D6 - Clinton 'Clint' Ansell
The official and honorary two minute noodle connoisseur and Weetbix/Coke champion of the school, and also Girls' High.

D7 - Jonathan 'Dole' Day
The prefect with the soccer skills and the brains to sell red roses for the school within a few days.

D8 - Hamish 'Mush' Gray
Our true squash champion for Donnelly and cross country runner, 10th in senior school. Also the house deputy; we had many great ideas and between us, great laughs. Thanks mate.

D9 - Andrew 'Flash' Gordon
Donnelly soccer star, touch rugby, D9 champion finalists of the school - well done to all the guys involved.

D10 - Charley 'Biggles' De Bock
The ball man with the dance moves, the tickets and the sharf - what else can I say?

Mr Watts - The staff house leader showed great style at the swimming sports and has promised to supply every Donnelly house member with a pair of original Blu Blockers, so you don't have to wear 95c blue Warehouse sunglasses like he does - so ring now!

Also Clarke, thanks for your participation in every Donnelly event possible, volleyball, rugby, tug-o-war, Haka, cross country 13th in school, cricket, just to name a few.

On a sad note, we lost a great leader this year in the unfortunate death of Scott Chadwick; Old Boy, Head of Donnelly House 1990. Scott will always be remembered in my mind and no doubt in yours also if you were lucky to have known him.

To Matt, Bruce, Aaron, Steve and Timu for the general running of the school and senior ball, we worked as a team and I personally feel we all benefitted from it. Thanks and good luck for next year.

To my house, the students and staff represented, thank you for your effort, dedication, participation and commitment during all inter-house sports competition. Your personal contribution is much appreciated and it makes my job a lot easier and because of your great efforts we are now a force to be reckoned with in inter-house competitions from now on! The Boarders are losing their grip on the title and will soon be toppled.

Finally, but not nearly the least, Mr Ryder, Mr Laurenson, Mr Kirk, and staff, thank you for your input, guidance, encouragement and ultimate friendship which you have shown me.

Thank you.

BEN COOPER.

HEAD BOARDER'S REPORT



Bruce Howse.

1993 was a top year in boarding, and so far 1994 has been better. In '93 the hostel managed to clean out the house competition (for the record, the eighth year in a row), also winning the Day Boys v Boarders Rugby, and coming a close second in the newly reformed Day Boys v Boarders cricket match.

From the start of '94 the hostel was in for a BIG year. When Paul Tannahill ran for Student Rep, hostel hopes were pinned high. However, Paul lost the election marginally.

The house competition started off on a 'downer', with Hatherly coming last in the swimming sports, although the spirit was high and it was good fun, especially with Bro McGuire chanting on the way down to the swimming pool. Maybe he should join Metallica. However, we managed to join together and took the athletics sports by storm, winning easily, and cleaning out the Day Boys in the Boarders v Day Boys 100m relay. Next came the cross country, which again we were determined to win and had put in many hard hours of training. On the day, we managed to dominate the event, coming out on top once more.

Victories also came in rugby sevens, hockey and the tug-o-war (how could we lose when we had Slim Amon and Manu Jones?). We also won the Haka competition with Rangi at the helm who motivated our house with his original start, which seemed to impress the judges. All in all the house competition has become harder for us to keep winning, and this year we are holding out with a three point lead, with only the cricket and tennis to go. Hang in there Hatherly.

The Boarders v Day Boys cricket match this year proved to be an exciting and entertaining match. Only in its second year of annual play (after being lost and restarted recently) the game this year proved to be every bit as entertaining as last year's. On the cards the Day Boys had us outskilled with us only having three First XI players and the Day Boys having over 10 players from the First XI. The Day Boys went in to bat first and reached a reasonable score. The Boarders' wickets fell as fast as the Day Boys' had, and faced with wet weather, the task looked daunting. Before the last over, play was stopped for a short period before Mr Cook decided to continue play. With one last bowl remaining 'Jacko' Goodwin blocked the ball and stormed home for an impressive bounding win.

The Boarders' XV rugby team had a hard act to follow and were determined to show the Day Boys a thing or two about rugby. With 14 First XV players in the team, we thought we would easily clean the Day Boys out. However, our ideas were readjusted in a pre-match game against the Barbarians XV, which Willie excelled in and we took some harsh lessons home. The day came and Rock Gibbs led the team onto the Gully. The first half was a fast, hard and gutsy spell which saw the Day Boys take an 8-3 lead. We were in trouble. A lot of hard words were spoken by Rock and Slim (also Bro) at half-time and the second half saw the Boarders firing on a mad rage.

Two quick tries put us in the lead, but with less than 12 minutes to go the Day Boys hit back and the score was fixed at 15-15. In the last play of the game a Boarders' feed-scrum was backed down on attack and R. Bryant flicked the ball to Brad Taylor and we were in for a 20-15 win. Highly memorable points in this game were Tannahill running on the

drinks and crushing the Penoman, and the 20 or so points Jive missed when goal kicking, not to worry, Paul.

We have had many people excel in the hostel through other sports such as M. Horgan in the NZ Under 18 Hockey team. The hostel also housed the captains of the First XV Rugby and not to mention Sixth XV Rugby, Adair Brimelow.

Inside the hostel there was a lot of sporting competition and rivalry. Though it looks inevitable for Carrington House to win the Carrol Cup. Again!

The hostel also managed to pull out a victory over PNBHS in the annual Third Form Rugby game. Coached by Gibbo, Slim, Pukes and Goma, it looked like we would have a good platform for a strong team. Played on the Gully, on a cloudless day, our home side took advantage and never looked back all day, winning easily. The team was well captained by Ben Schurr and were pleased with their victory over Palmerston (which also settled some old scores for us fifth years who didn't manage well against Palmerston in our year).

The hostel offers more than just sport and we have had a multitude of cultural and academic successes. Nic Davis led the school well in Haka all year, and Quentin Brears is looking forward to doing the same in '95!

There was a diverse range of cultures in the hostel again, with boys from Niue, Vanuatu, the Solomons, Korea and Fiji, just to name a few. The Island boys again put on an amazing display of harmonic skills for the school, and often people throughout the year. I'm told three of them are going to start a group (named 'Pikacha', Boara and Waahero, whom seemed to practise non-stop throughout the night).

The hostel has had great academic success in the past and will continue to do so this year and in many years to come, I expect.

Leading the hostel this year has been a great experience and a lot of fun both socially and in work. I would finally like to conclude with a long list of thanks to all the people who helped me throughout the year and also helped the hostel to remain the 'heart of the school', which it is. Firstly Mr Ryder, Mr Laurenson, Mr Grimwood and Mr Kirk who all helped throughout the year and kept the hostel and myself on track. I would also like to thank all the other staff in the hostel, and especially the chef who has transformed hostel food as we know it. Great effort.

My next note of thanks goes to the Annex boys and 'Vege Room' boys, who endured a lot through the year and never gave in to anything and also had a lot of advice to offer (although not all of it was about keeping the hostel and myself on track). I also want to thank all the other men in the hostel for their effort in everything.

Lastly, I would like to offer my final thanks to the fellow prefects and leaders in the school who gave a great deal to the running of the school to Matthew, Ben, Aaron and Steve, thanks, and good luck in the future. To the hostel prefects who take on the biggest responsibility and often take the most flack, thank you for everything and I wish you all the best in the future.

Thanks to 'Reg' Edgecombe (HOC), 'Steallo' Bluck, 'Rock' Gibbs, 'Phil' Dickenson, 'Bunning Car' Hastie, 'Dolly' Willemsen, 'Startrack' Garven, 'Crusty' Metcalfe.

Also to the Moyes prefects 'Touchee' Davis (HOM), 'Angle' Mullen, 'Beaker' Helms, 'Snipes' Warsal, 'Ears' Eastgate, 'Jim' Dravitzki, 'Pukes' Sheeran - Twigley.

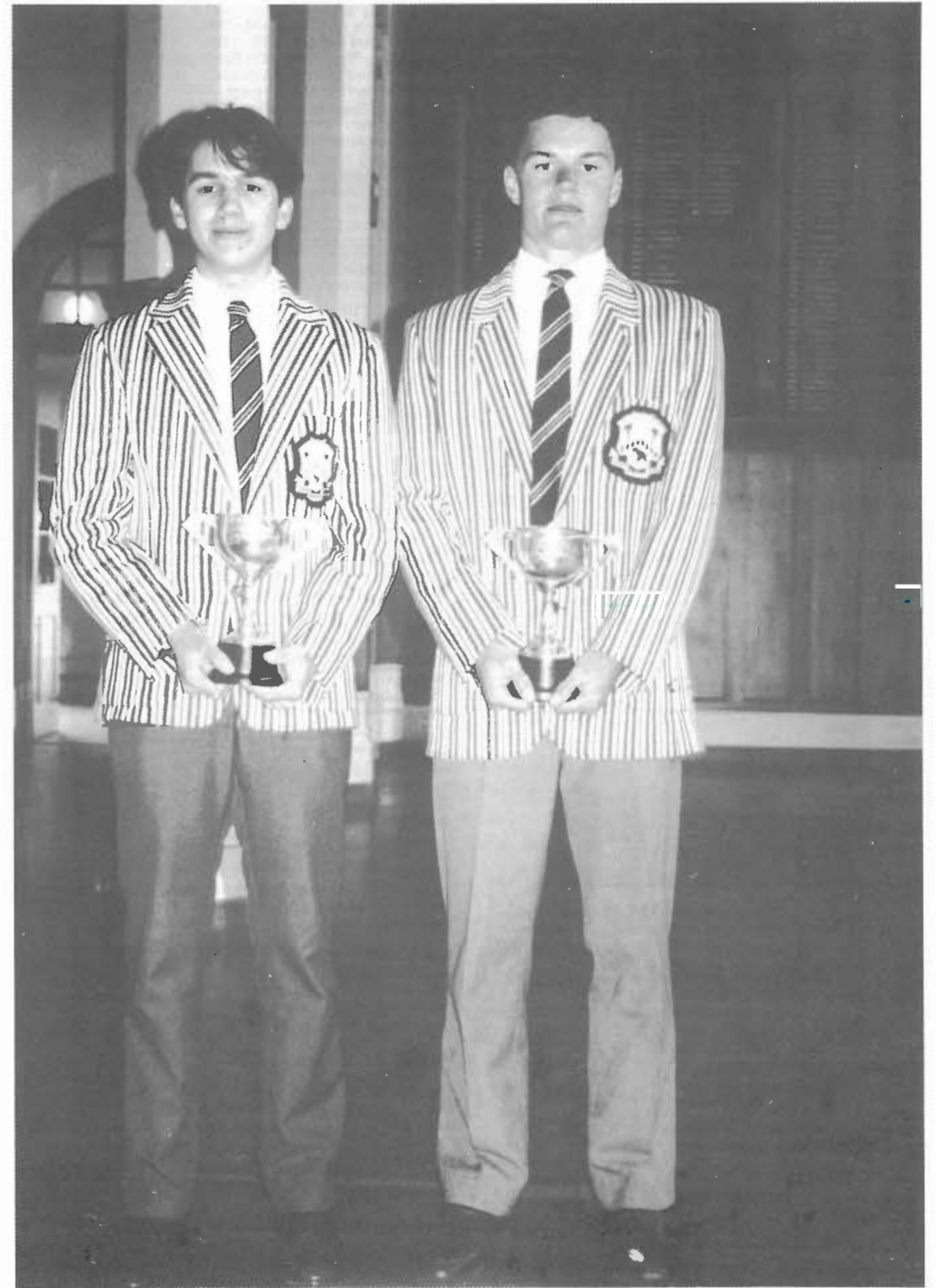
Thanks a lot and all the best to the hostel in 1995. (PS: If we do lose the house competition, make sure we win next year).

BRUCE HOWSE,
Head Boarder.



Boarder's Rugby 1994

SCHOOL LIFE 1994



PERFORMING ARTIST 1995
 Aneel Hay (winner Lions National Speech Competition; Debating; Music).

SPORTSMAN 1995
 Mark Horgan (NZ Under 18 Hockey).

**1994 GRADUATES
NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL**

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Brown, Ian Mervyn - PhD
Buchanan, Thomas M - LLB
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Duff, Robert Oliver - MSc
Egli, Peter Bruno - MB ChB - 1986
Joe, Raymond - BDS - 1984
Leathley, Graham William - DipCID Restorative D - 1976
Lyll, Robert Campbell Lascelles - BSc (Hons)
Maxwell, Paul Douglas Ian - BSc
Maxwell, Paul Douglas Ian - DipSci
O'Dowda, Karl Robert - BPhED
Penno, Neil Craig - BA Education - 1989
Richmond-Rex, Robert Dean Antony - Dip Sci
Smith, Roger Phillip - BCom
Taplin, Kerry Melvin - BA(Hons)
Wall, Andrew James - BSc (Hons)

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Andrew, Nicholas Bruce - Management St. BMS - 1990
Beaven, Brent Maurice - Science & Tech BSc - 1991
Bride, Darrin Anton - Management St BMS - 1990
Coley, Nicholas Francis - Management St BMS - 1990
Flavell, Rhys John - Education DipT - 1991
Gray, Robert David - Humanities BA (Hons) with Second Class Hons (First Division) - 1989
Harvey, Mark Stanley Saville - Science & Tech BSc (Tech) - 1990
Hocken, Andrew - Management St MMS - 1989
Joe-Low, Philip Albert - Management St MMS with Distinction - 1973
Moles, Daryl John - Soc. Sciences BSocSc - 1991
Mulligan, Wayne Thomas - Continuing Ed CertMSt - 1991
Pettersen, Bruce Charles - Science & Tech BSc - 1985
Quinn, Stefan Willis - Management St BMS - 1990
Rae, Andrew James - Science & Tech BSc - 1991
Revell, Matthew John - Humanities BA (Hons) with Third Class Honours - 1989
Shearer, Michael James - Continuing Ed UnitechCert - 1992
Stevens, Mark - Science & Tech BSc - 1984
Velvin, John Stuart - Continuing Ed CertMSt - 1972
Wilkins, Christopher David - Management St. MMS with Distinction - 1988

MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Andrew, Nicholas Bruce - Management St. BMS - 1990
Beaven, Brent Maurice - Science & Tech BSc - 1991
Bride, Darrin Anton - Management St BMS - 1990
Coley, Nicholas Francis - Management St BMS - 1990
Flavell, Rhys John - Education DipT - 1991
Gray, Robert David - Humanities BA(Hons) with Second Class Hons (First Division) - 1989
Harvey, Mark Stanley Saville - Science & Tech BSc(Tech) - 1990
Hocken, Andrew - Management St. MMS - 1989
Joe-Low, Philip Albert - Management St. MMS with Distinction - 1973
Moles, Daryl John - Soc Sciences BSocSoc - 1991
Mulligan, Wayne Thomas - Continuing Ed. CertMSt - 1991
Pettersen, Bruce Charles - Science & Tech BSc - 1983
Quinn, Stefan Willis - Management St. BMS with Second Class Hons (Second Division) - 1990
Rae, Andrew James - Science & Tech BSc - 1991
Revell, Matthew John - Humanities BA (Hons) with Third Class Hons - 1989
Shearer, Michael James - Continuing Ed UnitechCert - 1992
Stevens, Mark - Science & Tech BSc - 1984
Velvin, John Stuart - Continuing Ed CertMSt - 1972
Wilkins, Christopher David - Management St. MMS with Distinction - 1989
Cayzer, Peter Ian - BTech, Second Class Hons (Div1), Manf & Industrial Technology - 1981
Cole, David William - BAg - 1989
Crofskey, Aaron Mark - BAg - 1989
Curd, Vaughan Martin - BA (Hum) - 1989
Dannatt, Jon Andrew - MA (SocSc), Second Class Hons (Div 1), Psychology - 1986
Davidson, Donald Malcolm - Exec MBA - 1966
Davies, Simon Peter - BTech, Product Development - 1989
Deane, Gavin William - BBS - 1985
Ediriweera, Manoj Niloshan - BBS, with endorsement, Accountancy - 1989

Helms, Kent Richard - Dip Agr - 1991
Lees, Matthew William - B Hort - 1989
Marshall, Brent Richard - BBS - 1985
McCaughan, Robert John - Dip Banking, Distinction - 1972
Newsome, Paul Murray - BA (SocSc) - 1989
Pease, Duncan Staveley - Dip Agr - 1990
Pitts-Brown, Blair Forbes - BSc - 1989
Radford, Dennis - Exec MBA, Distinction - 1974
Smith, Grant Austin - BBS - 1989
Strode, Jamie Alexander - BBS, with endorsement, Accountancy - 1986
Trye, Lance Douglas - Dip Banking, 1977
Vickers, Guy Norman Gace - B Agr - 1988
Whittaker, Todd Cyril - BRP - 1987
Woollaston, Kurt Michael - BBS - 1990

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Lockhart, Mark Ronald - BLA (Grad) - 1981

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Baird, Millen H. - BCom - 1991
Chisnall, Peter J. - BCom - 1991
Donovan, Troy R. - BE (Chem) Second Class Hons (Div 2) - 1990
Feltoe, Paul P. - BE (Chem) First Class Hons - 1990
Hayton, Michael S. - BSc (Hons) ME (Elec) - 1989
Hine, David M. - BE (Mech) First Class Hons - 1987
Hine, Scott T. - BCom - 1991
Honeyfield, Brett K. - BE (Mech) Second Class Hons (Div 1) - 1991
King, Christopher D. - BA - (1990)
Newson, Thomas G. - BE (Civil) - 1991
Purdie, Craig R. - BSc - 1991
Strombom, Simon J. C. - BA - 1990

MASSEY SCHOLAR 1993

BRENT MARSHALL - Brent was born in Invercargill and was educated at New Plymouth Boys' High School. He graduated from Management Systems with a BBS (majoring in Management). Post-graduate study is planned.

Currently Shift Supervisor at Bay Milk Products, Edgecumbe, and is keen to progress through management positions in the New Zealand Dairy Industry. In 1990 Brent was awarded 'with Distinction' his Diploma in Dairy Technology from Massey.

Scuba diving, fishing, vintage vehicle restoration are a range of Brent's interests.

SPEECH COMPETITION

Form Three

1st - Aaron Schuppan: The Loch Ness Monster
2nd - Andrew Gilkison: Anorexia
Corey Hayter: School Uniform
Jared Green: Nuclear Testing

Form Four

1st Equal - Matthew Crawford: Frustration
1st Equal - Paul Cochrane: On Being Small
Ben Pollard: Advice I'd Give My Father
Hugh Cotton: Sleep

Form Five

1st - John Tan: One People
2nd - Adrian Turner: Life In The Fast Lane
Martin De Bock: New Zealand Culture
Sam Hazledine: Reckless Driving

Form Six

1st - Murray Cox: The Legacy of Greece
2nd - Trent Corbett: The Supposed Futility Of Apparent Existence
Daniel Pritchard: The Corridors Of Power
Jacey Connor: Individuality

Form Seven

1st - Aneel Hay: New Zealand
2nd - Matthew Dravitzki: Child Abuse
Paul Wolfram: Poetry
Robert Lancaster: A Happy World Is a Fascist World

Chairman: Matthew Laurenson
Adjudicator: Mrs Ida Gaskin

The adjudicator noted a very high standard of public speaking from nearly all the finalists. The junior speakers, in particular, spoke with greater confidence and verve than in previous years. The audience was treated to a fine, entertaining evening in the library.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1993



Jason Tan - English, Biology.
Vincent Yu - Physics.



Kelvin Coley - Japanese.



Kent Skinner - Calculus, Statistics (1st in NZ), Physics, Accounting, Chemistry.



Greig Wilson - Calculus.



Blair Robinson - Geography.



Michael Frampton - English.



Ivan Bruce - English.



Paul Busing - Horticulture.



Aaron Hine - Physical Education.



Steven Maiden - Calculus.



Paul Avery - English.



Henry Szetu - Chemistry.



Willy Szetu - Calculus, Chemistry,
Physics, Statistics.

ACADEMIC RESULTS 1993

UNIVERSITY BURSARY

A Pass: P. J. Avery, I. D. Bruce, S. P. Bunyan, D. J. Christoffersen, B. R. Coley, K. T. Coley, A. J. Dodd, G. J. Edlin, M. S. Frampton, J. A. Gayosso-Robinson, L. R. Gray, B. J. Horner, D. C. Kathiarachchi, P. R. Little, C. R. Mackenzie, S. R. Maiden, N. P. M. Miskelly, W. R. Ritson, B. P. Robinson, D. H. Scott, K. H. Skinner, W. M. Stanley, S. J. Stark, C. A. Surgenor, T. H. N. C. Sze, T. W. N. Y. Sze, J. M. Tan, A. J. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, R. D. Watkins, T. I. Watkins, G. V. Wilson, C. K. Wingate, V. C. Yu.

B Pass: M. L. Birch, V. R. Birch, P. W. Busing, G. B. Clarke, D. A. Coleman, J. J. Coley, T. P. Cooper, P. J. Drake, A. M. D. Eagles, D. T. Green, P. M. Grimwood, C. P. Hall, C. Hanson, A. D. Hine, G. F. Jamieson, I. J. Jessep, A. J. W. King, J. A. Lloyd, R. E. McNally, S. C. McKinlay, D. F. Morel, J. W. Morgan, D. M. P. Muir, M. J. Parker, G. C. Paynter, G. M. Pryce, D. R. Roland, S. P. Rowlands, R. E. Szetu, O. T. Timakata, L. N. Tora, C. J. Twigley, R. H. Viviani, R. J. Washer, A. C. Wood.

SIXTH FORM CERTIFICATE

The number in brackets is the aggregate of the best four subjects.

P. S. Alexander (12), M. H. Allen (18), M. S. Allen (23), M. K. Amundsen (21), K. R. Amon (25), H. P. Anglesey (7), E. Ansari (7), C. M. Ansell (23), M. S. Asher (11), J. J. Ashton (21), R. H. Asi (23), K. T. Balsom (17), S. I. Barkley (15), S. C. Baxter (4), G. Bennett (25), M. Berntsen (17), A. D. Bluck (8), J. P. Boyd (15), H. C. Bracegirdle (14), D. M. Brighurst (20), A. T. Brimelow (19), M. W. Brookes (18), A. J. Brown (12), P. F. Brown (12), G. L. Bullen (19), J. W. Burbidge (22), D. C. Burgess (15), R. T. Burton (25), S. W. Butland (24), D. M. Butler (6), W. P. Butler (24), D. D. Cameron (24), G. L. Campbell (18), S. Campbell (20), S. D. Campbell (7), B. R. Cave (16), J. B. Chapman (17), T. J. Chapman (20), J. M. Clark (11), T. R. Clarke (7), A. A. J. Clifton (13), W. F. J. Collier (18), S. P. Collins (23), K. M. Condon (3), G. M. I. Coombe (6), B. G. Cooper (11), M. J. Corcoran (18), B. J. Crawford (17), R. M. Crofskey (22), M. J. Cursions (23), A. W. Darke (21), P. P. Dasler (17), N. W. Davis (20), J. A. Day (14), C. E. De Bock (4), P. J. Dickinson (7), M. A. Dravitzki (19), R. B. Dryden (15), T. D. Dymond (7), E. P. Eastgate (15), S. M. Edgecombe (13), S. G. Emeny (10), T. R. Feather (2), G. E. Feek (6), T. C. Feek (24), R. P. Fisher (12), D. C. Fitzsimons (19), M. L. Freitas (8), F. Fruean (22), N. G. Garven (7), R. F. Gatenby (12), D. J. Geraghty (14), S. J. Gibbs (12), J. J. Goodin (13), M. J. Goodsell (10), A. J. Gordon (19), H. K. Gray (8), J. D. Green (7), H. G. Gyde (19), B. C. Harland (21), R. P. Harre (18), B. Hassall (26), G. Hassell (16), J. W. Hastie (20), A. N. Hay (15), C. S. Helms (14), T. G. Henderson (18), J. S. Hill (5), G. W. Hinga (6), B. A. Hinz (17), M. B. Hook (13), R. G. Hooper (19), M. J. Hoult (9), B. P. S. Howse (12), G. Hughes (21), M. A. Hugill (26), M. R. Hunger (16), C. J. Huston (7), S. G. Icke (24), A. W. Jarman (18), M. B. Jayasekera (14), R. M. Johnston (26), K. M. Jones (22), M. T. Jones (24), C. S. Kerr (24), J. P. Kerr (6), J. R. Kihlfuss (21), S. Kindler (21), S. Kitney (15), A. J. Knowles (17), B. Kooy (12), R. I. Lancaster (8), T. E. Langley (14), M. J. Laurenson (16), J. M. Lee (14), R. M. Letica (18), S. Leuelu (11), J. W. E. Liddle (20), T. S. Lim (9), P. J. Lister (20), N. A. Lobb (22), K. D. Luond (28), A. K. Lynch (1), B. J. Maguire (20), A. J. Malcolm (10), V. L. McAllister (18), S. B. McAllum (20), C. J. McDonald (24), W. J. McFarlane (23), D. E. McGuigan (23), J. E. McLuskie (20), C. J. Metcalfe (15), P. A. Mohi (6), S. D. Moore (6), A. J. Moratti (20), D. E. Muir (23), R. J. Muller (15), K. P. Murphy (21), H. R. Murray (9), M. B. Neilson (20), J. J. Newell (20), J. W. Newson (26), C. J. Nielsen (16), Timu-O-Te-Rangi Niwa (11), N. J. Nobbs (19), B. D. Northcott (4), L. M. Noyes (18), D. P. O'Neill (25), C. K. M. Olander (7), N. C. Oldridge (12), S. K. Olsen (21), G. M. Paul (7), J. V. L. Lewis (7), D. G. Percival (19), R. A. Pintor (12), S. M. Preston (5), K. L. Rattray (16), M. J. Rayner (15), C. C. Robertson (22), S. B. Roguski (12), A. M. Rooks (6), T. Ruakere (23), B. R. Rudman (21), B. J. Russell (15), D. K. Sammons (16), M. A. Schrider (21), J. J. Scott (10), P. L. Scott (6), A. B. Sears (11), H. A. Sheather (21), D. L. Sheeran (18), R. Simbolo (14), J. R. Simpson (19), D. W. M. Sinclair (22), D. A. Smith (6), C. R. Stachurski (18), M. A. Staddon (20), R. G. Struthers (16), B. A. Sutherland (19), J. M. Tamapua (12), K. L. Tan (14), P. R. Tannahill (16), C. R. Taylor (17), N. R. Taylor (14), S. M. Taylor (12), M. A. Te Awa (7), D. J. Telfer (20), J. D. Thomas (10), G. R. Thompson (13), H. J. Thompson (7), L. J. Thorne (24), B. J. Thornhill (18), R. J. Tito (21), V. S. Turner (16), J. M. Walker (5), D. Warren (16), R. Warsal (17), J. B. Waterman (12), J. A. Watkins (21), V. K. Wellington (19), G. L. West (19), D. J. Whittakers (23), M. J. Whittaker (6), J. D. Whitwell (14), D. J. Wilks (13), R. W. Willemsen (14), A. P. Wilson (8), A. M. Wilson (19), P. R. Wolfram (18), R. K. Wood (18), J. L. Woodward (13).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

N. W. Allen (1), H. P. Anglesey (1), J. C. Awahou (1), W. R. Balsom (5), S. J. Barker (1), J. J. Barr (3), J. Bates (2), S. C. Baxter (5), K. J.

Bell (6), C. P. Bennett (6), P. P. Bidois (2), L. K. Bower (3), S. T. Boxer (2), J. P. Boyd (1), D. A. R. Bristowe (2), M. G. Broadmore (4), G. Bromfield (6), D. M. Brooks (4), G. T. Brooks (5), A. J. Brown (3), P. F. Brown (2), R. J. S. Bryant (4), P. A. Bullock (6), A. P. Burton (4), R. K. Butchart (3), D. M. Butler (2), D. J. Butler (1), D. F. G. Cadman (1), H. A. Campbell (5), S. Campbell (1), J. S. S. Cane (6), M. R. Carruthers (2), H. D. Caskey (3), T. O. Cave (4), C. T. Chadwick (3), S. K. Chamley (3), V. Chand (2), D. Christiansen (3), J. M. Clark (2), P. L. Clarke (4), T. R. Clarke (3), S. B. Cleaver (1), A. A. J. Clifton (2), H. C. Clouston (2), B. R. Coles (6), K. M. Condon (5), J. W. Connor (6), C. I. Cooper (3), N. J. Cooper (1), T. W. Corbett (5), A. N. Cowles (4), P. M. Cox (6), M. J. Cursions (1), K. H. Cuthbert (5), N. W. Davis (1), J. F. Davison (3), M. I. De Bock (1), N. J. Dempsey (6), S. J. Dick (1), P. B. Dickie (5), N. C. Dickinson (1), C. J. Dimond (4), P. G. Doherty (1), S. H. Dore (6), I. R. Down (5), I. J. Doy (1), M. A. Dravitzki (1), M. J. Drought (2), S. J. Duffill (1), J. M. Dunning (6), B. S. Eastgate (5), H. M. Eastwood (1), D. C. Eden (3), K. L. Elstone (3), S. G. Emeny (2), T. P. Emeny (1), J. I. Enright (3), D. W. Fabish (6), L. C. Fah (4), D. J. Fawkner (3), J. R. Fearne (3), T. R. Feather (5), T. C. Feek (1), S. B. Feron (1), D. P. Field (6), D. E. Fisher (5), D. Flay (3), J. C. Fraser (2), M. S. Fraser (5), R. M. Gargan (2), M. J. H. Gates (4), D. J. Geraghty (1), R. P. Gibb (5), K. P. Gibson (4), M. K. Goodey (6), J. J. Goodin (2), M. A. Gordon (3), W. B. Gordon (4), A. G. Green (6), J. D. Green (4), P. Green (1), C. L. Greig (1), D. T. Griffiths (1), S. G. Grimwood (6), M. T. Hall (5), J. K. Hamblyn (1), L. J. Hammersley (4), R. L. Hann (4), D. N. Hannon (1), D. S. Harbut (5), R. P. Hargreaves (2), J. D. Harper (6), H. Harris (5), B. J. Harvie (1), B. Hassell (1), J. W. Hastie (1), S. B. Hazeldine (1), T. G. Henderson (1), M. T. Hill (1), S. W. Hill (3), B. A. Hinz (1), R. B. Hollard (6), Holmes (1), R. I. Honeyfield (5), G. J. Hooper (1), M. Horgan (2), L. M. Home (5), R. H. T. Hune (4), C. J. Huston (1), L. P. Hutchings (5), C. D. Hutchingson (4), T. C. Hutton (2), S. A. Jones (5), B. J. Johnson (4), M. G. Johnson (1), B. R. Jones (3), D. R. Jones (4), K. M. Jones (1), M. T. Jones (1), P. A. Jones (3), K. P. Jukes (5), P. J. Jury (6), M. S. Kelly (4), C. Kennedy (5), N. D. Kerr (1), J. R. Kihlfuss (1), P. N. Kingsnorth (6), A. G. Knowles (6), B. Kohlis (6), C. S. Lambert (1), D. J. Lander (5), T. E. Langley (2), B. R. Lewis (3), R. L. Lewis (6), D. M. Lister (3), P. J. Lister (1), M. F. Loughlin (5), K. D. Luond (1), A. K. Lynch (5), H. K. Markham (4), B. S. Martin (6), C. D. Munder (3), D. R. Maxwell (1), D. McClytchie (3), B. J. McIntyre (4), S. D. McKenzie (5), J. A. Metcalfe (1), D. J. Miles (2), L. O. Miles (3), G. T. Millard (3), A. W. Moffat (6), P. A. Mohi (2), A. R. Moir (1), K. E. Morgan (2), R. W. Morgan (2), D. J. Morresey (1), O. C. Morse (4), J. A. Moses (2), B. K. Mullin (5), C. J. Neil (2), W. K. Newsome (6), R. A. Niwa (4), J. M. Nobbs (6), C. A. Novak (5), A. A. O'Kane (2), D. C. O'Keeffe (2), C. K. M. Olander (1), N. C. Oldridge (1), D. B. Opai (3), S. P. Opai (2), R. A. Papps (5), B. C. Parker (4), M. L. Parker (4), J. V. L. Pennington (2), D. G. Percival (1), J. S. Phelan (1), N. M. Phillipson (1), M. A. Pickett (1), N. I. Plimmer (5), C. J. Pollock (6), M. A. Price (2), T. K. Price (2), T. R. Priest (1), J. L. Primrose (1), D. C. Pritchard (5), R. M. Proctor (2), D. R. Quay (6), L. S. Rae (3), D. J. Randell (1), K. L. Rattray (1), C. W. Raven (1), A. M. Rooks (1), A. N. Rowe (6), B. F. Rowson (3), B. J. Sands (6), M. J. Schadt (5), J. J. Scott (1), P. L. Scott (1), T. Scrivener (5), A. B. Sears (1), D. J. Sewell (1), N. J. Shaw (5), C. R. Sheridan (6), C. L. Skinner (6), D. Slade (4), K. R. Sleep (3), B. J. Smith (1), G. L. Smith (1), M. J. Smith (3), C. D. Soffe (1), R. J. Stevenson (3), P. J. Street (5), P. Sulzberger (1), M. W. Surgenor (5), J. M. Tamapua (1), J. C. Tan (1), B. K. Taylor (5), C. R. Taylor (2), L. B. Taylor (6), M. L. Taylor (5), M. A. Te Awa (2), B. W. Telfer (4), G. P. Thompson (2), H. J. Thompson (2), M. J. Thoresen (3), A. S. Tong (3), M. J. Treanor (5), J. M. Tringham (5), C. P. Twaddle (1), R. V. Udy (6), S. A. Van Hengel (4), D. A. Walker (5), G. R. Waller (1), B. C. Walsh (6), C. B. Walsh (1), M. P. Walton (5), D. Warren (1), S. J. Watkins (4), L. N. Watson (5), S. R. Watts (4), G. D. Webster (6), M. J. Welham (4), J. R. Weston (3), D. J. Whittaker (1), M. J. Whittaker (1), R. W. Willemsen (2), D. J. Williams (1), T. R. Williams (4), B. A. Wilson (3), M. A. Wilson (3), G. J. Winters (1), E. Y. Wong (1), C. Wood (1), R. K. Wood (1), K. P. Wright (1), J. J. Yates (6), A. W. Young (4).

REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

Cricket	Gareth West*, Thomas Henderson*, Jamie Watkins*, Nicky Taylor*, Matthew Broadmore*, Brad Fale*, Brad Scott, Brendon Harvie, Craig Stachurski
Swimming	Lee Taylor*, Kent Bell*, Hami Tamarapa, Cameron Clough
Shooting	Keryn Amon
Tennis	Ben Cooper, Brad Heath, Simon Cleaver, Allan Malcolm
Music	E. Wong, C. Maunder, N. Dempsey, A. Hay, P. Wolfram*, J. Hill*, P. Bullock*, M. Dravitzki*
Golf	J. Gane, J. Green
Athletics	H. Caskey
Soccer	H. Markham*, M. Smith*, M. Amundsen*, H. Bracegirdle, G. Hughes, B. Scott, M. Gonzalez, D. Wa'ahero, D. Boara
Basketball	J. Fearn, M. Laurenson*, R. Crofsky*, T. Henderson*, N. Taylor, R. Willemsen, V. Wellington, E. Ansari, R. Struthers
Volleyball	M. Smith, T. Langley, S. Opai, L. Taylor, M. Gonzalez
Cross Country	W. McFarlane
Rugby - 1st XV	M. Jones, B. Cave, D. Percival, H. Campbell, C. Ansell, R. Bryant, J. Weston, B. McGuire, P. Hancock
Rugby	S. McAllum, B. Fale, H. Caskey, K. Amon
Squash	H. Grey, B. Coles, S. Hill, D. Cameron
Music	G. Bromfield
Hockey	M. Horgan*, M. Burt*, J. Huta*, R. Johnson, J. Nobbs
Badminton	T. S. Lim, M. Jayasakera, H. Thompson, S. Edgecombe
Debating	A. Hay, M. Dravitzki, N. Garven
Cycling	M. Surgenor, M. Treanor, M. Goodin, D. Jones, C Pollock*
School Council	Ben Cooper, Nick Davis, Charley De Bock, Matthew Dravitzki, Simon Edgecombe, Garth Hassall, Matthew Hoult, Bruce Howse, Aaron Knowles, Matthew Laurenson, Brian Lewis, Timu Niwa, Steve Roguski, Vaughan Wellington
Badminton	Brendon Walsh
Music	Rodney Fisher, James Magatogia, Ronald Warsal, Solomona Leuelu, Richard Simbolo, Nicholas Talagi, Patrick Pikacha
Soccer	Neil Clarke, Andrew Gordon

*Repeat award

STUDENT SERVICES

1994 began very well as we now have, for the first time ever, Guidance, Careers and Transition all together in the beautifully remodelled Student Services suite. We have one of the best setups anywhere, and our suite is the envy of Transition staff around the province. It is a popular venue for meeting of all types and the seminar room is used by some seniors as a common room.

The Student Services team consists of Bill Geange, the Guidance Counsellor, Murray Watts, the Careers Advisor, Rosemary Carter, the Transition Teacher, Krystyna Clarke, the Student Services Secretary, Heather Cotton, the Public Health Nurse and Mark Sullivan, the Chaplain.

Mrs Cotton is in the Guidance Counsellor's office on Tuesdays from 11 am - 1 pm for boys with any health questions, and Mr Sullivan will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays as another resource person for students and staff with personal concerns.

We were very happy to welcome Mr Geange as our new Guidance Counsellor, and he is being kept very busy indeed. Clients flock to him because he is so easy to talk to, and a superb counsellor.

Mr Watts is also being kept fully occupied in the ever more important role of Careers Adviser. Boys consult him about potential careers and the right courses to take, and he has found jobs for several boys already this year.

Mrs Carter teaches the lifeskills programme predominantly to Fifth Formers, but topics such as Drug Education, Goal Setting, Time Management and Study Skills extend to the rest of the school. The aim of Transition is to help students develop self-knowledge, and make them aware of all available possibilities, so they become independent and successful as soon as possible.

Mrs Clarke supports all the above activities by being receptionist to vast numbers of boys, typing for everyone, producing a good looking CV for each Fifth Former, and making all the appointments - and she still smiles!

We extended the Quest Database to include Careers Quest, a vocational programme, which finds the perfect job according to one's personal strengths. This is a great programme to try out because it may suggest a career you never even considered but would be very good at.

Services available to students include personal counselling, family counselling, career counselling, minimal intervention programmes, the GAIN programme, occupational visits, job shadowing, work experience, a typed CV, lifeskills, job finding, orientation for new students and staff, teacher training and Polytechnic information, Quest Database, Careers Quest, defense driving, Link courses, aftercare, School C maths videos and information on projects.

We look forward to helping YOU.

SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION 1994

Form Three

- 1st Sam Coles: The Prime Minister Rang Me The Other Day
- 2nd Timon Lykles: Midnight Terror
- 3rd Jared Green: The First Murder Was Easy

Form Four

- 1st Chris Wischnowsky: The Hooded Man
- 2nd Daryl Bastin: I Am The Official Hangman
- 3rd Larry Blair: Earth Story

Form Five

- 1st Matthew Johnson: Memories of My Earlier Lives
- 2nd Murray Fisher: The Prime Minister Called Me ...
- 3rd Aaron Wells: I Am The Official Hangman

Form Seven

- 1st Neville Garven: Death ...
- 2nd Matthew Hoult: The Reminiscences of A Purple People-Eater
- 3rd Ronald Warsal: Memories of My Earlier Life

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES



Kane Bradley - NZ Weightlifting Team (46kg class).



Andrew Gordon - NZ Secondary Schools Soccer team.



Mark Horgan - NZ Under 18 Hockey team.



John Woodward - 1st NZ Secondary Schools Individual Time Trial (Cycling).



Brent Hutchieson - 4th in World Under 18 Surfing Champs, Bali.



Aneel Hay - winner Lions National Speech Competition.



Thomas Henderson - NZ Under 20 Development Cricket Squad.



Craig Cochrane - NZ Youth Concert Band.

REPORT FROM THE HOSTEL

During 1993 the Board Chairman (Mr Eagles) and the Headmaster entered into protracted, and ultimately successful, negotiations with the Ministry of Education to settle the business of deferred hostel maintenance. The principle concern was the need to refurbish the hostel kitchen which was under attack from a number of sources because of its rather run down state and archaic design which no longer met modern health requirements. Just days before the end of the school term the extraordinary efforts of these men were recognised, negotiations completed and the contract signed. Workmen were on the site just three days after the boys left and the race against time was on. Everyone involved worked very hard to see that everything possible was done to get the job finished for the beginning of term one but it soon became clear that that was not going to happen and contingency plans were put in place.

On Friday, January 28 the Hostel Prefects arrived back for an intensive day of training and planning - part of this with the senior girls from Girls' High School. The following day the third form boys arrived in and the matron, cook and kitchen staff had to put on a midday meal for 160, or more, people in facilities that were surrounded by saws, trestles, planks and wet paint - they did it in style!

During the meal one of the boys was very sick - was this simply a case of nerves, was it food poisoning or ...? Matron soon had him tucked up in bed.

Hostel staff with three barbecues fed everyone that night and barbecues cooked the toast for the next couple of mornings until the new ovens were ready to use. By the end of the week the kitchen was fully operational and things were almost back to normal, that is except for unwell boys who kept getting sick. The Health Department was called in to investigate and although their results were inconclusive it would seem to have been a virus that made so many of the boys unwell. This was a very difficult time for the matrons, the hostel staff and prefects but everyone, including the new third form boys, did their very best to keep everything running as smoothly as possible. Very special thanks are due to everyone for their assistance at this time.

The kitchen alterations had given us four extra senior beds and this meant that we could take some of the additional third formers that were keen to come in to boarding. We started the year with the hostel full with a total of 198 boys, including 46 in form three - the biggest number in boarding for over twenty five years.

Bruce Howse is Head Boarder for 1994 with Simon Edgecombe (Head of Carrington) and Nick Davis (Head of Moyes) with the full list of boarding prefects for 1994 being: Carrington - Simon Gibbs (dorm. 1), Ramond Willemsen (dorm. 2), Philip Dickinson (dorm. 3), Andrew Bluck (dorm. 4), and Chris Metcalfe (dorm. 5); Moyes - Ronald Warsal (dorm. 1), Eldon Eastgate (dorm. 2), Matthew Dravitzki (dorm. 3), Cory Helms (dorm. 4) and Richard Muller (dorm. 5); Niger - Neville Garven, John Hastie and Darrell Sheeran.

Results from the 1993 public examinations were, yet again, very pleasing with five boys gaining a total of 8 scholarships and the Head Boarder (Greg Painter) missed a scholarship by just one mark.

In school certificate we had a smaller than usual group at that level in 1993 but they produced excellent results with 26 out of just 30 candidates gaining entry to form six with 50% or better in three subjects.

The small group of form seven boys who were candidates for University Bursary also performed very well and, in addition to the scholarships mentioned above; Bevin Coley, Kelvin Coley, Blair Robinson, Henry Szetu, Willy Szetu, Richard Taylor and Vincent Yu gained A Bursaries while Graeme Clarke, Gordon Jamieson, David Morel, Jon Morgan, Greg Paynter, Robertson Szetu, Obed Timakata, Lai Tora, Ron Viviani and Regan Washer gained B Bursaries. From this group Blair Robinson, Kelvin Coley, Henry Szetu and Vincent Yu gained University Scholarship in their best subject and Willy Szetu was awarded scholarships in four subjects. Our Head Boarder was very unlucky to miss scholarship by just a single mark in his best subject.

As has been the case over many years now, prefects training was carried out over two nights in the home of members of the Hostel Committee and it was here that we realised that 1994 would be another very good year. The sensible and mature attitude displayed by these young men left us with the feeling that they fully appreciated the value of the responsibilities that they had undertaken - they were fully prepared to look after the boys in their care, act as role models and give leadership to their peers.

As has been the pattern for many years, the prefects had been working very closely with the third form boarders who were training hard to get fit in an effort to regain the honours for the Niger Trophy which is a very special aspect of tradition between Palmerston North Boys' High School and ourselves. By the start of the second term the team was very fit and well prepared and as the seniors went into their

midyear exams those involved as trainers were confident that the team was one of the best that we had produced in recent years - and there were a good number of very powerful boys in the pack. It was PNBHS's turn to travel to contest the "40th Niger Trophy Game" against Palmerston North's College House side. The visitors were well supported by their parents who turned out in very good numbers indeed and outnumbered our supporters. The two highly skilled teams went out onto a well prepared Gully Ground, in fine conditions but with a cold wind, to produce an excellent display of junior rugby. In some phases of the game the visitors clearly displayed better skills than our team could muster but sound application of the basics of the game and a bigger side produced a very good win for our side. I, for one, was very surprised when our captain, Ben Schurr, asked Bryce Robbins (Jnr) to take a 35 penalty into a stiff southerly breeze - there seemed to be little point in wasting time at this early stage of the game but to my great surprise it was a beautifully timed and flat kick that was set to clear the bar by just a few millimetres. From this point on, with their tails in the air our team really had a great game and eventually ran out the winners by 27 to 3. Tries were scored by Ben Schurr, Clint Newland (2), and Chris Fenwick while Bryce Robbins kicked a total of 7 points.

This team is always coached by senior boys and this year the coaches were Keryn Amon, Mark Schrider, Darrell Sheeran and Simon Gibbs who are to be congratulated for the fine work that they did with the team.

At the aftermatch presentations I was able to introduce Old Boy Allan Gardiner, now living in Silverstream, who played in the first Niger Trophy game in Palmerston North in appalling conditions - a 3 all draw.

Ten days later, for the third year in a row, we were off to the Fieldays at Mystery Creek where we joined New Plymouth Girls' High School to mount a joint promotion of our two hostels. Two senior boys, Simon Edgecombe and Douglas Harbutt, spent two days at the Fieldays with me and they really were excellent ambassadors for the school. Large numbers visited the site during the two days that we were there and the questions and comments were many and varied but invariably favourable.

Open Weekend, Friday, June 24 through to Sunday, June 26, produced a most gratifying response from boarding parents - this was the biggest ever. Everyone was positive and helpful and clearly working for the good of the boys - just as it should be!

Island Night, on August 6, was another outstanding success even though the three schools each has fewer Island students now than for many years (a result of changed Government funding and changes in policy by the Pacific Island nations).

It was Girls' High's turn to host the event and the smaller number of Island Students did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm, the standard of the hospitality or the quality of the entertainment. We are all much richer by having these outstanding young people as part of our school community.



Hatherly Prefects 1994.



Nicholas Davis - Head of Moyes.



Simon Edgecombe - Head of Carrington.

This year the Senior Ball, on August 13, with the title "An Evening Under The Stars" was the social highlight of the year for our senior boys. To give atmosphere to the theme the main hall was decorated with several hundred small light bulbs - to simulate the night sky - which along with a couple of lighted trees in the middle of the hall, many metres of black polythene and hundreds of balloons. A relatively simple but very effective transformation of the hall.

The first formal occasion for boarding parents was the swimming sports and they once again turned out in large numbers to see the whole school in serious competition. Many of them stayed on for the barbecue tea which again was blessed by a beautifully fine day. It proved to be a grand opportunity for people to get together in an informal atmosphere.

Once again boarding has enjoyed strong representation in the senior teams of all sports codes and cultural activities. Boarders are there in numbers that far outweigh their numerical strength in the school and that is a clear indication of the positive attitude of most of the boys in boarding and the talent that many have to offer. Boarders played their part in the school's success in the following sporting codes:

1st XV Rugby - Boarders filled the majority of the places in the team this year with the full list as follows: Darrell Sheeran (Captain), Bruce Howse, Simon Gibbs, Keryn Amon, Eldon Eastgate, Damien Percival, Michael Jones, Johnny Weston, Jone Nasome, Paul Hancock, Brad Fale, Hayden Caskey, Hamish Campbell, Richard Bryant, and Brad Maguire with Chris Metcalfe as the Manager. Once again the 1st XV won the local Under 21 competition.

1st V Basketball - Raymond Willemsen was the only boarder in the top team this year.

1st XI Soccer - With boarders: Sammie Wa'Ahero, Dick Boara, Patrick Pikacha and Karl Alatoa were placed third at the National Secondary Schools Champs.

1st XI Hockey - Paul Walden, Bradley Bellamy, David Williams and Mark Horgan.

Debating - Neville Garven, Paul Wolfram and Matthew Dravitzki.
Cycling - Senior team Mark Gordon.

Hockey - The NPBHS 1st XI finished 3rd in the National India Shield. Mark Horgan was selected as a member of the NZ U18 Team.

Golf - The NPBHS team, which included Simon Edgecombe, were winners of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships.

Squash - Scott Hill and Paul Tito

Crickets - This year our team is in the top four schools, from throughout NZ, to play off for the national title and this team includes the following boarders: Brad Fale, Jeremy Goodin and Brendon Harvie.

It is boys who keep busy, develop their talents and who want to make a contribution to the school who gain the most from the experience of boarding.

The Weekend Recreation activities continued this year but there certainly wasn't the same very high level of interest that we experienced last year. However those activities that did proceed clearly did provide a service to those who took part and, even at this early stage we are looking at providing an even wider range of activities for 1995.

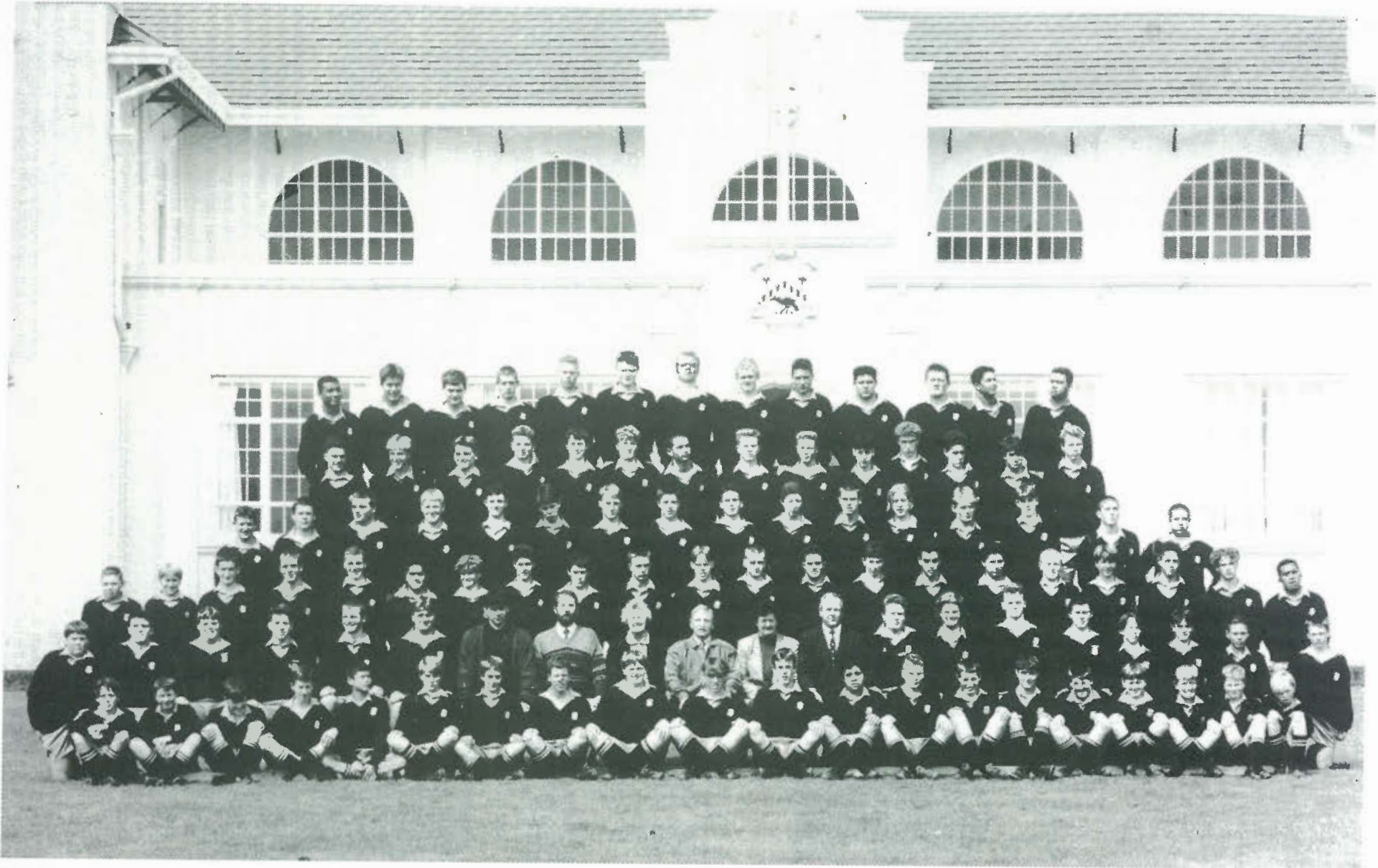
On paper at least the Day Boys v Boarders rugby game, which was played on Tuesday, September 27, was going to be a walkover for the boarders but fortunately for the future of this important fixture the day boys had other ideas. Right from the kick off it was clear that the day boys had a point to prove and they were going to do everything within their power to do that - their game had a real sense of urgency that was lacking in the boarders game and it didn't come as a surprise when they scored first. This seemed to be just what was needed to get some spark from the boarders but because of their slow start they trailed on the points table for the entire game and it wasn't until two minutes from full-time that they took the lead and the game. A very exciting game and a fine example of the high calibre of school boy rugby at NPBHS. Tries for the boarders were scored by: Johnny Weston, Paul Hancock and Brad Taylor with the successful shots at goal coming from Paul Hancock and Darrell Sheeran to give a final score of 20-15 to the boarders.

In addition to their performances academically and in the sporting arena, boarders have displayed a positive attitude in many other areas including leadership by prefects and other senior boys, junior boys assisting with the collections of seven worthy causes and over 150 boarders (along with the masters, one matron and several, slightly unbalanced parents) took part in the midwinter swim to raise funds for Rotary projects.

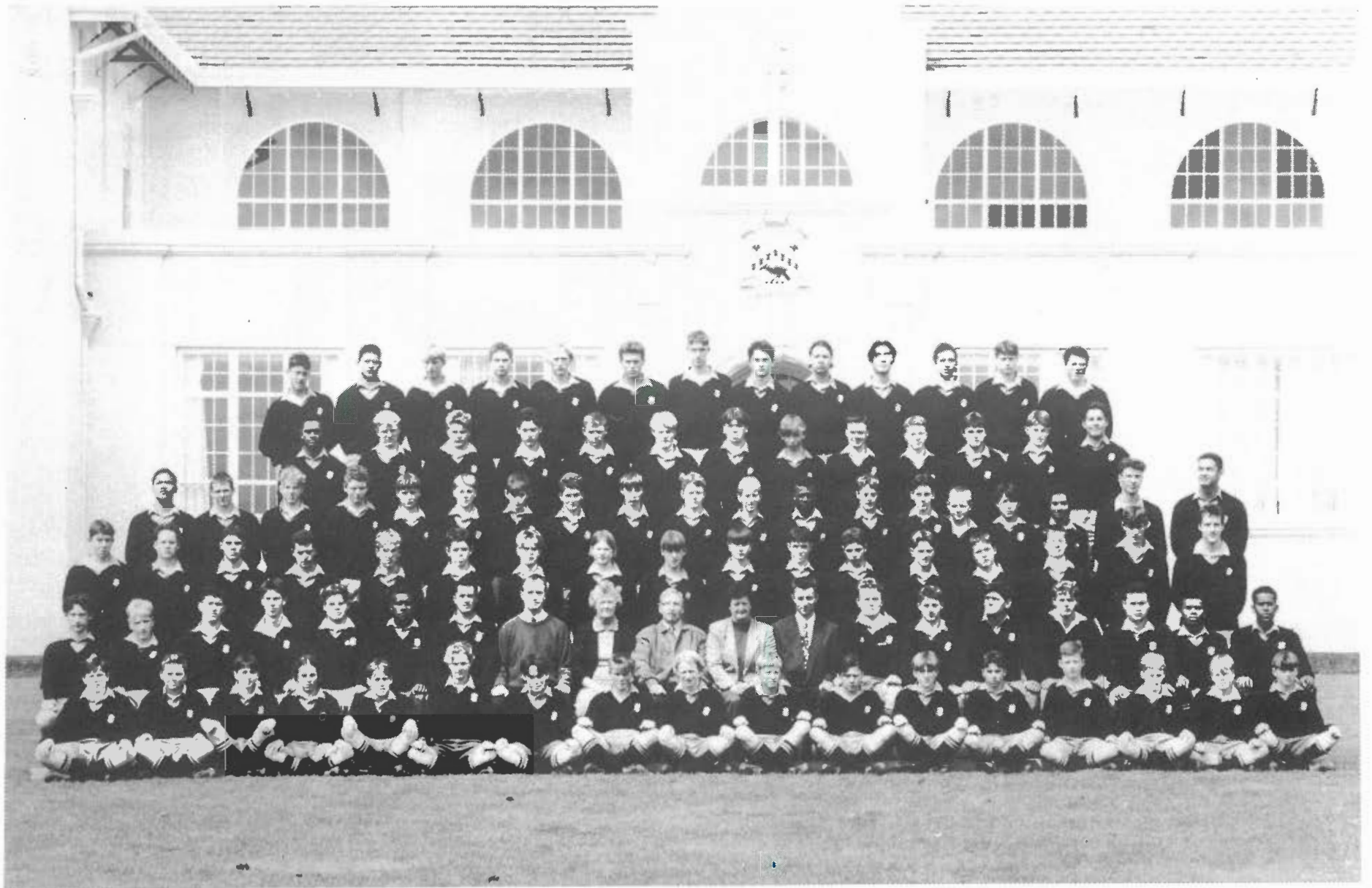
It has been another very rewarding year for those associated with boarding and I would like to thank all those who contributed, in so many ways, to life in the hostel and to Hatherly House: The board, hostel committee, headmaster, hostel masters, matrons, chef, kitchen staff, laundry staff, domestic staff, caretaker, grounds staff, group teachers, prefects and the boys who, in the main, do their very best to contribute to the good name of this school and hostel. To those who leave us at the end of this year may I wish you all the best for the future and we hope to hear from you in the years to come. To those facing exams I hope that you are successful with these and finally to everyone - have a happy Christmas.

M. R. GRIMWOOD, Senior Hostel Master.

CARRINGTON HOUSE 1994



MOYES HOUSE 1994



**ANZAC DAY 1994
COMMEMORATION ADDRESS**

(at the cenotaph) to the public of New Plymouth

Anzac Day - a time of remembrance to those who fought and died for future generations in the cause of freedom.

Anzac Day - a time to bow our heads in prayer to our Lord, thanking Him with gratitude in making our country a 'free land'.

Anzac Day - a time when we must all stop and thank those who work for peace among our nations.

Anzac Day - a time for the youth of the nation to learn and understand the true significance of the day.

On Friday, I was lucky enough to be part of the Anzac Day Service held at my school, New Plymouth Boys' High. There I, with other senior boys of the school, got the opportunity to meet our guest speaker, Reverend McClay, an old boy of the school and a returned soldier who was a prisoner of war. My expectations of the service were those of which I had in the past - just another Anzac Day Service. However, I found it a much more meaningful service, as it made me open my eyes and become aware of the fact that men didn't go to war because they liked guns, not because the idea of travelling overseas was attractive, but they went for a purpose. To serve the people of this country and to give future generations the chance to live in a land of freedom and peace.

After attending the laying of the wreaths at the Memorial Gates of my school, I felt a lot of 'mana' or pride and prestige towards those who committed their lives to fighting in a war, that to many of today's generation seemed but senseless and futile. Much of today's generation do not realise how lucky we are to live in a country where freedom is a virtue.

I'm glad to say, that the tables are turning. There is an increasing awareness of the significance of Anzac Day by young people through publicity, through members of the Returned Servicemen's Association speaking at schools and through constant reminders of monuments such as the Cenotaph, the Memorial Gates at my school and the wearing of poppies on Anzac Day.

I remember days gone by when I went to primary school, and like all young people we had a day off school for something called Anzac. We made red flowers called poppies and pinned them to our chest, never

knowing what it all meant. Since going to secondary school, I have found the true significance of Anzac Day.

At school we have a song, it's our school song, written in 1928 by a sixth form student at the time. There is one verse in our school song which I think is relevant to Anzac Day. 'We will fight for the right' 'We will honour the brave'. As we sing these lines at school today, I think of how a hall full of boys in 1939 would sing it. 'We will fight for the right' - knowing you soon would be going out into a strange land. Fighting for the right to be free, to be free from the strongholds of other nations. Fighting for the right of a bright future, a brighter future for the generation to come. 'We will honour the brave'. Certainly we are all doing that today. Honouring those who died; their name liveth for evermore. Honouring those who fought and were brave to fight in a war for the sake of the nation's children.

'Et Comitatus, Et Virtute, Et Sapientia' Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom. That's our school motto. Comradeship - being a unit of comrades, Valour - meaning bravery. Being a brave unit of comrades and Wisdom, knowing you are a brave unit of comrades, doing what you do for a purpose.

Liana and I bring a message of thanks and a message of peace from the youth of New Plymouth to those servicemen here today. And to those who cannot be here today, we agree their name liveth for evermore.

Let's not forget that freedom and peace were of great importance to the generation who fought in the wars and let me say that freedom and peace are of great concern to the young people of today. Our ideals are not different, but what we don't want is to have another world war, it would be futile.

I am pleased to say that there is a beginning, a seed of hope. I am both proud and honoured to be one of two youth to represent New Zealand at an International Youth Conference in Japan in July; with our main focus being World Peace!

Let's all hope and pray together that what our servicemen and women fought for many years ago, is the desire of today's generation. Freedom and Peace.

God Bless You All.
TIMU-O-TE-RANGI NIWA



Anzac Day commemoration at the Memorial Gates.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



Howie Tamati and Mark 'Bull' Allen presented Fairplay Awards.



Springboks Pieter Muller and Balie Swartz experience an NPBHS Haka!



Honoured guest of the Anzac Day parade.



Yamaha Skipper Ross Field.



Robert Lancaster - Poetry Master Jammer!



NPBHS Choir at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Music Festival.

CRICKET



NPBHS FIRST XI CRICKET 1994

Back Row: Nicky Taylor, Thomas Henderson, Brad Fale, Brad Scott, Jamie Watkins.
Middle Row: Scott Henderson, Craig Stachurski, Regan West, Brendan Harvie, Jeremy Goodin.
Front Row: Mathew Broadmore, Gordon Giddy (Coach), Gareth West (Captain).

FIRST XI CRICKET

Gareth West captained this year's First XI. Although club results were disappointing, the College and Gillette Cup results were excellent. Leading run scorers: Mathew Broadmore (439), Jamie Watkins (395), Brad Scott (367). Leading wicket takers: Gareth West (54), Nicky Taylor (51), Thomas Henderson (39).

REPRESENTATIVES

Taranaki Emerging Players: Thomas Henderson, Jamie Watkins, Gareth West.
 CD Under 18: Thomas Henderson.
 Taranaki Under 18: Gareth West, Thomas Henderson, Jamie Watkins, Brad Scott.
 Western Districts Under 16: Brendan Harvie, Regan West.
 Currently Gareth West, Jamie Watkins and Thomas Henderson are on the Taranaki Senior Squad.

FIRST XI CRICKET CLUB SEASON

1993-94 saw the First XI back in premier cricket. A big ask but with experience from two years earlier, there was a determination not to be relegated. This was not to be. The first round of one day games saw a loss to NP United. Phil Mitchell was run out for 97 after slipping on the turn, a defeat of Western by 1 wicket after losing 3 wickets when only 3 runs were required, a loss to Avis OB, a defeat of Kaponga in a rain-affected match and losses to Hawera and Inglewood. The two day series saw some good undivided efforts but lack of consistency overall. Thanks to Greg Paynter who played the season out to try and keep us in premiers.

COLLEGE SEASON

A loss to Wellington College in a rain affected one dayer was the only low point - an excellent college season. A win over Pennisular School (Melbourne) in a 50 over game. An outright over Auckland Grammar by 6 wickets, a draw (NPBHS required one wicket) with Hamilton BHS and an outright win by 89 runs over Wanganui Collegiate. Two Honours Board performances were recorded - Gareth West 6 for 20 v Wanganui Collegiate; Nicky Taylor 6 for 12 v Wanganui Collegiate.

VERSUS WELLINGTON COLLEGE

After having the first day washed, a 50 over game was played in difficult conditions. Wellington College batted 50 overs for 100 runs as their tail wagged after being 45 for 6. After being 23 for 4, NPBHS got to 90 for 6, but poor batting saw them all out for 99. Even though the score was disputed, there is no way the game should have been lost.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE:			
C. Fuller	c & b Henderson	0	
S. McDowell	b Henderson	3	
M. Hurman	c Watkins b West	1	
T. Gregory	c Broadmore b Twigley	8	
M. Pasupati	c Watkins b Fale	15	
J. Wallis	b Fale	2	
D. Batten	c West b Mitchell	25	
M. Drake	c West b Mitchell	13	
B. Cameron	b West	7	
D. Bennett	Not Out	3	
M. Young	Not Out	3	
Extras		20	
TOTAL:		100	

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
T. Henderson	10	1	27	2
E. West	10	3	20	2
C. Twigley	10	6	9	1
B. Fale	10	1	15	2
N. Taylor	5	1	10	0
P. Mitchell	5	-	13	2

NPBHS:

G. Paynter	b Pasupati	2	
J. Watkins	LBW b Pasupati	10	
P. Mitchell	c & b Pasupati	3	
M. Broadmore	b Batten	3	
P. Busing	c & b Young	19	
C. Twigley	c & b Drake	31	
G. West	Run Out	8	
C. Henderson	c & b Wallace	8	
N. Taylor	b Drake	0	
B. Fale	Run Out	1	
C. Stachurski	Not Out	0	
Extras		15	
TOTAL:		99	

	O	M	R	W
Batten	8	1	26	1
Pasupati	10	3	10	3
Young	6	2	13	1
Drake	9	3	18	2
Wallace	7	4	5	1



VERSUS AUCKLAND GRAMMAR - TOP GRADE

AGS batted first and after being 13 for 3, ended all out for 130, Nicky Taylor 4 for 28 being the best bowler. NPBHS batted well to be 92 for 3 thanks to a fine 47 from Brad Scott, a slump to 115 for 6 was rescued by Brad Fale 31 and Regan West 26. NPBHS all out 174. AGS struggled again especially against the offspin of Brendan Harvie and were all out for 112, Harvie taking 5 for 27. This left NPBHS 69 runs to win which was achieved by the loss of 4 wickets, Harvie leading the way with 38. An outright win by 6 wickets. The first victory over AGS in eight years.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR:

Roux de Buisson	Run Out	5	b G. West	3
McIntosh	c & b West	6	c Scott b Harvie	21
Hill	c Watkins b Taylor	0	Run Out	6
Walker	c R. West b Taylor	6	Run Out	28
Hay	b Fale	30	LBW b Harvie	4
Cammell	LBW b G. West	18	b Henderson	1
Hooper	c Fale b Taylor	13	c Stachurski b Harvie	5
Dykes	c Harvie b Taylor	32	c Stachurski b Harvie	3
Richards	c Harvie b Henderson	11	b R. West	9
McLeod	b Henderson	3	c G. West b Harvie	11
Ryde	Not Out	0	Not Out	0
Extras		8	Extras	11
TOTAL:		130		112

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Henderson	13	5	22	2	14	2	39	1
G. West	20	9	25	2	11	3	15	1
R. West	12	4	20	0	5	1	13	1
N. Taylor	15	2	28	4	6	1	7	0
B. Scott	4	0	13	1				
B. Fale	5	0	13	1				
B. Harvie					19	7	27	5

NPBHS:

1ST INNINGS				2ND INNINGS			
B. Harvie	LBW Dykes	1	c & b Cammell	38			
M. Broadmore	c Ryde b Richards	3	Run Out	6			
B. Scott	b Hill	47	c Buisson b Cammell	3			
G. Fabish	c & b Hill	25	Not Out	2			
J. Watkins	c & b Hooper	4	c & b Cammell	4			
G. West	c & b Hooper	9	Not Out	3			
B. Fale	c & b Hooper	31					
C. Stachurski	c & b Hill	4					
N. Taylor	c & b Hooper	0					
R. West	Not Out	26					
T. Henderson	b Hooper	0					
Extras		23					
TOTAL:		174	For 4 wickets	70			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Dykes	12	5	15	1				
Richards	6	-	14	1				
Hooper	25	3	41	5				
Hill	19	6	55	3	5	1	19	0
Cammell					5	1	17	3

VERSUS HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Played Monday and Tuesday in Hamilton. After losing the last two encounters by 1 wicket and 2 runs (on the last ball of the game) the First XI went to Hamilton hunting victory. How close!

Hamilton won the toss and sent NPBHS to bat on a drying wicket and at 4 for 58 were struggling. A 74 run partnership between Mathew Broadmore (83) and Brad Fale (26) brought the innings around to be all out for 201.

Hamilton batted briskly and with some luck (Thomas Henderson must know how Danny Morrison felt in Aussie) to be 155 for 3 at stumps. They continued, to declare at 204 for 6. Henderson 3 for 55, Nicky Taylor 2 for 46.

NPBHS lost an early wicket but a second wicket stand of 102 between Jamie Watkins (70) and Brad Scott (48) saw NPBHS declare at 189 for 7. This left Hamilton 187 to win in 38 overs (5 runs per over). Hamilton were always near that rate and kept wickets in hand. With 4 overs remaining, 30 runs were required with 6 wickets in hand. A run out, two excellent catches and a wicket saw 10 balls remaining with the last two batsmen requiring 24 runs. They defended these remaining balls leaving them 163 for 9. Thomas Henderson 3 for 30, Gareth West 3 for 32. Result - a draw.

NPBHS:

1ST INNINGS				2ND INNINGS			
B. Harvie	c Currie b Puna	15	c Strange b Armstrong	0			
J. Watkins	c Herlihy b Puna	11	c Puna b Pilcher	70			
B. Scott	LBW b Pilcher	13	c Strange b Pilcher	48			
M. Broadmore	c McLean b Hatwell	83	c & b Armstrong	10			
S. Henderson	c Strange b Pilcher	0	b Armstrong	8			
G. West	c & b Armstrong	16	Not Out	0			
B. Fale	c Krishnan b Hatwell	26	c & b Pilcher	18			
C. Stachurski	st Strange b Hatwell	0	Not Out	8			
N. Taylor	b Puna						
R. West	Not Out	12	st Strange b Hatwell	28			
T. Henderson	LBW Puna	1					
Extras		9					
TOTAL:		201		184			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Puna	21	5	56	4	14	3	41	0
Armstrong	17	1	47	1	16	1	51	3
McLean	5	-	23	0				
Pilcher	17	10	18	2	10	-	35	3
Krishnan	4	1	13	0				
Hatwell	13	3	38	3	21	2	57	1

HAMILTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

1ST INNINGS				2ND INNINGS			
C. Herlihy	c Broadmore b Henderson	29	c Watkins b West	22			
R. Krishnan	c Broadmore b Taylor	51	c Watkins b Taylor	28			
J. Fowlie	c West b Taylor	58	c Broadmore b Harvie	32			
J. Hatwell	c Fale b Henderson	17	c Scott b Henderson	34			
L. McLain	b West	19	c Stachurski b Taylor	17			
C. Bullock	b Henderson	4	b West	23			
K. Currie	Not Out	5	c Stachurski b West	2			
D. Puna	Not Out	0	Not Out	2			
D. Strange			Run Out	0			
T. Pilcher			b Henderson	0			
R. Armstrong			Not Out	0			
Extras		22		8			
TOTAL:		204	For 6 wickets decl.	163			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Henderson	21	3	55	3	8	1	30	3
G. West	14	1	65	1	8	1	32	3

R. West	7	-	23	0				
N. Taylor	14	1	46	2	9	1	41	2
B. Harvie					9	-	55	1



Quick single.

VERSUS WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

Having decided 10 days beforehand to play the annual fixture on the top ground - a wicket our players know so well, the First XI won the toss and elected to bat only to find with five minutes to start, a change in rules - the Gillette Cup game was to play as well.

After a quick change of gear, wickets fell steadily to poor shot selection and the vagaries of the pitch.

Only Brad Fale (18) managed double figures. NPBHS were all out for 93.

After the loss of an early wicket, Collegiate batted steadily to be 30 for 1 wicket. Bring on Nicky Taylor - with some excellent bowling backed up by some very good fielding and WCS were all out for 71. Taylor with the Honours Board figures of 6 for 12 from 10 overs.

This left NPBHS one session to bat on day one. Wickets fell steadily again and at stumps were 72 for 6 with Brad Scott showing very good technique and some aggression, 46 not out. Scott (62) combined with Gary Stachurski (11) in a partnership of 44 (the biggest of the game) for the seventh wicket. The last wicket Thomas Henderson (9 not out) and Regan West (24) added a valuable 36 runs. NPBHS all out for 135 leaving WCS 158 to win.

Collegiate started steadily but an amazing catch by Brad Scott in the gully started their decline. Only two large sixes gave them any hope but the excellent fielding continued and they were all out for 69, Captain Gareth West taking the second Honours Board performance of the game, 6 for 20. Nicky Taylor 3 for 26.

Result - An outright win by 89 runs.

The win on the first innings now places the First XI in a play-off against a Waikato school the winner then going to the Top Four Gillette Cup play-off in December. This game will be played later this month.

NPBHS:

	1ST INNINGS	2ND INNINGS	
J. Watkins	c Absolom b Fraser	2	c Absolom b Tasker
B. Harvie	c Harold b Fraser	6	b Tasker
B. Scott	c Harold b Absolom	9	b Tasker
M. Broadmore	c Absolom b Fraser	1	c & b Tasker
B. Fale	b Harold	18	c Tyrell b Tasker
G. West	c Moran b Harold	9	c Elsworthy b Tasker
J. Henderson	c Moran b Absolom	2	c Fraser b Tyrell
C. Stachurski	st Moran b Absolom	2	LBW Tasker
N. Taylor	c Moran b Tasker	8	c & b Harold
R. West	LBW Tasker	8	c & b Tasker
T. Henderson	Not Out	3	Not Out
	Extras 25		
	TOTAL:	93	135

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Fraser	11	3	22	3	13	5	24	0
Tasker	10	4	9	2	32	11	54	8
Harold	8	0	23	2	11	3	18	1
Tyrell	7	4	7	0	7	1	28	1
Absolom	10	2	21	3				

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE:

	1ST INNINGS	2ND INNINGS	
G. Taylor	LBW G. West	11	b Taylor
R. Jones	c Watkins b R. West	0	c Scott b R. West
R. Moran	c & b G. West	16	c Henderson b G. West
D. Harold	c Fale b Taylor	6	c Watkins b G. West
C. Fraser	c Scott b Taylor	6	c Fale b Taylor
B. Absolom	c R. West b Taylor	2	c Scott b G. West
E. Lodge	Run Out	9	c Watkins b G. West
M. Elworthy	LBW Taylor	1	c Scott b Taylor
C. Tasker	b Taylor	6	b G. West
S. Meluish	b Taylor	0	c Watkins b G. West
C. Tyrell	Not Out	0	Not Out
	Extras	16	
	TOTAL:	71	69

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Henderson	9	1	24	0	8	4	8	0
R. West	4	-	7	1	5	1	10	1
G. West	11	2	23	2	12	6	20	6
N. Taylor	10	3	12	6	11	3	26	3

GILLETTE CUP

After defeating Francis Douglas Memorial College comfortably - NPBHS 249, B. Harvie 96, FDMC 90.

The annual fixture with Wanganui Collegiate became the next match. This was won which left NPBHS as winners of Zone 4.

The play-off to see who played in the Top Four in December 1994 was against Rotorua BHS and played at Pukekura Park.

VERSUS ROTORUA BHS

Played at Pukekura Park, Wednesday, March 30.

NPBHS won the toss and batted on an excellent wicket. The innings got away to a flyer with 55 runs on the board after 5 overs. Brendan Harvie (35) was the first wicket to fall then Brad Scott (81) combined with Matthew Broadmore in a partnership of 114. Broadmore (83) and Brad Fale (35) added a further 79 for the third wicket. NPBHS ended at 274 for 7 after 50 overs.

Rotorua BHS batted confidently at around 4 runs per over, and at the halfway mark (25 overs) were 100 for 3 wickets. They needed around 7 per over. This they maintained until the introduction of leg-spinner Jeremy Goodin in his debut for the First XI. He broke an 80 run partnership between Bunting (62) and Robson (52). Rotorua BHS were all out for 219 with Goodin taking 5 for 44 from 9 overs. He was well supported by Gareth West 2 for 26, Tom Henderson 1 for 21 and some excellent fielding.

Result - A win to NPBHS by 55 runs. The win now puts NPBHS into the Top Four play-off for the Gillette Cup to be played in Palmerston North in December.

NPBHS 274		ROTORUA BHS	
O	R	O	R
B SCOTT	81	C MOORE	5
B HARVIE	96	J GIBSON	14
M BROADMORE	83	A BUNTING	
B FALE	35	M MARTIN	
J WATKINS	18	A ROBSON	
G WEST	6	C SWEENEY	
R WEST	8	M EACH	
C STACHURSKI	11	MCFARLANE	
T HENDERSON	9	O NEAL	
N TAYLOR	6	J PORT	
J GOODIN	5	L HAMMOND	
	Extras 25		
	TOTAL		

SECOND XI

The Second XI again competed in the men's second grade competition and once again had a mixed season.

I believe the team played with greater consistency this season and as a result the performances were more encouraging than the 1992-93 season. The team had a more all around quality to it, and therefore did not have to rely on the performances of just two or three players.

The highlights of the season were the superb victory over Hamilton Boys' High, the one wicket win over Masons where we scored 130 runs in 11 overs, and the near win over Inglewood.

I again thank the players for their efforts, especially over the summer holidays and wish them all the best for the 1994-95 season. Remember to keep your heads down and believe in yourselves.

SECOND XI VERSUS HAMILTON

Play was delayed for about an hour on the first day because of a wet wicket. NPBHS won the toss and decided to bat on a wicket that definitely favoured the bowlers. The first innings score of 118 reflected the bowlers liking for the conditions early on.

Hamilton declared shortly before stumps with a 3 run lead. Our bowling and fielding effort was superb especially the 30 minute period immediately after tea where we captured 6 wickets. David Fabish and 'Silver' Goodin bowled impressively while Kane Rowson and 'Jonty' Weston led the charge in the field.

The second innings turned out to be a run benefit for our batsmen with V. Wellington, J. Weston and D. Rampton being the major contributors. Vaughan and Johnny were both unlucky to miss personal milestones, scoring 90 and 48 respectively.

Hamilton were left 289 to win in just over 200 minutes. This proved to be beyond them as they were bowled out for 120. The bowling and fielding was again of the highest order. The Second XI won by 163 runs. They played positively as a team and thoroughly deserved their win.

THIRD XI

The Third XI play in the men's third grade competition and were in the bottom eight for the 1994 half of the season.

The team coached by Mr Signal for this period had a very successful season, losing only one match from five, and inflicted a heavy loss on Pio Pio College First XI in the traditional interschool fixture at NPBHS, winning by 7 wickets with plenty of overs to spare.

The team played well together showing excellent team spirit. The most outstanding players were Mark Horgan with the bat, including knocks of 83 and 69 not out, and captain Simon Edgecombe with the ball who captured 14 wickets from 4 matches, including a 6 wicket bag against Pio Pio. However, this denies the rest of the team who performed very well, including pace-bowler Jai Huta, medium pacers James Clough and Bradley Bellamy and batsman Ricky Tito 53 not out v Pio Pio and even Mr Signal chipped in.

MR SIGNAL.

SATURDAY MORNING CRICKET

The year has, once again, proven to be a particularly busy season for those involved in cricket in the school. At the start of the year, the school fielded eleven Saturday morning teams, as well as two other teams coached and supported by Avis Old Boys. There were six teams in the 4th Grade (Div 1), two in 4th Grade (Div 2), three in 5th Grade (Div 1) and two teams in 5th Grade (Div 2). This number of teams surpassed the record of ten, that we had at the start of 1993. Above and beyond these teams, of course, we had our 1st XI, 2nd XI and 3rd XI who all played in the afternoon grades.

As I have said in previous years, it is very gratifying to have such numbers of boys keen to play - the difficulty arises when we need to find coaches and managers for all of the teams. Once again may I pass on the school's thanks to all of those staff who have, once again, given up their Saturday mornings to umpire, manage, supervise teams, as well as ensure coaching takes place during the week. May I also thank all of the senior boys who have not only played in the afternoon grades, but have taken the time to coach/umpire morning grade teams. This exercise benefits not only the players, but also the young coaches, as they learn a considerable amount about how adolescent boys operate. To you all, many thanks.

This year we had three artificial wickets laid down, and a grass wicket on the Gully. My special thanks to the Groundstaff who, every week, had to mow the fields and mark out boundaries, and in the case of the Gully, roll the wicket. The school has invested considerable time, effort and money and has laid down a new wicket for the 1st XI on the top field that will be used for the first time this season.

Finally, once again, a thank you to all the boys who play the game and enjoy it, and a special vote of thanks to staff and parents who coach and support their boys every Saturday.

A. F. KIRK, Master i/c Cricket.



RUGBY



NPBHS FIRST XV 1994

Back Row: H. A. Campbell, B. D. Fale, D. G. Percival, B. R. Rudman.
Third Row: C. W. Raven, R. J. Bryant, B. J. Maguire, M. T. Jones, B. P. Howse, J. B. Nasome, P. K. Hancock.
Second Row: J. R. Weston, H. D. Caskey, C. M. Ansell, Mr G. S. Hall, K. R. Amon, S. B. McAllum, B. R. Cave, C. J. Metcalfe.
Front Row: Mr D. P. Atkins, P. A. Mohi, M. B. Neilson (Vice Captain), D. L. Sheeran (Captain), S. J. Gibbs, E. P. Eastgate, Mr W. J. Geange.

FIRST XV

The First XV of 1994 had a new look about it from the previous season's very successful 1993 team. A totally new management was now in charge of the team following the retirement of the highly successful coaching duo of Mr Rowlands and Mr Sloan.

Mr Atkins was appointed coach and he was ably assisted by Mr Hall. With only four players returning from the previous season, it was obvious that 1994 would be a rebuilding year for the team.

Despite the inexperience of the majority of the players at First XV level, results in the first half of the season produced a sense of optimism that the team was capable of achieving up to the highest levels of previous First XV's.

However, the middle part of the season witnessed some inconsistent performances resulting in two disappointing losses in the local Under 21 competition against Tukapa. In a very even game which saw the lead change hands regularly, it appeared as if NPBHS would lose 13-14 with time up on the clock. However, this was a very determined team and Darrell Sheeran scored a try right on full-time to win the game for NPBHS by 18-14.

Other highlights for the team were the winning of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sevens Tournament, the outstanding performance in easily defeating Hamilton Boys' High School, and the defeat of Silverstream and Wanganui Collegiate in two other interschool fixtures.

The losses to Te Aute, Palmerston North BHS and Christchurch BHS were disappointing features of the season, but all in all 1994 has to be considered a successful and rewarding year for the First XV.

Most of the players will be returning in 1995 and the experience and improved skills they have gained this season bodes well for next year's team.

Thanks must go to the very loyal group of parents and supporters who followed the team each week - many of whom travelled vast distances to watch the team. Their loyalty, support and encouragement were very much appreciated by all players and officials.

Thanks also to our sponsors whose support was most important and appreciated by everyone associated with the team.

Points for: 839; Against: 246.

FIRST XV COLLEGE GAMES

Versus Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton: In brilliantly fine conditions the 1994 First XV side began their traditional college match season. After impressive club form the team was reasonably confident going into the game but they all realised that college games were a completely different proposition - greater intensity and passion. The game began with the awesome delivery of our Haka and this really set the scene for the remainder of the game. The team played easily their best game of the season with forwards and backs combining superbly to play open rugby and score some magnificent tries. The entire side played extremely well and no one player really stood out. This game proved to everyone that even with the departure of the bulk of last year's team the 1994 side was more than capable of competing successfully and maintaining the impressive record of the last few seasons.

Score: 43-6. Scorers: Tries: S. Gibbs (2), P. Hancock, P. Mohi, R. Bryant, M. Neilson, D. Percival, Conversions: P Hancock (4).

Versus St. Pat's Silverstream, Wellington: This game will be remembered for two reasons, one being the very impressive second half forward effort and the weather. In Arctic like conditions Boys' High played with the wind in the first half but failed to capitalise on this advantage. We were guilty of kicking away a lot of ball, inaccurate passing and the poor delivery of ball up front. St. Pat's also defended with the tenacity they are known for, which made life even more difficult. After some stern words at half time the team turned around and played with a lot more authority. The forwards controlled the lineouts, with Campbell coming into his own, and completely demolished the St. Pat's scrum, with the front row of Cave, McAllum and Jones dominating their opponents. With this control Weston and Sheeran were able to work the blindside to great effect. Gibbs capped off another memorable game with two well taken tries.

Score: 18-12. Scorers: Tries: S. Gibbs (2), S. McAllum, Penalty: P Hancock

Versus Wanganui Collegiate, Wanganui: On a dreary day Boys' High played their third consecutive college match at an away venue. The team started reasonably well but struggled to convert possession and territory advantages into points. Again our ball control and option-taking was poor in the first half, although we did score one very good try. There was a slight improvement in the quality of our play in the second half, but the lack of consistency meant we never managed to sustain any real pressure. The team did score two team tries that were among the best of the season; so there were glimpses of our true ability.

One aspect of the team's play that was impressive was the defence - it was well organised and punishing at times.

Score: 15-0. Scorers: Tries: P. Mohi, S. Gibbs, E. Eastgate.

Versus Palmerston North Boys' High School, New Plymouth:

The day the team had been waiting for all season - their first college game on the Gully. Unfortunately for the team the school was not allowed out to support them due to the weather. This may have contributed to the slow start the team made. In the first half Boys' High defended for all but two minutes. In that two minutes the team scored a brilliant try that stretched the full length of the field. The team should be commended for their defence, as Palmerston North could only manage two tries, by half time.

An improved effort in the second half could not be converted into points although there were obvious opportunities. The team was disappointed to lose their first home match to a team that was not any better than they. But that's rugby.

Score: 5-10. Scorers: Tries: J. Weston.

First XV versus Te Aute College: Without doubt, the interschool fixture against Te Aute was the most disappointing performance of the season. The players definitely did not play to their capabilities with the result that they lost to an average Te Aute team.

The final score of 21-11 to Te Aute was a fair reflection of the game. All players made the fatal mistake against any Te Aute team of not making their first time tackles, thus giving the Te Aute players the opportunity to play their preferred style of hard-running rugby.

The first twenty minutes was evenly contested with both teams having shots at goal after being awarded penalties. However, missed tackles meant gaps were starting to appear in our defence and Te Aute were able to score a well executed try in the backs. The Te Aute forwards were also winning more ball and the halftime whistle blew with NPBHS struggling to make much headway.

The second half saw an improved and a more determined effort by the team, but Te Aute were still being allowed to play their game through missed tackles. However, a very good sustained period of pressure by NPBHS resulted in Mark Neilson scoring a well deserved try, one to which all the forwards had contributed. The conditions were not ideal with drizzly rain falling throughout the match, but this did not prevent the Te Aute team from handling the ball well. Te Aute were able to score another two tries and seal victory and thus regain the R. Webb Memorial Trophy.

Scorers: M. Neilson (1 try); P. Hancock (2 penalty goals).

Christchurch Boys' High: The last college match of the season and the one that all the team had really been looking forward to was Christchurch Boys' High on the Gully. Again the game was played on a very soft surface but this did not prevent both teams attempting to play open, attractive rugby, something that the large crowd (including the school this time) would have appreciated. The first half saw Boys' High struggle out wide as the classy Christchurch backs moved with speed and precision. This was the best backline the boys encountered all season and to their credit they never gave up. The second half saw the Boys' High forward pack take control. They overpowered the Christchurch forwards but again the Christchurch backs were able to make ground even from the little ball they had, through astute kicking or aggressive running.

Boys' High were desperately unlucky not to score towards the end of the game and give themselves an opportunity to draw the match. However, in the end no-one could really deny Christchurch their victory. We look forward to next year in Shield country.

Score: 17-24. Scorers: Tries: S. McAllum; Penalties: P. Hancock (3); Dropped Goal: D. Sheeran.

On behalf of the 1994 team, I would like to thank all of those parents, friends and fellow students (past and present) who provided the team with incredible support. I know it was really appreciated.

PLAYER PROFILES

Brad Cave: Brad has displayed a high level of commitment. Good scrummager and excellent throwing skills. Always gave 100% throughout the season.

Simon McAllum: Simon continued to improve throughout the year, was always close to the ball. Scored a vital try against St Pat's.



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Keryn Amon: A strapping lad with excellent scrummaging technique. An early season injury saw Slim sitting on the sideline for most of the season. He made a successful return to the team gaining a starting position against Te Aute and Christchurch Boys'. Has a lot to offer and will go far.

Bruce Howse: Bruce was a dependable tight head prop and was called into the team after Keryn's injury. In turn was struck down by glandular fever.

Michael Jones: Michael was the cornerstone of the pack in 1994. He played in every game and made some storming runs, blowing holes in most defensive systems. Will be an asset in 1995.

Damien Percival: Damien had his moments in 1994. A good lineout jumper and his fitness improved throughout the year.

Hamish Campbell: Hamish has had an excellent season in 1994. Always played above his playing weight. Dominated kick-offs and lineouts. Pound for pound the toughest man in the forwards.

Brett Rudman: Brett is a man mountain and was elevated from the Fourth XV. He displayed some good individual skills. Needs work on his fitness to be competitive.

Brad Fale: Brad was the best trainer in 1994 and epitomised the spirit of the team. He played with the same commitment. Brad has plenty of steel and will be an asset in 1995.

Richard Bryant: Richard displayed a high level of anticipation and guts during the year. Excellent work rate, will continue to improve.

Mark Neilson: Vice Captain. 1994 saw Mark working harder in the tight. A broken arm also hindered his progress. He has a lot of potential and will impress in the years to come.

Johnnie Weston: "The big little man." He controls the blindside well with his probing kicks and running. It was a big task for Johnnie to play the under 21 grade and he answered his critics with a disciplined approach to his rugby. He will be an asset in 1995.

Darrell Sheeran: Captain. The role of captain didn't sit easily on his shoulders, but continued to mature as a thinker throughout the season. His general play and decision-making were of a high standard.

Casey Raven: Casey displayed some excellent kicking skills, and his attacking skills were well utilised.

Brad McGuire: Brad was Mr Dependable, solid on defence and consistent on offence. A knee injury throughout the year didn't stop him playing some good rugby.

Paul Mohi: Paul is an aggressive player, excellent defensive qualities, played in the mid-field and at the end of the season, on the wing. A good attitude towards his rugby.

Eldon Eastgate: Eldon is a strong runner with the ball in hand and has a strong kick. Injury prevented him participating fully during the season.

Hayden Caskey: Hayden improved his fitness and skills throughout the year. Displays a good turn of speed.

Jone Nasome: Jone was in his first year of rugby, impressing with his skills in the early trials. His easy running belies his speed.

Simon Gibbs: This man was outstanding in 1994, scoring 34 tries for the First XV. He is offensively the best player in the province. Simon has a bright future in the game.

Paul Hancock: Paul scored 228 points in a season of ups and downs. He is a confident player and will improve in performances in 1995.

SECOND XV



It was decided early in the year that this year's Second XV would be selected as a development squad for next year's First XV. As such the team was comprised of mainly young talented players who could be developed at a higher level. With this in mind, goals were set to finish in the top four of the Taranaki First XV competition, and to continue with the Second XV record of winning all the interschools.

The Hawera First XV were to be the first team in what promised to be a demanding competition. The 13-8 loss, although not a winning start, was very pleasing as it showed that this year's team had the raw ability and skill with which to build on. In the first round there were wins against Opunake, Inglewood and Waitara, 25-7, 82-22, and 67-0 respectively. The games against FDMC, Stratford and Spotswood were all tough and highly competitive, resulting in some narrow losses. (18-26, 14-18, and 5-19.)

The second round did not start well for the team. As was the case all season, team spirit was high, but unfortunately at this time, so was the injury count. With the injury worries, and the Arctic conditions in Hawera, the first game of this round was to be a test of team commitment. The 0-36 loss was to be the low point of the season, but in hindsight, a good build-up for the Hamilton interschool. The remainder of the second round provided some of the best rugby of the season. This was reflected by the referees, who continued to praise the team for their positive rugby and on-field discipline. With all of the teams in the competition improving, there were good wins against Opunake, Inglewood, Waitara, Stratford and Spotswood. (29-5, 42-7, 30-8, 18-3, and 18-5.) The only other loss in the round was against Francis Douglas. This was one of the best games of the season reflecting the hard work all of the players had put in. The final score was a 10-14 loss with the Seconds unlucky not to have a definite try awarded.

The interschool record was to be harder to defend. Unfortunately due to an 'administrative misunderstanding', Te Aute double booked the Seconds and Stratford for the same day. Opting for Stratford, Te Aute won 21-20. (The Seconds had beaten Stratford 18-3 the week before.)

The two official interschool fixtures were both played on the Gully. The first against Hamilton proved to be a physically demanding game. In a controlled game the Second's ran in victors 30-9 with tries to Roger Gibb (2), David Slade, Brad Taylor and Brian Eastgate, who also kicked one penalty and conversion. The second fixture against Pio Pio was a much more one-sided game. In what was eighty minutes of entertaining rugby, the Second's won 73-0. Tries went to Simon Pickering (3), David Slade (2), Mark Walton, Henry Thompson, Brad Taylor, Heath Sheather, Roger Gibb and Brian Eastgate, who also converted two of the tries.

By the end of the season the goals had been achieved, and all of the players had shown a marked improvement. One of the other strengths of this year's team was the parental support. The team thanks all those parents that supplied transport and sideline support, especially those parents who travelled great distances to help support the team. Finally the team thanks Gordon Giddy, whose knowledge and expertise was much appreciated this season. (As were some of those great grids!!)

Finally, from Gordon and I, a special thanks to the team. We had a great season guys, and you deserve the level of ability you have achieved. Good luck for the future, and thanks again for letting us be part of a great team spirit.

SECOND XV ROLL OF HONOUR

Captain: Brad Taylor (highest try scorer). Taranaki Secondary Schools: Roger Gibb. Taranaki U16: Brad Newland, Shaun Baxter, Greg Crofskey, Simon Pickering, Mark Walton. Most improved player: Brad Newland. Most conscientious player: Greg Crofskey. Team Patron: Mrs Williams.

THIRD XV



The Third XV had a very successful year putting together some great team work capped off by some outstanding solo efforts.

This was the first season the team had been together which made hard work playing to a set pattern due to cohesion in the backline and handling skills in the forward pack. The guys stuck at it working long hours at practices, communicating well. All credit to the team for sticking at it. A big thanks from the team to Willie Harvie and Mr Watts, who devoted a lot of their time, making the season very successful. The team ended up winning the grade and the Top Dog trophy.

Leading try scorers were Matthew Staddon (17) and Mark Edgecombe (10).

The forwards became a strong unit posing threats to any side, with Quentin Brears strong in the tight play.

Paul Tito was outstanding at lineouts. The loose forwards of Nathan Shaw, Ryan Gargan and Grant Fabish linked together superbly with the inside backs.

The backs began to gel with hard-hitting running from fullback Michael Asher with good finishing off from wingers Paul Gibbs, and Leighton Watson.

The team won 14 games and lost 1.

Points for: 448; Points against: 128.

Special thanks to all parents for transport and support throughout the season. It was most appreciated.

FOURTH XV

The team had a mixed season with a disappointing final tally of two wins and a draw.

The team had the potential to beat every team in the competition with the exception of the Third XV. It went close with every other team but lacked defence at crucial times.

The forward pack went well especially with the addition of Ricky Tito who added strength to the lineout. Loose forwards, Ross Moir and Phil Clarke were quick to break downs and Peter Topless was always strong on attack.

The backs were well served by Jeremy Goodin at halfback. They looked good at times with hard hits and strong tackles the feature of James Magatogia's game. Robbie Stevenson looked strong at fullback and was very able at clearing the ball.

The team, if anything, lacked motivation and was let down at times by a lack of commitment.

SIXTH XV

At the beginning of the season we started badly and lost all but one of our first round games. Not having a coach for the first few games didn't help. Once Mr J. Rowlands and Mr Armstrong took over the coaching the team improved out of sight.

The forwards dominated lineouts thanks to B. McGlashan and R. Honeyfield and were very good in rucks and mauls with converted back W. Balsom really showing out. The good ball won by the forwards enabled the backs to play good enterprising rugby. V. Chand controlled play well from first five-eighth and the mid-field combination of J. Ashton and V. Hooper were the mainstay of the offensive pattern. In the Second round the team won four out its last five games beating teams that had convincingly beaten us in the first round, the highlight being a series victory over the Fifth XV. For a team that lost so many games early on, credit must go to the players who kept turning up to practice and maintained a positive attitude. A special mention goes to D. Hart who contributed 110% every game.

A. BRIMELOW, Captain.



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C2 BLACK

After being put in C2 we were all pleased to hear that we would receive the services of Mr Sloan for the up and coming season.

Although we didn't have such a successful season, as we would have hoped for, we all enjoyed ourselves and learnt plenty of valuable skills from Mr Sloan.

We didn't start off the year so well. In our first game we were beaten by a much bigger Spotswood team. The next match we came back with a well deserved win against Okato with the team scoring four tries. Two games later we had a close game with Francis Douglas Memorial College with them just taking the game. We got one try through some good team work. A couple of games later we pulled off two wins in a row, the first being against FDMC which we won 10-8 in a very close game. The next game that we won was against Inglewood who had just come down from C1 division. We won that game 5-0 with one try being scored.

As the end of the season neared, we all knew that we had done quite well considering most of the teams that we played against were both bigger and older than us. Most of the team was composed of Third and Fourth formers, with two Fifth formers in the team.

As we hang up the footy boots until next year, we all look forward to the next season. There is a lot of young talent in this team and a lot of guys to look out for.

RUGBY C1 GOLD

The C1 Gold team played a total of 14 games in 1994, and had a win-loss record of 10:4, coming second behind joint-winners FDC and Hawera in a close competition.

Were it not for first-round losses to Waitara and Hawera (both convincingly), and second round losses to FDC (5-0) and Hawera (12-10), the team may well have been in the race for the top position. Throughout the season the team strove for quality rugby, the development of both individual and unit skills and consistency of performance. Our best rugby was probably displayed in the 22-0 win over Waitara (in mud and rain), the 22-17 victory over FDC (great second half revival) and the close losses to FDC (5-0) and Hawera (12-10) in the vital second round.

The forwards were a capable unit, with a solid tight five, who worked hard to ensure the backs had quality ball, and it was especially pleasing to see the loose forwards develop over the season and thereby provide the continuity of play the team was seeking. The backs excelled, when given quality ball and as their confidence developed the back-line became equal to any opposition encountered. This was especially noticeable in the halfback five eighth and mid-field area where our defence was generally solid and in the back row - half five eighth area where some good tactical options developed.

The team was well served by parental support in the transporting and vocal support at matches for which my thanks and appreciation are given. A special thanks to parent Nigel Gibson who provided the venue for the end-of-season function, and to Campbell Feather (ex First XV) for assistance in coaching.

It would be unfair to single out players for special mention, since in a team sport, each player makes his own special contribution to the overall outcome, and to each player, I say thank you for your commitment, enthusiasm and honest endeavour in what was a most enjoyable and rewarding season. Well done - an excellent season.

K. GLEDHILL.

D1 GOLD

1994 saw a very talented collection of young rugby players combine to form a very strong D Gold side. The team won all games except the last one, which saw them narrowly lose the competition, the Top Dog Shield (which they had held for most of the season) and the game, by three points after leading for most of the second half. This was an exciting but disappointing finale to an excellent season, and was lost only by a concentration lapse - something that will be avoided as the players mature as rugby players.

Points for: 449; Points against: 84. Top scorer: Brendan Bloemen, 129 (most valuable player). Top try-scorer: Martin, 70. Most improved player - Jarrod Whitehead. All members are players to look out for in the future of rugby in NPBHS.



D DIVISION BLACK

Although a disappointing season in terms of results, I am certain that the players will remember 1994 with some affection. A good team spirit was built up by a young team consisting mainly of boarders. Without doubt our team was one of only a few in this grade which adhered fully to the age/weight restriction for this grade.

The most memorable result for the players was the easy win against Francis Douglas after losing to them narrowly earlier in the season.

Players who consistently played well were Sam James, Alistair Blackler (captain), Ben Schurr, David Papps, Mark Kopu and Sam Kidd. However, it must be emphasised that all players tried hard to play to the best of their ability and this positive attitude was a chief factor in the building up of a very commendable team spirit.

Thanks must go to Todd Wolfe for his coaching and enthusiasm.

To all the parents who provided transport to away games and who supported the team at the games our sincere thanks. Your support was greatly appreciated.

W. J. GEANGE, Manager.



E GRADE GOLD

Coach: Mr Wild, Captain: Reid Archer, Played: 15, Won: 7, Lost: 4, Drew: 1, Points For: 211, Points Against: 133

This team developed well throughout the year with the highlight being the winning and holding of the Top Dog Shield for five games before losing it to the NPBHS Black team. In the backs Jarrod Keegan and Nathan Farquhar were outstanding players, scoring 25 tries between them. The forwards were well led by Hayden Corkin, ably supported by Michael Lowe.

E GRADE BLACK

"A season that might have been" sums up the 1994 competition for E Grade Black. A crucial shock loss to Francis Douglas after a long break and a loss to Hawera through dubious refereeing saw the championship title slip away from us, thus leaving us second on the points table.

It was an enjoyable season had by all, especially Tuesday night trainings, famous for the boys' love of Hinie Mullars. The highlight of the season was the game against Stratford played on the gully ground (won 53-nil) and beating last year's champions FDC 37-nil in the second round.

The standouts in the forwards this year were number 2 jumper Steven Skylab Hadland and rugged open side flanker Adrian Whittaker. In the backs Mark Proffit was outstanding, having scored well over a century of points this season and gaining selection for the Third form team.

Special thanks must go to Mr Proffit (manager) for his services during the season, to parents who provided transport and to the players for their commitment and enthusiasm.

C. LUKE, Coach.



THIRD FORM

This year's game against Wanganui Collegiate was another one-sided affair, despite the teams being of similar size. The final score was 67-0, which is not a true indication of NPBHS superiority, due to creative reffing by Mr Giddy to try to even up the score.

NPBHS controlled all phases of the game and scored at will, though in the second half the tries were more attractive as the ball was spun wide. Tries were scored by many players, but outstanding was Clint Newland who top-scored despite being told by the referee he wasn't allowed to score any more tries! A healthy indication of the future depth of rugby at NPBHS.

K. MITCHELL.



NPBHS U15 RUGBY 1994

The U15 Rugby Team was selected after trials in mid-July to prepare for interschool matches against Wanganui City College and Wanganui Collegiate, as well as the local Halliwells-sponsored U15 tournament. It became evident during practice sessions that this year's team would be competitive in both backs and forwards, and there was a definite desire to do well.

Our first match against the physically more mature side from Wanganui City College was a disappointment, (losing 22-13), but provided the players with valuable match experience together.

The first two games of the tournament were won convincingly - a 72-5 victory against Stratford, and an equally-comfortable 69-7 win against Spotswood College. In both games, some great attacking back-play and continuity between backs and forwards was displayed, there being 12 tries scored against Stratford and 11 against Spotswood. These victories enabled the team to contest the final against FDC who had a strong, well-balanced side and tactical kickers in their backline. Played at Hicks Park, Hawera, with a gusty wind making the going tough, we led 7-0 at the break, having had first use of the wind. The second half saw FDC apply pressure and field position through tactical kicking, to eventually equal the score. The final 20 minutes was an even contest, with excellent defence right to the final whistle and the side was both relieved and pleased to know that their effort was sufficient to retain the Halliwell Shield for 1994.

THE DREAM TEAM

In to the second term and you could hear cupboard doors opening and the old boots came out and the words 'Dream Team' were murmured in the staff room.

The date was set and the thirds were ready to do battle but they came up against a well oiled machine.

Mr Hall showed his talents at fullback and number eight, often breaking the opposition open and scoring a great solo try. His conversion was likened to the 'Big Train' Mal Meninga.

On the wing we saw Mr Gunning who was deadly with some dangerous kicks. One hit a student on the third terrace behind the goal line, the other hitting Mathew Staddon several times.

On the other wing was Mr Signal, who played as though he'd been on the Gully all his life, with one kick to the corner having a leg break which Shane Warne would have been proud of.

In the mid-field Mr Watts, who after playing through all the grades, picked up a nasty cut above his eye, probably due to coaching the opposition. His partner in crime was Mr McKenzie who showed great ball skills and that he had the ability to be crunched in tackles but he often tore the defence up and scored a good try.

Mr Slyfield showed some talent at first five with his boot, but paid dearly for kicking too often.

Firstly, he didn't see one of his kicks land, thanks to the help of Paul Tito, and was also warned in the process by referee Giddy, if he did another 'Hollywood' he would be penalised. He did though convert two tries.

Mr Gledhill toyed with the defence with his floating kicks (and pass) over the top. One led to a try to Mr Slyfield.

Mr Atkins led at the front with charging runs and "ball and all" tackles (ask Mark Edgecombe). But strong tackling from the students shut him down.

Mr Luke added another dimension to the Dream Team. No it wasn't his goal kicking but his ability to get to breakdowns quickly and often it looked as though the players around him were standing still and he well deserved his try.

On the other flank, Mr Wilson has certainly cemented his position as he helped get ball quickly to the halfback, as he was always on the shoulder of Mr Luke. Mr Russell turned down an offer from the Warriors to play this year and added height to the staff team whereas the other lock Mr Hoskings added strength to the pack and produced some storming runs.

Mr Wild gave his all at prop but after the game wished someone would give it back. A veteran of the Dream Team.

Mr Leath on the other end of the front row, scored two tries. Need we say more? (because he will). His off-season training paid off with him often being seen outside. In between these two props was Willie Harvey who was eligible due to co-coaching the Third XV this season. He was covering for Mr Julian and hopefully both will be available next year as they are both assets to the side.

The strength of 'The Dream Team' was not shown by who was in the team but by who was left out. Names like Kirk, Grimwood, Elgar and Rowlands were missing from this year's side.

When the dust finally settled, the scoreboard (if someone had done it) showed a 36-20 win to 'The Dream Team'. It had been the hardest of the games over the years and much credit must go to the thirds, who tackled all day and scored some good tries. Among the scorers was Mathew Staddon a three year veteran of the Third XV and thus the Dream Team clashes.

Thanks must go to Mr Giddy for again refereeing and allowing the game to develop into an attractive spectacle and hopefully the game will continue to be played. See you on the terraces. (But watch out for Mr Gunning's kicking!)





SOCCER



NPBHS FIRST XI SOCCER 1994

Back Row: Mr Dave Chapman (Coach), Monty Ammundsen, Gavin Hughes, Dick Boara, Adam Yates, Hamish Bracegirdle, Andrew Gordon, Matthew Goodey, Mr Hugh Russell (Manager).

Front Row: Ian Pearson, Neil Clarke, Travis O'Brien, Brad Scott (Captain), Hayden Markham, Sammie Wa'ahero, Patrick Pikacha.

FIRST XI SOCCER

At the end of the 1993 season it appeared that 1994 would be a year of rebuilding for the First XI Soccer. There were only three players returning and the coach had decided to concentrate on his own playing career. The school was very fortunate to secure the services of Dave Chapman as coach in 1994. The team started the season with trials in early April, although not as many trialled as in earlier years but the depth of talent was encouraging. The First XI had three goals for the season.

1. A top four placing in the Taranaki Football Associations Premier competition.
2. A successful record in the four college matches
3. To qualify for the Premier Soccer tournament for the first time.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S PREMIER COMPETITION

This was the team's second year in the Premier competition, last year Boys' High finished fourth. The competition is an open men's grade that involves teams from Taranaki and Wanganui. The team's goal for the season was to be placed in the top four of the competition.

At the end of the First Round Boys' High were the only unbeaten team in the competition. The very wet winter played havoc in the second round with a number of games being postponed to later in the season. The Premier Boys' High played twenty games in this competition, with a record of 14 wins, four draws and two losses. The winner wasn't decided until the last two games and it was between Wanganui East Athletic and Boys' High. The last game of the season was between these sides and it appeared that this would probably decide the competition. However, a draw in a catch-up game in the week prior to the Wanganui game meant that Boys' High had to win by a large goal difference to take the competition.

The game between the two sides was one of the best of the competition, with Wanganui taking a 2-0 lead at half time and Boys' High applying enormous pressure in the last quarter, scoring one goal and threatening to equalise on a number of occasions. The game finished as a 2-1 win to Wanganui. This result meant that NPBHS finished as runner-up in the Premier competition and won the Dr D. E. Brown Memorial Shield

COLLEGE GAMES

Hamilton Boys': The First XI first college game was against Hamilton Boys' at home. In this game NPBHS created many scoring opportunities but failed to capitalise on them. Hamilton scored the one and only goal in the game halfway through the first half from a penalty shot. Boys' High kept attacking and hit the crossbar a number of times but just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net.

Wanganui Collegiate: This was the team's only away college game the team had during the season. It also doubled as TFA Premier competition points. Collegiate came out attacking and by the end of the first half Boys' High were 2-0 down. In the second half we started to dominate and the scores levelled at 2-all. In the last 15 minutes New Plymouth did all the attacking and Collegiate had most of their players back in desperate defence. The final result was a 2-all draw.

Wellington College: The Wellington College game always seems to be played in terrible conditions and this year was no exception. Webster Field looked more like a swamp than a football field. Boys' High managed to make the most of the awful conditions and Sammie Waahero scored towards the end of the first half. Wellington fought back in the second half and looked to score on a couple of occasions. However, New Plymouth sustained this pressure and Mauricio Gonzalez sealed New Plymouth's victory. The result was a 2-0 win to Boys' High.

Wanganui City College: This was the team's last college game of the season. Webster field was declared unplayable by the referee and the teams had to play on the second field. Sammie Waahero started the scoring and we led 1-0 at half time. They equalised in the second half and then Brad Scott scored shortly afterwards. The final result was a 2-1 win.

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING GAMES

During the first week of the August holidays the First XI usually attends a Soccer tournament run by the Secondary Schools Soccer Association. In 1992 and 1993 Boys' High had won the First Division title, however, we have never attended the National Championships or



Twinkle toes.

Premier Tournament. This year we decided to enter into the qualifying games. This involved the school playing four games against Hamilton Boys', Tauranga Boys', Whakatane High School and St Paul's Collegiate. The college game against Hamilton Boys' doubled as tournament qualifier. After losing that game Boys' High had to win all their other qualifying games to be sure of qualifying at the National tournament. In an attempt to keep costs down we travelled to Tauranga and played Tauranga Boys' and Whakatane High on consecutive days.

Tauranga Boys': This is a game that will be remembered by all those who played in it and those who watched it. A total of seventeen goals were scored (none were penalty kicks). Boys' High actually scored ten goals in this game, however the referee lost track of the score and put the result down as a 9-7 win to New Plymouth. At one stage during the game Boys' High were up by four goals. However, as the game progressed both teams lost their defensive structure and there was a flood of goals. Brad Scott achieved a hat trick of goals and Mauricio Gonzalez, Dick Boara, Sammie Waahero scored two each.

Whakatane High School: This was always going to be a tough game for the school, as the Boys were physically tired after the game against Tauranga the day before while Whakatane were a fresh team. Whakatane came out firing and scored a goal in the first five minutes. It wasn't until the second half that Boys' High equalised with a goal from Sammie Waahero. After that Whakatane yielded to Boys' High pressure and let in three other goals. The final score was a 4-1 win to New Plymouth.

St. Paul's Collegiate (Hamilton): This was the last qualifying game the school had to play, St Paul's had agreed to travel down to New Plymouth on the last day before mid-term break. The school had been

granted a long lunch-time to watch the game. From the start, Boys' High went straight onto attack with Brad Scott testing the keeper. It took 15 minutes until New Plymouth scored their first goal, which came from a build-up on the right flank. Brad Scott put a cross over to Mauricio Gonzalez who headed it into the goals. This was the first of many goals Mauricio would score on this day. Boys' High put up wave after wave of attack allowing Mauricio to bag five goals for the day. The other goal of the day was scored by Brad Scott. The final score was 6-1 with St Paul's Collegiate able to sneak home with a goal late in the second half.

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

NPBHS finished as top qualifier in its region for the National Championships. The Nationals comprise the four pools of six teams, there are five pool games after which the top two qualifiers of each pool go into a top eight knockout competition. The teams in NPBHS pool were:

- Auckland Grammar (1st in 1993, No 1 seed Auckland)
- Christ College (No 4 seed Christchurch)
- De La Salle (Auckland)
- Hastings Boys' (No 1 seed Eastern Region)
- Rongotai College (No 2 seed Wellington)

The teams first game was against Rongotai College, they took a 2-0 lead. However, the team showed great character by coming back from this deficit. At half time it was 2-1 to Rongotai, Michael Smith equalised and then NPBHS scored in quick succession. The final score was 5-2.

The afternoon game was against De La Salle. This was one of the few games of the season that NPBHS scored first, they equalised. We then scored four other goals to make it a 5-1 win.

After the first day, we were the only unbeaten team in our pool. The game on the next day appeared to be the all important one of the pool. This was against last year's tournament winner Auckland Grammar. After losing the day before, Grammar had to win to stay in contention for the top eight. It was the best game that the team played during the tournament. Played at a frantic pace, Boys' High were the first to score. Sammie Waahero fought his way through the Grammar defence and headed a ball off the ground into the net. Grammar fought back and equalised late in the first half. The game looked as if it was going to a draw, however substitute player Ian Pearson, one minute before full-time, took a pass from Sammie Waahero - with one touch crossed it into the box and Mauricio managed to get his head to it and nudged it into the back of the net. A 2-1 win to Boys' High.

The afternoon game was against Hastings Boys', the result was a 5-0 win to Boys' High. At the end of the second day NPBHS had one more pool game to go, however they had already qualified for the top eight. We had scored 18 goals and only conceded four. We were the newcomers to the tournament, however we were seen as one of the teams to beat.

The last pool game was against Christ College, and after already qualifying this allowed the team to rest the key players. The result was a 2-1 win to Christ College and their first win of the tournament.

It was then into the sudden death quarter and semi-finals on the Thursday. The first team we played was Kings High School. The team made hard work of this game winning by only one goal, scored by Mauricio's head once again. This win put us into the top four. Our semi final match was against Palmerston North Boys' High School. In this game the team was totally outclassed, Palmerston dominated the first half and our strikers hardly got a scoring opportunity. To the team's credit they didn't give up and started to create some opportunities in the second half. However the damage had been done. Palmerston won 4-0 and went on to win the tournament. The last game of the tournament was the play-off for third and fourth against Avondale College, a game we won 2-1 with Sammie Waahero scoring the two goals.

NPBHS started the tournament as a virtual unknown and finished third in New Zealand. Andrew Gordon was announced in the National tournament team. Adam Yates, Hayden Markham and Andrew Gordon were identified by the National coach as potential junior All Whites. Special thanks must be given to Mr Todd Gunning and Mr Darryl Leath who acted as assistant managers during the tournament.

INTERSCHOOL RECORD

Hamilton Boys' - lost 1-0; Tauranga Boys - won 9-7; Whakatane High School - won 4-1; St Paul's Collegiate - won 6-1; Wanganui Collegiate - draw 2-2; Wellington College - won 2-0; Wanganui City College - won 2-1; Rongotai College - won 5-2; De La Salle - won 5-1; Auckland Grammar - won 2-1; Hastings Boys' - won 6-0; Christ College - lost 2-1; Kings High School - won 1-0; Palmerston North Boys' - lost 4-0; Avondale College - won 2-1

PLAYER PROFILES

Brad Scott: Brad was this year's Captain, he played his football in the centre midfield. A talented footballer who is determined and competitive, he scored a lot of goals from the midfield.

Hayden Markham: Hayden was convinced to switch positions this year from the midfield to sweeper. A reliable player who is solid in defence, he was identified as a potential Junior All White. This year's Vice Captain.

Hamish Bracegirde: Hamish played as centre back, a player who liked to run with the ball and beat his man.

Adam Yates: The team's goal keeper, Adam went from strength to strength as the season progressed. As a fourth former he has enormous potential. Another player who was identified in the Junior All White programme.

Michael Smith: This was Michael's second year in the team, he played in the midfield with Brad Scott. However, in the college matches he moved to left wing to allow Andrew Gordon to play in the middle. A very dependable and reliable player.

Travis O'Brien: This year Travis has been serving his apprenticeship on the reserve bench. A real asset to the team as he can play in most positions. He has shown a real improvement as the season progressed.

Gavin Hughes: Gavin played as right back for the team. His trademark was his hard and determined tackles.

Monty Amundsen: Monty was a utility player in 1993, however this year he made the position of left back his own. A reliable defender with a level head.

Dick Boara: Dick is one of the Solomon Islanders in the team. He started the season as a back, however he was later moved to the right half to take advantage of his striking ability. A real character in the team.

Sammie Waahero: Sammie plays striker for the team, a former age representative for the Solomon Islands. The team's top goal scorer scored the second most goals at the National tournament.

Ian Pearson: Ian is one of the youngest players of the team who played his football at left half this year. A determined player will not be intimidated by the opposition.

Neil Clarke: Neil spent a lot of time on the bench this year. He played most of his football at right half. His strength was his ability to put little passes in to set up the strikers.

Mauricio Gonzalez: Mauricio was an exchange student from Costa Rica. At striker he showed a beautiful touch of the ball. He was also very good at heading the ball, very dangerous at set plays.

Andrew Gordon: Andrew played all the interschool games for the team. He played in the midfield and had a great ability to read the game. The only tournament team player in the team and was identified by the National Coach as a potential junior All White.

Patrick Pikacha: Patrick was unable to play any of the Saturday games for us, but when he did get on the field he showed a lot of speed and skill.

Matthew Goodey: Matthew was a late inclusion in the team for the tournament. He was a great asset to the team as he could play in the midfield and the backs. Shows a good touch of the ball.

1994 was a remarkable season for the First X1. What started as a rebuilding year ended as probably the most successful year in the school's history. Credit must be given to the team's coach, Dave Chapman. A man who had had no association with the school until this year, Dave has given up a lot of time and devoted a lot of energy to the team.

THE RECORD IN 1994

Third in New Zealand; second in the TFA Premier competition; winners of the Dr DE Brown Memorial Shield; played 15 interschools, won 12, lost 3, drawn 1; total games played 36, won 27, lost 5, drawn 4.

HUGH RUSSELL, Manager.

SECOND XI SOCCER



NPBHS SECOND XI SOCCER 1994

Back Row: Jonathon McLuskie, Matthew Thorenson, Jae Lee, Matthew Hook, Grant Campbell, Davy Probert.

Second Row: Mr Tom McNally (Coach), Ronald Warsal, Richard Simbolo, Solomona Leuelu, Simon Edgecombe, Jonathon Day, Mr Elliott Jones (Manager).

Front Row: Calum Jamieson, Karl Alatoa, Steve Roguski (Captain), Nick Creery, Matthew Dempsey.

The Second XI can look back with satisfaction on this year's endeavours. While the results weren't quite there on the scoreboard, this in no way diminishes how well the team played during the season. Admittedly, at times watching them play was like being on an emotional rollercoaster, one moment playing sound and attractive soccer, the next stilted and disjointed. Through necessity, due to a combination of injuries and flu epidemics, the number of players in the squad increased to 16. Even with this number of personnel, the team sometimes still came up short on numbers. It was at these times that members of the school sporting fraternity came to our assistance. Rugby, basketball and First XI soccer players were called upon, as well as a couple of ex-soccer players who were called out of retirement and their help was greatly appreciated.

The final game - our second inter-college match, was against Wanganui Collegiate and we dealt to them with a scoreline of 110-3, with some excellent play from both backs and forwards. A total of 18 tries were scored (14 to the backs) and was a fitting finale to the season.

It was a problem getting combinations settled. The team consisted of a mixture of youth and experienced campaigners. Most of the players had on occasions to play out of position and I'm sure they benefitted from this. Captain Steve Roguski sustained a broken wrist early in the season and the mantle of captaincy was taken up by Ronald Warsal until Steve's return. Goalkeeper Simon Edgecombe was a late inclusion in the team and was a more than capable replacement for the agile Davey Probert, who played outfield.

The highlight of the season was our victory over league winners, Kaponga. We gave them their only defeat of the year. I'd like to thank all of the players, Karl Alatoa, Grant Campbell, Nick Creery, Jonathon Day, Matthew Dempsey, Simon Edgecombe, Matthew Hook, Calum Jamieson, Jae Lee, Solomona Leuelu, Jonathon McLuskie, Davey Probert, Steve Roguski, Richard Simbolo, Matthew Thoresen and Ronald Warsal.

They were a credit to their school, both on and off the field. Also my appreciation to the parents who came along to support the boys. Last, but not least, my indebtedness to manager Elliott Jones. His contribution was enormous. Endless hours on the phone, handling last minute changes, chasing up players and organising lifts. He even kitted up once, ready to play if necessary. Fortunately for all of us his twinkle toes weren't needed.

On behalf of the team I congratulate Nick Creery and Matthew Dempsey on their success with the Taranaki Under 14 rep side, and special thanks to Nebulite for their assistance in the purchase of track suit tops.

TAM MCINALLY, Coach.

THIRD XI SOCCER

The Third XI were a very young team, lacking in experience and were forced to play in a men's division (Division 1) in Taranaki. Despite several heavy losses the team showed courage, commitment and enthusiasm, with coach Johnathon Harmer and a parent, Mr Bird, providing quality coaching for the team. A highlight of the season was the 0-0 draw with the Second XI.

The team moved to the U15 division which suited it since most of the team were 4th formers. The team fared better in this competition with some success. A good season was had by all but in particular Grant Howard (goalkeeper), Duane Old (striker), Jarred Amies (wing) and Kane McIntyre (striker/midfield) had outstanding seasons.

U15A SOCCER

Coach: Mr Glen Hooper; Manager: Mr Andrew Bone; Results: Winners of preliminary U15 round, Winners of Division One U15; Goals for: 35; Goals Against: 10.

An excellent season for the team thanks largely to a good team spirit and the encouragement and quality coaching provided by Mr Hooper. Even though he could not attend all the games through work commitments, video tapes were made so as to give excellent feedback and improvement of strategies.

Many of the individual players had outstanding seasons. Mark Beccard, Andrew O'Keefe, Simon Robinson, Jens Laursen and Scott Smith all represented Taranaki in the U14 age group while Olly Schumacher played for the U15 age group.

In goal David Frenz had a slow start to the season but quickly improved with an outstanding game vs Waitara three weeks into the competition. David earned the Most Improved Player of the Season award. But he only just edged out Matthew Crawford whose skills and tactics at left back made huge gains this year. Frazer Hopkins had a fine start at right back, but injury forced him to the sideline for the latter half of the season. Simon Robinson and Andrew O'Keefe controlled the backline well and were well supported by Simon and Matthew Gleeson.

The midfield was largely the domain of Mark Beccard whose distribution of the field was sorely missed for the time he was out due to injury. Scott Smith also played strongly in this position as well as striker. The left half position started out with Jens Laursen, but again injury took its toll and Jonathon Ameriks was given his chance to show and develop his skills. Right half was Chris Ruyters whose pace easily could leave behind most defenders when he used it to full advantage. Karl Laird also had a good season in rightfield.

Up front the control and shooting of Olly Schumacher and Scott Smith worked well with the gritty determination of Paul Cochrane. Scott finished with 13 goals with Olly only one behind on 12. A late-comer to the team, Ryan Pelham, substituted for most positions on the field showing most skill in the halves.

A special thanks to the support of the parents families and friends of the team. With your co-operation the season could not possibly have run as smoothly as it did. Hope we see you again next season.

Thanks also to Glen Hooper for a superb season's coaching. The team wishes you all the best for your future, both on and off the field.

ANDREW BONE, Manager.



SOCCER U15B

How can a team who didn't have many wins and draws still have a successful season? Mr Laurensen (assembly, September 16) gave the answer to that question in his "lecture" about the criteria for success.

So why did the U15B team have a successful season despite poor results and shocking weather? Almost all the team members were positive and willing to learn from every game. Virtually the entire team deserved a Fair Play award. Nobody lost control or criticised the opposition and/or referee. I would like to compliment the following players in particular. Jared Vosseler had an excellent season in goal. Daniel Nelson, Andrew Gilkison and Matthew Bell had the right attitude in defence in front of the responsible captain/sweeper Jared Green. Matthew Johnston and Scott Hollins were very skilful in the midfield with good dribbling and passing skills. Sam Fenney and Aaron adapted really well to the different positions they played in.

These players and almost all the others made pleasing progress and should do very well next season.

Thanks to Chris Kerr and Mr Northcott for assisting and standing in during my absence, and to those parents for standing by the team and driving to away games.

You all contributed to a successful season.

B. VENEMA, Manager/Coach.





RUGBY LEAGUE



NPBHS FIRST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE 1994

Back Row: Ben Smith, Powhiri Bidois, Hare Ruwhiu, Dayne Matthews, Mark Edgecombe.
Second Row: Fini Fruean, Marc Woodward, Fale Apeesera, Shannon Boxer, Jade Po-Ching, Mr Mitchell.
Front Row: Scott Carr, Corey Gibson, Aaron Pasili (Captain), Casey Raven, Rob Asi.

As winners of the Regional Tournament held in 1993, NPBHS were automatic qualifiers for the national secondary schools competition. They convincingly held off two spirited challenges from Waitara and Opunake, and travelled to Wellington to compete in the quarterfinals, against Wainuiomata College.

The team played into the wind against a much larger pack from Wainui but managed to lead 4-3 at half time. In the second half the size of the Wainui pack began to show, and they led for much of the half. However, NPBHS fought back to 12-13, and missed two conversions by a desperately close margin.

Outstanding players: Fale Apeesera (man of the match) and Fini Fruean. The team was led by an outstanding and able captain in Aaron Pasili.

The team raised a few eyebrows in Wellington - due to their unexpected on-field spirit and performance, and off the field due to their outstanding behaviour, dress, and attitude which raised the flag of NPBHS as a major rugby league school in New Zealand. (Wainui went on to the grand final - losing to St. Paul's of Christchurch.) The school is indebted to the tireless help and energy of Mr Denny Katene (coach) and Mr John Devonshire who accompanied the team south. The future of rugby league at NPBHS is bright and next year we won't be satisfied with only eighth in New Zealand!

K. MITCHELL.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

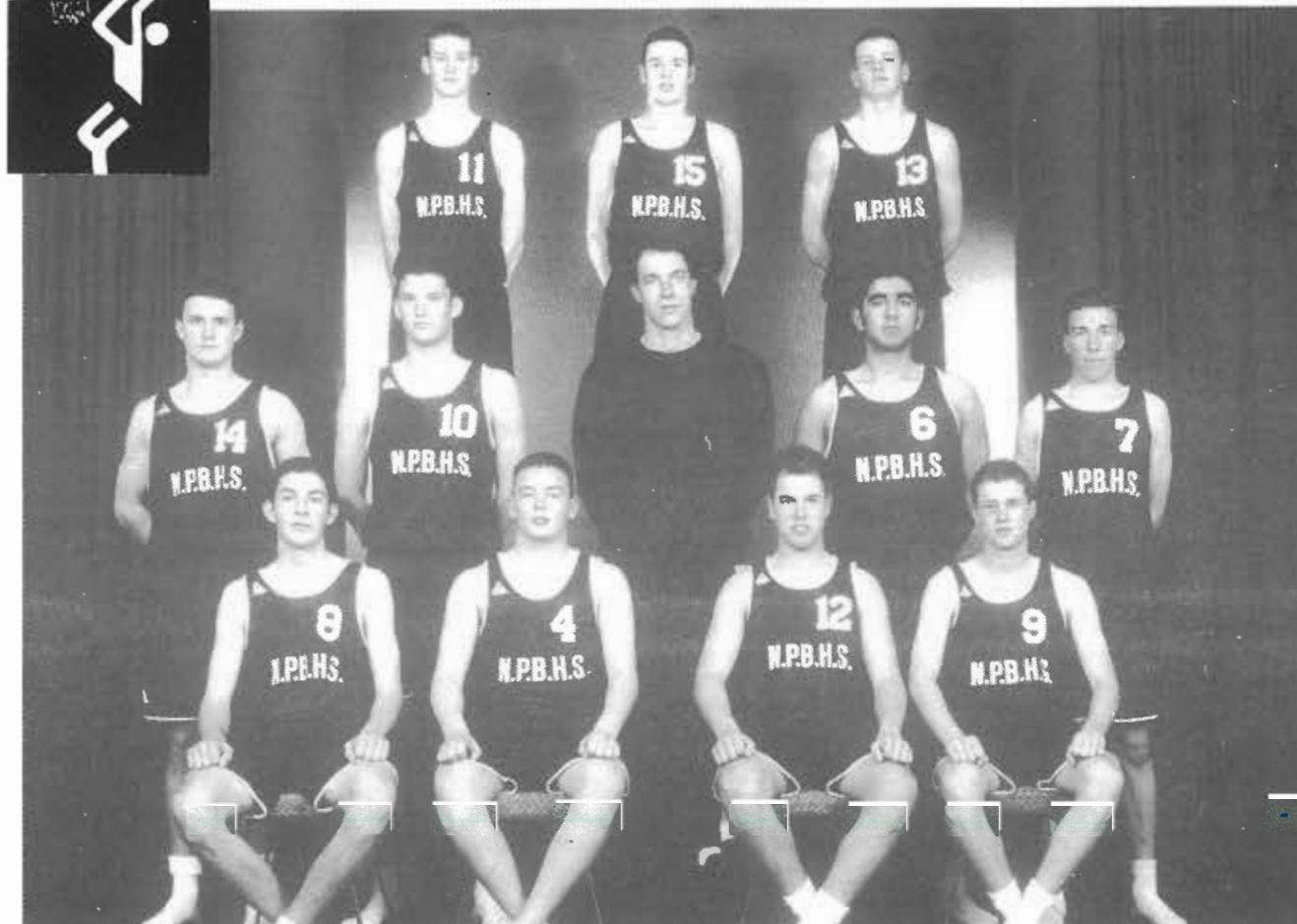
A team of five boys competed against a team from Wanganui Boys' High at the Lake Mangamahoe track. Conditions were extremely wet making the course very testing. The school team completely outclassed the opposition by taking the first five places in the event and therefore beating Wanganui. Best individual performance was Davey Probert. Other team members were Chey Barnes, Adam Richards, Tim Priest and David Smith. The event was enthusiastically received and the school has been invited to compete in Wanganui next year.



Powhiri taking it up with power.



BASKETBALL



NPBHS FIRST V 1994

Back Row: Damon Rampton, Vaughan Wellington, Raymond Willemsen.
Middle Row: Matt Laurenson, Ryan Crofskey, Colin Driscoll, Edmond Ansari, Roddy Struthers.
Front Row: Jason Fearn, Thomas Henderson, Jason Rowe, Nicky Taylor.

FIRST V BASKETBALL THE SEASON

At the start of the season the team had what it took to go to nationals and be successful at that level of endeavour.

The players and coach were a seasoned unit with three players having been in the team for three years and a further three players being in their second year.

With the fundraising and sponsorship by Smokefree Taranaki, the team got away to a flying start in the local premier competition and when 'friendly' games were arranged with St Johns and Palmerston North Boys' High School, every indication was there that the team was on track. The best game played was our first inter-school against PNBHS which gave us real cause for pleasure.

PNBHS (ranked number two in New Zealand), and eventually the winners of nationals in 1994, found us a formidable unit and throughout the game the lead see-sawed between PNBHS and NPBHS. In the final moments captain Matthew Laurenson sank a three pointer to give us a one point lead with 20 seconds left on the clock. The resultant foul on an attacking PNBHS player (with the two free throws giving them a one point victory) left us disappointed but not down. We were on track.

Against St Johns, a determined NPBHS clawed back from a first half deficit to a 10 point victory and again the indications were that a nationally ranked team (fifth in New Zealand) could be defeated by NPBHS. We were on track for national honours.

The zone tournament was won comfortably enough by NPBHS with victories over Stratford, Inglewood, Hawera, Opunake and FDMC.

In the lead-up to regionals the basketball played became more and more pedestrian, the spark and fire more and more rarely seen. Painfully slow offence yielded little and lacklustre defence allowed opponents to score at will.

The Church College inter-change proved that the team had strayed off track, with the number one ranked team in New Zealand being untroubled by us and running out victors by a large margin.

So it came to pass that the regional competition was fought and lost in the most heart-breaking fashion. Large victories against Wanganui

High School and Hawera High School led to a substantial defeat by PNBHS, our faith in ourselves taking a real nosedive in the process.

Could there have been a worse result in the next game? The make or break game against FDMC was lost. The team that had not beaten us for three years chose this moment to outplay us in the first half of the game leaving us with a 20 point deficit to make up by full-time.

To the team's credit we closed to three points by full-time, but a loss is a loss. The nadir of the season had been reached.

With all the tears and hurt there was no evidence of bad sportsmanship or anger directed at FDMC. The team gathered around their captain and cheered Francis Douglas and their supporters. That took real courage. It is easy to handle victory, NPBHS showed they could handle defeat and despair like men.

Everyone was proud of them in that moment, a moment when it was also decided to contest National Bs in Napier.

Play began on Monday, August 22 with comfortable victories over Gisborne Boys' and Colenso High School, a pattern continued on day two with victories over Waihi College St John's and Onslow College.

Day three found the team very tired. Five games in two days had hit the team hard and injuries to Roddy, Matthew, Nicky and Vaughn, while not serious had taken their toll. Much was left to be done and the team realised that success was not going to come easily. The semi final found us in an enormous struggle with a large Nae Nae team, (essentially the Hutt valley U18 side).

NPBHS fought out a game that went down to the wire before school emerged victorious. At 10.30 am the team faced the daunting prospect of waiting in a cold gym until the final scheduled for 6 pm.

The final saw a fresh Waihi against an exhausted school side. Play began with an early lead to NPBHS that was gradually eroded as the starting V were withdrawn and the bench players took their place.

At half-time the score stood at 42-40 to school. The second half saw the team starting lineup gradually move into foul trouble as more and more players (finally five in all) were fouled out of the game.

Waihi moved into the lead.

With 12 seconds left on the clock, school was awarded two free shots after Waihi fouled a school player. Under enormous pressure, Nicky Taylor scored with both shots to tie the game up at 78-78 and drive the game into extra time.

But time wasn't as important as energy and players.

In extra time with only six school players able to take the court Waihi pulled away to win 87-82.

The team gathered around their captain and he suggested that they do the school Haka for the 1300 spectators.

Alone, the team filed onto the empty court and Raymond Willemssen, at the suggestion of his captain, took the lead in a thundering rendition of the Haka.

At the end the spectators rose to their feet and applauded the team. NPBHS had won many friends and admirers for their sportsmanship, skill, personal presentation, and most importantly their belief in themselves, their coach, and above all else, their school.

J. LAURENSEN, Manager.

STATISTICS

versus	Stratford High School	won	90-34
versus	Opunake High School	won	102-30
versus	Inglewood High School	won	85-25
versus	Hawera High School	won	64-35
versus	Francis Douglas Memorial College	won	59-56
winners	Taranaki Zone Tournament		
versus	Palmerston North Boys' High School	lost	90-91
versus	St Johns Hamilton	won	74-64
versus	Church College	lost	69-91
versus	Wanganui High School	won	87-58
versus	Hawera High School	won	101-43
versus	Palmerston North High School	lost	49-79
versus	Francis Douglas Memorial College	lost	67-64
versus	Wanganui City College	lost	73-74
Fourth Place	Regional Tournament		
versus	FDMC - Play-offs Premier Competition	won	61-53
versus	Wanganui City College	won	75-65
versus	Gisborne Boys' High School	won	62-41
versus	Colenso College	won	81-53
versus	Waihi College	won	71-40
versus	St John's College (Hastings)	won	80-42
versus	Onslow College	won	70-58
versus	Nae Nae College	won	62-51
versus	Waihi College	lost	87-82
Second Place	Central Region Tournament, Napier		

UNDER 18 BASKETBALL

The Hornets and the Celtics both had a good year in the U18 competition. After some early personnel changes the teams proved to be both strong and very evenly matched. FDMC proved the only real competition during the league round, and after the Celtics beat the Hornets early in the season they finished second and third respectively, and qualified for the semifinals. Unfortunately both teams lost at this stage, and so finished the season in third and fourth place overall.

The school was fortunate to have excellent coaching and management teams. Thanks very much to Michael Gordon (coach) and Mr Ivan Burgell (manager) of the Celtics and to Malcolm Opie (coach) and Mrs Sue Parker (manager) of the Hornets.



NPBHS UNDER 18 CELTICS BASKETBALL 1994

Back Row: Daimin Sammons, Edmond Ansari, Richard Honeyfield.
Front Row: Nick Plimmer, Chris Kerr, Dwayne Burgess.

SECOND V BASKETBALL

For the first time NPBHS entered a Second V in the NPBA men's competition, with the aim of building a development squad for the following years First V.

After pre-season grading games, the team was placed in the men's A grade, seeded sixth from six teams. The boys took some time to settle, losing a few games they should have won, and it wasn't until three one point losses in a row that they started to work together as a team.

From here they went from strength to strength, moving up the points table and qualifying for the semifinals, where they met the unbeaten Mavericks team. A close win saw them into the final which resulted in a comfortable win over Cosmos.

In addition to their grade win the Second V also represented the school in interschool matches against the first V's of Hamilton Boys' High School and Wanganui Collegiate. Both matches were won very easily.

The success of this year's team is likely to be very significant for NPBHS, basketball. With over half the squad being fourth or fifth form students it is hoped the experience gained this year will start to pay off as many boys move into the First V for 1995.

Much of the credit for the team's success should be given to coach Blair Hicks, who worked very hard to bring some talented individuals together, and to manager John Lander for the hours he put in to help the team run smoothly. Thanks also to Greg Oldridge for his help in management duties.



NPBHS SECOND V BASKETBALL 1994

Back Row: Mr John Lander (Manager), Daniel Lander, Mathew Cursons, Matthew Kelly, Derek Oldridge, Regan West.

Front Row: Jeremy Barnes, Scott Henderson, Jamie Watkins, Curtis Stark, Tristan Emeny.

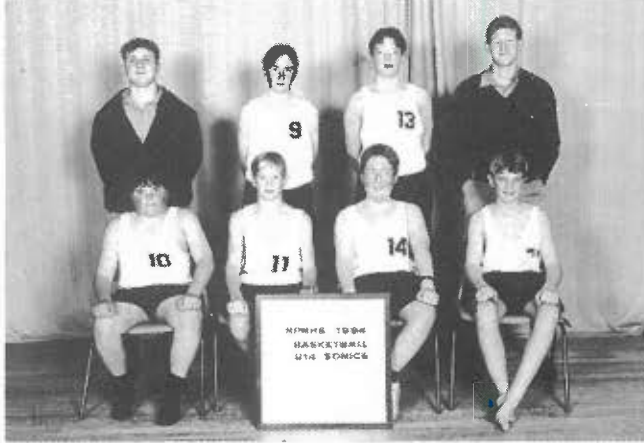
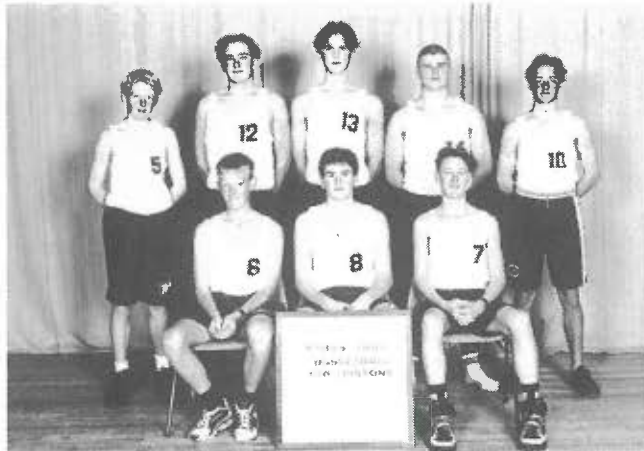
UNDER 16 BASKETBALL

The Knicks probably didn't quite reach their potential. A lot of individual talent didn't get together as a team often enough, and as a result they struggled at times when they should have been winning comfortably. However they did have their moments - most notably in their second round loss to the strong FDMC 'A' when they ran them very close. Considerable improvement was shown over the course of the season, and the Knicks finished the season in fourth place. Thanks are due to Nicky Taylor and Thomas Henderson, who stepped in to coach the Knicks after their original coach pulled out, and Mr Graham Watkins for an excellent job managing the team.

The Pistons had a very steady season, just missing out on qualifying for the top 6. Like the Knicks, the Pistons lost their original coach early on, and Jason Feame took over to good effect. The team improved steadily over the season and recorded some big wins towards the end, to win the B section undefeated. Many thanks to Mrs Helen Morse for a great job managing the team.

The Suns showed tremendous improvement in their season. They started slowly, and had one or two large defeats, but displayed a lot of courage and dedication to finish runner-up in section B. Well coached/ managed by Mr Colin Tilley, Mrs Anne Redford, the Suns deserved to do well because they trained hard and remained positive all season.

Unfortunately the Magics lost their coach as well, half way through the season, and no-one was available to replace him. The boys stuck together pretty well, running their own practices, and doing enough to finish half way in section B. A big thank you to Mrs Karen Green, manager, statistician, and chief subber - without your help the team couldn't have continued.





CYCLING



NPBHS CYCLING FIRST 5 1994

John Woodward, Matthew Surgenor, Mark Gordon, Daryn Jones, Matthew Treanor, Chris Pollock.

This year we had just five races all together, three of which were interschools with Hamilton, Wanganui and Palmerston North.

The team this year was the strongest in terms of individual ability for many years. The first five was comprised of a training group of six riders, from which a starting five was selected. The starting five for the National Champs (The Sir Bernard Fergusson Trophy race) was; Chris Pollock (Captain) Mark Gordon (VC), Matthew Treanor, Daryn Jones and Matthew Surgenor with our reserve John Woodward riding the individuals race.

This year we had two teams, our junior team was; Toby Jordan (Captain), Ian Steele, David Bellini (VC) Andrew Pritchard and Patrick Berry. This young and relatively inexperienced team was led by Toby in a qualified manner which has seen him awarded the most outstanding riders trophy.

Our three interschool races this year were all hard fought for and we ended the year with two wins and one loss.

We sadly had a near loss to Wanganui Boys' which was our last race before going to the Nationals. This did cause a downturn in morale in the first five as any disappointment does. The junior team never actually had another junior team to compete against which was to the detriment of their competitive edge but can only be put down to the disorganisation of the other schools. The Hamilton encounter saw NPBS give the hometown advantage to Hamilton, an advantage they didn't capitalise on with their over-confident team being thrashed by six minutes and then as the day progressed having their time beaten by our junior team.

The Palmerston North race came down to just 26 seconds in our favour which is the usual close result between our two schools.

The day soon came when it was time to defend our Taranaki Championship title which saw us lose on a faulty technicality after a complaint before the race by Stratford High School. They only had four riders so all other teams had to lose a rider and then one of our guys got a puncture. It was sad for us to lose the Dave Mitchell Memorial trophy due to his input into NPBS Cycling. We'll be back with a vengeance next year.

Then was the trip to Levin for the Nationals. The usual cheerful travelling team, driven faithfully by Mr Smith our Manager. This trip was remembered by all for the three hour mental preparation session before the race to complement what had already been done during the year and to get the team focussed. This was initiated by both team captains.

Race day came and went with much sweat and emotion. The first five scored a good ninth national ranking, the juniors also ninth in their grade. John Woodward took out the reserves race with a gold medal.

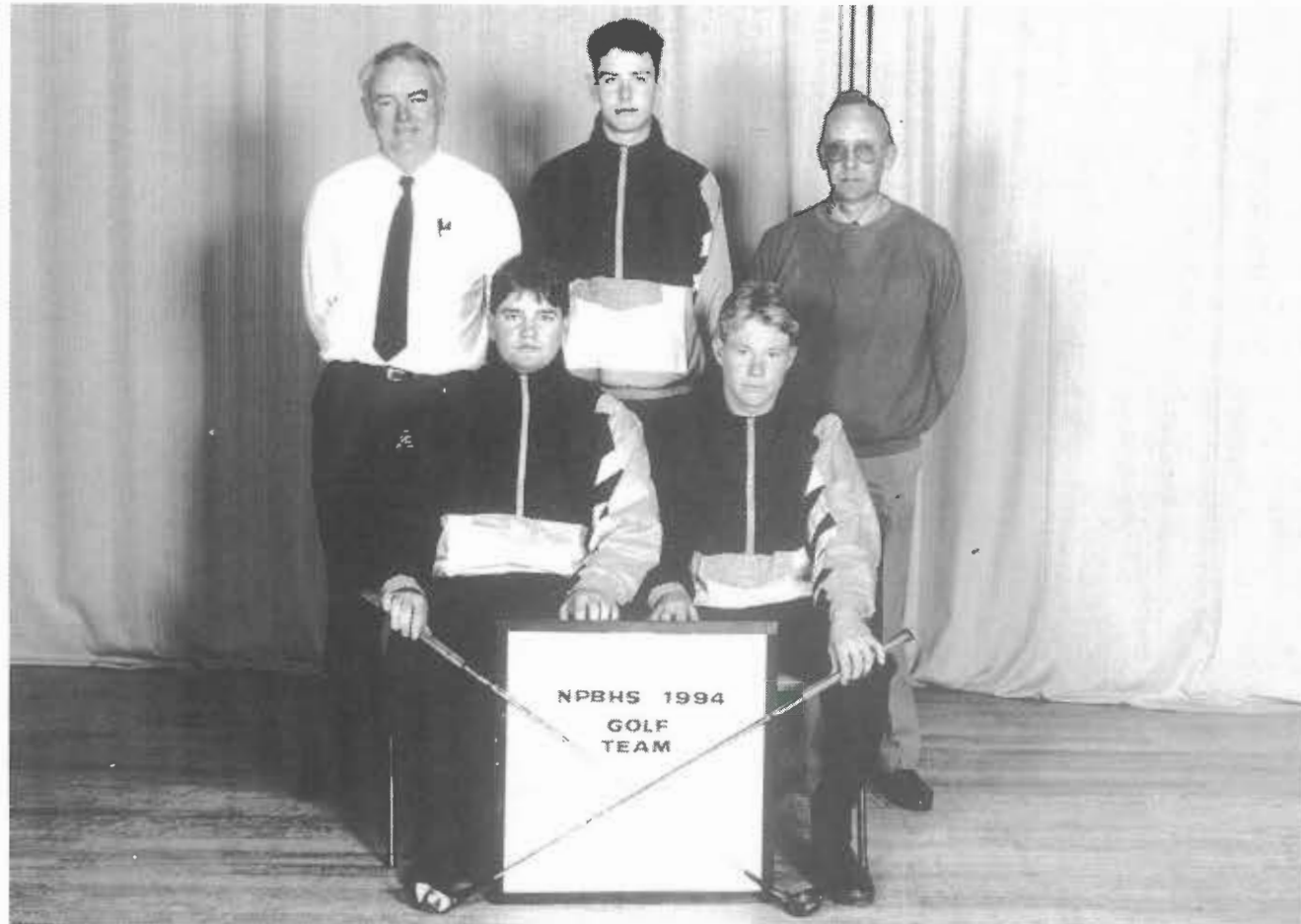
My thanks as captain go out to all the cyclists for performing well, Mr G. Smith and especially all our parents and our school.



NPBHS CYCLING SECOND 5 1994

David Bellini, Ian Steele, Toby Jordan, Andrew Pritchard, Patrick Berry.

GOLF



NPBHS GOLF TEAM 1994

Back Row: Mr D. Mossop, M. Moorhead, Mr M. Dobson.
Front Row: S. Edgecombe, J. Green.

1994 has seen mixed success for the NPBHS golf team. The year got off to a good start, with a win over Waverley High School in the Taranaki Inter-School champs. This was played on April 15, in less than desirable conditions. We had a very strong team on paper and should have won with ease, but the rain made it hard. In the end NPBHS came out on top to hold the title for the second year in a row.

Our only college match, against Hamilton BHS was played in ideal conditions at the New Plymouth golf course. Both teams played well and showed good sportsmanship. NPBHS won the fixture 3-1, with wins from Cane, Green, and Moorehead, and Elstone going down narrowly.

The next event was the central-region final, with the winner going to the NZ finals. The weather was terrible, with a consistent drizzle, and a thick fog that cut visibility down to under 75m. With play reduced to a jackpot, we came third, seven shots behind Feilding.

The last event of the year was the school champs, which were also played at the NPGC. This year's competition proved to be quite tight. In the end, the school's number one came out on top. Results as follows:

Gross		Nett.	
Jonathan Cane	74	Richard Hooper	71
Kurt Elstone	79	Brent Humphries	72
Jade Green	81	Oliver Schumacher	74
Brent Humphries	81		

On behalf of the golf team, I would like to thank Mr Mossop and Mr Dobson for their time and effort, as well as a big thank you to Sharpies Golf bar for the new team tracksuits.

KURT ELSTONE.



A study of concentration.

HOCKEY



NPBHS FIRST XI HOCKEY 1994

Back Row: Lance Bower, Bryan Thornhill, Paul Walden, Bradley Bellamy, Jai Huta.
Middle Row: Jason Lyes, James Clough, Matthew Burt (Captain), Nathan Kinera, Mark Horgan.
First Row: L. Kinera (Manager), Ryan Johnston, David Williams, Laine Terry, J. Warner (Coach).
Absent: Shahn Jordan, Jade Nobbs.

HOCKEY FIRST XI

The 1994 hockey season loomed as one of further consolidation at NPBHS, with the emphasis being on maintaining both numbers and skill level. The continued disadvantage of no artificial turf in Taranaki was again taken in stride by the NPBHS teams and overall the season was one of reasonable success for hockey.

The First XI dropped down a grade this season and competed in Senior Reserve in the Taranaki Men's hockey competition due to the relative youth of the team. Several players had departed from the 1993 team and it was always going to be a challenge to provide the same competitive edge, but the new players slotted in well at an early stage in the season and were prepared to play their part.

As is usual for the First XI team, three aims became part of the overall philosophy of the team. Doing well in the Saturday competition has always been the first of their goals, and NPBHS was competitive during the early rounds. Unfortunately, the coach suffered a broken leg and results suffered through inconsistency, the weather and some harsh umpiring decisions on occasions. The weather in particular diminished the ability of the team to play fast, attractive hockey and the poor quality of fields in Taranaki was a further disincentive in attempts to play constructive field hockey. The final round showed flashes of potential, but the team failed to take out the Senior Reserve grade, instead finishing third.

The second aim was to perform to expectations in the intercollege fixture. The First XV was involved in four matches this season, due to the cancellation by Wellington College. Results were: 2-6 loss to Hamilton Boys' High School (away); 7-0 win against Wanganui Collegiate (away); 5-1 win against Lindisfarne College (away) and finally a 9-0 win against Wanganui City College (home).

The adjustment to artificial turf was too much for NPBHS in Hamilton but subsequent exchanges showed that the team was capable of beating quality college opposition.

The third and highest aim for the First XI is tournament. This year, India Shield was again the objective - the second ranked tournament, and it was to be held in Hamilton in the first week of the August holidays.

A seeding of 11th out of 16 teams was curious, given the ranking of third from 1993, but NPBHS battled around this with solid pool wins against Hillcrest High 5-2 and Napier Boys 5-0. A narrow loss to Wanganui City College 1-3 meant a placing of second at the end of pool play, and led to a win in the quarterfinals over St. John's College 4-1. The semifinal against Lindisfarne College proved to be disappointing as the opposition hung on to win 1-0, despite NPBHS dominating territory and possession. The final play-off game saw Pukekohe High School win 6-1. Two players, Mark Horgan and David Williams, were named in the tournament team, while three more, Jai Huta, Brad Bellamy and James Clough made the second tournament squad.

And so the season ended for the First XI with some triumphs and some frustrations. Overall, a young team has gained experience for the next season and will be ready to face the challenges of 1995.

SECOND XI/THIRD XI

The two junior teams performed with distinction during the 1994 hockey season. Once again the Second XI represented NPBHS against the remaining First XI in the province while the Third XI contested a keen competition. The Seconds in particular showed they were capable of playing co-ordinated, controlled team hockey and were able to match their fierce rivals, Hawera High and Stratford High, on the field. Their final position of third was a solid reflection of a reasonable season. The Third XI did at times struggle for numbers but had some memorable games of hockey.

A final note of thanks must go to the parents and supporters of hockey who enable NPBHS to function as a hockey school. With assistance with transport, as managers and as general supporters, these people allow the players to play their chosen sport and NPBHS is grateful for the time and energy expended. It enabled 1994 to be remembered, not as our most successful season ever, but as a solid, if at times exciting, one.

J. WARNER, Master in charge, Hockey.

HOCKEY - SECOND XI

Throughout the season there was a fine spirit in the Second Hockey XI team. Mr Warner looked after the team until his accident at the end of term one and Mr Clareburt managed the team for the remainder of the season. Mr David Stone, an outside coach, a very experienced first grade hockey player, gave most generous enthusiasm, time and experience in coaching the boys on Wednesdays and being with the team on Saturday mornings before going to his own game. Our most heart-felt appreciation goes to him.

The team played well throughout the season, but did gain in confidence and expertise as the winter progressed. Our team generally played the first of other schools and we won all but three games. The team was a good mix of junior and experienced players. Special thanks go to the seniors and especially Brad Nielsen (captain) and Matthew Surgenon (vice captain). Parent support was outstanding both in encouragement and in providing transport.

Take a break (not of the bone variety) and look forward to your hockey of 1995.



SURF LIFE-SAVING

Whistle Magazine Article

The following are the results of the boys from NPBS entered in the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Championships, held at Lyall Bay, Wellington on February 25, 26 and 27, 1994. Several boys from the school competed in the U16 and U18 divisions as members of Fitzroy, East End and NPOB club teams.

Fitzroy was the 1st overall Club team, with East End 3rd, and the Boys High competitors' performance was a significant factor in the overall points gained by these clubs.

RESULTS

East End Club

Seamus Collins: 1st U18 canoe rescue, 1st U18 four man R & R, 2nd U18 ski relay, 3rd U18 taplin relay, 3rd U18 canoe race, 2nd junior march past

Brad Cave: 1st U18 canoe rescue, 1st U18 four man R & R, 1st U18 six man R & R, 2nd U18 ski relay, 3rd U18 taplin relay, 3rd U18 canoe race, 2nd junior march past.

Paul Mohi: 1st U18 canoe rescue, 3rd U18 canoe race, 2nd junior march past.

Derek Oldridge: 1st U18 beach sprint, member of New Zealand Development Squad.

Luke Peacock: 2nd U18 tube rescue.

Fitzroy Club

Lee Taylor: 1st U18 tube rescue, 2nd U18 taplin relay, 3rd junior march past.

Kent Bell: 2nd U16 tube rescue, 2nd U18 taplin relay, 3rd U18 belt race, 3rd junior march past.

Trent Scrivener: 2nd U16 beach flags.

Ben Scott: 2nd U16 tube rescue, 2nd U18 taplin relay, 2nd U16 board race, 3rd junior march past, member of New Zealand Development Squad.

In addition to these multiple place-getters the following boys were members of the Fitzroy junior march past teams that came 3rd - Cameron Clow, Matthew Green, Craig Bennett.

Shane Gilbert: was a patient in the winning U18 East End Canoe Rescue crew.

KEVIN GLEDHILL.

SKIING 1994

On June 26, 18 boys travelled to the Manganui skifield on Mt Egmont for the School Skiing Championships. Again the event was blessed with good snow conditions which led to some exciting racing, with placings being determined by tenths of a second. As with 1993 the contestants were timed over four runs with average times being used to determine the winners.

Results were: 1st Chey Barnes (22.02 sec), 2nd Adam Richards (22.25 sec), 3rd Merv Hunger (23.56 sec)

These boys along with Sam Hazledine, Charley De Bock, Logan Hutchings, Johnathon Whitwell, Anton Bendt, Stephen Gilkison, Sam Crawford and Phillip Dwyer were selected to represent the school in the Taranaki Intersecondary School Skiing Championships which were held at Manganui on July 14. The team performed extremely well with the first four places in the Junior section being taken by Adam Richards, Sam Hazledine, Stephen Gilkison and Chey Barnes respectively. This effort supported by consistent skiing from the other team members, saw the Boys' High take first place with 93 points from Spotswood, 82 points and Hawera 81 points. Hence the school retained the Marie Williams memorial trophy and Adam Richards was awarded the Del Surf Skate and Ski trophy for the fastest male racer.

A team comprising Charley De Bock, Mervyn Hunger, Chey Barnes, Adam Richards, Sam Hazledine, Stephen Gilkison, Sam Crawford and Phillip Dwyer, contested the New Zealand Secondary School Skiing Championships at Mt Ruapehu on September 19, 20, and 21. The slalom event was held in excellent conditions on the Monday with all team members skiing well. Best individual performance was achieved by Sam Hazledine who was 11th out of 158 starters. At the conclusion of the day the school had achieved 9th position. Unfortunately atrocious weather conditions saw the cancellation of day 2 and 3 and consequently the opportunity to improve this placing was lost. However, 9th out of 126 schools was a very creditable performance and with an ever increasing junior contingent attending the school, the future of skiing is assured.



VOLLEYBALL



NPBS VOLLEYBALL - SENIOR A 1994

Back Row: Mr K. Signal (Coach), Trent Langley, Shahn Jordan, Jason Rowe.
Front Row: Mauricio Gonzalez, Michael Smith, Stephen Opai (Captain), Dwayne Wilson.

SENIOR A

This year's team proved to be the most successful for many years. Under the guidance of Mr Signal, the players responded to produce quality volleyball. They were placed third in the Taranaki Senior Regional Qualifying Series, losing a close game 14-16 to Spotswood College in the third set, which eliminated us, preventing the team going to Senior Nationals in Tauranga. This was difficult to take for the team. However, it was a major feat to almost knock over a team that had been together for many years, whereas our team was young and inexperienced.

Their disappointment was overcome by defeating Spotswood College one week later in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship, which placed them in the final against Inglewood, lost 0-2.

The following five Form Six/Seven players received a Tiger Jacket each. For the first time in more than 10 years only one Tiger Jacket has previously been awarded in the school's history. Those players are: Stephen Opai, Trent Langley, Lee Taylor, Mauricio Gonzalez and Michael Smith.

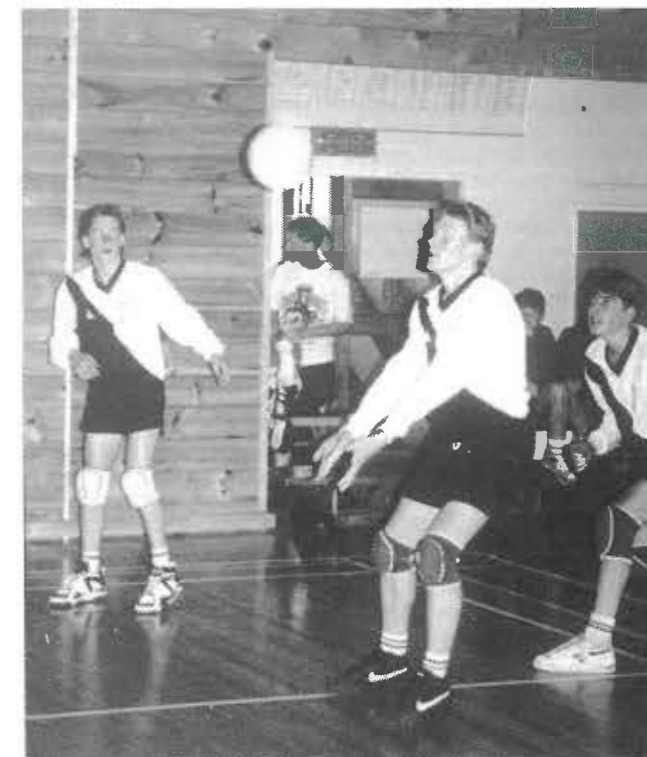
The bulk of the team is young, which will ensure success in the future. Our goal for 1995 is to qualify for Division One at Senior Nationals.

The 1994 team was: Stephen Opai (Captain), Trent Langley, Lee Taylor, Mauricio Gonzalez, Michael Smith, Jason Rowe, Shahn Jordan, Dwayne Wilson, Bruce Gregory.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL 1994

There has been tremendous interest this year, with three teams of Form Three players training twice a week (since June). These three teams are currently competing in the Sunday night spring league, and are performing the basic skills well. Their progress is most noticeable. All players must be congratulated for persevering with trying to master what are different new skills.

Thanks must go to Mrs Atkins for coaching the Gold team, Mr Signal for coaching the Black team, while Mr McKenzie coached the White team.



JUNIOR A TEAM

A team of 10 players was selected late term two to tour the Bay of Plenty, to play the best opposition in the North Island as preparation for our regional tournament which started October 9.

The tour was a success, playing seven games in two days, winning five of those games.

We defeated John Paul College (2-0), Western Heights High School (2-0), Kawerau College (2-0), Otumoetai College (2-0), St Johns College (Hastings) (2-0). We lost to Whakatane High School (0-2) and Tauranga Boys' College (1-2).

All five Form Three players progressed to perform at a very high level against top class opposition, especially setter Kodie Fisher, Jouhans Marriner and Chris Newing.

The first of three days of qualifying games in the Junior Regional Series has just concluded with this team winning all of four games. The double round robin finishes on October 30. The winning team represents Taranaki in Division One at Junior Nationals to be held in Auckland from November 23-26. Again, as in 1993, Spotswood College will be the team to beat.

The team is: David Gibson (Captain), Jason Rowe, Shahn Jordan, Jeremy Barnes, Dwayne Wilson, Chris Newing, Jouhans Marriner, Kodie Fisher, Carl Barnes, Doug Bayford.



NPBHS VOLLEYBALL - JUNIOR A TEAM 1994

Back Row: Doug Bayford, Carl Barnes, Jouhans Marriner, Mr M. McKenzie (Coach), Shahn Jordan, Jason Rowe, Jeremy Barnes.
Front Row: Chris Newing, Ryan Pelham, David Gibson (Captain), Kodie Fisher, Dwayne Wilson.

1993 JUNIOR NATIONALS

This team was the most successful junior team in the history of the school, winning all 15 games at the Taranaki Regional Qualifying Series (never losing a set), to qualify as the sole Taranaki representation in Division One at Junior Nationals which were held at the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth.

Being somewhat overwhelmed by the occasion, we began the 16 team tournament nervously. We lost our first four games, won the next three, and lost a thrilling three-setter to Mana College, a game we should have won after leading 14-9 in the deciding set.

Results - Final placing 10th; Second place: Fair Play Award.

v Avondale College, Auckland, lost 0-2, 0-15, 10-15.

v Tauranga Boys' College, lost 0-2, 4-15, 9-15.

v Awatapu College, Palmerston North, lost 0-2, 11-15, 13-15.

v Otumoetai College, Tauranga, lost 1-2, 9-15, 15-10, 6-15.

v Viard College, Wellington, won 2-1, 15-3, 4-15, 15-12.

v Te Aroha College, won 2-0, 15-6, 15-6.

v Northland College, won 2-1, 15-10, 15-12.

Play-off 9-10th v Mana College, Wellington, lost 1-2, 4-15, 15-3, 14-16.

As the tournament progressed, all players grew in confidence, realising they had the ability to beat their opposition. With five players back for 1994, it looks promising. Stand-out player at this tournament was our number one hitter, Regan West.

The team - Bruce Gregory (Captain), David Gibson, Shahn Jordan, Dwayne Wilson, Regan West, Jason Rowe, Jeremy Barnes, Jeremy Parsons, Sam Hazledine, Nic Allen, Nic Cooper.

M. MCKENZIE.



NPBHS VOLLEYBALL - JUNIOR GOLD 1994



NPBHS VOLLEYBALL - JUNIOR BLACK 1994



NPBHS VOLLEYBALL - JUNIOR WHITE 1994

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SURF SURVIVAL COMPETITION

NPBHS was represented by a team of 14 who competed in beach events and water activities, with the emphasis being on introducing as many students as possible to surf activities associated with surf lifesaving competition.

The weather was perfect and a three foot high wave (unusual for Ngamotu Beach) provided participants with plenty of challenge and enjoyment. The equipment was provided by the Taranaki SLS Association, organised by Spotswood College and Allan Mundy of the NZSLS Association, and was a most successful day. It is hoped that in future it will be possible to run alongside the fun activities, a competitive competition for the serious lifeguards.

Boys involved were - Jason Gilbert, Hayden Corkin, Brendon Harvie, Chris Lucas, Aaron Gayton, Luke Peacock, Hayden Power, Troy Burbidge, Edward Talbot, Jonathon Watts, Duane Cameron, Darren Fisher, Derek Oldridge and Shane Gilbert.

BADMINTON



NPBHS BADMINTON 1994

Back Row: Scott Maclean, Henry Thompson, Simon Edgecombe, Brendon Walsh, Mr T. Heaps.
Front Row: Matheesha Jayasekera, Tee Sern Lim (Captain), Kane Rowson.

1994 again saw badminton in the school fall into two distinct areas of activity: a small, but keen group of students playing for enjoyment and relaxation under the guidance of Mrs Bublitz each Tuesday after school in the gymnasium for which we are very grateful for the time given throughout the winter season, and the school team who practised every Tuesday night under the guidance of Mr Heaps.

The school team, chosen from well-attended trials held in mid-March was: Tee Sern Lim, Matheesha Jayasekera, Jeremie Barr, Henry Thompson, Simon Edgecombe, Brendan Walsh, Scott MacLean and Kane Rowson. At the top of the team we were quite experienced, but some of the younger members were gaining their first experience at inter-school level. Unfortunately Jeremie Barr left school, and the team, after the first inter-college match.

This year we arranged a match against Opunake High School to give our squad members some match practice prior to the traditional inter-school fixtures. Played in early May at Boys' High, the team was Jayasekera, Barr, Thompson, Edgecombe, MacLean and Rowson. Opunake gave us some good competition at the top, but they could not match our depth, and we won 12-3.

Hamilton Boys' High school was the first of the traditional inter-school matches which was played in our gymnasium in mid-June. We were represented by: Lim, Barr, Jayasekera, Thompson, Edgecombe and MacLean. Even though we lost 10-5 there were some very close matches. Henry Thompson only lost in three close games while Simon Edgecombe and Scott MacLean celebrated their first inter-school representation by winning two singles and one double respectively and only narrowly losing their doubles 15-11 in the third game.

Our next visitors in late July were Wellington College with the match again played in the gym. With the departure of Jeremie Barr, the team was: Lim, Jayasekera, Thompson, Edgecombe, Walsh and MacLean. Again, after a number of hard fought matches, we lost 10-5. Lim again won both his singles with Walsh and Edgecombe winning one apiece. Lim gained a new doubles partner, Edgecombe, and in their first match together won very comfortably beginning what was to be a most successful partnership.

This year we had a new inter-school match, this time against Palmerston North Boys' High School and again in New Plymouth. This was a very close tussle with us leading 5-4 after the first round of singles and doubles; Lim, Walsh and MacLean winning their singles and Lim and Edgecombe, and Walsh and MacLean winning their doubles. However, in the second round of singles, with only Lim and Walsh winning, we came up short, losing overall 8-7. However, this was an excellent fixture which we hope will remain.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships were played at New Plymouth Girls' High School in mid-July for the second time. We were represented by Lim and Jayasekera in the seniors, and Kane Rowson and Scott MacLean in the juniors. The participants gave an improved performance this year with Lim winning the senior singles, and combining with Jayasekera to win the doubles. The junior pair were winners in the doubles, and MacLean was a singles semifinalist.

Boys' High School has an enviable record in this competition. Since 1982 we have won 24 of the 52 titles available, providing 17 losing finalists as well, so we have been represented in 41 of those 52 championship final matches. Tee Sern Lim remains the only Taranaki student to win three singles titles from 1992-94, and Craig Barkley the only student to win three doubles titles, all with different partners, from 1984-86.

As in 1993, Boys' High School represented Taranaki in the zone final of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships in Wanganui. We were represented by: Jayasekera, Thompson, Edgecombe, Walsh and MacLean. Tee Lim, who should have been our mainstay, sustained a fractured hand from an inter-house rugby match the day before, and so could not play - a real blow to our chances. Despite that we still beat Waiopahu College (Horowhenua) 3-3, 106 points to 104 and we very nearly beat Feilding Agricultural High School (Orua), only losing 3-3, 89 points to 102 points. However, our next two losses were more clear cut: 1-5 to Wanganui City College (Wanganui) and 0-6 to Palmerston North Boys' High School (Manawatu), the eventual zone winners. So, to come fourth with depleted strength was a very good effort by the team.

For the fifth year, in 1994, badminton was played as part of the inter-house competition. The first round, on June 22, saw Syme v Barak and Donnelly v Hartherly. In the former Barak won 6-0 while Donnelly beat Hatherly in a very close tie by 101 points to 92 points after the matches were 3-3. In the final round Barak beat Donnelly 4-1, while Syme and Hatherly tied 3-3, 95 points - 95 points. So the final places were: Barak 1, Donnelly 2, Syme and Hatherly 3=.

Early in the third term, the school championships were held. In the junior championships, Scott MacLean was the winner of the Isaac Cup, while Tee Sern Lim won the senior singles and the Cook Lister Cup. The following players gained representative honours in 1994:

Taranaki Division Two: Tee Lim.

Fair Play Award: Simon Edgecombe.

Honours Awards: Tee Lim, Matheesha Jayasekera, Henry Thompson, Brendon Walsh, Simon Edgecombe.

It has been a mixed season, but the experience gained will stand all team members in good stead when they return in 1995.

TENNIS

New Plymouth Boys' High School created New Zealand history this tennis season during our inter-college fixture between our rivals, Palmerston North Boys' High School.

The history-breaking achievement was the playing of the games in the newly formed TSB Stadium. Playing tennis indoors adds a completely new dimension to the game, as the ball comes on a lot faster and you have less time to prepare yourself for your next shot.

PNBHS fielded a very strong and experienced senior and junior tennis team for this annual encounter and had very high hopes of cleaning us up within the first day.

But one team, consisting of, seniors: Ben Cooper (Captain), A. Hine, B. Martin, P. Drake, A. Eagles and G. Clarke; juniors: Simon Cleaver, B. Pollard, N. Creery, T. Martin, P. Morse and R. Moir, had other ideas!

The juniors fought off a stacked Palmerston line-up narrowly winning 5 matches to 4. Players to stand out included Ben Pollard, Simon Cleaver and Troy Martin.

Among the seniors, NPBHS practically showed them where State Highway 3 was, with a huge winning margin of eight matches to one. Our coach, Mr Sims, could not stop smiling all day.

Results for the seniors in their whitewash -

Singles: Ben Cooper v A. O'Sullivan, NPBHS 9-0; Hine v A. Whittle, PNBHS 9-4; Martin v E. Gracie, NPBHS 9-5; Drake v C. Crowe, NPBHS 9-7; Eagles v J. Eyles, NPBHS 9-5; Clarke v J. Clark, NPBHS 9-7.

Doubles: Cooper/Martin v O'Sullivan/Whittle, NPBHS 9-0; Hine/Drake v Gracie/Eyles, NPBHS 9-0; Eagles/Clarke v Crowe/Clark, NPBHS 9-6.

Overall result: A clear win to NPBHS, 13 matches to 5.

A special mention to our junior tennis players who performed brilliantly late last year (November 17, 1993) during the Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Doubles tennis tournament.

Results -

Third Form Boys: 2nd NPBHS, B. Pollard/N. Creery; Fourth Form Boys: 1st NPBHS, P. Morse/S. Cleaver.

Excellent results and a sure sign of better times to come for future tennis fixtures.

1994

The 1994 season always starts with a good match against Hamilton Boys' High School. Again our team consisted of six seniors and six juniors. (The line-ups have changed due to last year's seventh formers leaving and other career moves).

Seniors: B. Cooper (Captain), B. Martin, S. Cleaver, P. Hancock, A. Malcolm, T. Lim; juniors: B. Pollard, N. Creery, J. Taylor, M. Henderson, A. Yates, R. Eagles.

We travelled up to Hamilton on February 20, 1994, and played on the 21st and 22nd.

Playing away from home unfortunately did not suit our young juniors, and this showed with the juniors overall losing 6 matches to 3, but with solid results in the doubles, winning 2 out of the possible 3 games.

The seniors with huge line-up changes, unfortunately were not strong enough to head off a strong challenge from Hamilton Boys' High losing like the juniors, 6 matches to 3.

Distinctions for the trip: Ben Cooper singles winner 6-0, 6-3 and doubles winner teaming with Brad Martin 6-3, 6-7 respectively.

Also Simon Cleaver and Adam Yates for winning two huge 3-set battles. Simon 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 and Adam 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.

Overall a disappointing loss, 12 matches to 6. But an excellent team effort and unity was shown throughout the duration of the sporting exchange.

A school that NPBHS looks forward to playing is Wanganui Collegiate, and this year was no exception. We played Wanganui Collegiate

at home on March 2, 1994, our last college game of the year, and we wanted to finish the season off with a win.

When we play Collegiate it's the top 12 tennis players who play and so therefore if the juniors are good enough, they can be ranked higher than others who have played above them in other interschool fixtures.

The school's courts were used and many viewed the games during lunch-time on the grass bank which was much appreciated!

NPBHS top 12 included: B. Cooper (Captain), B. Martin, S. Cleaver, A. Malcolm, P. Hancock, T. Lim, C. Kennedy, B. Pollard, N. Creery, P. Morse, T. Martin, J. Taylor.

The games were played in outstanding sportsmanship and both teams can be very proud of their efforts and dedication during the day.

The overall result: Win to NPBHS 8 matches to 4.



A great way to finish the season. As 1994 is my last year at New Plymouth Boys' High School, I would personally like to thank Mr Sims (Coach and Manager), and Mr Mitchell for organisational work; Mrs Twigley, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Crofskey for helping us out in the catering department, for all the time and effort put in to make our playing years at NPBHS very enjoyable and worthwhile.

Thank you.

BEN COOPER.



NPBHS WEIGHTLIFTING 1994

Standing: Kane Bradley. Seated: Nathan Nobbs.

TENNIS



NPBHS TENNIS 1994

Back Row: T. Lim, R. Eagles, M. Henderson, P. Hancock, J. Sims (Coach), J. Taylor.
Front Row: P. Morse, S. Cleaver, B. Cooper (Captain), A. Malcolm, B. Martin, N. Creery.
Absent: B. Picard.

SURFING

The preliminary rounds of the School Surfing Champs were held on February 9 and 10 in order to select a team to represent the school in the Taranaki Inter-secondary School Surfing Champs in late February, early March. After two days of intense competition the following teams were selected:

Under 14 - Kodie Fisher, Samuel Peterson, Brett Wright, Jarred Bissett.

Under 16 - Jamie Scruby, Jay Brisco, Johnathon Watts, Kenneth Weller.

Under 18 - Nicky Kerr, Brent Hutchieson, Roddy Struthers, Jade Green.

Bodyboarding - Peter Kingsnorth and Hayden Read.

On Thursday, March 3, excellent surf conditions saw the team assembling at Fitzroy Beach along with representatives from 10 other Taranaki secondary schools. At stake was the Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy for best team as well as selection for the Taranaki team to contest the NZ Scholastic titles at Ahipara Beach, Northland, in April this year.

The school started strongly with all surfers progressing through the first round.

In the Under 18 section all surfers made the semi-finals with Brent Hutchieson again making the finals and winning the section.

The Under 16s saw J. Brisco make the semifinals in a section dominated by surfers from Waitara High School.

As with the Under 18s, all surfers in the Under 16 section progressed to the semifinal with Kodie Fisher eventually taking third place in the finals.

The bodyboarding section was won convincingly by Peter Kingsnorth.

Despite a good showing the school had to settle for second place, behind a highly competitive Waitara High School, with Hawera High School third.

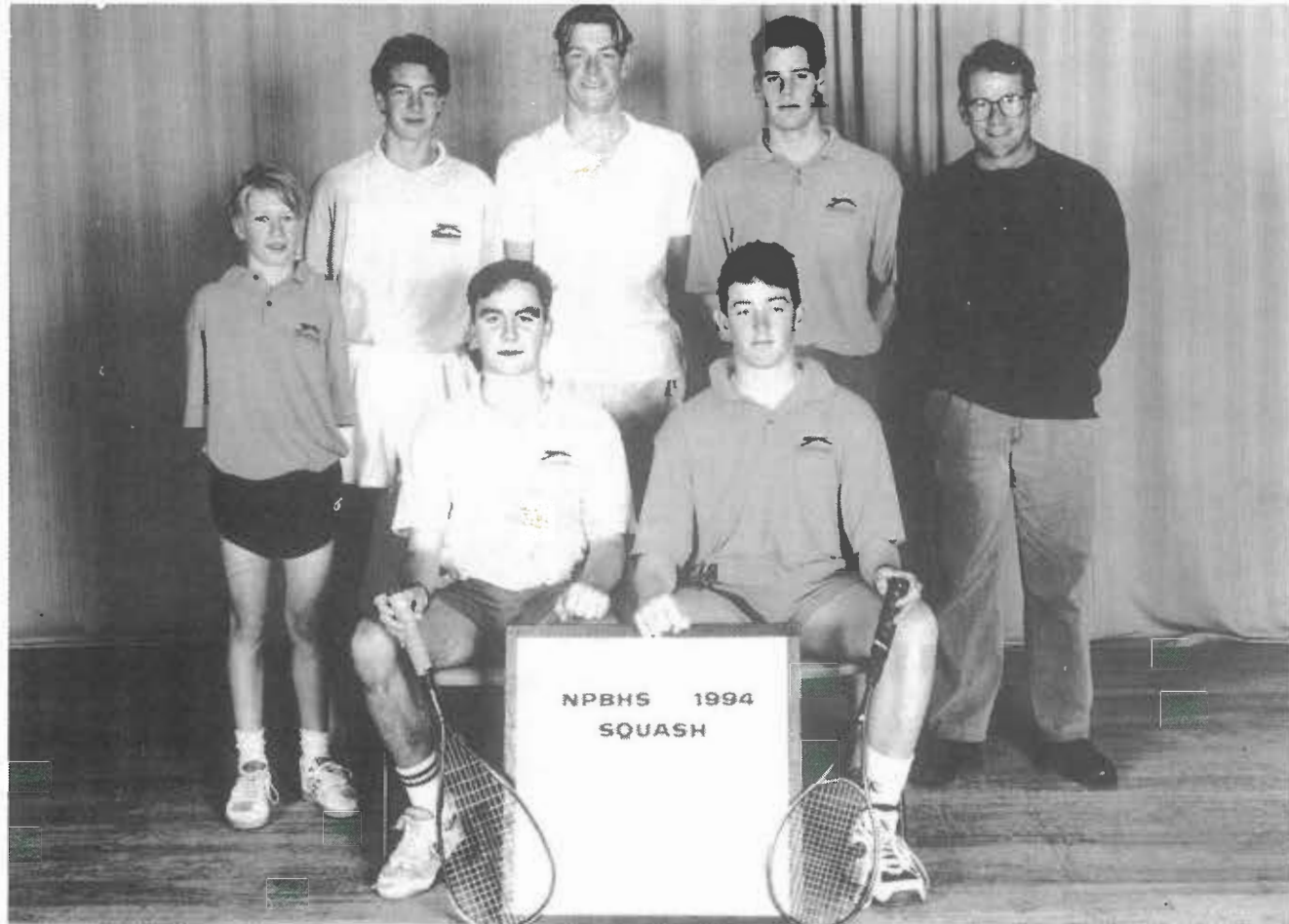
Three boys, Brent Hutchieson (Captain), Kodie Fisher and Peter Kingsnorth were selected for the Taranaki team to compete for the NZ title.

At the time of writing, the finals of the school champs are scheduled for the first suitable day available.



Re-entry at Fitzy.

SQUASH



NPBHS SQUASH 1994

Back Row: Mark Fisher, Bevan Coles, Renze Bijker, Duane Cameron, Mr J. Sims (Coach).
Front Row: Hamish Grey (Captain), Scott Hill.
 Unbeaten in all traditional College Matches, fifth in all NZ schools.

1994 saw another strong year for the growth of squash in the school which will lead us to the secondary schools title.

The team proved to be too strong for our traditional rivals. The results were a 4-0 win over Hamilton Boys High School. A 6-0 win over Wellington Collegiate was achieved with an understrength team. This was also the case in our 10/0 victory over Palmerston Boys' High School.

As always the secondary school championships are the main focus, this year being held in Whangarei. Even before we left we knew how hard it was going to be as we lost our main firepower Paul Tito to rugby. The first two rounds were won with 5-0 results which propelled us into a play-off to make the top four (our pre-tournament aim). Our competition was Shirley Boys' High School of Christchurch the fourth seeds, and as NPBHS was fifth seed a close match was in store. Duane Cameron was first on court but suffered nerves early on and consequently conceded a 2-0 lead, until he staged a comeback worthy of the effort he has put into his game this year.

But he failed to get his reward losing a very tight third set and the match.

Next up was Mark Tadpole who was outplayed by a better player but Mark's future looks bright. A sense of déjà vu came as the exact same situation as last year faced Hamish Gray. In a must win match, and not expected to win, a good effort was needed. He upset the Canterbury, Junior Rep. in the first two sets forcing him into errors and claimed a 2-0 game lead. But then the match became very tight with the pressure falling back on the NPBHS captain and after some frantic rallies at 8 all, he lost the set. The fourth saw a continuation of the intensity of the third, and as the match moved up to 40 minutes in length, another tie-break at 8 all was required. It eventually was broken after a massive rally seeing both players going the length of the court many times. Hamish then finished with a good winning, Nick shot. So NPBHS trailed 2-1 facing elimination, but the next match on was not lost on the day but in the month previous as a lack of practice and training showed through

in Scott's game. Bevan Coles played the last match and even though the team had lost he showed great skill and determination as he played for pride, but failing to take his chances he lost in five.

This saw us ranked 5th in New Zealand which was disappointing as we had a lot more potential. Our mistakes this year must be learned from by future teams, and in three years time I'm sure with the players we have and the marvellous coach/manager Mr Sims, NPBHS will win what we failed to.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 1994

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Juniors: 1st Equal Aaron Gayton D9 and Andrew Moore B9 24 points, 3rd Adrian Humphrey B2 20 points.

Intermediates: 1st Kent Bell D2 40 points, 2nd Hami Tamarapa S9 23 points, 3rd Ben Scott S6 17 points.

Seniors: 1st Lee Taylor S7 44 points, 2nd Cameron Clow D5 32 points, 3rd Darrin Fisher H4 17 points.

New Records: 1. Kent Bell (D2), Int 50 Free, new record 27.2 secm, old record 28.0 sec; 2. Kent Bell (D2), Int 100 Free, new record 59.2 sec, old record 1.01.0 sec; 3. Mark Woodward (S8), Int 50 Breast, new record 37.3 sec, old record 37.6 sec; 4. Hami Tamarapa (S9), Int 50 Back, new record 32.6 sec, 34.7 sec; 5. Donnelly, Interhouse Medley Relay, new record 1.02.2 sec, old record 1.02.6 sec; 6. Barak, Group Leaders Relay, new record 1.26.6 sec, old record 1.27.6 sec.

House Points: Championship Events, Hatherly 38, Barak 58, Donnelly 128, Syme 112; Relays, Hatherly 46, Barak 42, Donnelly 48, Syme 32; Non-Championship Events, Hatherly 612, Barak 609, Donnelly 615, Syme 676; Total Points, Hatherly 696, Barak 709, Donnelly 791, Syme 820.



NPBHS INTER-SEC SWIMMING SQUAD 1994

Back Row: Mr K. Gledhill (Manager), Ben Scott, Kent Bell, Hami Tamarapa, Cameron Clow, Luke McLeod.
Front Row: Andrew Moore, Tom Hazledine, Mark Woodward, Hayden Corkin.
Absent: Darren Fisher, Lee Taylor, Brad Maguire.

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming Championships were held this year at Stratford on Tuesday, February 22.

NPBHS were again represented in Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories. The competition was of a high standard and all competitors swam well. Of the 18 available titles, NPBHS swimmers won 10, an excellent result, including both intermediate and senior relay events.

RESULTS - INDIVIDUAL

Junior Boys

Andrew Moore: 1st 50m backstroke, 37.59 sec, 1st 50m butterfly, 36.65 sec, 3rd 50m breaststroke, 43.41 sec.

Intermediate Boys

Kent Bell: 1st 50m freestyle, 59.63 sec, 1st 50m butterfly, 30.88 sec.

Hami Tamarapa: 1st 50m backstroke, 32.84 sec, 3rd 100m freestyle, 1.02.27 sec.

Cameron Clow: 1st 50m breaststroke, 36.56 sec.

Mark Woodward: 2nd 50m breaststroke, 37.41 sec.

Luke McLeod: 2nd 50m breaststroke, 31.24 sec.

Ben Scott: 3rd 50m backstroke, 33.65 sec.

Senior Boys

Darren Fisher: 3rd 50m butterfly, 32.28 sec.

TEAMS EVENTS

Intermediate Boys

1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay, 52.44 sec, 1st 4 x 25m medley relay, 1.00.40 sec.

Senior Boys

1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay 51.46 sec, 1st 4 x 25m medley relay 1.00.24 sec.

Relay team members were as follows:

Intermediate freestyle relay: K. Bell, B. Scott, M. Woodward, H. Tamarapa.

Intermediate medley relay: K. Bell, L. McLeod, M. Woodward, H. Tamarapa.

Senior freestyle relay: C. Clow, L. Taylor, D. Fisher, B. Maguire.

Senior medley relay: C. Clow, L. Taylor, D. Fisher, B. Maguire





ATHLETICS 1994

The Athletic Sports were held on Webster because of the appalling condition of the Gully ground. Nevertheless the Sports day continues to be a success for those boys who participate in this day. In the Championship events there were some interesting results with Paul Gibbs, Derek Oldridge and Samson Waahero dominating the sprint events. The middle distance events saw Paul Gibbs again dominate the Junior races. He is a wonderful athlete and would go well in a Decathlon, with Michael Smith and Wade McFarlane gaining a middle distance double also. David Gibson's name featured in the Junior events while Mark Neilson and Hayden Caskey fought a good battle in the senior field events.

There were four records broken on the day. Mark Anderson recorded 59.30 seconds improving the record held by D. Phillips 1992. Mark Neilson Improved his High Jump record by 2 cm recording a jump of 1.80 m. Derek Oldridge was perhaps the most talented athlete on display, recording two records. He blitzed the 400m record held since 1972 by N. Harrison, he recorded an amazing time of 52.91 seconds the old record stood at 54.20 seconds. When Derek had an attempt on the Long Jump record, it became obvious that the long jump pit was too short. Time was taken to re-position the take-off board, the sand in the pit was very dry and continued to collapse on completion of the jump. Finally he recorded a jump 2 cm past the record set in 1975 by A. Moore to record a jump of 6.33 metres.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

INTERMEDIATE

100m: 1st D. Oldridge 11.89 sec, 2nd M. Horgan 12.60 sec, 3rd D. Slade 12.65 sec. Record 1986, A. Bunn 11.11 sec.
200m: 1st D. Oldridge 24.05 sec, 2nd M. Woodward 25.16 sec, 3rd M. Horgan 25.40 sec. Record 1990, M. Old 23.20.
400m: 1st D. Oldridge 52.91, 2nd M. Horgan, 3rd M. Smith. Record 1994, D. Oldridge 52.91 sec* (New Record).
800m: 1st M. Smith 2.19.08 sec, 2nd J. Dunning, 2.21.97 sec, 3rd N. Clarke 2.22.16 sec. Record 1975, S. Fleming 2.06.20.
1500m: 1st M. Smith 4.47.56, 2nd M. Walton 4.49.53, 3rd J. Dunning 4.55.00. Record 1987, J. Lofton-Brook 4.22.00.
Shotput: 1st M. Edgecombe 11.59, 2nd B. Newland 10.14, 3rd S. Jordan 9.79. Record 1985, D. Mace 13.13.
Discus: 1st M. Smith 30.54, 2nd J. Rowe 30.10, 3rd M. Edgecombe 29.64. Record 1985, D. Mace 48.42.
Javelin: 1st equal M. Horgan and B. Jordan 37.34, 3rd B. Bellamy 33.00. Record 1981, R. Thompson 47.66.
High Jump: 1st J. Rowe 1.72, 2nd B. McGlashan, 3rd N. Clarke. Record 1992, T. Feek 1.83
Long Jump: 1st D. Oldridge 6.33, 2nd C. Chamley, 3rd equal R. Hollard and S. Pickering. Record 1994, D. Oldridge 6.33* (New Record).
Triple Jump: 1st D. Slade 11.20, 2nd M. Smith 11.06, 3rd N. Clarke 10.22. Record 1982, C. Todd 13.78.
Intermediate Champions: 1st Michael Smith 55 points, 2nd Derek Oldridge 40 points, 3rd Mark Horgan 39 points.

JUNIOR

100m: 1st P. Gibbs 12.77, 2nd D. Gibson 13.50, 3rd P. McBrearty 14.76. Record 1978, D. Jones 12.20.
200m: 1st P. Gibbs 26.20, 2nd M. Anderson 26.97, 3rd J. Keegan 27.89. Record 1988, M. Old 25.35.
400m: 1st M. Anderson 59.30, 2nd J. Keegan, 3rd B. Adams. Record 1994, M. Anderson 0.59.30* (New Record).
800m: 1st P. Gibbs, 2.24.53, 2nd B. Adams 2.40.10, 3rd A. Whittaker 2.44.89. Record 1984, S. Kendell 2.15.17.
1500m: 1st P. Gibbs 5.14.37, 2nd C. Fenwick 5.14.66, 3rd A. Whittaker 5.17.16. Record 1986, J. Lofton-Brook 4.34.70.

Shot Put: 1st J. Feek 9.85, 2nd R. Lesui 9.53, 3rd C. Newland 9.32. Record 1986, G. Tiao 11.88.
Discus: 1st B. Robbins 31.11, 2nd N. Robinson 29.92, 3rd C. Newland 25.81. Record 1983, D. Mace 35.84.
Javelin: 1st D. Gibson 31.70, 2nd B. Robbins 31.35, 3rd N. Robinson 27.56. Record 1986, A. Wisniewski 44.02.
High Jump: 1st R. Lesui 1.55, 2nd J. Marriner 1.45, 3rd B. Robbins 1.45. Record 1991, J. Rowe 1.65.
Long Jump: 1st M. Anderson 5.05, 2nd D. Gibson 5.01, 3rd P. Gibbs 4.85. Record 1988, M. Old 5.40.
Triple Jump: 1st D. Gibson, 10.13, 2nd P. Gibbs 10.05. Record 1991, R. Thorne 11.06.
Junior Champions: 1st Paul Gibbs 55 points, 2nd David Gibson 49 points, 3rd Bryce Robbins 31 points.

SENIOR
100m: 1st S. Waahero 11.47, 2nd H. Caskey 11.81, 3rd J. Huta 11.98. Record 1970, P. Hickey 11.10.
200m: 1st S. Waahero 23.93, 2nd S. Gibbs 25.34, 3rd R. Bryant 25.80. Record 1988, N. Toremana 22.77.
400m: 1st J. Huta 54.81, 2nd O. Morse 54.97, 3rd S. Gibbs 55.03. Record 1984, P. Armstrong 52.50.
800m: 1st W. McFarlane 2.12.85, 2nd D. Opai 2.16.15, 3rd S. Gibbs 2.22.20. Record 1984, P. Hepworth 1.56.38.
1500m: 1st W. McFarlane 4.30.57, 2nd N. Davis 4.45.41, 3rd H. Markham 5.03.32. Record 1993, W. Stanley 4.13.60.
Shot put: 1st S. Boxer 10.31, 2nd M. Neilson 10.18, 3rd M. Jones 10.12. Record 1987, D. Mace 14.43.
Discus: 1st M. Neilson 36.14, 2nd R. Gibb 34.69, 3rd M. Jones 34.24. Record 1968, N. Edmonds 48.17.
Javelin: 1st E. Eastgate 41.91, 2nd J. Magatogia 41.29, 3rd B. Cooper 39.99. Record 1974, A. Bartlett 54.64.
High Jump: 1st M. Neilson 1.80, 2nd H. Caskey, 3rd S. Waahero. Record 1994, M. Neilson 1.80* (New Record).
Long Jump: 1st M. Nielson 6.07, 2nd H. Caskey 6.02, 3rd J. Nasome 5.96. Record 1992, M. Old 6.70.
Triple Jump: 1st H. Caskey 12.49, 2nd E. Eastgate 11.45, 3rd B. Scott 11.36. Record 1962, P. Johns 13.37.
Senior Champions: 1st Mark Neilson 50 points, 2nd equal Hayden Caskey and Jai Huta 34 points.



ATHLETICS



NPBHS ATHLETICS 1994

Back Row: Jonathon McLuskie, Neil Clarke, Bevin Jordan, Derek Oldridge, Jai Huta, Bevan Smith, Phil Sole.
Front Row: David Gibson, Michael Smith, Mark Neilsen, Paul Gibbs, Jarrod Keegan, James Magatogia.

TASMAN HERTZ SPONSORED ATHLETICS MEET - FEBRUARY 10 AND 17

This early season annual event always poses a few selection problems, but NPBHS had a fairly complete coverage of events, and wins went to the following boys in their specialities.

David Gibson, Martin Anderson, Jarrod Keegan, Paul Gibbs, Derek Oldridge, Mark Horgan, James Herbert, Mark Edgecombe, Michael Smith, Hayden Caskey, and Mark Neilson.

Minor placings went to Craig Smith, Chris Fenwick, Chris Batchelor, Vaughn Hooper, Jason Taumaa, Bevan Smith, Matthew Scrimgeour, Neil Clarke, Jai Huta, Doug Opai, Paul Hancock, Nick Davis, Hayden Markham, James Magatogia and Jonathon McLuskie.

Junior and Intermediate relay teams won, seniors were placed second and overall NPBHS beat FDC by a slim one point.

TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - INGLEWOOD

These were held on the Saturday of Taranaki Anniversary weekend which was unfortunate timing as several potential competitors were unavailable. Most of our best athletes attended however, with a good level of success against performances that varied from excellent to moderate.

We had multiple title winners in junior, intermediate and senior events. (Paul Gibbs, Derek Oldridge, Mark Neilsen, Hayden Caskey and a number of boys placed in the first three at various events.)

PLACINGS

Juniors: Paul Gibbs won the 800 and 1500 metres and was 3rd in the 100m.

Martin Anderson won the 100m hurdles and was 2nd in the 400m. David Gibson took 2nd place in both javelin and long jump.

Jarrod Keegan was 3rd in both the 200 and 400m.

Justin Feek placed 3rd in the shot put.

The relay team of Gibbs, Gibson, Keegan and Anderson finished 2nd.

Intermediates: Derek Oldridge was outstanding with 3 wins - 100m and 200m and long jump.

Bevan Jordan was a clear winner in the javelin.

Michael Smith got 3rd in both the 1500 steeplechase and triple jump and 3rd in the discus.

Bevan Smith got a 3rd place in the 1500 walk.

Jason Rowe also took a 3rd placing in the high jump.

Seniors: Hayden Caskey won both the long and triple jump and was 3rd in the 100m. His anchor leg in the relay was particularly determined against very good opposition, to help the team to a narrow win in this event.

Mark Neilsen had wins in the high jump and discus and 3rd in the long jump.

Wade McFarlane was 2nd in the 2000 steeple chase Jai Huta got 3rd in the 400m.

The winning relay team was Caskey Neilsen Huta and Oldridge (we didn't field an intermediate relay team).



The Big Fella.



NPBHS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 1994

Michael Smith (Intermediate), Mark Neilsen (Senior), Paul Gibbs

WANGANUI ROUND-THE-LAKE RELAY

This year's event turned out to be rather fraudulently named, as rain which been persisting down for several days prior caused the race to be moved to the grounds of Wanganui Collegiate. The end result of this was that runners got wet, and the track was shorter and in less interesting terrain than has been customary.

We fielded teams in all divisions - F3, juniors and seniors with the latter two finishing in 9th and 18th places respectively. The F3 team ended up with the best result we have had for a long time in this very competitive event - with a 2nd placing.

Teams: F3 - Shane Rawlinson, Chris Fenwick, Brendon Bloeman, Tom Rumball. Juniors - Alex Reeves, Peter Green, Jonny Edwards, Blair Corlett. Seniors - Wade McFarlane, Bevan Smith, Matthew Scrimgeour, Johnathon McLuskie.



NPBHS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 1994

Shane Rawlinson (Junior), Michael Smith (Intermediate).



NPBHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 1994



Syme House struggling again!

TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

This meeting was hosted by Francis Douglas College on a fine but very cold day and our team did well. As usual team size was unlimited, with the first 6 finishers from a school determining overall placings.

RESULTS

Juniors: Brendon Bloemen, Nick Creery, Chris Fenwick, Paul Gibbs, Lyall Jensen, Shane Rawlinson, Tom Rumball, Alex Scott.

Shane Rawlinson ran a very good race to be pipped for first place in the last 50 metres. Paul Gibbs was 15 seconds back in third place and others to finish in the top 20 were T. Rumball (8) B. Bloemen (18) and A. Scott (19). Won the teams event.

Intermediate: Neil Clarke, Blair Corlett, Steven Corcoran, Mark Fisher, Richard Hollard, Alex Reeves, Michael Smith, Johnny Edwards, Bevan Smith and Mike Williams.

Two of our team had physical problems and were unable to complete the race but Alex Reeves (5) Mark Fisher (11) and Richard Hollard (12) got into the first twenty to assist the team to its third placing.

Seniors: There was the usual problem filling spots in the senior team - seniors seem to have other things to do at this time of year - but the five genuine senior runners all got into the top twenty - a commendable team effort.

W. McFarlane (3) Jai Huta (6) Nicky Taylor (12) Davey Probert (17) and Steven Opai (18) were this wiry quintet but special mention needs to be made of Matthew Scrimgeour who opted out of his legitimate place in the intermediates to make up a 6 man senior team, which wouldn't have won without him.

Overall it was a good day with three individual placings and two wins and third in team aggregates.

VOX HUMANA

Gaunt, angular, defiant, it rests before me, daring me to pick it up. Smooth streamlined bars run down its length, shards of light glint off its corners. The bell curve gives a hint of roundness, but does little to conceal the stark reality of its mechanisation.

A mood hovers around it. Maybe one of elegance, class ... but there is another side to it. A side more easily recognisable to its simpler receptors.

Smooooth, artful ... when in the right hands. Seductive, invoking emotions which satisfy us.

Pleasing to the eye it is. Pearl buttons dotted here and there, but one aspect catches my eye. The sunken hollow, the golden depth, the focal point of the music. Interesting that the sound emitted is most like the human voice, more so than any other instrument. It seems to me that when playing the saxophone it becomes part of me, creating an alternative outlet of emotion and expression, limited only by the musical restraints and barriers I set up around myself.

A frustration wells up inside me as I stare at it bleakly, wondering if this will be a moment of inspiration should I decide to pick it up and play. The light yellow of its understructure, the overlapping silver keys. I remember the contempt of others as they stare in confusion at the apparent impossibility of its user friendliness. I purse my lips and reach for the instrument. Poised to play I consider how I am feeling so as not to contradict myself on the sax. Melancholy, ... A deep throaty sound leaps from my metallic mouth, satisfyingly bluesy. I run up and down the instrument finding release.

Held up to the light its flaws are illuminated. A crevice here, a key turned up ever so slightly out of sync. There. I hold it before me and consider it once more. Part of me? This thing is mass produced. How many people play the exact same instrument? Then I see my reflection in the curve of the bell and I understand. My reflection. Me. A reflection of me. It's not the instrument I play that separates me from the crowd. It's how I play it. The sounds I create with the instrument in front of me are a reflection of me. Every time I play it someone sees a piece of me, hears a piece of me.

I lean it on the stand.

Gaunt, angular, defiant, it rests before me, daring me to pick it up again. Smooth streamlined bars run down its length. Shards of light glint off its corners. The bell curve gives it a hint of roundness but still does little to conceal the stark reality of its mechanisation.

JONATHAN TRINGHAM, 6S4.

WE ARE

We are the ones who can make a change,
but we only think of ourselves.
We are the ones who can change the future,
but don't want to extend ourselves.
We are the ones who can heal the world,
but don't wish to get our hands dirty.
We are the ones who hold the key to change,
but don't wish to use it.
We are the ones who can,
but will we?

MATT HUTCHINGS.

FATHER FIGURE

Growing up in Belfast, Kevin McCoy had always had a special respect for his father. As a child Kevin had always mimicked him, swearing at the 'bloody prods' or cheering as the home soccer team scored the match-winning goal. Over the years of his childhood Kevin had acquired a deep and dreadful hate of the Protestants as his father sat at the kitchen table reading the paper, congratulating the IRA on yet another bombing.

When the winter of 1932 approached, Kevin was at the idealistic age of 19. One cold November night, Kevin crept along through the darkened streets of Belfast with only the eerie illumination of the streetlights to guide him. His face was set in a determined way that suggested he had a task to do and he was going to do it. Inside, the adrenalin was pumping as he thought how proud his father would be, to have a son in the IRA.

The sudden bark of a dog made his heart seem to stop as he passed a slummy neighbourhood and he almost dropped the green rucksack he was carrying, full of plastic explosives! He noticed a man in the gutter lying in his own vomit with a bottle of Irish whisky clutched to his chest.

A fight broke out up ahead and Kevin heard the sounds of breaking glass and gunfire. He quickly turned the corner to avoid the riot that was forming up ahead.

It was coming on into the early hours of the morning when he reached his destination, a pub called the 'Celtic Corner'. His blood ran with hatred as he saw the pub swarming with people. Protestants. Kevin assumed the stance of a merry pub patron and walked briskly into the brightly lit pub.

All around him were the sounds of glasses clinking together as the smoky smell of tobacco and the unmistakable aroma of Guinness surrounded the happy laughter of hundreds of men and women. Kevin heard none of this as he walked up to the bar and ordered a beer. He took a sip. It seemed to calm his emotions inside. After placing the briefcase under the bar where no-one would notice it, after tipping the bartender, Kevin got up, straightened his jacket and walked out into the cool night air. He looked at his watch, three minutes till showtime. He lit a cigarette and lent against a lamp post in the shadows.

Thirty seconds to go, twenty, nineteen, eighteen ... then he saw the impossible. He rubbed his eyes and looked again, it was true. His father was walking into the pub with his arm around the attractive blond wife of Billy Jackson, the local Protestant minister!

His whole system seemed to stop as deep inside him a battle raged between the love of his father and the hatred of the felony he was committing. An affair, with a Protestant woman at that!

Ten seconds, nine seconds ... he was almost choking with his grief as his Dad disappeared into the well lit haven. Five seconds, four seconds ... He began to run towards the pub with all his might but he was over 70 metres away. Two seconds, one second ... "Dad", he screamed. The pub seemed to erupt from the inside and then "Boom", and Kevin was hurled to the ground with the shock.

He lay there sobbing for what seemed like an eternity. What had he done? His father was dead. Soon police and the ambulance arrived, but it was too late. Everyone who had been in the pub was dead but there had been some people who had been nearby who now lay on the ground with gaping holes where their limbs used to be.

It was all too much for Kevin who picked himself up off the ground and ran for home, slipping on the cold wet ground.

He staggered blindly for hours through the threatening streets of Belfast. It was morning before he arrived home to see his mother collecting the paper from the letterbox.

SAM HAZLEDINE.

TRIPTYCH, POETRY IN RONDO FORM

A poem for three good friends of mine
each so different in so
many ways
each friend so similar and so
A poem for three good friends of mine.

My first friend a teacher, no a mentor of a kind
planted a seed which grew into a love
of an art form sound
the seed came with discipline, desire
grew into a love for expression.

My second friend a teacher, no a mentor of a kind
dropped a bomb which destroys words with a love
of an art form sound and feeling
the bomb came with discipline, desire, fear and love
exploded into a love of being.

My third friend a teacher, no a mentor of a kind
watered the seed that dropped the bomb of vivid colours
an awareness of self direction a love of people
the water came with a warning use lots of white
purity of colour and water is important.

A poem for three good friends of mine
choreographers of the soul in
many ways
each friend so similar and so
A poem for three good friends of mine.

I COULD GIVE THEM MUSIC, I COULD GIVE THEM ART
BUT TODAY I GIVE THEM WORDS
WORDS FROM THE HEART.

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

THE PHONE CALL

I sprang upright in bed. I heard bells. Loud bells. Much louder than they sounded in the daytime. They screamed inside my head. I was going to have to do something about it sooner or later.

I subconsciously rolled over and picked up the receiver. Silence. It was so quiet you could have heard an eyelash drop. It was dead quiet. The only noise I could hear was my heart thudding incessantly in my chest.

I felt hot. Very hot. I was sweating. My mind was swimming, but slowly, ever so slowly, reality weaved its way back into my system.

"Yeah?"

"Oh, good morning," the voice sounded vaguely familiar. 'Morning', the word rang a bell. I glanced at the alarm clock. 2 am it said in big, bold, red numerals. Immediately my brain began to question who? what? and why? was someone ringing me up at two o'clock in the morning.

"Who is it?" I mumbled rather irritably.

"This is Jim Bolger here," I was fully awake at the mention of the name. My now active brain endeavoured deeper thought, grinding away at the name. 'Why in God's name was Jim Bolger ringing me up?' I did not at first believe any of this codswallop - I mean who would?

Somewhere, from the depths of my body, I produced a very feeble grunt. After all, I think a feeble grunt is more than appropriate when some crackpot wakes you up at 2 in the Goddamn morning and claims to be the Prime Minister of New Zealand!

"No, really?"

"Excuse me?"

"Who is it?" I questioned.

"This is Jim Bolger speaking," the lunatic proceeded. It sure sounded like him, but it was over the phone - it could be anyone. Just a prank, I suspected. But I was just about to hang up the phone when something told me that maybe this furball was who he claimed to be. I gradually brought the receiver back to my ear.

"Well, okay," I said, still unsure. And besides, this was getting to be fun.

"Look," he said, "I've got this problem."

"Yes?"

"Well, you see, I have to be away from the country for a while, and I need you to fill in for me."

"Excuse me?"

"Fill in. You know, look after the office and so on."

"I'm sorry mate, but I don't know what you're talking about?" I said, baffled. This was very strange.

"Okay, I want you to be Prime Minister."

"What?!" I almost leapt out of bed. It was bad enough being woken up at 2 am and having someone say they were the Prime Minister, and now they were asking you to take on their job!

"I think you've got the wrong number," I said.

"No, I don't think so," the man replied, "You are a Mr so and so, aren't you?"

"Well, yes," I answered.

"I have to go away on business for a couple of days at the most, and I need you to come down to the office and keep an eye on things."

"But why me?" I demanded, "Why don't you get one of your friends down in Wellington to do it, one of your ministers?"

"Well I would -"

"Well why not?"

"Because they're all dead."

"What?" I screamed. This was preposterous! "Dead?"

"Dead."

"Don't be stupid," I grumbled.

"I'm quite serious."

"I don't believe this," I said to myself. Who is this person? And of all people! Of all the people in the world to ask! I'm 19, unemployed, not at university or polytech, practically homeless, no family, no girlfriend, at the boozer every night!

"I don't have time for this," I stated.

"Wait! Don't hang up!" He sounded desperate.

"I'm sorry," I said.

I'd just hung up and was lying peacefully on my bed, when a faint beeping noise broke the silence. It then got louder. Then louder still. Still louder, until I couldn't bear it any longer.

I slammed my fist down hard on the alarm clock as I came walloping back to life. Brilliant sunshine was shafting into my room. "It was all a dream!" I exclaimed. "And so real."

I'd just turned on the shower when the phone rang.

TOBY ROBINS

A GOLDFISH WRITES TO SANTA CLAUS

Harry the goldfish
115 Great Silt Road
Oxygen Weed

Dear Santa,

I am writing this short, nondescript letter to you to make sure you remember to get me a present. I just wanted to make sure I didn't get any more fake plastic oxygen weed this time. I am really hard up for clams, so a few of them would do.

But if you don't want to give me money I could always settle for a new goldfish bowl, a new friend, some new pebbles, a fake diver, an oxygen machine, some more of that yummy bubbles fish food (but not onion flavour, it gives me hives), or even just the skill of being able to walk or talk or that sort of thing.

I have been a very good goldfish this year so two presents might be in order, I think? Yes, I thought so too.

My two ugly ... I mean my two sisters have been very ugly ... I mean very naughty this year and deserve nothing but coal in their stockings this year, whereas I have been very good by doing my homework, helping Mum and Dad, doing my chores and even cleaning the air.

Our air has been very cold at the moment, so I wouldn't mind very much if you brought me a drysuit as well.

I hope you like beer and Christmas cake because I am leaving some for you over by the old rock. Hang on, here come my sisters. I'd better hide the letter.

Dear Santa,

This is not Harry writing, it is his older sisters Angelica and Sarah. We have been very good this year and we hope we get REWARDED. Don't listen to Harry, he lies all the time. He has been very bad lately and hasn't been doing anything useful. We have to go now, because Harry is coming back.

Sorry about that, Santa, I just had to ... Hey, don't you listen to my sisters, they lie all the time. Well, I think I've covered everything I want, so please reply soon.

Yours sincerely,
Harry the goldfish.

ANDREW MOORE.

CITY OF ASHES

Grey. All the way to infinity, nothing but grey. It is as if the city had suddenly died, and these are its still smouldering ashes. The buildings are dead, lifeless, just empty shells, which seem empty. And yet it is meant to be the most crowded city in the world. Down on the ground far below, millions of people live their crowded frenetic lives.

The Japanese have a saying, "The nail that sticks up must be hammered down." From where I stand on this tower, it is as if they seek not only to do this to their society, but also to the very earth. The roads. Grey. The building, stretching to the distant horizon. Grey. Even the sky on this sunny day is not blue. It's grey. Everything conforms. Everything is the same. But the lonely parks, rafts adrift in a sea of grey, are green. They are the only place where Nature can still resist. Conformity in a modern age. But they are surrounded, cut off from the rest of the natural world, and under siege from the poisoned air.

When you breathe the air of metropolis, it is not a natural smell. It is the smell of millions of car exhausts, and it scours the back of your throat, makes you want to cough. If you work in the traffic, you have to wear a mask to keep out the fumes, but the smell never goes away. The trees are stunted by the poisons in the air, and there are no birds.

This is a modern jungle. A jungle, not of living wood and rich warm earth, but of cold steel, and sheer concrete walls - the colour of ashes.

It is incredible that a people so obsessed with being clean can live in a city so unclean. They worship the trees and the rivers as gods, but at the same time, they force them out of their lives. For more than two thousand years, they believed that every natural thing contained a spirit, and that the spirits had to be placated, or they would become angry. But now they ignore the cries of the spirits, and so they are forced to live here, squashed together like grains of rice in a bowl.

The smoke lies in a pall over the ashen city, obliterating colour, and blurring forms. Everything is merged into a gloomy whole, devoid of any details. You cannot see the horizon, and the grey cityscape seems to stretch forever. From the tower, it seems as if this is the whole world - a barren, lifeless plain, uniform and grey, totally devoid of any real life. This is Tokyo, the lifeless city, a city of ashes.

ANDREW LYNCH

DEATH ...

In his mind he could clearly see what his eyes had never beheld. Thousands of innocents looking skywards as pinpoints of blinding light cut through their skin. Burning them until there was no body, no grave, no obituary, just ashes scattered on a nuclear wind. There he would be surrounded by bodies being blown about, mouths screaming, the gases of evaporated entrails, burnt eyeballs behind slanted lids all levelling their accusing stares at him. At nights they would all come, the desiccated bodes of the innocents, surrounding him, stifling him, until he was unable to breathe ...

On those nights he would awake, sweat streaming down his aged body and soaking into the sheets. He would put his hand on his chest and lean forward, gasping for breath to fill his seemingly charred lungs. His wispy white hair would cling to his damp forehead, his eyes wide with shock at the horror in his mind. Sleep would no longer be an option on those nights. He would sit alone in his bed, he had no wife to comfort him. A wife would have brought him happiness and that was something he constantly denied himself. He would turn and face the mirror, staring into the small pale eyes in the sunken sockets. If a stranger had stared into those eyes they probably would have thought of him as a simple old man who had probably lost his mind. Oh God, how he wished he was just a simple old man, whose mind was lost ...

In May 1945, he was a young man. Full of passion and full of hate. It was hate that had, in his mind, reduced an entire nation, with thinkers, pacifists and lovers into nothing more than murdering animals that stalked a jungle. Do it, he had insisted, they killed my brother, the bastards deserve it. He was agreed with, and it was done. The murdering animals had looked up through the jungle canopy and seen a plane fly overhead. The plane was loaded with a cloud of death. In his mind the billowing curtain took on a definite human shape, becoming an Angel of Death that howled through a city. Killing all the thinkers, all the pacifists, all the lovers. The Angel rises up through the mushroom cloud, looking down on him with eyes of fire. Eyes that ask: Are you happy now? Now that your brother is avenged? Avenged with the blood of millions ...

He had once expressed his regret to a trusted colleague. They sat in plush sofas in a hotel lobby, glasses of whisky in their hands. They both had eyes that stared outwards, never in. His colleagues looked helpless, fighting for words. He was told to think of the lives he'd saved and left alone. As his body sank deeper into the red velvet of the sofa he realised he had never done it for the living. He thought of his hate and his grief for his brother. He speculated on how many people had brothers living in Hiroshima. Since then his conscience had been slowly killing him each night ...

Now he sits at night and wonders. He wondered why it was him that decided how to end the war. He wonders what type of man he was to use such a weapon. He wonders why he now feels so much grief for his hated enemy. Most of all, though, he wonders when his demon mind will drop its own cloud of death, and with it an Angel with fiery breath that will burn away his decrepit, sweaty body, his pale eyes, his gasping mouth and his thin hair, leaving just his mind. A personal purgatory where he will be trapped in his dreams, forever ...

NEVILLE GARVEN.

SHORTNESS OF DISTORTION

Kids in the sky
I am that one, trotting sideways
in the short person's shadow
interested in silence.

You know, I would like to sit
at the top of a tall tree
because, right now my life is a parallel
to poetry.

I don't want any more mind restrictions
a long trip would be better
where am I walking now is
stopping for momentary reality
distorted time is to me
might be suspended
the misty interior of my skull binds me
I'd just like to trip out
smile at the mirror
and hand you the universe
in an inverted umbrella.

CAMERON RICHARDS.

PRIDHAM HALL

A giant structure of memories
A huge photo album, it was cold and dark,
I still hear the echoes of the boys and men that
once came here all those years ago.
The feeling I get when I enter the hall is absolutely amazing.
It is damp, it feels like a wet teatowel.
The walls are absolutely covered with photos.
The feeling will never leave, as long as I live.

KRIS DAVIES.

A SMALL CATASTROPHE

"Wroahh! Miss! Spit!"

"Jo, pass me that needle over there."

"What?"

"Pass me the needle!"

"Oh here you go Doc."

"Tah, Phew! another job well done, eh Jo?"

"Yeah, it's been a hard day ain't it Doc?"

"Yep, sure has been. Hey Jo, could you clean up while I wash my hands?"

"Sure, you deserve a rest anyway."

Ten minutes later, after Jo and I had cleaned up, locked up and were about to go to our cars, the phone rang.

"Hello, Dr Mitchell's veterinarian surgery."

"Hi, is this Dr Mitchell?"

"Sure is mate, what can I do for you?"

"I've got a problem with my daughter's cat," said the caller anxiously. "Could you describe it to me?"

"Mmm. Well, he keeps rubbing his ear with his paw. I had a look at the ear and I noticed it was inflamed."

"Ooh, nasty, that sounds like an ear infection. I've just closed up, but why don't you bring him in tomorrow morning, say eight o'clock? In the meantime, rub some Vicks on his ear and feed him half a disprin every six hours. Okay?"

"Got you Doc."

"By the way, what did you say your name was?"

"I didn't, but it's Jim Bolger."

"Prime Minister Jim Bolger?"

"Yes."

"Well ... um, I'll see you tomorrow mate, I mean Mr Bolger."

"Yes, Oh and by the way could you do me a favour?"

"Sure Mr Bolger."

"Ease off on the Mr Bolger. Mate'll do fine."

"Right ... mate, bye."

"Bye."

That night after I had locked up again, said goodnight to Jo and made the 15 km drive home, I finally got to sit down to a quiet meal with my wife. After dinner I watched an old movie until about 10.30, then went to bed.

The next morning I arrived at work at 7.30 and took Jo into my surgery to tell her about the call I had received from the Prime Minister. I cut straight to the point.

"Jo, the Prime Minister called me last night. He had a problem." I then told her about his daughter's cat.

"Wow," was all she could say when I'd finished.

"He'll be here about eight o'clock so we'd better be ready."

A man of his word, Mr Bolger (I mean 'Mate') arrived on the dot of eight. I took a long look at the ear and told him my opinion on it.

"It's pretty bad. If its okay with your daughter, I'll have to make an incision in the ear and cut a small square, which is pretty badly infected."

"Sure, whatever it takes, as long as he gets better."

Less than five minutes later, Jo had the operating table set up and in less than 15 minutes it was all over.

"Thanks Doc."

"It was nothing," I replied modestly.

"A minor operation," and went to wash my hands.

"Who do I make the cheque out to?" he called. "Wait a minute," he said.

"What ear was infected?"

"The left, I think," I called back.

"You idiot!" he bellowed. "You've cut the wrong ear!"

"Oh dear," I thought. "I don't think I can claim to be the Prime Minister's vet after all."

ANON.

THE FEAR

Bob awoke with the noise of a nearby cooing wood pigeon. It seemed as though it was just outside so he decided to lay back in his sleeping bag and listen to the magnificent voice of the creature. He adored the nature hikes he and his two friends, Tom and Steve, took. It was good to get away from the hustle and bustle of Chicago and relax outdoors in the great park, Bridgestone.

It was their last day in the wild before they headed back to the car. Before breakfast they packed the gear together so it would be out of the way.

After, they got their guns and went exploring for food. Steven went with Bob while Tom went by himself. The reason why Bob needed Steve to go with him was that Bob was lacking confidence and was scared to explore alone.

There was a steep gully nearby, which had at least a 100 metre drop, straight down. That was the most frightening place in the part for Bob, but for some reason this trip he wanted to conquer his fear. While following the track of a pig, Steve and Bob went to the gully.

"You sure you want to do this, Bob? You don't have to you know," Steve said in a concerned voice.

"I feel I should get this silly little fear over with," replied Bob forcefully.

Reaching the edge of the steep slope they noticed the tracks of the animal had stopped. Steve looked over the cliff face and saw the pig lying at the bottom. Bob slowly peeped over and saw the 100 metre drop. Suddenly he froze. He was petrified.

Just then the ground below him gave way and Bob started tumbling head first down the jagged cliff face. All Steve could do was watch his friend fall to a terrifying death.

Well, that's what he thought. It would be a miracle for someone to live after that fall. Steve felt helpless seeing Bob lying paralysed at the bottom, but he couldn't do anything at the top and he didn't see a way down, except over the other side of the gully.

Steve let a shot off for Tom to come. He told Tom to go for help, while he would go and see Bob's condition.

First Steve went back to the camp site to get ropes and blankets, then went for Bob.

Down in the gully Steve had to cross a stream, but it was like a river because of the storm a couple of days ago. He made a safety line and crossed with no worries.

Ten minutes later he found Bob unconscious with blood dripping from his forehead. Steve remembered the first aid they had been told at Junior High and reacted immediately. He ripped one of the blankets and bandaged Bob's head to stop the bleeding and used the others to keep Bob warm so he wouldn't go into shock. Steve sat wondering when the rescue helicopter would arrive, he knew Tom would have reached help by now.

That was true because in a few minutes they arrived. The medics loaded Bob into the helicopter and Steve didn't leave his side for a minute. During the flight Bob regained consciousness, but he still wasn't out of the rough. He had at least a dozen broken bones and was having problems breathing.

At the hospital Bob and Steve were separated and Bob was rushed into surgery. Steve had to sweat it out for a full seven hours while Bob was under the knife. After, the doctor filled Steve in on the condition of Bob.

It was a relief that he survived the fall. A miracle. Bob stayed in hospital for a month before he was discharged. As for Steve, he was awarded the Humane Society medal for his actions.

Bob really learnt a valuable lesson during the hike. It was, never rush into a fear without preparation.

MATT BRENNAN.

PLEIADES/THE PLEIADES

Pleiades, spes virorum miseriorum micantes,
vagari caelestis septentriones fatum est.
mulieres, filis argenteis, fugiunt,
ad spectata quae cogitationes non videant mortales,
ab Atlante perditas, numquam rediente.
etiamsi animos ad caelum obscurum elevamus,
quae spes restat illis terra vinctis,
cum possunt Sex stare et Unus debet evanescere.
Pleiades! Glittering hopes of wretched men, Fated to wander the
Northern sky.

Maidens, silver-threaded, flee,
To sights mortal thoughts may not view,
Lost to Atlas, never returning.
'Though we raise our hearts to the darkened Heavens,
What hope have the Earth-bound,
When the Six may stand and the One must fade?
(Latin written and translated into English)

MURRAY COX

THE HOODED MAN

I am the official hangman. You meet a lot of interesting people in my job.

Just last week, I had an extraordinary conversation with a murderer who hacked up seven people before his axe broke on a solid steel peg leg. He was really a nice guy, and because we both share an interest in killing people, we exchanged tips. He carefully explained how to sharpen an axe so sharp that you must be careful what you cut with it, as it will drive through almost anything. I must say that I was sorry to hang him, but he understood.

A hangman is a job I always wanted to do. Because I enjoyed meeting people, I thought it was the perfect occupation. But after a while you start to get sick of hanging people, usually because you find someone who you share interests with, and after the hanging you don't hear from them again.

The outfit they provided for me was appalling. It was a brown leather jacket, green pants and a black balaclava. I asked for a better-looking garment, like a flashy red jumpsuit, but my requests were denied. I suppose that's why I'm called 'The Hooded Man'.

I musn't dwell on the bad side of being a hangman, as there are equally as many good things. The pay is good. I get paid 10 gold pieces for a clean hanging, maybe 15 for a struggle and some blood, and that doesn't include tips. Another good thing is the crowd. You see, a hanging is like a sports event. Everyone must get tickets before they are all sold. People get dressed up, and sometimes we even have royalty present to witness the hanging and to attend the after-hanging function.

I will now explain how a typical hanging is executed! (a little joke we hangmen enjoy!). It usually starts with myself walking up to the rope, and testing it for strength. This is the time when the crowd starts assembling. Then a few minutes later, I go to the lock up and drag the unlucky soul onto the platform. Then I slip the noose around his neck and kick the stool out of the way, leaving his body hanging lifelessly about a foot off the platform.

But what most people don't understand is the behind the scenes practice the victim and I put in. Everything must be right for the big day. You must not make any mistakes in this business, you know, and with hundreds of townfolk looking on. Occasionally a journalist from a larger town will come along to write a story about the hanging, especially if it was someone like Barney McGroy who was getting punished. Barney shot dead 11 people in a saloon and then set the place alight. He was on the run for only three weeks before a sheriff caught up with him maybe 200 miles from Trappers Gulch.

So you see, being a hangman is not as easy as it seems, as we often put in a lot of overtime, like shortening a rope when it is too long for a particular person, who for some unknown reason happens to be a foot taller than anyone else I've hanged. But I wouldn't trade my job for any other. Unless of course I could trade with someone who was in the business of beheading. In fact, I could really get used to a job like that.

CHRIS WISCHNOWSKY.

FROM TARIKI

At first, my uncle looks like any normal towny person. But when he is out on the farm, he's a different person. The Tariki air must do something. As soon as he is leaving Inglewood or arriving in Stratford, the farm seems to vanish from his mind, but when he leaves Stratford or arrives in Inglewood, the farm is his main priority. There is always something that needs special attention or something needs to be bought. When he's home, it's into the bedroom and on comes the Singlet, Swanndri, Farm Socks and compulsory Black Rugby Shorts. This is followed by the Skellerup Gumboots. This takes place as quick as a Formula One pit stop.

Then into the most common vehicle used by cow-cookies, a ute. He drops the clutch and sets off down the 50° angled driveway and out onto Tariki Road. A 200m clash going through all five gears and its a quick sliding stop right outside the implement shed and milking arena. Before the tools and equipment for a new fence are loaded on the back of the ute, his head is quickly raised to check those famous Taranaki Rain Clouds. "The sun makes it look worse than what it really is," he says, expressing his knowledge to me like a University Professor.

He lends me more of his knowledge about his day and what he has experienced, on the drive to the old, worn out fence that is in need of repair, the early days on the farm and the tragic death of his son (my cousin) when he was only 17 in 1984 and a promising rugby player for Inglewood. It is at this point that I truly realise the knowledge he has and I begin to understand. He looks rugged like Wal Footrot but he is not just another cow-cookie, he is an inspirational person who is dedicated to farming.

MATTHEW HARMER.

DUET

From time to time
I make a rhyme

I sit alone in my room
And inspiration will come soon

With the lights out
My mind will shout

I can see everything
And the poem will sing

This way
Who can say

Like when the truth knocks
The truth shocks

On your door
Even more

And who can say
Who are they?

Go away
Every day

I'm looking
You're looking

For the truth

Operating Instructions:
Read all first lines
Read all second lines
Read all lines
Read all first lines again
Read all second lines again
Sit and think.

THE SQUARE VIBRATING FISH POET ORCHESTRA.

MY CONFESSION

Please listen to my confession. I know I will feel better and have peace of mind after explaining to you my reasons for putting chilli powder on my sister's Weetbix.

My sister is very vocal and I wanted to shut her trap for a day or two, but I did not realise she was going to spit fire and consequently drink our only water supply dry. Being out of the city boundary and not having access to the town's water supply I now have to bathe, drink and clean my teeth in our fish pond. I realise now that I should not have used chilli powder and next time I will use curry powder instead!!

KANE McCOLLUM

MIDNIGHT TERROR

The tiny sound of the key in the lock made my blood run cold.

I pushed the heavy bolted door open to reveal a steep dark stair. Cobwebs coated the sickly coated walls with haunting pictures hanging by twisted old twine.

I approached two doors at the end of the stairs. I pushed my ear against the door on the left. Strange noises could be heard. It sounded like dozens of Orcs and Goblins fighting over food. I took my dust-covered ear away from the door and entered the rusty iron door to the right.

"Crreeeeaaaak" the door moaned as though it was a lost soul heading for the fiery depths of Hell.

I ran my hands across the wall: smooth, rough, smooth, rough. I managed to make out two doors. Shuffles could be heard on the other side. My heart pounded like a drum out of beat.

I didn't dare move as the door swung open. A silhouette of a human shape drifted along the room to the door I once had entered.

Cautiously to the other door. I pulled on the door with all my strength. "Crash! Bang! Tinkle!" the door gave in and out flowed a river of items, some soft, hard and even some sticky items. I hoped that the disembodies coated in white gowns did not live here. Luckily they didn't. I quickly entered the opposite door and ran into a cold sub-zero degree room.

In the room was my goal. I looked up at the ceiling. I could just make out a shape of a light, so I hunted about in search of a switch. I had almost reached my goal. My hands shaking like paint mixers, I found the switch.

"Click!" "Yes!" I said.

The bright light shone on my face. My eyes lit up and for the first time that night I could see. To my left was a huge grandfather clock. Chimes rang as it ticked over to 12.30 am. I thought to myself: "I have done it. My goal is complete."

I turned to my right and there it stood, its whiteness stuck out like an apple in a pile of bananas. I pulled open the door and it let out a cold breeze. I reached my hands in, which were still recovering from the shock. I slowly pulled out my hands with a kaleidoscope of colours clutched in each hand. I ate the colours, blood dripping from my mouth.

The midnight terror was over. I had raided the fridge.
TIMON LYKLES.

THE MAN

A windswept plain, as dusty hill
A substantial Task for those that will.

A badge, A man, A gun, A horse.
For those that will a daunting course.

Alone, Afraid, A feared.

Who is the man behind that beard.

Chaps and spurs, that leather hat.

They'll never stop a man like that.

Cold hate in his eyes, ice in his heart, justice is done feelings apart.

What drove him to it, what drove him insane, what made him hard.

What touched his brain.

ROBERT LANCASTER.

SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT SKY

The carpet in my room looks like a teddy which has been hugged too much and in places the fur has come out.

In one corner of the room is a chair covered with clothes.

Behind my bed is a glass cabinet with all 10 of my hunting rifles.

Out the window I look onto a blacky green scrubby valley and it is the best hunting in New Zealand.

In the morning I lie in bed and look out the window and down the valley watching the mist slowly come up and past my house. It makes it cold and puts a dark shade of light in it like an eclipse.

Next to the window in my room is a sliding glass door. Out of that you get onto a patio from where you look over all the countryside.

At night when I am in bed all you can hear is the cicadas and owls flying and singing in the night sky.

CLINT NEWLAND.

A NEW LIFE

The early morning sun transformed Auckland's Waitemata Harbour into a dancing rainbow. Bright sparks of life flickered in my eyes. But to me this was a colourless rainbow. Uninviting and terrifying. Standing on the edge of the boarding plank I looked across to the looming 'Spirit of Adventure' ship. It looked like a floating coffin - floating above death. I was reluctant to board.

"Get a move on!" shouted Terry from behind. "We're supposed to be ready by nine!" Terry was a friend from Wellington like me. We had been friends since kindergarten. It was good to have a close friend with me, because he understood my fear of water, and would make it easier to cope.

"I said get a move on!" repeated Terry. I heard his words and hurried across the mesh-covered plank.

Our gear was already on board. I had ridden up to Auckland from Wellington with Mum in the car last night. We had put my clothes and gear on the ship when we arrived. I had been thinking of Dad that night. Ever since he drowned at sea with the Navy when I was six, I have had an uncontrollable case of aquaphobia. It had changed my life. I hadn't enjoyed swimming and playing in the water much anyway, and when this incident occurred, I became so erratic that I wouldn't even take a bath. I had overcome that absolute paranoia fairly soon, but I still loathed any large amounts of water.

Mum had suggested last year that a trip on the 'Spirit of Adventure' might help me overcome my fear. So I had gone along to the school office, filled out the form, and sent it off with all the other applications. To my surprise a letter arrived a couple of months later acknowledging my acceptance to the voyage in January. I was also glad to discover that Terry had been accepted too.

Now I was here, in a cabin with Terry and two guys I didn't know. The time-table we had been given when we boarded, read that we would be called up to the mess-hall at about 9 am. Terry and I were playing cards and the other two, revealed to us as Mark and Timothy, were making up their beds.

At five past nine we heard a bell ringing and we filed from the door of the cabin and proceeded down the hall toward the stairs.

We entered a hall filled with excited banter. Terry spotted a vacant table, and as we were taking our seats, a short, stocky man with a stubbly beard, entered. The conversation filtered out and he began to speak. His voice was gruff but not hostile. He identified himself as the captain of the vessel. He welcomed us all, explaining the ship and its operation. He also briefed us on the time-table. We would reach Tauranga by Tuesday and be back in Auckland by the following Friday. What I hadn't read, though, was the footnote at the bottom:

"COMPULSORY SWIM AT 6 am EACH MORNING."

I reeled in horror. How could I cope with that?

By lunchtime I had cooked up an idea. If I volunteered for breakfast duty, I may get out of having a swim. It was perfect for a day, but they would probably make me go for the swim eventually anyway, so I might as well get the pain over and done with as soon as possible.

Instead of giving up all hope, I approached the captain that afternoon after a lesson on the controls of the ship. I explained to him my fear of the water, and asked if I could avoid the early morning dip. His deep-set eyes stared down at me, piercing my thoughts.

"We've had one like you before," he began. "We did the same for him, but he ended up leaving the ship as scared of the water as before. The idea of this ship is to teach, and the kid wasn't taught anything. I believe now, that if you want to overcome a fear, you have to confront it full on."

This was starting to sound like a sermon.

"The only way to beat your phobia," he continued, "is to grit your teeth and take that swim, and if you don't jump in, I'll just have to pick you up and throw you in!"

I was startled by his sudden aggression, but I understood his point of view. Perhaps it would be a good idea to go for that swim.

I tried to have an early night that evening, so I could attack the coming morning with fortitude. But sleep was a long time coming and the night was filled with sharp images of the dark water.

I woke with a start. The darkness was already becoming a steely grey. Looking at my watch, I saw that it was 5.30. The others were still asleep, although I could hear movement from the other cabins.

The door opened slightly and a head entered. "Wake up, guys! Swim in half an hour!" The door closed again and his footsteps continued along the corridor.

Well, here I was about to face the horror of my life. I rose from the mattress and changed into my togs. Putting on a sweater, I grabbed for my towel. I heard Terry waking up behind me as I started out the cabin door. I decided not to wait. I wanted this over and done with.

It was already ten to six. Most of the other kids were already up on deck. I looked over the railing to the rippling water below, glaring up at me - the 'Black Death'.

About five minutes later, Terry joined me. He knew I hated the water and couldn't understand why I had wanted to take the sea-voyage. But he did his best to persuade me that the water was nothing to be afraid of.

Most of the others were jumping off a small plank sticking out from the side of the ship, others just leapt over the railing into the darkness below. I approached the plank nervously. A group of guys laughed at me, calling me a wimp. I ignored their abuse. 'Walking the plank', I came to the edge of the precipice. It was a long way down to the water. I stared down at the liquid death, wondering why I was so afraid. I had been in water before and could stay afloat. And the chances of drowning now were practically nil.

Terry stepped past me. "It's as easy as this," he said, leaping off the edge. He fell in a smooth, graceful curve, to slide into the water like a seal from a rock. He came to the surface screaming.

"God, it's cold!" he yelled. "Come in!"

The water reached up to me trying to drag me in ...

"Just step off the edge, you can do it!" Terry shouted up at me.

The black-hole swirled beneath, sucking at me ...

"Captain'll chuck you off if you don't hurry!"

I leaned forward ...

"You can do it!"

My feet left the safety of the plank. My life flashed before my eyes. I felt like a stone, plunging. Down. Down. Down ...

The water swallowed me. I kept going down. I floundered around for a moment, not knowing which way was up. I was running out of breath. Then suddenly, I burst to the surface, gasping for air. I was ignoring the iciness of the water, too worried about the vile, black liquid all around me.

I struggled to keep afloat and reached out in vain towards the ladder on the side of the ship. Terror gripped me, but deep inside I knew I was somehow safe. Blind instinct told me to get out of the water, but it really wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I started to become aware of how cold it was, and that took my mind away from the fear. I tried to relax, to let my mind wander from that thing I had been afraid of all my life. Sinking into it, as if it was a bed - a waterbed.

Starting to concentrate on that thought, the water around me seemed to become more comfortable - safer. I found myself almost enjoying the feeling of being able to move freely while being suspended on nothingness. When the time came I was reluctant to get out. The fear that had been inside me all these years was now erased.

That day, we had a look at the sails of the ship - how they were made, what they were made of and how they were put up. But I wasn't concentrating. I kept thinking of the water. The cool, inviting water that for so long had scared me.

That night, I went to bed early again. Anxious for a new day. Another swim ... A new life ...

SIMEON BARKER.

NOW SEE THE DEATH OF A KARAOKE KING

Spin blood
Spit back
Hand the mike
Hack the jack
Shut his head
The song's long dead
That is the sound that the alley dogs bring
You've witnessed the death of a Karaoke King
Crush Waltz
Crash wave
Clear the sat
Cage the stage
He took the heart
He tore it apart
Hyenas and gibbons do that sort of thing
You've witnessed the death of a Karaoke King
Over sight
Over kill
Nuke the thought
Nil the thrill
He blankets the soul
'Till it's black as coal
It's the song a dying pig would sing
You've witnessed the death of a Karaoke King.

NEVILLE GARVEN.

SUSTAIN

Could poetry sustain all life?
my life?
or is this just a dream
we had?
was I the only one who
had the dream?
Can poetry give me everything
Sustain width and breadth?
for all life?
It is a dream I will cling to
even after you let go
and you will
as sure as the sun kisses the low clouds
with red before setting
but I won't let go for
poetry might sustain all life
or maybe just
my life?

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

THE PRIME MINISTER RANG ME THE OTHER DAY ...

The Prime Minister rang me the other day. He had a problem.

"Tell me your problem," I told him, "what is it you want?"

"Well," the Prime Minister answered, "you know Auckland has a water crisis. I am afraid, that the water will run out and the Aucklanders will blame it on me."

"I see," I replied, "and you need a way to get more water quickly."

Jim sounded excited. "Yes," he said.

I tried to tell him that the dinner was boiling over, but he just said, "Come around to my house tomorrow and we can discuss the problem there."

That night, I thought long and hard about the water crisis, but I came to no solution.

In the morning, I awoke to a freezing minus three degrees. There was thick ice all over the lawn, which gave me an idea.

After a great big lunch of sandwiches and cakes at the Prime Minister's house, he asked, "Have you thought of anything yet?"

"Well," I began, "what we'll do is hire the Navy."

The Prime Minister nearly choked on his coffee.

"You can't," he spluttered, "they are busy protecting us from Afghanistan."

"Water crisis," I reminded him.

"Yes, yes, he said, "OK."

"The Navy can cut a piece of ice from Antarctica."

The Prime Minister became frantic.

"The conservationists," he yelled, "they will interrupt everything."

"It can be done at night. Once cut away." I carried on, "it will be tied to all the Navy's largest, fastest ships by big steel cables and towed into Auckland."

"Very clever," the Prime Minister commented, "but the ice will melt in the sun."

"I've already thought of that," I replied. "We can put mirrors on the iceberg so that the sunbeams will be reflected away."

"Great," said the Prime Minister. "But what will we do with it once it is in Auckland?" he asked.

"We can put it in the dry dock and melt it with hair dryers and then transport the water in trucks to the reservoir."

The Prime Minister was astounded. "Brilliant," he managed to get out. "I'll put the plan into action right away."

SAM COLES.

MURDER

The soft sound of breaking glass.
The pad of footsteps on the carpeted floor.
The silence of the raised gun.
The click of the trigger.
The cacophony of the explosion.
The hiss as the bullet races towards its target.
The slow ripping sound of the flesh as the bullet furrows into the meat.
The sound of running feet on the carpeted floor.
The slurp of blood seeping onto the cotton sheets.
A scream breaking the dead of night.

ROBERT LANCASTER.

HIS DOMAIN

I watched as his hard, coarse hands lovingly cultivated the plant which swayed in the icy winds. His leathery skin was tough and patchy. His eyes were a light shade of brown, he had wrinkly bags below his lower eyelids like a network of trenches. The great bushy beard that surrounded the lower half of his face was a dark brown with the odd streak of grey.

The fresh aroma of flora floated throughout his great blue and black swann'dri. His ragged trousers were doused with a mixture of things. His huge, steel-capped leather boots were covered in fresh, fertilised soil.

You would usually be able to find my father working and moulding what I would call his garden. A place where it is serene and peaceful, a place far away from the harsh reality and pollution of the city. A place which is my father's domain.

DAVID GIBSON.

PUDDLES

lifeless
mucky
dirty
still
Ripples in the wind.

RICHARD JURY.

LOVE IS ...

She stains my head on a wet brick wall
Until my brains fall out my ear
Broke all my fingers with a rolling pin
Hung me from the roof by my hair
She leaves upturned tacks on the toilet seat
Uses pliers to gouge out my balls
Or simply gets the nail gun
And staples me to the wall
She knows every trick with electricity
She's quite well versed in that science
She'll sneak in the room when I take a bath
And throw in a household appliance
She hides scorpions in my slippers
Unleashed upon me a vicious goat
Put piranhas in the swimming pool
And stuffed a gerbil down my throat
Just the other day she slit my wrists
And left me hanging from a tree
But you really have to admit
She's so cute when she's angry.

NEVILLE GARVEN.

THE SHARK

Moves menacingly with a purpose
Teeth like razors
Piercing eyes like lasers
Blood red water
Death.

JAMES ENRIGHT.

SEAWEED

Seaweed swirls and twists and sways,
lapping against the jagged rock.
It flows freely drifting with the current,
swirling and twisting and swaying.

LUKE KERR.

GROCERIES

As I stepped out of the corner dairy I checked the time on my watch. Four-thirty; plenty of time to get home. I waited at the pedestrian crossing for the traffic to slowly grind to a halt. Curse the Wellington rush hour. Even in the outskirts of Lower Hutt the traffic still kept up a steady flow. I checked the grocery list to make sure I had everything Mum had asked for. I didn't want the pipe on my backside again!

It took me 15 minutes to cross over to Bronsons Street and then through the Queen's Park. All was running smoothly, I would be home by five and I would be spared the humility and pain of the alkathene. I was only just beginning to recover from the last time I was late from running errands. I hadn't been able to sit down for three days.

As I rounded the corner onto Mannings Road, I began to get a feeling that my luck was about to change for the worse. There was a car outside number 74. That meant that the Bradfords were home and their rottweiler, Precious, was probably loose in the yard. I tightened my grip on the bag of groceries, preparing for the worst.

I made it to number 70 before Precious sensed I was around. I heard a vicious snarling sound, and saw Precious' head emerge from behind the Bradford's fence. His mouth started to froth at the corners as he smelt what was in my bag. Precious had a craving for ham. I had never forgotten this fact since the day I first met him. It had cost me my pride at the end of the alkathene pipe. When Precious started to move out from behind the fence, I started to run.

I had run all the way to the end of the street with Precious close on my heels before I realised I was running in the wrong direction, away from home! I took a quick glance over my shoulder to see how far away the snarling mongrel was. He was about 20 metres behind, and in my eyes seemed to be growing larger and larger every second. I sprinted round the corner into Bayley's Avenue - a dead end street. Panicking, I wracked my brains trying to think of what to do. Precious was now seven metres back and advancing. I tucked the grocery bag under my arm and hurled myself at the fence at the end of the street.

Struggling to pull myself over the top of the fence, and praying to God not to let me fall, I heard Precious scratching at the wood below. As I looked down and laughed at the panting animal, I suddenly lost my balance and found myself falling down the other side to land in a heap in a pile of compost.

I rolled slowly off the heap of compost and opened my eyes. I looked up and looked straight into the barrel of a shotgun. After further investigation, I found that the shotgun was being held by an elderly looking woman, with a grim and determined look on her face. I started to get up and explain the rather embarrassing situation but was guided back down by the shaking weapon.

"Don't move, sonny! This here's a dangerous weapon, especially with this sharpshooter behind the trigger!" There was something about the old lady's smile as she said this that actually led me to believe her. I decided against trying to overpower an armed granny.

"What's yer name, sonny, and what are yer doing in mah backyard?" The gun had been removed from my face now, but was still dangerously aimed at the spot between my eyes. I carefully began to tell the story behind my predicament to the trigger-happy old crone, making sure I did not swear or use any foul language that might upset her.

At first the old lady didn't know what to believe about this strange young hooligan that had leapt ferociously into her backyard, but as I explained about Precious the rottweiler (whose size was slightly exaggerated) the old woman warmed to me and slowly put down her weapon. She then invited me in to hear her story of how she came to live in this backyard and section. I politely declined, saying that my mother was expecting me home any minute. It wasn't until I was out of the gate that I realised that this was true. I looked at my watch, it was five to five.

I sprinted the next block to arrive back on Mannings Road, three houses down from Precious the dog. I slowly glanced back at the Bradford's house and grinned. Precious was tied to the fence chewing on a bone. The time was three to five. I sprinted the rest of the way home, keeping a wary eye out for loose canines and commando grannies. I arrived at my gate a panting wreck, sides splitting with the stitch. But at least I was a panting wreck on time. I stepped through the back door to the kitchen at exactly 4:59:43 pm. Mum was standing at the sink, waiting. She looked angry, but I had no idea why.

"Where are the groceries?" she said in a slow, deliberate voice. After 10 seconds it finally dawned on me what she was on about and my entire life slipped by in front of my eyes. I had a fairly good idea that the groceries were in the backyard of an elderly Rambo, half buried in compost. Shaking, I started to tell Mum the same story I had told the old woman to save myself from a loaded shotgun. Maybe Mum would warm to it as well. I doubted it.

M. JOHNSON.

SECOND-HAND IS A STATE OF MIND

Second-hand books
In a second-hand shop
pre-read pages
with dust on top
Second-hand thoughts
and second-hand feelings
came from the owner
of the second-hand dealings
She wears second-hand clothes
with second-hand shoes
She wears a frown
that says second-hand blues.
Through piles of clothes
she looks to find
A state of being
and a state of mind.
As the second hand ticks
on the second-hand clock.
Books with signs that read
second-hand stock.
The answer to life
could be over the leaf
but its not just more
second-hand grief.
As she flicks the pages
to the book's age she is blind
but she will always know
Second-hand is a state of Mind.

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

ALONE

Kids in the park
I am the one sitting by myself
Next to the large Pohutukawa tree
Reading a book
Hating life
Cool in the shade
Dog barking
Toddlers playing
Something shiny in the grass
Only a lolly wrapper
Hot jeans on
Child crying
Brown leaves
Dying tree
Dying land
I would just like to
Live at home
With my family.

PHILIP MERCER.

THE SOFA OF LIFE

A friend of mine gave me a poetry book to read
he'd found it under the sofa
What lies under your sofa?
A poetry book to read an anthology of 20th century NZ poetry
he'd found it under the sofa
What lies under my sofa?
An anthology of 20th century NZ poetry, I took it back to my room
I found my name missing from the contents.
Is your name missing?
I took it back to my room, I read it all night still
I found my name missing from the contents
Is my name missing under your sofa?
I read it all night still I wrote this poem to show
I don't need my name in the contents
You don't need your name in the contents
I wrote this poem to show, my name is already in the contents
I don't need my name in the contents
Is your sofa contents missing poetry?

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

THE POEM CALLED JUDE

One night slightly drunk on boredom and strong black coffee and not quite understanding what my left hand was up to, I bore a poem, this poem as a matter of fact, so not knowing anything about newborn poems I stared at him as he lay cold and tiny on the hospital white page.

As I stared at him and he stared back with equal contempt I found I liked the look of the little fulla.

The more I looked at him the more I knew I couldn't adopt him out so I named him - Jude.

Being an unemployed student, Jude and I found it hard at first but he was a good kid and learnt fast.

He had a few troubles when he first went to school, the other kids would read him out loud and this used to annoy him. He had a temper too much like his father's and all too often would come home with torn syllables and broken metaphors.

Jude found it hard to make friends as not many kids his age could understand him.

I tried to be there for him as often as possible but it was hard trying to raise a poem and study literature full time.

He grew so fast it was hard to believe (poems have a different growth rate). It seems like it was yesterday I got the postcard he sent when he was working in Spain.

Jude passed away last night, as you probably know poems have a shorter life span. I was at his bedside when he passed away. He'd lived a full life and died a mature poem. He was happy when he left me, but it was hard to watch helplessly as he died.

I buried him this morning at the back of this book.

Goodbye Jude. RIP.

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

MEMORIES OF MY EARLIER LIVES

At the same time I died in Vietnam, I was born in Auckland. I have no proof of this, only memories of my earlier lives. That's why you are the first person to whom I have ever told this. I know I can trust you and confide in you. I only hope you don't think of me now as slightly insane. It's just that I have all these bad memories and feelings, and if I don't tell somebody I think I really will go crazy.

Vietnam is the only part of any of my lives that I can recall vividly. Sometimes I try to think back further but I just end up giving myself a migraine. All that comes to me is just in the form of names or dates. One that I can remember though because it shocked me so much when I thought of it is Nazareth.

The thing that frightens me the most is not actually the thought of having been in a life prior to this one, but my personality and what I did during it.

I can always recall one scene when I think of Vietnam. It is of a group of Vietnamese, huddled together in a pit filled with mud and with the stench of urine heavy in the air. An American GI is standing above them on the grating, spitting down and laughing. It is only when I focus on the soldier's face that I actually realise that it is me. The features of the face are no different to my own, but the actions are foreign. It is like watching a movie that you have starred in and you are playing a role totally different to that of your nature.

Looking back at the actions of that American GI, it is hard to see how this person was granted another life. Maybe it is a chance for one to redeem oneself, to make up for one's mistakes. Whatever the reason, I am thankful.

Pain is always the easiest thing to remember. Even though you want to shut it out completely, the memory of pain keeps creeping back into your mind.

The most pain I have ever had to endure, I felt in Vietnam. In a war as cheap and bloody as that, no-one was spared from it. It became just part of the routing. Over and over in my mind I am forced to see that American GI subjected to hailstorms of enemy fire alongside his falling allies. For some wondrous reason he survives, and is taken to a prison camp where he is subjected to torture by his captors. I wonder if his captors were also allowed another attempt at life.

Recalling one's death is not as traumatic as one would think. Seeing yourself die is not as painful when you remind yourself that you are alive. It is as I said before, like watching yourself at the movies. Your character dies on screen, but you, the actor, are still alive to watch your movie.

I live my life now as any other person would. Apart from the nightmares which will probably never cease, I have no scars to bear from Vietnam. I am past questioning myself about it. My only other thought on life is this: when my heart stops beating this time, will I die?

M. JOHNSON.

SORROW

Sorrow
Sorrow is orange
It looks like a whimpering willow
and tastes like mashed pumpkin and parsnip.
Sorrow sounds like birds whistling
Sorrow weeps out of me.

STEVEN BRIDGER.

WINTERY MOMENTS

As we scrambled through the garden towards
the house we had one thing on our minds.

While we stood senselessly shrouding what
wood would burn. We had one thing on our minds.

Through the stodgy games of cards and various
board games. We had one thing on our minds.

Had there been a minute's peace it would have been missed.
While the rain hammered the roof we had one thing on
our minds.

With these Wintery Moments on our minds we waited for Spring.

MARK HENDERSON.

BUSSTOP POETS

This life I live
is not up to me
and if you listen further
you will see
I'm stuck here
and long to be free
Trapped in a world
of busstop poetry.

I've been waiting at this
busstop
for a year and a day
buses come and leave
but none go my way
Every day life eats
a bit more from my soul
It's so hard to change the
world from behind a busstop pole.

For a life that might
have been
and a world
I might have seen
If I was not tied
down by this line
In this busstop behind
this sign.
The sign above the door
of every bus will say
No poets may board
this bus don't go your way.

No-one wants to know
and no-one wants to see
A stationary post
with mobile poetry.

So
If someone sits beside me
on the busstop seat
I try to make conversation
but no-one wants to meet
A nobody poet
on nowhere street.

PAUL WOLFFRAM.

DEAD AND DAFT

The deep pit fills with muddy water, as it rained all night long.
We lowered him down on two silk ropes good and strong
He began to float.
Bobbing on the surface, looking up at us.
I looked down at him and laughed.
The stupid boy.
Dead and daft.

ROBERT LANCASTER.

PUNISHED FOR NO REASON

Ben and Jane were awoken in the night by the sound of a loud bang. A pot had been thrown against the kitchen wall. Once again, Michael and Jim were arguing. They never got on.
"You don't belong here!" yelled Jim. "You're not my son, you're useless and you're a pain in the neck!"
"Why don't you just leave me alone?" screamed Michael. "I keep away from your life. I mind my own business. What's your problem?"
"You're my problem, you little bastard!"
"I hate you Jim!"
Catherine was in tears and began begging and screaming for Michael and Jim to stop.
"Oh shut up you miserable cow. Just stay out of it!" Jim cursed his wife. "You're always sticking up for him!"
Right then Michael reached for the door, opened it, and ran off.

The Taylors were a family with one major problem, Michael. He was born through Catherine's first teenage love, illegitimate. Soon after Michael was born, his father, also called Michael, left Catherine and was never seen again. Ten years on, Catherine and her son Michael moved to another part of Auckland. Here, Catherine met and married Jim Taylor, hence the arrival of Ben and Jane.

Tension began building up between Michael and Jim when Catherine began giving Michael special attention, as Jim often left him out and paid more attention to his own children. He was jealous when Catherine and Michael were together, and so he started the series of complications by firstly insulting Michael, which led to physical abuse. Michael was still very young when he received this, but he never forgot it. The conflict between Jim and Michael in the future became increasingly intense as Michael got older.

Darkness was well settled in. The streets were lit by the lights and by the cars passing by, making clearly visible the fences smeared with graffiti, and the rubbish on the pavement. This was Auckland.

Michael was still running, and he quickly ran into the local rugby park. He stopped and sat down on a bench. He was puffing madly. He checked the time, 11.05 pm. Without hesitating he dived into his pocket and grabbed his packet of cigarettes and lit one up. He inhaled his first puff deeply and began to calm down. Tears filled his eyes. "Why me?" he whispered to himself. "What have I done wrong? I'm human like everyone else, and for no reason my stepfather treats me like shit." He wept strongly now, and screamed, "It's not fair!" he yelled. "It's just not fair!"

Michael finished his cigarette like someone breaking a fast, then he lay down on the park bench gazing at the moon. He was tall enough for his feet to hang over the end of the park bench, and his hair was long enough to do likewise at the other end. Out of boredom, Michael counted the stars and slowly nodded off.

The next morning Michael came in the front door. His mother, Catherine, saw him and ran up to him. She hugged him crying "I've been worried sick about you," she wept. "I couldn't sleep last night. Where were you?"

"I slept the night in the park," Michael said.
"I'm sorry," Catherine cried. "I'm sorry Jim treats you like that."
"Yes, well so am I. But one of these days I'll get him back, and good."
"Revenge won't help this, Michael."
"What would you know? You're supposed to be my mother, and look after me. Just by looking at me you can tell how miserably you failed in raising me. If you had any sense, you would divorce that asshole you're married to!" Michael yelled.

Catherine started bawling, and Michael went to his room. Luckily Jim was not home. He had gone to the pub with a few of his mates.
Michael sat in silence until Ben and Jane came in. Michael loved his brother and sister, even though he was an Ulrich, not a Taylor.

"One day, once and for all, I will end all of our family problems," Michael told Ben and Jane.

A low sound slipped past the house. Jim had just arrived home in the car. He stormed into the house, half-drunk, and threw open the door to Michael's room. "Leave my kids alone!" Jim yelled to Michael. Ben and Jane ran out quickly. "Where have you been Michael, eh?" questioned Jim.

"Leave him alone Jim!" screamed Catherine.
"Don't touch me, man," threatened Michael. "You have no right to hit me. I'm not your kid."

"Who cares. I get enjoyment from hitting you."
Jim walked up to Michael and with a lash of hate he hurled a punch at Michael's face. It connected. Michael flew into the wall, blood seeping from his nose.

"You bastard!" yelled Michael.
One hit was enough. Michael rushed forward to Jim and kicked him in the groin, hard. Jim yelped in pain, and hit the deck.

"I hope you die, asshole!" Michael screamed, and without hesitation he drew the knife his best friend once gave him. He put it against Jim's throat. "I've waited a long time for this," Michael said. "After all these years I've wanted to get you back. I'm gonna finish you off now Jim, once and for all."

He pressed the knife blade hard against Jim's throat. Jim was petrified, sweating madly. He was curled up in the corner, clutching his aching groin. Michael was ready, but Michael took the knife away and instead he gave Jim a hard kick in the head with his steel-cap boots.

"You're not worth making my knife blunt. I'll let you live you bastard, with the embarrassment of nearly being killed by your step-son. But if you're stupid enough to touch me again, I'll cut you up good!" yelled Michael, right in Jim's face.

Michael ran out of his room and out of the house, but this time he never returned. From then on Michael lived with his grandparents, well away from home. As for Catherine, she and Jim are still married. She still has not learned her lesson.

BEVAN SMITH.

I AM

I am all I see
My mother fishing
My father working

and all I hear
The wind swishing in the trees
The wind howling past my ears
Be careful

all that I feel
The cold water on my body
The heat of the sun

all that I taste
The cakes I bake
The spices of meals

I am all I've been taught
To have pride in my school
To be polite
To try my best

I am all I think
Logically
Good and sometimes bad thoughts

I am like
a captive animal
wanting to be free

I am a student of NPBHS.

TOM HOBIN.

DISCO

The flashing lights.
The beat and the moves to juice.
The heat and the sweat, the love
and the meaning.
Only one word ...
Disco.

ROBERT LANCASTER.



NPBHS STAGE BAND 1994

Back Row: Andrew Wilson, Simeon Barker, Darryn Quay, Mary Allan (HOD), Aneel Hay, Aaron Knowles.

Front Row: Nick Dempsey, Martin de Bock, Jane Gower, Paul Wolfram.

Absent: Stewart Maunder (Musical Director), Samantha Crofskie, Carl Maunder, Daniel Rei, Tony Hutton, Jared Hill.

MUSIC

Music is variety in styles, instruments, and performers, and we are fortunate to have all this at NPBHS. Students are encouraged to follow their own style, to aim for the stars and most importantly, to enjoy what they are doing. There is an abundance of talent, and it is exciting to be part of it all.

The year began with preparations for the Taranaki Secondary School's Festival which was held at the end of April in the TSB Stadium. NPBHS boys were the mainstay of the Boys' Choir singing 'Unchained Melody' and 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling'. M2 rang out with three part harmony when all the boys came here for practices. In the massed choir items, again our choir could be heard, strong and true. We had instrumentalists in the Orchestra, Senior Band and Junior Band and vocal participation in the Chorale. All items were well received and I certainly enjoyed this unique occasion.

Open night another 'new' event for me, brought the best of our school's musicians onto the stage. Edmond Wong, undoubtedly the most talented pianist the school has had for a few years; Rodney Fisher with his unique guitar and vocals style and Flute Obligato provided by Gavin Bromfield, also a member of a finely tuned Flute Trio; the Jazz Combo ably led by Paul Wolfram on trumpet; the Vocal Group backing fine tenor sounds from Jared Hill; the essential magic of the Island Boys' Choir; the Concert Band, the Stage Band, the Junior Band and others. You all contributed your best - well done.

The Stage Band, under the very committed and competent directorship of Stewart Maunder, has gone from strength to strength. It has been exciting to hear their playing develop especially in the field of improvised solo breaks. Here Aneel Hay, Paul Wolfram, Carl Maunder, Aaron Knowles, Martin de Bock, Jared Hill and Simeon Barker have made noticeable progress as their confidence and technique im-

proved. They have had many invitations to play outside school including the Bowl, the Opera House Book Festival and just recently a Sunday jazz night at the Mill.

To the students leaving this year, thank you for your enthusiasm, your music and keep performing!

Don Boyd is still very much part of the school's music running the successful Third Form Band programme, and taking the Concert Band twice a week. They have had a successful year performing many times, as well as achieving a Silver Award at the National Concert Band's Festival held in Hastings during August holidays. Don's expert conducting and attention to detail certainly paid off and the students lifted their performance to achieve this level.

The Island Boys' Choir and the Vocal Group have performed separately and together this year with good results. I would certainly like to see and hear more singing. With a school this size, we should be lifting off the rafters. Thank you to those who haven't been afraid to sing, we've had fun and you've all improved.

The itinerant music teachers have been a wonderful support to the department. The students are fortunate to have teachers of their calibre. They certainly contribute in a major way to all the performances that are part of the music option classes.

Many thanks to Paul, senior music students and performers for being so supportive, co-operative and musically interesting people. You have certainly made my transition from all girls to all boys a lot easier and very homophonic!

1995 will see a new Performance Course at bursary level, core music in Third Form and a Musical, 'Roll Over Beethoven'. Here comes NPBHS.

MARY ALLAN.



NPBHS DELPHIC JAZZ 1994

Back Row: Andrew Wilson, Martin de Bock, Aaron Knowles.
Front Row: Paul Wolfram, Aneel Hay.



NPBHS THIRD & FOURTH GENERATION BOYS 1994

Back Row: Tim Suthon [Trevor (48), Albert (18-20)], David Papps [Roger (63-68), Lyndsay (32-37)], Bryan Williams [David (67-69), Don (30-34)], Ben Kidd [Murray (67-71), Roger (35)], Sam Kidd [Murray (67-71), Roger (35)], Duane Old [Philip (64-65), Alfred (29-30)].
Third Row: Richard Mills [Tony (58-62), Hugh (22-24)], Grant Hassall [Roger (62-63), Niel (43-45)], Blair Sutherland [Hugh (62-65), Neil (36-37)], Douglas Harbutt [Norman (59-62), Wilfred (26-29)], Shane Johns [Boyd (61-62), Bruce (35-36)], Richard Papps [Roger (63-68), Lyndsay (32-37)], Chris Newing [Tim (67-71), Richard (30-33)], Joe Pease [Stavely (57-60), Bob (14-16)].
Second Row: Murray Cox [Graham (52-54), Alric (22-24), Ethel Bellringer (1893-95)], Kerry Jones [Grant (54-56), Stan (32-35)], Brad Taylor [Kevin (61-66), Kenneth (37-39)], Simon Cleaver [Brian (55-59), Bert (30-34)], Mr T. Ryder (Headmaster), Richard Honeyfield [David (60-64), Ken (28-29)], Richard Bryant [Michael (57-61), Roy (29-30)], John Hastie [Donald (52-55), Andrew (14-15)].
Front Row: Jarred Mawson [Phil (61-66), Ronald (31-35)], Mark Switzer [Warwick (68-71), Lloyd (40-44)], Haden Power [John (65-69), Geoff (36-40)], Jake Sole [Phil (62-66), David (32-34), Harry (02-05)], Ben Hamerton [Bryan (63-67), Harold (31-36)], Nick Whitwell [Michael (64-68), Don (34-38)].

CADETS

The end of 1993 saw the very busy schedule as 'cadets' wound up for the year.

The 'End of Year' Parade was marked by the presentation of the clasp to the Cadet Force Medal to Captain M. E. Dobson by Colonel D. Hazard. The clasp is awarded for 20 years service to cadets. The 'Skill at Arms' team represented the unit at the annual competition in Linton, and acquitted itself well against very strong competition. Four cadets attended the Bushcraft Course at Waiouru in January with Sgt Gareth Collings, graduating as the top cadet. The unit again assisted with the District Council's Summer Scene Camp Out at Merrilands Domain, and those who attended enjoyed teaching the little 'ankle biters' some basic bushcraft.

Thirty-eight cadets returned at the start of training for the year and this number was augmented by 21 new recruits who got their first taste of the 'green machine' at the Everett Road Camp over Anniversary Weekend.

Several cadets attended the pre NCO course at Hawera run by 47 Sqn during April, and the second year cadets held a successful weekend camp on the banks of the Manganui River at Tariki.

Poppy Day again saw the unit assisting the RSA with the annual collection and the school ANZAC Service. ANZAC day itself saw the unit well represented at the dawn service.

Prior to the Civic Service the unit was inspected by Lt Col A. Wilson (CO 5 WWCT, RNZIR) and Old Boy who presented Capt Dobson with his new rank insignia of Major.

During the May holidays four cadets attended the Junior NCO course at Linton and two senior cadets staffed courses at Linton and Burnham.

At the end of June the unit was visited by a contingent of Australian cadets from the 202 Regional Cadet Unit, Blacktown, Sydney. The Aussies spent three days in New Plymouth, and activities included sightseeing, and a bushcraft camp, before travelling to Ohakea, Waiouru, Rotorua and back to Auckland. A return visit to Sydney is planned in the next few years.

Training throughout the year has had even more variety this year and has included working with police dogs, the fire service and ambulance service, as well as the usual outdoor training and shooting etc. The guest speaker at this year's formal dinner was Mr Lynn Bublitz, Old Boy and Principal of Inglewood High School.

Term Three activities include abseiling, a flying camp where senior cadets can get some 'hands on' experience, and inter-unit camps with cadets from No's 8, 47 and 48 sqns.

The end of year parade sees the retirement of Major Dobson as the Unit Commander after 21 years in 'cadets'.

THE MAJOR CALLS IT QUITS

At the end of 1994 after 24 years active service, Major Dobson is hanging up his epaulettes. There is no doubt that but for Mr Dobson's involvement, cadets at New Plymouth Boys' High School would have folded a number of years ago. Mr Dobson takes with him a number of personal memories and a sense that it has all be worthwhile.

Although he did not officially join the cadet unit until 1973, Mr Dobson has been involved with the unit since joining the staff in 1970. However, his interest in things military goes back to a very young age, when he would parade around the house in his father's 'tankie' beret. He joined the New Plymouth Boys' High School Cadets as a student in 1958, as a member of the band, and remembers the whole school marching to the port for an exercise, and at another time marching to the Rewarewa Rifle Range for practice with anti-tank and machine guns.

Called up in 1965 during the National Service era, he spent 14 weeks at Waiouru training as a driver. He continued to serve with the Territorials until 1973.

When Mr Dobson joined the unit as an officer, 25 staff (more than half) were involved and virtually the whole school, with the exception of third formers, took part in cadets.

Major Dobson feels his input has been largely to pass on to young people the skills, opportunities and experiences that would otherwise have been denied them. The rewards have come in unusual ways from unexpected sources with students working together, often in adverse conditions. While the changes in the cadet structure have been unavoidable, he regrets that many young people will miss the opportunities offered to them, opportunities that many are unable or too lazy to find for themselves.

Prior to the Defence Act of 1971, school cadet corps were a corps of the army. That act puts cadets outside the armed forces. However, the biggest charge for New Plymouth Boys' High School came in 1984 when school cadet units were reduced to volunteer units.

Growing public perception that schools should have nothing to do with things military, combined with a falling interest by young staff meant it was difficult to maintain a New Plymouth Boys' High School unit. This was compounded by financial strains felt by the Army and passed on to the Cadet Corps. Finally the unit amalgamated to form the City of New Plymouth Cadet Corps - commanded by Captain Dobson (only recently has he received his long overdue promotion to Major).

There are many memories he takes with him. One involves him waking one morning in his hammock, secured firmly above the ground and turning on the radio while listening to the patter of rain on his half shelter. It was only as he turned the radio up for the fourth or fifth time that he realised the sound was being drowned out by the river which had risen and was now flowing beneath him. A mad scramble into his boots revealed the true horror. While the troops were safe, a great deal of their equipment had been swept away by nature's onslaught.

My own memory of Captain Dobson is, when as a junior officer, it was my job to check the troops in the morning. In cold rain I trudged through mud to report that all were safe and sound. As I approached the inevitable hammock and half shelter, neatly suspended between two trees, all that was visible was a nose and a cigarette between a beret and a coat. Only the occasional wisp of smoke indicated life - but not as we know it. This was a man not just at home in his surroundings, but extremely comfortable. As always, he was leading by example.

On behalf of all those staff who worked with you, but more importantly on behalf of the boys who gained from your time and experience, thank you Major Dobson. May your retirement be a long and happy one.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

TOPEC EXPERIENCE

What a camp! TOPEC was a real experience as we did things from canoeing down rapids to rock climbing up 10 metre cliff faces. Even making breakfast and tea.

Day One - We arrived and I was amazed at what I saw. It was kind of like an army camp with buildings surrounding a large area of grass, with trees sheltering the buildings and a ropes course in the trees. We were told the rules and routines by one of the leaders and we all split up into groups.

The group I was in consisted of M. Tomono, G. Moir, J. Knight, J. Vosseler, S. James, K. McIntyre, J. Vickers, D. Radford, J. Sole and me. Our leader's name was Robin (a female). Our adventures with canoeing where we took the canoes for a 10 minute walk to the 'Meeting of the Waters', where there was an eddy (a calm spot in the rapids). It was amazing how many people tipped out in the eddy. We then experimented with the rapids in the canoes and that was far different from the calm water. Our next adventure which was a little safer was orienteering, but for some not so fortunate. For instance, J. Sole and J. Vosseler went out expecting to be back in time, but came back half an hour late.

Day Two - We journeyed into New Plymouth to go sailing, but turned out using our own muscle power moving the rudder side to side, until the wind picked up. J. Sole and I got stuck on a bit of wood and it took a bit of energy out of us.

We then journeyed to Paritutu where we experienced rock climbing. There were five climbs, which went from easy to hard. D. Radford, J. Sole and I managed to do all of them.

Day Three - We went down the Waitara River rafting and we had fun. At the start it was quiet rapids so we tipped each other out and took each others oars. Near the end J. Vosseler, J. Knight and I had our oars taken off us and so we were way behind everyone else and were trying to get each other out but we didn't succeed. THEN! we went for a walk. What was meant to be a 20 minute walk turned into two to three hours. We started at Paritutu and went through little rivers and then on to some rocks. We were slipping and sliding on the rocks and getting very bruised. It was dark which didn't help as between four of us we had only one torch. We got to our destination and there was a fire going. We cooked our tea on little cookers and then we went and had marshmallows. Eventually we went to bed on the beach under the stars.

Day Four - We went rafting and tubing down the tail race which didn't last long because it was turned off at the hydro station and there were no more rapids. We then had to clean up, which didn't take long. We were given certificates at the end which showed we had gone to TOPEC.

JARRAD WHITEHEAD, Form Four.

URUTI CAMP 1993

Uruti, the camp of survival. It started with a rough bus trip with a view of the bush at Uruti.

We arrived and set up camp with a stream on one side of us and a rugged bush-filled ridge to the other side. We thought it would be easy to survive with little knowledge, but we found out how hard it really was.

We did a lot of exciting activities including kayaking, clay bird shooting, smallbore shooting, and a seven hour tramp, and many survival skills. But to me the best thing was free time, roaming around in the thick dense bush in search for goats, and being successful on one occasion.

Finally we packed up our gear and loaded it onto the bus, knowing we had survived in the outback of Uruti.

P. GIBBS and T. JONES.

TRAMP AROUND LAKE WAIKAREMOANA 1993

Activities week '93 and 10 willing boys took the challenge to tramp around Lake Waikaremoana in the space of a week.

Day one was taken up by half the day travelling. The whole mini bus was jumping with excitement. When we arrived we headed anti-clockwise around the lake and by early evening we had arrived at camp one, where a few of us had a quick dip in the lake.

Day one, two and three were all day walkers but the view and scenery was great.

Day four was the most challenging as ahead was a four hour tramp uphill, but the camp didn't let that get them down because at the top of the bluff was a great view of the lake below. After lunch we headed back down to the carpark where we drove on to Rotorua for the night, and spent the final day before driving back to school.

A great camp enjoyed and thanks to the two teachers, Mr McKenzie and Mr Venema who gave up their free-time to run this camp.

JARED AMIES.

TONGARIRO CAMP 1993

A really great camp, one of the best organised camps ever. When I went to the first meeting I could tell a lot of organisation had gone into that camp.

But the highlight of the camp for me was the white water rafting. When we first got to Rotorua at the fun park we went up on a gondola which had huge windows and the view was amazing. You could see for miles around. When we got to the top we had a brief lesson and the track was ours.

The rafting down the Tongariro was another real highlight with good rapids and fast-moving waters, excellent scenery and great guides.

Overall, Tongariro is a great camp.

FRASER DONALDSON.

RAGLAN SURF CAMP 1993

1993, a year enjoyed by everyone, but the most highlighted time for me in the year would have been the Raglan Surf Camp. The boys on that camp just had the time of their lives.

The first two days would have been the best. The surf was excellent, the best I had seen for a while.

There was no stopping the boys or the teacher, they were in their wetsuits in a flash. There was a lot of talent in our group, like Brett Wright, Daniel Morris and Jeremy Nathan.

We learnt how to have a good time and respect each other. Camping by the beach and surfing in the sunrise made the camp the very best.

PHILLIP SELWYN.

GOLF WEEK - CAMP 1993

Well, 1993, what a year. An emotional beginning, setting new goals, achievements, but that ended pretty quickly, and before we knew it, exams were over. Now it was time to relax with a touch of golf ... "Four!"

The golf camp was run by Mr Atkins and Mr Rowlands Senior, two pretty experienced golfers. The camp was way different from what we had expected. I guess everybody thought it would be all golf. I certainly did, but no ... apart from playing golf, we also did go-carting, smallbore rifle shooting and lots more!

The first day of golf we were taught by a professional right here in Taranaki.

Around lunchtime on our first day of camp, we teed off, not knowing what God had in store for us ... yes 'rain', and buckets full. At the end of that hole we were soaked to the bone, heading up to the clubhouse, praying for the weather to clear up. We decided to finish our game of golf. Even though we got drenched at the start, we all thoroughly enjoyed the game. The second day was taken up by a good round of golf at Fitzroy Golf Club. The rest of the week was split up with rounds of golf or activities depending on the weather.

A glorious day, to end a great week, had come to an end at the best course I had played on since I started golf. Just a pity my score didn't turn out to be the best.

Thanks to Mr Atkins and Mr Rowlands Senior, who helped make golf week enjoyable.

TONY GULBRANSEN.

WANGANUI RIVER TRIP

We started off from NPBS and travelled to Wanganui where we had lunch. After lunch we picked up our guides and the canoes, plus three kayaks. We arrived in Whakahoroa in late afternoon to spend the night.

The first day on the river was interesting as many of us hadn't canoed before. By night only six people has fallen in. Our canoe was subject to bad navigation, hitting a rock sideways and tipping, although we managed to drag down one other canoe.

The next day we proceeded to the Mangapurua campsite and visited the famous Bridge to Nowhere.

Thursday we passed through some of the biggest and longest rapids on the river. Mr Butler managed to flip the kayak on a flat stretch, but quick thinking soon got him upright. At this campsite we had to collect fresh water from a waterfall on the opposite side of the river. Bruce Chadwick, Aaron Harvey and myself managed to get 40 litres in half an hour.

Friday was a short paddle to Pipiriki where we cleaned down the canoes and set off towards a more civilised world.

This camp was very enjoyable and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys the great outdoors.

G. MOIR.

TAUPO CAMP 1993

When we got to the holiday park we unpacked and used the facilities there, hot pools etc. That night our group had to do the dishes, and after that we went to the AC Baths where it had a hydroslide. Since it was in Taupo, the water was warm, but it was freezing outside.

Over the next few days we had done lots of activities such as horse-trekking, sightseeing of Huka Falls and the craters of the moon, jet boating and fishing on Lake Taupo.

On Thursday afternoon we had our last activity, bungee jumping. When the time came, everyone got nervous. But finally everyone jumped. I'm sure everyone felt good after the jump, but it was a bit of pain walking back up to the carpark.

The Taupo camp was full of enjoyment from the beginning to the end. I really had a wonderful experience.

MIRAI TOMONO.

RANGITIKEI CAMP 1993

After an eventful bus journey, myself and 30 others found ourselves pitching a tent in the bottom of the scenic Rangitikei Gorge, west of Taihape.

Over the week humorous instructions led individuals and groups to overcoming fears, and respecting the environment and others, by everybody participating in activities such as horse-trekking, abseiling, tramping, orienteering and the feature activity, white water rafting.

White water rafting was the most exhilarating of all the activities with challenging rapids, capsizing rafts, battles between rafts in the calmer stretches and the puncturing of a raft. This, like the other activities, was capped off by excellent participation and tolerance by teachers and bus drivers who supervised and experienced the Rangitikei Camp.

By the end of the week everybody had a greater respect for the outdoors and had built up self-esteem. All of this and the great hospitality of the staff helped make Rangitikei 1993 a memorable and exciting camp.

ALASTAIR BLACKLER.

SNOW CAVING - TOPEC

This was the second winter camp of 1994. This camp gave an opportunity for us to build and sleep in a snow cave. Our trip started off with two groups of 10 and four instructors, piling into vans and heading off to North Egmont. After piling out, our group headed up the translator road with the other group 10 minutes in front. With our two instructors, Robyn and Aaron at the rear, we set off at a good pace.

I think after the third or fourth corner some people were wishing they hadn't come but I think their determination was aroused by the fact that each and everyone wanted to sleep out in the snow. At the top of the track everyone stopped for lunch and had a good feed of bread rolls and biscuits. After lunch our packs were left at the top and we all headed up the puffer. With our plastic bags, and PVC over trousers for a bit of fun in the snow.

After the fun died down, most people sat on the snow hill while about six willing boys and a man who knew what he was talking about, proceeded to build a snow cave.

We started off by choosing a good spot to build, then we started to cut big snow blocks and place them in a round circle, then by getting more blocks we kept placing them on each other in a slope to finally make a dome shape. After putting blocks on we packed snow around the blocks to secure them in place. Finally when it came to the top we cut our final two blocks and placed them on the top and secured them with handfuls of snow, then we made the door of the cave for us to enter. Finally after about an hour of good team work, our home for the night had been erected.

But unfortunately it was not the case for three other boys as time was limited and they were unable to finish their cave. Instead of working all night, they placed two borrowed flies over top of their half built cave.

After the day's work, everyone headed down the puffer, picked up their packs and headed off to Makatawa Hut where everyone sat around playing cards, waiting for someone in their group to cook dinner of macaroni cheese. After the clean-up process was over we left the unnecessary things from our packs and just before dark headed back up the mountain, leaving most of the group behind in the hut. When we got up to the caves it was well after dark so no time was wasted. We all unpacked our sleeping bags, tarpaulins for the floor and sleeping mats. Meanwhile Robin was building a bivouac to sleep in for the night and the other three were tying their tent flies.

The night started with everyone complaining about the amount of room they had, but this was soon resolved by everyone moving around.

After everyone was comfortable, we all started telling jokes which got less funny every time one was told. After jokes died out we started singing old time favourites, 'Ten Green Bottles', 'Old McDonald' and

'Yellow Submarine'. The singing was carried on all night until we all drifted off to sleep.

In the morning everyone woke up to view a great sunrise and a beautiful day ahead. After everyone fully woke up, we all packed our gear and headed back to the hut for a breakfast of pancakes and spaghetti.

After breakfast we had time to pack up, clean up and move out back to the vans.

Again the first group headed off first. This time we took a different track back, we took the Makatawa track to take up time. When we got back to the vans we all piled back in and drove back to TOPEC.

This snow caving experience was enjoyed by seven willing boys who had an experience they will never forget.

JARED AMIES, 4H3.

TOPEC - MAY 1994 - NIGHTMARE SONG

When you're lying awake with a dismal backache and repose is taboo'd by anxiety,
I concede you may use any language you choose to indulge in without impropriety;

For your brain is on fire and the ground will conspire of usual slumber to plunder you:
There's a fern on your right and grass covers the sight of the rock that sits uncomfortably under you;

Then the lightening flashes, the thundering crashes, the storm lashes you and your bivvy,
And you're wet and you're cross and you tumble and toss cause there's little 'twixt you and rain heavy.

Now your gear and wet clothes fall on top of your nose and you pick them all up in a tangle.

Next your pillow resigns and politely declines to remain at its usual angle!

Well you get some repose in the form of a doze, hot eye-balls and back ever aching,
But your slumbering teems with such horrible dreams that you'd very much better be waking;

For you dream you are tubing the tailrace and tossing about like a piece of old driftwood,
And then your canoe, it capsizes on you, and your head's travelling rapidly rockward.

You have a blind grope at the end of the rope and lunge upwards in anticipation.
And despair of the knack of locating a crack before fingers need undislocation.

You don't want to raft? Oh don't be so daft, the river is up so it's easy,
And there's a big sort of swing that is fit for a king at the end by the bridge: don't feel queasy.

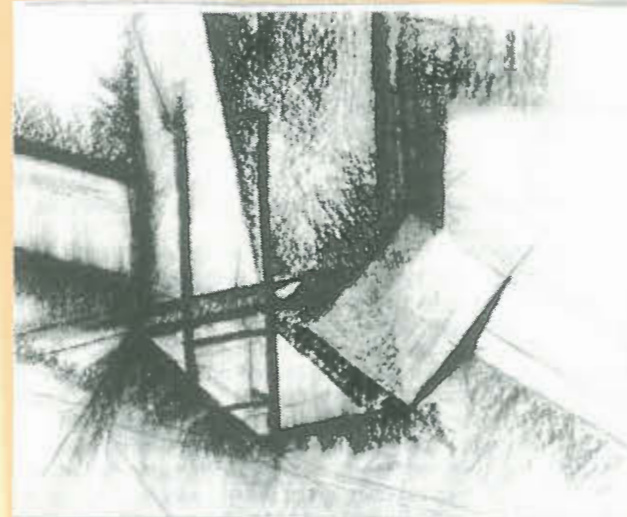
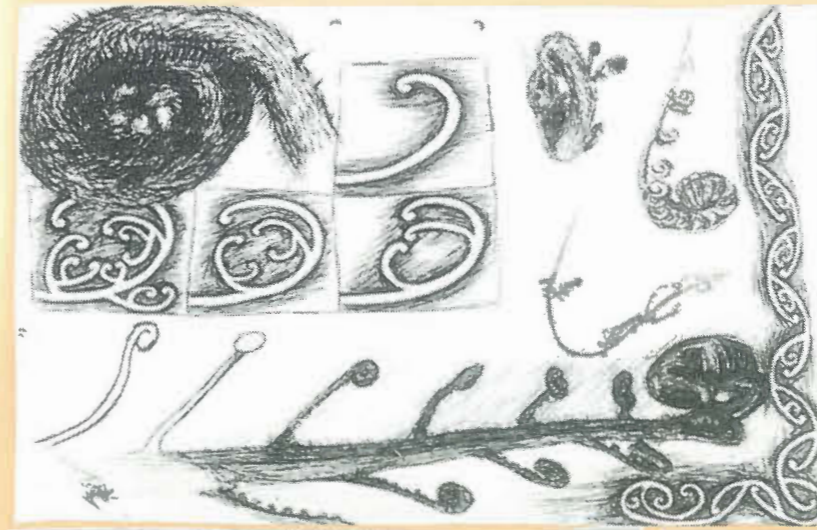
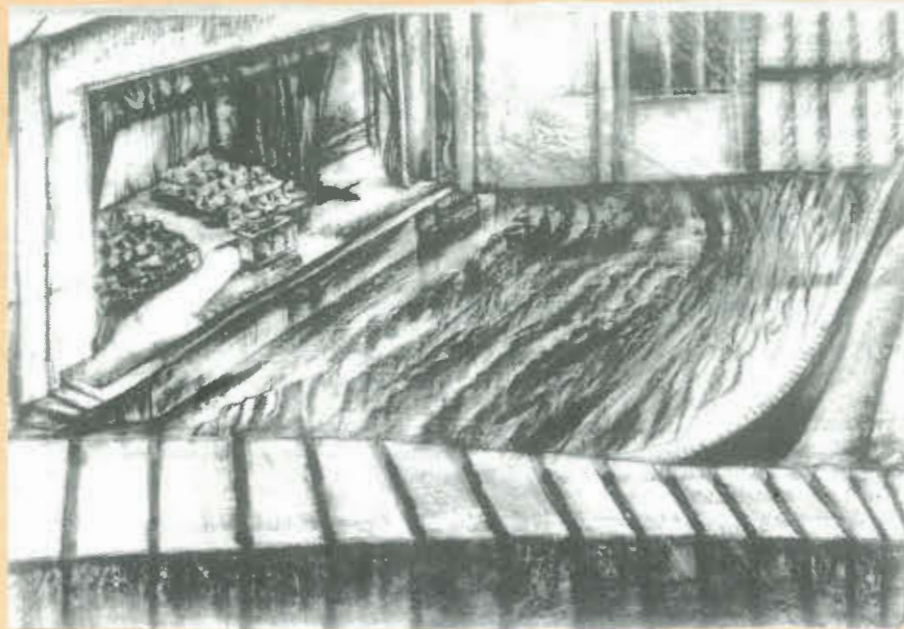
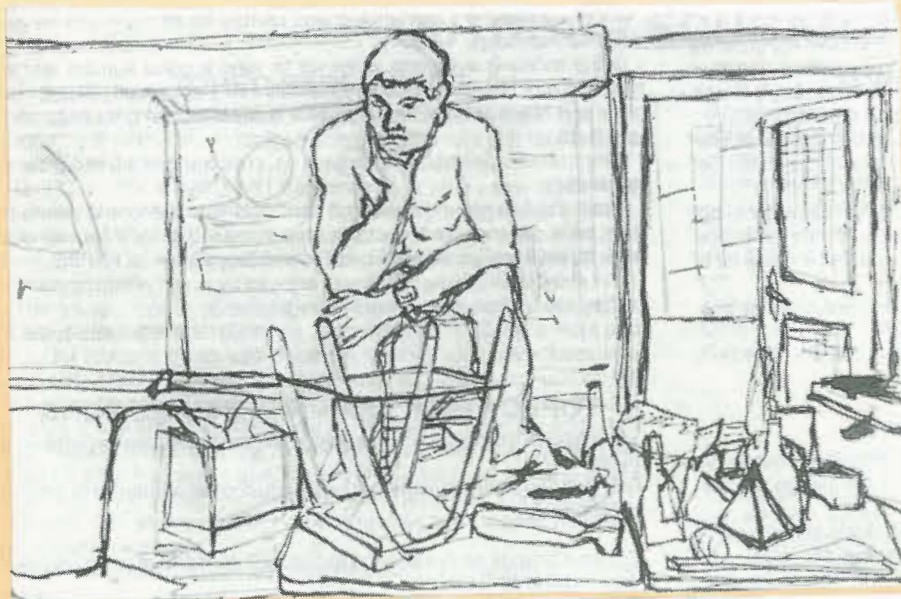
An overnight camp with a bit of a tramp is the next thing you have to consider,
But first is the pain of unblocking a drain of the remains of last Wednesday's dinner.

Then its off down the river, your nerves are a-quiver, and then there's a change in the weather,
So a member of staff, for a bit of a laugh, produces an open umbrella. There's dead vermin to see, possums (1080) three, the undergrowth truly amazes,
And your knee gets a knock from a bit of a rock just ere you discover the blazes.

You stop for the night at a little campsite on a flat overlooking the river,
It's a bit of a crush and you are all in a rush and everyone's starting to shiver.

Macaroni and cheese, with tuna and peas, is all you are given for dinner,
Some more meals like that, without any fat, and you'll all be considerably thinner.

But the darkness has passed and it's daylight at last, and the night has been long - ditto ditto my song - and thank goodness they're both of them over!



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH PTA

The PTA has been involved in the last six months with several projects to benefit the school and ultimately the pupils of the school. The catering committee has assisted with all the visiting school teams and the report evenings providing refreshments and food to very appreciative boys and teachers.

We have provided funds to finish the new bike compound and also funds for the provision of basketball goals etc, on the new outdoor courts, this has totalled over \$5000.

After an exhausting search, we have located a supplier for our precious tiger jacket material and we have ordered 1500 metres which will cost in excess of \$11,000, but we will not be in a position where we put the supply at risk again, as previously all our suppliers had stopped making the material and we held fears for the future of the tiger jackets.

The school work day raised \$14,500 and this will be spent on worthy projects for the school, ie: equipment and library book purchases, and the school calendar will be upgraded this year to be a more saleable item and funds once again will be put to use for the school.

The weather has hindered working bees for the school grounds but we have rescheduled a working bee for October 9 to build a concrete rock wall and steps plus plant out 60 native trees so all help would be appreciated and volunteers may call the president on 751 0047.

Membership of the PTA still needs boosting so interested parents come along and be part of the top school in Taranaki. The commitment is minimal, the rewards are good for the boys and the school.

GRAEME TILYARD, President.

ISCF 1994

It is amazing to think another year has gone by and when you stop to think about what has happened, it's sometimes hard to come up with much.

It's been a great year though. We've continued to meet with a core group of around a dozen guys, all of whom have participated fully in the activities (especially if it is King of the Mat!). There have been some great activities organised, ranking among the biggest must be the annual (well it is now!) 'Weetbix & Coke Competition'. This has become folk-lore among the other ISCFs in Taranaki, though none have been game to follow our lead! Other planned activities such as raft-races and sports nights never quite came to fruition, but maybe next year?

The good thing about the group is that we are able to come together to discuss real issues such as AIDS, relationships, peer pressure and what really is a Christian. Many of the discussions were enlightening and a great encouragement to all concerned. Visits by outside groups such as Lifeways Auckland and Hawaii have been a real drawcard to a wide range of students. The boarders lounge has been used to full capacity at times.

A special thanks goes again to Tony who has again committed himself faithfully to the group and its direction. Also to Vaughn - thanks for your input this year. All the best next year - and to the guys - look forward to another great year in 1995.

RAMON UTTING.

DRAMA/THEATRESPORTS

"This is life Jim, but not as we know it."

This year's theatresports team continued at NPBS in its usual weird way. There was a good mixture of both new uninitiated students and those keen, experienced veterans. As well as being run in U/P time, theatresports has developed this year as part of the highly successful poetry and theatresports evenings both here and at Girls' High. Blair Northcott has largely been responsible for this dangerous expansion of young people's minds.

The Form 6 Drama/Media class has done many exciting things this year. We took part in the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford and the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival (where the students acted out their own versions of popular tales - nursery rhymes not to tell your children!). These tales proved popular with the audience at Girls' High.

What more can I say except; 1. when you are waiting nervously in the wings and you hear your cue, do *not* wait to cross the stage until you have heard your cue repeated three times; 2. if wearing tights on stage - check carefully for holes first.



DEBATING

It has been a year of change for the NPBS debating team, but not one without our fair share of success. Early in the year we debated against Wanganui Collegiate on the topic "That speed cameras are beneficial to the community". The team of Timu Niwa, Paul Wolfram and Aneel Hay debated well against a very good Collegiate side, however neither team won or lost due to the fact that Collegiate used their second speaker for the leader's reply. Due to sharp detective work on the part of Mrs Crawford, we continued to the next round. It was at this stage that our coach moved on to Sacred Heart. We thank Mrs Crawford for her many years of service to debating and public speaking.

Mr Heaps became relieving coach. We participated in the ANZ Debating Competition this year. The team of Matthew Dravitzki, Neville Garven and Aneel Hay had to debate both sides of the moot "That the younger generation generated the generation gap", winning against Feilding Ag and being defeated by Sacred Heart Wanganui.

Early in term two our new coach, Mr Stuart Port arrived. We are very pleased to have Mr Port's expertise in this field. We went on to the third round of the Jaycee competition debating "That the family comes first" against our nemesis Sacred Heart New Plymouth. NPBS's loss of Mrs Crawford was Sacred Heart's gain and both teams had a fairly good idea of each other's abilities, and tricks of the trade. The team of Matthew Dravitzki, Neville Garven and Aneel Hay argued the negative side of the moot well, taking the debate by a small margin. We were down to the final four teams in the Aotea region. Our next debate against Wanganui City College was the most difficult yet. "That international sports persons should be financially reimbursed". We debated well against WCC but unfortunately they were the better team.

We reached a ranking of third in the region in 1994, not as good as in previous years but good all the same. We thank all our coaches this year (and Ms Pancha our driver and tea lady) and wish the team next year the best of luck.

M. DRAVITZKI.



NPBS THEATRESPORTS 1994

Back Row: Daniel Stretton, Richard Dryden.
Front Row: Trent Corbett (with flag), Blair Northcott, Robert Lancaster, Neville Garven.

SENIOR PRIZE LIST

FIFTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Kent Bell
Economics	Todd Feather
English (Daily News Prize) and Geography	Geoffrey Webster
Fifth Form English Certificate (PTA Prize)	David Northcott
Graphics	Chris Pollock
Horticulture (Duncan & Davies Prize)	Andrew Burton
Maori	Douglas Opai
Mathematics	Cameron Skinner
Music and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)	Nicholas Cowles
New Zealand Mathematics Certificate (PTA Prize)	Glynn Holmes
Taranaki Science (PTA Prize)	Paul Sulzberger
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (Trade Tools Ltd Prize) and Workshop Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables Prize)	Matthew Parker
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Design) (General Machinery Prize)	Brent Telfer
Workshop Technology (Wood) (Best Student)	Brad Rowson
Workshop Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize)	Peter Kingsnorth

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Craig Bennett
PTA Prize	Lee Taylor
PTA Prize	Carl Sheridan
PTA Prize	Simon Grimwood

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Daniel Pritchard
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ESSAY

1st Prize	Nicholas Dempsey
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SPECIAL PRIZES

For the student who by virtue of his reliability, ready co-operation, earnest work habits and honest cheerful disposition is a positive example to students who are not among the most able academic Form 5 students.

Norman Wright Memorial Prize	Paul Sulzberger
Best performance in work programme in Work Experience class.	Glynn Holmes
PTA Prize	Kane Rattray
Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize)	Daniel Pritchard
Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup and Prize)	

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (1st in French (French Embassy Prize)	Jacey Connor
2nd Aggregate (1st in Latin)	Trent Corbett
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup and Prize) (1st in History, Accounting, Science and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Andrew Lynch

SIXTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Tabor Prize)	Hamish Gray
Biology (Tabor Prize) and Horticulture (Best Student) (Duncan & Davies Prize)	James Scott
Business Studies (Tabor Prize)	Simon Gibbs
Chemistry (Tabor Prize) and Physics (Tabor Prize)	Edmond Ansari
Chemistry in the Modern World (Tabor Prize)	Tony Feek
Computer Studies (Tabor Prize and Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy)	Andrew Bluck
Design Technology (Wood) (Jones and Sandford Prize)	John Hastie
Design Technology (Metal) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)	Brad Cave
Drama and Media (Tabor Prize)	Blair Northcott
Economics (Tabor Prize)	Geoffrey Thompson
English (Tabor Prize)	Tee Lim
Geography (Tabor Prize)	Matthew Houlit
Graphics (Project) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize) and Physics (Most Improved) (Hurle Cup)	James Thomas

Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize)	Mathew Goodsell
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Alan Malcolm
Journalism (Tabor Prize)	Neville Garven
Legal Studies (Tabor Prize)	Gil Coombe
Maori (Tabor Prize)	Timu Niwa
Mathematics (Tabor Prize)	Andrew Lynch
Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize)	Raymond Harre
Music (Tabor Prize)	Aneel Hay
Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Andrew Gordon
Practical Art (Tabor Prize)	Rodney Fisher

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Solomona Leuelu
London Bookshop Prize	Bruce Howse
	Simon Edgecombe
	Matthew Hook

PTA Prize

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Jay Chapman
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ESSAY

1st Prize - and Best Senior Original Work (Heurtley Memorial Prize)	Aneel Hay
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MUSIC & DRAMA

Choir General Excellence (Faul Challenge Cup) - and Excellence in Drama	Jared Hill
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SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Perseverance and School Spirit Demonstrated in a Form 5 or 6 Maori Student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)	Nicholas Davis
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (1st in Graphics - Theory)	Philip Dickinson
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (1st in History)	Adrian Wilson
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (Top Mark in 1992 School Certificate Mathematics) (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Aggregate for a 1993 Sixth Former in 1992 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize)	Charles De Bock

SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History and English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize)	Michael Frampton
Classical Studies (Sir Ronald Syme Memorial Scholarship)	Andrew Dodd
Economics	Peter Little
English Literature (White Memorial Prize)	Ashley Taylor
French (French Embassy Prize)	David Morel
Geography (David Bennett Prize)	Blair Robinson
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Aaron Wood
History (Brian Bellringer Prize)	Paul Avery
Horticulture	Paul Busing
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Matthew Birch
Physical Education	Willie Stanley
Practical Art (Bradley Graphic Art Prize)	Gareth Edlin
Spanish	Joshua Gayosso
	Robinson

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Jason Tan
London Bookshop Prize	Henry Szetu
	Nicholas Miskelly
	Kyle Nixon

PTA Prize

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize)	Ivan Bruce
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ESSAY

1st Prize	Ronie Asi
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SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) and Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) David Brener
Head Boarder (Eggleston Cup & Prize) and Headmaster's Special Award - for particular contributions to Hockey and Cricket and For the busy participant in the life of the school with full involvement in either cultural or sporting activities or both: A prefect/group leader who strongly demonstrates concern for others and who by personal example

encourages others to have a go and whose reliability and service are outstanding
(Schrader Challenge Trophy and Prize) Greg Paynter
Outstanding record of service to the school (PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prizes) Peter Little
Christopher Surgenor

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

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (1st Chemistry) Dinesh Kathriarachchi
Proxime Accessit (McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) and Best Polynesian or Melanesian student (Maori and Island Affairs Prize) (1st in Biology) (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize) William Szetu
Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (1st in Accounting) (Legal Old Boys' Prize), Physics, Mathematics with Statistics (Harrop Prize) and Mathematics with Calculus) and Special Award for Excellence in Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association). Kent Skinner

JUNIOR PRIZE LIST

THIRD FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Chris Wells
Band Paul Cochrane
French (French Embassy Prize) David Croy
Graphics and Metalwork Larry Blair
Home Economics Kristopher Tong
Latin and Social Studies Rhys Williams
Maori Blair Corlett
Music Matthew Hermanns
Woodwork (Best Student) Mark Bell
Woodwork (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award) Chris Wischnowsky

EFFORT AND PROGRESS Prizes

Nicholas Ferris
Mirai Tomono
Mark Ellis
Shaun Gargan
Matthew Brennan
Alastair Blackler
Adam Goston
Jason Quickenden

Certificates

Economic, English, Japanese Tim Anagnostou
English, Social Studies Ryan Bishop
Mathematics, English Adam Davey
Economics, Science, Japanese Andrew Dawson
Mathematics, Social Studies Robert Eagles
Woodwork, Social Studies Marc Feather
Physical Education, English, Graphics Mark Fisher
Economics, Woodwork, Science David Gibson
English, Mathematics Matthew Gleeson
Mathematics, English, Science Simon Gleeson
English, Physical Education, Metalwork Kurt Horgan
English, Social Studies Greg Jones
Art, Social Studies Luke Kerr
Metalwork, Physical Education Jay Knight
English, Science Bradley Letica
Graphics, Social Studies Ben Lilley
Maori, Economics, Science Jason Lyes
English, Graphics, Social Studies Darren Mackey
Mathematics, Science Glenn Moir
English, Science, Social Studies Brendan Mourie
English, Mathematics Craig Mullan
English, Social Studies Leighton Parsons
Mathematics, Japanese Bryn Plimmer
French, Science Ben Pollard
Economics, Latin Jason Silby
English, French James Smith
Physical Education, Mathematics Ian Steele
Social Studies, Mathematics Troy Taylor
Physical Education, Band Murray Thompson
Mathematics, Japanese Jarrad Tilyard

Graphics, Mathematics Solomon Tringham
Graphics, Japanese Jarrod Ward
Physical Education, Mathematics, English Brett Wright
Graphics, Mathematics, English Chris Wylie

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Prize Nathan Bennett & Jason Row
2nd Prize Jamie Gillies
1st Prize Hugh Cotton

ESSAY

3rd Prize Alastair Blackler
2nd Prize Karl Laird
1st Prize and Best Junior Original Work Steven Holden

MUSIC

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy) Jonathon Watkins

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Perseverance and School Spirit Demonstrated in a F3 Maori student (PTA Prize) David Gibson
Best Aptitude and Training in a Junior Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield and Prize) Duane Old

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate Brent Walker
2nd Aggregate (1st in English) Karl Laird
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (1st in Economics, Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), Mathematics and Science) Steven Holden

FOURTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Anton Berndt
Band Andrew Wilson
Graphics Joshua Hamblyn
Home Economics Simon Johnson
Horticulture Joe Pease
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Bevan Smith
Maori Martin De Bock
Mathematics Raymond Barnes
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) Kent Birchall
Metalwork (Trade Tools Ltd Prize) Gavin Winters
Music and Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) Edmond Wong
Woodwork Darrel Hannon

EFFORT AND PROGRESS Prizes

Craig Cochrane
Simon Cleaver
Simon Pickering
Grant Fabish

Certificates

Social Studies, Japanese Nicholas Allen
English, Graphics, Woodwork Tim Asquith
Music, Science, Latin Simeon Barker
Horticulture, Woodwork Paul Beard
Science, Mathematics Brad Bellamy
English, Social Studies Andrew Bint
Mathematics, Horticulture, Home Economics Rowan Brown
Social Studies, Metalwork Jeremy Clarke
Physical Education, Economics Greg Crofsky
Social Studies, English Iain Doy
Mathematics, Economics Murray Fisher
Graphics, Science Blair Gerrard
English, Art Mark Gordon
English, Maori Dane Haskell
English, Mathematics Matthew Johnson
Science, Mathematics Shannon Jones
Mathematics, Social Studies Clinton Katene
Science, Physical Education, French Nathan Kinera
Science, Social Studies Simon Knowles
Economics, Mathematics Raymond Laurensen
Science, Art Conal McPhillips
English, Social Studies Greg Mitchell
Band, Mathematics Daniel Murphy
Latin, Japanese Gareth Pidgeon
Social Studies, English, Mathematics Damon Rampton

Music, Science Lyndon Stone
English, Social Studies Brennan Thomas
Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical Education Paul Tito

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Prize Matthew Johnson
2nd Prize John Tan
1st Prize (Moss Cup and Prize) and 3rd in Essay Adrian Turner

ESSAY

2nd Prize Daniel Sewell
1st Prize (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize) Sam Hazledine

SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Perseverance and School Spirit Demonstrated in a Form 4 Maori Student (PTA Prize) Quentin Brears
Best Junior Cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize) Chris Burnell
For special services to the School during which personal qualities of diligence, reliability, school spirit and courtesy were demonstrated to a very high order. Quentin Brears
(Headmaster's Special Award) Dean Marshall
Ross Moir

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (1st in French (French Embassy Prize) Sam Hazledine
2nd Aggregate (1st in Latin) Peter Green
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (1st in Economics, English, Science and Social Studies) John Tan

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and either Sporting and/or Cultural Excellence in Form 3 Karl Laird
For Academic and either Sporting and/or Cultural Excellence in Form 4 John Tan
Peter Green
Sam Hazledine

SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

1st in 1500m Evan Miller
Gilmour Cup 800m
1st Javelin Brian Eastgate
1st Shot Put Hayden Eastwood
Edmonds Trophy Discus Simon Edgecombe
Kellar Cup High Jump Hayden Caskey
Castwright Cup Long Jump
Intermediate Champion

SENIOR ATHLETICS

1st High Jump Charlton Leo
1st Discus Albert Seluka
1st Javelin Karam Meuli
1st Triple Jump Eldon Eastgate
1st Long Jump Andy Ilo
Herbert Smith Cup 200m Paul Drake
Old Boys Cup 100m
Old boys Shield 400m Willie Stanley
Senior Champion
Fookes Cup 1500m
Mason Memorial Cup 800m
Gary Towler Cup Athlete of the Year

BADMINTON

Cook & Lister Cup Tee Sern Lim
Open Champion

BASKETBALL

Peter Lay Trophy most improved player Matthew Laurensen

CRICKET

Giddy Shield 2nd XI most improved player Craig Stachurski
Parkinson Cup 1st XI bowling Thomas Henderson
Alistair Jordan Cup Greg Paynter
contributed the most 1st XI
Meuli Cup 1st XI batting

Wolfe Cup BEST ALL ROUNDER Paul Drake

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

College Trophy Greg Roebuck
1st NZ secondary champion
1st NZ open champion
NZ rep Body Boarding

JUNIOR SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Intermediate: Beckbessinger Cup 100m Derek Oldridge
Challenge Cup 200m Derek Oldridge
Bothamely Cup 400m Derek Oldridge

Junior:

1st Javelin Brian Bellamy
1st 100m Daniel Perrett
1st 200m Daniel Perrett
Hermon Cup 400m Daniel Perrett
1st High Jump Jason Rowe
1st Shot Put Jason Rowe
1st Discus Jason Rowe
1st Long Jump Jason Rowe
Garlic Cup Junior Field Champion Jason Rowe
Houston Cup 800m Paul Gibb
Grieve Cup 1500m Paul Gibb
Bennett Cup Junior Champion Paul Gibb

BADMINTON

Issacs Cup Junior Champion Scott MacLean

CADETS

Corp CJ Hamblyn Cup Junior Shooting Champion J. Smith
Ladies Challenge Trophy Best Junior Chris Burnell
Civil Defence Shield Most Improved Junior D. Old

CROSS COUNTRY

Noakes Cup Junior Champion Connell McPhillips

HOCKEY

The Geursen Stick Most Improved Junior James Clough

RUGBY

McKnight Memorial Cup Contributing the most in Form 4 Raymond Laurensen
Jason Duckett Memorial Trophy for Junior Leadership Regan West

SWIMMING

Fox Cup Junior Champion Luke McLeod

TENNIS

Herbert Smith Cup Junior Champion Simon Cleaver

CROSS-COUNTRY

Herbert Smith Cup intermediate champion Michael Smith
1991 Cup senior champion Willie Stanley

HOCKEY

Simonson Cup most improved player Ryan Johnston
Dion Jordan Memorial most valuable player Mark Horgan

RUGBY

Watts Cup most improved 1st XV Simon Gibbs
Leuthart Cup contributed the most Richard Taylor

SKIING

Old Boys Ohakune Trophy Damien Muir
Marie Williams Teams Award (Not presented 1993 lack of snow)

SOCCER

Bert Robson Memorial Cup contributed most to junior soccer Andrew Bean
Coaches Cup contributed most to 1st XI Jonathan Woodward
Burmester Trophy most improved player Hayden Markham
Russell & Hooper Cup most valuable player Rhys McInally

SWIMMING

Challenge Cup intermediate champion
Skyles Memorial Cup senior champion

Kent Bell
Lee Taylor

TENNIS

Burgess Cup most improved player
McKeon Cup intermediate champion
Candy Cup senior champion

Graeme Clark
Brad Martin
Ben Cooper

INTER HOUSE

Burbank Cup Swimming - Syme
Holder Cup Soccer - Hatherly
Kerr Cup Rugby
Hansard Cup Athletics
Crammond Cup Overall Champion

Ronie Asi
Greg Paynter

DAY BOYS VS BOARDERS

Birch Memorial Cup Cricket - Day Boys
Dempsey Shield Swimming
Pease Cup Rugby - Boarders

Paul Busing
Campbell Feather

PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Wednesday, September 21, the finals of the school's speech competition were held in the school library. Very ably organised by Mr Clareburt and chaired most competently by Head Boy, Matthew Laurenson, the evening was a real success with some excellent speeches.

The speeches were as usual adjudicated by Mrs Ida Gaskin, who, after giving the speakers some sound advice on how to improve their technique, announced the following results:

SPEAKER	TOPIC
Form Three	
1st Aaron Schuppan	The Loch Ness Monster
2nd Andrew Gilkison	Anorexia
3rd Jared Green	Nuclear Testing
Form Four	
1st= Matthew Crawford	Frustration
1st= Paul Cochrane	On Being Small
3rd Hugh Cotton	Sleep
Form Five	
1st John Tan	One People
2nd Adrian Turner	Life in the Fast Lane
3rd Martin de Bock	New Zealand Culture
Form Six	
1st Murray Cox	The Legacy of Greece
2nd Trent Corbett	The Supposed Futility of Apparent Existence
Jacey Connor	Individuality
Form Seven	
1st Aneel Hay	New Zealand
2nd Matthew Dravitzki	Child Abuse
3rd= Paul Wolfram	Poetry
3rd= Robert Lancaster	A Happy World is a Fascist World

Early in the year, the Lions held a speech contest for 14-16 year olds in North Taranaki. John Tan entered this contest with a speech entitled 'One Nation, One Family' following the contest's theme of 'The Year of the Family'. John won the contest, earning himself a trip to the United States, and maintaining the school's tradition of doing well in this contest by following Daniel Pritchard's win in 1993.

Aneel Hay was another student who entered major speaking competitions during the year. The first was the Jaycees 'Youth Speaks for New Zealand' Secondary Schools Speech Competition. Aneel's speech was 'The need to recognise a multi-cultural society in New Zealand', and he was a regional finalist.

With that same speech, Aneel spoke in the NZ Lions Young Speechmaker Competition for 17-21 year olds. Sponsored by the Bell Block and Districts Lions Club, he was one of 20 national finalists in Palmerston North in early October. And he was successful! This was an excellent result for Aneel who has put many hours into debating and public speaking on behalf of the school, and to come first and win a four week trip to Britain was a just reward.

KOKIRI TE REO (To Pursue The Language)

E Nga naha, Enga iwi, Enga hapu, Enga manu.
Korero o ia Marae huri noa i te motu nei.
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.
A powhiri (welcome) for the school's overseas students started the Maori Studies year on a positive note. This gave us the opportunity to interact and share with each other biculturally and multiculturally. Hopefully this may continue as an annual event at the start of each year.

Another significant event was the passing away of Dame Whina Cooper. A tribute to her during assembly and backed up by a haka by Maori Studies made the students of the school aware of the work she did for the people of Aotearoa. No Reira ewhaia, Haere i te ara a tane. Moe mai i te moenga roa Moe mai i runga, i te uranga tee whakaaraha, Haere Haere Haere.

A special welcome must be made to Tui and Donna Niwa, our new Maori Board of Trustee members and for their work during this year. He mihi nui kia a korua mo a korua mahi i tenei tau.

Finally to all those people who have supported us and who have worked towards developing an understanding of our dual heritage, a very warm thank you to you.

No Reira Kati aku korero i konei.

Naku noe.

CHRIS LUKE.



THE LIBRARY

This year has seen numerous changes in staff. We started the year with Mrs Crawford and since her leaving at the end of the first term we have had Mr Mitchell. This has resulted in the library receiving its much better and brighter layout and display ideas. As promised this year we now have a much better computer system. After all of the start up bugs had been removed, we purchased Microsoft 'Encarta'. This new encyclopaedia offers better information, and being idiot proof to use makes the finding of information child's play.

Our book buying has doubled in the last year particularly in the fiction side of things. Some new titles to look out for are 'The Night Manager' by John le Carre and 'The Shining Ones' by David Eddings. The non-fiction books are well stocked and we always have a wide range of new books available and we do purchase appropriate books on request by either staff or students.

In the future, the Library has planned to expand the computer network with the addition of another OPAC terminal and a multi-disc CD-ROM machine allowing the Library to offer up to six CDs at once. The old card catalogue system has now been withdrawn since all current information is now available through the computers.

Our prices have not changed this year although we now have a much wider range of binding covers available. Still only 20c for either A4 or A3 size. We have three sizes of binding covers, the small is only \$2.60, medium \$3.00 and \$4.00 for the extra large size. Printing from the CD-ROM is now only 20c per page.

Finally this year I would like to thank those people who have made the Library operate as efficiently as it has done. Mrs Crawford, Mr Mitchell, Mrs van Beers and Mrs Ryder plus all of my junior librarians, without whom our job would be incredibly difficult.

KERRY JONES, Head Librarian 1993-94.

SCHOOL ROLL

B1

Blair Gerrard
Jason Gilbert
Shane Gilbert
Mark Gordon
Steven Hadland
Matthew Hall
Richard Hargreaves
Dean Harris
Peter Harrison
Braden Haupapa
Mark Henderson
Mark Honnor
Nathan Johnson
Ryan Johnston
Ian Lewis
Paul Maxted
Tane Maxwell
Simon McAllum
Damian McCarten
Matthew McKay
Jeffrey Mitchell
James Murphy
Daniel Nelson
Paul Nicholson
Glenn Plowright

B2

Peter Green
Joshua Hamblyn
Troy Hancock
Jarred Hancox
Darrel Hannon
Matthew Harmer
Shaun Harrold
Brendon Harvey
Bryce Hayman
Scott Hayston
Corey Hayter
Damien Hegley
Kris Herbert
Mathew Hermanns
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 Greg Lawn
 Richard Lawn
 Kane McIntyre
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OLD BOYS NOTES

The beginning of 1994 saw the recognition of the services of John McIntyre to NPBHS with the award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. John was born in Inglewood and educated at Waitui Primary and NPBHS. He is a past president and life member of the School's PTA and a past president of the Old Boys' Association. John joined the Board of Governors in 1980 and was chairman from 1983 - 1989. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1989 - 1992 and chaired the property management committee. He has also been the guiding force behind the L. A. Alexander Trust. John has also worked tirelessly for Pukeiti and has been elected to the Trust Board.

With the encouragement of the School's Board of Trustees, the Old Boys' Association and the School's Centennial Trust, Jack West has completed his well researched book "Lest we Forget", which contains pen portraits of up to 600 words on each of 227 Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II. Terry O'Meagher has been assisting with the editing and publishing.

Three prominent old boys are supporting moves to replenish the sand on New Plymouth's beaches. Lynn Bublitz as chairman of the New Plymouth District Council's Community Services Committee wants Westgate (the Port Company) to dump its dredgings of sand right on the beach, not in several metres of water as they did in the 1989 - 1990 trial. Taranaki Regional Councillor, long time surf life-saving member and chairman of the Beach Action Group, Barry Marsh is calling for action from Westgate who he blames for the problem. Former Mayor of New Plymouth and noted surf life-saver David Lean is also supporting the cause stating that Westgate is owned in effect by the people of Taranaki and the public could well expect a dividend like replenishing the beaches with sand.

Rex Phillips has clocked up more than a few miles in the motor industry but has now retired as managing director of W. R. Phillips Ltd, a firm started in 1946 by his father which now has the Mitsubishi dealership. Rex's younger brother Neil succeeds him as managing director. Rex, who is a former member of The School's Board of Governors, now looks forward to his retirement which will enable him to spend more time with his family, paint the beach cottage, do the garden and play some bowls.

Since the Wright family farm in the remote Okoki Valley was converted into an outdoor pursuits centre, thousands of children, mainly from local intermediate schools have visited "Gumboot Gully" the brainchild of Ian Wright. Usually parties of about 30 visit and stay 4-5 days but Ian has found that the accompanying adults want to do the same things, so he is virtually running two camps, one for children and one for adults.

Taranaki families are being given the chance to take part, free of charge, in a project called Gain, which is aimed at solving their problems. The programme has an 'international year of the family' focus and the two facilitators are John Lander, former guidance counsellor at NPBHS and Dave Treeby.

Rick Weber, at school in the late sixties, has been appointed managing director of BP New Zealand. Rick graduated from Auckland University in 1973 with a degree in Science and went to work in Kuwait as a geophysical engineer. He continued to work mainly in the Middle East but had one brief spell in Taranaki in 1979. Rick joined BP in 1981 and has completed an executive programme at Harvard Business School. Based in Melbourne prior to his appointment, he will be the youngest person to hold this NZ position. Rick has not forgotten his old school and came to NP and played in the Old Boys' Golf tournament with his long-time friend Ken Holyoake. Another appointment of note is that of Malcolm McCaw who succeeds Sir Spender Russell as chairman of the board of the National Bank of New Zealand. Malcolm had previously been the deputy chairman.

Tony Powell has given 35 years voluntary service to the NP Fire Police. His retirement marks the end of an era for his family which has had 120 years continuous fire brigade service. His grandfather was the chief in Wanganui for many years and his father served in Wanganui, Hawera and New Plymouth. Well known NP employment activist Vivian Hutchison visited China recently as part of a Prominent Persons Delegation. He was left with the overwhelming impression of a country in immense turmoil. Vivian saw sister cities as a royal road to joint enterprises. Another to advocate closer links with China was Lynn Bublitz who visited China in May. Lynn concluded that closer relations with Kunnan Province could bring advantages to Taranaki in the horticultural area.

Headmaster Tom Ryder has announced his retirement, which will take effect at the end of term one 1995. Old Boys will then have the opportunity to pay tribute to his achievements during his 16 years at the School. Most obvious are the upgrading of buildings, grounds and facilities, the encouragement of academic excellence, the participation and achievement in sport and cultural activities and the success of the school's boarding operation.

Wade Scott and his wife Julie have gone to Japan to New Plymouth's sister city of Mishima to teach English. They both hold Bachelors degrees in Education and Teaching Diplomas. They will be in Japan on a one year contract working with secondary school students, assisting Japanese Teachers of English. Paddy Crofskey is doing his bit to keep the peace in war-torn Bosnia. As a NZ Army Captain, Paddy is one of nine NZ military observers serving the UN Protection Force. Paddy's posting is for one year. Paddy has been married for a year, but as Michelle serves in the navy they have not seen much of each other, nor will they for some time. Tony Wilson has taken command of the 5th Battalion of the Wellington, West Coast, Taranaki Regiment. Tony's interest in cadets at NPBHS led him into the Territorials and now as a Lt. Colonel succeeds Lt. Colonel Tim Brewer as commanding officer. In private life Tony is the NP District Council's Public Health Engineer.

Hayden Chisholm was home from the school of Music in Cologne for his summer break. Hayden has been studying jazz performance for the past 18 months and hopes to be a professional jazz musician. His daily practice sessions on the saxophone can last up to 10 hours. Terry Urbahn, who has been exhibitions officer at New Plymouth's Govett Brewster Art Gallery has gone to Wellington to take up a new challenge with the Museum of New Zealand. Terry is well known for his ability as a painter and sculptor and his participation in cricket and rock bands. The Gallery's new education officer is Chris Barry. After attending NPBHS, Chris studied at the Elam School of Fine Arts at Auckland University gaining a Master of Fine Arts degree. Chris is an artist in his own right and had his first solo exhibition in Auckland last year. In his new job he will be focusing on alerting students to art and liaising with Taranaki Schools and the Polytechnic.

The annual Old Boys' golf tournament was held at the New Plymouth Golf Club in September. The McNaught cup for best nett was won by Don Crossan, Bobby Thompson won the Alexander Salver for best stableford and Ken Holyoake retained the PA Powell Memorial Cup for the best gross score. Other prize winners were Brian Broome, Ross Crow, Peter Bishop, Bernard Sullivan, Paul Urbahn and Brian Busing. The Ladies section was won by Bev. Carroll. The 1992 Eisenhower Trophy-winning golf team were popular winners of the Halberg Award. This was another triumph for Grant Moorhead whose professional career continues to flourish with further wins on the Pacific Islands circuit. Grant's father Tom, now proprietor of the Ngamotu Golf Shop, has also had a good year with a hole-in-one and a win in the club's senior stroke play championship. Other son Paul is a current member of the Taranaki Team and is working hard to improve his game. Max Carroll completes his term as Captain of the NP Golf Club in November. It has been a busy two years for Max with the club hosting both the NZ Men's and Women's Championships and the club celebrating its centenary.

John Honnor's new position with the International Life Saving Federation means that Taranaki will have a direct say in the administration of life-saving worldwide. John will be one of 12 members of the international board, three of whom represent Asia-Oceania.

Ross Field, winner of the Whitbread 60 round the world yacht race in Yamaha, visited his old school and spoke at assembly. Ross began sailing P-class yachts in New Plymouth at the age of nine. After leaving NPBHS at age 17 he went to Police College, graduated and went to Auckland. He began full-time sailing in 1983. Ross was helmsman for Digby Taylor on NZI Enterprise and was watch captain on Peter Blake's Steinlager II.

In basketball the NP BP Bears did not have a great season but two old boys who were always prominent were team captain John Carr and Blair Hicks who also help coach NPBHS teams. Rhys Powell is still highly regarded as a squash player and won the Kawarua Park Summer Open. His younger brother Lane has returned from Australia and has taken up golf. Cricketer Gary Robertson is now in the travel business and enjoys organising sporting tours. The NP Old Boys Surf Life Saving Club won the Patrol of the Year Award with the patrol co-ordinator being none other than David Lean. Douglas Mace is perhaps best remembered shot put and the discus. Nowadays he is making a name for himself as a weightlifting coach. He coached the Stratford High School girls team to a national victory. Michael Fleming could not quite repeat his grand slam of 3 Taranaki Open championships of last year but still remained number one for the Taranaki Tennis team. Jody Brewer, well remembered as a promising rugby number eight has returned home and is now a rugby league prop with the Taranaki Rockets. Russell Dempster had a good season with the Taranaki Cricket Team and was a key player in the U-bix Cup win. Russell was awarded the team man of the year award. Not only did he have some fine left hand spin bowling performances, like 6-19 against Wanganui but also proved very useful with the bat. Karl O'Dowda led Otago B at cricket last year and played three games for the A team while local veterans and ex New Zealand players, Alistair Jordan and Gary Robertson only managed a handful of club games.

On the rugby scene Andrew Slater led New Plymouth Old Boys to a repeat win in the Taranaki Club Championship. With Old Boys celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, the win was most welcome. With nearly all the team being ex NPBHS First XV members the win also reflected well on the school. Andrew took over the captaincy of Taranaki after the injury to Mark Allen but unfortunately the team was unable to keep their division one status. A number of ex NPBHS players were in the Taranaki side this year including Todd Wolfe, Dudley Asi, Ryan Wheeler, Andrew Slater, Gordon Slater, Scott Lines, Darryl Lilley, Michael Carr and Thomas Trowern. Gordon Slater toured Argentina with the NZ Development team and also played in the final All Black Trial at Napier. Todd Wolfe was recognised by the NZ Rugby Almanac when they named him as one of the five most promising players for the 1993 season when he scored 10 tries for Taranaki. A broken jaw cost Scott Lines a game against Western Samoa which was to have been his first full game for Taranaki. Jason Holland continues to perform well for Manawatu in the number 10 jersey, often playing outside Craig Taylor. Jason has also been a wicket-keeper batsman for the Taranaki Cricket team over the summer months, but from now on will remain in Manawatu. Lee Jones and Dan Smith are both making names for themselves in Waikato Rugby circles with outstanding performances at club and colts level. It was disappointing that the services of Graham Mourie were not wanted by the NZRFU, and it is to be hoped that he will not be put off by this rejection. Similarly in the case of Murray Kidd and the King Country Union. The talents of both men should be fully utilised for the sake of NZ rugby.

Local musicians, singers and instrumentalists gathered in a packed St Andrews Church in May to pay tribute to the late Ron Smith who died last year. Ron had been the Church's musical director and had been closely involved with the NP Orchestra and the Ars Nova Choir, both of whom performed at this public concert in his memory.

During the past year the school lost a number of its Old Boys and some very keen supporters. Two outstanding supporters were Ethel Shaw, who maintained and operated the second-hand uniform shop at the School for many years and the School's first Bursar, Ron Goddard. Ron gave excellent service first as chairman of the School's PTA and later as a member of the School's Board of Governors. Ron almost single handedly was responsible for saving our famous tiger jacket from extinction. His outstanding work as Bursar had enabled the school to operate so successfully under its own Board of Trustees with the Board Office situated within the School.

Max Patten was an accomplished bowler and administrator of the game and once defeated the great Peter Bellis in the second round of post section play at the NZ championships. A stalwart and past secretary of the Paritutu Club, Max had been an archives officer with the NP District Council. Barry Garcia was well known for his long service as circulation manager for Taranaki Newspapers. He was President of the NPRSA Indoor Bowling Club and a past president of the Fitzroy Surf Club. Barry took up golf when he retired in 1990, and died following a round at Kaitake.

One of Otago University's oldest graduates Kenneth Roberts died in England. Dr. Roberts was born in Inglewood and attended NPBHS before studying at Otago and Kings College London where he completed a PH.D. in Chemistry. He made a name for himself early in life as a climber and explorer in the Fiordland area of NZ. Graeme Boone, known to most people as Dan, was a prominent runner as a young man and later developed an interest in cricket. He was patron of the Fitzroy Cricket Club and well respected as an umpire and administrator.

A pioneering figure in agricultural economics, Ivan Wingate Weston, died recently in Christchurch at the age of 99. Ivan was born in Alfredton in the Wairarapa and was Dux of NPBHS in 1913. Dr Weston was a farm economist at Lincoln College from 1928 to 1959. Jim Scoullar will be remembered fondly by Welbourn residents for his excellent service. Jim's Foodtown was held in high regard by New Plymouth shoppers.

Scott Chadwick received full military honours with an honour guard of 50 soldiers. The young sapper, based in Linton, was killed when the truck he was travelling in rolled on the Parapara Hills. Over 700 people attended Scott's funeral at St. Marys in New Plymouth, a tribute to this popular young soldier who was training to be a field engineer.

A deep abiding love of Mt Egmont ended with the death of Dave Rawson. Dave had climbed the mountain many hundreds of times, served for 21 years on the Egmont Park Board and had written about the volcano and its surroundings. He was awarded the MBE in 1970 for his services to search and rescue. Dave also had a long involvement with the military, serving with the 27th Machine Gun Battalion in WWII after pre-war service with the Taranaki Regiment. Following the war he served with the Territorial force, rising to the rank of Major.

The school lost a highly respected former staff member in Ernie Abraham. Ernie was born in Palmerston North and educated at Palmerston North Boys' High School and Canterbury University before serving overseas during World War II with 75 Bomber Squadron, flying

Lancasters for which he was awarded the DFC. After operating a country store and owning a hotel Ernie resumed teaching at Waverley DHS before moving to NPBHS where he taught from 1966 to 1985 and became Head of the Social Studies Department. Ernie had been president of a number of organisations, including the Patea Bowling and Golf clubs, the East End Bowling Club and the Taranaki Bowling Centre. It was pleasing to see his wife Muriel, who had also taught at NPBHS when needed, awarded a QSM in the New Years Honours List for public service.

A former Taranaki representative in several sports, R. A. (Dump) Petty, was still a pupil at NPBHS when he represented Taranaki at rugby against Wellington and was Taranaki's only points scorer.

A Tukapastalwart, Dump was an All Black Triallist in 1927 and played cricket for Taranaki as a wicket keeper. He also represented his province at swimming and diving and was a keen golfer and bowler.

Bay of Plenty rugby and cricket lost an outstanding administrator with the death in Rotorua of Leith Pattie. Leith was an accomplished player of both sports at NPBHS but it is as an administrator that he will be best remembered. After attending Auckland Teachers' College he taught at Paengaroa High School and Fairhaven Primary and was Principal of Malfroy Primary from 1969 until his retirement seven years ago. Leith was Secretary of the Bay of Plenty RFU from 1975 - 1990 and President of the BOP Cricket Association for 6 years. He managed the BOP Senior Cricket team for 25 successive years. Another to pass away very recently was former boarder Marcus MacKenzie, of Stratford.



IN MEMORY OF YOUNG LIVES LOST IN WORLD WAR II

'Let We Forget' is a memorial and a tribute to the 227 Old Boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School who lost their lives as servicemen during World War II, the years 1939-45.

'Lest We Forget' is a substantial publication - substantial in its meticulous research, in its pursuit of human and historical accuracy, in its global breadth and scope concerning the deployment of the servicemen concerned, and in its endeavour to portray the young, brief lives of so many fine young men.

It may never clearly be established, but it is understood that no other secondary school in New Zealand, whether private or public, gave so many dead to the Allied cause in World War II in the proportion of roll numbers as New Plymouth Boys' High School. Such reflection takes no pride in statistical acclaim, but some pride in the observation that the

school, with its sturdy and long-established traditions in the pursuit of excellence in its many forms, played its role in the international conflict of World War II.

Against this background, Jack West of New Plymouth, has devoted some six years of his life to researching and writing the lives of those 227 Old Boys who died. The book, in character, is a series of pen portraits, tracing events and circumstances from school days, through service experience, to the final death of each of the servicemen. Each pen portrait is accompanied by a photograph of the deceased Old Boy with, regrettably, just three exceptions. Assiduous research and enquiry, literally covering years, by Jack West has failed to unearth the three missing portraits.

'Lest We Forget' has been prepared with the encouragement and approval of the Board of Trustees of New Plymouth Boys' High School and is published under the auspices of, and funded by, the New Plymouth Boys' High School Centennial Trust. The publication is intended to be an extension of the school's World War II memorials and its aim is to record, in specific detail, the individual sacrifice of those young men who passed through the school a half-century ago.

All of the people involved with the publication, above all author Jack West, have planned it to be a memorial of quality to the young men who died and who, in essence, are the inspiration for the book.

New Plymouth Boys' High School is deeply indebted to the widows, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and close friends of the deceased Old Boys who have assisted Jack West through the long years of his research and writing.

Without their sympathetic help and encouragement - no doubt with some nostalgic pain as old memories were revived - the underlying human fabric of this book would not have been possible. Jack West comments that in all situations his inquiries were met with courtesy, understanding and a willingness to help - qualities in themselves which reflect a further tribute to the family member lost so many years ago.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It gave me pleasure to be re-elected as President at the Annual General Meeting held on March 3, 1994, following the school athletic sports. This date has been set for AGM to coincide more closely with the financial year ending December 31, executive and committee are elected early in the financial year and several Old Boys' parents attend the athletic sports.

In attendance at the AGM were 43 Old Boys, Headmaster Tom Ryder (Patron), Board Chairman John Eagles, and staff members. President, Headmaster Brian Bellringer (1947-53), and Committee Jed Rowlands, Ross Crow, Murry Grimwood, John Washer, Doug Harvie, Ken Mitchell, Alan Herbert.

Office bearers elected: Patron Tom Ryder, President Michael Bryant (1957-61), Secretary (since appointed from committee) Paul Anderson, Treasurer Brian Bellringer (1947-53), and Committee Jed Rowlands, Ross Crow, Murry Grimwood, John Washer, Doug Harvie, Ken Mitchell, Alan Herbert.

Sincere thanks of appreciation were extended to the following - Robert Mills, retiring Secretary, for his 11 years of dedicated service to the Association; Board Representatives, Neil Wolfe, Doug Harvie, John Washer, retaining their strong interest in the School as Old Boys and parents; Jack West, for his continued expertise, dedication and commitment in the finalising of the records on war dead Old Boys from the Second World War for the publication of the book 'Lest We Forget'. (Due to proof reading and publication, the release of the book has been delayed to late 1994); the Headmaster and Patron of the Association Tom Ryder, Staff, Board Chairman John Eagles and Board Members, PTA, for your services to the School to retain NPBHS in very high esteem and also your support to the Old Boys' Association.

Fijian Branch: Thank you for your very strong and active support. Congratulations on your branch in finalising the Scholarship Fund to send yet another Sixth Form student to NPBHS in 1994, Jone Nasome - settled and joined into Hostel and School life with the honour of selection in the 1st XV rugby squad along with fellow Fijian student, Eldon Eastgate. The parent body has accepted to support and assist this student (when required). Also thank you for hosting the Headmaster Tom Ryder and his wife Joan for a week in January this year, when the scholarship was presented to Jone Nasome.

The Association is indebted to the Board and Hostel for the financial assistance in the publication of our 1994 Old Boys' Newsletter. To Ken Mitchell (Old Boy, staff member), thank you for accepting the role as editor for our 1994 Newsletter - an excellent presentation.

Business arising from AGM -

1. To update the Constitution and rules of the Old Boys' Association.

2. It was constitutionally passed to create a 'Friends of the School' under the auspices of the Old Boys' Association, for non Old Boy parents who wish to retain an affiliation with the School by becoming members for such, by way of payment of an annual subscription of \$10.00.

Finance: With interest rates reduced drastically in recent years, our income is likewise approximately \$1000. A grant of \$400 was made to the Headmaster's Fund, but refunded back to the Association to promote itself, if required.

John McIntyre - foundation Chairman of the Alexander Agriculture Farm Trust Inc 1987, presented to the Headmaster a photo of the farm property and gave a report on the Trust. The Trust property appointed from each NP Boys' and Girls' High School, Spotswood College and Polytechnic Boards. The Trust has granted over \$330,000 towards Student Bursaries, including Old Boys and Girls, and School Student Curriculum to 14 secondary schools throughout Taranaki.

1994 Old Boys' Newsletter was circulated to all known Old Boys. This has been very well received and appreciated by all Old Boys in updating them with the School's progress, achievements and sports fixtures for 1994. The School Board and Association's aim is to circulate an Annual Newsletter. Unfortunately many Newsletters are returned as 'incorrect address'. Old Boys' assistance in updating their or fellow Old Boy addresses would be more than appreciated along with any Old Boys' news.

Old Boys support at sporting fixtures through the winter term, more particularly the 1st XV rugby classes against Hamilton Boys' High, Silverstream, Wanganui Collegiate and Te Aute, was greatly appreciated. To view the match against Hamilton Boys' High School 1st XV (at Hamilton) a great turnout of 50-odd Old Boys toed the sideline and vocally encouraged NPBHS to a 43-6 victory. Among the supporters was John Symes, Auckland Branch President. Wellington Branch President John Davies attended the Silverstream match. At the two home games on the Gully against Palmerston North and Christchurch Boys' High School, the usual strong vocal Old Boys' support was present which at all times is appreciated by the boys.

Once again the annual Day Boys versus Boarders rugby clash took place on September 27. A keenly, well contested game took place with the Boarders scraping home as the winners in the last minute of the game 20-15.

In the last three years NPBHS in conjunction with NP Girls' High School, have had a site at the National Agricultural Fielddays, with display boards of school buildings, activities, sport, etc, to promote the School and Boarding Hostel. The Old Boys' Association have been supportive of this and the interest from Old Boys is always very encouraging.

The present Committee is proposing to hold a dinner or ball in June 1995 in conjunction with Boarders' Open Weekend. Confirmation of details later.

The Annual Old Boys' Golf Tournament was held on September 25, 1994 at Ngamotu Golf Course. Thirty-seven Old Boys played, results detailed in Old Boys' Notes.

The Old Boys' Association acknowledges the services and dedication of Rendell Brine in collating Old Boys' news and records for the Taranakian and Newsletters.

Bereavement - Old Boy Scott Chadwick (1986-90) was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident while in his army training career. The Old Boys' Association extends their condolences to the Chadwick family.

To conclude, on behalf of the Parent Body, I encourage all Old boys and future Old Boys to be supportive of the Association and the School. Your contribution, financially, materialistically or supportively, will always be appreciated by either the Parent Body or any branch of the Old Boys' Association.

Old Boys' membership subscription is \$25.00.

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MICHAEL BRYANT, President.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS ETHEL SHAW

I first met Ethel at a PTA meeting in the staff room at Boys' High in 1979. She was older than the other mothers, plainly dressed, a large hand-bag by her chair, her hair groomed back into a bun, her head slightly on one side, listening intently to proceedings.

Then she was asked to report on the Clothing Shop, and I got to know Mrs Shaw the clothing lady. A clear report of stock sold, of stock in hand and cash in the bank, every cent accounted for.

And for years I listened to those reports, about a kind of independent company within the PTA. I visited the old shop, and agreed to her request to have it enlarged. She was so grateful for anything done for her.

You would have thought the few new shelves, and some frames to hang jackets on, were big wins on lotto. That was Ethel. And she was always thinking how she could improve service to others. The clothes had to be clean and mended, and at a fair price, and she took them home to wash and mend and label.

The shop was her domain, but as Clive and Adrian and Denis and Robin knew, it overflowed into that remarkable open home, high up on the shoulder of Eliot Street, overlooking the town and the sea.

I visited the Shaw home a number of times, (what guest was never made welcome), and as I remember those visits, it was always sunny, like the disposition of the family and the wife and mother.

In that large open living room, boxes and racks were everywhere, it was a kind of giant wardrobe for NPBHS, and only Ethel could have so used her home and only such a tolerant family could have endured it.

And whenever a new enrolling mother expressed concern about uniform, I would ring Ethel. She seemed always to be there, waiting for the call, and everything would be dropped and that old-fashioned, kind lady would walk up the hill to meet the needy at the shop, and always there was satisfaction.

Ethel was an institution. She gave similar, patient service to the Central School Library, a lady whose life was given to service: the service of her husband and her boys, and service to the schools which had educated the boys, long after the boys had left.

And she had the power of the purse. In those early years, Harry Duynhoven, at my request, had developed an engineering programme for Form 6, and like all resourceful teachers, he had a vision and needed a milling machine to realise it.

Such machines are sophisticated and expensive and not part of the stock of High Schools. Harry is persuasive, but I could only help to the extent of \$1,000! At my suggestion, he went to the PTA as another possible source of help. He did, and he made a good case and after an hour the Executive voted him \$1,000. Oh joy, but we were still \$2,000 light and in the perplexed hush that followed, Ethel took out her note book from the large bag, and stated that she was impressed by the case Mr Duynhoven had presented, and then told a stunned Executive that she could find \$2,000 to make the dream come true. The Milling Machine remains a key item in the Senior Engineering Workshop, with a name plate on the base, and the bold inscription in red on an aluminium background is simple.

Ethel properly earned a New Plymouth Citizen award for her outstanding services to the community.

Equally appropriately, she was made the first life-member of the school's PTA.

And yet, when she was 70 and finished with the shop, I could only turn to her to find Donegal tweed jackets, caps and navy blue trousers and flannelette shirts, the uniform of more than 20 years ago, to dress the boy models in the school's museum opened at our 110th Jubilee in 1992. She rummaged in boxes and came up with everything we needed.

Even now, the Shaw boys are parcelling up items the school may have a use for that Ethel had husbanded.

Ethel loved her family and she loved people. She had a kind word for everyone and she made everyone who dealt with her feel good.

That was the way my wife Joan and I still found her when we visited her in hospital just a few weeks ago.

If I may modify Shakespeare ever so slightly:

"Her life was calm and good and the elements so mixed in her that Nature might stand up and say of her - This was a gentle woman."

T. T. RYDER, Headmaster.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNIE ABRAHAM - MASTER AT NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1966-84

Whenever a new headmaster takes up his position he is never unmindful of the character, attitude and influence of much older and very experienced teachers - already in the school. On my arrival at New

Plymouth Boys' High School in 1979 one such teacher was Ernie Abraham - a war-time pilot in the 75th bomber squadron with a DFC to prove his mettle!

I need not have been concerned. Ernie was no prickly old warrior, stiff-necked and resistant to anything that smacked of change. He was welcoming from the outset; in some ways a retiring man, but with a ready smile and a benign face - of high colour with tufts of grey hair about the ears - generally wearing a comfortable cardigan with one pocket cradling a packet of essential cigarettes - and in a social setting with a glass in his hand, the eyes twinkled and animation bubbled up.

Early in 1979 I had to deal immediately with a serious staffing shortage. We had no Form Seven Accounting teacher and at my first briefing of the staff I sent out the SOS. Shortly after, Ernie quietly approached and told me he knew a woman who might do the job. "Who," I asked, "and does she know her stuff?" "Oh yes," he replied, "she's a qualified accountant and I think I can vouch for her - she is my wife!" "What a blessing, and is she a trained teacher?" "No," he admitted, "but she can talk!" And so I met the spirited, vivacious component of the partnership and Muriel joined the staff and fired up our Senior Accountancy class for two years. And Ernie had done me the first of many favours.

Not long after, Leonard Cheshire, VC, DSO, and DFC of Dam Buster fame visited New Plymouth and the school, and Ernie approached me and asked for a favour - "Of course, what is it?" He replied "that not all British Officers were first class - but this man is special and I would love to meet him". And so it was arranged - and the bomber pilots chattered eagerly until the great man was ushered into assembly. The Daily News took a photo of Cheshire, Abraham and Ryder that day and published it. A copy hangs in my office. At the centre is Ernie in his cardigan, smiling benignly - and when I leave Boys High, that photo will come down and go with me.

Ernie's mana with his colleagues was very high and he was the teachers' representative on the Board of Governors. He was never given to holding the floor at those meetings, but when he did speak, everyone listened. And if he thought anything involving the boys or the staff was unjust or had the slightest whiff of humbug about it, he would rise to the attack - and he didn't mince words!

There was one place, however, where Ernie did hold court - in the back bar of the State Hotel - with a beer in one hand and smoke curling from a cigarette in the other - he drew men of every kind and age like a magnet. It was the nearest thing, I suppose, to the mess he would retire to after a bombing raid.

I have met people from all over Taranaki who know and admire the Abrahams - bowlers, of course, teachers, farmers, bankers, shop-keepers and labourers. And always there are stories featuring the character of that remarkable pair - directly spoken, always hospitable, kindly and thoughtful - the man who resumed teaching at NPBHS in 1966 - much loved by his history students, and boys of the house he was head of - and the school at large - deeply respected and admired by colleagues until his retirement in 1984.

But his service to the school continued until 1990 as a supervisor of School Certificate examinations - and it was characteristic of Ernie that he would give me a report on the good conduct of the boys - who meant so much to him.

"They are courteous to the women supervisors who help me - they work on to the end of the examination time - there are always volunteers to help me tidy up - when the exam is concluded."

That thoughtfulness, and encouragement were typical of the man and the teacher.

He was an old war-time warrior, of course - but only to serve the interests of good people living and working in times of peace.

T. T. RYDER, Headmaster.

A TRIBUTE TO MR RON GOODARE - 1933 - 1994

In any school, parents are bound to feature. But there are some who rise well above the status of clients. They are the folk who are prepared to give time and skills voluntarily to enhance the school's performance, not just for their child, but for all students, and one such person was Ron Goodare. Through the functioning of the school's excellent Parent-Teacher Association, he was one of the stars in the firmament.

Back in the 1970s and early '80s the school had a very special problem. The Tiger Jacket - a resplendent garment of gold, black and white stripes, that indicated the wearer had distinguished himself in a sport or cultural activity, was like New Zealand's Black Robin - on the verge of extinction. Woollen fabric was expensive, mills weren't interested in producing small quantities and we were down to our last twenty jackets, acquired from loyal old boys, and constant lending and sharing meant the last of the species was rapidly wearing out.

The 'Tiger' was doomed and the new Headmaster, the PTA and staff could only contemplate disaster - when up spoke Ron. "Why, Tom, should a new headmaster think only in traditional terms? This is a new age, the age of synthetics. Let's switch to a polyester. It will be durable, it will hang better, it will be colourfast and best of all it will be less than half the cost of wool. What's more, I know a mill in Levin that can do it, if we buy a reasonable quantity. I can also point the way to a local manufacturer who is an excellent cutter and maker and we can finish up with a product that the school and the boys will be proud of." And so it came to pass.

Phoenix-like, the Tiger Jacket, unique among New Zealand's and the world's schools was reborn. The Head Boy and House Captains at this service today, wear the evidence.

That was Ron - practical, sensible, a thorough problem solver, who worked without fuss.

Ron went on to be a governor of the school, serving on the board, making his input to the construction of the new baths, and for three years was one of a group of men who breathed life into the L. A. Alexander Educational Trust, which now gives invaluable service to all Taranaki students with a commitment to horticulture and agriculture.

Finally, when the government's reforms gave rise to self-managing schools in 1989, Ron returned to New Plymouth from Wellington to become our first bursar, as, after generations of dependence on the department of education and a down-town office, we set up our own secretarial and accounting service at the school.

That was a huge task, picking up a myriad of threads, disentangling our affairs from those of Girls' High, Spotswood College and Hawera High School, and administering the very big business of a very large boarding school unaided.

- It took judgement to select the right supporting staff - Ron had it;
- It took patience and perseverance to move from near chaos to system and order - Ron had both;
- It took endurance to work the long hours involved - often seven days a week;
- It took personal skills of tact and calmness to deal with people who were all looking for quality performance immediately;
- It took loyalty and a spirit of service way beyond the normal and Ron, with the support of his good wife, Barbara, had all the essential qualities.

And when the hard work was over, and with smoother waters ahead, motor neurone syndrome (MNS) struck. If ever Ron's evenness of temper and calm philosophy were needed, it has been over the last two to three years. He continued to work for one of them and with a sense of humour "Tom", he said to me one day in his office in his quiet subdued voice "May I bring my bike to school - right up the passage and to my desk?" "Of course", I replied. "Good," he said, "I'll be the only person in the history of NPBHS to ride a bike into the very heart of the school and get away with it".

Like everyone else here today, I salute the personal example, the good spirit of service, fine citizenship and personal friendship of Ron Goodare.

END OF THE ROAD

Today's encounter between the day boys and the boarders is, as usual, the finale of rugby at NPBHS for another season. But to a large percentage of the players - and, sadly too, myself - it is our swansong to rugby as students at NPBHS.

This match, during my time, has always been a rugged one; both sides, in particular the boarders, have played with pride. Today shall be no different. The boarders, though, must go in as firm favourites. They have a number of gifted players, starting with Keryn Amon and Simon Gibbs. In fact, no fewer than 14 of their players were members of this year's 1st XV. However, Mark Nielsen, Brad Cave and others will never lie down, even if the boarders won 33-0 last year.

How times have changed! In my first year here (1990) there were no more than 5 boarders in the 1st XV. Last year's win was the first win by the boarders in 8 years.

Even if the boarders were heavily out-skilled (on paper) in 1990, they certainly didn't show it on the field. The day boys held on to win 10-9, and yes, you guessed it, I still have that very programme today. For the record, Jeffrey Niwa (now of basketball fame) scored a try and Taranaki Colt Dean Magon kicked 2 penalties for the day boys. Meanwhile, NZ University and Manawatu rep, Craig Taylor, landed 3 penalties for the boarders. The day boys followed suit in '91 and '92.

It would be Taylor who sticks out in my mind as the finest player I have seen at NPBHS. (This, interestingly, is also the view of the NZ selectors - he was the only one ever selected in the NZ schoolboy side in my time).

But there have been many other players who have gone on to make a name for themselves in rep. rugby - Lines, Lilley and Wheeler (Taranaki), Jones (Waikato), Talakai (Tonga and Hawke's Bay) and Holland (Manawatu).

These and many other great players were moulded together by that doyen of coaches, Mr Jeremy Rowlands - or simply "Jed" to many - to create a formidable record in college games; 26 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses, culminating in a clean sweep in 1990 and a world title in 1992. Throw in 3 from 6 for this year's team, under new coach D. Atkins, and it can be seen - as plain as a pikestaff - that NPBHS is an outstanding rugby school. Farewell!

"See you on the terraces today!"

GRANT HASSALL, Retiring Chief Programme Distributor.

TO THOSE NOT RETURNING ...

Another year has passed, and yet again it is time to say farewell. Goodbyes are always difficult, but when one knows that the young men who are leaving have every possible opportunity to do well and push themselves to the limit in the academic, sporting and cultural arenas, it makes the task a little easier. By far the majority of you who are departing will be leaving as seventh formers, or fifth year boys. You have been the first generation that has come through the school, under the umbrella of "Tomorrow's Schools" and the experience does not seem to have harmed you to any great extent.

Our Student Representation on the BOT has again been first class, and our School Council is the envy of many schools around the country. We have an awful lot to be grateful for and it would only be a foolish and naive boy who would leave this place without any emotion at all. It would be a great gesture to pay tribute, in your own ways, to those staff you have had over the last five years. Staff, all too often, are not really thought of as being emotional beings - rather, they are thought of as being here to simply expound on matters geographical, historical, or perhaps, even more importantly - mathematical. Staff do appreciate notes and votes of thanks and it would be a nice gesture to take time out before leaving to pass these on to those who have helped you in some special way. Take also the time to think of those boys who began with you and who, for various reasons, have already left. There are many characters and quality people that have been through this place over the last five years. Staff too, have changed - Back in 1990 Mr Angelo Hill was in the PE Department, Mr Glass was still in the Maths Department, Mr Carroll had not yet retired, Mr Bannister was in charge of 1st XI Soccer and Mr Geursen still ruled Hockey and Mr Bublitz was still DP - all have since gone on to greener pastures, and have been replaced by colleagues just as capable and enthusiastic. Take time to think why the quality of staff here is so high - it is no accident. NPBHS is not a good school but a great one - great because of the extra that staff do - not only in the classroom, but the extra tuition, the coaching, the training, the coaxing and most importantly the caring.

Never has the strength of this place been more exemplified than at the funeral of Scott Chadwick in the August Holidays - when, with 700 others, over a dozen young Old Boys dressed in their Tiger Coats, turned out to the funeral, - still obviously proud to be associated with their school, even though they had left five years previously. Just like those young men, many of you will not appreciate the special nature of your school until you have been gone for some time and you have had the opportunity to talk to others about where they went to school and what opportunities they had. You will be more than pleasantly surprised at how lucky you have been.

This year's leavers are also special in another way - you are the last to experience a full year with Mr Ryder as Headmaster. Few will forget the lambasting you were all given in the Form 7 Common Room at the start of Term 3 - the man has taken a great pride in this school and has been tireless in his promotion of it. He has had a special interest in you all, and you owe him a great vote of thanks, and best wishes in his retirement.

No school can exist however, without the students who fill the classes. You have all made this school, in your own special ways, what it is today and we are grateful for your contribution.

Ensure when you have left that you keep in touch with your old school, never be embarrassed to tell people you are an old boy and remember you will be made welcome if you decide to return. To you all, the very best of good fortune for whatever may lie ahead.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA



FIJI OLD BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP

Jone Nasome with the Headmaster and Mr Gerald Barrack, President of the Fiji branch, receiving the new award in Suva. Jone is now studying at NPBHS in Form Six.

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