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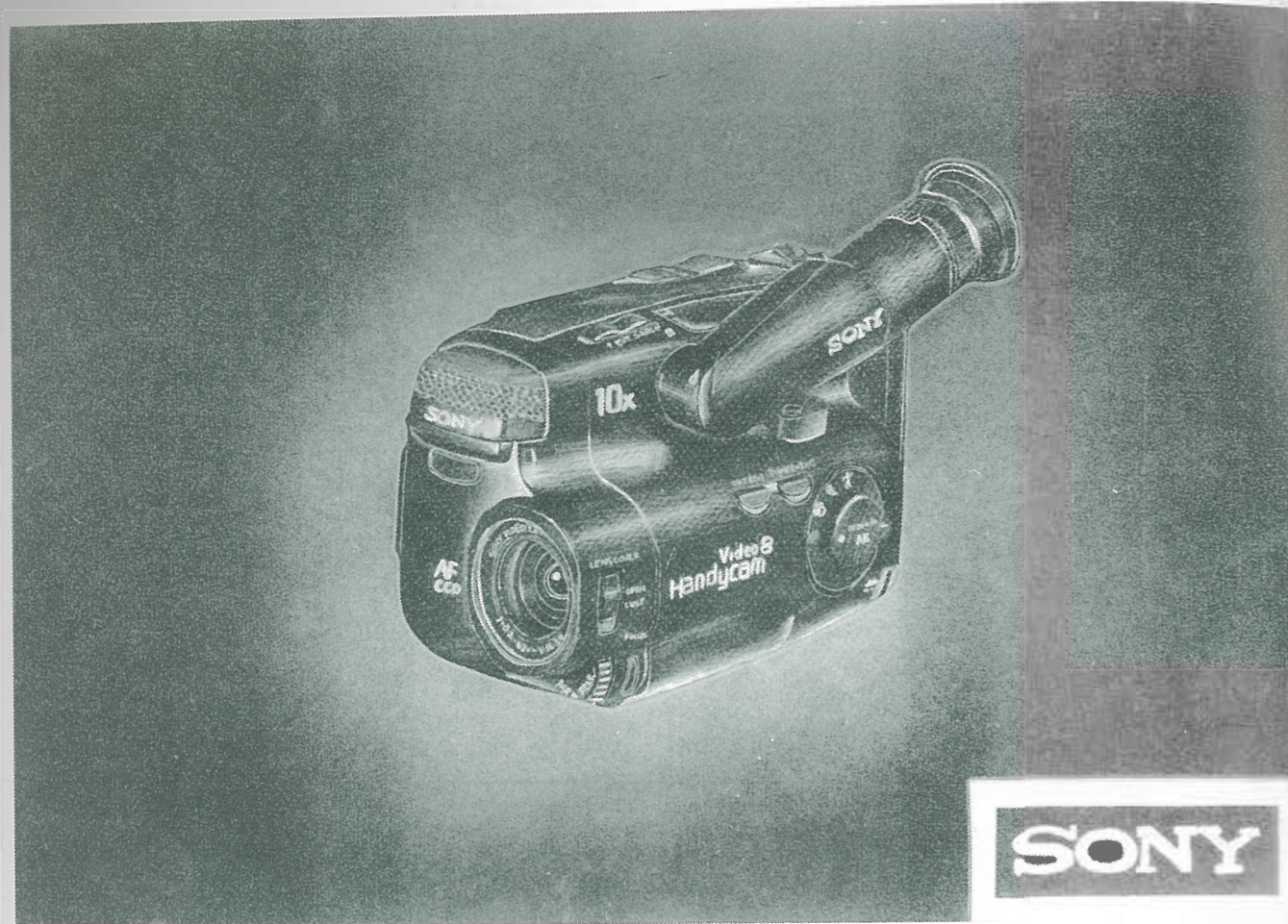


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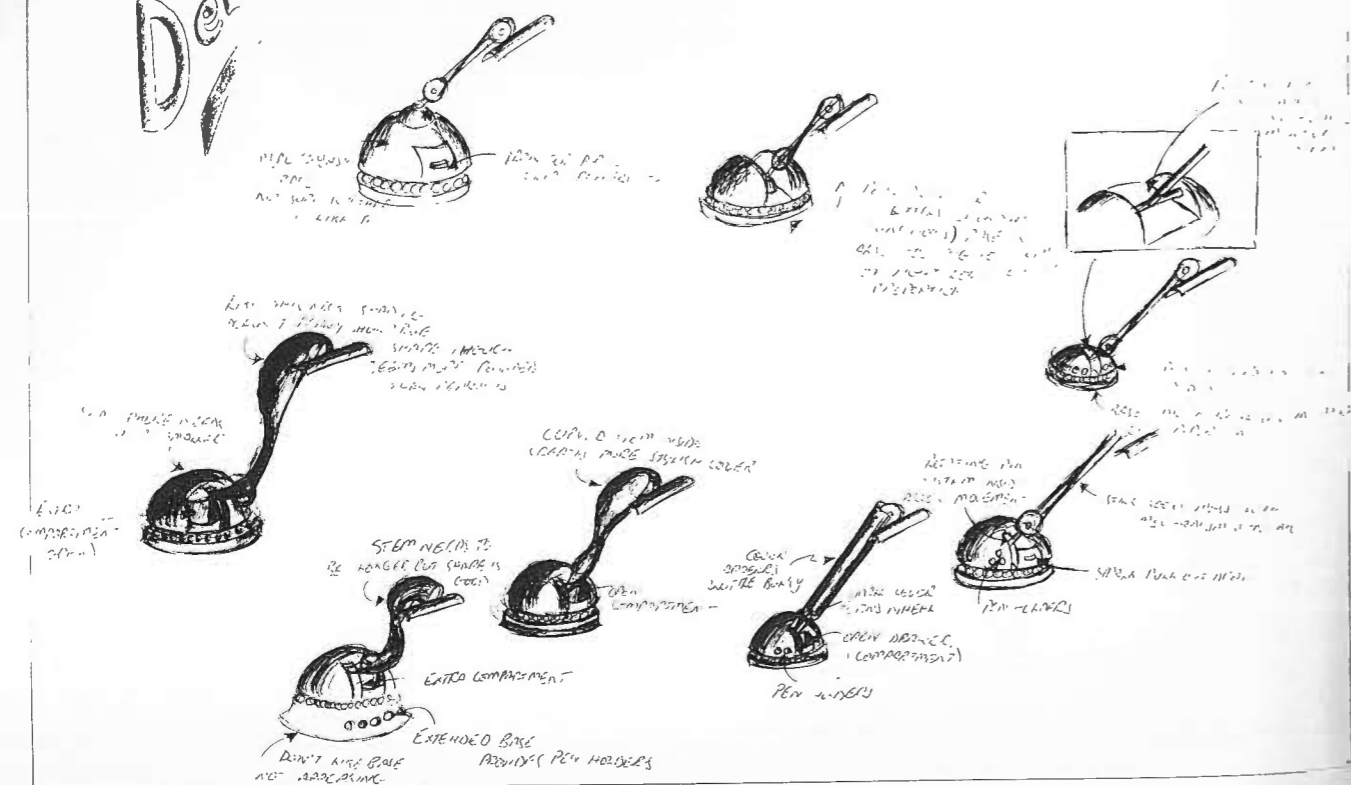
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

1995 has been an invigorating and busy year for the New Plymouth Boys' High School Board of Trustees. I would highlight the following matters:

**Headmaster:** The end of Term One of this year saw the retirement of the Headmaster for the past 17 years, T. T. Ryder. Functions to farewell him were held by the staff, the school, a public function hosted by the Board of Trustees and a separate Board of Trustees function. The much deserved plaudits to Mr Ryder were enthusiastically endorsed.

At the start of Term Two the new Headmaster, Mr Lyal French-Wright commenced as Headmaster of New Plymouth Boys' High School. Lyal has impressed all staff and parents with his diligence in ascertaining the traditions and history of the school and spending considerable time with staff and friends of the school.

**Board:** 1995 was an election year for the Board of Trustees. Mrs Judith Coley who had served on the Board for six years and Mrs Joan Coles for five, did not offer themselves for re-election. Neither did Mr Neil Wolfe, former Chairman of the Board and who had served on the Board continuously from 1983 to 1995. Their contribution to the Board was immense. Mr Tui and Mrs Donna Niwa who had been co-opted to the Board for the last year of its term also did not stand for re-election.

The majority of the former Board did stand and were re-elected and the Board now consists of John Eagles (Board Chairman), Geoff Ward (Deputy Chairman, Hostel Committee Chairman), Robyn Watkins (Property Committee Chairperson), Flora Gilkison (Policy Committee Chairperson), Greg Eden (Finance Committee Chairperson), Doug Harvey and John Washer (both Old Boys and former Boarders of the school). The Board has also co-opted three other members, Mr Doug Geraghty, Mrs Sue Duncan and Mr Ken Holyoake, to contribute to the Board. All three have sons in the early stages of their education at New Plymouth Boys' High School. The staff elected Mr Ken Lockhart as their representative and he clearly contributes the staff opinions to the Board which is most appreciated. The student representative, Mr Brendon Walsh has been outstanding in his contribution to the Board. Brendon brings a clear and fresh approach to all Board matters.

**Hostel:** The Hostel is full again in 1995. The Hostel staff, led by Mr Grimwood, have ensured a homely and family atmosphere at the Hostel. Under the direction of Geoff Ward, considerable work has been done in investigating, planning a new Hostel block for the eventual replacement of Moyes and Carrington Houses. This work has been time consuming but is evidence of this Board's commitment to the boarding establishment and to ensure that Boarders have the appropriate facilities in the year 2000 and beyond. The Hostel will be full, in fact will increase in numbers for 1996 and there are forward bookings in the years ahead for our Hostel.

**Enrolment Policy:** The Board again implemented its enrolment policy for the 1995 year and because of the demand for places in the Third Form it will be used for 1996 and limit the intake of Third Formers.

**Property:** The Board has adopted a 10 year maintenance plan for the continuous upgrading of facilities at New Plymouth Boys' High School. This Committee under the able leadership of Robyn Watkins has promoted this plan which will ensure regular maintenance of our school. There are still deferred maintenance items required to be completed by the Ministry of Education. The sealed

areas of the school will be upgraded over the Christmas break.

The Pridham Hall roof is still causing some concern but the Ministry of Education have undertaken responsibility to overcome these difficulties. We are grateful to the considerable help and assistance from the Ministry of Education Property Officers in Wanganui.

**Policies:** Flora Gilkison has led this demanding Committee. Financial Policy has been reviewed, a Professional Development Policy has been adopted and a comprehensive Health and Safety Policy and manual is in the process of being completed.

### **Staff:**

**Teaching Staff:** The school is again indebted to the enthusiasm and dedication of the teaching staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School. Their dedication to their profession both in the classroom and in extra-curricula activities as well as assisting boys voluntarily outside school hours is exceptional. Without such a willing and active staff New Plymouth Boys' High School would not achieve the results it does.

**Non-teaching staff:** The non-teaching staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School led by the Executive Officer of the school Les Emslie, continues to work quietly and effectively in the background to ensure that the school at all times runs smoothly. The demands on such staff are considerable but all non-teaching staff are always prepared to go that extra mile.

**Friends of the School:** The Parent-Teacher Association continues with its assistance in many projects at the school. Led by Mr Graeme Skinner, this willing band of workers continues to meet regularly, have working bees, provide great service in the clothing shop, fundraising and other facets of New Plymouth Boys' High School.

The Old Boys' Association is always there and the support to the school by the Old Boys is considerable in many ways. Their support to the Hostel is much appreciated.

**Students:** The reason why many people are involved at New Plymouth Boys' High School is because of the students. During 1995 the achievements on the sporting field, culturally and in all general fields has been outstanding. It is this pride, and the achievements of the students at school which makes New Plymouth Boys' High School the successful school that it is.



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## STAFF NOTES 1995

The big event for the staff of 1995 was the farewelling of Mr Tom Ryder, Headmaster since 1979.

In typical fashion the school farewelled one of the great Headmasters of modern times and wished him well for retirement. In typical fashion for the Head, the retirement had nothing to do with carpet slippers, pipe and golf, instead the Presidency of SPANZ became the major focus for Tom's retirement.

Term II saw the introduction of Mr Lyal French-Wright to the staff as the new Headmaster - the eighth in the 113 year history of the school.

Lyal has quickly settled in to the job and all indications are that the school has another caring, energetic and purposeful Head at the helm. Lyal - the staff are looking forward to the new era!

The staff as well as leading the school to all sorts of successes have enjoyed successes of their own.

Dale Atkins was appointed coach of the New Zealand Maori Rugby team and Gordon Giddy coached the North Island and New Zealand U16 sides. Sonia Barry enjoyed numerous successes in running events, and I am certain that the highlight of her year was the winning of the School Cross Country. I hasten to point out, of course, that the Senior Master has stated that had he been in the event it's certain Sonia would have come second - so next year's crunch run will be a highlight of the year. Go for it All!

Brett Sloan left the staff during the year, demonstrating that a meteoric climb from the primal ooze to the dizzying heights of principalship is within the grasp of us all. Good luck Brett in your time at Okato College. With Brett went Andrew Bone to take up the position of PR II HOD Mathematics at Okato - well done Andrew.

Also departing the staff during the year was Mr David Cook who left to teach Science at Rotorua Boys - good luck David, and thanks for the work you did for the school in co-curricular work and in the Hostel in your time at NPBHS.

Matiu Julian left to work with the disadvantaged and the staff hope he is successful in his venture away from teaching where he demonstrated considerable ability.

With the departure of so many staff, relievers and temporary staff were sought and found. We are grateful to Val Moore, Pauline Koorey, Beryl Simpson, Colin Driscoll, John Lykles, Philippa Geange and Ann Laurenson for their efforts in making the good ship NPBHS sail smoothly.

Outside the school babies were born to Jed and Julie Rowlands, Leith and Dale Atkins and at the time of this writing the Caves and the Wilds are still waiting their additions to the family.

Congratulations are also due to Kathy Gracia who became engaged and also to Graeme Smith who became engaged in Term II to Sheree.

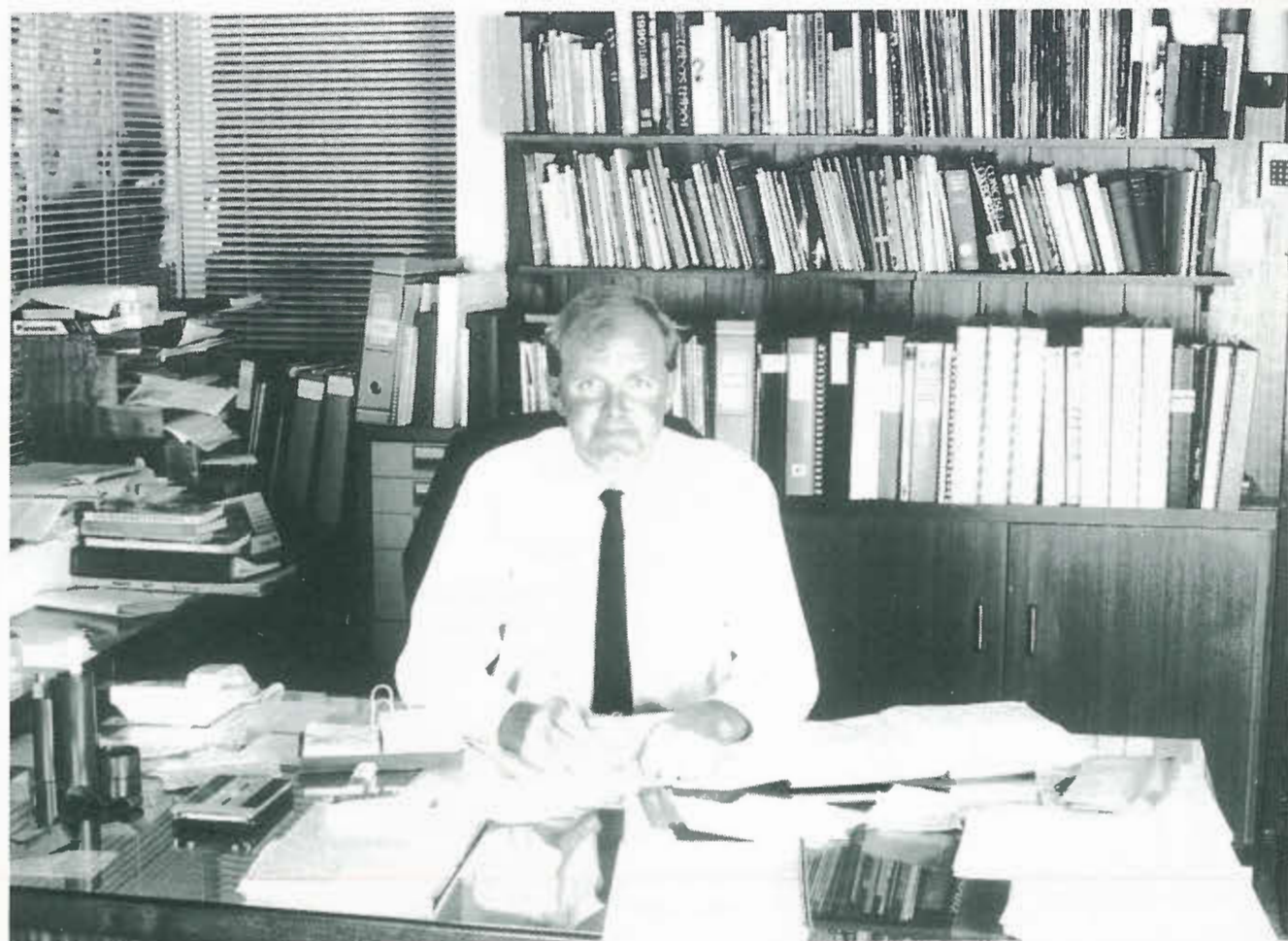
The teaching staff thank the many support staff who assist them in their daily work. On the Ground, Ian, Ray and Maurice; in the Office, Dawn, Coryn, Jenny and Pam and in the Board Office, Les, Judy and Vicki.

At the end of the year Rob Rowlands will retire from teaching, an outstanding teacher and friend to boys and staff alike - good luck in your retirement Rob and stay in contact with us, though we acknowledge your son, Jed, daughter-in-law Julie, wife Esmae and sister-in-law Robin are still on the staff. Another ten years or so and the second generation will be with us as well. Excellent effort Rob, a wonderful demonstration of potency.

1995 has proved to be a good year for Boys' High. Staff have contributed to the education of the boys in the classroom and in sport and cultural affairs, long may that continue. The alternative makes this school ordinary, something the staff this year have roundly rejected, as the staff for the last 113 years have roundly rejected.

J. B. LAURENSON, Deputy Headmaster, 1995.





### HEADMASTER'S COMMENTS

It is with great pleasure that I write these notes for the Taranakian. These comments cover the period from Term Two onwards but as well Term One and the academic results from the external examination of 1994 when Mr Ryder was in his last few months as Headmaster.

New Plymouth Boys' High School is indebted to T. T. Ryder in so many ways that can only be commented on by parents, boys and staff over the last 16 years. He has always demanded only the highest standards of staff and boys in all that school entails. At a time when there were enormous changes and threats to traditional values he stood steadfast and firm in his resolve to not accept the mediocre. I am delighted to be able to report that his last Bursary boys not only continued the school's proud record of not having a pass rate of less than 70% for the past eight years, but exceeded it by 10%.

Mr Ryder would want me to pass on to the young men of 1994 his congratulations. His drive for results could not have been vindicated more with this outstanding 80% pass rate - this achievement is testament as well to the highly qualified, professional and hard working staff who picked up the challenge to get the best out of their students.

There is no doubt that I have inherited Headmastership from a master of his craft who has left his ship in top order and condition. My hope is that I can build on this strong foundation and ensure that boys of the future are given the same will to succeed, to give of their best in and out of the classroom, to give service in an unselfish way, to become good citizens and to leave NPBHS a better place for their being here.

We are indeed in changing educational times. In fact, the curriculum and qualifications frameworks being trialled now throughout NZ are revolutionary in their conception, not only here but elsewhere in the world. The thought that you could get into Form Six without having reached 200 marks in SC was revolutionary and hard to take for many New Zealanders who were educated in the 1960s and 1970s. We have come to accept that SFC replaced the old UE accrediting (or sit if you did not pass) system although most

of the public do not fully understand this change to nine grades and the significance of each grade after many years.

What is happening now makes these changes to the old SC and UE seem rather minor and cosmetic compared to the major surgery that we are involved in. As with all changes there is uncertainty and discomfort because accepted norms have been changed. I can assure you that the staff of NPBHS are approaching the changes with practised professionalism. They are ensuring that our boys will be advantaged by the changes and are asking questions in the critical manner that would be expected of them at this time.

I am concerned about the management of aspects of the new qualification framework, but will take all steps to make sure that teaching and learning are enhanced and not diminished in any way.

For parents, students and staff there is much that is exciting and much that is worrying. One of the great certainties of life is that change will occur in this age of technology. The certainty is that change will occur more quickly than before. This is the most worrying aspect - the great challenge in education now is to produce young men and women who are critical but accepting that change is inevitable, who are adaptable and able to think creatively to find solutions to problems of ever increasing complexity. The ability to work together and find a range of possible answers to problems that may not have a single solution.

Many issues remain to be worked through and as with most visions the implementation is never easy and often has to pass rocky ground.

The challenge to all is to get to know the new system, to learn the new terminology, to see the benefits and to use them to the greatest advantage. Don't be spectators - become involved.

The Minister of Education, Dr Lockwood Smith, has said that there will remain two external examinations at high school. Bursary is likely to stay at Form Seven and SC could be placed at the end of Form Four in a changed form. Much debate continues on how the Unit Standards on the framework can fit alongside the traditional Bursary/SC type exam. I think that a way has to be found to

ensure that students can maintain excellence in their studies and that this excellence can be measured.

In University Bursary 1994, 25 students gained A passes and most qualified for Taranaki Scholarships and as well 40 gained B Bursary. This gives a Bursary pass rate of 80%. The ninth successive year our pass rate for five subject candidates has reached 70% or better. I believe this consistency is a most reliable statistic in measuring academic performance and excellence is further measured by success in Bursary Scholarship. Fifteen boys won a total of 18 scholarships which is testament to the boys' ability and drive, but as well the high quality teaching.

The top student was Charles de Bock, the Dux of 1994 who won three Scholarships and aggregated 421 out of 500 in his five subjects. As well as this six students missed Scholarship by a single mark. The Scholarship results were as follows with the top mark in brackets: English 5 (90%), Calculus 3 (88%), Statistics 1 (91%), History 3 (90%), Japanese 1 (83%), Biology 1 (85%), Accounting 1 (89%), Design 1 (90%), Painting 1 (90%), Physical Education 1 (89%).

It is good to see academic excellence occurring over all the disciplines. Andrew Lynch of Form Six scored 88% in Economics which is of Scholarship standard but single subject candidates do not qualify for Scholarship as such.

After a mediocre SC performance in 1992, 1993 was much improved and this good standard was enhanced in all but two subjects. One of these, Geography, was caused in the main by a new examiner and a policy of non-scaling in School Certificate.

The results for 1994 School Certificate are as follows, with the pass rate after the subject and the top score in brackets. A pass is 50% or better. Accounting 75% (95%), Art 87% (100%), Economics 80% (85%), English 74% (97%), French 54% (78%), Geography 42% (81%), History 85% (96%), Home Economics 57% (69%), Horticulture 24% (63%), Japanese 64% (87%), Latin 63% (77%), Mathematics 66% (99%), Music 89% (99%), Science 61% (96%), Technical Drawing 60% (87%), Workshop Technology 78% (88%).

The number of A Grade passes (80% or better) was 111 excluding Te Reo Maori where all our students passed and our top student Dane Haskell, received Grade 1, the top grade (90%+).

The outstanding individual results were from Renze Bijker who scored 100% in Art - you can do no better - Edmond Wong and Jonathan Ameriks scored 99% in Music and Mathematics respectively. John Tan performed consistently over his four School Certificate subjects (Accounting 95%, English 97%, History 96%, Science 96%) to total 384 out of 400 - truly of the highest standard.

In my two terms at NPBHS I have found it easy to see why it has such an excellent reputation and that this reputation throughout NZ is well justified. I have already looked at academic matters and the professional attitude toward change from a dedicated staff.

In the boys of the school, the young and not so young, Old Boys, parents and community of New Plymouth, there is a very critical audience. They keep extolling the virtues of NPBHS to me - I am becoming aware of its many facets and nuances.

These comments should reflect on the past, the future, but of course highlight the events of 1995.

The roll of 1150 means that we have been able to maintain the growth of the past and not be faced by staff reduction as with many schools. The significant gains over the past decade in school buildings has meant that students have been well accommodated in standard and specialised classrooms although I can foresee some areas of pressure in 1996 and beyond. This tremendous demand for places at Form Three and above for 1996 has meant that we have had to use our enrolment scheme to limit our Form Three intake to 240 day boys. We also have accepted 50 Form Three boys into the hostel - this is a very healthy state of affairs and this confidence has meant that the Board of Trustees has made a number of decisions that look to the long term future. With the hostel at 198 and looking toward 220 for 1996, planning is at an advanced stage for the hostel rebuilding. This will be the first state school hostel that has embarked on such a comprehensive rebuild in many years. Mr Ryder has resurrected the hostel from a position of close collapse when he became Headmaster to a vibrant, buoyant and sought after home for boys from all over NZ, but especially Taranaki and bordering province(s).

The hostel is now almost the biggest of its type in the country and a huge vote of thanks must go to Mr Geoff Ward, Chairman of the BOT Hostel Committee for his vision and drive in ensuring the long term future. The hostel and its very fine staff and families form a

very significant force within the school and certainly give great leadership in many ways to the rest of the school.

Much significant building has taken place in the past four years but in 1995 more money was spent in existing rooms. A new Science Technician room was finished as an extension from Cramond Wing. This allowed for a relocation of the Stationery Room making it much more available to boys. Upstairs classrooms in Alexander have been refurbished and the north facing windows on all three storeys and frames replaced. People driving past on Coronation Avenue would have noticed the Memorial Gates looking almost pristine and blending in well with Pridham Hall.

We continue to work with the Ministry on a number of building and grounds concerns. There is a drastic need for a new specialist Graphics room but it does not have a high enough priority rating at present - we will maintain negotiations. Over the Christmas period the surfaces around the school will be resealed and we will continue to use money set aside for work on our 10 year maintenance plan. Many of the functions that used to be carried out by the Ministry of Education have been devolved to schools and of course Boards of Trustees under Tomorrow's Schools and the move toward the self-managing school! Not all schools are as lucky as NPBHS with its very fine administrative team and energetic caring and able Board of Trustees to provide governance.

As Headmaster I am obviously delighted with the decision of the old Board to appoint me in November 1994 and could not be more impressed with the new Board who took office in April of this year. You can be assured that the interests of boys and parents are very well served. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Joan Coles (1989-95), Mrs Judith Coley (1989-95), and Mr Neil Wolfe (1983-95) for their valuable contribution and service to NPBHS and thanks to Mr John Eagles (Board Chairman), Mr Geoff Ward (Deputy Chairman and Hostel Committee Chairman), Mrs Flora Gilkison (Policy Committee Chairperson), Mr Doug Harvie (Boarding Hostel Rep), Mrs Robyn Watkins (Property Chairperson) and Mr Greg Eden (Finance Chairman) for standing again and being re-elected. The only new parent elected to make up the seven places available was



Mr John Washer, an Old Boy boarder and very loyal supporter of NPBHS. His wise counsel and down to earth manner has been appreciated immensely. After a period of settling into the routines of governance the BOT exercised its right to co-opt three other members. They are Mr Doug Geraghty, Mrs Sue Duncan and Mr Ken Holyoake and they all have expertise that can be contributed to the team.

My personal recollections are of course from Term Two onwards but so much happened in Term One as to be expected in an environment that espouses participation and service.

The Head Boy for 1995 is Chris Pollock. His team of 36 prefects are lead by very able lieutenants in Craig Bennett (Donnelly House), Brad Martin (Barak), Nathan Shaw (Syme) and Brad Taylor (Hatherly). The boys of the school (Forms Four to Seven) elected Brendon Walsh as student representative on the BOT and he has proven to be a very fine choice in taking a very active and positive place in all affairs.

The Swimming Sports are a highlight in the calendar and I look forward to a brilliantly fine day in February 1996 to see the House competition and carnival atmosphere that prevailed this year. Darren Fisher swam outstandingly to be senior champion and later in August represented Fiji at the South Pacific Games in Tahiti as a triathlete.

A special meeting of the Form Three parents and staff was held in early March to discuss important issues and to allow parents an insight into what NPBHS expects of and offers boys during their time at school. A copy of the very informative NPBHS Units of Learning was given to each parent to help with understanding of what is being taught to their sons.

The 1995 musical involved Sacred Heart College and was a space age musical featuring creatures from the planet Zordak and Odium. 'Starblaze' was action packed, lively, and full of enthusiasm. Congratulations to all actors, dancers, chorus, musician, technical assistants and staff.

One of the special features of NPBHS is its traditional acknowledgement of ANZAC Day. This year had a very special significance in that a dedication service was held for the book 'Lest We Forget'. Mr Jack West (1927-1931) is an Old Boy, returned serviceman and very loyal supporter of NPBHS. He is also the author of this unique record of everyone of the 227 Old Boys killed during the World War. It chronicles their school days through to enlistment and training, action and death. This is a very important book in the wider historical sense and sold out almost immediately. I am very pleased that Mr West has seen fit to spend countless hours researching and writing this book and was honoured when he and Mr Cliff Emeny celebrated the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day in Term Two with the school in assembly. It is important and fitting that we remember those who went before us, gave service and paid the ultimate price.

This is a special part of NPBHS as is the appointment of Rev Mark Sullivan as School Chaplain.

Also a special part is a commitment to sport and culture. Term One produced many summer champions in individual and team sports. The First XI cricket became Taranaki Senior Champions in a thrilling final game and earned a position in the Premier grade. Outstanding were Regan West whose left arm pace bowling earned him a place in the Taranaki Rep Side and a NZ Academy Side (this is a 16 year old, Form Five student), Matthew Broadmore for his outstanding batting and Brad Fale for his determined efforts with bat and ball. Ben Scott, Derek Oldridge and Kent Bell were chosen for a NZ Development Squad in surf-lifesaving; Taranaki 7-aside champions with Richard Bryant earning outstanding player in the full Taranaki Rep 7-aside team; Senior Volleyball winning Taranaki Boys Championships and winning promotion to National Championships for the first time; Senior Golf team winning Taranaki Team Championship; Damon Rampton selected for NZ Under 18 Basketball team.

All of this happened before the many functions held by all sections of the school community, both present and past, to honour the dedicated and inspirational headmastership of Mr T. T. Ryder. I can attest that both Tom and Joan were deeply moved by the plaudits that were so justly deserved.

My term as Headmaster began with a staff meeting in the totally refurbished and renovated staffroom. The vibrance and colour of the decor was hard to match but the environment was most welcoming and refreshing. The second term was incredibly busy with boys being very involved in all facets of school life. The review

and appraisal of staff and their Departments were carried out in a manner that is well ahead of many NZ schools. In fact the Performance Management System being promoted for all NZ schools from 1996 onwards appears to be very akin to what NPBHS has developed for itself. Certainly once again at the leading edge as with the accreditation on the conventional and vocational frameworks. Mr Heaps has lead the staff to a position where we have many options available for boys as the curriculum and assessment framework are implemented from now on.

The winter term is long but full of feverish activity on so many fronts. The Open Weekend was most successful with boarding parents spending valuable time with their sons in their 'other home'. Special mention must be made of Jean Bradfield who retired as Hostel Matron after many years dedicated service as that other 'Mum'.

Many senior boys had success in the BNZ Senior Maths competition with Cameron Skinner gaining a top 100 award - an outstanding performance from our Dux. We met with extraordinary success in the Taranaki Science Fair with Tim Simpson, Jonathan Taylor and Greg Ross picking up the major awards. Our debaters performed with great credit at the Central North Island Debating Championships and the 21 finalists in the School Speech Contest were outstanding. Our musicians travelled in strength to Taradale to perform in a combined concert - we have many outstanding musicians at NPBHS with Edmond Wong gaining the Performing Artist of the Year Award in a very close decision from Gavin Bromfield. It is great to see our concert and stage bands as well as rock bands growing in strength and performing at a high level. Our combined staff/boys evening entitled 'Straight from the Horse's Mouth' was an outstanding success and displayed student art work, Maori culture group, junior and senior drama, school choir, concert band, junior band, jugglers, flute trio, stage band, rock band, prepared speeches. It served to show once again, the depth of talent available in so many areas and their being encouraged and coached by staff to perform publicly. I thoroughly enjoyed the Pacific Island cultural evening where all the students from the Islands who are at school in Taranaki put on a traditional meal followed by traditional dance and entertainment. It is always enjoyable seeing young people happy and proud to display their culture.

On the social scene the School Ball was a credit to all involved and the maturity of the boys and their partners certainly dignified the occasion.

More success for Martin Soh who won the impromptu speech (junior) final at the Taranaki Speech Festival and then took out two Excellence prizes in the Taranaki Computer Competition, one as an individual and the other in tandem with Ian Lewis. Richard Holland and Adam Young were awarded \$500 each from the L. A. Alexander Agricultural College Trust and Merrick Taylor \$500 for top place in Methanex Scholarships. The staff debating team (Messrs Laurensen, Elgar, Howes) drew in a hotly contested and entertaining debate against the school (Richard Dryden, Greg Lawn and Murray Cox). Our Form Three team finished first and second in the Maths Spectacular quiz and our Form Four team also came first. Edmond Wong and Craig Cochrane competed with great style and skill in the Westpac Music Competition in Wanganui.

This list is no means exhaustive with the results in the Australian English, Maths and Science and other competitions at the highest standard.

The winter term also shows the sporting tradition and high participation of our boys. I believe that NPBHS was represented in more finals nationally this year than any other school. It has been an outstanding year for our sportsmen and I will list some of the achievements.

Cycling team - competed at NZSS champs in Levin.  
Volleyball team - competed at NZSS champs in Nelson - a first.  
Soccer First XI - finished 15th at NZSS Top Tournament in Christchurch.  
Basketball First V - finished 15th in Top Tournament in Tauranga.  
Hockey First XI - finished 3rd in India Shield in Wellington.  
Rugby First XV - finished unbeaten in season.  
Rugby League First XIII - reached the final of NZSS championships.  
The League team played very well in going down to St Paul's in the final at Erricson Stadium 38-16. Corey Gibson and Scott Carr were selected to play for NZSS against Australia.

There are of course other successes in tennis, squash, badminton and a host of other activities that would not be possible without staff and help from the community. This commitment makes NPBHS special.

The Sporting and Cultural Awards dinner gave me a real insight into another aspect of the school - a very formal evening for the 'Tiger Coats' with staff and special guests. Excellent speeches from boys, staff and guest Peter Sharp and a very good meal were the main ingredients in this success. Corey Gibson was named as Sportsman of the Year, Edmond Wong the Performing Artist of the Year and a new award to the Sports Team of the Year was presented by Mr David MacRae, the District Manager of ANZ Bank which donated a fine trophy and sum of cash to the Award winning team. The inaugural winners were the First XV Rugby team and congratulations to Mr Dale Atkins, Mr Geoff Hall as coaches and Mr Bill Geange as manager for guiding them through the season unbeaten. It started with the Taranaki 7s, progressed to the Under 21 Championship and finally a successful college season.

Peter Kingsnorth won the NZ Senior Body Board title and Casey Raven and Dane Haskell represented NZ at softball. Fabian Wineera also gained prominence at roller hockey earning a NZ team place.

NPBHS is certainly very vibrant and innovation can flourish and be encouraged. Many boys took up the Mindpower programme offered by Mrs Rosemary Carter which involved looking at whole brain learning and other aspects of positive thinking. Boys have reported quite distinct changes in their exam results, concentration and self-esteem. Next year a Form Six course will be offered by Mr Graeme Smith called Creative Thinking. I believe that these areas have been ignored in the past but must be looked at in raising the self-esteem of boys and enhancing their performance.

In all of the acknowledgements of success aforementioned the single factor that is common to all is an active involvement and interest from staff. I have come to a school with a most professional staff both teaching and support. They are totally committed to the interests of the boys to such an extent that disappointment at the turnout to the Senior mid-year report evening resulted in another one being held. Next year my intention is to raise the school donation to allow for all reports and some newsletters to be mailed home. This should increase communication and create a better partnership between home and school.

In particular I want to wish Rob Rowlands all the best in his retirement. This is certainly not the end of the Rowlands influence at NPBHS as Rob has left behind many of his family to keep an eye on things. In his twenty years at NPBHS Rob has given fine service to Mathematics, to the Hostel, to PPTA and to the betterment of NPBHS.

These comments have highlighted much to be proud of in 1995. As this report is being written I have had news that our Young Enterprise Scheme team of Forms Six and Seven boys have made the final five in NZ. This is a very prestigious competition sponsored by many of NZ's top companies.

The Directors of Creative Publications gave a final presentation before a panel of top business executives at the Plaza Hotel in Wellington and then the awards were presented at a formal dinner. Dame Catherine Tizard was the special guest speaker. They were awarded a Top Three Excellence Award which has as a reward a trip to Singapore for a week in December. This is a magnificent achievement.

Schools of substance generally have support from ex-students and PTA. We are very fortunate to have both. The Old Boys under Michael Bryant operate a loose but effective network who give support when called for and are very loyal. Graeme Skinner as President of PTA has a very active group who give us great support in financial and physical ways.

To the future, you all must be aware of the revolutionary changes occurring in NZ education and talked about earlier. By 1997 we should be working with Unit Standards and boys gaining credits toward a National Certificate on the Qualification Framework. I have no doubt that this could raise the overall standards on average and this must be a good thing. My doubts are still on the achievement of excellence and whether Unit Standards will give young people of ability the real challenge to test the heights. I cannot imagine the reaction when judging the House Hakas this year if I had merely said you all passed, or reacting to a whole school Haka, inside the assembly hall to the visiting French Polyvalent rugby side, by telling the boys they were satisfactory when they were stunning. Much work still has to be done to ensure

that the overall standard of education in NZ is raised and the drive for excellence remains.

I have enjoyed my first two terms at NPBHS immensely. This is undoubtedly a very fine school that deserves its very fine reputation.

L. R. FRENCH-WRIGHT, Headmaster.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - 1995

1995 threw many challenges at me, ones which sometimes were hard to overcome. In saying this, being elected to the New Plymouth Boys' High School Board of Trustees has been the best thing which has happened to me. I have learned to become a better organised person and have made friends whom I will never forget.

After my election I was unsure of what I had really got myself into. I was unsure of the Board's functions and not sure of my role as the Student Trustee. It did not take me long to figure out one important thing; that is, that the Board of Trustees is the major decision making body of the school and has been established to ensure that the best interests of the school are met. Every decision we made during the year was to further advance NPBHS and continue to keep it as one of the best schools in the country.

One of the most crucial decisions we made during the year was to give the go-ahead to begin the development of the new hostel. The hostel is the lifeblood of the school and it is crucial that we not only keep them up to standard but also continue with further developments to allow greater numbers. Congratulations to the Hostel Committee, especially Mr Ward, for their fine efforts in the hostel area.

The Student Representative position is not to be taken lightly. You have the same voting rights as all the other adult members on the Board, and they will respect you if you have something to say. After all you are there to further the school on both educational and social matters. To the student representative of 1996 - you must be organised. Sometimes it seems like a paper war, things can really pile up if you don't keep on top of your work. In addition don't forget about your school work responsibilities, after all you are still here to get an education. Next year you will face many decisions over matters like Bulk Funding and technological developments. My only advice to you is that you must 'know your stuff' and know the issue before you make any decision.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr Eagles for his guidance throughout the year, also to Mr Emslie for all the assistance he has given me throughout the year. To the rest of the Board Members I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the Board and it is something I will never forget.

To Crusty, Barney, Mouse and Congo, thank you for a great year, I know that you will all do well for yourselves in the future.

Best wishes to all, especially to Mr French-Wright for a successful 1996.





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## HEAD BOY'S SPEECH UPON THE RETIREMENT OF MR T. T. RYDER

The year was 1979 when this school started a new era with its new Headmaster, Mr Ryder. To most of us this date brings very vague memories, if any at all. In 1979 I was two years old, most of the students here weren't born yet. This year was not only important to this school, but to the rest of the world. As teachers may recall, our Prime Minister was the late Sir Robert Muldoon with the National Party in power. The United States of America had Carter as President, soon to become Reagan. The tragic plane crash at Mt. Erebus had just shocked the nation. The USSR was at war with locals in Afghanistan and there was a US hostage crisis in Iran. The most memorable thing in New Zealand was petrol rationing due to oil prices rising. Also the Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher had just come into power in Britain; our Headmaster well outlasted her.

Mr Ryder entered this place a vibrant and enthusiastic young man, with a vision of making this school great.

In these past 17 years he has devoted time and energy much beyond his requirements to this school. He has made an enormous impact on the school. In his time the following has happened:

- Encouragement of sport has increased. Our honours board reflects that our school supports a wide range of sports, rather than just rugby and cricket as it was in 1979. All of these teams have had success over the years both locally, nationally and in the case of surfing and rugby - internationally.

- Encouragement of cultural activities within the school has created music and drama departments which put on performances of professional standard. The most obvious of which are 'Starblaze', 'Love Potion Number 9', our Taradale exchange and more. This, at the highest level inspires boys to the top prize of Performing Artist of the Year.

- This prize, along with Sportsman of the Year, both on the rear honours board, is presented at the Tiger Jacket Awards dinner each year. This function was previously only for sportsmen, but now is for all boys who represent the school at the highest level of their chosen endeavours.

- The hostel at NPBHS was down to about 113 in 1979 with awful conditions; now this has been hugely upgraded to hold 200 in top facilities with a brand new kitchen.

- Pridham Hall, which is historically important to the school, has been upgraded and restructured. It is now a fine example of traditional school environment and properly holds the record of Head Boys, captains and teams, coaches and academic achievement.

- Academic records of the school have been getting better since 1979. In that year our bursary pass rate was about 25%, since 1985 it has not been below 70%. Last year it was 80% and as the scholarship and dux honours board suggests we have many scholars which perform to a standard of national recognition.

- Many physical changes have occurred in the school also; Niger House, the Lab block, the library, museum, the gymnasium, the swimming pool, all the prefabs and the gully pavilion, have all been built since Mr Ryder's arrival, mostly due to his persistent want to make this school great.

These are only the changes that we as students notice.

Mr Ryder introduced personal interviews with all Seventh Formers to set goals and objectives for the year. Every Friday he meets with the six senior students on the stage to discuss matters affecting the boys of the school.

Mr Ryder reintroduced the ANZAC Service which is an important, though sad, part of our school's history.

Mr Ryder has turned this school around.

We now are held in high regard as one of New Zealand's top schools. We have excellent facilities and outstanding teachers. We have a school full of young men who accept challenges, perform for and represent their school at the highest level of every endeavour.

This day will go down in history as the 7th time in 112 years that NPBHS has farewelled a headmaster.

This man, Mr Ryder is without doubt one of the greatest Headmasters this school has seen. He is also one of the best in New Zealand, reflected in his appointment as President of the NZ Secondary Principals' Association.

This is the end of an era. The state of the school is a tribute to you, Mr Ryder.

In 1979 this school 'had been' a great school. In 1995 this school 'is' a great school.

As thanks for your years of service, standards and care I present these gifts.

C. POLLOCK  
Head Boy  
25 MAY, 1995



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# HEAD BOY'S REPORT



1995 at NPBHS has enhanced the traditions of excellence the school holds dear. As Head Boy I have experienced both the joys of being involved in the wider school and its community as well as the intricate workings of the school.

Being Head Boy of NPBHS has been an honour and a privilege and indeed a learning experience. This honour was complemented by the rare chance of being Head Boy while the school changes Headmasters. NPBHS has had seven Headmaster changes over the life of the school, most of which have taken place between school years.

The departure and farewell of Mr T. T. Ryder was an historic occasion for this reason. Mr Ryder represented an era which was important to the rebuilding of the school. Seventeen years ago Mr Ryder entered NPBHS with a vision of making the school great. With the help of boys and staff this was most certainly achieved. For this reason I thank Mr Ryder on behalf of the boys.

Working with Mr Ryder gave me insight into the intricacies of the school and indeed the effect that a great school has on the boys that pass through it.

This knowledge that I gained in Term One with Mr Ryder was invaluable. In Terms Two and Three as Mr L. French-Wright entered the school to begin his era as Headmaster at NPBHS.

After only a short time at the school Mr French-Wright has been inspired and encouraged by the quality of the school and keeps up the fine standard of leadership at NPBHS.

Under the leadership of great men such as Messers Ryder and French-Wright the school works to its potential and enables both boys and staff to learn and achieve many things.

In 1995 NPBHS performed well in all endeavours:

Sporting life was filled with outstanding results across the board.

The tennis team won two out of three interschool matches, finishing second in the Central New Zealand championships with fine performances from Simon Cleaver and Craig Bennett.

The volleyball team this year won the Taranaki Secondary School Champs on their way to a great ranking of 11th at the Nationals in Nelson, Shahn Jordan and David Gibson performing well for NPBHS.

The league First XIII had an excellent result of second in the National final against St Paul's at Erricson Stadium under the leadership of Corey Gibson. The tournament started with 82 teams and NPBHS came second after an almost unbeaten season thanks to performances by Fruen and Scott Carr.

A young squash team showed promise this year as they battled through interschool fixtures to maintain its top ranked place in the Central Districts.

The soccer First XI led by Hayden Markham topped a great season by gaining 15th place at the National Tournament in Christchurch.

Swimming in 1995 had a good season with Kent Bell setting four Taranaki records at the Nationals. At this competition in Christchurch Kent was ranked in the top 10 in New Zealand.

Hockey was once again led by the talented Matthew Burt. The team had a good season locally and worked hard to be third at the India Shield Tournament thanks to solid games by Ronald Gatenby and Nathan Kinera. This result will most certainly be improved in years to come as the team will have access to the new artificial turf to be put on Webster Field.

The First XI cricket had a mixed season, losing narrowly to Auckland Grammar but going unbeaten in the local Senior Grade. At the beginning of the season the team was placed fourth at Gillette Cup which is a highly regarded tournament. Winning Senior Grade means NPBHS will play Premier Grade for the 1996 season. Outstanding results came from Captain Matthew Broadmore with three centuries, Brendon Harvie with two centuries, Regan West bowling 8 for 23 and Brad Fale bowling 6 for 45.

The Ski Team had consistent performances from Sam Hazledine, Chey Barnes and Martin De Bock. The team did the school proud at the Ruapehu Nationals, finishing 14th out of 180 teams.

The First Five basketball played well all season to get to the National Tournament where a continued effort gave them a ranking of 14th. This well deserved result was thanks to the skills of Scott Henderson, Kurt Stark and Raymond Laurenson.

The Cycling Team had a good year winning three out of four interschools and gaining a fine ranking of 15th at the Nationals in Levin thanks to the determination of Matthew Treanor and Toby Jordan.

The Triathlon Team finished first in Taranaki with Alex Reeves coming second in the individuals. Special congratulations to Darren Fisher for representing his country, Fiji.

NPBHS was well represented at the Taranaki Cross-country Champs, finishing second overall.

Finally in the sporting arena the First XV. A remarkable season led by Brad Taylor saw a team with a wide range of talents gain unbeaten status. This team won the Taranaki Under 21 Grade by beating Stratford 31-9 in the final. A highlight was beating the French touring team on the Gully Ground as the school did the Haka in support. Notable performances came from Paul Hancock with a total of 207 points, most from his talented kicking and Richard Bryant, top try scorer with 18 tries. The team kept up the proud history of Rugby at NPBHS.

The cultural side of NPBHS also had a great year. Under the guidance of our talented music staff Mrs Allan and Ms Thompson a number of class acts were developed.

The concert band, stage band and choir in combination with New Plymouth Girls' High School performed both in and out of the school with their usual excellence.

The highlight for 1995 was the Taradale exchange. Our performers travelled to Taradale to give a number of performances to an appreciative and receptive audience.

The major production for 1995 was 'Starblaze'. Directed by Mrs Allen and Ms Taylor, this futuristic musical impressed and entertained audiences from our community. The star performers in the show were Oliver Morse and Gavin Bromfield.

The show also involved a wide group of students from both NPBHS and Sacred Heart, most of the Boys' High students having had little or no previous stage experience.

The annual Island night brought culture into our school and to our community. The Island students from Boys' High and Girls' High entertained a large audience with a variety of quality acts, this performance thanks to the talent of Jone Nasome.

Another spectacular for 1995 was 'Straight From the Horse's Mouth', a show prepared by Mrs Allen to demonstrate the musical and performing talent our school has to offer.

The Young Enterprise of NPBHS has had a good year being invited to attend the National Final where they will present their company's success to a panel of judges. The team led by John Tan and encouraged by Mr Smith will most certainly have success and show much promise for 1996.

All performances at NPBHS are at the highest level of sporting and cultural endeavour. This is not by chance. For the boys to achieve such a high standard, many hours are put in by teachers, coaches, conductors, managers and directors. This support goes right to Third Form level where we all begin our endeavour for success. The support of people around the school is crucial to these performances. NPBHS gives boys experience in working as a team as well as the skills of developing individual status and talents. My congratulations go to our Sportsman of the Year, Corey Gibson, and Performing Artist of the Year, Edmond Wong. Both young men are representing our school well and developing their own talents to the highest level.

All of the achievements of the school are only possible due to a support base of parents and staff.

The Board of Trustees once again gave crucial service to the school. My special thanks go to Brendon Walsh, Student Representative on the Board for 1995. Walshy did a brilliant job, always representing the voice of the students and doing his best for us.

The PTA also provided invaluable support for the school. The happy faces of Mrs Surgenor and Mrs Bennett are seen around the school providing floral works of art and a great cup of tea for the parent-teacher evenings, as well as many unseen efforts.

NPBHS has a number of long traditions which were upheld in 1995. The Tiger Jacket Representative Awards Dinner in October was a night for the celebration of excellence. Mr Peter Sharp of the Hillary Commission, also a well known cricket commentator, was guest speaker. Here the Sportsman and Performing Artist of the Year awards were presented. Also a new award of Team of the Year was presented to the First XV for 1995.

The Senior Ball this year was a great success. Entitled 'Tutmosé '95', the well attired men of the school and their partners entered a giant Egyptian Tomb. The awesome decorations, thanks to Oliver Morse and the Ball Committee, combined with the talented band 'Us', ensured the ball was the best in Taranaki for 1995. Most importantly it was a great night that will be long remembered. I would like to thank everyone involved. All the time and effort was worth it to see everyone having such a good time.

The school newspaper 'The Whistle' brought news information and opinions into print in a number of quality publications. Thanks to the support of Mr Signal the 'Taranakian' was a challenge taken on by Mr Hall for 1995 and a fine standard of school records was published.

The Annual Day Boys/Boarders challenges in rugby and cricket were both won by the Hostel Boys this year. A record win of 57-3 in the rugby, this fierce game split the school as friends became enemies on the Gully Ground.

A number of dances in combination with NPGHS went off beautifully thanks to the organisation of Nathan Shaw and Mr Gledhill.

Other interaction with Girls' High was also entered into such as a netball game which I'm sure we won. I would like to thank Stephanie Julian their Head Girl, Jaime Ella Williams and Rachel Tuffrey their Deputy Head Girls. Their help in organising luncheons and meetings was much appreciated.

I would like to thank all the people who gave me much needed support this year. Thanks to Mr Kirk and Mr Laurenson for putting it all in perspective, Mr Emslie for such good advice on finances, Mr Ryder for all the essentials of leading a school, Mr French-Wright for being so communicable, Mr Smith and Mr Tullet for being all round great blokes.

Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Evans, Mrs Eaton, Mrs Sorenson, Mrs Muir, Mrs O'Bryne and Mrs Busing. All of your support and help this year and past years was invaluable and much appreciated.

I would like to thank also my family for their support all year and over the past five years that I've been at NPBHS.

Finally I would like to thank the Seventh Formers of 1995. Especially Brendon 'Walshy' Walsh (Student Rep), the four Heads of Houses: Nathan 'Rabbit' Shaw, Brad 'Barney' Martin, Craig 'Mouse' Bennett and Brad 'Crusty' Taylor.

Thanks also to Carl 'Pudds' Sheridan for ruthlessly cleaning the common room before Deans assembly every Tuesday, and to Gwynn Brookes whose bellowing laughter brought joy to us all.

To all these guys and the Seventh Formers of 1995, thanks for the great year.

I also thank the school for all the opportunities I have had and encourage others to take whatever the school has to offer.

I wish the Head Boy of 1996 well in all his endeavours.

CHRIS POLLOCK

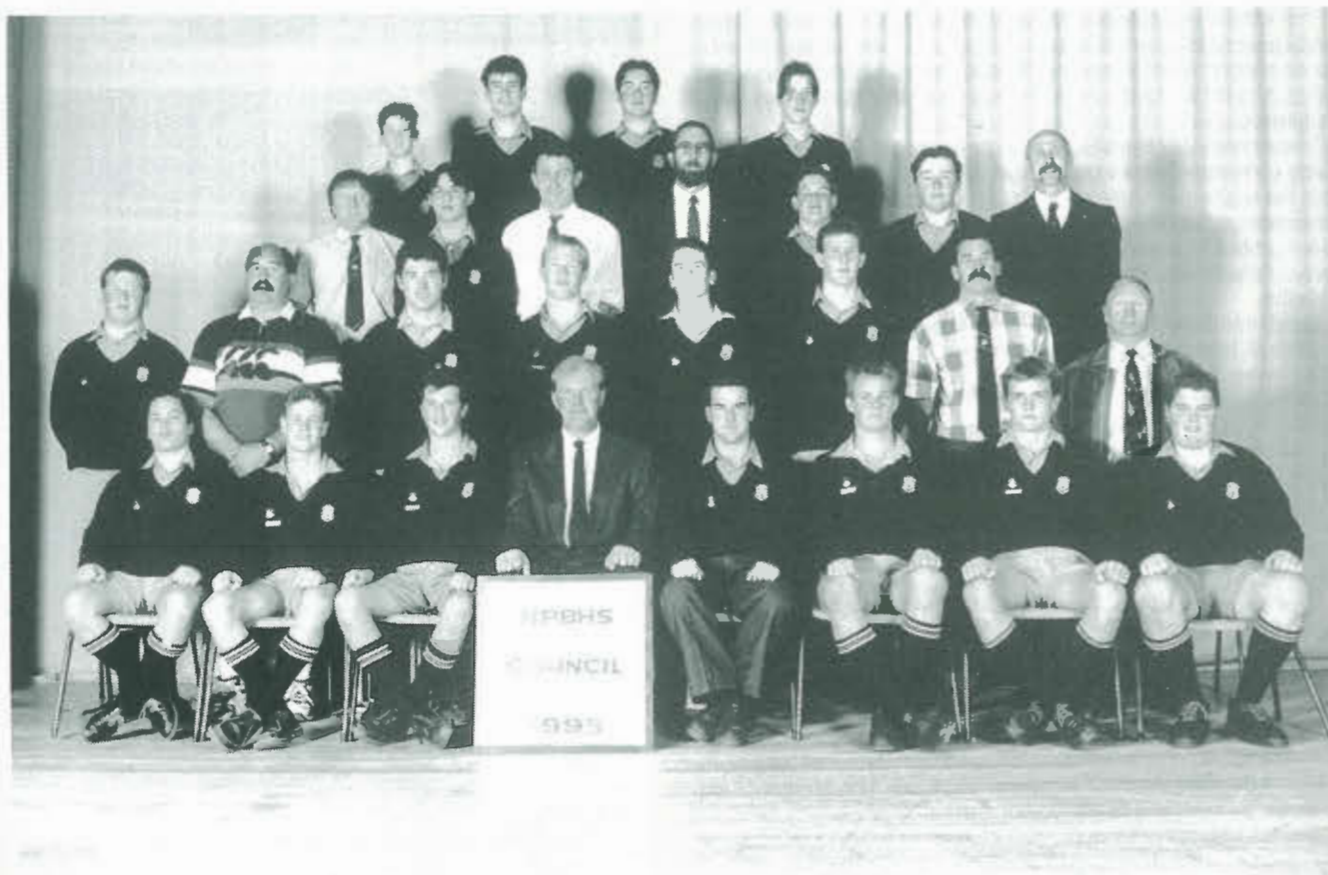


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**Back Row:** C. Raven, K. Gibson, D. Harbutt, K. Condon, J. Huta, L. Taylor, C. Sheridan, S. Grimwood.  
**Third Row:** D. Opai, M. Broadmore, A. Pasili, G. Brooks, D. Slade, W. Balsom, B. Kohlis, N. Dempsey, M. Surgenor, P. Hancock.  
**Second Row:** B. Lewis, T. Williams, O. Morse, D. Field, H. Markham, A. Moffat, B. Coles, L. Watson, D. Fabish, M. Treanor.  
**Front Row:** M. Hall, J. Weston, N. Shaw, B. Martin, Mr L. French-Wright, C. Pollock, C. Bennett, B. Taylor, M. Walton, B. Mullins.



#### NPBHS COUNCIL

**Back Row:** D. Horner, V. Hooper, D. Wilson, A. Mancewicz.  
**Third Row:** Mr K. Gledhill, D. Gibson, Mr G. Smith, Mr A. Kirk, H. Corkin, B. Walsh, Mr J. Laurenson.  
**Second Row:** B. Lewis, Mr D. Atkins, D. Fabish, M. Walton, K. Condon, L. Watson, Mr M. Watts, Mr M. Grimwood.  
**Front Row:** D. Opai, N. Shaw, B. Martin, Mr L. French-Wright, C. Pollock, C. Bennett, B. Taylor, C. Sheridan.



#### HEAD BOARDER'S REPORT

Looking back over my final year at NPBHS, I can honestly say that 1995 has been equal to the years before and in some places more successful.

This year the boarders were challenged, by one house more than the rest in the Interhouse, Donnelly. Putting it down to the leadership of Beno and the drive and feelings of ex-Boarder Bomber, the competition went down to the last wire. As usual Hatherly came an honourable third in the Swimming and first in both the Athletics and Cross-country by overwhelming margins. Senior champions came from the Boarders in all three. Darren Fisher, Swimming; Jone Nasome, Athletics and Mark Walton, Cross-country. The Boarders played hard but fair in the remaining events notably winning the Haka, Rugby and Tug o' War in style to take out the Interhouse by four points. With the new hostel planned to start next year, therefore an increase in students, Hatherly is going to be a more powerful force in the years to come.

This year has been a year with a lot of staff changes in the hostel. Long serving Head Matron, Mrs J. Bradfield and Masters Mr B. A. Sloan and Mr J. Rowlands were farewelled. Mrs J Morris was promoted to Head Matron, with Mrs D. Bernet appointed Assistant. Mr J. Sims and Mr L. Wilson have taken the challenge of being the new Hostel Masters and the boys have responded positively towards them. Also farewelled was the retiring Headmaster Mr T. T. Ryder and welcomed was the new Headmaster Mr L. French-Wright. The hostel wishes them both the best for the years ahead.

The go ahead, as I have already mentioned, has been given to the plans for a new hostel. The building of this is due to start next year. A special thank you must go to the hostel committee for their ideas and time that has gone into the planning of it over the past few years.

The Niger House team went down to the College House Form 3 team in Palmerston North this year. The Niger House team, captained by Hadley Dryden, didn't let themselves or their coaches R. Bryant, B. Harvie, S. Baxter, J. Weston, M. Walton, and myself, down. The only difference was that Palmerston had a couple in the mould of Jonah who scored some classy tries. Credit must go to the forward pack of Boys' High, who in the muddy conditions dominated the front row of J. Murphy, B. Schrider, and D. Harvie at scrum time and T. Sweetman in general play.

In the two big Day Boys/Boarders clashes, I am stoked to say that the Boarders did the double. In the cricket on paper it seemed as though the game would be a walkover to the Day Boys, but the game ended up closer than expected. We batted first and posted a healthy total of runs on the scoreboard. The Day Boys then gave the run chase, and runs came consistently, but with some tight fielding and bowling, wickets fell. With the Day boys two wickets in hand and only a few runs to get, the Boarders were getting short of bowlers. Bob Harvie, the captain of the Boarders made a very risky decision and brought Q. Brears into the attack, removed the remaining two wickets with a smile, notably the Sportsman of the Year's wicket (K. Gibson) by breaking and ripping the middle wicket clean out of the ground with a super yorker.

With the rugby, on paper this looked close, but the switched on and determined Boarders XV made sure there was no repeat and need for a sensational try again this year. All credit to the Boarders XV for the flair and pace they played the game at, and to the Day Boys for the everlasting opposition and 'P-wings' Broadmore for his moment of glory. Top scorers were 'Hink' Weston with two tries, 'Bull' Feather 11 points from the boot and the multi-talented 'Depper' Newland seven points (one try, one conversion). Final score 58-7, a very enjoyable game.

Positions in the schools top sports teams were taken up by a lot of Boarders. Special mention must be made of Richard Bryant, Taranaki Men's Sevens Team; Johnny Weston, Taranaki Men's Touch Team; Logan Hammersley, second in New Zealand for canoeing at Under 18; Darren Fisher, Fiji National Triathlon Team, second in the Under 20 group at the South Pacific Games in Tahiti and was selected to represent Fiji and the World Triathlon Champs in Mexico, in November. Good luck.

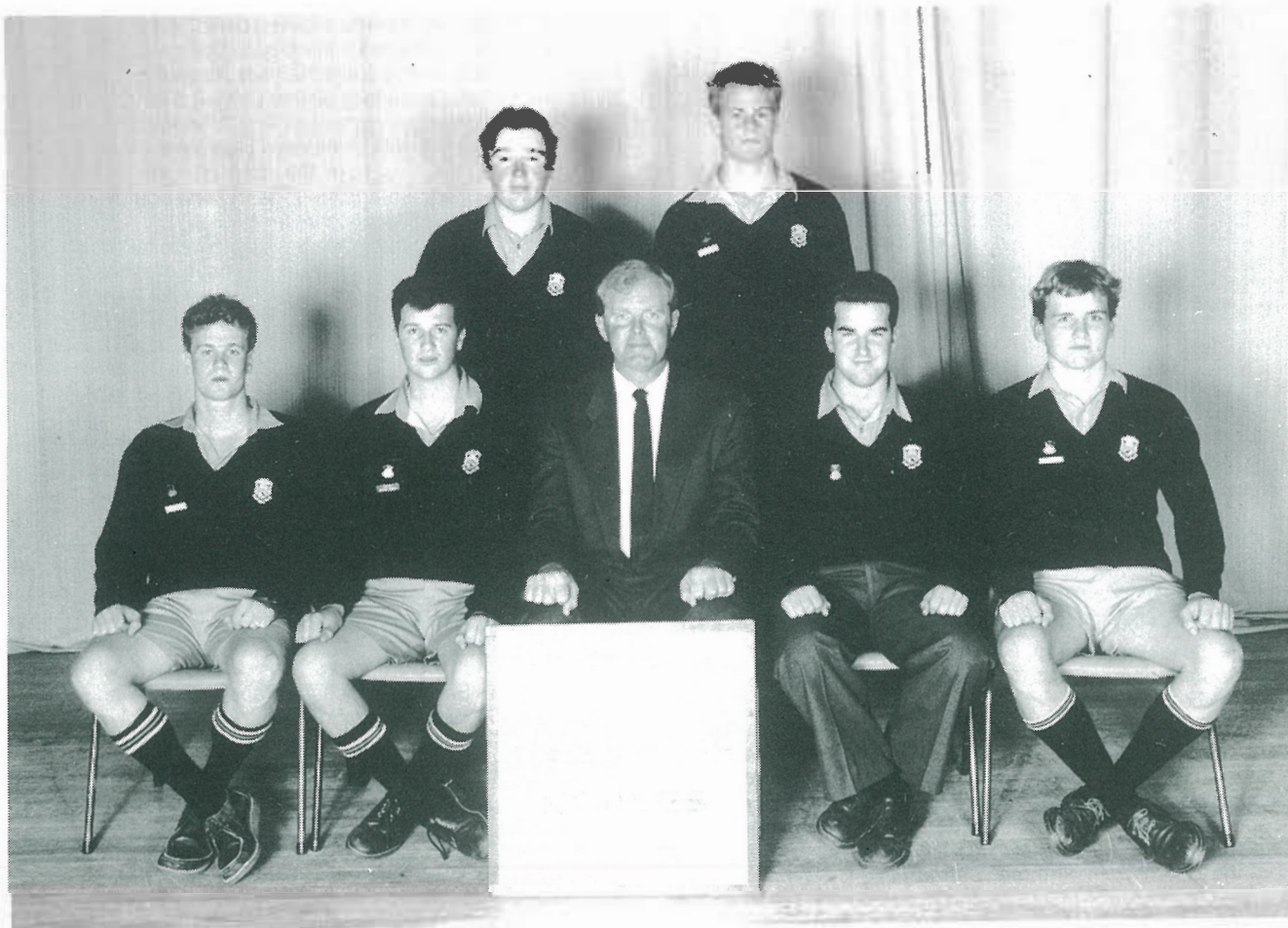
Culturally Richard Dryden made the school speech finals along with David Hutchinson who was first in the third form. Greg Lawn, a powerful force in the young enterprise, gave creative impressions.

Academically we'll soon see how we all perform. A special thank you must go to the Hostel Prefects, who rode through a year with its ups and downs, in a mature manner. These were: Johnny Weston (HOC), Kieran Condon, Todd Feather, Richard Bryant, Richard Dryden, Shaun Baxter, Christen Diamond, Beaudin Mullin, Brendon Harvie in Carrington. Mark Walton (HOM), Douglas Harbutt, Brian Eastgate, Richard Papps, Brad Maguire, Paul Hancock and Ronald Gatenby in Moyes. Although only six prefects are badged Day School Prefects, all the prefects of the hostel perform the same role in the school and it is a pity they don't get recognised.

To those who will return next year I wish them well and hope it is as enjoyable as mine has been. To those leaving, the youngest of the Old Boys, enjoy your life, and best wishes See you at Tingles in four years time. Live Long.

B. K. Taylor.





**HEADS OF HOUSES**

Back Row: B. Walsh, C. Bennett.

Front Row: N. Shaw, B. Martin, Mr L. French-Wright, C. Pollock, B. Taylor.

**SYME HOUSE REPORT - 1995**

Well, 1995 has been a lot of fun, and in combination with a bit of hard work, it has also been a very rewarding year. A very quick year, but very rewarding.

Holding the position of Head of Syme House has brought many opportunities and responsibilities which have been a great test, and also very helpful in developing my character. The job was not as I expected, but if it was offered again I would not pass it by. To the potential Head of House don't you let it slip by.

At the beginning of the year Syme was looking very strong and we were feeling pretty confident. We had a great bunch of group leaders offering plenty of sporting ability and motivation. The swimming started off well with a close second behind Donnelly, but unfortunately we could not maintain this right through the year. The participation and keenness of the guys was exceptional, and some very lively juniors certainly made Syme noticeable. We finished third overall which was a good effort, but not where we had hoped. Congratulations to Hatherly for taking it out, and Donnelly for giving them a score this year. To Barak, well what can you say, keep on trying and you'll get there one day.

There are many people who deserve thanks from me for a great year, and none more than Mr Smith. He became Head of the House when we entered in the Third Form. It has been mentioned that he might slip out of the city this year, as we are also leaving. This is a shame as you couldn't get a more determined and gutsy guy for the job. Thanks for all the help Mr Smith, not only this year but for the five years at NPBHS. Thanks to Mr Gledhill, we almost succeeded in running a dance, and certainly made for some interesting discussion at council. Finally I'd like to thank all my prefects for picking up all that rubbish and controlling their group rooms. Cheers Reg, Watson, Cheesy, Crystal, Pudding, J. J., Sung, Treanor and brother-in-law.

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Mention also has to be made to Mr Ryder. It was an honour to work with the man, even though it was for a short time. It was a great experience and all the best to him in his retirement.

To Mr French-Wright a big task lies ahead of you, but I believe you will fit in nicely at NPBHS. All the best for 1996.

It was a great year was 1995, and wouldn't have wanted to work with anyone else apart from the Heads of Houses and Head Boy of that year. Thanks Barney, Mouse, Carrot, Chubby and Congo. Have a great future and behave yourselves.

NATHAN SHAW

**DONNELLY HOUSE REPORT**

1995 has been another outstanding year at New Plymouth Boys' High School in all aspects of the school's life; whether it be cultural, sporting or academically related. This year has also been the year in which Donnelly House must now be recognised as a potent force in the Interhouse Competition; undoubtedly giving 'Crusty' Taylor many a sleepless night this year.

The year began well in the Interhouse Competition with a sensational effort in winning the swimming sports. This was followed by a second place in the athletics sports, largely due to the solid efforts of all the groups in the tabloid sports. The House also performed well in the excessive heat on cross-country day coming second. The House performed creditably in all of the other events except the Haka, where tradition was upheld and we again came last.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in any of the numerous Interhouse events; it was great to see that everyone from Third Formers to Seventh Formers were keen to be involved in the competition this year. Thanks to you all!

The Interhouse Competition couldn't have run as smoothly or efficiently without the help of Donnelly prefects for 1995. Wayne, Matthew, Gwynn, Bevan, Nick, Simon, Korey and the two Daves, all put a lot of effort into the school during the year. Thanks a lot for all the help and support this year and I think that we all improved a lot since our 'gourmet' meal out at Oakura.

To Mr Watts, thanks for your support and guidance during the year, it was often invaluable.

To Brad 'Barney' Martin, Nathan 'Rex' Shaw, Brad 'Crusty' Taylor, Brendon 'Walshie' Walsh and Chris 'Congo' Pollock; this year has been great thanks to your support. We never had a dull moment waiting for our meetings, (thanks to Barney and his liquorice).

I would especially like to thank 'Crusty' for his vigilant attendance throughout the year; being so dedicated to turn up even when we didn't have to.

To next year's Head of House, my best wishes for 1996. Give it heaps and the year will be full of rewards.

Finally, I would like to wish Mr French-Wright and the School all the best for a prosperous future!

CRAIG BENNETT

**BARAK**

At the start of 1995 I said to the school that my goal for Barak House was not necessarily to win the House competition, but to place emphasis on everybody enjoying themselves and participating.

Looking back on the year I think I can safely say that Barak House had the most fun for 1995.

House assemblies consisted of basketball competitions where B5 were outright winners. Other activities were Haka practice and volleyball.

This year Barak continued its strong pattern in the Haka with an excellent placing of second. My thanks go out to everybody who helped with the Haka especially Mr Luke, Brian 'Roly' Lewis and Jai Huta as well as Mr Atkins for his theory on how you should perform the stance during the Haka.

Barak had a disappointing result in the swimming sports although I think everybody enjoyed themselves in the sun and overall a great day was had.

Hayden Markam and Jai Huta must be congratulated for their superb efforts in cross-country and athletics where they both dominated in their events.

The overall efforts that went into rugby, soccer, league, touch rugby, hockey, tug-of-war, volleyball and tennis makes me proud. Basketball turned out extremely exciting to watch and Jai Huta along with Nathan 'Chunky' Kinera combined well to give Barak a convincing win in the hockey.

I would like to thank all the prefects for a job well done, without the support you guys gave me my job would have been impossible. Special thanks go to Ben 'Neb' Kohlis for putting up with my 'delegation dumping' all year. Also to Andrew Moffat, Hayden Markam and Brian 'Roly' Lewis for always being there - especially for rubbish duty.

I would also like to thank the whole of Barak House, as I received nothing but enthusiasm and support and this I really appreciated.

Mr Kirk and Mr Laurenson have my total respect as does Mr French-Wright for their guidance and excellent advice whenever I needed it.

Also, to the big guy, Mr Atkins, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be Head of House, your humour and stories always made House assemblies interesting and I thank you for all the help and support you gave me throughout the year.

To the other House Leaders, Student Rep and Head Boy, Craig 'Mouse' Bennett, Brad 'Crusty' Taylor, Nathan 'Rex' Shaw, Brendan Walsh and Chris 'Congo' Pollock - it's been a privilege and a pleasure working with you guys and all the best for whatever the future brings.

Finally, to the Head of Barak for 1996, take all the advice you can get, give it all you've got and never, never give up.

BRAD MARTIN

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*Sportsman of the Year 1995 - K. Gibson*

*Performing Artist of the Year 1995 - E. Wong*



# ACADEMIC RESULTS

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



*Aneel Hay - English*



*Alan Malcolm - Japanese*

Put in the effort  
Reap the rewards  
Don't leave till the  
Last moment  
Because work like  
Life can't wait.  
Get work out of the way  
The fun, drink and play  
Will come ...  
Later.

*R. Dryden*



*Gil Coombe - Calculus*



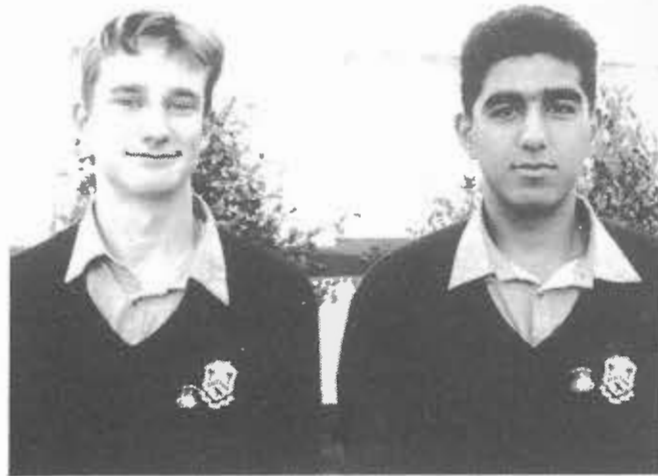
*J. Lee - Design*



*Neville Garven - History*



Ben Cooper - PED



Charles De Bock (L) - Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Art  
Edmond Ansari (R) - Calculus, Statistics.



Hamish Gray - Accounting



Bryan Thornhill (L) - English Hamish Bracegirdle (R) - History



Paul Tannahill (L) - English Adrian Wilson (R) - English



Matthew Hoult (L) - History Hamish Murray (R) - English



## 1995 GRADUATES

### NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

#### MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Adlam, Michael James - BEd - 1990  
Araiti, Tupu Tetupu - Exec MBA - 1971  
Archibald, Robert Drummond - Dip Tech Meat Tech - 1968  
Barrowman, Craig Hilton - BBS - 1987  
Brennan, Kyle James - BAgSc (Hons) - 1990  
Carter, John Jeffrey - DipBusStudies - 1964  
Chivers, Michael David - DipBusStudies - 1986  
Cleaver, Dylan Neil - BA (SocSc) - 1989  
Fenton, Michael - MSc - 1983  
Hastie, Grant Andrew - Dip Agr - 1988  
Howse, Andrew John - BAgSc (Hons) - 1990  
Jamieson, Dallas Neil - BBS - 1991  
Johns, Stephen Roy - DipBusStudies - 1988  
Keenan, Daniel - PhD (Hum) - 1968  
Mills, Allen Campbell - BAgSc - 1990  
Neilson, Robert Bruce - BBS - 1955  
O'Dowda, Matthew John - BEd - 1990  
Peters, Rowan Donald - DipDevStud - 1967  
Pugh, Tony Graham - BBS - 1984  
Putt, Gary John - DipTech - 1977  
Redington, Iann Richard - BHort - 1990  
Reed, Kirk Douglas - Cert in Arts (SocSc) - 1984  
Roberts, Paul Rex - Exec MBA - 1974  
Robertson, Gordon Donne - BAg - 1987  
Taylor, Andrew Kenneth - BSc - 1990  
Taylor, Craig Robert - BBS - 1991  
Vivian, Carey - BRP(Hons) - 1990  
Ward, Stephen Charles - BBS - 1971

#### LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Austin, Colin John - DipFM - 1991  
Jolly, Glenn Douglas - BRS - 1987

#### UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Billinghurst, Paul J. - BE (Chem) (Hons) - 1990  
Clarke, Jeffrey N. - BE (Chem) (Hons) - 1989  
Focamp, Bernard P. G. - BA - 1987  
Hansen, Peter E. - BSc - 1980  
Hanson, Gavin C. - BA - 1990  
Marsh, Curtis A. BE (Mech) (Hons) - 1990  
McLeod, Graham R. - BE (Elec) (Hons) - 1990  
Naitoro, Eric - BSc - 1987  
Nori, Carley F. - BE (Civil) (Hons) - 1984  
O'Halloran, Christopher M. - BE (Elec) (Hons) - 1990  
Scott, Philip K. - BA - 1989  
Williams, Andrew D. - BE (For) (Hons) - 1989

#### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Beardmore, Jon Robert - BCA - 1990  
Coley, Sean Damian - MA - 1987  
Moore, Mark John - BCA - 1989  
Pal, Nitij Devakar - BA - 1990  
Roguski, Kyle Marc - BCA - 1990  
Rutherford, Kim Matthew - BSc - 1989  
Silby, Howard William - MSc - 1988  
Spurdle, Vaughan Patrick - BA - 1990  
Wipatene, Karl Anthony - BArch - 1988

#### UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Coley, Roger Norman - BSocSc - 1989  
Funnell, Warrick Darcy - DipPFinPlan - 1961

#### UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Bublitz, David James - BPhEd - 1989  
Buyck, Nicoelas Marinus Cornelis - BPhEd - 1990  
Doy, Alan Leonard - BSurv - 1990  
Hook, James Ronald - MRRP - 1986  
Lin, Christopher Weng Keong - BDS - 1989  
Lyll, Robert Campbell Lascelles BCom - 1989  
McComb, Peter John - DipSci - 1983  
McMahon - Christopher David - PhD - 1978  
Rattray, Louis Hardie - BCom - 1990  
Rodrigues, Charles Leonard - CFitMgt - 1969  
Scott, Mark Nathan - BPhEd - 1989

#### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Gillespie, Simon J. - BE (E&E) - 1990  
Patel, Vipul P. - BSc - 1986  
Seaton, Michael P. - BE(Civil)

Note: Year stated is last year at school.

## REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

<b>Cricket</b>	M. Broadmore*, B. Harvie*, J. Watkins*, B. Fale*, J. Goodin, R. West, S. Henderson, L. Johnston J. Nasome, D. Oldridge, B. Jordan, J. Huta
<b>Athletics</b>	D. Fisher, K. Bell, L. McLeod, C. Clow.
<b>Swimming</b>	Brad Bellamy, James Clough, Nathan Kinera, David Williams, Ronald Gatenby*
<b>Hockey</b>	Mark Walton
<b>Cross Country</b>	Sam Hazledine, Lee Taylor, Ronald Gatenby, Bruce Gregory, Jeremy Parsons
<b>Volleyball</b>	Chris Pollock, Leyton Watson, Brendon Walsh Nathan Shaw, Brad Martin, Craig Bennett, Carl Sheridan
<b>School Council</b>	A. Pasili, B. Newland, P. Tito, C. Bennett, B. Taylor, B. Eastgate, J. Nasome, B. Fale*, R. Bryant*, J. Weston*, P. Hancock*
<b>Rugby 1st XV</b>	M. Cox, J. Connor
<b>Debating and Public Speaking</b>	M. Kelly, R. Laurenson, D. Oldridge, S. Frost, P. Walden, S. Henderson
<b>Basketball</b>	Martin De Bock, Andrew Wilson, Daniel Rae, Simon Barker, Carl Maunder* (Stage Band) Craig Cochrane, Lyndon Stone, Gavin Bromfield*, Paul Bullock, Edmond Wong* (Concert Band) Richard Dryden, Murray Cox (Choir) Callum Taylor, Alasdair Green, Tony Hutton
<b>Music</b>	Leyton Watson, Andrew Moffatt, Casey Raven, Todd Feather, Clinton Ansell*, Melious Newman, Brad Maguire
<b>Rugby</b>	Simon Duffill, Mark Gordon, Hayden Markham, Karl Alatoa, Elvind Johnsen, Jarrod Morrison, Mike Williams
<b>Soccer</b>	Philip Whittaker Brad Martin, Simon Cleaver, Craig Bennett, Mitchell Campbell
<b>Badminton</b>	Bevan Coles
<b>Tennis</b>	Chris Pollock, Matthew Treanor, Matthew Surgenor, Darryn Jones
<b>Squash</b>	Korey Gibson, Mark Woodward, Shannon Boxer
<b>Cycling</b>	
<b>Rugby League</b>	

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## NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



Regan West - Cricket



Darren Fisher - Triathlon



Peter Kingsnorth - Bodyboarding



Korey Gibson - Rugby League



Scott Carr - Rugby League

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## REPORT FROM THE HOSTEL

The start to 1995 was fairly uneventful (when it is compared to that of recent years when major building programmes have been under way).

As has been the pattern in the recent past, the prefects arrived back to the hostel on the Friday before the Third Form (and other new boys) and were committed to a full day of intensive training that would enable them to be immediately effective in their duties. It worked a treat because by 10.00am, the arrival time for the new boys, everyone was primed and ready for action and many of the parents, who had been through the system before, commented that this was well organised and very welcoming.

The Head Boarder for 1995, Brad Taylor (the last of three very capable brothers) was assisted by Johnny Weston (Head of Carrington who replaced Kieran Condon in the middle of the year) and Mark Walton (Head of Moyes) with the full list of boarding prefects for 1995 being; Carrington - Todd Feather (dorm 1), Richard Bryant (dorm 2), Richard Dryden (dorm 3), Sean Baxter (dorm 4), and Christen Dimond (dorm 5); Moyes - Paul Hancock (dorm 1), Brad Maguire (dorm 2 - replacing James Dunning), Douglas Harbutt (dorm 3), Richard Papps (dorm 4), and Brian Eastgate (dorm 5); Niger - Ronald Gatenby, Beauden Mullin and Brendon Harvie.

By the time we were back at school the results from the 1994 public examinations were available and, while we didn't have the outstanding results at the top end - to equal recent years - it was pleasing to see that the overall results were of a very high standard (80%) with A or B Bursary and only five boarders failed to gain entrance to university. 'A' Bursaries were gained by Neville Garven, Simon Gibbs and Paul Wollfram - five more boarders were less than 2 marks per paper away from an 'A' pass.

School Certificate too saw few outstanding results but the overall pass rate was creditable.

Special thanks must go to the staff of the day school who so generously give up their time with extra classes and tutorials, out of normal school hours. This really does prepare the students very well, and undoubtedly makes a big difference to the final results.

The only staffing change was the appointment of a new chef, replacing Mr Holmes who had accepted another job offer during the holidays. The new chef, Mr D. Smith, was soon a hit with the boys, not only for his skill in the kitchen but also because of his pleasant and helpful manner. Because he has become a friend to so many of us we were sorry to lose him before the end of the year to the 'big dollars and cents' on the rig.

Early in the term we had two nights of prefects' training with hostel staff and members of the Hostel Committee. The first of these sessions was hosted by the Board Chairman (Mr John Eagles) and Mrs Eagles. Prefects, staff and board began the training session with afternoon tea and after a break for dinner finished at about 9.45pm. A lot of learning had taken place and we now knew one another much better and were confident of a team approach to the management of the hostel.

Two weeks later we had a further session - this time the Hostel Committee Chairman (Mr Geoff Ward), and Mrs Ward opened their home to us and we enjoyed another very productive evening.

The sensible and mature attitude of the hostel prefects impressed both the Board and staff - who were left with the feeling that they fully appreciated the value of the responsibilities that they had undertaken.

As usual 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 held on the grass by the pool in beautifully fine conditions. This is an ideal opportunity for families to get together in an informal atmosphere.

A couple of weeks later it was the athletic sports that gave parents another opportunity to see their sons in action and it was good to see an increased parent gallery for that.

Soon after the beginning of the school year Richard Bryant was selected for the Taranaki Senior Sevens rugby team and for the next few weeks had a very busy schedule with training and games. After the national finals, Richard was named the Taranaki team's Most Valuable Player - an outstanding effort from a schoolboy who was competing against current All Blacks.

The end of the first term was a time for farewells with firstly the Headmaster's (Mr Ryder) retirement and, right at the end of the term, Mr Brett Sloan's appointment as Principal of Okato College.

The Hostel had a formal dinner to farewell Mr and Mrs Ryder. We invited former Hostel Committee Chairmen to the dinner and heard, first hand, of the hard work that Mr Ryder put in, especially in his early years at NPBHS, to lift the hostel back to its former glory. Mr Sloan's position was filled by Mr J. Sims and his family who are now making a valuable contribution to the hostel scene.

When we returned to school for Term Two it was under the guidance of the newly appointed Headmaster, Mr French-Wright. It was immediately obvious that Mr French-Wright was keen to have a close association with boarding and even in his first week at NPBHS, an extremely busy time for him, he attended one of our evening assemblies and joined us for lunch in the dining room.

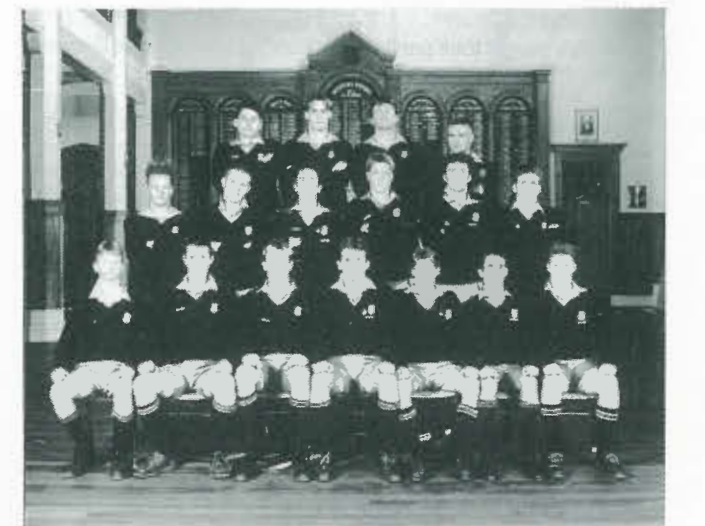
By the time Queen's Birthday arrived the prefects had the Third Form Boarders' rugby team well prepared for the 41st Niger Trophy game with Palmerston North Boys' High School. It was our turn to travel and, once again, we were very pleased to have the support of a good group of parents who joined us (the team, prefect trainers, Mr Kirk and myself), the Headmaster and Mrs French-Wright.

Monday morning, the day of the big game, was cold but bright and sunny when the two teams went on to the field to play the 41st challenge for the trophy. For the first ten minutes NPBHS had most of the possession but then Palmerston North broke free for the first of four quick tries, two of which were converted, so at half time they were ahead by 24-0. The second half was a nil-all draw. Our boys played a very good game but, for just twenty minutes, had no answer to three very strong and agile backs in the opposition team. It was an excellent exhibition of classy rugby from two well prepared teams.

Throughout their visit our team and their prefect coaches: Richard Bryant, Brad Taylor, Mark Walton and Johnny Weston, were a credit to their school.

Three weeks later there was another farewell. Mrs Bradfield who had been Assistant Matron and then Matron, for a total of nine years, had decided that after all that time, looking after others, it was time to look after herself. Mrs Bradfield had given excellent service over that period and so it was with very mixed feelings that we said goodbye and wished her all the best in retirement. To fill this important vacancy, Mrs Morris (Assistant Matron for the past eight years) won promotion to Matron and Mrs D. Bernet was appointed to the Assistant Matron's position.

Ten days later we were off to the Fieldays at Mystery Creek again. Once again we shared a site with New Plymouth Girls' High School to mount a joint promotion of our two hostels. Two boys, David Williams and James Topless, spent three days at the Fieldays on our stand and they really were excellent ambassadors for the school. I was pleased to have the company of the Headmaster with us because it gave large numbers of visitors an opportunity to get direct answers to their personal enquiries. Even though the weather wasn't up to standard (but probably quite good for the Waikato at that time of the year), large numbers visited the site during the time.



Hostel Prefects

Open Weekend, Friday, June 23 through to Sunday, June 25, 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! This weekend was chosen by the Hostel Committee, as the time to unveil their plans for the future development of the hostel. Two architectural firms had submitted their ideas for this development, which will eventually lead to the complete replacement of the existing hostel buildings. This too created a lot of interest and much positive feedback.

Island Night, on August 5, was a tribute to fine young people who come to us from the Islands of the Pacific. Even though the three schools (NPBHS, NPGHS and Sacred Heart) each has fewer Island students than has been the case, everyone put in a tremendous effort to put on a very polished performance. We are all much richer by having these outstanding young people as part of our school community.

As usual the Senior Ball on August 12 was the social highlight of the year for our senior boys. This year the theme was of ancient Egypt and the school's main hall was decorated accordingly. To give the right atmosphere, the main hall was decorated with many metres of black polythene which had been encrypted with suitable hieroglyphics, a very effective transformation of the hall.

This year has again seen boarding enjoy strong representation in the senior teams of all sporting 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 with the full list as follows:

- First XV Rugby - Brad Taylor (Captain), Richard Bryant (Vice Captain), Brian Eastgate, Johnny Weston, Jone Nasome, Paul Hancock, Brad Maguire, Todd Feather, Mark Walton, Quentin Brears, Brad Newland, Paul Tito and Christen Dimond (Student Manager).
- First V Basketball - Paul Walden.
- First XI Soccer - Karl Alatoa and Calum Jamieson.
- Debating and Public Speaking - Richard Dryden and Greg Lawn.
- Hockey - Ronald Gatenby, Bradley Ballamy and David Williams (Ronald Gatenby was selected as a member of the India Shield Tournament Team).
- Tennis - Mitchel Campbell.
- First XII League - Mark Edgecombe with, from time to time, very valuable assistance from Johnny Weston, Brad Maguire and Richard Bryant.

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

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It was the end of Term Two that saw yet another staff member leave boarding. Mr J. Rowlands and his family 'retired' from boarding for a second time. Mrs Rowlands was about to give birth to their third child (a very healthy second daughter arrived early in Term Three) and there simply wasn't room for a family of that size in the small, two bedroomed, Carrington flat. Once again we were very fortunate with the high level of staff interest in the vacancy and Mr L. Wilson, the successful candidate, is now very much part of the hostel team.

At the beginning of Term Three, with most of the other competition behind us, all focus for the hostel was on the Day Boys v Boarders rugby game (which was to be played on Thursday, September 21).

This year, although I was quietly confident that the dedication and resolve of the Boarders would give us a win I certainly wasn't prepared for the final score line of 58-7.

It was obvious from the very beginning that the Boarders intended to play a very fast flowing game but it was just as obvious that the Day Boys were not going to let them have it all their own way and, as a result, we were well entertained with seventy minutes of first class rugby. Credit must go too to the Day Boys for the way that they contested the game right to the end, even though they were so far behind on the scoreboard.

The Boarders' points came from tries from: Johnny Weston (2), Paul Tito, Richard Bryant, Mark Walton, Greg Crofskey, Brad Newland, Jone Nasome and Brad Maguire while the remainder came from the boot of Todd Feather and one conversion by Brad Newland.

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, and a total of 180 plus junior boys assisting with the collections of seven worthy causes.

The hostel is a very special place but to keep it running smoothly, huge demands are placed on everyone associated with it and none comes up wanting. 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 those and finally to everyone - have a happy Christmas.

M. R. GRIMWOOD, Senior Hostel Master.



## SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Number of subjects with Grade C or better:

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# RUGBY



## FIRST XV RUGBY

**Back Row:** N. Newman, A. Pasili, R. Barnes, B. Newlands, P. Tito, A. Moffat, C. Clow, L. Watson, B. Eastgate.  
**Middle Row:** Mr G. Hall, G. Fabish, C. Bennett, J. Nasome, M. Walton, T. Feather, Q. Brears, M. Broadmore, C. Dimond.  
**Front Row:** Mr D. Atkins, C. Raven, B. Maguire, J. Weston, B. Taylor (Captain), R. Bryant, B. Fale, P. Hancock, C. Ansell, Mr W. Geange.

## FIRST XV REPORT

Commencing the season with many players back from the 1994 First XV, hopes were high that 1995 would be a very successful season for the First XV. By the end of the season these hopes had proven most justified.

To remain unbeaten after 23 games was a remarkable achievement and a credit to all the players and to the two coaches Mr Atkins and Mr Hall.

Without doubt the results of 1995 stand alongside some of the finest and proudest moments in the history of rugby at NPBHS.

Well led by Brad Taylor, the team played skilful, open, team rugby in most games. Their style of rugby was a delight to watch and gained a lot of admiration and respect from opposing teams and spectators.

Playing in the Taranaki Under 21 competition the team won all their fixtures to win the grade convincingly. The final at Rugby Park

against Stratford provided the opportunity for the team to display their open, running style of play at its best. With the backs running in several excellent tries the final score of 31/9 to NPBHS completed a very pleasing end to the local competition.

It is difficult to single out individual players because the real strength of this team lay in their team spirit and the fifteen man rugby they played.

However, it is fair to mention the exploits of Richard Bryant who in every game was a true inspiration to every other team member in his dedication, skill level, outstanding performances and the example he set.

Team members also had to put in a lot of time and effort off the field too. The trip to Christchurch meant a lot of fundraising had to be undertaken in order to help reduce the costs of air fares to and from Christchurch for parents. The selling of manure, Woolworths

barbecues, and numerous other jobs and activities all proved most helpful in raising funds for the season's activities.

Our thanks go to all parents who contributed so much themselves to the fundraising. The parents support and encouragement of their sons is of great benefit to the team as a whole. Many parents travelled vast distances week in and week out, their dedication to the team is incredible and the success of the team owes a lot to their support.

Sincere thanks also to our sponsors - Auto Lodge Motor Inn, Stirling Sports, Coca-Cola Bottlers and Trio Business Centre. All team members are most appreciative of and grateful for their support.

Our close links to New Plymouth Old Boys' Rugby Club continued again this season. We are grateful for their donation for the Christchurch trip.

Finally, I am certain that every member of the team will have fond memories of their part in this year's team.

For many, the rugby they have played this season may well prove the most enjoyable in their rugby careers. All can look back with pride and pleasure at the standard of rugby they played. They have indeed been important members of a team which has ensured the position of the New Plymouth Boys' High School First XV among the top secondary school rugby teams in New Zealand.

W.J. GEANGE, Manager.



**Results:** Played 23, won 22, drawn 1. Points: For 853, Against 160.

**Leading Scorers:** Paul Hancock 207, Casey Raven 104, Richard Bryant 18 tries, Jone Nasome 15 tries, Johnny Weston 13 tries.

**Interscholar Fixtures:** Hamilton Boys' High School - won 10-6; St Pat's Silverstream - draw 6-6; Wanganui Collegiate - won 29-0; Lycee Polyvalent-France - won 21-12; Palmerston North Boys' High School - won 26-10; Te Aute College - won 42-0; Christchurch Boys' High School - won 27-12.

**Under 21 Club Fixtures:** Clifton - won 46-0; Spotswood - won 34-8; Central - won 89-0; Inglewood - won 57-10; Stratford - won 21-12; Coastal - won 34-7; Southern - won 99-8; Tukapa - won 29-3; NPOB - won 24-0; Inglewood - won 40-0; Coastal - won 24-10; Stratford - won 19-14; NPOB - won 73-0; Tukapa - won 26-0; Stratford - won 26-23; Stratford (final) - won 31-9.

**Sevens Competition:** Winner Taranaki Secondary Schools' Sevens; winner Clifton Under 21 Sevens; quarterfinalists Taranaki Senior Club Sevens.

**Representative Honours:** Taranaki Provincial Sevens Team - Richard Bryant.

Northern Regions Coaching School - Richard Bryant, Clinton Ansell, Brad Taylor, Brad Fale.

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team - Brad Taylor, Richard Bryant, Paul Hancock, Brad Newland, Brian Eastgate, Johnny Weston, Brad Fale, Todd Feather, Clinton Ansell, Paul Tito, Melios Newman.

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## TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

This proved to be a highly successful season: Seven games - six wins and one draw. The success however can be more accurately gauged by the points for and against: For 161, against 46.

This clearly shows the team's ability to attack and involve all 15 and its ability to defend with accuracy and power. The entertainment this team provided throughout the college match season was simply superb.

A huge thank you for all the support received this season, especially during the away games.

### Versus Hamilton Boys' High at Hamilton

At last our first traditional. Hamilton went into the game supremely confident after narrow victories over Auckland Grammar and the top two Waikato school sides. They also realised the advantage of playing at home.

The game was played in excellent conditions, but unfortunately never really rose to any great heights. The notable feature of the game was the tough and desperate defence - neither side was prepared to give an inch. In the end the game was decided on getting into the right attacking zones and taking the points when offered.

Hamilton had a number of opportunities in the second half but failed to capitalise on these, whereas Boys' High made the most of their chances. Boys' High deserved to win as they were the team more willing to play a 15 man game.

The support the team received was tremendous and really set the scene for the rest of the season.

Score: 10-6. Scorers : Bennett - try, Raven- conversion and penalty.

### Versus St. Pat's Silverstream at New Plymouth

They say that all good teams have 'one of those games' a season and unfortunately for this team it had to be the first home college game.

The game was a stop-start affair due to some indifferent refereeing, poor delivery of ball going forward and inaccuracies in the backline, both in decision making and execution.

It was a game that most spectators came away from disappointed and rightly so, as the basis of schoolboy rugby is open, attractive rugby with a high level of fitness and skill. It was a game that the team felt they let themselves down in, but it is a real credit to all of the team with the way they picked themselves up and forged ahead from there.

This game actually proved to be the catalyst for the remainder of the season. The team changed their basic style of play after this game which proved to be highly successful, but more importantly, enjoyable for those playing and watching.

Score: 6-6. Scorer: Raven-2 penalties.

### Versus Wanganui Collegiate at New Plymouth

This was the game Boys' High had the chance to redeem themselves in after the poor performance against St. Pat's.

It was the game in which they wanted to show their true ability to the school. Unfortunately the Taranaki weather intervened and the school were unable to watch what turned out to be a superb performance. The weather was not conducive to the new 'total team rugby' concept, but this did not stop the boys from successfully playing it.

It was a game where Boys' High were in complete control from the outset and only really looked troubled when the weather was at its worst. The entire team played with a high level of commitment and skill, which was especially pleasing considering the number of backline changes.

I think it could truly be said that the St. Pats effort had been forgotten.

Score: 29-0. Scorers: Pasili- try, Taylor - try, Weston - try, Hancock - try, three conversions, penalty.

### Versus Lycee Polyvalent, Paris, France

We were fortunate enough to be included in this French team's itinerary - this probably reflects on the level of achievement attained by the Boys' High First XV over the last six years.

The game was played in excellent overhead conditions, but the ground was an absolute mud bath. On paper this did not look very promising for Boys' High as the Lycee Polyvalent team was considerably older and bigger, and a game plan revolving around speeding the game up, was somewhat negated.

However, the Boys' High forwards dictated terms up front with strong driving play and the backs always made the advantage line, or counter attacked well. The game was notable for the tough

defence and both sides willingness to shift the ball. The final result was an excellent win for Boys' High.

Both teams enjoyed the opportunity to play each other and the chance to experience each other's culture.

Score: 21-12. Scorers: Bryant - try, Newman - try, Taylor - try, Hancock - two penalties.

#### **Versus Palmerston North Boys' High School at Palmerston North**

The first real test of the college match season. The test was made even tougher by the fact that it was played at Palmerston North. The final result underlined the skill and commitment of the 1995 First XV.

Palmerston had a clear territorial and possession advantage but continually came up empty handed when mounting raids on our line. The defence of the team was nothing short of superb - from the front row to the wings, it was aggressive and accurate.

Then when the team went onto attack they took any opportunity that was given and scored. The stand out performer here was Leyton Watson who bagged three tries. The team performance was truly outstanding and gave the team the confidence to move into the next three big games in a positive frame of mind.

Score: 26-10. Scorers: Watson - three tries, Hancock - three penalties, conversion.

#### **Versus Te Aute at New Plymouth**

The final college game for 1995 on the Gully was greeted with overcast conditions, which worsened as the game progressed, with very familiar soft underfoot conditions.

However, this did not dampen both teams desire to play open 15 man rugby. Boys' High superior teamwork, fitness and individual brilliance in the end meant that Te Aute suffered one of their most comprehensive defeats in recent years.

Boys' High started the game with a length of the field try involving most of the players. This set the tone for the remaining 75 minutes. The efforts of our loose forward trio in this game were clearly demonstrated and showed how important they were to over overall game plan.

The quality of the offence in the game was obvious, but the defence was also very impressive - to keep an attacking team like Te Aute scoreless is a huge achievement. The team appreciated the senior management of the school allowing the boys to watch the game even considering the weather.

Score: 42-0. Scorers: Bennett - try, Bryant - try, Eastgate - try, Maguire - try, Newman - try, Weston - try, Hancock - three conversions, two penalties.

#### **Versus Christchurch Boys' High at Christchurch**

The final game of the season could not have ended any better for this team which had by now developed and incredibly high level of teamwork and extraordinary sense of team spirit.

After being told by our new Headmaster that it never rained in Christchurch we were somewhat disappointed to find that the ground resembled those that we were used to in Taranaki. That did not phase either side as the game was played at a high pace and intensity and involved all 30 on the field.

Boys' High started very slowly but by half-time were the dominant side especially up front, and in any phase situation where our ability to continue play was a real highlight.

According to their coaches, Christchurch played as well as they had during the season, so the final result was a real credit to the Boys' High team. It was a true team effort which really epitomised the overall style of the 1995 First XV and was a fitting finale for the 1995 season.

Score: 27-12. Scorers: Eastgate - two tries, Weston - try, Hancock - three conversions, two penalties.

### **RUGBY FIRST XV PLAYER PROFILES 1995**

#### **Clinton Ansell - Hooker - one try**

Ansell has played on the flank for the First XV during the last two years. 1995 saw Clinton return to the front row. His work rate was outstanding, while his 'throw ins' were of the highest quality.

#### **Quentin Brears - Hooker**

An aggressive player from the King Country. Will be a great asset in 1996.

#### **Aaron Pasili - Loosehead Prop - three tries**

Jay-Jay is a first year rugby player. A very mobile and hard running forward, who was given a licence to destroy the opposition in the tackle.

#### **Brad Newlands - Tighthead Prop**

Brad did the 'hard yards' for the team, taking control in the rucks and mauls. Will continue to mature as a First XV player in 1996.

#### **Raymond Barnes - Prop - one try**

'The Caretaker' worked hard to maintain his fitness during the season. He was keen for any opportunity to get on the field. Could form the basis of a good front row if he improves his fitness in 1996.

#### **Brad Fale - Lock - No. 2 Jumper - one try**

A very aggressive player who took some excellent ball in the line-outs. A high level of fitness saw 'Boomer' become the fourth loose forward.

#### **Paul Tito - Lock - No. 4 Jumper - one try**

'Fish' dominated most opposition teams. Carries himself well around the field. An aggressive, hard working lock who enjoys the physical confrontations. 1996 will see Paul become the mainstay of the First XV.

#### **Andrew Moffat - Lock - No. 2 and No. 4 Jumper**

'Moo-fat' made a major contribution when injuries plagued our first choice locks. He was a tradesman of the highest quality. 'It's all in the mind'.

#### **Cameron Clow - Lock**

Cameron played well for the Second XV during the year. Was called into the team during the business end of the season. Played in the Under 21 championship club final, displaying a high level of athletic ability and fitness.

#### **Grant Fabish - Loosie**

Grant was plagued with injury during the year. A first year player who needs to identify his sporting goals in 1996. Could become a big asset next year, if he gives it a 'good nudge'.

#### **Craig Bennett - Flanker - No. 6 - five tries**

The loose forward trio created havoc and Craig was the unsung hero. He was devastating around the fringes both defensively and offensively. An outstanding young man, on and off the field.

#### **Brad Taylor - Flanker - No. 7 - ten tries**

Brad follows a tradition in the Taylor family of outstanding service to NPBHS and the First XV. All three Taylor boys have captained the First XV.

He is one of few players who have a 'rugby brain'. His decision making is without peer. At times his play reached sublime levels. Was the transition player between backs and forwards and showed good speed around the field. 'The last line of a family dynasty at NPBHS'.

#### **Richard Bryant - No. 8 - eighteen tries**

Richard had an outstanding season in the No. 8 jersey. He represented Taranaki at the Telecom National Sevens, and was the outstanding player for Taranaki. 'Mole' was in devastating form all season, becoming the top try scorer for the First XV. 'A heart as big as a lion' and a level of control beyond his years. Will go a long way in this sport.

#### **Loose Forward Trio**

There aren't enough superlatives to express the devastating form this combination brought to the game in 1995. They are all openside loosies with the hard nosed attitude to succeed, while always enjoying the game. 'A coaches dream'.

#### **Johnnie Weston - Halfback - thirteen tries**

The little 'big man'. Johnnie played some outstanding 'heads up' rugby. His running game devastated the opposition while his passing and kicking displayed maturity beyond his years.

#### **Casey Raven - First Five - three tries - 104 points**

Casey started the year in outstanding fashion, directing the backline and kicking well. Lost his confidence after the first two college matches and played a supportive role at the business end of the season.

#### **Todd Feather - Halfback, First Five - four tries**

Todd was the 'big improver' in 1995. He started the season as the backup halfback and first five-eight. Never played a bad game in the First XV jersey. A good passer of the ball and a sound kicker. Made some excellent decisions and options in the college matches.

#### **Brad Maguire - Second Five - three tries**

'Bro' had major knee surgery at the end of 1994. It seemed unlikely that he would play for the First VX in 1995. He worked hard on his fitness and made the starting line-up for the interschools against Wanganui Collegiate. Excellent defender and had the physical abilities to break tackles. Created a lot of space for Eastgate at centre.



*The Blue Hitman*



*Battling for possession*

### **Brain Eastgate - Centre, Second Five - seven tries**

Brian started the season tentatively at second five and was moved out to centre, this saw his play improve. He was given more space and time in this position. He became our main attacking weapon, breaking tackles and running hard into space.

### **Midfield Combination**

The midfield combination as a unit was very powerful offensively. They carted the ball up and set up an excellent platform for the forwards to work off, while having the option of going wide.

### **Melios Newman - Centre, Wing - ten tries**

Mel played very well early season on the hard tracks. Mid-season saw his form drop off, when a decision was made to transfer him onto the wing, where his 'stepping' skills could be better utilised. Played the last two college matches on the wing and was always a threat.

### **Jone Nasome - Left Wing - fifteen tries**

JB or 'Blue' played sound rugby throughout the year. His defensive skills improved. Always in devastating form on hard tracks and had a good kick and chase game.

### **Leyton Watson - Wing - six tries**

Leyton was tradesman like during the year. Had an outstanding game vs PNBHS where he scored three tries. Made the most of his opportunities. Unlucky not to play in the last two college matches.

### **Paul Hancock - Fullback - fourteen tries, 207 points**

'Jive' was the pick of the backline. He was in devastating form throughout the year. A talented footballer who penetrates the line with speed and accuracy. Excellent goal kicker and displayed some good defensive qualities.

### **Mark Walton - Fullback, Wing - five tries**

'Dinger' made the most of his opportunities and always gave 110% at training. A good team member.

### **Matthew Broadmore - Wing, Centre - six tries**

Matthew played soundly throughout the season with limited opportunities.

### **Brendon Harvie - Halfback**

Brendon played a college match against Lycee Polyvalent French selection. Played a solid game.

### **Christian Dimond - Student Manager**

'Rat' did an excellent job and he was a valuable team member.

### **The Family Support Group**

A big thank you to all parents and friends of the First XV. The support you give the boys and management is tremendous. Your contribution is valued highly and the success of the team owes a lot to your support.

The first up match against the Spotswood First XV showed that this team's size and age would not be a handicap. Winning 40-14 indicated the amount of 'guts' and 'raw talent' this team possessed. In this first game Bryce Robins, a Fourth Former, was to score a record five tries and five conversions.

This dedication continued throughout the season. Although never beating FDMC or Hawera, the Second XV scared both these teams and was never embarrassed by them. The best game of the season was against the Stratford Firxt XV. Winning 40-15, the seconds showed total dedication and dominated the opposition in all aspects of the game. What was most pleasing was the way in which the game was played. The open skillfull play was a pleasure to watch.

Unfortunately this skilful open pattern was never allowed to show in a college game. This was not due to the team but more the weather conditions. Winning 15-10 against Hamilton was an excellent result in the hail and rain. By the second half both teams were indistinguishable, but this was a well deserved win against the much fancied Hamilton side. The weather conditions were similar when the Seconds met Wanganui Collegiate. Although this game was a hard fought win 13-3, the Second XV were deserving winners. For the first time the Second XV travelled with the First XV to PNBHS. The opposition Second XV were a lot bigger than our team and in a game that was never allowed to flow, the NPBHS side sneaked home 6-3 winners.

In summary this year's Second XV proved to be a very skilful side. They were always willing to learn and reflect what they had practised in their game. Although a young side they showed a lot of pride and flare. Finishing third in the local First XV competition was a pleasing result, and going unbeaten in college games, (a record the Second XV have held for three years) was exceptional.

Thanks to all these parents who supported the team particularly those who helped out with transport. And finally to the team. You were a great team to be part of. Your wins, and the skill used to gain them, is a credit to you. You were a pleasure to coach, and we wish you all the best for the future.

**Role of honour:** Captain Greg Crofskey; vice captain Brendon Harvie; most improved players Clint Newland/Cameron Clow; most conscientious player David Slade; Second XV Cup winner Troy Williams; highest points scorer Bryce Robins.

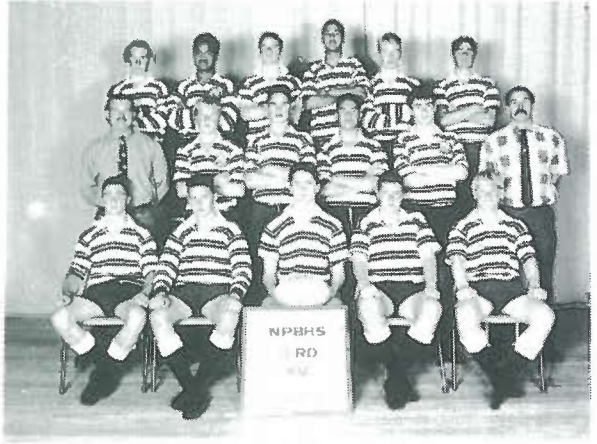
DARRYL LEATH, GORDON GIDDY.



### **SECOND XV**

There was some concern at the start of the season as to how well this year's second XV would compete against what were larger more experienced first XV's. There were some senior players, Shaun, Troy, Reg and Brendon, but on a whole this was a very young side.





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### THIRD XV RUGBY

The Third XV had a mixed season, failing to put it together for most of the season. When the team did fire they were capable of beating the better teams like FDC and Opunake. The team ended up fifth - a disappointing result that reflects the inconsistency displayed and not the true potential.

The team finished the season strongly by coming second in the end of season seven a side tournament. The sole college game of the season was against Pio Pio College. The team struggled against a larger pack in the first half letting in some soft tries. But in the second half the team managed to pick up their game. The final score was 17-11 to Pio Pio.

Kane Rowson, Joseph Fowell, Luke Boddington, Andrew Purdie, Bevan Jordan and Hugh Cotton made it into the NPBHS Under 16 team to play Wanganui Collegiate. These players were the more consistent players this season, and were rewarded for their efforts with this selection.

The team would like to thank Mr Watts and Willie Harvey for their guidance and support throughout the season and a special thanks to all of the parents who provided transport and came along to support the team.

### FOURTH XV

The 4th XV began the year with a great deal of potential, but despite some excellent results, failed to live up to their promise. A loss in the final of the B2 competition to Francis Douglas College (a team they had previously defeated convincingly) was not the end result this team wanted.

Despite this however the team achieved its two main goals for the season; to throw the ball around involving everyone and to enjoy their rugby. The first goal was achieved when every member of the team available for the whole season scored at least one try. Furthermore the team scored 40 tries and conceded only 22, winning 8 games out of 12.

While all members contributed, Bevan Washer rates a mention as the only Fourth Former amongst senior boys. His line-out work secured the supply of ball which enabled the backs to score many fine tries. Ben Kohlis and Richard Papps, who shared the captaincy throughout the season, worked tirelessly and always led by example. Jeremy Parsons and Robert Eagles got through a lot of work while the front row plodders Hasan Herbert and Gwynn Brooks provided the platform for a pack which was never bested. In the backs Jay Knight was always reliable at fullback, while Finny Fruean and the other league import Powhiri Bidois provided the fire-power that often made the difference. Luke Van Praagh played some excellent rugby, returning to the game this year from injury, and was top try scorer with 7.

All others contributed on occasions and had we been able to get a full team together for regular practices the final results would have been quite different. Clearly the team was let down by members who pulled out to play for clubs or other reasons, and this was disappointing for the rest who developed a good team spirit by the end of the season.

A. ELGAR

### RUGBY FIFTH XV

We started the season off well with the first game which was played against Opunake. This game showed that the team had good potential for the year. A pity we lost. However we did beat them later in the year.

Our favourite opposition this year was most definitely the Stratford Third XV. We managed to convincingly beat them every time. Pity there were not any other teams in our division up to their standard.

Under the watchful eye of our superior, praiseworthy and able coach, Jed Rowlands, and our brilliant captain, the team progressed a lot over the season finding new skills that the players had never seen in themselves before, like being able to catch a ball.

Many players are almost candidates for the First XV next year. The team as a whole went well this year, if not in the score, then in the spirit that was put into the games. Because in the end it is the way that you play the game that counts.

Thanks to everyone that helped coach, and to the parents who provided transport for the team this year, it was you that made it another unforgettable season.

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### G GOLD RUGBY 1995

The 1995 G Gold Rugby team experienced a very successful season, in that each player was to further develop his own individual skill, and the team performance was also to improve over the course of the season.

There was some attractive, good quality 15-man rugby from a side that initially lacked the passing skills and positional awareness in the backline, but was one that was particularly strong in the forwards.

The early matches therefore, saw the team play to this strength, while the backs gained in confidence, for it was noticeable that some work would be needed on the passing skills and positional play of the backline.

As the season developed, and the backs gained in confidence, some excellent team tries were created with there being some fine continuity play, as our loose forwards were quick to the break down, and were constructive in securing the loose ball.

The forwards were adept at winning line-out ball, and with some extra variations introduced, it became a prime ball-winning source for the team. The loose forwards were to become a potent force, which allowed the team to employ either the quick release ball at breakdowns or the pick up and drive option, and it was pleasing to see the forwards drive the opposition at times, right through the middle.

The backs became much more cohesive once the passing had improved, for many more options became possible. On defence, our mid-field was strong and our tactical kicking became a strength of the side.

Each player had their special moments, as they developed in confidence, for they each made their contribution to the team spirit and team performance.

Players to stand out, for consistent high performance throughout the season were: Hamish Mitchell, Ria Rauputu, Ben Schurr, Jody Hann, Jarred Whitehead, Joseph Lawn, Reid Archer, Brendon Bloemen, Hamish Kirk, Joel McLeod and Mark Proffit.

Both halfbacks - Peter Ansell and Fraser Donaldson improved their all round skill, and all players deserve recognition for their performance and commitment.

A big thank you to the parents who contributed to the transporting and sideline encouragement, and to all the players, for it was a rewarding and enjoyable season.

K. GLEDHILL (Coach)

### D1 GRADE RUGBY

Even though in D1 grade rugby players are required to be under 60kgs in weight, the Boys' High School side were small in comparison to many of their opponents but what they lacked in size they made up with skills and fitness which would see them making the final at the end of the season.

The team started slowly with some expected wins, but the team was still settling into the competition. There were some stand out players like Hayden Corkin in the forwards and Nathan Farquhar in the backs, but the team was unable to put together an 80 minute team effort.

We eventually met the division front runners Francis Douglas, and were completely out muscled by a larger pack who were confident in their ability and were also supported by hard running backs. If this loss wasn't enough, weeks later at Francis Douglas we were convincingly beaten 46-0. For many teams this would have destroyed them but from somewhere the team found some hidden heart and commitment. Players became keen not only to play Francis Douglas but to beat them. People began to train harder at practice and the team changed its style. Instead of playing a more conservative game, players were encouraged to throw the ball around, to play to our strengths.

This was seen when they played Opunake. With a score of 29-0 at half-time most teams would be happy, but this side was not. The now famous 'up' call was heard from the captain. A call which meant the team needed to lift its commitment at times when opposition teams were falling apart. This team would not be happy unless it played good, attractive rugby for 80 minutes. They eventually ran out winners 80-0. If this was not enough, every try bar one was scored by either a winger or centre. Harvey Marshall had grabbed three in the first half alone. A player who along with the team had grown in confidence. The only try by a forward had been when a-winger was cut down short of the line and amazingly a flanker received the ball to score in the corner.

The team grew and grew in confidence and awaited the match against Francis Douglas. The teams met in the major semi-final at Francis Douglas. Even though the team lost 12-7, it was a victory for many of the players and coach. The team had earned respect from the Francis Douglas side and when we met in the final, the season had already been a success. Francis Douglas maintained their unbeaten record but the Boys' High team held their heads high.

It is obvious too that these players will be seen in future teams at Boys' High School.

### E GRADE RUGBY

1995 was a season full of ups and downs. Mr Luke's team had an encouraging start to the year beating a well organised FDC team. This first up win meant that we took the Top Dog Shield which we managed to hold onto for most of the season.

A season that started so promisingly came unstuck in the final rounds. We reached the finals unbeaten but in the quarter finals were beaten by a more committed FDC side. We were beaten again by this side but still managed to make the semifinals where we played Hawera High School.

This was a game where we made a lot of mistakes. Hawera capitalised on these mistakes and eventually won the game by five points. It was a disappointing way to end the season.

Throughout the season the team demonstrated high quality rugby and showed that they were capable of beating any of the top sides. A big thanks must go out to Mr Luke and his assistant Glen Tippett. Also thank you to the parents and supporters.

L. GIBSON.



Try time!

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# RUGBY LEAGUE



## FIRST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE

**Back Row:** P. Bidois, B. Maguire, F. Ape Esera, S. Boxer.

**Third Row:** M. Woodward, T. Taula, A. Pasili, H. Ruwhiu, M. Edgecombe.

**Second Row:** Mr M. Gibson, C. Katene, J. Huta, R. Cassidy, M. Ape Esera, F. Fruean, Mr J. Devonshire.

**Front Row:** Ms K. Grieve, S. Carr, R. Gibson, K. Gibson (Captain), D. Haskell, Mr S. Lamb.

## RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST XIII

There is no doubt about it that the First XIII have come a long way this year. Two years ago NPBHS had barely established a Rugby League team and two years down the track we are the runners-up of the New Zealand Secondary School final played in Auckland at Erickson Stadium this year.

Eighty-two schools throughout the country played Rugby League at First XIII level. The winners from each region represented their province in the National Championships.

A win against Waitara 32-12 and Spotswood 28-14 took us through to the National Knockout competition.

In recognition of the growth of Rugby League, and the performance of the school team, the High School allowed the First XIII to play two matches on the gully ground; that being Wellington High, winning 76-0, and the semifinals against Hillmorton High of Christchurch.

In the quarter finals we met Nelson College on the Basin Reserve winning 54-16, which took us through to the semifinals. Approx-

mately 800 people watched eagerly and from the edge of their seats as we won by a narrow margin 14 - Hillmorton 11. St Paul's, undefeated for three years and with a forward pack heavier than the New Zealand Kiwi scrum went into the final against Boys' High favourites. St Paul's dominated the first half leading 20-6 at half time and a big score looked possible. The first 20 minutes of the second half saw a very good contest with Boys' High scoring two tries and getting back to 20-16. St Paul's won 38-16.

Getting through to the finals gave the team pride and a personal image, having earned themselves jerseys kindly sponsored by Smokefree, and having players selected for the Under 19 Taranaki team along with Korey Gibson and Scott Carr chosen for the first ever New Zealand Secondary School team. This is why the team was nominated for the Team of the Year.

I wish the team even more success next year and thank Mr John Devonshire for all the time and hard work he has put into coaching the side. I wish to continue supporting the team next year. Thank you.

K. GRIEVE.

# SOCCER



## FIRST XI SOCCER

**Back Row:** E. Johnson, A. Yates, B. Weir.

**Middle Row:** Mr H. Russell, N. Creary, M. Williams, T. O'Brien, M. Beccard, S. Smith, K. Alatoa, Mr D. Chapman.

**Front Row:** M. Gordon, J. Mawson, C. Jamieson, H. Markham (Captain), M. Smith, M. Brennan, S. Duffill.

## FIRST XI SOCCER

The First XI Soccer team of 1995 had a new look about it from the previous season's very successful 1994 team. Mr Dave Chapman and Mr Hugh Russell returned as coach and manager respectively.

With only one Seventh Form student returning the 1995 First XI was also going to be a young team. The season started with trials in early April and we were encouraged with the depth of talent.

### TARANAKI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER COMPETITION

This year the Premier competition underwent a major change. Two teams that normally compete in the Central League competition found it too expensive and moved down to the Premier competition. This really strengthened the local competition.

The competition underwent a structural change with two rounds of the normal league and then a play-off for prize money for the top four and the middle four.

The team had a slow start to the season. However, the high points of the local competition, would be the 2-1 win against Inglewood, and holding the runner-up in the competition, Moturoa, to a 2-1 win. The Moturoa game was probably the best game that the team played during the season.

## COLLEGE GAMES

### Hamilton Boys' High School: Score 3-0 to NPBHS

Not having beaten Hamilton Boys' High School in a number of years the NPBHS First XI travelled to Hamilton to try and reverse their past results.

The first half saw a few opportunities created by Hamilton and also by New Plymouth at the other end of the field. Hamilton was unable to capitalise from the opportunities that they created. With ten minutes to go in the first half a run from NPBHS left midfielder Simon Duffill resulted in a goal, and going to the break New Plymouth led Hamilton 1-0.

The second half saw a determined New Plymouth team play some good football. They were determined not to lose the match. The first goal in the second half was scored by New Plymouth's centre midfielder Mark Gordon from about 18 yards out. New Plymouth lead Hamilton 2-0. Growing in confidence New Plymouth created some good opportunities, but were unable to finish them. After spending about 15 minutes in Hamilton's half the New Plymouth team was given a free kick 22 yards out. With a wall being put in place by the Hamilton team there was not a lot of room for New

Plymouth's Captain Hayden Markham to have a shot. Choosing to go to the near post Markham curled the ball around the wall and a diving Hamilton goal keeper. The final score was 3-0 to New Plymouth Boys' High School and it was the first time New Plymouth had beaten Hamilton in a number of years.

**Wanganui Collegiate: Score 6-1 NPBHS**

Our only home game of the college season was against Wanganui Collegiate and the conditions of Webster Field were not good.

Under demanding conditions it was not going to be easy to play an attractive game of football. NPBHS were under pressure right from the beginning, but after sustaining the pressure for 15 minutes New Plymouth's left midfielder Simon Duffill opened the scoring with a goal from 10 yards out. From then on the team gained in confidence and kept up the pressure and urgency and with halftime approaching, striker Michael Smith scored. With the wind at their backs in the second half Wanganui was under pressure. The first goal in the second half came from a kick from goal keeper Adam Yates. The ball bounced over the Wanganui defence for Michael Smith to score his second. Within five minutes New Plymouth added another two goals, one from centre midfielder Mark Gordon and one to Simon Duffill who scored his second. The score was 5-0. The next goal came from a determined run by Captain Hayden Markham who passed the ball to Duffill to score his third. As conditions got worse Wanganui scored a consolation goal ending the game 6-1, a win to New Plymouth Boys' High.

**Wellington College**

The third game of our college season and a win could have meant being the most successful team for a few years. We travelled to Wellington on Sunday to play on the Monday.

With the Wellington wind blowing, the team which had the wind in the first half would have to score first.

With a goal kick from goal keeper Adam Yates clearing the Wellington defence and bouncing nicely for striker Michael Smith, who scored the goal, New Plymouth led 1-0.

Wellington bounced back with two quick goals to lead New Plymouth 2-1 at halftime.

In the second half New Plymouth started well. However they then went off the boil and let Wellington run away with the game.

Final result 3-1 to Wellington.



**NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT**

This year the First XI won a wild card to attend the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Premier Competition in Christchurch. This was only the second year that we had competed at the top tournament in New Zealand.

To take a team of 17 boys and staff to the South Island for a week was going to be a very expensive exercise. The fundraising started early in Term Two.

In an attempt to keep costs down and to give us more flexibility in where we could go, we decided to take an extra couple of days and drive down.

We departed for Christchurch on the first Saturday of the August holidays.

At first it appeared that we had quite a reasonable pool. To qualify for the top eight of the tournament, we had to finish in the top two of the pool. Our pool consisted of: Auckland Grammar School, Mount Albert Grammar School, Nelson College, St Bedes College (Christchurch), St Patricks (Town) (Wellington).

Our first pool game was against the highly rated Auckland Grammar.

We lost this game 5-0 but the team played extremely well against a very good side.

In the afternoon we had to pick ourselves up from this defeat and play the host school St Bedes College; we won this 2-1. At the end of the first day we had a chance of still making the final eight.

On the Tuesday we played Mount Albert Grammar from Auckland in the morning and won 3-0. The afternoon game against St Patricks Town was a crucial one. We had a slow start to the game allowing St Patricks to score first. It wasn't until the second half that we started to play the football we were capable of. St Patricks however managed to hold on and won 2-1. We had one game to go against Nelson College. However, that result couldn't change our position in the pool, we had finished fourth.

The team played their best game of the tournament on the Wednesday morning against Nelson College. We lost this game 2-0. However the team really started to play as a team and create scoring opportunities.

Thursday's games were the play-offs for places 14-16. A loss in the morning to Kings High School put us into the play-off for 15-16th place against Burnside High School in the afternoon. This game was played with a very strong Canterbury Nor-wester blowing down the park. Burnside had the use of this wind in the first half and went to the break with a 2-0 lead. In the second half we came back and the game finished as a 2-2 draw. It then went to penalty shoot-outs which we won 4-2.

Our final placing in the tournament was fifteenth out of twenty-four. Considering we were one of the youngest teams in the tournament this was a very good result and a good building block for the future.

At the completion of the tournament the team travelled to the Hamner Alpine Thermal Resort. In the evening we relaxed in the hot pools and spent the next day skiing at Mt Lyford.

**PLAYER PROFILES**

**Hayden Markham:** This was Hayden's third year in the team and this year he became Captain. In the midfield Hayden was the cornerstone of the team.

**Adam Yates:** This was Adam's second year as goal keeper. As a 15 year old he has a big future ahead of him.

**Travis O'Brien:** Travis started the season as striker and then moved to right half. Travis's advantage was his speed.

**Michael Smith:** Michael came back to school half-way through the season. He added the fire power we needed up front.

**Matt Brennan:** Matt was the mouth at the back of the team. He went from strength to strength as the season progressed.

**Bryan Weir:** An aggressive midfield back. A very committed and dedicated player.

**Mark Beccard:** Mark was one of the characters of the team both on and off the field. A great asset because he could play in a range of positions.

**Jarred Mawson:** Jarred joined the team just after we started the season. He made the position of left half his own. A small but aggressive player.

**Drew Kennedy:** Drew had his ups and downs during the season because of injury. He really played his best football at the tournament. Our player of the tournament.

**Karl Alatoa:** Our only Islander in the team, he played striker and right half during the season. A fast player who showed a good touch of the ball.

**Simon Duffill:** Simon was one of the most committed and dedicated players in the team. A very talented left half.

**Scott Smith:** Scott as a form four student was our youngest player in the team. Scott showed enormous potential at the tournament and will be a key player in the future.

**Mark Gordon:** Mark combined well with Hayden in the midfield. Between the two of them they were the key play makers in the team.

**Callum Jamieson:** Callum was the team comedian. He started the season as student manager. However as the season progressed we used him as a right back. Mr Dependable.

**Envind Johnsen:** Envind was our Norwegian import. He had a good touch of the ball and played in the midfield.

1995 was a year of rebuilding for the First XI. The season had its ups and downs and produced mixed results. The future looks bright for the First XI with up to 12 boys returning next year.



**YOUTH SOCCER**

For the 1995 season Soccer Taranaki decided to set up a new division, the 'Youth Section' for secondary aged boys. In the past boys under 15 years were catered for by the Taranaki junior association and those over 15 had to compete with men in the senior grades. A good idea? The season, however, was a troublesome one. Firstly because of political troubles at the start of the season we had a late start. However, most frustrating was the weather. Most of the grounds around Taranaki were in a continually saturated state. Our own Webster field at times resembled a rice paddy field and it was often a battle for dominance over the field between the soccer players and the ducks. Sadly, as most of the soccer grounds around Taranaki were owned by the NP Council, school soccer was often cancelled. As a manager I got used to my Friday night/Saturday morning ritual of phoning the boys to confirm that the game was to be cancelled.

NPBHS entered four teams in this section; two in the eight team Division I; and two in the six team Division II.

**NPBHS Gold (Second XI)**

Under the leadership of Joshua Hamblin this team quickly formed into a happy united combination. It was a team of good all round ability, without any real stars.

As far as the matches were concerned the results were generally good. The team's performances however, were definitely up and down. Without a doubt the best game of the season was the final game against the all conquering Moturoa team. Although losing 5-1 the boys dominated much of the game, and that was with only 10 players, including regular goalkeeper David Frenz playing midfield with a well bandaged up sprained wrist.

Throughout the season the team's major problem was not having the finish needed to put the ball in the back of the net. This problem was compounded when Scott Smith was deservedly promoted to the first division.

I took a great deal of pride in this team especially in the way they maintained their enthusiasm, fair play and enjoyment, despite not having a coach for the majority of the season.

Having said that, I would like to thank Ian Pearson for running the training sessions for the second half of the season. My biggest thanks must go to the team, to each member, for the patience they showed during this frustrating season and for the way they played the game.

**NPBHS White (Third XI)**

After the grading tournament at the start of the season the team was placed in Division I. Although results-wise it would appear that they were not overly successful, there were indeed a number of positives to come out of the season.

Firstly, in Kent Stockman NPBHS has a striker of real potential, obviously destined for greater things. Also in Bryan Holyoake, with his speed, determination and educated left boot the school also has potential talent in defence. Pleasing too, were the number of boys who received honours at provincial level; congratulations to those boys.

A big problem this season was that boys tended to switch off at crucial times, and at times let through soft goals after working hard and dominating much of the play. They did, however have some wonderful games including a 6-all draw and later a 4-3 win over Hawera and also a 3-all draw with eventual third place getting Merrilands. The team ended up in sixth place out of eight teams.

My apologies must go to the team for my not being able to be present at many of the games and for not having a coach for the season. I thank the whole team for maintaining a fine spirit during the season and my biggest thanks must go to Mr Stockman for looking after the team every Saturday. Your help was appreciated immensely.

ELLIOT JONES, Manager



## FIRST XI CRICKET

**Back Row:** Mr Gordon Giddy (Coach), Jamie Watkins, Leith Johnston, Brad Fale, Regan West, Scott Henderson, Brendan Harvie.  
**Front Row:** Mark Proffitt, Kane Rowson, Matthew Broadmore (Captain), Todd Feather, Blair Corlett.

## FIRST XI

A very big season starting off with the Top Four Gillette Cup Finals in Palmerston North. Although NPBHS lost all three games, the games against Palmerston North and Whangarei were by far the most exciting of the play-offs, both going down to the last wicket.

The college season did not produce great results. A loss to Wellington College by a very tired team (after the Gillette Cup). A good effort under new Captain Matthew Broadmore against Auckland Grammar saw a loss by three wickets with Brad Fale making the Honours Board with 6 for 47. The Hamilton Boys' High School game was very disappointing in all areas - an outright loss, as was Wanganui Collegiate - combining a Gillette Cup game within this fixture does not help.

The club season produced very good results in a competition that was far from strong. In the one dayers, five of seven, were won with one washed out. In the two dayers five were won outright with two draws. Centuries went to Brad Scott (104 v Manaia), Matthew Broadmore (110 not out v Fitzroy, 109 v Mangorei and 110 not out v Avis OB), Brendan Harvie (102 v NP United and 157 not out v Mangorei), Regan West (8 for 23 against Hawera United), and Brad Fale (7 for 83 v Mangorei in the final) were the best bowling performances.

The final against Mangorei will be remembered for a while. With inclement weather around NPBHS batted first to be all out for 169. Jamie Watkins 36, Blair Corlett 47 and Brad Fale 38.

Mangorei lost steady wickets but two partnerships later in the innings brought them back into the game. Their last wicket fell with the scores tied at 169. Brad Fale produced the outstanding figures of 7 for 83 from 34 overs. He was well supported by Regan West two for 41 from 28 overs.

As the scores were tied NPBHS took the Senior title and promotion to Premier cricket for 1995-96 due to being top qualifier into the final. Brad Fale should never get lost up Mangorei Road again.

Top batsman for the season was Matthew Broadmore, 972 runs with Jamie Watkins 887, Brendan Harvie 754, and Brad Fale 624, performing well. Regan West with 65 and Brad Fale 43 led the bowling.

Jamie Watkins left school in March to play cricket in Scotland where he had a very successful season. Matthew Broadmore is heading to England under the GAPS scheme next year to further his cricket.

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## CLUB RESULTS

### One Dayers

NPBHS 190 b Manaia 76 (G. West 5 for 17).  
 NPBHS 159 (R. West 42) b NP United 76 (R. West 4 for 14).  
 NPBHS 212 (M. Broadmore 57) b Ratapiko 133 (G. West 4 for 25).  
 NPBHS 210 (B. Harvie 61) b Mangorei 196.  
 NPBHS 208 (B. Scott 57, B. Harvie 48) b Avis OB 151 (N. Taylor 4 for 20).  
 NPBHS 224 (J. Watkins 76, B. Harvie 58) b Hawera United 157.

### Two Dayers

NPBHS 195 for 4 (B. Scott 104, B. Fale 68, J. Watkins 68 and 103 for 3) drew with Manaia 290 for 5 and 213.  
 NPBHS 177 (M. Broadmore 110 and 174, M. Broadmore 65) drew with Fitzroy 154 (J. Goodin 5 for 49 and 90 for 4).  
 NPBHS 176 (S. Henderson 86 and 239, B. Harvie 102, J. Watkins 86) defeated NP United 177 and 169 (B. Fale 5 for 17).  
 NPBHS 199 (B. Fale 70 and 40) defeated Ratapiko 135 and 101 (R. West 6 for 22).  
 NPBHS 226 (R. West 62 and 340, B. Harvie 157 not out, M. Broadmore 109) defeated Mangorei 245 and 229.  
 NPBHS 194 (M. Broadmore 110 not out, 203 for 3) defeated Avis OB 178 and 103 (M. Proffitt 5 for 22).  
 NPBHS 192 defeated Hawera United 89 and 82 (R. West 8 for 23).

### Taranaki Senior Final

NPBHS 169 (J. Watkins 36, B. Corlett 47, B. Fale 38) tied with Mangorei 169 (B. Fale 7 for 83). NPBHS won title on being top qualifier.

### Gillette Cup Top Four

Malborough Boys' College 216-9 defeated NPBHS 136 (R. West 48).  
 NPBHS 127 (J. Watkins 29, M. Broadmore 25, B. Fale 27) lost to PNBHS 128 for 9.  
 NPBHS 194 (M. Broadmore 50, T. Henderson 42) lost to Whangarei BHS 195 for 9 (T. Henderson 4 for 35).

The New Zealand Top Four Gillette Cup was played in December 1994 in Palmerston North on wickets that were difficult to score runs on due to poor weather leading up to the finals.

Game One v Marlborough Boys' College - lost convincingly. MBC batted well putting up many extra runs in the field. NPBHS failed to establish partnerships when batting.

Game Two v PNBHS - on a very difficult batting wicket NPBHS struggled to 127 with partnerships being broken often by poor shots. NPBHS bowled and fielded very well, the game being lost with only three balls remaining.

Game Three v Whangarei BHS (the winners of the Gillette Cup) - NPBHS batted very well with Matthew Broadmore anchoring the innings with 50 and Thomas Henderson hitting 42. Whangarei cruised early on but lost wickets quickly in the middle and later order to be 194 for 9. A confident caught behind appeal was turned down. Whangarei were stuck on 195 for three overs until their winning runs finally came.

### VERSUS WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Kelburn Park, Wellington - A very tired side started in the field after losing the toss. Thomas Henderson took three wickets in his first two overs to have WC three for 14. There was little joy for NPBHS from then on as WC proceeded to be all out for 281; Thomas Henderson 4 for 73, Regan West 3 for 43.

NPBHS struggled with batting, only Jamie Watkins 38 offering any resistance. All out 131.

WC enforced the follow-on. The batting was much better and with some luck the second innings total of 224 could have been much larger. Jamie Watkins 37, Brad Fale 43, Thomas Henderson 29 not out, and Nicky Taylor 24, all contributed well.

This left Wellington College 75 to win. Some excellent bowling and fielding made them work for their runs, finally achieving them for the loss of five wickets with less than an hour to play.

Result - outright loss by five wickets.

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## VERSUS AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Auckland Grammar. AGS won the toss and put NPBHS in to bat. Most batsmen got starts but failed to go on, many getting themselves out. NPBHS were all out for 175. Blair Corlett 39, Jamie Watkins 38, Brad Fale 30, Scott Henderson 24.

NPBHS bowled well but three dropped catches early allowed AGS off the hook. The fielding improved to have AGS all out for 192, Brad Fale producing an Honours Board 6 for 41 from 16 overs. Regan West bowled exceptionally well without any luck.

NPBHS batted a second time. The innings never really got going for various reasons and were all out for 142. Jamie Watkins 33, Brad Fale 27.

This left AGS 126 to win in 3.5 hours. After a good start some very good bowling and excellent fielding saw AGS needing 33 runs in the last 18 overs with five wickets in hand. They eventually got the runs with three wickets in hand and four overs remaining, Jeremy Goodin 3 for 29 and Brad Fale 1 for 30 from 21 overs bowled well.

Result - was outright by three wickets.

NPBHS				2ND INNINGS			
1ST INNINGS				2ND INNINGS			
J. Watkins	LBW Clavis	38	c & b Cammell	33			
B. Harvie	b Cammell	0	LBW Cammell	16			
M. Broadmore	c & b Mainsey	6	LBW Cammell	0			
S. Henderson	c & b Mainsey	24	c & b Cammell	13			
B. Fale	b Mainsey	30	c & b Mainsey	27			
B. Corlett	c & b Clavis	39	b Clavis	5			
R. West	c & b Walker	9	c & b Clavis	0			
L. Johnston	b Walker	0	LBW Clavis	0			
J. Goodin	c & b Cammell	6	c & b Clavis	18			
T. Feather	Not out	0	c & b Clavis	8			
M. Proffitt	LBW Clavis	0	Not out	3			
	Extras	25		21			
	TOTAL	176		142			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
N. Cammell	14	2	33	2	28	13	46	4
J. Mainsey	16	4	44	3	9	0	28	1
D. Clavis	7	1	32	3	19	11	15	5
R. Walker	5	3	6	2				

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR				2ND INNINGS				
1ST INNINGS				2ND INNINGS				
R. De Bissou	c Watkins b Fale	11	Run out	27				
B. Cross	st Watkins b Goodin	70	c Watkins b West	17				
T. Entage	c Watkins b West	4	LBW Fale	6				
R. Walker	b Fale	13	st Watkins b Goodin	26				
A. Hill	Run out	11	LBW Goodin	1				
Nausbaum	b Goodin	11	c Broadmore b Goodin	14				
MacIntosh	c & b Fale	46	c Watkins b Johnston	18				
A. Comer	b Fale	6	Not out	3				
N. Cammell	c Johnston b Fale	6	Not out	4				
D. Clavis	Not out	0						
J. Mainsey	LBW Fale	0						
	Extras	12		6				
	TOTALS	192		TOTAL for 7 wickets	127			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
R. West	19	2	59	1	12	1	35	1
B. Fale	16	2	41	6	21	9	30	1
J. Goodin	17	3	49	3	15	7	29	3
L. Johnston	9	1	30	0	10	4	22	1
M. Proffitt	8	4	11	0				

Result - Lost outright by three wickets

### VERSUS HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Top Ground NPBHS - HBHS won the toss and asked NPBHS to bat. Early wickets were lost but Scott Henderson (38) and Matthew Broadmore (51), combined in a very good partnership. The tail failed to fire and NPBHS were all out for 135.

HBHS batted positively and with the assistance of several dropped catches, were all out for 247, Jeremy Goodin taking four wickets.

NPBHS learned nothing from their first innings, collapsed and were all out for 124 despite a very good 38 from Scott Henderson and losing time for rain.

HBHS required 12 runs to win and they did this for the loss of one wicket.

An outright loss by nine wickets to a side that bowled and fielded extremely well.



## VERSUS WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14 at Wanganui. Collegiate won the toss and batted, and put together a series of small partnerships with their opening bat scoring 54 anchoring the innings. WC all out for 202. Regan West 5 for 40. NPBHS started well but slow, batting from the 19th to 35th over put pressure on. Three wickets were lost with the score at 98.

NPBHS all out 165. Jamie Watkins 37, Matthew Broadmore 30 and Regan West 32.

After rain delayed play Collegiate batted again and declared at tea at 144 for 5. This left NPBHS 183 to win in 44 overs. The runs came steadily but wickets were lost. No real partnerships were established and NPBHS were all out for 86 with five overs remaining.

Result - outright loss by 97 runs.

The first innings result means WC win the Zone 4 Gillette Cup.

### WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

#### 1ST INNINGS

R. Gear	c Rowson b Harvie	54	c Corlett b Johnston	23
M. Elworthy	c Harvie b West	16	c Corlett b West	24
C. Fraser	c Harvie b Johnston	11	c Corlett b Fale	0
S. Aspinall	b West	34	Not out	19
B. Absolom	c Fale b Proffitt	0	c & b Fale	4
E. Lodge	c Fale b Johnston	37		
T. Whisker	b West	14	b Johnston	13
J. Speedy	c Feather b Fale	7	Not out	52
J. Wylie	b West	0		
S. Melhuish	c Watkins b West	4		
T. Gilbert	Not out	5		
Extras		20		
TOTAL		202		

#### 2ND INNINGS

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
R. West	15	2	40	5	13	3	36	1
B. Fale	14	3	33	1	13	3	46	2
L. Johnston	12	2	53	2	7	1	28	2
M. Proffitt	13	2	48	1	6	-	27	-
B. Harvie	5	-	20	1				

### NPBHS

#### 1ST INNINGS

J. Watkins	b Absolom	37	LBW Fraser	24
B. Harvie	c Fraser b Speedy	5	c Absolom b Speedy	0
M. Broadmore	c Gilbert b Fraser	30	c & b Fraser	15
S. Henderson	b Gilbert	19	c Wylie b Absolom	7
B. Fale	Run out	1	c Speedy b Absolom	18
B. Corlett	LBW Speedy	0	c Wylie b Absolom	4
R. West	Run out	32	c Gear b Fraser	2
T. Feather	Run out	13	Not out	5
K. Rowson	b Absolom	12	c Gilbert b Melhuish	0
L. Johnston	c Lodge b Fraser	3	b. Fraser	3
M. Proffitt	Not out	2	Run out	2
Extras		11		6

#### 2ND INNINGS

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
C. Fraser	15	1	53	2	18	7	36	4
J. Speedy	11	1	33	2	6	2	18	1
T. Gilbert	11	7	12	1	3	1	4	0
B. Absolom	11	3	34	2	9	3	13	3

Result - Lost outright by 95 runs.

## SECOND XI CRICKET

The 1994/95 season began with a pleasing victory against Inglewood. Although setting a modest total of 133 (Signal 45), good bowling assured Inglewood scored only 115 (Johnston 3-18, Bloeman 3-21). A tight run chase against Westown followed with the target of 241 reached thanks to Rowson, Corlett and Signal.

Victories followed against Bell Block (Kerr 131, Signal 64 not out) Corlett 3-23, Plymouth Hotel (Johnston 4-31, Mitchell 3-23, Kerr 60, Johnston 36 not out), and Waitara (Bloeman 4-17, Fabish 35).

The game against top seeds Woodleigh was lost by five wickets but the team scored 238 (Corlett 88, Fabish 58) and put Woodleigh under a lot of early pressure.

After Christmas the team struggled with players unavailable for reasons such as promotion to First XI. Losses were suffered against Francis Douglas and Spotswood College First XI teams, but the Second XI had already made it into the Top Six for the two day competitions.

Top seeds Woodleigh produced remarkable second innings batting to reach their target of 293 after Boys' High had made 236 for 3 (Fabish 116 not out, Kurta 54) and 247 (Fabish 73, Proffitt 37), while restricting Woodleigh to 191 for 9 in their first innings (Bloeman 5 for 64).

A rain affected draw against Inglewood followed with Captain Fabish 75 and 41, and newly promoted Clough a good 50 not out. Spotswood held on for a draw next with runs from T. Feather 74, Rowson 54 and second innings runs from Rampton 40, Mitchell 38 not out. Shaun Baxter, a new recruit from Kaponga, produced excellent bowling with 7 for 66.

Victory in the two days finally came against Waitara. With great bowling Waitara were demolished for 58 (Bloeman 4 for 14, Baxter 5 for 25). The Seconds replied with 176 for 3 (Kerr 81 not out) and put Waitara straight back into the firing line cleaning them up for 139 (Rampton 6 for 36). Boys' High polished off the 24 runs for the loss of just one wicket.

The big fixture against Hamilton Boys' High School Second XI began on Webster on Sunday, February 19 to allow for a result. Hamilton elected to bat and made 262 with poor fielding from New Plymouth helping Hamilton. The home side replied with 189 (Stewart 36) but soon made up for their less than ordinary beginning by cleaning Hamilton out for 77 (T. Feather 4 for 20). This meant a target of 157 in one and a half days but rain forced several interruptions, but courageous innings from M. Feather 50 not out and an injured Fabish 10 not out ensured victory by three wickets.

Attention was refocused on the club competition against Francis Douglas First XI who were bowled out for 181 (Fabish 3 for 51, Clough 3 for 31 and Baxter 4 for 26). Boys' High replied with 153 (Signal 58). Francis Douglas declared their innings 181 for 5 giving the Seconds 210 for victory in only two hours.

The draw was inevitable and Clough 58 not out and Johnston 41 ensured it would not be a loss.

All in all a very good season with third placing in the Taranaki North Second Grade and a gutsy win in the Interschool fixture, one of the most successful seasons in recent times.

## CRICKET 1994/1995

Once again the school was very well represented in both Senior grades and Saturday morning grade cricket. The First XI deservedly won promotion into the Premier Grade and nationally, were one of the four teams in the Gillette Cup finals in Palmerston North. Mr Giddy and his team are to be congratulated for a fine season, and the school wishes them every success this year as they face the challenges and demands of being in the Premiers.

Mr Signal coached the Second XI and also found the season challenging but enjoyable. It is always difficult for a school to field teams throughout the school holidays and this year proved no different. For the first time in a number of years we had two Third Grade teams playing and, although the number of boys at the beginning of the season indicated that two teams would be viable, it was clear that the holidays once again caused difficulties, as numbers trailed off. A grave concern to all schools, and NPBHS is no exception, is the desperate need for parental support and assistance in coaching and managing of teams - whether they be junior Saturday morning teams, or afternoon grade teams. I am particularly grateful to Mr Laurensen for managing one of the Third XI teams and to Mr Knowles for managing the other. It can be a very frustrating exercise, but the rewards are certainly there, and I appreciate the efforts put in by these people.

In February this year, as well as having the four teams playing in the senior grades, we also had ten teams playing on Saturday morning and another two more teams being coached by Avis Old Boys. It is very pleasing to have such large numbers of boys wishing to be involved, but inevitable problems do exist with such numbers. It is getting very difficult to find large numbers of staff who are prepared to give up a full Saturday morning to coach or manage a Junior Grade team. To successfully run such teams, and to allow the boys to be properly coached, we need considerable parental support, and I urge all parents and Old Boys - who can be of assistance in this area to contact the school and offer their services.

The 1995/1996 season is upon us and new challenges lie ahead. With the development of the new, artificial hockey turf on Webster Field, cricket will lose one artificial wicket and so other space will need to be found. If the mooted development of a proper grass wicket for the Second XI on the Gully Ground becomes a reality, junior cricket will lose another wicket - effectively halving those that are available to the Saturday morning players. These problems are not insurmountable, however, and perhaps other locations (eg the

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Racecourse), could be seriously looked at to house several permanent artificial wickets - or perhaps the times of the games could be moved to midweek for the juniors - thus freeing up the Saturdays for their coaches and managers - which could make the job a little more appealing.

Thank you once again to everyone involved with making the sport a reality for the boys. A special thank you to all staff who coach and manage the teams, to the parents who do regularly come along and support their sons, to the parents who help coach/manage, to the groundstaff who mow, roll and prepare the wickets and finally, to the boys who play and enjoy the game so much.

A. F. KIRK



## ATHLETICS

The Athletic Sports were held once again on Webster Field. This could be the last Athletic Sports held here because of the possibility of a new artificial hockey turf on Webster Field.

The day dawned fine and the athletes were prepared to run fast and jump high in their endeavours to attain glory for themselves and their respective Houses. The House competition was once again dominated by the Boarders, which saw a tide of red singlets inundate the long distance events.

There were some fine performances during the day, none more so than the sight of Juhans Marriner clearing 1.66m in the High Jump to create a new record. He is destined for New Zealand honours on the sporting field. Caleb Walsh was the surprise package in the Senior 100m; he improved the long standing record of P. Hickey set in 1970 (11.10sec) by 2/100 of a second (11.08sec).

### ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

**Junior:** \* 1st= Juhans Marriner/Mark Amundsen (38 points); 2nd Josh Kearns (37 points); 3rd Brad Andrews (29 points).

**Intermediate:** 1st Jason Rowe (52 points); 2nd Paul Gibbs (42 points); 3rd= Brendon McGlashan/Shahn Jordan (32 points).

**Senior:** 1st Jone Nasome (50 points); 2nd Jai Huta (47 points) 3rd Brian Eastgate (32 points).

\* Boys may participate in a maximum of six events only of which they may enter a maximum of four track/or four field events. Juhans entered five field events, therefore one event doesn't count towards Championship points.



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### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

#### JUNIOR

**100m:** 1st H. Kirk, 2nd M. Amundsen, 3rd J. Bone. Record D. Jones (1978) 12.20.

**200m:** 1st M. Amundsen 26.12, 2nd B. Andrews 27.15, 3rd L. Gibson 27.69. Record M. Old (1988) 25.35.

**400m:** 1st B. Andrews 1.01.31, 2nd S. Nath, 1.01.34, 3rd T. Sweetman, 1.04.65. Record M. Anderson (1994) 0.59.35.

**800m:** 1st H. Marshall, 2nd M. Cleaver, 3rd F. Walker. Record S. Kendall (1984) 2.15.17.

**1500m:** 1st B. Holyoake 5.15.22, 2nd J. Cade, 3rd C. Brown. Record J. Lofton-Brooke (1986) 4.34.70.

**Shotput:** 1st J. Eparaima 11.51m, 2nd J. Marriner 10.70m, 3rd J. Kearns 10.67m. Record G. Tiaon (1986) 11.88m.

**Discus:** 1st M. Amundsen 28.10m, 2nd W. Callander 26.05m, 3rd J. Kearns 26.56m. Record D. Mace (1983) 35.84m.

**Javelin:** 1st J. Kearns 27.25m, 2nd J. Bishop 27.15m, 3rd J. Marriner 25.44m. Record A. Wisniewski (1986) 44.02.

**High jump:** 1st J. Marriner 1.66, 2nd J. Bishop, 3rd A. Scott. Record J. Marriner (1995) 1.66m.

**Long jump:** 1st J. Marriner 5.34, 2nd S. Nath 5.27m, 3rd J. Kearns 5.05m. Record M. Old (1988) 5.40m.

**Triple jump:** 1st J. Marriner 10.50m, 2nd A. Scott 9.74m, 3rd S. Smith 9.16m. Record R. Thorne (1991) 11.06m.

#### INTERMEDIATE

**100m:** 1st J. Rowe, 2nd J. Keegan, 3rd D. Gibson. Record A. Bunn (1986) 11.11.

**200m:** 1st G. Commerford 25.28, 2nd P. Gibbs 25.71, 3rd J. Keegan 25.81. Record M. Old (1990) 23.40.

**400m:** 1st G. Commerford 56.03, 2nd P. Whittaker 58.79, 3rd V. Hooper 58.87. Record D. Oldridge (1994) 52.91.

**800m:** 1st P. Gibbs, 2nd P. Whittaker, 3rd B. McGlashan. Record S. Fleming (1975) 2.06.20.

**1500m:** 1st P. Gibbs, 2nd T. Parker, 3rd B. Scott. Record J. Lofton-Brook (1987) 4.22.00.

**Shot put:** 1st J. Rowe, 2nd B. Jordan, 3rd B. McGlashan. Record D. Mace (1985) 13.13.

**Discus:** 1st J. Rowe 33.00m, 2nd B. McGlashan 30.86m, 3rd D. Gibson 27.55m. Record D. Mace (1985) 48.42m.

**Javelin:** 1st B. Jordan 41.85m, 2nd J. Bigwood 36.72m, 3rd D. Gibson 35.39m. Record R. Thompson (1981) 47.66m.

**High jump:** 1st J. Rowe 1.65m, 2nd B. McGlashan 1.65m, 3rd D. Bryson 1.50m. Record T. Feek (1992) 1.83m.

**Long jump:** 1st D. Gibson 5.89m, 2nd P. Gibbs 5.69m, 3rd D. Bryson 5.50m. Record D. Oldridge (1994) 6.33m.

**Triple jump:** 1st J. Rowe 11.05m, 2nd S. Erikson 10.9m, 3rd S. Jordan 10.86m. Record C. Todd (1982) 13.78m.

#### SENIOR

**100m:** 1st C. Walsh 11.08, 2nd J. Huta, 3rd J. Nasome. Record C. Walsh (1995) 11.08.

**200m:** 1st J. Huta 24.35, 2nd J. Nasome 24.72, 3rd R. Hollard 25.65. Record N. Toremana (1988) 22.77.

**400m:** 1st J. Huta 55.25, 2nd O. Morse 56.35, 3rd R. Hollard 56.77. Record P. Armstrong (1984) 52.50.

**800m:** 1st J. Huta, 2nd M. Walton, 3rd A. Reeves. Record P. Hepworth (1984) 1.56.38.

**1500m:** 1st M. Walton, 2nd S. Gilbert, 3rd J. Dunning. Record W. Stanley (1993) 4.13.60.

**Shot put:** 1st M. Edgecombe 12.08m, 2nd B. Fale 11.03m, 3rd S. Boxer 10.76m. Record D. Mace (1987) 14.43m.

**Discus:** 1st M. Edgecombe 29.45m, 2nd R. Hollard 28.72m, 3rd M. Treanor 27.42m. Record N. Edmonds (1968) 48.17m.

**Javelin:** 1st B. Eastgate 41.46m, 2nd H. Lawson 39.90m, 3rd S. Boxer 38.32m. Record A. Bartlett (1974) 54.64m.

**High jump:** 1st J. Nasome 1.70m, 2nd M. Newman 1.65m, 3rd J. Huta 1.65m. Record M. Neilson (1994) 1.80m.

**Long jump:** 1st J. Nasome 6.36m, 2nd M. Newman 6.21m, 3rd C. Walsh 6.10m. Record M. Old (1992) 6.70m.

**Triple jump:** 1st J. Nasome 12.21m, 2nd B. Eastgate 12.20m, 3rd D. Slade 12.00m. Record P. Johns (1962) 13.37m.



### TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY ATHLETICS CHAMPS

These championships were held at Jubilee Park as is customary and Inglewood did a really good job with weather management. We had a good turnout of juniors, not quite so good with intermediates and seniors, but some very good performances resulted.

Outstanding athletes for BHS were Hamish Kirk, Juhans Marriner, Derek Oldridge and the junior relay team (Kirk, Kearns, Bone and Amundsen). Placegetters were as follows:

Mark Amundsen - 1st Junior Relay, 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m; Brad Andrews - 2nd Junior 400m; Justin Bishop - 2nd Junior High Jump; Jarrad Bone - 1st Junior Relay; Shannon Boxer - 2nd Senior Javelin, 2nd Shotput; Matt Cleaver - 3rd Junior 1500m; Grant Commerford - 3rd Intermediate Hurdles, 3rd 400m; Jason Eparaima - 2nd Junior Shotput.

Shane Gilbert - 3rd Senior 400m; Bevin Jordan - 1st Intermediate Javelin; Hamish Kirk - 1st Junior 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Relay; Josh Kearns - 1st Junior Relay, 2nd Long Jump; Juhans Marriner - 1st Junior High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump; Jony Nasome - 1st Senior Long Jump; Derek Oldridge - 1st Senior 100m, 1st 200m; Jason Rowe - 1st Intermediate Discus; Foster Walker - 3rd Junior Steeplechase; Caleb Walsh - 3rd Senior 100m; Craig Welch - 1st Junior 1500m walk.

As a result of these championships the following were selected to represent Taranaki at the North Island Champs: B. Andrews, B. Jordan, J. Kearns, H. Kirk, J. Marriner, J. Nasome, D. Oldridge, J. Rowe.

### HERTZ ATHLETICS

The first athletics meeting for the season, over two evenings at Pukekura Park, was adversely affected by weather that wouldn't settle but a number of boys picked up placings in a variety of track and field events as follows:

**First placings:** J. Marriner, D. Gibson (2), J. Bishop, B. Jordan, J. Eparaima, J. Feek, J. Bone, M. Amundsen, D. Oldridge, J. Huta.

**Second placings:** J. Keegan, J. Nasome, S. Nath (2), D. Gibson, J. Huta, J. Herbert, M. Edgecombe, R. Hollard (2), P. Gibbs, B. Andrews, G. Commerford.

**Third placings:** J. Feek, M. Edgecombe, A. Whittaker, M. Taylor, J. Keegan, H. Kirk, J. Marriner, J. Keegan, C. Welch, M. Cleaver.

Several who achieved minor placings at this meeting improved to win Taranaki titles at Inglewood later in the year.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

A new course was designed and run this year due to the serious flood damage that had occurred to the Te Henui Walkway, a major feature of the traditional NPBHS Cross-country Run.

The School met in the Grandstand at the Racecourse, where they moved to the start line, in their age groups, in the centre of the grassed area of the Racecourse.

To ensure the regulation distances for each age group were covered, it meant a lap of the grassed area and in some age groups the trotting track had to be run, prior to leaving the Racecourse into Pukekura Park and the surrounding streets.

It was a fine, sunny, still afternoon which created an ideal setting for the competitors.

The Intermediate and Junior races finished at the base of the Grandstand while the Senior race finished in the middle of the Racecourse after completing a lap of the trotting track.

#### RESULTS

Senior Champion: Mark Walton (Hatherly) 22m.51s.

Intermediate Champion: Shane Rawlinson (Hatherly) 17m.58s.

Junior Champion: Brad Andrews (Donnelly) 15m.30s.

#### Top Three in Each Division

**Senior:** 1st Mark Walton; 2nd Hayden Markham (Barak) 23.43; 3rd Paul Hancock (Hatherly) 23.47.

**Intermediate:** 1st Shane Rawlinson; 2nd Nick Creery (Donnelly) 18.49; 3rd Blair Adams (Donnelly) 18.51.

**Junior:** 1st Brad Andrews; 2nd Ben Alchin (Donnelly) 15.39; 3rd: Adrian Whittaker (Hatherly) 16.04.

**House Points:** 1st Hatherly (6900); 2nd Donnelly (4983); 3rd Syme (3819); 4th Barak (3318).

Acknowledgement must go to the 10 staff who ran with the senior students, with a special mention to Miss Barry who was the first runner to finish the Senior race.

M. MCKENZIE.

### TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY CROSS-COUNTRY

Subsequent to our School Champs the Intersecs were held over the Francis Douglas College course with varied results over the three age groups.

**Juniors:** There were quite a number of very capable juniors in the school this year and they won the teams title easily. Our six points scorers were all in the first 20 of a field of 92 and first finishers for BHS were Harvey Marshall (fourth) and Brad Andrews (fifth).

**Intermediates:** Most of the intermediates were in their first year and up against older boys. They should do OK running in the same grade next year, especially Shane Rawlinson who was not far off the pace in the fourth position.

**Seniors:** The Senior race had 64 runners and our athletes did very well to get all points scorers into the top third of the field, which normally would have done the job. Unfortunately the FDC Seniors were especially strong this year and we had to settle for second in the teams event, due in part to a strong run by Alex Reeve, who got himself a second individual placing.

### WANGANUI ROUND-LAKE RELAY

We again competed in each age group at this very competitive meet, with teams selected mainly on the basis of results in the School and Taranaki Cross-country Champs. It appeared at the beginning of the fourth lap of the junior event that we would have our first ever victory at this venue as we were well in front with our fastest runner doing the final leg, but it was not to be. He came in a very sick boy, two minutes slower than expectations, but the fifth placing was still pretty good considering the competition.

The intermediates ran well, but as in the Taranaki Intersecs, were handicapped by youth and finished twentieth.

The ninth placing of the seniors was fairly typical of this school's history in the event, and quite a good result considering the rather last minute team selection.

A cold bitter and moderately successful day was concluded by the customary and much appreciated bun fight at Wanganui Collegiate and a relaxed bus ride home in company with the Girls' High and Francis Douglas teams.

#### TEAMS

**Juniors:** Ben Alchin, Brad Andrews, Harvey Marshall, Foster Walker.

**Intermediates:** Brendon Bloemen, Teh Chung, Nick Creery, Shane Rawlinson.

**Seniors:** Peter Green, Richard Hollard, Eivind Johnsen, Alex Reeves.

# VOLLEYBALL



## SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

**Back Row:** J. Parsons, S. Jordan, Mr M. McKenzie, R. Gatenby, S. Hazledine.  
**Front Row:** J. Marriners, D. Wilson, D. Gibson, C. Newing, L. Taylor.

## SENIOR A TEAM

The team of 1995 created history by qualifying to represent Taranaki at the Division 2 Secondary Schools Volleyball Nationals in Nelson for the first time, and winning the Taranaki Secondary Schools Volleyball Championship also for the first time. They also defeated Hamilton BHS at home, in what was the first official College game at Senior level for more than a decade, which capped off a very successful season for what still is a very young team.

## THE SEASON

### Taranaki Regional Qualifying Series A TEAM

Practices began week two, Term One leading in to the first of three days of Regional Qualifying games in early March. Two round-robins were played with six teams entered from around the region. NPBHS had an 'A' and 'B' team through to the Top Five qualifying round on Day three. It came down to the eleventh and final game of the series against Spotswood College to determine who was to be ranked Taranaki one and two for Nationals. We were defeated 15-4, 10-15, 14-16, in a very close match, coming back from 0-10 down in the third set. So we travelled to Nelson as Taranaki 2, even though we had beaten them in the first round 15-8, 7-15, 15-4. (Next year's goal is to be number one!). The 'A' team players were: David Gibson (c), Jeremy Parsons, Shahn Jordan,

Ronald Gatenby, Bruce Gregory, Lee Taylor, Sam Hazledine, Jauhans Marriner, Hayden Markham.

### B TEAM

This team did extremely well to make it through to the Top Five, a team which comprised many of the top Juniors, ably led by Dwayne Wilson. Despite losing all four games on Day three, it provided them with valuable match practice under tournament conditions. The 'B' team players were: Dwayne Wilson (c), Chris Newing, Doug Bayford, Carl Barnes, Ryan Pelham, Nicholas Allen, Darran Fisher.

### Taranaki Senior Secondary Schools Championship

The 'A' team won the three preliminary rounds, winning the semifinal comfortably on the way to the final against Spotswood College, who 10 days prior had beaten us to the title of Taranaki 1, after three days of regional qualifying games. Also, in 1994 they had beaten us in the final of this event, so the team had a point to prove, and after having played each other twice this year it was tied up at one game each, so this was to be the decider. NPBHS defeated Spotswood College in what was a very close game, to win this title for the first time in the school's history, and so end the Taranaki season 2-1 up. The team was: David Gibson (c), Dwayne Wilson, Sam Hazledine, Ronald Gatenby, Lee Taylor, Jauhans Marriner, Jeremy Parsons, Shahn Jordan, Bruce Gregory, Chris Newing.

## Division 2 Secondary Schools Nationals: Nelson 19-22 April

We travelled by School mini-van on Easter Tuesday with nine players and two staff, having Mrs Hazledine as manager/cook/Mum for the six days we were away. Mrs Hazledine's presence was one of the trip's highlights as she continued to cook magnificent evening meals and prepare impressive lunches each day. We became the envy of the camping ground as other teams would enter the camp kitchen with their KFC or other varieties of take-aways, while we sat down to our evening meal with dessert to follow, and quite often shared the leftovers with those who stayed around, hoping to taste our kai! The team was thankful for the effort Mrs Hazledine put in to these meals, as every night we would not arrive back until well after 7.00pm, and to have tea ready and waiting for a team of hungry players was something I certainly appreciated.

After a smooth ferry crossing on the Tuesday evening, we arrived in Nelson at 10.00pm, staying at a camping ground that housed 17 other teams for the four days of tournament. The boys certainly took advantage of the opportunity to make acquaintances with the players from other schools!

We played six games in four days. Coming from Taranaki, one of the weakest regions in New Zealand, and having both boys' Taranaki teams in Division Two, after being relegated from the 16 team Division One tournament the previous year due to 16th placing, Spotswood College and NPBHS competed in the 12 team Division Two tournament held at Nelson College.

We had two games each day, playing the best of five sets,



something that was new to all players, having always played best of three sets. The standard was very high and we struggled to compete on the first day, losing to Hastings BHS 1-3 (11-15, 16-14, 10-15, 6-15) and Waimea College 1-3 (11-15, 16-14, 10-15, 6-15). However, all players rose to the occasion and were playing well above the level displayed in Taranaki.

Day two saw us play our best match of the tournament against Church College, losing a game which lasted over two hours, 2-3 (14-16, 11-15, 15-12, 15-12, 12-15). The will to win our first game brought the best out in all players, and coming back from two sets down to win the next two displayed real character against a side with many power hitters. Again, the team had given it their best shot and could not have played any better, yet still lost. That afternoon we played Nayland College and were given a lesson on how to play the game at this level, physically as well as mentally, losing 0-3 (8-15, 3-15, 11-15) with a very tired performance.

Day three put us up against the eventual winners of Division Two, Christchurch BHS, and was our only game of the day. We started strongly and won the first set 15-13, only to lose the match 1-3 (15-13, 8-15, 5-15, 14-16), but almost pushing them to five sets.

We defeated Motueka HS 3-0, in the play-off for 11th/12th on Day four.

The disappointing aspect of competing in this tournament was we came 11th from 12 teams competing and never won a game against some of the better teams, yet came close to overhauling them on a number of occasions. We were certainly competitive in every game, other than against Nayland College, and had played at a level well above that which we had displayed at home, yet were still outclassed, in what is a second tier tournament. We were a long way from making the Top Four of Division Two.



Having experienced a Senior National Tournament for the first time, like all players, there was a lot learnt, in terms of coaching standards and player movements around the court, noticeable when watching the Top Four Division One teams in action and the final. If Taranaki is to return to Division One in the future, they must have a school team that wins Division Two to gain automatic promotion to the Top 16 team tournament. This must surely be a goal of ours, and with a young team this year comprising, one Fourth, three Fifth, three Sixth and two Seventh Form students, seven will be returning in 1996. Our goal for 1996 may be to make the semifinal of Division Two? However, the standard required to foot it with the teams who achieve at the highest level in Division Two is extremely high.

The team who travelled to Nelson were: David Gibson (c), Ronald Gatenby, Lee Taylor, Sam Hazledine, Jeremy Parsons, Bruce Gregory, Shahn Jordan, Dwayne Wilson, Jauhans Marriner.

The most valuable player would go to setter and Captain David Gibson, who kept the team going throughout the times when the pressure was really on the team. Most improved player would be shared between Sam Hazledine and Ronald Gatenby, both performing well at Nationals and valuable members of the team. The player with the most potential is Shahn Jordan while the Best Team Man award would go to Dwayne Wilson.

### College game

On our return to New Plymouth we were given the opportunity to play a College game at home against Hamilton BHS. This was our first College game in more than a decade. We played them at night, winning 3-1 (15-6, 15-2, 14-16, 15-6), in a game that was played out of season and never reached the heights of any games played earlier in the season.

The following received Tiger Jackets this year: Ronald Gatenby, Lee Taylor, Sam Hazledine, Jeremy Parsons and Bruce Gregory.

For the record the team played 23, won 17, lost 6 games this year.

### JUNIOR

Miss Thomson and Mr McKenzie have been developing Junior Volleyball since midterm break, training two lunchtimes per week throughout Term Two with Form Three/Four boys. Miss Thomson has worked very hard coaching the Form Three boys and is currently involved with three teams entered in the Spring League on a Sunday night at the TSB Stadium. We are grateful for her energy and enthusiasm that has gone into the development of the Juniors this year.

David Gibson and Dwayne Wilson have been coaching the A team twice a week, with David assisting Miss Thomson at the tournaments with the B team. A special thanks to those two for giving up their time to coach the Juniors this year.

### Regional Qualifying Series

The first of two days began on Sunday October 8, with five games played in the six team round-robin tournament. We have an 'A' and 'B' team entered this year. The A team went through Day one undefeated without dropping a set while the B team won one of their five games. The last day is on Sunday October 29, with the winning team representing Taranaki in Division One at the North Island Championship to be held in Napier from 22-25 November. The team that comes second competes in Division Two in Hastings. The A team performed extremely well on Day one and hope to repeat the efforts of 1993-94 by competing in Division One after winning the Regional Qualifying Series.

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**Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship**

The A team won this title for the fourth consecutive year on October 19. They played three preliminary games, winning two of them, progressing through to the semifinal defeating Spotswood College 2-0 (15-11, 15-9) in the semifinal. They defeated Hawera HS convincingly 2-0 (15-7), 15-8) in the final. At this tournament, the NPBHS 'A' team has dropped only one game in four years. The team: Jauhans Marriner (c), Doug Bayford, Chris Newing, Tim Parsons, Carl Barnes, Peter Ansell, Tim Cleaver, Ryan Pelham, Matthew Cleaver.

The B team, comprising mostly Form Three boys, qualified for the semifinal, having won two of their three preliminary games. They fought a close game with Hawera HS only to lose narrowly. They played off for third/fourth against Spotswood College finishing fourth, an outstanding achievement. The team: Jody Hann (c), Darren Annear, Keung Young, Matt Weir, Ben Williams, Trent Newsome, Jacob Scott.

**JUNIOR NORTH ISLAND DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP, AUCKLAND, 1994**

The results of this tournament could not be published in last year's Taranakian as this tournament took place in the third to last week of the school year.

We arrived in Auckland the day before most other teams, to play two warm-up games against Westlake BHS (won 2-0, 15-10, 15-11) and Avondale College (lost 0-2, 8-15, 8-15).

The first game of the championship saw us play the eventual finalist Tauranga Boys' College at night, and lose 0-2 (9-15, 12-15).

Other results: Day two v Kawerau College won 2-1 (15-5, 5-15, 15-13); v Fraser HS won 2-0 (15-5, 15-10). Day three v Massey HS won 2-1 (15-11, 11-15, 15-6); v Porirua College won 2-0 (15-6, 16-14). Day four v Mangere College lost 0-2 (12-15, 6-15); v Tamatea HS won 2-0 (16-14, 15-10). Day five, play-off fifth/sixth v Avondale College won 2-1 (15-7, 11-15, 15-1).

The team finished fifth from 16 teams participating in Division One. We had to defeat Mangere College to make the semifinals, but could not nullify their one big hitter who hit straight through our blockers. Fifth place is the best any Taranaki school has achieved at this tournament.

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

A special thanks to Mr Wilson who accompanied the team on tour as manager, providing a valuable contribution both on and off the court.

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**CYCLING**



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**HOCKEY**



**FIRST XI HOCKEY**

**Back Row:** B. Bellamy, R. Gatenby, S. Jordan, J. Clough.  
**Middle Row:** Mr R. Knight, J. Lyes, N. Kinera, J. Shur, D. Williams.  
**Front Row:** C. Beaurepaire, M. Surgenor, J. Huta, M. Burt (Captain), J. Taylor, T. Simpson.

**HOCKEY FIRST XI**

Hockey in the year 1995 was one of mixed fortunes. The focus for the First XI being the India Shield, a national secondary school tournament. Six new additions from 1994 as well as a new coach meant we were well set to lift the profile and standard of hockey at Boys' High.

**Local Competition:** This year the team played in the senior reserve competition and generally dominated most games. Unfortunately the biggest hurdle to developing our hockey is the lack of exposure on an artificial surface, as all club hockey is currently played on grass.

**College Games:** Hamilton Boys' travelled down to New Plymouth this year to play us. Due to torrential rain we played on a water logged grass field. We started strongly with several opportunities going begging. Despite our defence being resolute the skilful visitors managed to score two quick goals to lead 2-0. With five minutes left Jai Huta replied with an excellent field goal. This spurred the team on but they could not find an equaliser. Result 1-2 loss.

Wanganui Collegiate was our next opponent which meant a trip to Wanganui for our first game as a team on an artificial surface. Injury and illness meant we were without several experienced players. Collegiate were aggressive from the start and were rewarded with three goals to take the match. Result 0-3 loss.

Wellington College were the top secondary school in 1994 so we faced a daunting opposition on their home ground. A sluggish start resulted in Wellington scoring a quick goal. Nathan Kinera stemmed the continuous attacks which enabled us to hold them to one goal in the first half. Almost immediately after the second half Ronald Gatenby scored an equaliser from a melee in the circle. Result 1-1 draw.

Wanganui City College proved to be a determined aggressive side that played an open style of hockey. We started well and were rewarded with a good field goal from Ronald Gatenby. City responded with a quick reply. This lifted our guys who replied with a James Clough goal. From this point on we drifted off and allowed City to score four more goals. Result 2-5 loss.

To gain experience on the artificial surface we travelled up to Tauranga, to play Otumoetai College (2-2 draw) and Hamilton to play our traditional foes Hamilton Boys' High again. This time we completely outclassed Hamilton by playing a fast, open and controlled game. Excellent support play, coupled with accurate passing resulted in goals to Shahn Jordan, Nathan Kinera, Jai Huta and Ronald Gatenby. A 4-0 win which could easily have been much higher than that.

### INDIA SHIELD TOURNAMENT

This year we travelled down to Wellington for the India Shield national secondary tournament. Despite being the only team that plays on grass we were seeded third. In our pool there was Timaru BHS, Rathkeale and St. Paul's BHS.

Our first game was against Timaru Boys. We started at a pedestrian pace looking like we would rather be lying on a beach. As a result we found ourselves down by one goal with five minutes to go. Jai Huta then scored a field goal from the top of the circle. This seemed to rattle Timaru which allowed Huta to score his second goal in three minutes. This allowed us to take the game 2-1.

Our next game was against Rathkeale College. Ronald Gatenby made sure we were off to a flying start by stealing the ball from the opposition and scoring within the first minute. The team was on a roll and managed to score three more goals before half-time courtesy of Gatenby, Shahn Jordan and Jai Huta. Immediately after half-time Gatenby scored two more quick fire goals then Brad Bellamy chimed in with a goal, a reward for his support play. A comprehensive 7-0 victory to us.

St. Pauls showed they were hungry for the win and were rewarded with a 2-1 win. Despite this loss we won our pool and proceeded to the quarter final for a match against Scots College.

In a tense game Jai Huta managed to put us one nil up. Despite dominating the game we could not score again instead Scots did. After extra time the scores were still deadlocked so this resulted in a penalty stroke off. Our five nominated players to carry out the strokes were Ronald Gatenby, Jai Huta, Matthew Burt, Shahn Jordan and Nathan Kinera. After the first five strokes it was still all tied, after the second set of five strokes the deadlock remained. Tension was high when the next Scots player commenced his next stroke. David Williams, the NPBHS goalie, anticipated where the ball was going and made a spectacular save while Ronald Gatenby calmly slotted the next goal so we could advance to the semi-final against Kuranui College.

The team was focused against Kuranui playing with confidence and dominating the first half. Ronald Gatenby scored to enable us to lead one nil. Kuranui struck back to tie the scores at half-time. Nathan Kinera converted a penalty corner to put us in front with 15 minutes to go. The team played extremely well but had two lapses to which the fast Kuranui forwards latched onto to score two goals and steal the game. This meant we were playing off for third and fourth against Otago BHS. In a very open game Jai Huta scored two goals along with one to Shahn Jordan. Mark Horgan, an ex NPBHS player, managed to score three goals for the opposition. The 3-3 draw meant we finished third. The team gained in experience and confidence as the tournament progressed. There were a number of players that played above themselves with Nathan Kinera and Ronald Gatenby being rewarded by being named in the tournament team. Timaru BHS eventually ended up winning the tournament.

**Representative honours:** Nathan Kinera - India Shield Tournament Team, Taranaki Under 18 side. Ronald Gatenby - India Shield Tournament team, Taranaki Under 18 side.

Other Taranaki Under 18 team members: David Williams, Brad Bellamy, Matthew Burt, Jai Huta, Shahn Jordan and Jason Lyes.

Taranaki Under 15 team members: Jason Lyes, Carl Beaurepaire, Jonathon Taylor and Tim Simpson.



### TOUCH RUGBY

This is a growth sport at Boys' High. It is played by a large number of students both seriously and socially. Smokefree sponsored the annual Groups Touch Tournament and the senior side who competed with success at the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition and in the New Plymouth Men's A Grade competition.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools competition was held in Hawera late last year. The junior side were comprehensive winners of their section with Ricky Gibson, Lucas Rainer and Bryce Robins being standout performers. The senior side were beaten by Hawera High in the final but only after a controversial decision went against them. A 'no touch' call made by Hawera during the second period of extra time proved costly.

The senior side also made the final of the New Plymouth Men's A Grade competition. Again they were beaten in extra time. It was a game they should have won but in the end their lack of big match experience proved to be the decisive factor.

The future of touch rugby at Boys' High looks secure with the interest being shown at the junior end of the school, improved coaching resources and the continued sponsorship from Smokefree.



### SURFING 1995

The school surfing championships which were held during February and March attracted in excess of 60 entries. Following the format prescribed by the national association the event was held in four divisions: Under 14, under 16, under 18 and bodyboarding. Competition was keen in all sections and final results were:- Under 14 - 1st Kodie Fisher, 2nd Jamie Mack, 3rd Robert McCarten; under 16 - 1st Mathew Hutchings, 2nd Luke Kerr, 3rd Jay Brisco; under 18 - 1st Allan Collier, 2nd Daniel Lander, 3rd Jonathon Graham.

### BODY BOARDING

1st Peter Kingsnorth, 2nd Nick Cooper.

A final was then held between the top two placegetters in each division to find the school surfing champion for 1995. The eventual winner was Luke Kerr with the bodyboarding title going to Peter Kingsnorth who had previously won the Men's open bodyboarding title at the National titles held in January. All the above surfers were selected to represent the school in the Taranaki Scholastics Competition which was held at Fitzroy Beach in late March. A total of 10 schools from throughout the Taranaki district competed with the Boys' High School running out eventual winners over Waitara High School 95pts to 64pts. This was largely due to a very strong performance in the under 16 section which saw Luke Kerr take first place, Mathew Hutchings 2nd and Jay Brisco 3rd.

On June 14 the school competed against a team from Hamilton BHS as part of a school exchange. Despite disappointing surf conditions the school was victorious.



### SKIING 1995

During the 1995 ski season skiers from the Boys' High School have been involved in four major events. The first of these was the school skiing championships held in early June at the Manganui Skifield on Mt Taranaki (Egmont). A field of 32 entries keenly contested this event which was held in ideal conditions. Results were: 1st Sam Hazeldine, 2nd Adam Richards, 3rd Stephen Gilkison.

The second event was the Taranaki Intersecondary School Champs held in early August. The team consisted of eight skiers: Sam Hazeldine, Adam Richards, Steven Gilkison, Chey Barnes, Martin DeBock, Sam Crawford, Phillip Hilford, Andrew Gilkison.

An excellent performance resulted in the school taking the first four places in the senior boys' division, with Chey Barnes winning the Surf Shop Trophy for the fastest skier in this section. The school won the teams event for the seventh consecutive year, thus retaining the Marie Williams Memorial Cup. Snowboarding was introduced for the first time this year and Phil Dwyer won the event and the Surf Shop snowboarding trophy. With the rise in popularity of snowboarding it is now proposed to include this option in all school events.

The school was invited to participate in a contest at Whakapapa Skifield along with Lindisfame, Palmerston Boys' and Rathkeale in early August. A team of six boys: Sam Hazeldine, Adam Richards, Stephen Gilkison, Andrew Gilkison, Tom Hazeldine and Phillip Hilford travelled to Ruapehu and were successful in winning the event and the 'Lone Ski Trophy', a magnificent hand crafted ski. This ski is one of a pair made by a Mr Aubone Fullerton Smith in the 1920s. He then climbed to the summit of Mt Ruapehu but on his descent broke one ski while executing his first turn. Thus the origin of the 'Lone Ski'.

The last event on the school's skiing calendar was the North Island Intersecondary Schools' Skiing Champs held at Whakapapa in mid-September. A total of 127 schools entered this event and the school finished in a very creditable 14th place. Team members were: Chey Barnes, Adam Richards, Sam Crawford, Sam Hazeldine, Stephen Gilkison, Andrew Gilkison and Martin DeBock.





#### SKI TEAM

**Back Row:** M. De Bock, C. Barnes, A. Brown, S. Hazledine, S. Gilkison, A. Gilkison, A. Richards.  
**Front Row:** P. Hilford, P. Dwyer, Mr R. Turner, S. Crawford, T. Hazledine.



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## SWIMMING



#### SWIMMING

L. McLeod (Intermediate), D. Fisher (Senior), D. Green (Junior).

#### SWIMMING SPORTS 1995

This year's swimming sports were held on a clear and bright February day. It was a successful day for all those who attended. Interhouse competitiveness was evident with large numbers partaking in the non-championship events to get those vital points for their house. Championship events brought along with them some close and exciting races. In between, the crowds relaxed and revelled in the atmosphere created by the racing and music. This created an interesting battle between the Day Boys and Boarders. In a closely fought race the Boarders managed to sneak home while the students pipped the staff in the annual contest.

In the junior championship there was a battle for supremacy with Third Former David Green just edging out Hayden Corkin. These two swimmers actually set a joint record in the 50m backstroke with a new time of 37.13 seconds. The intermediate championship was taken out by Luke McLeod while Darran Fisher dominated the senior championship easily winning it.

A number of records were also set. Darran Fisher lowered the 50m butterfly time to 29.79 seconds while Hami Tamarapa took two seconds off the senior 50m backstroke to record a new time of 30.81 seconds. Aaron Gayton set a new time of 39.1 seconds in the junior 50m breaststroke. Kent Bell made an impression during the preliminary heats by shattering the senior 100m freestyle record, recording 56.3 seconds. Unfortunately Kent missed the school championships due to competing in the New Zealand Age Group Championships.

Records were not confined to the individuals as a number of relay records were also gained during the day. Donnelly House lowering the 'A' house relay to 2.48.4 minutes while Syme House broke the interhouse medley and group leader relay times.

The interhouse competition was tense with Donnelly House just pipping Syme by 22 points with Hatherly third and Barak a long way back in fourth. Congratulations goes to Donnelly House and to all those who took part in the day.

**Junior Championship:** David Green (D10), 1st, 24 points; Hayden Corkin (D5), 2nd, 23 points; and Aaron Gayton (D9), 3rd, 14 points.

**Intermediate Championship:** Luke McLeod (S1), 1st, 40 points; Bevin Jordan (H3), 2nd, 16 points; and Andrew Moore (B9), 3rd, 14 points.

**Senior Championship:** Darran Fisher (H4), 1st, 46 points; Cameron Clow (D5), 2nd, 26 points; and Hami Tamarapa (S9), 3rd, 25 points.

## TARANAKI INTERSECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

The Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Swimming Champs were held this year, once again in Stratford, in February, and were notable for the excellent performances by our Boys' High swimmers in collecting 12 titles out of the available 18.

Our junior team was the most successful, winning each of their six events, with a first-second quinella performance in each individual event, as well as winning both relay events in convincing style.

Our intermediate and senior teams were successful in both relay events against excellent competition.

#### RESULTS - INDIVIDUAL

##### Junior Boys

**David Green:** 1st 50m backstroke, 2nd 100m freestyle, 2nd 50m breaststroke.

**Jeremy Wright:** 1st 50m butterfly.

**Aaron Gayton:** 1st 50m breaststroke, 2nd 50m butterfly.

**Hayden Corkin:** 1st 50m freestyle, 2nd 50m backstroke.

##### Intermediate Boys

**Andrew Moore:** 2nd 50m backstroke, 3rd 50m butterfly.

**Luke McLeod:** 1st 100m freestyle.

**Luke Peacock:** 3rd 100m freestyle.

##### Senior Boys

**Hami Tamarapa:** 2nd 50m backstroke.

**Kent Bell:** 1st 100m freestyle, 3rd 50m backstroke.

#### TEAM EVENTS

**Junior Boys:** 1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay; 1st 4 x 25m medley relay.

**Intermediate Boys:** 1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay; 1st 4 x 25m medley relay.

**Senior Boys:** 1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay; 1st 4 x 25m medley relay.

Team members were:

**Juniors:** David Green, Hayden Corkin, Aaron Gayton, Jeremy Wright.

**Intermediate:** Luke McLeod, Luke Peacock, Andrew Moore, Bevan Jordan.

**Senior:** Kent Bell, Hami Tamarapa, Cameron Clow, Darran Fisher.

K. Gledhill (Manager)

#### SWIMMING

At the New Zealand Divisional I (top grade) Swimming Age Group Championships, held in February, Kent Bell broke four Taranaki Centre swimming records, in the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle events, and in the process, these times also bettered our NPBHS swimming records. An excellent achievement Kent.

Boys' High swimmers who attended the New Zealand Divisional II Swimming Age Group Championships included Cameron Clow, Andrew Moore, Aaron Gayton, David Green and Hami Tamarapa.



### SURF LIFESAVING

There are many boys at NPBHS who regularly partake in surf lifesaving competition during the summer, in local and regional carnivals, which culminate in the New Zealand championships. This year the New Zealand Champs were held in Dunedin in late February, where several Boys' High competitors performed with distinction in both team and individual events.

#### RESULTS

##### TEAM COMPETITION

1st Under 18 canoe race - Mark Woodward, Matthew Green.  
 1st Under 18 canoe rescue - Paul Hancock.  
 1st Under 18 beach sprint relay - Paul Hancock.  
 1st Under 18 4 man R & R - Kent Bell.  
 2nd Under 18 6 man R & R - Kent Bell, Cameron Clow, Luke McLeod, Matthew Green and Mark Bell.  
 2nd Under 18 canoe rescue - Matthew Green, Mark Woodward.  
 Third Under 18 4 man R & R - Hayden Corkin.

##### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

**Kent Bell:** 1st Under 18 tube rescue, 2nd Under 18 belt race.  
**Derek Oldridge:** 1st Under 18 beach sprint.  
**Paul Hancock:** 3rd Under 18 beach flags.



### NEW ZEALAND SLS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Each year an Under 20 New Zealand Development Surf Lifesaving Squad is selected at the completion of the New Zealand Championships, and there are currently, three boys from NPBHS who have been selected for this squad.

At the end of the 1994 Champs, Ben Scott and Derek Oldridge were selected to attend a training camp at Red Beach, Auckland on January 1-8, 1995, where specialist coaching was given in land (sprints, beach-flags), and water (swimming, belt-race, surf-ski and board) disciplines, as well as specialist advice on motivation and nutritional aspects of competition. The week long camp culminated in competition against a visiting Australian club side and the Auckland Representative side.

At the end of the 1995 champs, Ben Scott, Derek Oldridge and Kent Bell were selected for this squad, and are to attend a training camp in December 1995, with subsequent competition to be arranged in early 1996.

To be chosen in the New Zealand Development Squad is recognition of an outstanding potential in surf lifesaving competition, and the school recognises this achievement through this article. Congratulations and best wishes for future surf success.



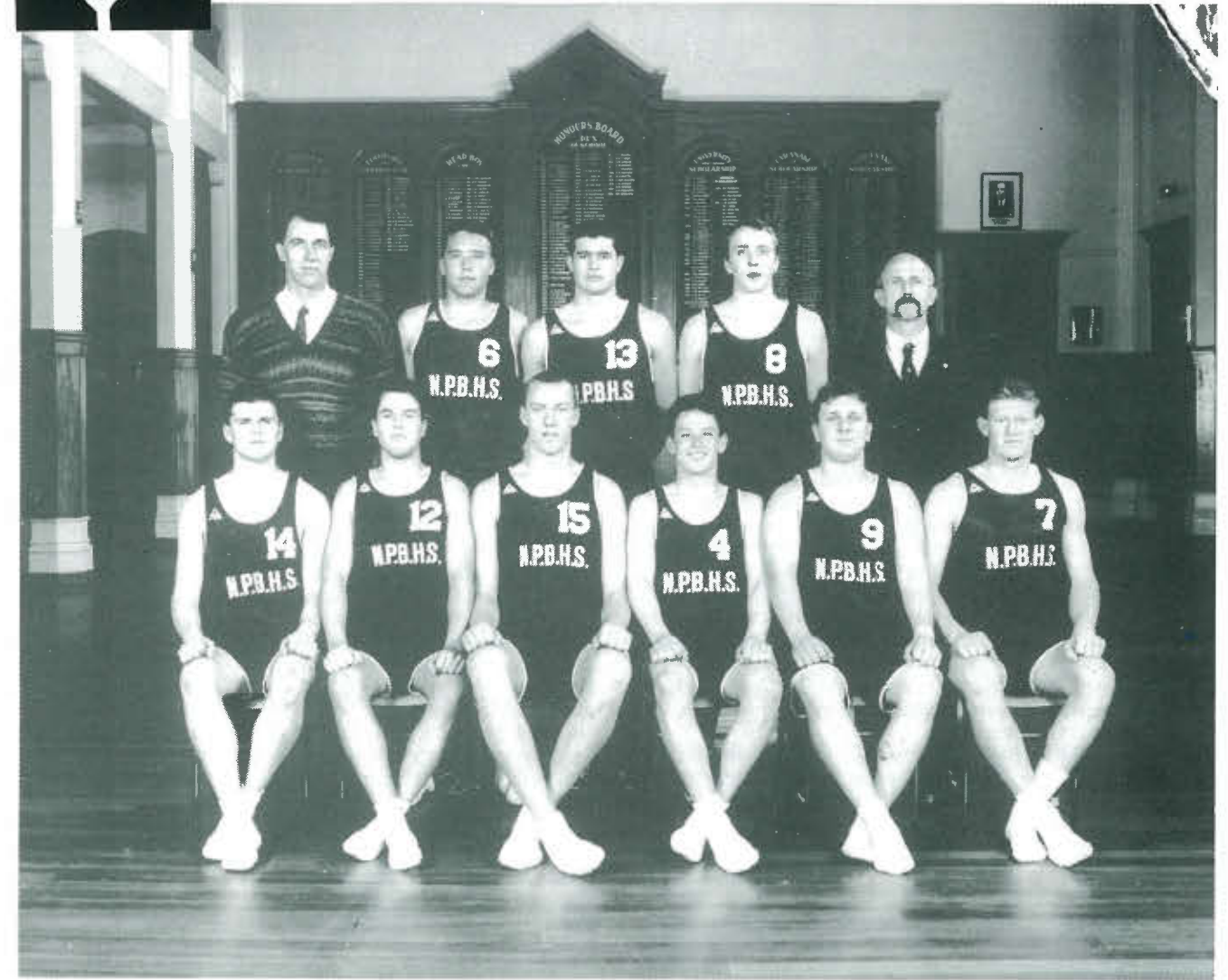
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## BASKETBALL



### FIRST V BASKETBALL

**Back Row:** Mr C. Driscoll, P. Walden, D. Oldridge, S. Frost, Mr J. Laurenson.  
**Front Row:** R. Laurenson, J. Rowe, M. Kelly (Captain), S. Henderson, C. Stark, R. West.

### FIRST V BASKETBALL 1995

The 1995 team was essentially a new unit lacking age and experience. Only two players returned from 1994 and one of these students, arguably the best performed player, left the school just when his ability was most needed.

On this basis the team was not expected to do well.

However, to the delight of the team coach and manager a young team of 8 sixteen year olds and one seventeen year old settled to a hard coaching and training regime very quickly.

Initial poor performances on the court were more and more rarely seen as two training sessions at 7.00am and two more after school, began to improve team performance. This improvement led to a third placing at zone tournament allowing NPBHS to progress to regional tournament in Hawera.

At this time the team also retained Premier Division status with meritorious defeats over FDMC and Opunake Oilers.

In July the team went to regional tournament knowing it had to achieve first or second place to get to the nationals, and also realising New Zealand's number one school PNBHS would be a participant school in the competition. Victories over Horowhenua, Awatapu and Colenso after an initial loss to PNBHS saw school progress to nationals, the first time it had done so since 1991.

At nationals the team defeated Karamu High School and Otago Boys' High School to end up in 14th position in the tournament and balancing this with the knowledge that 295 schools initially began the hunt, NPBHS can be justifiably proud of their efforts.

At the tournament the best game played was against Wellington College who defeated us by 5 points in a pulsating game during which we were always in with a chance of victory. Wellington eventually came fifth in the tournament.

Outstanding performances were given by Matthew Kelly (captain) and during the year all the other team members produced performances worthy of note to make this team one of New Zealand's best performed.

1996 is now a year of great importance. The team could well be largely intact from this year and if this occurs and the same dedication to hard work also occurs, next year could well be our year, with greater achievement than that noted this year. Time will tell.

I thank Colin Driscoll, coach, for all that he has done for the team, without his efforts over the last four years the school would not have achieved anything like the level currently enjoyed in the school.



I would also like to thank the team sponsors Jim and Mary Stark of "MacDonalds Family Restaurant". They have ensured by their commitment that the team always looked like a winning unit and the psychological boost from that is so great, it is not able to be measured.

The team of 1995 achieved very well, better than many expected them to, the team of 1996 have a hard act to follow.

J. B. LAURENSEN  
Manager

### SECOND V

1995 proved a difficult year for the Second V.

A young team was selected, with the aim of giving boys the opportunity to compete in the NPBA Men's A Grade. The team certainly had the ability to do well in this grade but struggled for a number of reasons.

First, coach Darren Shaw had a change of BP Bears practice time, which meant he was unable to attend most of the games.

Second, many of the team found it difficult to compete against adult opposition, being unused to the more physical approach taken.

Third, inconsistent attitudes towards practices and games developed among some players who were unable to find the necessary self discipline.

However, despite some problems at times, there were some excellent achievements also.

Both college matches were won. Wanganui Collegiate First V were beaten comfortably and without doubt the performance of the season was against Hamilton Boys First V. A nervous start saw Hamilton away to a substantial lead by half-time. But an outstanding display of pressure defense in the second half saw Hamilton's lead whittled away, until with 2 seconds left on the clock NPBS trailed by three points with Jason Wright about to shoot two free throws. He made both; Hamilton threw the ball in, it got stolen and passed to Leighton Parsons. He shot, the ball sat on the rim as the buzzer sounded for the end of the game, the ball fell in, and NPBS had won an amazing victory by one point.

The team also played together in the Friday night Under 18 Boys' League and performed very creditably, finishing runner-up to the powerful Francis Douglas First V.

Most of the boys will be back next year, and should be better off for their experience this year. That experience and a harder mental attitude should ensure a successful season in 1996.

Finally, a huge thank you to managers Mr Graham Watkins and Mrs Rhonda McFarlane who really held things together all season.



### UNDER 16

Two teams were selected in the Under 16 A division, with three teams in the B section.

#### A Division

The standard in this division was not as high as in previous years and both teams, the Pacers and the Warriors, had little difficulty winning most of their games, to eventually finish second and third on the league table.

The Pacers started the season in tremendous form going through the first round unbeaten, but slipped a little towards the end of the season with two losses, however still qualifying for the final against Francis Douglas. Unfortunately they picked this game to play their worst for the entire year and were comfortably beaten. Despite this, 1995 was an excellent season for the Pacers. A dedicated coach and manager team - Malcolm Opie and Anne Radford saw a strong team spirit built, with quality basketball played on most occasions.

The Warriors did things the other way around by starting the season slowly, but showed great improvement over the last five weeks and were very unlucky to miss out on the final. This team also combined as a unit and attained a high standard of play - best illustrated by their 100 point demolition of Francis Douglas in their last game. Thanks very much to coach Colin Tilley and manager Rod Kyle for all your hard work during the season.

#### B Division

The Magic, Lakers and Bulls all competed well in this division. Eventually it came to the last league game of the season between the Magic and the Bulls to see who would make it to the final. Magic scraped in in a close game and went to play an excellent first half in the final against Francis Douglas before collapsing in the second.

All three teams were coached by either First or Second V members - Darrin Quay (Lakers), Ray Laurenson/Scott Henderson (Bulls) and Paul Walden/Richard Lawn (Magic). Thanks are due to these boys and to the team managers: Mr Lester Earl (Lakers), Mrs Lesley Lewis (Bulls) and Mrs Claire Wellington (Magic) for their dedication and support over the season.

### UNDER 14

In 1994 the Under 14 teams were selected on ability and as a result the top two teams met in the final but had many mismatched games during the season and at times their standard of play dropped. So this year the teams were selected as evenly as possible, and this produced an even better result, with teams finishing first, second, fourth and sixth.

The Blazers benefitted from late selections after some boys originally selected dropped out, which left them with a considerable size advantage. They made good use of this advantage to go through the season undefeated.

Spurs also had an excellent season. Lacking the height of the Blazers they developed really well as a team and earned their place in the final by beating a strong Spotswood team in their last league game.

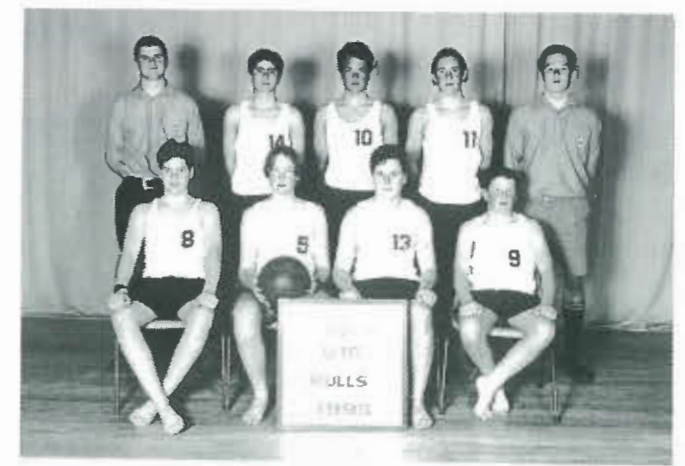
That set up an exciting match between the two teams for the championship which saw the Blazers ahead by one or two points throughout, and they just hung on for the win. This was especially meritorious as they were without one key player (injured), one was suffering from flu, and another had a sprained ankle.

Both coaches - Mr Jeff Cleaver (Blazers) and Mr Mike Norris (Spurs) worked really hard with their teams and were ably supported by their managers - Miss Emma Wilkins (Blazers) and Mrs Alison Fagan (Spurs). Thanks very much to you all.

The Knicks took a little while to get going but settled into an effective unit, winning five/nine games during the season, and showing significant improvement. This reflected the amount of work put in by the boys and the high standards demanded by coach Mr Willie Weinstock. Thanks also to Mr Rob Green and Mrs Shona Carr-Okerua who spent time as team manager.

The Hornets suffered somewhat through a lack of size but remained competitive, making good use of their speed and agility. They finished the season with a 4-4-1 win/loss record, and can be well pleased with their final placing of sixth. A big thank you to coach Mrs Helen Chadwick and to manager Mr David Wright for all your work this season.

A feature of all the Under 14 teams was the excellent turnout to practices week in and week out, and the positive attitude shown by the boys. This points to a promising future for basketball at NPBS.



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## SQUASH



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**Back Row:** T. Willing, P. Ropitini, Mr J. Sims, S. Julian, S. Valentine.  
**Front Row:** M. Ropitini, B. Coles, M. Fisher.

### SQUASH

With the team keeping just two players from last year's undefeated line-up it looked as though the side this year would suffer embarrassing losses in its interschool fixtures.

This was not the case however, with the school's depth in ability which was the major saviour. It is a credit to Mr Sims, the coach and squash master, to be able to compete successfully with a young and largely inexperienced team.

The first clash with Hamilton Boys' High School was in fact the toughest of the year. The team, made up of Bevan Coles, Mark Fisher, Shaun Valentine, Patrick Ropitini, Michael Ropitini and Tremain Willing, looked as though they would struggle against a talented Hamilton side. Fortunately, they handled the pressure better than their opponents with Shaun Valentine and Tremain Willing pulling off big upsets to give the side the chance of a win, decided by the final game. Unfortunately, the side was not rewarded for their brave efforts, and the last game was lost in a disappointing fashion.

The next clash against Wanganui Collegiate was won convincingly with no player dropping a game. Unfortunately, it lacked the tough build-up needed for an up-coming double header against Wellington College and the next day, Palmerston North.

With the side losing a key player to sickness, again the school's depth was tested, with Sam Julian being called into the team. The side struggled against a much older Wellington team and this was in fact the deciding factor, with the result being a 3 all draw. This was a positive result however, as each player was playing opponents of higher ranking due to the loss of our number two.

The next day the side had to regather to play another crucial fixture. With the team travelling far more than 15 hours in the three days leading up to the clash against Palmerston North, the side

was showing signs of fatigue but typical of their determined attitude they played above themselves to give the side a slight chance of winning. Wins to Michael Ropitini and Mark Fisher made an upset possible but after losing the next game the team was facing a loss or at best a draw. Fortunately the latter resulted.

This record earned the side the number one ranking in Central Districts, a huge feat for a team with only one senior in the side.

This rounded off a season which, with a determined hardworking attitude, the team managed a healthy record. If this attitude continues, this promising young team is sure to regain a top five ranking in the country.



## BADMINTON



### BADMINTON

**Back Row:** C. Wells, B. Walsh, Mr K. Signal, D. Abbott, L. Lepper.  
**Front Row:** K. Rowson, P. Whittaker, H. Thompson, S. Maclean.

In what has been a difficult year for the Top 6 team the one ray of hope that shines through for the future of the sport at the school is the school's junior players.

The year started off with trials contested over two nights which drew a big response from the school.

The squad was selected which included four of last years players as well as some promising new young talent.

The team consisted of (in order of ranking at the start of the season) Henry Thompson, Brendon Walsh, Kane Rowson, Scott MacLean, David Abbott, Phillip Whittaker and Johnathon Allen. These players made the trip to Hamilton on June 13 and 14 (although the versatile Walsh was in the school golf team for the trip) and were faced with insurmountable odds. NPBHS were completely outclassed by a Hamilton side which included the seventh ranked junior in Australasia and another former New Zealand junior. The boys took their loss with dignity and sportsmanship and never gave up during the tie. Hamilton had Waikato reps all the way down to their sixth seed.

On July 14, the Taranaki Secondary Schools Badminton Championships were held at New Plymouth Girls' High School. In the juniors David Abbott (Form 4) and Lachlan Lepper (Form 3) were expected to dominate while Henry Thompson and Brendon Walsh were expected to compete well and pick up one title between them. David Abbott's power was evident in the Juniors as he brushed aside all competitors, although he was a little shaky on match point in the singles final before winning. Lachlan Lepper combined with him to win an impressive doubles final 21-11. In the seniors Thompson played well only to lose in the singles final to Spotswood's

David Cowley by 21-14. With the closeness in the boys between Boys' High and Spotswood a play-off for regionals had to occur, which was held in the Boys' High Gymnasium. Spotswood won a very close tie 4-2 with MacLean and Rowson winning their singles.

Our next encounter was with Wellington College who, like Hamilton BHS, were in a very strong zone and had excellent match playing experience against other good teams every week. The team was under no illusions and with the unavailability of Kane Rowson the job was made harder. Lachlan Lepper came into the team to play at number five after proving his worth in training and in the Taranaki interschool championships. July 24, Badminton Hall in Wellington saw another whitewash given to our team, but still the boys were determined.

On July 26, the team played PNBHS without Brendon Walsh who had suffered food poisoning and flu just two days previously against Wellington. Johnathon Allen came into the team, which again struggled against a very good Palmerston North side. It was a shame that in all of our interschool matches not once did we have a full strength side for one reason or another.

Late in term two the school championships were held. In the junior championships David Abbott won the Isaac Cup, while in the senior grade, Henry Thompson won the Cook and Lister Cup, although Walsh playing his best badminton of the year made his work hard.

On the board it has not been a successful year but in real terms the players have shown great determination, commitment, co-operation and most importantly of all: enjoyment. Our juniors promise much!

## TENNIS



### TENNIS

**Back Row:** Mr J. Sims, P. Morse, C. Bennett, S. Cleaver, M. Campbell, B. Pollard.  
**Front Row:** M. Williams, M. Dempsey, B. Martin, N. Creary.

Every year our season starts with a tough match against Hamilton Boys' High School. Our team consists of six seniors and six juniors.

This year our team was: Seniors - B. Martin (captain), N. Creary, P. Morse, C. Bennett, M. Campbell and M. Dempsey.

Juniors - G. Ballantyne, J. Shepherd, J. Taylor, T. Cleaver, A. Gilkinson, F. Shepherd.

After the first day's play the scores were New Plymouth 5, Hamilton 4 in the seniors and the juniors New Plymouth 6, Hamilton 3.

The second day's play was cancelled because of bad weather which meant the overall score was a victory to New Plymouth 11-7.

The next trip saw us playing against Wanganui Collegiate on a very wet and miserable day. We played our top 12 players and another good result occurred.

The players were: Martin, Cleaver, Creary, Morse, Bennet, Ballantyne, Campbell, Dempsey, Shepherd, Williams, Taylor and Cleaver. Good performances from Simon Cleaver, Craig Bennett and Gareth Ballantyne saw an 11-7 victory to New Plymouth Boys' High.

Again this year we entered in the BP Nationals. This involved our team firstly competing against Inglewood High School which we convincingly won.

Our next game was against Wanganui and again we won this convincingly which meant we had to travel to Palmerston North to play a round robin against Palmerston North Boys' High School (Manawatu) and Havelock North High School (Hawkes Bay). We beat Havelock North but sadly lost to Palmerston North and didn't progress through to the regional play-offs.

For the season I would like to thank our coach and manager Mr John Sims who ably looked after and organised the team and has done so for the last five years I have been associated with the tennis team. Thank you for all your support and encouragement Mr Sims and all the best for your future college matches.

I would also like to thank the guys in the team for always giving 100% and never giving up. Well done guys, good luck for next year and keep the strong tradition of tennis alive at Boys' High.



## GOLF



### GOLF

**Back Row:** Mr M. Dobson, D. Croy, Mr D. Mossop.  
**Front Row:** J. Kearns, B. Walsh, N. Bennett, B. Humphreys.

### GOLF

The first event of the year for the Golf Team was to play the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Tournament played at Hawera on April 21. We sent two teams down to Te Ngutu Golf Club to represent NPBHS. Our number one player Brent Humphreys was out with a broken wrist so the team was made up of: Nathan Bennett, David Croy, Joshua Kearns and Brendon Walsh. While conditions were far from satisfactory the team played well on a course which was playing longer because of the rain. Nevertheless the team held on to retain the cup for one more year. Scores: N. Bennett 83, David Croy 82, Joshua Kearns 78, Brendon Walsh 80. Total 240 (3 best scores), only one shot ahead of Hawera High School. The best score of the day came from Scott McClean from our number two team. He shot a round of 75.

Winning here meant that we would travel to Masterton for the Regional final against Manawatu - Wanganui and Wellington. The team performed extremely well here finishing second to Wellington. Scores were B. Humphreys 81, Nathan Bennett 79, David Croy 88, Joshua Kearns 82 and Brendon Walsh 78.

Our one and only intercollege match of the year against Hamilton Boys' High School put us up against some of the best from Waikato. Although we lost three matches to two we can be pleased that we took the team right to the last hole.

The school golf champs held on August 4 provided the best results of the year. The scores were so close that a 'play-off' was needed to decide the eventual champion. B. Humphreys shot a 74, S. McClean 74, B. Walsh 74, N. Bennett 75, J. Kearns 75 and David Croy 76. During the sudden death play-off B. Humphreys had a birdie on the second play of hole to be this year's school champion.

Also in the house competition Donnelly proved too strong for the other houses, taking out the competition easily over Barak second, Hatherly third, and Syme fourth.

This year has been an excellent learning experience for the team, all of whom are coming back again next year, apart from myself. The team are all extremely young and have immense talent. I wish them well in their endeavours in golf be it for Taranaki or New Zealand in the future.

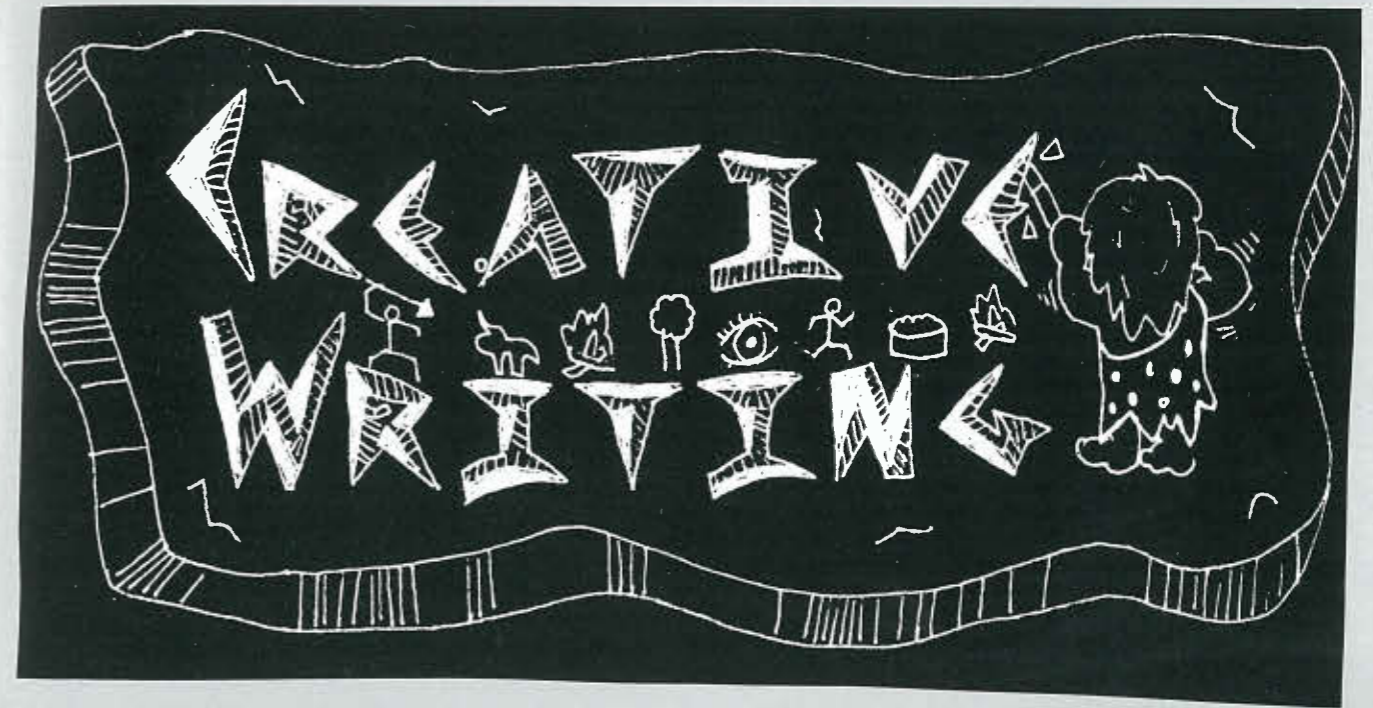
Also a special thanks to Mr Mossop and Mr Dobson for their assistance throughout the year.

BRENDON WALSH  
Team Captain





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### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WILD BOAR

"Woof, Woof, Woof, Woof."  
 "Oh no! Here we go again, can't a pig get any rest around here? Oh well I'll have to use my escape route."

Just as the pig dogs ran in at 6.00am I made a dash for the steep death defying bank to the gully below. Over I go to the fern and supplejack with the two crazy boxers right on my trail but once I pick up speed they will never catch me. Down, down, down this will be an easy getaway. Just like all the other ones that I have made in the same place before. As I bowl my way through the thick undergrowth of the bush I can only faintly hear the dogs in pursuit. I swim across the river and head up the valley to find something to eat. By this time the dogs would have lost my scent when I crossed the river and would have gone back to their master.

As I wander up the valley I come to a clearing in the bush. "This should be a good place to find some yummy worms and bugs. But nature calls first. These look like some likely ferns to do it on, 'pissssssssss...' Ah that relieves the pressure a bit. Now to find those worms. Under this log should be a likely spot to find some." I push it over and hello there are thousands of worms. "Schrrunch, schrrunch, slurp, slurp, crunch, crunch. That was beautiful but I am still hungry. Let's take a stroll into these bushes and see what we can find." Ah, that smell, it smells like rotten goat. I could tell that smell from a mile away.

Ten minutes later, "I haven't had a feed of rotten goat for weeks. That was the best feed I have had for a long time."

It is starting to warm up now. "Man it's hot. I am going to go and have a wallow in the mud pool over there. Then have a scratch on that stump to get rid of those bloody lice."

Splash into the mud I go. "Ah that's better." Scratch, scratch, "Take that you stupid lice!!! I had better go home now. It is getting dark."

As I swim across the river there on the river bank is the prettiest sow I have ever seen. I chat her up and take her to tea on a dead sheep. Then we go back to my nest and snuggle down for the night. That is a day in the life of a wild boar.

DAVID BURTON

### THE VOID

Blindness is a void, not knowing where you are,  
 It is a stormy winter, way up there in space  
 It is some dark sunglasses  
 Sitting on a high stool  
 Looking but not seeing  
 It is a scary movie of which you can only hear the screams  
 It is a clove of garlic,  
 Smelt but not seen.

NATHAN FARQUHAR

### LIFE

What Where How When  
 Women Girl Boy Men.  
 Run Walk Jog Sprint  
 Eyes Glasses Look Squint.  
 Sit Lie Squat Kneel  
 Shout Talk Whisper Squeal.  
 Think Study Ponder Thought  
 Three Two One Nought.  
 Peace Quiet Silent Still  
 War Bang Loud Kijl.  
 Sleep Tired Bed Dream  
 River Puddle Ocean Stream.  
 Hills Mountains Greens & Browns  
 Cities Villages Countries Towns.  
 Young Middle Aged & Old Alike  
 All Involved In The Puzzle Of  
 Life!

RICHARD DRYDEN

### CAT

Our cat is very sleepy,  
 His fur is always hairy,  
 The noise of his meowing,  
 always affects your hearing.

If you're asleep in your bed,  
 And sleeping like heavy lead,  
 If you look like you are dead,  
 he'll come and jump on your head.

To the worst of all your fears,  
 He always knows you're there,  
 He'll tip toe up the stairs,  
 and nibble at your ears.

He is a rather large cat,  
 And he's very very fat,  
 He once caught a long thin rat,  
 and dumped it flat, on our mat.

And for all the fat you see,  
 His speed and agility,  
 As he catches all the flies,  
 you'll hardly believe your eyes.

JESSE BAKER

## FIRST PRIZE

The van crept slowly up to the small suburban house. It was followed closely by a large Mack truck, and several smaller vans and cars. Most of the vans were brightly coloured with advertisements for TV channels screened all over them. The truck, however had no markings. It drove down to the end of the No Exit street and struggled to turn around in the small area allocated. It then pulled up on the opposite side of the street to the house.

A short stocky man slowly stepped out of the first van. He was dressed immaculately in a pin-striped grey suit with black shoes and tie. He surveyed the scene before him, breathing deeply on the crisp morning air, causing large billowing clouds to exit from his mouth.

The house he observed was white, with nothing notably remarkable about it. It was encrusted with concrete spray cladding - as many houses in the area were - and this was coated with a very dull white paint. A small path led up to the doorway, and small violets enclosed its boundaries. About ten small bush roses surrounded the walls of the house, making its appearance slightly less dull. The centrepiece of the tiny front lawn was a small bird bath, with two gnomes sitting on its rim fishing.

The man slowly turned to the team of personnel gathering in numbers behind him, and beckoned to three of them to come up towards him. He said a gruff good morning to them, and in hushed tones started dishing out orders.

"Sandra, I want you to keep Henry as quiet as possible, and I'll tell you when I want him."

"Yes Mr Burns," she replied.

"You, Simon, I want you to start erecting all the signs around the lawn, and on the grass verges down the street a bit either way. But don't you dare use any hammers - mallets if you have to, but no hammers."

"Yes Mr Burns", came the automatic reply.

"And you, Michael, you know what to do, but I don't want a peep from those speakers or any other gear until we are ready to go."

"Yes Mr Burns", he answered in the same monotonous voice.

"Right then," he said, "Lets get to work, but don't let me hear a peep from any of you."

"Yes Mr Burns," they all replied in unison as they split up and began to allocate jobs to all the people below them.

Pretty soon the area was alive with action, but not a sound was made. The scene had an eerie feeling about it. It was as though God had pressed the mute button on his giant 31" up there in the clouds.

Mr Burns looked at his watch. It read 5:08am, and with this a look of ease swept across his face. They were on time, and so far they had not missed a beat in the schedule.

All around him people were busying themselves with the task in hand. Signs advertising everything under the sun were being set up in a semi-circular pattern around the garden. The signs were also popping up as many as five houses down the road on either side, creating a sports event atmosphere. At the same time, cords and wires of varying thicknesses and colours were being rolled over the lawn, in a seemingly chaotic network. Attached to the end of all these wires were microphones, cameras, amplifiers, and TV sets, but one cord led across the road to the back of a van, and here it was attached to a hairdryer.

"Look, I'm getting sick of you imbeciles fussing around and making a right balls-up of my image." The man with the attitude proceeded to snatch a mirror and comb off one of the make-up experts pottering around him. As he combed and admired he continued "I'm Troy McLewyn, and I have to look my best all the time or people won't notice me. Now pass me that blusher as I'm obviously the only one here capable of doing a decent job!"

The work on the lawn continued and after a short time Mr Burns looked at his watch again. It was 5:32am. Everything was going perfectly. He signalled to Sandra who jogged over to him. "It's time," he said "I want you to get Henry out here pronto."

She snapped her usual reply of "Yes, Mr Burns," and jogged off again towards the truck.

After about fifteen minutes Henry plodded over to the barricade of signs on the front lawn and by some miracle he managed to keep quiet. Troy McLewyn was waiting on the lawn, adjusting his hair with a small hand-held mirror. In the short time Troy had known Henry, he had come to dislike him, so he stood a good few feet away.

Mr Burns looked at his watch for the last time. It was 5:50am.

They were ten minutes ahead of schedule, but he couldn't afford to wait around so, he gave the order and everyone moved off the lawn except Troy McLewyn, Henry and a cluster of camera personnel.

By this time a small crowd had gathered, mostly in their dressing gowns, but they were a crowd all the same, so Mr Burns made sure some of the cameras were focused on them for this momentous occasion. Everything had gone just the way it was planned, and he couldn't help but feel proud of himself.

He made a hand signal to Troy McLewyn, who then moved slowly up the steps and knocked on the door. This was it, this was the moment Mr Burns had been planning for over two weeks. He clenched his teeth with anticipation. After two minutes nothing had happened, but eventually the door began to open...

... A frail and somewhat grumpy looking old man appeared at the doorway, and as he adjusted his thick glasses, he snapped at the first person he saw "Whaderyawant?"

Troy McLewyn was shaken, but his experience took full control as he blurted out on national television, "Hello, Mr Barnum? You are the lucky winner of an elephant. What do you have to say?"

The old man's eyes narrowed as he exclaimed, "You bleedin' idiot, I'm Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Barnum lives next door," and with this he slammed the door shut and waddled back to bed.

NICK DEMPSEY



Old Man.

## LIGHT

Light  
Rainbow  
Break of day  
Colour spectrum  
Bright blaze at day break  
Candle burns bright  
Glow of dusk  
Bright gleam  
Flash

JEREMY COUCHMAN

## THE STRANGE GIFT

Today was my birthday. I was turning 15 to be exact. Hooray! I could get my licence. Today however getting a driver's licence would be the least of my concerns. It was on this day in mid Autumn, that the package came. This was not your average, everyday, run-of-the-mill package at all. The package seemed very old, and smelt very damp and musty, I could tell this was going to be very interesting.

Carefully I peeled open the petals of this flower - like a package, to discover the hidden bud inside. Now I am not someone who is overly critical about anything, but this was a very unusual present. The gift was simply comprised of two elongated pieces of seemingly innocent wood, nailed at a centre point from which a piece of intertwined string hung limply about half a metre down. Now I looked at this strange inanimate object for a long time, and realised that it looked very much like a water divining rod.

Attached very inconspicuously to one of the pieces of wood, was a discreetly written note. The note was dog-eared, and yellowing at the edges. I briefly glanced at the message, and read the only four words written down. These were: The key to life.

For the next week, or so it seemed, I pondered the meaning of this message. I looked up books and encyclopaedias. I asked teachers, librarians, museum curators and even a scientist what they thought of my gift. All fronts, unfortunately turned up as a negative response, I had to find out what that object was.

That night, I stared at the shoddily built piece of mahogany. It seemed to be calling out to me, screaming high pitched trebles in my mind. Eventually after several malicious thoughts had crossed my mind, I succumbed to the temptation.

I casually walked over to it, and picked it up. I concentrated harder than I had ever concentrated before. I cleared my mind, and thought only pure and positive thoughts. I really didn't know what I was doing, but it felt right. Vibrant energy began to pulse from the wood, the string danced about in a semi-conscious state, and my whole body began to vibrate. The energy and vibrations grew stronger. "Dinner's ready!"

My concentration was gone. The energy dissipated into the atmosphere.

That night I had felt like never before. True unadulterated power. I knew that I had to try it again, and somehow I knew this was not going to be my last encounter with the seeker, as I had inadvertently decided to call it.

The next day was Monday, and I was very eager to rush home to try again with the seeker. I was very hesitant about using it again, as the immense power rush may be overwhelming to a mere mortal, such as myself to handle. However I was quietly confident that tonight I would be able to unleash the true power of the seeker.

Night was now drawing to a close. I had made sure that no disturbances would occur tonight. I extended an arm and grasped the seeker with my fingertips. It felt lighter in weight, and softer in touch. I felt more in control of this seemingly uncontrollable force.

Again I gently closed my eyelids and concentrated with all of my might. First there was a pulsing sensation, then a vibration. Small at first, but the vibrant energy was increasing in magnitude. Soon my body was shaking in wild uncontrollable spasms. Suddenly there was a bright flash and then a deep rumbling that shook the house.

Silence. There was not a sound except a dull incessant thudding, that I recognised as my weak and very feeble heartbeat. It came to me. I had discovered it. The key to life was ... spinning. Faster and faster. I rotated dizzily. I felt like a top, but I was being centrifuged in all directions at once.

My eyes batted open. I was in my warm bed. The bed itself was dampened by the cold beads of perspiration that were cascading down my face. Was this it. Was this the key to life. I realised soon this was not my bed, but it was warm, oh so warm. I felt drowsy. Then snap, the lights were turned on. "OK everybody, take 5, that's a wrap."

NILAN EKANAYAKI

## BLUE

Crisp sky on a fine day,  
Fresh water trickling over the bluff.  
The brothers' car  
streaking down the road.  
A clear kindness.

MICHAEL NEWOON

## MY LUCK STRIKES WITH UNWANTED THINGS

"Hello, Mr Barnum? You are the lucky winner of the elephant." It was Monday, the day I wish the world would perish. This is because for one, the kids always want to go somewhere and for two, I have to go back to work.

I am a full-time tutor at Taranaki Polytechnic filling in as a Scientist, a boring, unexciting job where marked work was the teacher's first job when he arrives home. But today with the kids poaching me to take them out. "Dad, you're a lovely man who has always cared for us, why are you changing now?" or, "You promised us, if you don't take us I'll tell mum on you." This is the total fact... I shouldn't of promised them years ago that I'd take them somewhere every Monday. "Okay" I explain, "but we have to be back by 7pm, I'll take you to the gala." The shouting and screams at the gala were always a headache for me, I just couldn't mark my work with this noise so I decided to myself that I'll take a peer at the gala. "How about a Raffle on Elephant?" "Would you like to have a year's free groceries" is all I hear, for galas and raffles was only a method of gambling. "OK OK" I say "take this for your friends... choose any number and just give me butt's". As I go to leave the raffle shop "Dad! are you ready to go home?" call the kids "Of course I am!"

"Hello Dear" comes my wife Tingy "Evening Tingy. I am just getting sick to death of the kids employing my money to gamble" I say hastily "never mind darling, they will grow up!"... my luck never gets anywhere.

"Burp" "Burp" "Burp" Burp" cries my alarm clock "crikey I'm late!" I race out of bed, throw my clothes on and pace down the stairs to prepare breakfast. "Knock, knock" the door flies open "Mr Barnum? you are the lucky winner of the elephant." "WHAT!! an elephant?" I cry. "What am I to do with an elephant" and in a moment of seconds comes a squirt of water through the window straight onto my face! "Okay, I just have to get rid of him." "Yes Mr Barnum, I wish you well." "Very good Mr Barnum I kept thinking... what on earth am I going to say to my wife?"

"Hello darling, H...o ..w are ... what the hell is that thing out there?" AN ELEPHANT!! trembles Tingy "Yes, I'm sorry, I won it in a raffle." "And what are we going to do with it? Get rid of it! Try the garage sales, the Warehouse, the Church. If all I care as long as I get rid of it I'm happy" I explained.

We attempted everything in order to get rid of this over large animal but who wanted it ... NO ONE! ... we even tried the zoo. "No sorry we are in fear of room." "Very good I kept saying to myself, it will be the last raffle I take in my life!"

I had to build a cage to fit the elephant in, feed it, all this was really a fortune and for the amount of time involved we could have gone on holiday but no... we can't leave the elephant here. But the elephant was doing us a good favour... every morning I'd just yell "Monkeys" and the elephant would reach out his trunk, suck the paper, then blow it to me so I didn't have to go and get it.

One morning, the elephant didn't do it, and I was feeling off. As I slowly walked back I seen an advertisement in the paper "WANTED! Animals, anything considered... answers to Lucky." "Ah ha" I tricked to myself, this was the final way of getting rid of an elephant and also getting money.

"Hello is this the people who put the advertisement about animals in the Daily News?" "Yes, what sort of animal do you have?" "An elephant." ".... An elephant? ...oh good I'll give you anything for it." "Okay \$3000 plus cage." "Sure," he explained, "I'll arrange to pick it up in the weekend, no problem". The end of the elephant! I just couldn't help being happy and delighted... I had to tell my wife and kids.

The truck pulled up "Hello there where is the elephant?" said the deep voiced driver, "around the back of the house." "Is it all right if I reach the hi-ab over to the elephant to attempt to lift it over the house?" said the driver. "Of course" I said.

It took time to put the elephant on and I thanked the driver very much. Before he left he handed me a check and thanked me for helping him find animals for his zoo. "30,000?" I said. "Yes that's what you quoted!" "Okay" I said excitedly.

I ran into the house and hugged my wife. They gave me 30,000 for the elephant!!! I just couldn't believe my eyes.

Here I am, I will never take another raffle again, and I am now in South Africa looking after elephants!! I'll probably never get away from them again!

RODNEY MacDONALD

## NUCLEAR TESTING MUST STOP!

On the sixth of September nineteen ninety-five, Monsieur Jaques Chirac started nuclear testing under the waters of Mururoa Atoll in French Polynesia. I have very strong feelings against all the people who are supporting such a crisis.

About two months previously, President Jaques Chirac of France announced to the world that France is going to mercilessly detonate atomic bombs for the sake of its own military progression. Almost immediately, Greenpeace activists had started putting up signs and headlines in the world's many newspapers and media to protest and try to prevent this disaster from taking place. Because of their consistent effort in protesting, the crisis has earned world recognition and is sought after against many nations. New Zealand, along with many other nations, has now taken France to court to controvert over the issue. Owing to this there is a glimmer of hope to stopping any more tests from taking place.

France has always been in an honoured position in the world's society. This position has now been lowered drastically, due to her President's arrogant behaviour. The rest of the world, along with me have many reasons to believe that the testing should stop. Firstly, the explosions during the testing can cause much death among the marine creatures occupying the area. There are many different exotic types of fish and aquatic mammals living in the Pacific. If the tests continue, many of these anomalous creatures will die or maybe even become extinct. Therefore the testing is a hazard to the underwater ecosystem. Furthermore, due to the testing, the people who live on the islands close to Mururoa Atoll lead a very precarious life. Whether the French say that the tests are safe underwater or not, there is always the risk of an accident taking place. If this happens, how can Monsieur Jaques Chirac compensate for human lives?

President Jaques Chirac is a man who has no respect for world's opinion concerning the tests. He is not worried about the consequences. People like him should have no right to be President. My experiences have told me that he is a selfish man and does not deserve any respect (not that he is getting any.) Is he not worried that the whole world will have a grudge against him and his country if he did something harmful to the environment or killed somebody? Obviously he is not at all broadminded. Has he thought about what it might do to the geographical surface of Mururoa Atoll? The tests will now leave a scar underground; a scar that might show its outcome after a hundred years or so. If France is doing her tests just to show how powerful she is, she should show it by maintaining her dignity instead.

Since France has decided to be very contumacious over the matter, the world will have to keep fighting over the issue. If France is so keen on getting nuclear data, she can obtain it from other countries like America and Britain. As a matter of fact, she can even do her tests on computers, likewise these two countries. Many of France's scientists have said that the tests can be done safely on land. If this is so, cannot France do its laboratory experiments in her own back yard? The whole world is now hoping that the problem will soon be solved. I believe that if it is not, a terrible disaster will take place.

SAYUJ H-NATH

## MY MUM'S COOKING

A vast pulpy mass lay floating in the water, innumerable long arms radiating from its centre, curling and twisting like a nest of anacondas.

"What's for tea Mum?" I asked.

"Spaghetti Bolognese," she replied.

My Mum wasn't the best cook in the world. She had burnt, singed, over crisped and blackened her way through about 40 different cook books in the last two years.

Sometimes she wouldn't beat the eggs long enough or she would accidentally drop egg shells into omelettes. Other times she would put too much of one ingredient into her concoctions; for example, last Christmas she put way too much alcohol in the trifle and everyone was half cut for the rest of the day.

But on the rare occasion (usually during full moons, or when we get takeaways), Mum's cooking is impeccable. Her specialty dish is fish fingers. She cannot burn these so long as they are frozen when she puts them in the pan. The reason for this is simple; because the fish fingers are frozen when she puts them on, they take longer to cook. Mum forgets to take the unfrozen fish fingers off in time so they cook for twice as long as they should and come out black. The frozen ones cook for the same time but take half the time to thaw out, so by the time she remembers to take them off they are cooked to perfection. The only drawback to this is if you don't like fish fingers every night.

I have to go now - Mum's version of Spaghetti Bolognese is 'ready' to eat. I'm just lucky that her cooking skills aren't hereditary ...

Where's that smoke coming from? Oh, no? My toast!  
ROBERT TILLEY

## THEIR REALM

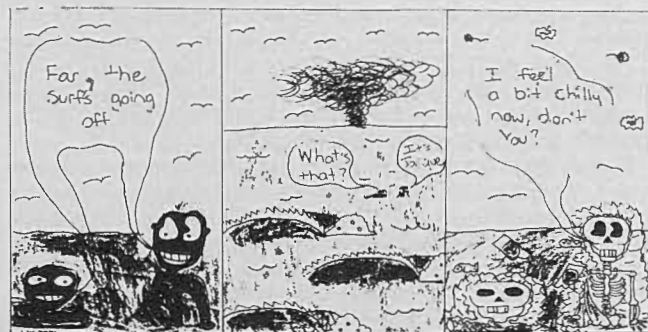
A sleek silver shadow,  
cuts through the water  
Looking for a meal,  
is the stealthy marauder.  
A futuristic form,  
a prehistoric mind.  
A creature of perfection,  
gliding through time.

This torpedo-like creature,  
picks out a spot,  
brimming with chances of  
catching a lot.  
He doesn't know the difference,  
with what he's about to eat.  
The difference of flippers,  
against human feet.

So with a bubble and swirl,  
a surfer is gone.  
His mates do not know,  
so still carry on,  
Slowly but surely,  
they're dropping like flies.  
They don't see through,  
his perfect disguise.

But as the last goes under,  
it changes it's mind,  
Perhaps to let him warn,  
the rest of his kind,  
To keep from his realm,  
and take nothing too.  
Or to warn you again  
he'll make a meal of you.

MATTHEW TURNER



## SURFER OR SEAL

The voracious, looming, blood-thirsty shark,  
His teeth like razors, eyes cold and dark.  
Cruising through the water like a loaded submarine,  
Threatening, remorseless, a killer unseen.

Blood! He detects as he hastens his motion,  
His blade-like fin cuts through the ocean.  
His target, a surfer, he thinks it's a seal,  
He circles it, a killer, stalking his meal.

Attack! His trap-jaws shut, a surfer between,  
Then he's gone, the blood-stained water shows where he's been.  
On the bottom of the ocean he devours his meal,  
To him it doesn't matter whether it's surfer or seal.

The voracious looming blood-thirsty shark,  
His teeth like razors, eyes cold and dark.  
Cruising through the water like a loaded submarine,  
Fulfilled, contented, feeding time's been.

SHANE POPE

## SEASONAL CHANGES

It was autumn. In the countryside farmers were using their working hours to plough up their paddocks. Crops of maize had been harvested or eaten by the stock already - as the feed pinch from the summer drought prevented storage of any surplus feed. In many cases there was no feed to spare. Hence the importance of returning these bare paddocks to pasture.

I went to look at the run-off block we had, set alongside another farmer's block. Our paddocks lay fallow, brown, vast and undulating. Small steps of ridges broke the plain brown space, causing a shaded effect, similar I thought, to the fashion of stepped haircuts.

As the wind blew up from the sea cliff, the sandy soil lifted; and in the distance a vague cloud of brown, wafted away. Gone the magic topsoil of fertility.

Alongside, on the boundary, was the neighbours lush green pasture. A thick green shag-pile compared to the worn brown corduroy look, of our paddock. Further down, yet another shading of green; pasture freshly eaten by stock presented a lime-green look.

The pale green was broken by roughly made polka dots scattered at random, through the four acre square. These were the areas of strong, nitrogenous wastes, left by stock. Obvious excreting spots, now the grazing was complete.

This great patchwork quilt was hemmed on one end by three wire electric fences, the posts of which stood like sentries on duty, awaiting the first hint of green to shoot through this brown expanse. They remained unmoving in the wind - a contrast to the humming wire, topsoil clouds and waving grass.

On the rest of the patchwork edges was Pampas - planted as a shelter for the stock. The wind played havoc with this and the long plumes waved their heads incessantly. Below these plumes, the pointed leaves bushed together and bounced up and down, up and down. A show, worthy of a circus audience it was. A gathering of ostriches excitedly chattering and moving. Moving with a bustling urgency while they too awaited the shoots of green. It was as if the ostriches were arguing like a pack of old gossips about who would be first to see the 'new green'.

It was time to go, the wind was cold, hinting that this was the end of autumn and the beginning of winter. I thought that the grass seed was wise remaining in the warm ground for a wee while longer. Why rush out of its warm womb to taste this cold biting wind.

Next weekend leave this scene would be different again. Probably a new haircut would have manifested itself on our paddock. Hopefully a green spike.

I climbed back in the ute and drove off leaving the countryside to its seasonal changes - and the ravages of the weather.

RICHARD LAWN

## WHEN WE MOVED WE TOOK OUR HOUSE WITH US

Moving house was an unusual experience for our family, especially me. I had only known one house, one home. The day for moving arrived rather quickly and the day was extremely busy with the packing up and removal of all our personal effects from the old place to the new. Mum, Dad, Aunties and Uncles all worked furiously to put seven years of our family life into boxes for the move.

The kids, me included, all sat back and watched the activity. We had spent a lot of time at this house and the memories were too many.

I decided to take one last look around the place before we left. Although the house was bare inside, the outside remained the same and sparked off something in my mind.

Looking around I saw the old nail, halfway sticking out of the fence, its rusty head exposed. We had had some fun that nail and I, not fun in the good sense mind you. Fun in the sense that the scar where I had caught my leg, ripping a giant hole, brought me a childhood story that would serve as a conversation piece point for my Grandmother whenever she came around to our house and inspected 'her little boy'.

Next I saw the 'big tree'. Many an afternoon and evening had been spent there climbing, swinging, building huts and playing in that tree. That tree also had a lot of memories. It was the place I would go when I stole food from the kitchen after Mum had done the baking. It was good baking, the kind that I, as a six year old, loved. Mum never caught me up there but somehow I knew she knew something was amiss.

The hut had been pulled down from that tree and the swing was missing now.

The house itself also had some memories. Its cracked, painted exterior could tell a million stories. Its green, sludgy gutter and downpipe had seen many a savage winter day.

Another memory of the house was its roof, corrugated iron. This metal cladding went well with the ravenous downpours of rain that we had in this part of the country. Many a night was spent sitting awake in the dark listening to the somewhat comforting sound of rain bullets on the roof. That sound was special, it made me feel like I was safe. I was safely tucked up in my bed, the roof was my protector and the rain attacked. Because it protected me, the house would always seem special.

Along the bottom of the house was a small opening by which my friends and I could squeeze our small bodies under the house. This place was very special. One day my friends and I had dug a hole to put treasure in, a treasure of old one and two cent coins. We had covered the hole over and patted it down so its whereabouts would be unknown to those without a map. We left the treasure for a few months and then went back to dig it up. Unbeknown to us we had also buried the map and none of us knew exactly where the spot was. One and two cent coins seemed like a lot to my friends and I and we were all disappointed little adventurers/treasure hunters after this.

That house held a lot of memories, some bad but most good memories of the first six years of growing up and discovery.

The time soon came when Dad, Mum and the helpers had finished their duties and packed up all of my stuff. The call was put out that we were leaving so I took one last look and turned to leave.

Looking back I see that the house did not really get left behind, but came with us. It came with us in the form of memories, thoughts and even scars. I could never forget that house, it was a part of me, a part that I will live with forever.

GWYNN BROOKS

## BLUE

Blue  
Water  
Cold as Ice  
Waves whip the shore  
Lost and never Found  
Ships sink at Sea  
Ocean Prize  
Treasure  
Missed

## WHAT IS POETRY

What is poetry?  
Is it just the thoughts that flow from my head, like a river in full cry.  
I sit in my chair.  
A fly flies through my window and settles like dust on my bed.  
It's nearly 5.30 - tea time.  
Not feeling too hot, Something inside me is kicking up shit!  
The weather outside is like my mood, *overcast, sombre*.  
It's going to rain tonight!  
What is poetry?  
Those thoughts that have trickled from my head like a silent almost  
dried  
out stream!

RICHARD DRYDEN

## WHITE

Light fragments of carved wood,  
Paper,  
Waves hitting the rocks,  
Small pieces of marble in the sand,  
Sunlight warming the earth.

MARK LAURSEN

## DEATH'S LAMENT

Being the Grim Reaper isn't what it used to be. The image of the tall cloaked skeletal figure, clutching a monstrous scythe at an acute angle to the body used to strike fear into the hearts of human peoples, but now it is openly laughed at and frivolously larked about within theatres, restaurants, cabaret bars and nightclubs everywhere. This blatant disregard for the human culture's first and foremost true nemesis is disturbing to say the least. Perhaps even more disturbing is the fact that we are all guilty of supporting this disregard of respect.

Who did not laugh at the dithering Death who was fearlessly given a wedgie by Bill & Ted in 'Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey'? Who did not scoff at Death's misfortune as he was subsequently defeated not only in Battleships, but also in Twister, the ultimate in party board games?

How is it that dull-witted, yet extremely likeable American teenagers may thwart so easily the supreme agent of evil in a battle of wits? Death was once an omnipotent mythological character, and yet now he is no more than a two-bit comedian caricature.

However, the situation has not always been this way. Therefore the blame for the usurpance of public respect towards Death lands squarely upon the shoulders of the many dedicated people all over the globe who have worked and sweated their whole lives away in the relentless pursuit of a reasonable standard of living. These well-intentioned heathens obviously paid no concern to the effect this would have on the average mortal's fear and reverence towards the popular image of Death.

Long gone now are the glory days of the plague, when Death roamed the squalid streets of Europe in complete invincibility. Since these times, his activities of regular genocide have subsided constantly and gradually, despite a couple of resurgences in the early and middle 20th century.

In the 70s, as a result of the feminist movements, Death was even stripped of his trademark scythe as it was ordained a "blatantly phallic exaggeration". The satirical cartoons depicting the image of Death took on a less menacing edge around this time, as Death unsuccessfully attempted to adopt a range of miscellaneous symbolic implements, amongst which were the Oboe, a particularly heavy shoe, and a small pair of sharp silver scissors. Despite the immediate practicality of some of these, it was agreed in general that there could be no replacement for the scythe.

A typically nonsensical and ludicrous yet strangely appealing approach was taken by the British comedy troupe Monty Python as they cast Death in a cameo role in their film length comedy extravaganza 'The meaning of Life'. His one line consisted of the five words: "It was the salmon mousse". Never before have five words expressed more succinctly the plight of any receding mythological character. Once upon a time, it was the scythe that severed the strands of wheat, and now it became the blunted edge of processed fish delicacies. That seems like a huge drop in emotive quality standards to me.

The tabloids had a field day in the week of the film's release, as headlines boasted "Death endorsing SeaLord" and "Reaper sells out to royalties" and the lesser supported "Death goes fishing in Moose-World". By this stage, the writing was well and truly on the wall as far

as Death's importance as an existing modern mythological figure was concerned, and so for a time, he left his interdimensional duty to claim the dead on earth to run a small orchard farm in Hawkes Bay. He is reported to have undertaken many other occupations including a motorbike guy in L.A. and a builder in Liverpool. He made several Broadway appearances during this shadowy transition period and he took extensive breaks from his performing career to further refine his singing voice in the mid 80s.

He then became frustrated by the restrictions of his own inertia, and he began a worldwide solitary 'March for Death' as a publicity stunt. Beginning from Norway, he travelled down through Europe, across North Africa, then through the Middle East and Asia, but in between Mongolia and Russia he sort of lost interest and returned to his summer lodgings in Edinburgh.

It was around this time, towards the end of the Death disillusioning eighties that he submitted himself to further torment by his accepting of the role in 'Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey'. He was granted a concession in the respect that he was reunited with his scythe, but aside from this, the film epitomises the depths to which Death had sunk. The story eventually has Death accompanying Bill and Ted to heaven, where he gladly cooperates in their ridiculous exploits.

After the release of the film, Death realised his folly, but still maintained that his performance was one of rare perception for a mythological figure of such rapidly deteriorating influential clout and confidence.

Death has now, once again, lapsed into obscurity, making only the occasional appearance on 'The Simpsons' or in Japanese subways. It has been rumoured recently that he has been approached as a possible signatory for the new rival Australian rugby league competition, but an agreement has not yet been reached.

Whatever the future exploits of this mercurial and dastardly dynamic figure, respect and recognition can only rise, as in a recent survey by 'Time' magazine, 67% of people questioned thought that Death was European bitter, 22% said they didn't know, and the remaining 11% simply collapsed into shrieking spasms when questioned.

These results are the shocking truth of a society that has lost the ability to detect the vital and necessary elements present in an enduring and reliable mythological character, and such is Death's lament.

J. M. NOBBS

## SHARK

A voracious shark  
Glides stealthily  
In dark depths  
A submarine hunter  
Determined to kill.

A young seal  
Fearless and carefree  
Tosses and teases  
His fish victim  
Unaware  
Of the streamlined shark's  
looming attack

The triangle fin sail  
Cuts through the water  
Closing in on the unknowing prey  
Too late  
The seal attempts  
To escape  
His own meal  
Abandoned

The blood thirsty shark  
Grips the struggling seal  
With sharp, ugly, white teeth  
Until the struggle ceases

In dark blood-stained  
Depths  
The submarine hunter  
Smoothly glides.

CHRISTOPHER LEUNG

## WILD JUSTICE

She has got to go. She's driving me crazy. Laura my cousin is totally running my life. She's one year older than me. The other day when I was in town with friends, she took all my clothes out of my drawers and painted faces on my underwear. The day before that she put frogs in my bed from the pond in our back yard. She always comes to our house when her Mum goes to work. I tried to tell Mum to stop babysitting her, but all she says is "She's a lovely girl and you should respect her." Yeah Right!

Me and my friend Kenny were walking home from school then Laura came out.

"Hello darling Kenny," she called. She rushed and started kissing him all-over his cheek. Kenny went red and then said with a squeaky voice, "Gotta go."

I realised she was wearing my shorts and T-shirt.

"Whatta got my clothes on for," I shouted.

"Do ya like 'em? Look I've also got your thermal underwear on too."

I was totally embarrassed, and angry as well. I went to my room and realised something was different. My posters, all my posters were gone. I gave a scream. My cousin's make-up was all over my table.

She came in.

"Your mum said I could use your room."

Revenge is the only way outta this. Even if I have to kill her, then we will be even.

I'll accidentally push her out a window. A cruel wicked smile came over my face. You could say revenge is a kind of wild justice.

"Laura come up here. I'm stuck on a video game. Uh... You're real good at video games," I shouted down the stairs. She came up. "Sit here," I asked, pointing to a spot right by the window. I pretended to get excited over the video game and bumped her. Oops, I thought. Her failing body snapped in two when she hit concrete blocks. I just laughed.

A couple of days later I was snuggled in my bed rugs. Something caught my eye. Did I just see my stereo move? Then it floated up. I screamed but nothing came out. I could make out that a ghost was carrying it. Laura's ghost. The stereo above me came crashing down.

BRYCE COLES

## A PERSON, MOUNTAIN, A TREE, A RIVER

A shimmering road of life winding its way gently toward the huge expanse we know as the sea. The river is born, created as a bubbling pool, fed from an everflowing cave of water, an underground highway.

From its birthplace it is gently nudged over a concrete lip, like an eagle coaxing its chick to fly. The small insignificant trickle of water then slides down a rugged clay bank before finding its way to a deep rock channel, like a blind man finding his way to the street. There the trickle joins with more little crowded channels and meets with many other blind defenceless baby streams. Together these babies begin to grow, grow into cool, gurgling, feisty streams which pick up speed and begin careering down a crumbly weed clogged riverbed, scattered with sharp stones which scratch and tear at the smooth rippled skin of the water.

Our living breathing river, now fully grown, gradually rides down between deep chasms in the lush rich farm land of our country like on a surfboard - going with the flow. Then suddenly our brave young woman, the woman who has courageously braved the steep hills and sharp rocks, is faced with the last great challenge. The fight for a place in the homeland of all rivers great and small, the sea.

Here she must prove her worth by plunging headlong through an entanglement of gorse and over a perilous clay cliff. The 135 foot drop can be deadly - an unsuspecting river, may smash on the unforgiving rocks and be sprayed everywhere with tremendous force. The river holds its breath. It leaps off the cliff awkwardly and ends up spilling over a sand bank but recovers and, wriggling like a rattlesnake finds its way to the homeland, the sea.

SCOTT BREMER

## THE LADY

This is my encounter with the greatest adversary the world has ever known.

She is the greatest thief that ever lived. She steals hope, she steals innocence, she steals lives. She steals from the oldest man and she steals from the youngest child.

I have held her and moved with her. Wherever I go she is with me. What friend would steal from another; we are enemies.

She is the Queen of all criminals. No-one can tell her what to do. With Ben, her partner in crime, she rules the world.

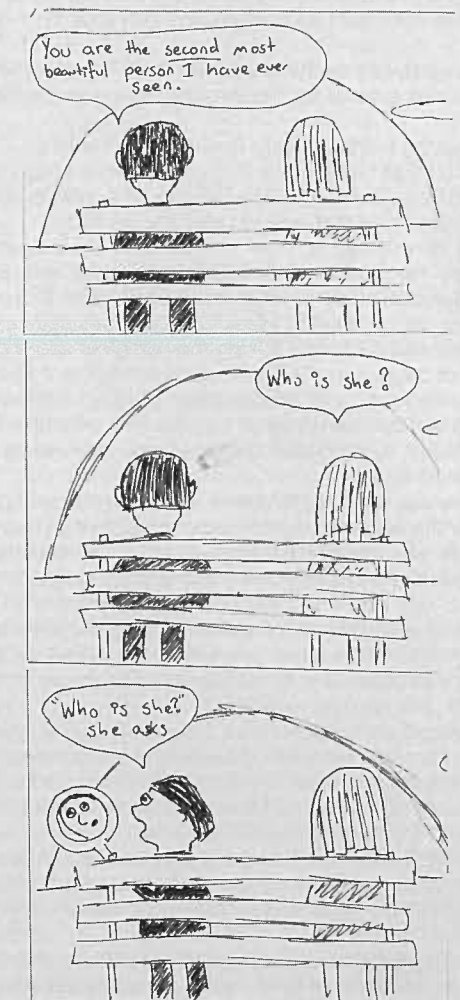
On a million people's hands they watch her turn and change. But no-one can stop her, no-one can capture her. No prison could hold this Houdini inside.

Her immortal eyes are wide, they have seen Jesus, Napoleon and J. F. K.

Her eternal ears have heard all babies born, the last painful cries of dying soldiers and the music of a thousand generations.

She is a virgin and whore, summer and winter; he is ever-changing, never stopping, never resting, just marching on.

JEREMY PARSONS



## SCARED

Why don't I have the stomach  
Why do I lack the nerve.  
I know my depth.  
Scared running from something that I don't know,  
Something I won't know until I face up to the challenge.  
Stare fate in the eye.  
Jump in at the deep end, Hold your breath and hope.

RICHARD DRYDEN

## THE EGG PEELER

The circulating currents whistled through the caverns of steel, chiming a howling, tortured chorus which was most unsettling. It fed the hysteria of the trapped beasts within. It attempted to let forth an angered cry, but its vocal chords had long been severed.

In the editing department, things were no different from usual. It was 10.06am, and most of the preppy highbrow, executive publishing types that toiled there were immersed in seas of adjectives, plateaus of molten verbs and plethora of grammatical significance.

Roy had worked in the Arkenheim publishing home for nearly three years, and he was slowly progressing through the ranks. At present he was compiling a list of possible projects for the publishing home, something that he did about once a month, after doing much research himself and receiving reports from all the other 'scouts' at Arkenheim.

Just as Roy was reaching #112 'Pygmy Nose-Piercing and Other Helpful Hints', a nasty blast of cold air was issued from the air vent in his office which sent all his papers spiralling into complete chaos. This angered Roy greatly, and he beat his fists against his chest like the mighty gorilla. By this time, Juanita, the lovely Spanish girl who worked a few offices away from Roy, entered his domain.

"Well," said Roy, with a cheeky grin, "to what do I owe this pleasure?"

Juanita smiled, flashed her eyes with that Hispanic magic and flourished her long dark hair. "I wanted to give you something," she said.

"But it's not my birthday," said Roy, quite befuddled.

"I know, but I just have to give it to you," Juanita lusted forward, and handed Roy a Quick-Eze Egg Peeler. "I thought you might like it," she said and with that, she vacated the premises.

Roy was nonplussed by this strange and most unexpected eventuation. He held the Quick-Eze Egg Peeler aloft and said "This is an unusual present. What an unusual present! Beyond all doubt a very, very unusual present." Roy was beside himself with unusualness, and he began to sing the complete score of South Pacific, while banging out a love rhythm with two pot plants.

There seemed to be a lot of commotion going on somewhere. It echoed through the steel cavern. It pierced the creatures senses, made him angry. It had to seek out the source of the angry making noise and destroy it.

Just as Roy was reaching the finale, a loud crashing arrived at his air-conditioning vent. Roy screamed and ran away. Then he ran back in again and grabbed his egg peeler. He noticed that there was a large bird-like creature trying vehemently to smash through the air vent. Roy screamed and ran away again.

Roy went up and down in the executive elevator several times, trying to figure out what to do. He decided to take advice from a stranger he met in the elevator, who seemed very wise in the ways of the world. His name was Greig.

"Greig, I've got a bit of a problem," began Roy tentatively.

"Oh yes, proceed if you will," said Greig very matter of factly.

"There's a strange bird-like creature trying to smash through the air vent into my office, and all I have to defend myself with is this egg peeler." Roy handed Greig the Quick-Eze.

"Wow," said Greig, "this is a great egg peeler. This bird-like creature, may be an ex-employee who was trapped in the air-conditioning system by an office prank gone horribly awry."

Roy listened in silence, stunned by this display of alarmingly splendid logic. "I suspect," continued Greig, "that if you offer this deformed ex-employee a raise and a company car that he will happily leave the confines of the air-conditioning system, and return to work in a harassment-free environment."

"It's so crazy, it might just work," Roy had to bite his lip not to shout "Holy hand grenade" like Robin would have to Batman.

So Roy left the elevator and stormed in confident stride back to his office, armed with the sufficient knowlege with which to combat the strange creature. The bird-like thing was still there trying to smash the vent, although not as enthusiastically as before.

Roy approached him as an equal. "Hey brother," he said, "been doing some time huh?"

The creature gave a whimper and a nod.

"Well how would you like to come to work for me; with a \$10,000 a year raise and a company car, huh?" Roy was milking it.

"That would be great," said the creature.

Roy opened the vent and sent the creature to work in the Statistical Survey Department, and despite the early difficulties,

the bird-like thing was accepted into the workplace by its cohorts, and there were many more happy office parties.

Roy's egg peeler went on to fame and fortune, winning an Oscar for best supporting role by an inanimate object.

J NOBBS

## SO LONG

Cherish your childhood you're only a child for so long, so long.

Can't spend all your life on the straight and narrow.

Get out act up, have fun, life is only so long, so long.

*Carpe Diem* - seize the day, don't let opportunities pass you by, they may not come around again.

They, like you

are only here for so long, so long.

*Kia Kaha* - stay strong do not give in,

because you're only on this earth

for so long, so long.

Why do you sit in that bed, staring blankly straight past me.

I know you - I talk to you the same as always. Do you recognise

me anymore, or am I just a face a form from the past.

Someone you *once* knew - once loved.

The rooms in your head are slowly getting emptied, Thoughts, faces,

memories are leaving - aren't they.

I understand now -

I know you would like to say something.

You can't I know now.

I'll go now and let you sleep, or to continue staring

out into the blue sky-

BYE

RICHARD DRYDEN

## SHARK!

I was paddling on my surfboard

To catch a wave out at sea

I had been warned about sharks

I said they would be scared of me

I saw that fin

I saw that eye

I saw those teeth

No-one heard my cry

His daggers struck

He dragged me down

I was torn apart

Before I drowned

There is a moral in this poem

For anyone to see

Take notice of shark warnings

Or else you'll end up just like me

DAVID HUTCHINSON

## GREEN

Trees, grass,

Swaying in the cold bristly wind.

Transport as it winds down,

the narrow roads.

The colour of happiness.

In a warm family house.

The colour of a free nation.

BRAD CAMERON

## PEACE OF MIND, PEACE OF BODY

World Peace depends on the masses and what they think and do. If you think peacefully you should act peacefully. What would happen if the world went to war? Would America step in with their big guns, would some country fire an atomic bomb? Would we die?

The nuclear and atomic bombs of today are so devastatingly destructive that they could probably flatten the world. The dangers of this type of warfare in the wrong hands could be very very scary. The innocent would die, millions dead, millions disfigured for life.

This could be the war of tomorrow, the war of the future and ultimately the war that would end the world.

The war of today involves smaller countries who do not have the resources to make nuclear weaponry. Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia, all of the former Yugoslavia, are at war but they use the artillery of similar style to World War Two. If they did not, and used nuclear, imagine what would happen to your country.

Whether it be quest for power or disagreement on a large scale, war is sometimes seen as the only possible route out. If everyone was happy with their own self, happy with their own state of mind and happy with their own country, war simply would not have to arise. But that is in a perfect world.

If people were raised with good standards of living and ethics the world would be a better place. So ideally the key to World Peace is to start at home with younger generations. They will control the world someday. They will have rule over the masses and they will control the fate of the future.

If people are raised to think peacefully, they in turn, will act accordingly. China and Japan are model countries for others to observe. They have had the ancient arts of Tai Chi Chuan and similar meditative techniques for centuries and they are very strong-willed as a result. Being a student of such arts myself, the understanding to the basic psychology behind it is: Peace of Mind, Peace of Body. Basically everything that your body does is a result of your mind telling it to do so. This works in the same way: if you are thinking peacefully you will accordingly act peacefully.

If acting peacefully is just that - acting, you can never really reap the benefits of complete inner-harmony. It is the thoughts transmitted subconsciously to your brain that are the vital key to a peaceful mind.

Thinking peacefully and acting peacefully are initiated in the first stages of life when you are growing and learning the most. Parents' attitudes and actions are being watched and copied by the young person: what the child sees he copies. Later in life whether these actions are good or bad, the person will adopt them and create their own style and from this base derives a common citizen.

What kind of person is it who acts peacefully? Generally everybody; everyone who becomes more powerful and greater in status comes from the ranks of the common citizen. They just have less inner-harmony within themselves. So they want to raise it by doing something to please themselves. Usually power and status is enough for any man to drop his current lifestyle and go for it with all guns blazing.

Why should we be peaceful in our actions? To live. The world would not last long if the caring went out of it, as the environment would be drastically crucified. Man would have so much inner-conflict; man would self-destruct.

Do we want to kill off our race? People know how fantastic it is to bring another life into this world - will they be as happy if they take one out? One should hope not.

World Peace is not hard to achieve. More happiness needs to be brought into the homes and school by resolving conflicts in a diplomatic manner - verbally, not physically. Compromise, and an emphasis on education about other countries, will bring about a greater understanding about different peoples, and if young, be shown the opinions of them all. Forums, and conferences will show people resolving conflict with the understanding of Peace as the easiest way out.

World Peace. Everyone would benefit so much with having the confidence of inner-harmony and, having been exposed to your inner-beauties, will understand people a lot more.

We could start the movement toward world peace by influencing the schools, creating stress and anger-free zones there by teaching everyone to be diplomatic in their differences. It all starts at home. What we are taught, we remember. The future lies in our children and our children's children; if we teach them the ethics and morals now the result would be a better world to live in for

generations to come.

It is against human nature not to disagree, but learning to resolve differences diplomatically is the key, and that is brought on by the right ethics initiated in the early stages of childhood.

We do not want war, that is the last thing on our minds. We sympathise with the innocent lives lost in wars of the past and present. We will diplomatically resolve conflicts. Think peacefully and in turn act peacefully. And ultimately create World Peace.

GAVIN BROMFIELD

## BAGPIPES

Classical drone

Constant whine

Monotonous voice

Boring time

Sitting listening dozing sleeping.

Pitch is rising

Slowly I waken

Damn *still* droning

Block my ears to stop the moaning.

It's quiet now the voice has ceased

Nothing happening

I'm at *peace*

RICHARD DRYDEN

## FLY FISHING

The tranquil and uninhabited crystal clear sky and tall majestic poplar trees in their autumn splendour framed the tantalising Tongariro River. Its reputation as the best trout fishing river both in New Zealand and world-wide was well deserved. I knew it would not disappoint me.

The glassy mirror of the river's surface concealed the life and beauty beneath. I had been waiting for this day for several months - every fisherman's mecca and haven, the ultimate escape. It seemed as if I was a million miles from anywhere. As I watched and made my inspection noting the river's flow, a trout rose some 15 metres downstream.

The new telescopic four piece rod glowed in my case as I opened it. The sun seemed to make my rod look like a shining jewel. I slowly and gently lifted my gold plated reel out of the soft velvet pouch and proceeded to slide the reel onto the rod.

I opened up my fly case - magnificent and superb craftsmanship. I lifted up the top tray and reached in for the old leather fly pouch. In it was no ordinary fly, it contained the nymph my Dad had caught his first brown trout with some thirty years ago. The Green Stonefly Nymph with its golden pheasant tippet tail, body of olive green seal fur ribbed with gold and bronze peacock herl was perfectly suited to the fast flowing cold mountain-fed river.

I pulled my camouflage waders up over my waist and harnessed them together. As I put on my hat with its numerous flies attached I quietly walked to the water's edge to a quiet stretch of icy water just below Wilkie's Pool. The ideal lie to take my quarry.

The grace and elegance of the fluorescent yellow line flicking on and off the water sent ripples downstream. In the space of a split second my anticipation was rewarded. My rod bent slightly then it jerked violently.

I kept the rod end up so there would be no slack otherwise the trout would regain its freedom. I fought a very long and tiring battle. I landed the exhausted beauty and brought it up onto the smooth stones at the water's edge where I delicately took the nymph out of its mouth.

I admired its rainbow colouring and vivid markings; it looked to be a four year old hen. I decided to release her and held her in my hands in the shallows waiting for it to regain strength.

In a few moments it swam away and disappeared into the safety of the river. The sun was starting to lose its yellow glow and the lengthening shadows and chilly winter evening announced the close of an exhilarating day.

MIKE WILLIAMS



## SEA FISHING

Last year at the end of November the Third Formers at NPBHS had their camps. I was lucky enough to be chosen for the sea fishing one. I was glad to be chosen to go on this camp because I love fishing. Our camp started off with learning how to use a fishing rod and how to tie hooks and sinkers on to our lines properly so we wouldn't lose our tackle when we cast our rods in. The first day of camp was Monday which was to proceed from school to Port Taranaki where we did a spot of fishing in the morning. We weren't too successful so we pressed on to Ahu Ahu Road just out of Oakura going south to Opunake. We caught one out there which for us wasn't too bad if I say so myself.

On Tuesday, the second day we went to Urenui Beach north of New Plymouth about twenty minutes away. We caught two on that day which also wasn't bad again.

On Wednesday the fun really started. We were off for the rest of the week, to finish off at Seaview Camping Ground out a Mokau. All of us boys had to sleep out in the cold in tents with two to a tent. But at the same time the teachers, Mr Lockhart and Mr Mossop had a nice cosy cabin all to themselves. On Wednesday afternoon we did a spot of fishing at the Mokau River. Thursday we went to the Awakino River and the Mokau River to do some fishing there. We caught around seven or eight fish that day. The last and final of all five of them was here. The whole camp felt short but was long. We fished in the morning and caught nothing. In the afternoon we packed our stuff and left, the end.

I would like to conclude by saying I would recommend this camp to all Third Formers in 1996.

JOHN HEAL

## STORM

Black as the sky, held back by floodgates

Thunder building up.

Lightning looking for an outlet in this dark sky.

Silent storm brooding, ignoring sounds around it.

Mood is building up.

Floodgates open letting all the frustrations of this lone sky out.

Hail, thunder, lightning. Flying, scaring and hitting those within range.

The storm has passed, the rage has settled.

Sky has cleared.

Sun is out

## HERO

The wave reared up, higher than a church steeple. I could hear two voices in my head, one saying, "Don't do it. If you went right now you'll still make it to land and another voice saying "Risk it, you'll be a hero to all your friends."

I thought "What the heck."

As I started paddling out to the looming watery shadow of death, I gulped "Is this it? Is my number up?"

It was a coldish day about 11am. The sun reflects off the shiny surface of the glimmering salty sea. I ventured out into my most secret surfing spot, Ngamotu Beach. Something told me it was going to be a good day's surfing ahead of me. After a few barrels I started to get up to my peak form with hand drag three sixties and rolls.

Then the sky turned bright crimson then a huge rumble, and that was followed by an ear rattling explosion. It all went quiet, no noise was heard except the gentle pounding of waves turning into whitewash on the sand. I looked at the horizon but all I could see was a huge wave. I thought here comes a nine foot barrel. I paddled out another 100 metres. The waves reared up. Higher than a church steeple. I thought should I or shouldn't I to myself. I didn't think. I paddled out and in about 3 minutes a 90 foot shore breaker stood towered over me. At that stage I in a way regretted my decision, would it be the one that ended my time on this planet.

I started to be sucked up the wave quite slowly, soon I was being just dragged up mercilessly up this gigantic water structure of death. Suddenly I started my descent down. Then a big choice was forced upon my shoulders, which way to turn left or right. I went left, that was my mistake. I went in to a close out. All I saw was white. I went into the washing machine affect. I was tumbled and turned, the white suddenly turned to black.

## KITTEN

Sitting as still as a marble statue, I watched as a small kitten rummaged through the crisp autumn leaves of brown and yellow, chasing them as if they were a meal to him.

Crouching down, belly as close to the ground, almost snake-like, haunches high up in the air, paws ready, with eyes of raging fire ... CRASH! Victorious. The little kitten had captured and devoured its precious morsel of 'prime leaf'.

As I sat staring at the kitten, I thought to myself, "Now if I could be reborn as an animal I would just love to be a playful, carefree kitten.

I was most amused as the kitten had its first experience with the crystal clear liquid we call water. Gingerly the kitten dipped its paw into the puddle, then quick as a flash shaking it frantically to rid himself of the wetness he had just encountered.

Most intrigued with the water, the little kitten dipped its head down, being careful as a Bengal tiger in an Indian forest, eyes wide with careful watch as he dipped his tongue into the water slurping and dribbling, as this was the first liquid consumed by means other than the nipple of his mother.

The kitten stopped, turned and looked at me with a look that could have struck me dead. I was unsure as to why the kitten had seen me, then I realised that I had been sniggering to myself at the expense of the kitten's peaceful games.

With great caution the kitten approached me with steps as light as a feather, carefully choosing its foot placements like a fire walker or a walker would on broken glass. His paws sunk into the lush green grass like a strawberry being dipped in whipped cream, leaving small indents where his feet had been. Nose high in the air, smelling me and smelling for any further danger. While I was looking elsewhere the kitten took a running pounce at my shoe-lace. I grabbed the kitten and tried to calm him. He wriggled and squirmed and let out the most pitiful meow. In a matter of seconds the kittens mother came flying round the corner like an Indy 500 racing car and leapt for my face. The kitten fell to safety and ran off. The mother left me with a scratch and to this day I still have the scar on my hand.

BRAD LETICA

## 12.00AM

Struggling to get to sleep - over tired maybe.

I listen to the rain dancing a jig on the roof,

The grass and trees.

The curtain moves in time with the wind,

as it blows a gentle tune.

The light bounces off the walls.

The beams made by the moon.

All is rather quiet now as sleep like a sweet serenade

sneaks on in.

So adieu and goodnight let sleep move within me for the night.

RICHARD DRYDEN

## TV WATCHER

TV Watcher, day after day, night after night, ideas pumped into his head almost as numerous as the amount of calories eaten. His paunch belly has now grown to a size suitable to place beer cans, four at a time.

By now there is a deep sink in the rotten, foul smelling settee, his only companion. The cushions all crushed out of shape, are lined with frills stained a yellowish urine colour, once a dashing white. The rickety old frame, tired from supporting the great weight, grunted and strained with every movement from the Watcher. Not that the Watcher moved much, too much effort was needed. Only when nature called or his tummy started making its own noises did the Watcher move, like a zombie still entranced by his master, the Television.

The Expression on his face hasn't changed for a year, a droopy, weary look with no feeling at all. No matter what idea, being happy nor sad, would change the look,.... day after day, night after night...

BRYAN HOLYOAKE

## A MEMORABLE PERSON

Her personality stood out from her background like a red hot chilli in a bowl of cornflakes. Ginny was always very spontaneous and quick with a joke. Stress wasn't in her vocabulary, she was very relaxed, except on a hockey field. Ginny's personality was very hard to put down in words. Some people would call her a nutcase that needed treatment. But no matter where she was, she always made friends quickly and was known throughout the community.

Skirts were never worn by Gin, except on a sportsfield. She was very well built and always hard to tackle, even though she was shorter than me. Her tastes were very expensive, Avia, Reebok and Puma to name some of her many brand names.

Hockey, touch, and cricket were very important to Gin. She especially took to hockey and excelled to a representative level. I think this helped her in her chosen career as a dairy farmer. She would never admit defeat especially when one of her male counterparts offered to take over. Whenever she came home she would shout us her favourite food, KFC. In a way I think she liked playing Santa Claus all year round, or at least when she was at home. Ginny had a way of making everyone happy with themselves and with each other.

MARK ARMSTRONG

## THE GUN SLINGER

He gives his opponent a black look.

His hand is red from all his killing.

He is the fastest gun in the west.

Faster than a bullet

He is wanted

He is ME.

HOANI HARWOOD

## BLACK LIQOURICE

Blindness is black

It is winter dull and dangerous

At the bottom of a tomo

Like a stormy day

A boy dressed all in black

With a balaclava over his head

Your lounge suite

At 3.30am on TV - Nothing

Black Liqourice.

JAMES TOPLESS

## THE BEAST

The light rushed out of its clear mirror lenses which sat on top of the strong white tin frame, the curves are round but the sides are bumpy. The thin delicate piece of glass sits on top without movement, the grey cord hangs from the base looking, searching for a part of the wall to drain life from.

When the cord finds its prey, the electricity fills the beast with its food in a matter of seconds. The eating beast shows the gratitude by pushing out a strong ray of light. It seems to me to be as strong as that of a car headlamp.

The light seems to always be directed at a white board. Where out of nowhere comes a sheet clear with many marks on it as soon as the sheet is placed on top many creatures sit around staring for long periods of time, at firstly the light then down at something. The Creatures seem hypnotised by the beam of light, but then comes a loud ringing as the creatures leave. As they leave, one of the remaining creatures pulls the cord from the wall. The overhead projector seems now certain to die. The beam which shined so brightly has been extinguished, all that remains of the powerful hunter is the sounds of the overhead projector gasping for its last breath of air, cursing that vile creature that pulled his life from the wall, wishing once again to be strong, waiting with a thin chance of it once again happening.

## COINCIDENCE

Sitting in the dark gathering terror, her mind a twisted torment of confusion, fear and betrayal. Cut off from my source of sound, light or air. In a panic her mind flashed back repeating the same vivid images over and over, of her mind numbing embarrassment.

Back at the penthouse, Jack lifted his glass in a toast, "To money."

"Yeah, well it ain't gonna last Jack. You owe too many people, and you don't have too many friends. I suggest you get the hell out," said Frank.

So, as the situation stands, we have two apparently unassociated sets of circumstances where in one case a girl sits encased in darkness and terror, as a result of some hideous embarrassment, and in the other some guy called Jack is toasting money, and being told to get the hell out by some other guy called Frank. In reality, the three mentioned in the aforesaid description of nothing particularly interesting anyway, don't have anything to do with each other at all, and indeed will never have occasion to, which is unfortunate because they probably would have all got on quite well really. But, as I said, things as they are, they don't ever meet, and the only reason I drew the three of them into if anything some rather mundane blue scribbles on a piece of lined white refill, which in fact is also of that self same mundane characteristic previously attributed to the blue scribbles, is that by some absolutely freakish coincidence, all three of them are instantaneously sucked into two equally improbable if not down right impossible warps in the space time continuers of our spiritually unstable universe.

JONATHAN TRINGHAM

## LUCKY WINNER

Mr Bamum awoke to the piercing rings of the phone. He untangled himself from the cream silk sheets and stumbled towards the desk on which his phone belonged. "Hello, Mr Bamum? You are the lucky winner of an elephant," said a young guy with an American accent who sounded as though he actually knew what he was talking about. Mr Bamum, who had some experience with these prank callers who got thrills from ringing up complete strangers, knew that the only way to handle these situations was to hang up immediately and hopefully they wouldn't ring back again. Still only half awake he stumbled back to his bed when once again the phone rang. He clenched his fists and picked up the receiver. "Hello Mr Bamum this is 98.6 ZHFM. We rang before but unfortunately we got cut off. We would like to inform you about the African elephant you have just won," the voice repeated.

"Look mate, I don't know what you're on about but I hope you realise these phone calls can be traced and it's a criminal offence to make prank calls. Also I'm trying to sleep," retorted Mr Bamum.

"I'm sorry it seems as though you have mistaken us, but you can expect your African elephant to be delivered shortly" beep... beep... beep... beep...

Mr Bamum, well and truly awake now entered the kitchen to make himself a cup of coffee and read his wife's NZ Woman's Weekly. He sat down and just as he was starting to relax the doorbell rang. Mr Bamum remembering his psychiatrists lesson counted to 10, inhaled and exhaled one after the other then he proceeded to open the door. This couldn't be happening, this is the ridiculous stuff that comes out of fairytales as he stared up at the African elephant that loomed over him. It then entered the room trampling everything in its path all his important belongings that his life's wages had gone into. Devouring anything edible it came across. Stomp... Stomp... Stomp.

He sat up with a jerk and looked around him. It was only a dream, only a dream! And everything was intact and existent. His heart was racing and droplets of sweat glistened on his forehead.

He climbed out of bed and tied his bath robe up around his overhanging flab. 'Ding dong' rang the door bell. He made his way to the door and twisted the handle. He stood there and stared. It was there again... looming over him ; the African elephant...

BRAD

## LIFE

It must be said that the price of life is death. The fact that someone should worry about the meaning of life when every second brings him closer to death, is stupid as it is more irrelevant each day. All our archeology and anthropological digging only digs us closer to finishing the six foot hole that is our grave.

Instinctively we grasp onto control of life and death either lengthening it or decreasing it. We watch war movies, become doctors, smoke cigarettes, or get as many women pregnant as possible. We romanticise death. People hundreds of years ago, were buried because they stunk. Now we spend thousands of dollars to show how much we think they stink and go to the trouble of putting them in a pine box. If we follow life what we perceive as societies standards, we follow a straight and narrow path that eventually narrows to entrap us. Society is governed by a set code of normality within defined boundaries. Normality is decided by a common set of guidelines the public has admitted to. If people were questioned on what is normal, they would only admit things they thought everybody else would. This rather than being governed by what people really think, it is an adherence to results of supposed normality as based upon the individuals opinion of how society feels. Thus we should live life for enjoyment. Purpose is pretentious. Do we live for a career that helps us - another doctor or engineer? Many people have the same job and all you achieve in employment is making another doctor unemployed. Do we live for love? Is one man made for one woman or is there a Mrs Right. Ultimately, the conception television and romance literature impresses is that people are perfect for each other. Often this is not the case. Initially if a person was asked would he like the greatest woman on the earth, he would say yes. As he gets married he will acknowledge his wife is not perfect, but he loves her. Is a marriage an admission your partner is the best for you? No. But rather the acceptance of the strong bond developed between two people, a hormonal cocktail fuelled by a mental appeal from the human psyche to be able to talk and be accepted. Is all human life precious to us? No. And this is why we don't mourn for every life ever lost.

Our emotional constitution requests an action movie to stir sympathy. Heart strings are tugged by the biggest bang. A plane causes sympathy, while people dying of the 'flu' illicit none.

Love should be kept to people you know. Any donation or anything disrespect family and friend alike. The unfortunate reason for purpose is to achieve something until at least you die so that you can convince yourself you made at least a difference. We enter this life without knowledge from a foetal position and die demented in the foetal position, a full 360° turn into nothing. If youth is potential, then old age is the price of trying to grasp beyond our station. Too many find life a competition, as they want to live longer than anybody else. Thus when people get old they will find out living the longest means seeing all the relatives and friends die, as your endangered species of a generation becomes extinct.

Everything lives within contest. People would rather be brilliant in a retarded country than ordinary in a smart country. If we measure ourselves against the yardstick of human knowledge, then we find our expectations will always exceed it. The difficulty in understanding life may be the fact there is no meaning. We should only do things as long as we enjoy it rather than because it will make you great. All our belief system extends back years and are now hole ridden cliches. We must live our full life, since it seems a waste not to, and enjoy it to its fullest.

JACEY CONNOR

## KILLER

Fearsome fury stalking in the depths  
Bloodlust driving on the mean machine  
Voracious, merciless, murderer,  
Cold, evil-eyed, death dealing ...

Attack! Out of the blue!  
Surfer swirling in the bubbling brine  
White washed water stained with blood  
Scarlet, seeps into the foam

What care he, so sleek and slim  
Remorse cannot be found in him  
The frothing foam surges to the shore  
The surfer will not see it more.

ANON

## PERFECT - NOT

Evil eyes  
Gentle smile  
Funny ears  
Beautiful nose  
Wire like hair  
Crooked teeth  
Luscious lips  
Small breasts  
Roundish hips  
Sexy legs  
I am critical  
But no-one's perfect.

RICHARD DRYDEN

## SPORT IS IMPORTANT TO NEW ZEALAND

Sport is important to New Zealand and it's people. Proof of this exists in how seriously we treat it and how well we celebrate our successes.

I believe sport is important because not only is it fun, but it teaches you a wide range of skills and habits, some of which I believe can be carried over into people's work. A skill that is becoming important in work these days is the ability to work and get on with others and what better way to achieve it than through playing a team sport. Another important skill taught in sport is discipline and the obeying of rules.

As well as the wide range of skills taught by sport, there is also the development of friendships. Not just with your team mates but in some cases with the opposition.

Health is another reason why I believe sport is important. Sport keeps players fit and healthy with the exception of a few minor injuries that can occur. Keeping fit means that you are able to enjoy life without the worry of illness.

For young people who find it difficult to keep out of trouble, whenever they have free time, sport solves this problem by giving them something to do. An increase in organised sports clubs would probably lead to a drop in small crimes.

Sport can also benefit New Zealand's economy through establishing an identity overseas. A recent example of this was Team New Zealand's America's Cup win which saw a huge increase in the amount of ENZA apples sold in America.

Overall I believe sport is important to New Zealand as it not only teaches you a wide range of skills, benefits the country's economy, keeps youths out of trouble and creates friendships; but it also is fun and gives the country a great sense of pride.

DANIEL PREBBLE 4CCB

## AMPUTATION

I went to the beach  
To go for a swim  
When all of a sudden  
I saw a big fin  
As soon as I saw it  
I swam for the sand  
The blood thirsty creature  
Bit off my hand  
The blood squirted everywhere  
North and South  
Then as quick as a flash  
My foot's in its mouth  
I screamed out some words  
For adults only  
But everyone ignored me  
They thought I was a phony  
Then all of a sudden  
A man swam to me  
He grabbed hold of the shark  
And flung him far out to sea

ANON

# SENIOR PRIZE LIST

## FIFTH FORM PRIZES

### SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Renze Bijker
Economics	Grant Fabish
French (French Embassy Prize) and Music	Edmond Wong
Fifth Form English Certificate (PTA Prize)	Michael Hills
Geography	Simon Cleaver
Graphics	Joshua Hamblyn
Home Economics	Simon Johnson
Horticulture (Duncan & Davies Prize)	Joseph Pease
Mathematics	Karl Laird
New Zealand Mathematics Certificate (PTA Prize)	Glen Tyrrell
Taranaki Science (PTA Prize)	Thomas Reardon
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Student) and Workshop Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables Prize)	Ian Doy
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Design) (General Machinery Prize)	Adam Richards
Workshop Technology (Wood) (Best Student)	Tim Asquith
Workshop Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize)	Peter Donovan

### EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Raymond Barnes
London Bookshop Prize	Craig Cochrane
PTA Prize	Ponifasio Hunt
PTA Prize	Calum Jamieson
PTA Prize	Gregory Lawn

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	John Tan
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### ESSAY

1st Prize	Matthew Johnson
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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	Tony Taula
Best performance in work programme in Work Experience class	Dallas Te Wake
PTA Prize	
Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 5 or 6 Maori Student	
Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize	Hami Tamarapa

### GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin and 1st Science)	Peter Green
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Maori)	Martin de Bock
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English, (Daily News Prize), 1st in History, 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), and 1st in Accounting	John Tan

## SIXTH FORM PRIZES

### SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History (Tabor Prize)	Daniel Pritchard
Biology (Tabor Prize), English (Tabor Prize), and Latin (Tabor Prize)	Murray Cox
Business Studies (Tabor Prize)	Brendon Walsh
Design Technology (Wood, Jones and Sandford Prize), and Graphics (Theory, Tabor Prize)	Peter Kingsnorth
Design Technology (Metal, James Clouston Memorial Prize)	Ben Johnson
Drama and Media (Tabor Prize)	Brad McIntyre
Graphics (Project, LV Giddy Memorial Prize), and Physics (Most Improved, Hurlie Cup)	Lee Taylor
History (Tabor), and Legal Studies (Tabor Prize)	Jacey Connor
Horticulture (Best Student, Duncan & Davies Prize)	Philip Clarke

Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude, Alexander Trust Prize)	Andrew Burton
Journalism (Tabor Prize)	Gwynne Brooks
Maori (Tabor Prize)	Douglas Opai
Mathematics (Tabor Prize), and Top Mark in 1993 School Certificate Mathematics	John Tan
(Donald Mackie Memorial Prize)	Logan Hammersley
Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize)	Carl Maunder
Music (Tabor Prize)	Leyton Watson
Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Kent Bell
Practical Art (Tabor Prize)	

### EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Philip Bijker
London Bookshop Prize	Trent Corbett
PTA Prize	Jone Nasome
	Nicholas Plimmer
	James Dunning

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Murray Cox
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### ESSAY

1st Prize	Jonathan Tringham
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### SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize)	Paul Dickie
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### GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize), (including 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), and Highest Aggregate for a 1994 Sixth Former in 1993 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize) Andrew Lynch

2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize), (including 1st in Geography and 1st in Physics) Christopher Pollock

1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup), (including 1st in Accounting and 1st in Computer Studies), (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy) Cameron Skinner

## SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

### SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History and Classical Studies (Sir Ronald Syme Memorial Scholarship), English Literature (White Memorial Prize), and Music and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize)	
Anel Hay	
Economics	Hamish Gray
English Language	
(John Brodie Memorial Prize)	Jonathan Day
Geography (Kash Prize), and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Alan Malcolm
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Philip Dickinson
History (Brian Bellringer Prize)	Matthew Hoult
Horticulture	Bruce Howse
Physical Education	Ben Cooper
Practical Art	Rodney Fisher

### EFFORT AND PROGRESS

London Bookshop Prize	Simon Gibbs
London Bookshop Prize	Corey Helms
	Blair Northcott
	Geoffrey Thompson

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize), and Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Anel Hay
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### ESSAY

1st Prize (Heurtley Memorial Prize)	Neville Garven
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### MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup)	Rodney Fisher
Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup), and Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup and Prize)	Paul Wolfram

## SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Polynesian or Melanesian student (Maori and Island Affairs Prize) Richard Simbolo  
Head Boarder (Eggleston Cup & Prize) Bruce Howse  
Headmaster's Prize for Special Services to the School Stationery Shop, Lighting and Library Matthew Dravitzki  
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 Hamish Gray  
Outstanding record of service to the School  
PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize Paul Wolfram  
To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees - and who promotes and communicates reliably, the needs and views of students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the School in his year of service.  
R. J. Goodare Memorial Prize Timu Niwa  
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 Matthew Laurensen

## GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize), (including 1st in Accounting)  
Legal Old Boys' Prize Andrew Bluck  
Proxime Accessit (Proxime Accessit Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship), (including 1st in Physics, 1st in Mathematics with Calculus and 1st in Mathematics with Statistics)  
Harrop Prize Edmond Ansari  
Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship), (including 1st in Biology), (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize), and 1st in Chemistry Charles De Boek

# JUNIOR PRIZE LIST

## THIRD FORM PRIZES

### SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Ian Lewis  
Band Shannon Crow  
Economics and Latin Nilan Ekanayake  
English Aaron Schuppan  
French (French Embassy Prize) Jared Green  
Graphics and Science Rowan McCaffrey  
Maori Jehoiada Herbert  
Mathematics Andrew Gilkison  
Metalwork Gareth Godfrey  
Social Studies Simon Robinson  
Woodwork (Best Student) Sam Peterson  
Woodwork (Best Craftsmanship and Design)  
Robert Connell Memorial Award Kris Davies

### EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Reid Archer  
Matthew Bell  
Ryan Evans  
Hoani Harwood  
Alistair Honeyfield  
Joel McLeod  
Jouhans Marriner  
Jeremy Takirau

### CERTIFICATES

Science, English  
Science, Mathematics  
Social Studies, Science  
English, Metalwork, Social Studies  
Social Studies, Graphics

Peter Ash  
Douglas Bayford  
Steven Bridger  
Darren Coleman  
Sam Coles

Woodwork, Science  
Japanese, English  
Economics, Home Economics  
Japanese, Mathematics  
English, Japanese  
Science, Social Studies, Woodwork  
Metalwork, Mathematics  
Mathematics, Art, Woodwork  
Music, Physical Education, Graphics  
Woodwork, Graphics  
Graphics, Mathematics  
Social Studies, Science  
English, Science  
Latin, Science, Graphics  
Science, English  
Art, Social Studies  
Science, English, Maori  
English, Social Studies  
Graphics, English, Mathematics  
English, Science  
Economics, Science

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Prize and 3rd in Essay  
2nd Prize  
1st Prize

### ESSAY

2nd Prize  
1st Prize

### MUSIC

Most improved woodwind player (Boyd Trophy) Andrew Fagan

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 3 Maori student  
PTA Prize Bryce Robins

### GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate =  
(including 1st in Home Economics) Jarrod Keegan  
3rd Aggregate - (including 1st in Japanese)  
Japanese Embassy Prize Toby Robins  
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Music) Tim Simpson  
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize), and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup) Jonathon Taylor

### FOURTH FORM PRIZES

#### SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Luke Kerr  
Band Matthew Crawford  
English and Social Studies Alastair Blackler  
French (French Embassy Prize) Murray Thompson  
Graphics David Bellini  
Home Economics Alex Coombe  
Horticulture Paul Gibbs  
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Paul Cochrane  
Maori Ricky Lesui  
Ben Pollard  
Mathematics (Best Student)  
Mathematics (Most Progress), (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)  
Metalwork  
Music  
Woodwork Tane Maxwell  
Greg Jones  
Mathew Hermans  
Scott Newsome

### EFFORT AND PROGRESS Prizes

#### Certificates

Social Studies, Mathematics  
Physical Education, Mathematics  
English, Economics, Graphics  
Science, Social Studies  
English, Science  
Graphics, Mathematics, Art

Aaron Dear  
Michael Fraser  
Cameron Gordon  
Steven Hadland  
Corey Hayter  
Daniel Hill  
Lyall Jensen  
Joseph Jones  
Bruno Liddle  
Kris McIsaac  
Keith Muller  
Laurie Neville  
Chris Newing  
Ben Schurr  
Alexander Scott  
Craig Smith  
Jeremy Spanhake  
Allen Stephens  
Glen Surgenor  
Mark Switzer  
Bevan Washer

Jared Green  
Andrew Gilkison  
Aaron Schuppan

Timon Lykles  
Sam Coles

Bryce Robins

Jarrod Keegan

Toby Robins  
Tim Simpson

Jonathon Taylor

Luke Kerr  
Matthew Crawford  
Alastair Blackler  
Murray Thompson  
David Bellini  
Alex Coombe  
Paul Gibbs  
Paul Cochrane  
Ricky Lesui  
Ben Pollard

Tane Maxwell  
Greg Jones  
Mathew Hermans  
Scott Newsome

Mark Ellis  
Damien Hegley  
Jarrod Ward

Jamie Alexander  
Tama Armstrong  
Mark Bird  
Ryan Bishop  
Matthew Brennan  
Teh Chung

English, Science  
Science, Mathematics  
Social Studies, English, Woodwork  
Science, Mathematics  
English, Social Studies, Mathematics  
Mathematics, Science  
Graphics, Science  
Science, Social Studies, Mathematics  
Science, Social Studies  
Horticulture, English, Social Studies  
Horticulture, Social Studies  
Art, Science  
Social Studies, Metalwork  
Social Studies, Mathematics  
Physical Education, Woodwork  
Economics, Social Studies  
Social Studies, Metalwork, Science  
Science, Mathematics  
Art, Physical Education  
Social Studies, English, Home Economics  
Graphics, English

English, Social Studies  
Science, Social Studies

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Prize  
1st Prize (Moss Cup and Prize) =  
1st Prize (Moss Cup and Prize) =

### ESSAY

3rd Prize  
2nd Prize  
1st Prize  
(Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 4 Maori Student (PTA Prize) David Gibson  
Best Junior Cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize) Duane Old  
Best aptitude and training in a Junior Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield and Prize) Alistair White

### GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate = (including 1st in Economics and 1st in Latin) Jason Silby  
3rd Aggregate = Larry Blair  
2nd Aggregate Karl Laird  
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Science) Tim Anagnostou

### CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Form 3  
For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Form 4

Nick Creery  
Adam Davey  
Marc Feather  
Nathan Fernee  
Nick Ferris  
Carl Fletcher  
Simon Gleeson  
Philip Hilford  
Tom Hobin  
Daniel Kihfuss  
Brad Monaghan  
Justin Morgan  
Jason Parlane  
Andrew Purdie  
Kane Rowson  
Christopher Ruyters  
Ian Steele  
Simeon Theobald  
Mirai Tomono  
Jeremy Watson  
Christopher Wischnowsky  
Grant Worthington  
Christopher Wylie

Hugh Cotton  
Matthew Crawford  
Paul Cochrane

Larry Blair  
Daryl Bastin

Chris Wischnowsky

David Gibson

Duane Old  
Alistair White

Larry Blair  
Karl Laird  
Tim Anagnostou

Jonathon Taylor  
Karl Laird

# SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS

## INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

1st equal Javelin Mark Horgan  
Bevin Jordan  
Mark Edgecombe  
1st Shot Put  
1st 100m  
Beckbessinger Cup  
1st 200m  
Challenge Cup  
1st 400m  
Bothamely Cup  
1st Long Jump  
Cartwright Cup Derek Oldridge  
1st Discus  
Edmonds Trophy  
1st 800m  
Gilmour Cup  
1st 1500m  
& Intermediate Champion 1994 Michael Smith

## SENIOR ATHLETICS

1st Javelin Eldon Eastgate  
1st Triple Jump Hayden Caskey  
1st 100m  
Old Boys Cup Samson Wa'ahero  
1st 200m Herbert Smith  
1st 400m  
Old Boys Shield Jai Huta  
1st 800m  
Mason Memorial Cup  
1st 1500m  
Fookes Cup Wade McFarlane

## ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 1994

Derek Oldridge

## BADMINTON

Open Champion 1994  
Cook & Lister Cup Tee Sern Lim

## BASKETBALL

Most Improved Player 1994  
Peter Lay Trophy Damon Rampton

## CADETS

Senior Shooting Champion 1994  
Lt HV Searle Cup P. Dickie

## CRICKET

2nd XI Most Improved Player  
Giddy Shield Jeremy Goodin  
1st XI Batting  
Meuli Cup Matthew Broadmore



1st XI Bowling  
Parkinson Cup  
&  
Contributed the Most to 1st XI  
Alistair Cup

Gareth West

**CROSS-COUNTRY**

Intermediate Champion 1994  
Herbert Smith Cup  
Senior Champion 1994  
1911 Cup

Michael Smith  
Wade McFarlane

**GOLF**

Golf Champion 1994  
Shearer Cup

Jonathan Cane

**HOCKEY**

Most Valuable Player 1st XI  
Dion Jordan Memorial

David Williams

**RUGBY**

Most Improved 1st XV  
Watts Cup

Hamish Campbell

Contributed the Most to the 1st XV  
Leuthart Cup

Darrel Sheeran

**SKIING**

Ski Champion 1994  
Oakune Old Boys Trophy

Chey Barnes

**SOCCER**

Contributed the Most to  
Junior Soccer

Gavin Hughes

Contributed the Most to the  
1st XI  
Coaches Cup  
Most Valuable Player 1st XI  
Russell & Hooper Cup

Hayden Markham  
Dick Boura

**SQUASH**

Senior & Open School  
Champion 1994  
DowElanco Trohpy (new Trophy)

Hamish Gray

**SWIMMING**

Intermediate Champion 1994  
Fox Cup  
Senior Champion 1994  
Sykes Memorial Cup

Kent Bell  
Lee Taylor

**TENNIS**

Most Improved Played 1994  
Burgess Cup  
Senior Champion 1994  
Candy Cup

Paul Hancock  
Ben Cooper

**INTERHOUSE**

Tennis - Syme  
Swimming, Burbank Cup - Syme  
Soccer, Holder Cup - Donnelly  
Cricket - Hatherly  
Athletics, Hansard Cup - Hatherly  
Overall House Champion 1994 - Hatherly

Steve Roguski  
Steve Roguski  
Ben Cooper  
Bruce Howse

**BEST ALL ROUNDER 1994**

Wolfe Cup  
Thomas Henderson

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1994**

College Trohpy  
Mark Horgan



Starblaze



90s Club

# SCHOOL ROLL

## B1

Caleb Prestidge  
Adrian Hall  
Paul Harris  
Robert McCarten  
Shem Low  
Frazer McKenzie-Johnson  
Jason Morice  
Joshua Nicholls  
Jason Gilbert  
Steven Hadland  
Mark Honnor  
Nathan Johnson  
Ian Lewis  
Jeffery Mitchell  
James Murphy  
Daniel Nelson  
Paul Nicholson  
Peter Harrison  
Mark Henderson  
Paul Maxted  
Tane Maxwell  
Damien McCarten  
Dwayne Pratt  
Blair Gerrard  
Shane Gilbert  
Mark Gordon  
Matthew Hall  
Dean Harris  
Melios Newman

## B2

Daniel Lock  
Matthew Hardy  
Bradley Hart  
Shane Lile  
Jason Horne  
Robbie Lyver  
Bryce Hayman  
Corey Hayter  
Kris Herbert  
Michael Hope  
Adrian Humphry  
Joseph Jones  
Michael Kurta  
Troy Hancock  
Jarred Hancock  
Matthew Harmer  
Shaun Harrold  
Brendon Harvey  
Scott Hayston  
Damien Hegley  
Mathew Hermanns  
Michael Hills  
Jason McDermott  
Peter Green  
Joshua Hamblyn  
Darrel Hannon  
Jai Huta  
Jonathan Kerr  
Richard Kurta  
Darryn Jones

## B3

Baden Martin  
Mark Hedley  
Joshua Kearns  
Shaun Marino  
Robert Neil  
Haizley Martin  
Christopher McKelvey  
Dave Kennedy  
Daryl McLean  
Alistair McGregor  
Dale Horner  
Ian Luxmoore  
Rowan McCaffery  
Daniel Hart  
Tom Hobin  
Joshua Hooper  
Paul Hudson  
Brent Humphreys  
Damon Kemp  
Luke Kerr  
Kris Larkin  
Dane Haskell  
Simon Horner  
Kade Hutchinson  
Anton Johnstone  
Joshua Lees  
Tony Hutton  
Andrew Lynch  
Christopher Pollock

## B4

Tam Norris  
Seth Henare  
Joshua Mason  
Keeley Miles

Benjamin Jeffrey  
Kent Jordan  
Duane McGrath  
Tristan Kingsley-Jones  
James Laugesen  
Tom Hazledine  
Joseph Jones  
Jared Kyle  
Jouhans Marriner  
Chris Newing  
Michael Newson  
Matt Hutchings  
Tristram Ingram  
Nick Jeffery  
Scott Johnson  
Derek McKee  
Nathan McLeod  
Sam Hazledine  
Matthew Henwood  
Ryan Hill  
Graham Hooper  
Matthew Kelly  
Paul Jury  
Ben Kohlis

## B5

Darren Hunger  
Michael Hodson  
Regan MacRae  
John McCullough  
Damien Martin-Mott  
Ben Hinton  
Nathan Hudson  
Lachlan Lepper  
Daniel Hill  
Cameron Kissick  
Timon Lykles  
Jamie Mack  
Haydon Mattson  
Kane McCollum  
Scott Newsome  
Laurie Neville  
Aaron Harvey  
Shahn Jordan  
Sam Julian  
Matt King  
Evan Lewis  
Clint Nicholas  
Scott Henderson  
Ryan Herbert  
Matthew Hill  
Drew Kennedy  
Lawrence Horne  
Christian Kennedy  
Joshua King  
Peter Kingsnorth  
Brian Lewis  
Robbie Lewis

## B6

Nicholas Hight  
Phillip Miller  
Mark Parkinson  
Dickson Hohaia  
Daniel Hermann  
Rodney Johns  
Robin Janata  
Erin Northcott  
Duane Old  
Phillip Oulsnam  
Tyler Parker  
Jason Parlane  
Simon Knowles  
Jared Knuckey  
Brad Nielsen  
Hayden Markham  
Wade Newsome

## B7

Luke Langridge  
Phillip Hoskin  
Mark Lyes  
Brendon MacPhail  
John Moffett  
Lindon Jackson  
Jamie Inch  
Ryan Haase  
Chris Heath  
Scott Hollins  
Jarrod Keegan  
Fabian Kete  
Mark Koha

Stephen Maw  
Corey Hoskin  
Hori Kete  
Karl Laird  
Jason Lehndorf  
Chris Lucas  
Jason Lyes  
Scott MacLean  
Hamish Manning  
Luke McLachlan  
Michael O'Brien  
Wade Ibbotson  
Shannon Jones  
Andrew Moffat

## B8

Kane McIsaac  
Isaac Jacobs  
Nicholas Paton  
Sinclair Lonsdale  
Bryan Holyoake  
Shane Pope  
Demian Hamann  
Frazer Hopkins  
Matthew Hughes  
Craig Hunter  
Brendon Keller  
Jens Laursen  
Duncan Lucas  
James Marshall  
Paul McBrearty  
Kris McIsaac  
Jay King  
Steven Kingsley-Jones  
James Martin  
Hayden MacFarlane  
Glenn Moir  
Justin Morgan  
Daniel Morris  
Jeremy Nathan  
Scott Newsome  
Nathan Ngaia  
Travis O'Brien  
Clinton Katene  
Michael Ker  
Raymond Laurenson  
Eivind Johnsen  
Oliver Morse

## B9

Peter Lucas  
Ben Phear  
Wesley Kopu  
Cameron McKay  
Mark Parlane  
Tim Harston  
Trent Newsome  
Marley Phillips  
Randel Preston  
Daniel Hore  
Hamish Mitchell  
Andrew Moore  
Stephen Morrison  
Isaac Naus  
Daniel Johanson  
Bradley Leticia  
Erin Northcott  
Duane Old  
Phillip Oulsnam  
Tyler Parker  
Jason Parlane  
Simon Knowles  
Jared Knuckey  
Brad Nielsen  
Hayden Markham  
Wade Newsome

## B10

Wayne MacDonald  
Tama Newman  
Brett McMillan  
Bojan Petkovski  
Craig Leathley  
John Northcott  
Andrew Gilkison  
Steven Hancock  
Hoani Harwood  
Chad Johnson  
Bruno Liddle  
Carl Linnell  
Daniel Parker  
Leighton Parsons  
Manoj Patel  
Luke Peacock  
Ian Pearson  
Daniel Perrett  
Aaron Peters  
Simon Pierce  
Ben Pollard  
Stephen Gilkison  
Nathan Kinera

Roland MacKenzie  
Douglas Opai  
Jeremy Parsons  
Karl Laird  
Adrian Knowles  
Daniel Lander  
Daniel Baumann  
Mark Amundsen  
Brad Andrews  
Mathew Balsom  
Scott Andrews  
Kyle Adams  
Chris Cassidy  
Ben Alchin  
Mark Armstrong  
John Ahn  
David Abbott  
Chris Ander  
Darren Annear  
Reid Archer  
Luke Baker  
Tim Bastin  
Aaron Abbott  
Blair Adams  
Gary Adamson  
Jamie Alexander  
Jonathan Ameriks  
Tim Anagnostou  
Tama Armstrong  
Jeremy Barnes  
Daryl Bastin  
Malcolm Bijker  
Rawiri Cassidy  
Renata Cassidy  
Andrew Brown  
Brad Fale  
Wayne Balsom  
Philip Bijker  
Renze Bijker

## D2

Jonathan Allen  
Shaun Bliss  
Russell Boulter  
Jarad Bridgeman  
Rhys Broadmore  
Jarrod Bone  
Aaron Bishell  
Scott Bremer  
James Brown  
Brent Asquith  
Chris Batchelor  
Jonathan Bell  
Matthew Bell  
Jade Bellinger  
Steve Bennett  
Patrick Berry  
Mata Apeesera  
Mark Beccard  
Mark Bell  
Julian Bracegirdle  
Josh Ehrhorn  
Sam Eriksen  
Matt Green  
Nick Allen  
Fale Apeesera  
Tim Asquith  
Powhiri Bidois  
Kent Bell  
Matthew Broadmore

## D3

John Cade  
Ryan Burns  
Garrett Ballantine  
James Bayford  
Matthew Bungard  
Lane Gibson  
Andrew Burgess  
Doug Bayford  
Justin Bishop  
Rangi Bisson  
Tony Bullen  
Neville Connelly  
Raymond Edwards  
Jason Ballantine  
Daniel Beale  
Paul Beard  
David Bellini  
Nathan Bennett  
Rikki Bennetts  
Lyndon Berry  
Mark Bird  
Duncan Brooks  
Dean Butchart  
Steven Campbell  
David Gibson  
Simeon Barker  
Nicholas Dempsey  
Simon Dore  
Ian Down

## D4

Brendyn Clapham  
Ario Capper  
Daniel Clarke  
Nicholas Campbell  
Luke Castell  
Tim Cleaver  
Troy Burbidge  
Wade Callander  
Brad Cameron  
Ben Carter  
Jamie Chadwick  
Hayden Chalmers  
Dane Clouston  
Darren Coleman  
Trent Bishell  
Darren Brennan  
Nick Creery  
Daniel Crisp  
David Croy  
Craig Davis  
Jed Eden  
Anton Berndt  
Craig Birchall  
Simon Duffill  
David Field

## D5

Daniel Clarke  
Matthew Cleaver  
Bryce Coles  
David Collingwood  
Malcom Colvin  
Sean Coneglan  
Sam Coles  
Hayden Corkin  
Daniel Couchman  
Jeremy Couchman  
Sam Crawford  
Brendon Crossman  
Matthew Davis  
Andrew Dawson  
Kurt Dawson  
Michael De Bruyn  
Elliot Dörner  
Leigh Drabble  
William Earl  
Grant Fabish  
Donald Fawcner  
Murray Fisher  
Guy French-Wright  
David Fabish  
Leighton Fah  
Matthew Fraser

## D7

Lee Drew  
Cameron Field  
Michael Dent  
Jeremy Deuart  
Stuart Black  
Reuben Creery  
Brian Flay  
Scott Birchall  
Brenden Bourne  
Ashley Bowers  
Simon Gleeson  
Adam Goston  
Osborne Grace  
Glenn Green  
Andrew Grimwood  
Jason Gulliver  
Peter Baker  
Raymond Barnes  
Martin De Bock  
Kirk Cuthbert  
Matthew Goodey  
Simon Grimwood

## D8

Peter Edwards  
Ewen Elvey  
Jason Eparaima  
Piers Duncan  
Quinn Elstone  
Aaron Dear  
Warrick Death  
Mitch Dörner  
Philip Dwyer  
Owen Edmonds  
Nilan Ekanayake  
Bruce Chadwick  
Matthew Crawford  
Brendon Crossman  
Matthew Davis  
Andrew Dawson  
Kurt Dawson  
Michael De Bruyn  
Elliot Dörner  
Leigh Drabble  
William Earl  
Grant Fabish  
Donald Fawcner  
Murray Fisher  
Guy French-Wright  
David Fabish  
Leighton Fah  
Matthew Fraser

## D9

Nathan Greenbank  
Scott Fletcher  
Ata Falaniko  
David Fletcher  
Eric Green  
Kane Feaver  
Conall Flay  
Daniel Burnell  
Lee Fabish  
Andrew Fagan  
Justin Feek  
Sam Fenney  
Kodie Fisher  
Michael Fraser  
Aaron Gayton  
Mark Ellis  
Michael Felgler  
Nathan Fernee  
Mark Fisher  
Carl Fletcher  
Joseph Fowell  
Abe Fulcher  
Shaun Gargan  
Riekie Gibson  
Iain Doy  
David Edwards  
Regan Evans  
Andrew Froomie  
Mark Gates  
Korey Gibson  
Alasdair Green

## D10

Daniel Gilbert  
Dean Girling  
Andrew Cross  
Jonathan Dravitzki  
Donald Kuriger  
Ryan Geraghty  
David Green

## D11

Jesse Baker  
Ben Friedlander  
Scott Holdem  
Keith Muller  
Bevan Mulligan  
Ahmed Shivaz  
Michael Gee  
Gareth Godfrey  
Stuart Black  
Carl Green  
George Banks  
Ashley Duff  
Robert Gimblett  
Matthew Bowers  
Simon Gleeson  
Adam Goston  
Osborne Grace  
Glenn Green  
Andrew Grimwood  
Jason Gulliver  
Peter Baker  
Raymond Barnes  
Martin De Bock  
Kirk Cuthbert  
Matthew Goodey  
Simon Grimwood

## H1

Paul Needham  
Steven Ashcroft  
Mark Cleaver  
Alan Thom  
Ben Braggins  
Zeb Carr  
Aiden Lawn  
David Hutchinson  
John Cheal  
Arama Davis  
Jonny Easton  
Cameron Gordon  
Shane Rawlinson  
Bryce Robins  
Ben Schurr  
James Topless  
Tremayne Willing  
Robert Bayly  
Edwin Chen  
Teh Chung  
Paul Gibbs  
Daniel Kihfuss  
Jay Knight  
Kane McIntyre  
Craig Mullin  
Mitchell Campbell  
Nigel Dickinson  
Christen Dimond  
Darran Fisher  
Jone Nasome  
John Weston

## H2

Sheldon Smith  
Dayne Baylis  
Daniel Woolsey  
Mark Herlihy  
Alex Gower  
Clint Brown  
Richard Managh  
Christopher Howse  
Laurie McLean  
Marco Chan  
Chris Fenwick  
Andrew Gillbanks  
Scott Gulliver  
Paul Herlihy  
Al Honeyfield  
Joseph Lawn  
Tony Purdie  
Aaron Wall  
Alastair Blackler  
John Edwards  
Harley Huston  
Andrew Purdie  
Daniel Smyth  
Peter Donovan  
Justin Morey  
David Williams  
Ronald Gatenby  
Douglas Harbutt  
Adam Young

## H3

Harvey Marshall  
Tamati Sweetman  
Chris Morgan  
Sam Bernier  
Andrew Cross  
Jonathan Dravitzki  
Donald Kuriger  
Duncan Baker  
Sean Bullock

Richard Chen  
Ben Friedlander  
Scott Holdem  
Keith Muller  
Bevan Mulligan  
Ahmed Shivaz  
Michael Gee  
Gareth Godfrey  
Stuart Black  
Carl Green  
George Banks  
Ashley Duff  
Robert Gimblett  
Matthew Bowers  
Simon Gleeson  
Adam Goston  
Osborne Grace  
Glenn Green  
Andrew Grimwood  
Jason Gulliver  
Peter Baker  
Raymond Barnes  
Martin De Bock  
Kirk Cuthbert  
Matthew Goodey  
Simon Grimwood

## H4

Daniel Isaac  
David Burton  
Anthony Aston  
Dwight Harvie  
Corey Walden  
Bryan Unkovich  
Jason Barraclough  
Nicholas Frank  
Lyall Jensen  
Mark Laursen  
Tim Parsons  
Ria Rauputu  
Bevan Washer  
Ben Hamerton  
Hasan Herbert  
Sung Jin Hong  
Taniora Jones  
Brendon Mayo  
Jong Oh  
Grant Worthington  
Karl Alatoa  
Brendon Harvie  
Ross Moir  
Nikolas Morgan  
Joe Pease  
Paul Tito  
Luke Van Praagh  
Paul Walden  
Christen Dimond  
Darran Fisher  
Jone Nasome  
John Weston

## H5

Brent Schrider  
James Murphy  
John Murphy  
Fletcher Campbell  
Hadley Dryden  
Bevan Singleton  
Peter Ash  
Jody Hann  
Pakpoom Kantatham  
Sheldon Keech  
Daniel Kull  
Clint Newland  
David Ogle  
David Phillips  
Nathan Russell  
Joe Chan  
Fraser Donaldson  
Marc Feather  
Nick Ferris  
Quentin Fullerton-Smith  
Vaughan Hooper  
Andrew Hurley  
Sam James  
Pakon Kantatham  
Ben Lilley  
Brendan Mourie  
Bradley Bellamy  
Greg Crofskey  
James Herbert  
Brad Newland  
Simon Pickering  
Kieran Condon  
Richard Dryden  
Todd Feather  
Beauden Mullin

## H6

Daniel Schofield  
Foster Walker  
Ben Davey  
Mack Gulliver  
Jaron Brightwell  
Bradley McGlashan

Christopher Leung  
Matt Honeyfield  
Ashley Kite  
Michael Lowe  
Joel MacLeod  
Aaron Mancewicz  
Aron Murodoch  
Adrian Whittaker  
Adam Davey  
Tony Gulbransen  
Larry Blair  
Craig Enright  
David Frenz  
Matthew Gleeson  
Jared Vosseler  
Jarrad Whitehead  
Quentin Brears  
Wayne Bryant  
Calum Jamieson  
Jade Lester  
Vincent To  
Phillip Whittaker  
Paul Hancock  
Richard Honeyfield  
Richard Papps

## S1

Daniel Suhr  
Brendon Wallis  
Chris Whitwell  
Nathan Wilson  
Damien Ranapia  
Daniel Ratford  
Konan Wetini  
Paul Urwin  
Dayne Smith  
John Parker-Metcalf  
David Peters  
Ricardo Pinto  
Dion Sarten  
David Somerfield  
Nicholas Soper  
Chris Sparks  
Chanuka Vitanachy  
Phillip Wineti  
Sean MacDonald  
Aaron Pasili  
Bryn Plimmer  
Dayle Radford  
Rhys Sutton  
Murray Thompson  
Jarrod Tilyard  
Andrew Watson  
Kent McLeod  
Luke McLeod  
Craig Watkins  
Nick Whitwell  
Nicholas Plimmer  
Fabian Wineera

## S2

Joshua Smith  
Hayden Stokell  
Matthew Roberts  
Brendon Silby  
Adam Uncles  
Robert Walker  
Tristan Inslay-Youngkin  
Stephen Walsh  
Adam Radford  
Michael Taylor  
Christopher Watts  
Matthew Turner  
Jeff Mercer  
Daniel Prebbles  
Andrew Pritchard  
Mark Proffit  
Alexander Scott  
Mark Stewart  
Brontain Sullivan  
Zane Read  
Colin Reed  
Kevan Sellers  
Wade Stewart  
Timothy Suthon  
Rhys Williams  
Wayne Wilson  
Philip Mercer  
Adam Richards  
Michael Williams  
Darrin Quay  
Larryn Rae  
David Slade

## S3

Ian Rampton  
Stephen Wilson  
Tim Steadman  
Logan Whitehead  
Garth Wilson  
Ellinis Smith  
Jemie Smart  
Vernon O'Donoghue  
Samuel Petersen

Jonathon Pittwood  
Vijay Rajagopal  
Jarred Tatham  
Braden Turner  
Dean Wellington  
Kenneth Wong  
John Rampton  
Joe Roguski  
Jonathan Somers  
Daniel Stretton  
Mathias Suchy  
Alistar White  
Daniel Murphy  
Peter O'Carroll  
Madhu Rajagopal  
Daniel Sewell  
Alan Steedman  
Chris Twaddle  
Matthew Treanor

## S4

Riki Robinson  
Craig Welch  
Roger Taoai  
Sayuj H-Nath  
Mark O'Sullivan  
Ryan Pelham  
Bryce Rea  
Jarrod Russell  
Josef Silich  
Scott Smith  
Glen Surgenor  
Steven Holden  
Jay Richardson  
Jason Rowe  
Layton Rowe  
Jason Silby  
Curtis Stark  
Regan West  
Phillip Western  
David Somerfield  
Nicholas Soper  
Chris Sparks  
Chanuka Vitanachy  
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Sean MacDonald  
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Jarrod Tilyard  
Andrew Watson  
Kent McLeod  
Luke McLeod  
Craig Watkins  
Nick Whitwell  
Nicholas Plimmer  
Fabian Wineera

## S5

Daryl Wood  
Damain Te Awa  
Kane Sole  
Eli Sole  
Michael Sampson  
Corey Northcott  
Andrew O'Keefe  
Rik Ranford  
Toby Robins  
Thomas Sander  
Glen Sexton  
Martin Soh  
Keung Young  
Jarrod Rae  
David Rowell  
Kane Rowson  
Hare Ruwhiu  
Peter Sampson  
Jake Sole  
Allan Tamapua  
Troy Taylor  
Derek Oldridge  
John Tan  
Scott Waite  
Ryan Watson  
Dion Yandle  
Chris Zavos  
Jade Nobbs  
James Tamapua

## S6

Jacob Scott  
Andre Visser  
Dow Steyn  
Boyd Rutherford  
Bradford Smith  
Alan Stewart  
Joshua Theobald  
Luke Riddick  
Allen Stephens  
Tony Vickers  
Jonathon Webster  
Brian Williams  
Patrick Wray  
Jason Quickenden  
Rocky Rauner  
Scott Sharpe  
Brent Spice  
Simeon Theobald  
Cliff Wilkin  
Jared Wood

Dayne Matthews  
Jared Mawson  
Paul Morse  
Nathan Rose  
Ben Scott  
Derik Steyn  
Adrian Turner  
Edmond Wong  
Nathan Shaw  
Paul Street

## S7

Josh Walsh  
Ben Williams  
Jeremy Wright  
Luke Robson  
Kent Stockman  
Matt Weir  
Nicholas Smith  
Wesley Snowdon  
Zygi Zurakowski  
Haden Power  
Simon Robinson  
John Russell  
Jamie Sayer  
Tim Simpson  
Edward Talbot  
Jonathan Taylor  
Lomu Tuavao  
Jason Vigeant  
Andre Whyte  
Jayden Wilson  
Carl Murphy  
Brendon Thompson  
Bryan Weir  
Chris Wischnowsky  
Simon Frost  
Callum Taylor  
Lee Taylor  
Merrick Taylor

## S8

Bodie Taylor  
Andrew Taylor-Smith  
Kenny Roycroft  
Brendan Toole  
Timothy Wilson  
Jared Philip  
Russell Quickfall  
Tom Rumball  
Oliver Schumacher  
Craig Smith  
Clint Wallace  
Preston Murrow  
Chris Ruyters  
Tony Taula  
Robert Tilley  
Kris Tong  
Robin Toole  
Justin Tylee  
Jeremy Vickers  
Jarrod Ward  
Jonathon Watkins  
Glen Sexton  
Martin Soh  
Keung Young  
Jarrod Rae  
David Rowell  
Kane Rowson  
Hare Ruwhiu  
Peter Sampson  
Jake Sole  
Allan Tamapua  
Troy Taylor  
Derek Oldridge  
John Tan  
Scott Waite  
Ryan Watson  
Dion Yandle  
Chris Zavos  
Jade Nobbs  
James Tamapua

## S9

Mathew Quin  
Hayden Terrey  
Mark Wood  
Jade Vallen  
Nigel Wells  
Shane Thornhill  
Aaron Schuppan  
David Steele  
Darry Stevens  
Rangi Trinder  
Shaun Valentine  
James Webb  
Bryce Williams  
David Stanley  
Ian Steele  
Brendon Taylor  
Laine Terrey  
Glen Tyrrell  
Jeremy Watson  
Jonathan Watts  
Chris Wells  
Brett Wright  
John Metcalfe  
Casey Raven  
Gary Spierling  
Hami Tamarapa  
David Taylor  
Andrew Wells  
David Wood  
Leyton Watson  
Matthew Welham

## S10

Mark Quayle  
Michael Ropitini  
Gregory Ross  
Clinton Smith  
Adam Olsen  
Michael Rangi  
Mark Robson  
Gareth Rogers  
Jeremy Spanhake  
Scott Sutherland  
Scott McVicar  
Travis Paenga  
Patrick Ropitini  
James Smith  
Jason Suhr  
Scott Thompson  
Grady Waite  
Lee Whitting  
Mike Williams  
Adam Yates  
Rodney MacDonald  
Alex Reeves  
Matthew Scrimgeour  
Che Soffe  
Gavin Winters  
Daniel Young  
Cameron Skinner  
Brett Williams  
Jeffrey Yates

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Marjan Van Paassen



**YOUNG ENTERPRISE 1995**  
'Creative Impressions'



**DEBATING**



The emphasis this year has been on giving new debaters the opportunity of learning debating skills. While we have not excelled competitively, a fair number of boys have now participated in an interschool debate this year.

Ably captained by Murray Cox, our boys competed in the New Zealand Jaycees Debating Competition and later, the New Zealand Schools Debating Championships.

A junior and senior team represented the school at the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival and most recently, we had an informal debate against New Plymouth Girls' High which they won.

In addition to our interschool competitions, debating has continued on an informal basis during the weekly Utility period. A group of boys ranging from Forms Three - Seven have had plenty of practice doing prepared and impromptu speeches and debates.

Probably the highlight this year was when Murray Cox, Greg Lawn and Richard Dryden pitted their wits against a staff team which included Mr Laurensen, Mr Elgar and Mr Howes. The staff had the interesting task of arguing that 'Schooling Hinders Education'. Mr Warner as Chairman, diplomatically prevented the two teams from becoming physically involved in the battle.

It was very encouraging for our debaters to see the library crammed with pupils and staff - all keen to support their own - no matter how unreasonable the claims became. The result - well who cares. We all enjoyed the exercise.



'Creative Impressions' was set up as a NPBHS Young Enterprise Company as part of the YES scheme in March of this year by 10 enterprising Student Directors with the assistance of Commerce teacher Mr Graeme Smith. Aided by the wisdom and advice of Mrs Linda McEwen as Mentor from the National Bank and Mrs Sally Broadhurst as Executive Manager of the NP Chamber of Commerce - the YES team has worked together to produce some outstanding results.

The company chose to make and manufacture 'Motivational Posters' as their company product. These were produced in hand calligraphy by a professional calligrapher - and also father of one of the Directors of the company, Mr Harry Tan.

Creative Impressions targeted the home and business markets and found strong demand from these targeted sectors. Over 400 posters were sold over the year at either \$5 each or 3 for \$10. This contributed to a total sales revenue figure of \$1450.

Throughout 1995, Creative Impressions took part in a number of business events including the mid-year presentation to shareholders, partaking in the YES Trade Fair held at Centre City and the end of year presentation held at the Plymouth Hotel.

At the Young Enterprise Trade Fair, Creative Impressions was adjudged 'Most Innovative and Best Managed Company' by Mr Roger Maxwell, Minister of Business Development. This was a favourable omen of things to come.

In August, after a year of successful trading, Creative Impressions entered the National YES competition with the submission of their Annual Report - summarising the year's operations to the Enterprise NZ Trust for marking.

From over 300 schools, Creative Impressions' Annual Report was selected as one of the top five companies and invited to Wellington to submit a presentation to a panel of judges with the objective of asking for investment funds. This assumed that the company was a going concern, and portrayed the company as an investment for the future.

Four Directors - John Tan - Managing Director, Greg Lawn - Company Secretary, Simon Cleaver - Finance Director and Adrian Turner - Marketing Director travelled to the Plaza International Hotel in Wellington for this presentation. With the aid of a laptop computer, a sophisticated projection device, and dressed in business suits, the Directors were keen to present a professional image for the company and the school.

The results of the presentation were announced at the Awards Dinner later that night. This was a very formal and prestigious affair attended by the Governor General - Dame Catherine Tizard, and prominent business people such as Douglas Myers, Sir Ron Trotter and hosted by Peter (Vercheivelt) as MC. Creative Impressions was announced as one of the top three companies in NZ - winning the Singapore Airlines Award for excellence and a well earned trip to Singapore in 1996.

The Young Enterprise scheme has been a very busy but rewarding experience for all of the Directors. The Directors have learned the importance of innovation, professionalism and teamwork. Most of all, they have learned to believe in themselves and to back themselves to achieve anything. The YES has been a successful experience in 1995, but the Directors of Creative Impressions lay down a challenge to other students to surpass the first three placings achieved this year and to go and win the Supreme Fletcher Challenge Company of the Year Award.

The ten Directors of Creative Impressions for 1995 were: John Tan - Managing Director, Greg Lawn - Company Secretary, Simon Cleaver - Finance Director, Madhu Rajagopal - Production Director, John Metcalfe - Production Director, Adrian Turner - Sales Director, Nick Allen - Sales Director, Graham Hooper - Marketing Director, Brad Martin - Marketing Director, Adrian Knowles - Human Resources Director.

**MAORI 1995**

Tena koutou, tena tatou, ko tenei te mihi atu ki nga kaikawe Maori i roto i tenei tau, ko te tau o Te Reo Maori.

1995 started on a positive note with the Third Form Maori intake up on previous years, to two Maori classes. This is a reflection of the importance that Te Reo Maori is gaining in the country as a whole.

In term one the highlight for Maori studies was the send off of Mr Ryder with a haka. This haka was done with a lot of kaha, which is a reflection of the mana which is developing in Maori at NPBHS.

Other highlights have been welcoming different groups to Kokiri Te Reo. Included were Te Aute College and Shotoku Bakkuen Japanese students who were brought on by Jason Renau an ex Head Boy and student who took Seventh Form Maori in 1990. The Boys' High School cultural evening was a success for the Maori Kapa Haka group, as the boys sacrificed many lunch hours practising for this.

Another activity the Fourth and Fifth Form boys were lucky to be involved in, was the making of some taonga puoro (traditional musical instruments) with Hohepa Joseph. The boys really enjoyed this and were very appreciative of the knowledge Hohepa brought to the school on his section.

Finally I would like to thank all people involved in Maori studies this year, and wish boys that are leaving Maori all the best in their chosen career choices.

No Reira, kaati aku korero mo tenei tau Naku Noa.

C. LUKE.



**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

At all levels of the school students enjoy the compulsory challenge of making a speech to their fellows in class. The best three or four speechmakers are heard again in the speech semi-finals. This year's speech night took place in the evening of September 25 in the library. The standard was excellent and renowned mastermind Ida Gaskin had considerable difficulty in trying to separate the contestants.

The results were:

SPEAKER	TOPIC
<b>Form Three</b>	
1st David Hutchinson	A Dangerous Moment
2nd Andrew Burgess	Mum Away
<b>Form Four</b>	
1st= Andrew Gilkison	Political Correctness
1st= Martin Sole	New Zealand Teenagers
<b>Form Five</b>	
1st Hugh Cotton	Rabbits
2nd Matthew Crawford	I Don't Care
<b>Form Six</b>	
1st=John Tan	The X Mentality
1st= Adrian Turner	Lost
<b>Form Seven</b>	
1st= Callum Taylor	Life
1st= Brendon Walsh	The America's Cup
Teachers in charge G. Clareburt and K. Hazledine.	

**STUDENT SERVICES REPORT TO TARANAKIAN**

There is never a dull moment at the lower end of Cramond. Now that we are so well located the number of students who come in has increased even further and the words "railway station" are frequently mentioned.

As well as Quest Careers Database we also acquired (from the day it became available) Careerquest. This is a programme to help you find the best career area for you. You feed in yours skills, preferences and achievements. The computer then comes up with the jobs best suited to you. This is important because if you are going to spend your working life at something, it needs to be enjoyable and satisfying to you as well as a source of income.

With Mr Geange, Mr Watts and Mrs Carter all working together we are able to speed things up for students. Several boys have found jobs and 431 have been on Link Courses (one tutor said he found it hard to get the boys to go at the end of the day. They did not want to stop using the chainsaws!)

The two Guidance Counsellors and The Chaplain have all been kept on their toes helping boys and their parents through the many and varied complications of being and having a teenager today. Mrs Cotton, the Public Health Nurse, has seen numerous boys during her weekly health clinics, on Tuesdays at 11.00am and she has also been in especially to see boys who needed help on days other than Tuesdays.

Fifteen boys have been on Work Experience, and many boys have been helped to get grants and allowances to help with finances.

No wonder we are called Student Services!  
For the first time this year Mrs Carter has been able to teach Sexual Abuse as a classroom topic. This is because the Police designed a very good resource on this and the school formulated a policy on the matter. You may wonder why we teach such things. Unfortunately abuse of one kind or another is very common in New Zealand and is something which our two generations working together can eradicate. Knowledge is power!

Lastly, this year, with the keen support of Mr French-Wright, we purchased the Gateways Mindpower programme and 73 people signed up to come and sit in comfort in the Transition Seminar room for 30 minutes a day and listen to tapes to programme their minds for success. This material is wonderfully presented and a pleasure to work with. People who have taken part report less stress, find it easier to get down to work, they work better, they have developed at least one new way of learning and their marks have gone up!

Our teachers have been part of the Career Expo organisation team. The staff of this department take great pride and have much pleasure in being at the cutting edge of education and personal development. Just wait until 1996. Stand by for Core Generic Units and lots of credits on the National Framework.

We have the greatest faith in all you boys. You are capable of anything you set your mind to and we look forward to working with you all.

MRS CARTER, MR GEANGE and MR WATTS





# MUSIC NOTES

## THE CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band had a major revamp this year with the introduction of many younger members and a new conductor. Mrs Allan has led the band in a number of performances at Taradale High School, Devon Intermediate and here at school.

We have suffered through most of the year without a drummer (which has meant heavy concentration in rehearsals) but the brass and woodwind sections have been particularly strong.

An emotional 'Theme from Schindler's List', a rhythmic 'Mission Impossible' and a medley of hits from the 'Police' have featured in our repertoire.

Only three seniors will be leaving Concert Band this year, so the younger remaining members have set a good foundation for a stronger band for years to come.

PAUL BULLOCK.



## NPBHS/TARADALE MUSICAL EXCHANGE

Taradale High School is not yet a fourth of the age of our own school, yet it is very much the equal partner in our biennial exchange.

Taradale possesses a well resourced and highly talented musical department, and their emphasis on excellence was clearly seen in their professional and well polished performance.

Our own bands and choir combined to present a spectacular musical and cultural composition, with New Plymouth Boys' High School providing a number of instrumental soloists, much to the pleasure of a small but appreciative audience. Their material ranged from old to new, from jazz to traditional, from a highly animated sailing melody to a consecratory song of the Hebrew 'Hanukkah'. All involved considered the affair to be a great success and enjoyed the jovial interchange between guest and host. Our students (and indeed, Taradale's) performed admirably and would encourage the future continuity of this event for the benefit of all.

MURRAY COX, Choir.



## THE CHOIR

Participating in the Smokefree Choral Federation Choir Competition, travelling to Taradale in Napier and assisting the Girls' High Choir has been just part of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Choir effort.

With a strong tenor section and concentrated bass section along with a versatile piano accompanist, a vibrant 'Mrs La', Mrs Allan (throwing her hands about) and directing us to the most the Choir can produce.

It is an exciting performance by most standards, seeing the boys enjoying themselves singing is an achievement in itself especially coming from an all boys school.

The repertoire consists of choral highlights from Sleepless in Seattle, A White Sports Coat, Drunken Sailor, Shamdrack, Great Day and many other enjoyable (sing) songs.

All in all the choir has had an interesting year and performed with reputable standards.

GAVIN BROMFIELD.



The 3 Musicateers

# THE CLASSROOM





**STARBLAZE**

'Starblaze' was the NPBHS 1995 musical production, staged with the assistance of students from Sacred Heart.

Set in space, 'Starblaze' was a show where the space pirates banded together with the Horriuffs. Eventually the Horriuffs overpower the evil Odium (Oliver Morse), his side-kick Dr Sneech (Lawrence Horne) and the heavies led ably by Mr Laurensen.

The show introduced new talent, some old and, who dare says it, some ancient talent! Those who were involved with 'Starblaze' enjoyed themselves and provided each audience with a very worthwhile evening's entertainment.

Thanks must go to Ms Taylor director, Mrs Allan musical director, Mrs Purdy (SHGC) assistant musical director, Ms Koorey choreographer, Mr Tuller artistic director, Mr Morris stage director, Mr Butler who oversaw the lighting, Tony Hutton and his sound crew.

Finally thanks must be given to those who helped with make-up, backstage, supper and props.

Main characters were: Oliver Morse - Odium; Lawrence Horne - Dr Sneech; David Cadman - Cosmo; Aaron Schuppen - Colosso; Tim Simpson - Sergeant of Pirates; Cha ? Hobson - Captain of the Space Pirates; Sandy Reese - Princess; Katie O'Donnell - Astro.

Great to have participation from the boarders as Horriuffs and the wonderful Form Zoderks.

RICHARD DRYDEN.



*Odium and the Dr.*



*"You are my sunshine ..."*



*The music teacher working hard*

**CADETS**

The start of 1995 saw the end of an era in the annals of Cadets at New Plymouth Boys' High School, with the retirement from active service with the Unit of Major Murray Edward Dobson NZCF CFM and Bar after 21 years of dedicated service to the youth of New Plymouth.

After a short shakedown period with the new Unit Commander (Captain Craig Luxmoore NZCF), the Unit proceeded with a very busy year's training starting with 26 new recruits getting a taste of things to come at their recruit intake over Taranaki Anniversary Weekend.

The end of the first term saw the retirement of Mr Tom Ryder as Headmaster and the Unit mounted an armed guard for him at his last assembly and presented him with a Unit plaque to mark our long association.

The Unit continued its long traditional association with the school by parading at the school's ANZAC Day service. The Unit was also represented at the Civic Service and at the service to commemorate VJ Day.

Both term holidays saw Cadets attending promotion courses at Trentham and Whangaporoa with some excellent passes being achieved, notably Sgt Duane Old and S/Sgt Trudi Hopkinson gaining straight 'A's in the Senior NCO course. S/Sgt Hopkinson has since been promoted to Warrant Officer Class II and appointed Company Sergeant Major.

This year's Formal Dinner was held at the New Combined Taranaki Club and the MP for New Plymouth, Mr Harry Duynhoven was the Unit's guest speaker. The Unit also hosted a Cadet from a British Cadet Unit.

The Unit, along with 15 Cadets from No. 48 Sqn ATC Stratford, visited Waiouru Military Camp over the mid-term break and were treated to some excellent presentations of the Army way of life.

Many activities during the year were focused on the Unit taking up the invitation from 202 Regional Cadet Unit in Sydney to visit them and take part in the Australian Army Cadet Corps Annual Field Exercise with 2000 Cadets from the Eastern Region of Australia. Much fundraising and effort by the support committee and Cadets saw nine Cadets under the watchful eye of Captain Luxmoore, depart in September, for Sydney where they took part in a nine-day exercise at the Singleton Military Camp, about 250km north of Sydney. Much valuable training experience was gained and some sightseeing was fitted in as well.

The Unit farewelled its oldest ex-Cadet and an Old Boy of the school in Mr Les Marfell at his funeral in September.

Sergeant Duane Old from NPBHS has been nominated for the Robert Friar Memorial Medallion for all-round excellence. This award is given annually and is nationwide. We wish him luck.

The Unit continues to offer its core activities to Cadets ie, bushcraft, first aid, fieldcraft, weapon training, citizenship, drill etc and is developing a more comprehensive range of outdoor activities, but to do this we need the support of parents and Cadets alike.

The Unit will recruit again in January/February 1996 and invites interested boys to make themselves known to the Unit Officers and/or Mr Dobson when school resumes in 1996.



*Mind Games*

**LIBRARY REPORT**

1995 has been the year we got the computer system running smoothly. We replaced the old photocopier, and kept the charges the same. The Microsoft Multimedia on the computer has proved to be very popular, and we've had queues for printouts of various articles from it.

Several Third Formers have joined the staff this year. The staff numbers (about 15) remain about the same as last year, and we have refined the roster system. Mrs Van Beers has done the lion's share of the work as usual, ably assisted by the two head librarians, and the juniors. Mrs Baylee updated the vertical file, and it is now right up to date. By the end of the year, it is expected that Mr Elgar as teacher librarian will have made purchases of about 800 volumes covering topics as varied as surfing, New Zealand fiction, nuclear problems, etc. etc.

The library has been the venue for several cultural events during the year such as speech finals and debates, including the infamous Teachers/Students debate which was unusually well attended. The Music Assessments were also held in the library, and it remains the venue for PTA meetings, and the Board of Trustee meetings, not to mention their subcommittees.

In future, we hope to be able to access other library catalogues via the school library's system, and continue to provide NPBHS with the up-to-date service that has been available to the students of the school this year.

CHRISTOPHER NEIGHBOURS, ANDREW BLACK  
(Co-Head Librarians, 1995)



*The Defenders*

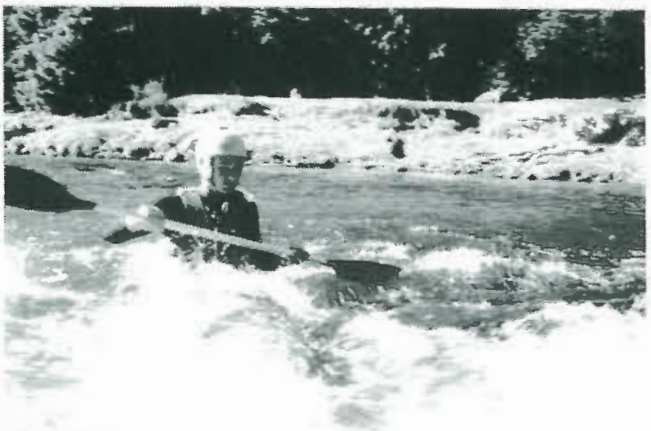




## TOPEC ACTION



The calm thing



The wild thing



## TOPEC 1995

On TOPEC this year we did lots of adventurous things. On day one we were divided into groups and we got cabins. In the morning we went for a run through the bush and the river. It was a rough start. After lunch our Instructor took us to the bushes near Mount Taranaki. He took us to the middle of the bush and gave us a compass. We had to follow the compass to get out of the thick bush. It was a good bush bash. After tea we played team tag.

Day two we went white water rafting. It was fun. We had water fights and we had a look at a big waterfall. After white water rafting we did a similar thing to bungy jumping (King Swing). We had a rope tied around harnesses and stepped out off the bridge. After lunch we did the ropes course. We played bull rush after dinner and at night some of us tried to catch some possums.

Day three we went rock climbing and we did abseiling. We went sailing after lunch. After dinner we played a team game.

Day four we went canoeing and in the afternoon we went up near the mountain. We went through the bush and river until we found our camping site. We didn't take many waterproof clothes. We put up our tent any way we could. We cooked our tea and went to bed. At night it rained heavily. Our tents were saturated and my sleeping bag was full of water. We stayed awake and had lots of Milos. First thing in the morning we headed home in the rain. It was hard going through the river. There was relief when we got back. Next time we know to take a lot of waterproof clothing. It was one enjoyable trip.

## RAGLAN 1994

1994 was a good year for me but what made it better was the Raglan Surf Camp. It had everything you wanted on a surf camp. Good surf and weather, a surf shop five minutes walk from the campsite and a good skateboard ramp in the campsite. Everyone had a good time surfing about twice a day every day of the week. We surfed at a break called Manu Bay, 10 minutes drive from the camp with Whale Bay and Indicators just around the corner a bit. We met a lot of friendly locals and surfed with them as well. The only dumb thing about the camp was travelling around the coast for about one hour on a very bumpy gravel road on a very hot day to get to rough onshore winds and then going for a walk along the beach instead for about two kilometres. The good things about the camp were doing all we wanted all day waiting for the tide to come in like skating and other things. Downing the surf was also an awesome thing and spending all our money at the surf shop. It was a bit of a miracle having good weather and surf all week. The whole camp was a great time thanks to everyone. I hope this year's camp was just as good.

## WANGANUI RIVER

The Wanganui River Camp is an exciting, fun packed camp.

There was never a dull moment on the trip. The drive down is even great fun. On the river the guide is always pointing out historical features, animals and whirlpools and boils.

The food is all right considering we the students cooked it, the meals changed every day.

The day we set off you go down a side stream and then on to the mighty Wanganui River. We were just on the water and we got around a corner and there lay the first rapid, people started talking, the adrenalin was going and we could hardly hear the guide tell us to go into the V of the rapid. We all managed to make it through safely.

One of the good things about the camp is the camping. At all of the campsites something different happens. At one of them we were wrestling each other down a bank. At another Mr Tullet was caught on camera having a wash in the river. Mr Butler couldn't move very well because he had sunburn, Mr Tullet hurt his foot and he fixed up a carving we found at a camp site.

On the second to last day we called in on a hut which the Maori had taken over and turned into a pa. We got welcomed and had a Milo.

Also on the second to last day we went through the first of the three big rapids and it was great going through.

On the last day we went through two big rapids. On the first one, one of the groups of people fell out so we had to pull them out and we went going on to finish the trip without any more hassles.

## HIBISCUS COAST

Our camp started with an early wake-up call, so we could be leaving school by about 7:15am. Once on the road we didn't stop for anything, until we arrived at Te Kuiti for a lunch break. After we had filled up, we carried on travelling to Auckland where we finally stopped at Rainbows End. A short two hours or so later, Mr Russell navigated us skilfully to Orewa, the main destination. Most of us tested the water on the beach so conveniently placed at our campsite.

On Tuesday we started by visiting MOTAT 1 and walked to the Auckland Zoo and viewed some of the animals eating. After eating our lunch we walked to MOTAT 2 where we saw some planes used in the wars. Mr Russell and Mr Gunning went to get the van and minibus so we could go to Kelly Tarltons. After tea we went to Waiwera Hot Pools to have a swim and relax.

On Wednesday morning we went to the Auckland Harbour and started our seaward journey. Mr Leath showed his love for the sea by feeding the fish a few times. Due to weather problems we went snorkelling at a different location from the one planned. We then sailed to a holiday farm where we stayed for the night.

On Thursday we sailed back to Auckland while one group caught the ferry back. We spent the afternoon at Orewa, but after tea we went to the hot pools for a second time.

On Friday we left the campsite at about 10am and went to Georgie Pie for lunch at the Bombay Hills. We arrived back at about 3.30pm. A very enjoyable camp with three good teachers.

## RANGITIKEI '94

We threw our stuff into the bus and off we went. The bus trip was pretty rude but then we arrived at the bungy and got food and had a quick slash. The bungy was neat but pretty boring for non-bungy people. Finally we reached the Rangitikei River Lodge and set up camp by assembling our El-budgo tents. The food was good all week but the duties were major bogus. All the activities were choice, including abseiling, horse trekking, orienteering and a big long boring tramp. The only highlight was the view and when Glen Sexton got close-lined by a psycho tramp leader.

Each morning, 'Camper Man Utting' would get us up at the crack of dawn by singing baby songs. One of his favourites was 'This is the song that never ends'. But don't worry we got him back the last morning by chucking him in the river fully clothed. The major highlight of the camp had to be by far the white water rafting, the rapids weren't great but managed to send me (Tremayne), Bevan Mulligan and Carl Barnes flying into the rapids with our raft upside-down and drifting away. The last night was also joke telling night, Mr Utting went overboard and chucked out Jonny for telling a rather colourful joke.

Overall Camp Rangitikei was an awesome camp. By the way, Jonny tells us Mr Luke looks like Jake the Muss when he gets agro!

## TAUPO CAMP

Last year I went on the camp to Taupo. Even though for holidays we go to Taupo, this camp offered me and many others the chance to experience BUNGY!

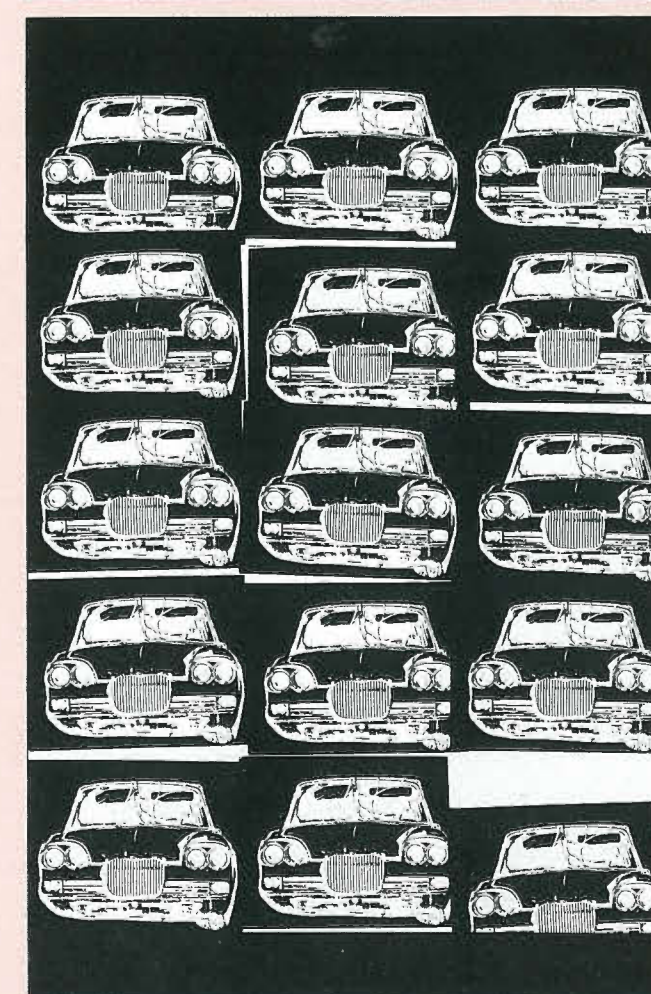
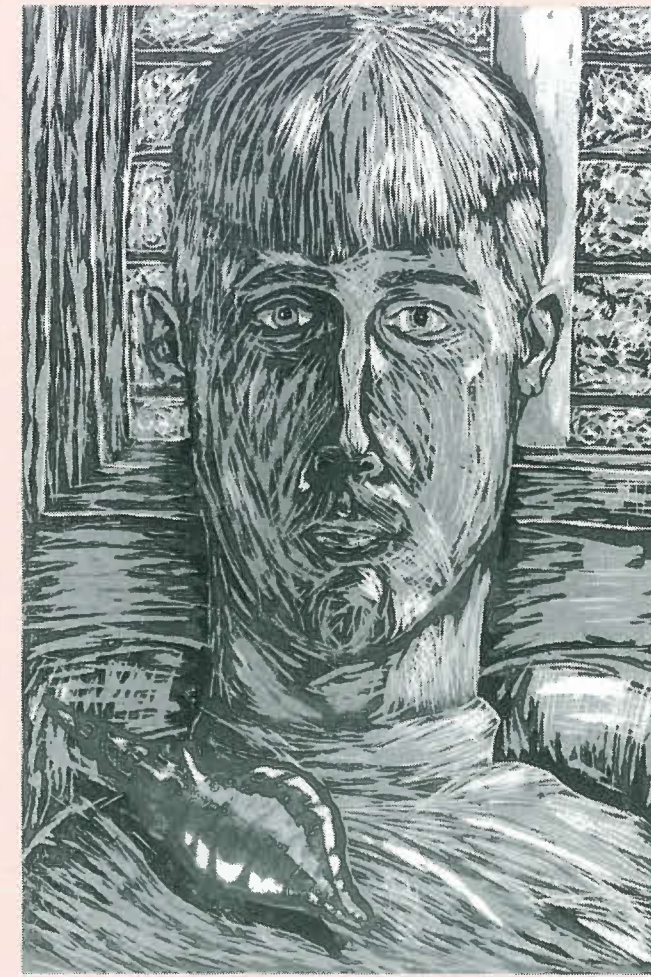
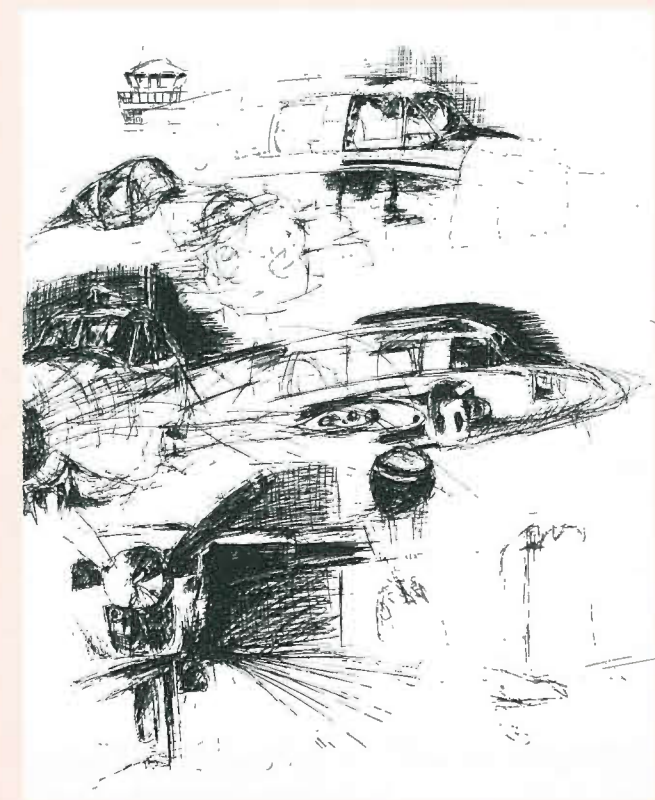
For meals we had a roster and we cooked our own meals and washed our own dishes. The meals were of a reasonable standard.

The rooms we slept in were modern with built-in heaters and two sets of bunks. The camp grounds had a hot pool, a pool table and a TV room.

On this camp we did a variety of things: Boat fishing, bungy jumping, had a ride on the Huka jet boat and we visited many other places. Horse riding was another activity which I had fun on. There was never a time or place that we weren't doing anything even if it was Blackjack. Some winning lots and others losing lots (Aaron Schuppan). The activities I liked best were bungy jumping and riding on the Huka jet boat. The hardest part of the bungy is the fall forward and from there on in there is no stopping you. Some advice for going on the Huka jet boat is don't sit on the back or on the left or right sides. On this activity you do things like 360s and go very close to cliffs. The jet only needs 4cm of water once it gets going.

Like anything our camp was filled with mishaps. The most memorable one happened on a hot night. Most groups decided to leave their doors partly open and windows open. It just so happened that the place was done over, but luckily they stayed out of rooms.

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### THE DREAM TEAM

The winter term of '95 was drawing to its close;  
But just before the posts and balls could go into repose,  
The newly formed tradition once established for a laugh  
Had to be played, that annual match 'twixt Third Fifteen and Staff.

Now to be sure this was not quite the brightest of ideas  
Indeed its author still had dreams of old footballing fears.  
After all its really folly, and a sad and painful truth,  
That fifteen men should venture forth in search of missing youth.

They played for many reasons; for their egos and the fame,  
It's true that some just played it for the pleasure of the game.  
Ex-All Blacks and old Shield hands turned out year after year,  
To stay the day the team was named and their name was not there.

They fronted up in varying states of fitness and of health,  
Not just products of the keg, but like the keg itself.  
With mono-abs and thinning pates, but proudly showing 'staunch'  
They graced the field with tired legs and gently sagging paunch.

This match, a proud tradition of the school - and taken to its soul  
Had proven in the three past years that it could take its toll.  
The man who led the first assault amid the cheers and groans,  
Had crawled into a waiting car with disassembled bones.

A much more famous warrior, two years later in disgrace  
Refused to stay and play his part as blood ran from his face.  
But these two men like all the rest who ached from hurst received,  
Continued on to play the game because they all believed.

None of your soccer poofers here, these men were real blokes,  
Prepared to face the laughter and be the butt of many jokes.  
Even poor old Al Kirk who was never passed the ball  
Would shake the dust off someone's boots and hearken to the call.  
The groundsman, and the hostel chef, they came from every-  
where.

Just like mating season it was that time of the year.  
A thing that disbelievers could not hope to understand;  
That fine old Kiwi ritual that showed a bloke he was a man.

The '95 team hit the field as keen as any year,  
With Murray Watts and Godfrey Hall, there little was to fear.  
And in the centres running proud and waiting for a crack,  
That stalwart of the staff backline - the master known as Mac.

The whistle blew, the ball was kicked, the maul was quickly formed,  
Then broke apart as crashing through that monster, Chris Luke  
stormed.  
The ball was lost and in the fray the students snatched it back,  
And fired it quickly to the man being marked by Murray Mac.

Like Colin Meads of old and with that Jonah Lomu spark  
He plunged toward his man as they neared the thirty second mark.  
Unmindful of his safety he threw himself into the fray,  
But as he made the hit the student's head got in the way.

Although it looked a trifling blow the crowd went wild as Mac  
Fell crashing to the ground and lay there stunned upon his back.  
But being a real man he slowly clambered to his feet,  
Well after all a real man will not admit defeat.

He struggled gamely up but as he tried to clear his head  
He stumbled forward and crashed to ground and lay as one shot  
dead.  
As Wattie helped him from the field, he was clearly seen to trip,  
And this because he almost put his foot upon his lip.

A bulging thing it seemed to match the dazed and vacant stare,  
That empty gaze you see when you look and know that no-one's  
there.  
So because he is a real bloke and shows no sign of fear  
We know that Muzza will be back to play the game next year.  
AN EX-DREAMER.

### NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1995

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Gully Pavilion on March 2, 1995 following the school Athletic Sports. In attendance were Headmaster Tom Ryder (Patron), Board Chairman John Eagles, President Michael Bryant, Secretary Paul Anderson, Treasurer Brian Bellringer, eight Old Boys and Staff members. Executive members gave their respective reports.

Office bearers elected for 1995: Patron Tom Ryder, President Michael Bryant, Vice President Kevin Taylor, Secretary Paul Anderson, Treasurer Brian Bellringer and Committee Jed Rowlands, Murray Grimwood, John Washer, Al Kirk and Brett Sloan.

Jack West's publication 'Lest We Forget' (of 300 books) memorial and tribute to the 227 Old Boys who lost their lives during World War II were distributed in February to the pre-paid purchasers; a very fine meticulous presentation and publication after six years of arduous research. Jack can feel very honoured and rewarded with this publication as a personal achievement, along with the assistance of Terry O'Meagher for his professional journalism. Jack, along with his wife, Bunty, can now put his feet up and his mind at rest and accept the Schools, Boards, Old Boys and more especially the next of kins' gratitude and appreciation for his dedication and commitment in this publication of 'Lest We Forget'

At the ANZAC service on April 24 1995 at the Memorial Shrine, the memorial album, 'Lest We Forget' was placed in the beautifully crafted receptacle by the Headmaster Tom Ryder, and the Reverend Woods dedicated both the album and receptacle which can now be recognised as an intrinsic addition to the World War II Memorial.

Headmaster's Farewell - Mr Tom Ryder and Mrs Joan Ryder

On Saturday April 29 1995 at 4pm the Old Boys' and PTA Associations held a combined cocktail and presentation function in Pridham Hall. Official guests were Tom and Joan Ryder, Her Worship the Mayor Claire Stewart, and John Stewart, Board Chairman John Eagles along with Old Boys' President Michael Bryant and PTA President Graham Skinner, Board Members, Staff, friends, parents and Old Boys - over 200 attended. The Mayor and Presidents of Old Boys and PTA addressed the function and acknowledged Tom's 17 years of dedicated services to New Plymouth Boys' High School - a school who all are associated with can be very proud of. The Old Boys and the PTA presented Tom with a handsomely crafted rimu rocking chair with footrest. The Old Boys also presented Tom with his retirement photo to be hung alongside the previous Headmasters of NPBHS in the Assembly Hall. Tom and Joan were wished by all, a long, happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

The Old Boys' Association presented the Headmaster, Tom Ryder, at the Junior Prizegiving in December 1994 a cheque for \$400 for the Headmaster's Fund. John Washer acted on behalf of the Association and addressed the Junior Boys.

The proposed 1995 Old Boys' Newsletter has now been delayed until early 1996, which will cover retiring Headmaster, newly appointed Headmaster Lyal French-Wright, Boarding Hostel redevelopment plan, School and Old Boys' news update plus the school's sporting programme for 1996.

It will be with interest as to how Boarder Old Boys accept the planned redevelopment to the Hostel accommodation commencing in early 1996.

Old Boys' support at sporting fixtures throughout the winter term, more particularly the First XV rugby clashes against Hamilton and Palmerston North Boys' High Schools (away games). At Hamilton, 50 Old Boys gave vocal support to a 10-6 victory. A few gathered at Hillcrest Tavern, along with Headmaster Lyal French-Wright. At Palmerston North, 70 or more watched and supported an excellent game by the First XV, a 23-10 victory. Also the Second XV had a win 10-6. A combined Old Boys function with Palmerston North Old Boys was hosted by Mark Donaldson at his Railway Hotel, at which 40-odd gathered and met Headmaster Lyal French-Wright. A couple of informal speeches were made. Thanks to Mark for his excellent hospitality. At Christchurch, Boys' High School also saw a small but strong contingent of supporters follow the First XV in another victory 27-12. Games on the Gully always saw strong local support, which is always appreciated by the boys and School. After the Te Aute game and another win to the First XV 42-0, Old Boys gathered at the Boarders' lounge.

The Day Boys versus Boarders rugby clash, which is always of interest to Old Boys, was played on September 21. A spectacular performance by the Boarders, but well contested to the end by the Day Boys, gave the Boarders their third consecutive win, 61-7.

The Old Boys once again supported the combined New Plymouth Girls' High and Boys' High site at the National Fielddays, to promote the School and Boarding Hostel. The interest from Old Boys is always very encouraging.

It is with regret we learn of the death of our oldest Old Boy, Mr Les Marfell at the age of 98.

Fijian Branch: Thank you once again for your support with Jone Nasome, attending his second year at New Plymouth Boys' High School in the Seventh Form on the Fijian Old Boys' Scholarship. Jone, along with fellow Fijian student Brian Eastgate, played a dominant roll in the First XV this year. Jone was Champion Senior Athletic student this year and has excelled academically. It is hoped the Scholarship will support another Fijian in 1996. Also noted, Darran Fisher took the Senior Swimming Championship.

Headmaster: Mr Lyal French-Wright. The Old Boys' Association welcomes the appointment of Lyal, his wife Pauline and family to New Plymouth Boys' High School and to New Plymouth from Christchurch. We wish them well in their association with NPBHS. The Old Boys' Association looks forward to giving its continued support to the School under your leadership.

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To the Headmasters, Tom Ryder (Patron), Lyal French-Wright, Staff, Board Chairman John Eagles, Board Members and PTA, thank you for your services to the School to retain NPBHS in very high esteem and also your support to the Old Boys' Association.

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.



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**A TRIBUTE TO TROY PENBERTH  
- AT NPBHS 1984-1989**

Troy was enrolled at New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1984 - a Day Boy from a good family in Bell Block. A solid, pleasant natured fellow, who didn't find class work easy, but who steadily won the admiration of those around him, boys and teachers, not because of academic or sporting prowess, but rather extraordinary qualities of character.

When he left in 1989, rarely have I helped prepare a testimonial which spoke so glowingly about the good citizen - service to the school - integrity, good humour, a concern for others and the ability to manage.

He gave four year's excellent service to our library and no Head Librarian achieved more.

He was a School Prefect and a Bus Prefect - and I'd like to illustrate Troy's qualities by examining a sample of his role as a Bus Prefect.

Being a Bus Prefect is no easy task - real leadership is often required and staff aren't on hand to help and the kudos isn't great - and youngsters coming and going to and from school on buses can be a real handful for anyone. Many a bus driver has been driven to distraction!

Early one year I received a bitter complaint from Mr Lambert, the Headmaster of the Bell Block school. He'd had a gutsful of NPBHS students. They used his school as a playground at weekends and as a thoroughfare. While waiting for the bus, they smoked, harassed the little kids, broke shrubs and cheeked members of the staff who tried to control them.

What are you going to do about this, because I've had enough? I called the bus boys to the hall and ripped into all of them. I isolated the Bell Block boys and the Bus Prefects and spelled out the complaints - and my expectations.

At the end of my tirade, I called Troy aside and dismissed the rest, with dire warnings.

Troy, the nonsense must stop. If boys ignore you and play up, I will be told about it and if I am not and there are any more complaints, I'll have your hide.

And for three weeks all was quiet. Not a complaint. I'd almost forgotten Bell Block bus boys when I received a phone call from the Bell Block Headmaster.

"You have a senior boy called Penberth?" "I have, he's a Bus Prefect - what's the problem?" "No problem Tom, I'd like to employ him!" And this story unfolded.

First he telephoned and made an appointment to see me. I was happy, things had already improved. No more trespass. No smoking, no cheek, no more vandalism. The boys were under control.

When he arrived he asked me if I'd noticed improvement. When I said "Yes" he replied "Good and if any more trouble crops up don't bother Mr Ryder, he's a busy man. Just find me and I'll fix it!" No bragging, no arrogance, just plain, matter of fact, Troy Penberth.

"By the way", Troy went on "The bus is stopping in the wrong place. We can reduce the conflict between your pupils and ours by separating them". He suggested a new stop and produced a sketch to demonstrate it!

"Some Prefect" said John Lambert, "He's better than a lot of teachers I know". And that sums Troy up.

Troy's peers used to rib him. He had a passion for freshwater fish and he was nicknamed 'Trout'.

"Trout" the boys said, is half boy, half fish and all Prefect.

I would amend that to half friend, half citizen and all man.

Today we wonder at, and mourn the untimely death of one of the finest young men to pass through New Plymouth Boys' High School.

T. T. RYDER,  
Headmaster.  
4 APRIL, 1995

**LEST WE FORGET**

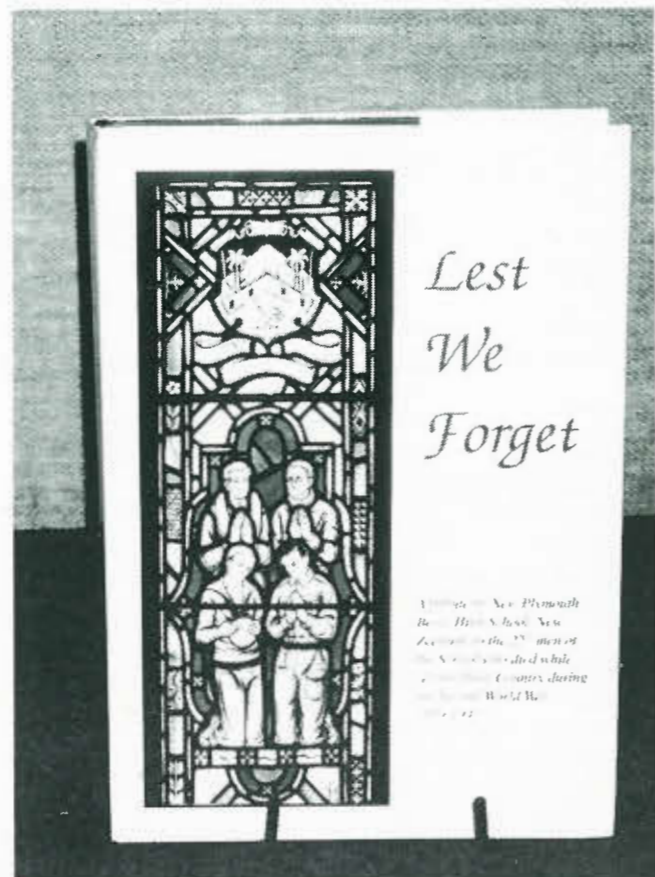
There has long been a willingness and a sense of duty to remember the men of New Plymouth Boys' High School whose lives were lost in war. No visitor can fail to be impressed by the Memorial Gate with its widely-extended arms at the street frontage, built as a tribute to Old Boys killed in the 1914 - 1918 war, nor the Shrine which commemorates those men who also paid the supreme sacrifice during the Second World War of 1939 - 1945. They are special features with special meanings of sacrifice, duty, honour, respect and remembrance and each has its own character. The first is commanding and conspicuous, overlooking a busy road where the noise and bustle of New Plymouth traffic are almost

ever-present. The second is secluded, more modest, inconspicuous even, at the centre of the School, with a fine stained-glass window facing the famous gully sportsground and its inner-room always in shadow, accessible only to pedestrians.

Old Boys promoted the building of both memorials and each year new boys learn of their significance especially on the day of our ANZAC Service when the Head Boy and an Old Boy share in wreath-laying with the cadet unit on parade and a student trumpeter playing The Last Post and Reveille. Always there are adult guests, and among them are Old Boys and their wives.

One regular supporter is Jack West whose school days go back to 1927. His links with NPBHS were broken only by the Depression and War years. His membership of the Old Boys' Association extends to the 1950s when the World War Two memorial was built to mark the 75th Jubilee. In 1979, Jack completed a memorial album started by Barrie Smith, 1970 Head Boy. It includes a photograph and brief identification of each serviceman whose name is inscribed on the memorial tablets. That album is located in a glass case within the Shrine. In 1992, the 110th Jubilee year, the Shrine was further enhanced by a striking wall memorial which honours those 63 Old Boys whose graves are unknown and who died in widely-scattered theatres of war. Together, those two enterprises led inevitably to a third and crowning memorial project.

The names on the tablets and the photographs in the album weren't enough. Who were these men? How did they get involved? What was their training and experience? Could anything of their accomplishments be foreseen from their lives at School? What were the circumstances of the endlessly repeated phrase, 'Killed in action'? When questions are asked there ought to be answers; and where better should that information be available than at the school they all attended. The purpose clarified, there was then the task of verifying the identity of every single man - from his school days, to enlistment, from training to action, and finally to death. After five years of unremitting research, recording, checking and rechecking, writing and rewriting as at May 1994, "the record is," as Jack puts it, "as complete as I can get it!"



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'Lest We Forget' is an extraordinary tribute to every single Old Boy, whether airman, soldier or sailor, killed in the Second World War. The carnage was great by the measure of any school's war dead. New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1939 was recovering from an alarming drop in its boarding roll brought about by the Depression years of the 1930s and Day Boys and Boarders together numbered 620. In 1934 the roll was only 490 and yet 227 ex-pupils from this one school, in a small provincial town in New Zealand, died for the cause of peace, freedom and democracy in places that span the entire world.

It is, in all probability, a unique publication which certainly will add to New Zealand's social and war history of the 1930s and 1940s, but which above all else is one man's tribute to his school fellows, some of whom were married with young families, some just getting started in work after years of unemployment and some who had barely dropped their desk-tops for the last time, when they were swept up in War. The biographies range from records of heroic endeavour and sacrifice to brief stories of death by misadventure. They tell of men, some of whom were 'special' as boys, and they tell of many more who were quite unremarkable as boys at school but who were extraordinarily gifted and brave in War. And in every case, whatever the achievement, 'Lest We Forget' tells of men who had a job to do and who got on with it.

The tradition of honouring the war dead will continue at NPBHS and the willingness to do so has been whetted by this remarkable mission of respect. As Headmaster, I pay tribute to Jack West on behalf of every Old Boy, Teacher, Trustee and Student of the School, and in doing so I extend the thanks of NPBHS to those family members of the deceased and the staffs of the Air Force, Army and Navy and Commonwealth War Graves Commission who so willingly provided information and encouragement to the author. Especially I do thank Terry O'Meagher for his role as a sensitive editor.

T. T. RYDER



A different kind of battle field



## OLD BOYS' NOTES

The most important event of the year was the change of Headmasters at NPBHS. All Old Boys I am sure wish to thank Tom Ryder for his outstanding contribution to the School during his seventeen years as head and extend a warm welcome and best wishes to his successor Lyal French-Wright. Despite being retired Tom will have a busy year as President of the Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand. At the time of writing Lyal has completed one term at the School and says his expectations of NPBHS being a great school have been justified and that is testament to the work of Tom Ryder and the staff he has led.

During the year a number of Old Boys have received honours and the most notable of these was Neil Waters, Vice Chancellor of Massey University, who received a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday honours. Sir Neil was born in New Plymouth and attended Awakino Primary, NPBHS and Auckland University where he gained a Doctorate in Chemistry. He now has three doctorates, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and received a 1990 commemorative medal. As a scientist he was highly regarded as a crystallographer and is the author of over 120 scientific papers. His wife Joyce is a Senior Research Fellow at Massey. When he retires this year Sir Neil will chair the Board of the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology and hopes to find time for rose growing and fishing.

Denis Lepper of Lepperton was awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours for his outstanding service to the pork industry. Denis served as Chairman of the Taranaki committee for 11 years before being elected to the New Zealand Pork Industry Board in 1978. Denis served on the board until 1990 and was Chairman from 1981-1990 and successfully campaigned for access to Australian markets and was instrumental in promoting the 'Trim Pork' campaign.

David Walter, the current Stratford District Mayor, was awarded the QSM in the Queen's Birthday honours. David has been actively involved in Local Body Government since 1974. He has given excellent service to the Stratford District, TSB Bank, Rural Health Services, Tourism Taranaki, Stratford Heritage Trail and successfully lobbied to get the Taranaki Regional Council based in Stratford.

Another man also with strong Stratford connections is Clyde Proffit who has been presented with a 50 year service badge for his work for Masonry. Well known in the Stratford and Huinga districts Clyde was born in Whangamomona and attended primary school there before attending NPBHS as a Boarder. John Honnor continues to make his mark in Surf Life Saving. Last year he was elected one of the six International Surf Life Saving Directors and this year at a ceremony held in Parliament Buildings, he was inducted into the New Zealand Surf Life Guards' Hall of Fame. John's interest and involvement stretches back to 1953 when he joined the East End Surf Life Saving Club. And speaking of life saving, our commendations must go to Paul Shearer, now a Litigation Solicitor with Govett Quilliam for his dramatic rescue of a mother and daughter who got into real difficulties in a strong rip at Back Beach.

It is pleasing to see a large number of local Old Boys standing in the Local Body elections. Standing for the Taranaki Regional Council are Ross Allen the current Chairman and a New Zealand Local Government Councillor, David Lean, the former Mayor of New Plymouth and sitting member Barry Marsh. Lynn Publitz is contesting the New Plymouth District Mayoralty and David Walter is seeking re-election in the Stratford District Mayoralty. Seeking places on the New Plymouth District Council are long serving Councillor Brian Bellringer, Lynn Publitz, John Honnor, Ian Lobb, Bruce McCreedy, Robert Sadler and Brian Bennett. Robert Sadler attended NPBHS in the late sixties and has now returned to New Plymouth after working overseas for many years in the oil industry as an oil field diver and oil company engineer. He is developing his Barrett Road farmlet at the moment but is also vigorously pointing out the possible dire effects New Plymouth will suffer when Maui A and B gasfields become empty in the not too distant future.

Ian Russell has retired after 13 years with the New Plymouth District Council as Manager of Management Services but will retain his position as Civil Defence District Controller. Ian, who is a Chartered Accountant was Company Secretary for Moller Holdings and later for Masterprint before joining the District Council. He has a great love for swimming and has had a lifetime of involvement with the New Plymouth Old Boys' Surf Club. Ian has helped organise the Flannagan Cup Swim for the last 30 years, helped

with the Sportsman of the Year competition and has managed New Zealand swimming teams. His services to sport and the community were recognised in 1987 with the award of an MBE.

Another to retire this year was Leo Walsh who was Deputy Principal of Francis Douglas College. After attending NPBHS Leo tried a number of jobs but after coaching rugby and cricket at the fledgling Francis Douglas College he opted for teaching. He has selected and coached Taranaki rugby and cricket teams and has been an outstanding administrator in both sports. He is currently in his fourth year as a New Zealand Rugby Football Union Councillor.

Two Old Boys to visit their old school during the year were former Head Boy Jason Renau and former Western Samoan student Danny Ioka. After studying Japanese at school Jason went to Tokyo to further his studies. When his Japanese was good enough he entered Saitama University where he is now in his final year studying International Politics. He also teaches English at a Junior High School and it was through this school that he visited NPBHS with a party of exchange students. Danny Ioka spent his Seventh Form year at NPBHS where he gained a University Bursary. Since leaving NPBHS Danny has gained a BA degree and is currently studying at Otago University for a Doctorate in Theology. Danny is married and has two young children.

On the rugby scene Old Boys led by former head boy Andrew Slater again triumphed in the grand final defeating Spotswood United by 14 points to 11. Prominent for Old Boys were ex-First XV players Andy and Gordon Slater, Scott Lines, Thomas Trowern, Chris Luke, Michael Carr, Dudley Asi, Dean Magon and Geoff Hall. Tragedy however overtook talented fullback Darryl Lilley who was heading for an outstanding season with both Old Boys and Taranaki, when he broke his right leg in the annual Queen's Birthday match against Wanganui. His target now is to be fit for the Rugby News Youth tour in November. Ryan Wheeler is having an excellent season on the side of the scrum for Taranaki after a season in Italy. Ryan played for the Bennetton Club in Italy as one of its two allowable overseas players, the other was former Wallaby captain Michael Lynagh. They succeeded in making the grand final but lost this match by 27 to 15 with all the points coming from penalty goals. While Ryan continues to shine on the rugby field, father John continues to have outstanding success at training winning race-horses.

Andy Slater clocked up his 100th game for Taranaki against Nelson Bays and celebrated the occasion by scoring two tries in Taranaki's record breaking 104-12 win. Also prominent this year for Taranaki have been prop Gordon Slater, rated one of the best tighthead props in the country, lock Scott Lines, flanker Ryan Wheeler and half-back Michael Carr. It is also pleasing to see Dean Magon given a chance even if somewhat belatedly in the NPC semifinal against Bay of Plenty. It is also pleasing to hear that Jed Rowlands is to coach Tukapa next season. Jed had a great run as First XV coach with the winning of the inaugural Secondary Schools' World Cup the undoubted highlight.

A number of fine performances have been registered by our golfing Old Boys with Ken Holyoake winning the Taranaki Matchplay title at the Ngamotu Links at Easter and young Rhys Watkins winning the 72 hole strokeplay classic at Westown after a superb final round of 66. In that tournament Lane Sanger finished third with Jack Kurta and Brett Lye equal fifth. Down at Manaia in the Waimate Plains championship Lane Sanger finished second and Brett Lye shot the only sub par round with an excellent 69. Jonathon Cane is doing very well in Wellington golf and is a member of the New Zealand Under 23 team.

Grant Moorehead was progressing well in the professional ranks when he was taken seriously ill in Fiji with a form of meningitis. Earlier he had lost the Western Australian Open in a play-off, won the Tahitian Open for the third time and his sixth professional victory and tied with Steve Alker in the Fijian Open. When a winner had not been found after five play-off holes play was suspended by darkness. Next day Grant lost on the sixth play-off hole but by now was very ill. Since then he has had a spell in hospital and has recovered well, resumed playing golf and will contest the Australasian circuit during the summer months. His illness unfortunately prevented him from accepting an invitation to play in a tournament in America.

Stephen Johns, now living in Glenfield, Auckland is a professional water polo coach and is coaching the NZ Under 15 team which has toured the country for training and competition. Michael Fleming, Taranaki's tennis No. 1 has broken into the NZ top 20 and is now nationally ranked at 17th. After being named Taranaki's Most

Promising Player of the Year Jamie Watkins has had five months playing cricket in Scotland. He is now gearing up for the summer season with New Plymouth Old Boys and is hoping to make the Central Districts Under 20 team and the Taranaki U-Bix Cup team.

It was great to have a visit from Martin Donnelly who came over for the Taranaki Cricket centennial celebrations and was a most welcome visitor to his old school. A number of Old Boys and former staff members turned out in the feature match associated with the centenary. They included Ross Crow, Ali Jordan, Denis Green, Colin Barclay, Lloyd Edwards, Max Carroll, Gary Robertson, Gary Bell and Peter Stewart. Gary Robertson took over coaching the Taranaki U-Bix Cup team which successfully defended the trophy on six occasions. Featuring prominently for Taranaki were two former First XI players in Russell Dempster, who had a great series with both bat and ball and batsman Peter Leach.

Craig Wadsworth (Dux 1985) picked an unusual venue for his wedding, the summit of Mt Egmont. The bridal party went to the Tahurangi Lodge on the Friday evening and climbed to the summit next day with the wedding service taking place in fine conditions at 2.30pm. Jazz musician Duncan Haynes returned home to perform in the Taranaki Festival of the Arts. Currently a music consultant at the Performing Arts School in Auckland much of Duncan's time is spent playing solo or with different groups at festivals, cafes and bars.

Congratulations to Richard Baker who made the national finals of the Apprentice of the Year Award competition. It was indeed a meritorious performance by Richard, now an electrician after being made redundant from his radio technician's job with Telecom.

The Bowl of Brooklands Trust has appointed its first paid Production Manager in David Inns, who is Production Manager for the Taranaki Festival of the Arts. It is a part-time job and David will be vigorously encouraging greater use of the Bowl.

Peter Addis, who is HOD of Maori Studies at Victoria University visited New Plymouth to deliver a lecture at the War Memorial Hall in the Winter Lecture Series. Peter's topic was 'A New Model for Maori History'.

Maurice Betts continues his career in finance and is now Manager of First Finance Limited in New Plymouth. Maurice has held similar positions with General Finance and Moller Johnson Finance. Maurice did an outstanding job as Chairman of the committee which organised new Plymouth's 150 years' celebrations. A number of Old Boys are now working for the legal firm of Govett Quilliam in New Plymouth They are Paul Anderson, Andrew Laurensen, Paul Shearer and Kitt Littlejohn.

Sadly during the year many Old Boys passed on. One of them was A. R. (Ponty) Reid who was a Boarder in Moyes House. An outstanding rugby player at school, Ponty went on to play for Waikato and New Zealand. He played 17 games for the All Blacks at halfback and captained the 1957 touring team to Australia. Standing only 1.60m tall and weighing only 60kg Ponty was one of the smallest players to don the All Black jersey.

Another loss was noted historian, journalist and former City Councillor Brian Scanlan. Brian began work as a cadet reporter with the Taranaki Herald in 1926 and became Managing Editor in 1941, a post he held until his retirement in 1961. He will ever be remembered for his many books about Taranaki which include Mountain of Maoriland, Pukekura Park and Brooklands, Egmont - the Story of a Mountain, Hospital on the Hill, Historic New Plymouth, Taranaki People and Places and Port Taranaki.

We also lost another respected journalist in Terry O'Meagher, who joined the Taranaki Daily News in 1949. After working at the branches in Hawera and Stratford, Terry spent several years in Adelaide and Melbourne working as a journalist before returning to The Daily News in 1965. He rose to the position of Associate Editor and retired in 1989. The School and its Old Boys are grateful for the assistance Terry gave to Jack West in the successful publication of the book 'Lest We Forget' which documents the careers of all the Old Boys who gave their lives in World War II. At the time of his death Terry was Editor of the Taranaki Rugby Unions publication Touchline. Terry had a life-long enthusiasm for cricket and was a very respected writer about that sport.

Jim Garcia a former Assistant General Manager of the Taranaki Education Board and NPBHS Board member died on the Inglewood Golf Course. Jim served overseas during World War II for six years. He took a great interest in golf, indoor bowls, The Masonic Lodge, Rotary and Probuss and had a life-long interest in education. Troy Penberth died tragically when he fell 25 metres from an oil

Troy Penberth died tragically when he fell 25 metres from an oil drilling rig at the Waihapa 1A site near Stratford. Troy was just 24 years old.

Sir Geoffrey Roberts was considered 'the father of Air New Zealand'. He was born in Inglewood in 1906 and his contribution to New Zealand aviation both civil and military is legendary. From early times as head of Tasman Empire Airways he demonstrated great skill in handling the political and bureaucratic intricacies of international aviation and recruiting and moulding a team of New Zealanders to run an international airline. Sir Geoffrey died in Wellsford in August 1995.

Les Marfell was the oldest Old Boy to attend our last reunion. Les, a veteran of World War I, died in September 1995 at the grand old age of 98 years. His father owned and farmed the land we know today as the Marfell Block and before that leased a small farm where today stands Rugby Park. Over the years Les gave great service to many farming organisations, The Historic Places Trust and New Plymouth's Riding for the Disabled. We also note with regret the deaths of former Moyes House Boarder and schoolboy sprinter Lloyd Shrimpton and coastal Old Boy stalwart Arthur Bell.

## TO FORM SEVEN LEAVERS

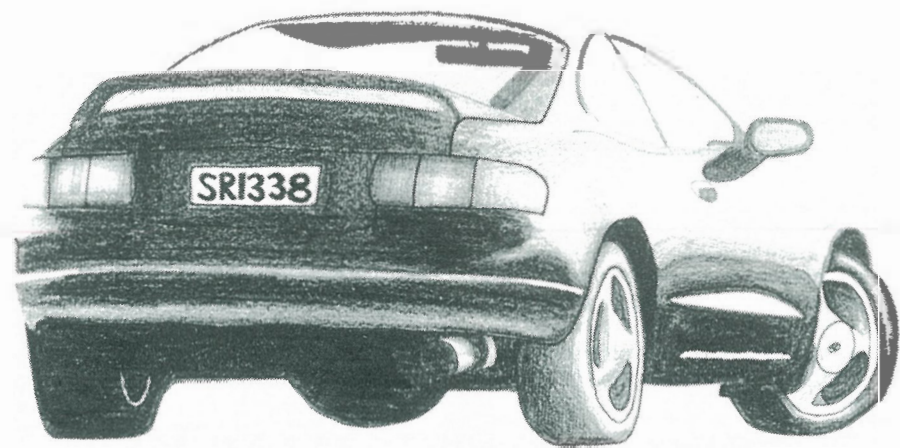
Regardless of your views of school and teachers throughout your early years here, it is quite obvious from the atmosphere that prevails in the common room that by far the majority of you do like this place that has given you five years of its life. As you read through this magazine - the final one you will receive, just take a moment and reflect back on the last five years and how quickly they have all passed. Your first day and first assembly in 1988 was a big, in some cases, daunting experience - and the size of the place, to some, must have been quite overwhelming. The new hostel boys of course will have even more special memories - their first prep sessions, the Waitangi Day picnic, the first dorm raids and so on. Part of the excitement of being new in any school is testing the rules out and testing the staff. NPBHS is no exception. We certainly have our fair share of characters on the staff - some are undoubtedly more popular than others, but all have the best interests of the students at heart. Hopefully as you depart, you will take the time to visit some of them and thank them for the time and effort they put in over the years. Quite often it is the staff who teach you as juniors who have the most profound effect on you - the ones you never forget. As you reach the senior levels with external exams and the associated pressure, the classes tend to become more serious as you strive to achieve. This is a very special school - one that not only takes its academic studies very seriously, but also one that enjoys taking part - whether it be in school productions, sports, TOPEC camps, Form Three camps, etc. All of these activities only work, and work well, because of the commitment of the staff and boys. The school is special because it is not embarrassed by excellence - it is encouraged. The tiger coat is unique - men have worn it, and continue to wear it, with pride, and its distinctive pattern is immediately recognisable as NPBHS.

It will not be until you finally depart here for the last time and mix with others from all walks of life, and other schools, that you will truly come to realise what a great school NPBHS is. Things you take for granted here - the commitment of the staff, the commitment of the Old Boys, the facilities, the standards, the grounds, the traditions, the extra curricular activities simply do not exist at other secondary schools.

This is a special school - and a school is only as good as its pupils. We thank you for your five years here and wish you well with your future studies, your job seeking and your careers. In whatever endeavours you pursue, remember the friends you made here, remember the staff who taught you and remember the skills you have learnt. We will watch your future progress with keen interest and look forward to seeing you when you make return visits to your old school.

'Et Comitae, Et Virtute, Et Sapientia.'





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