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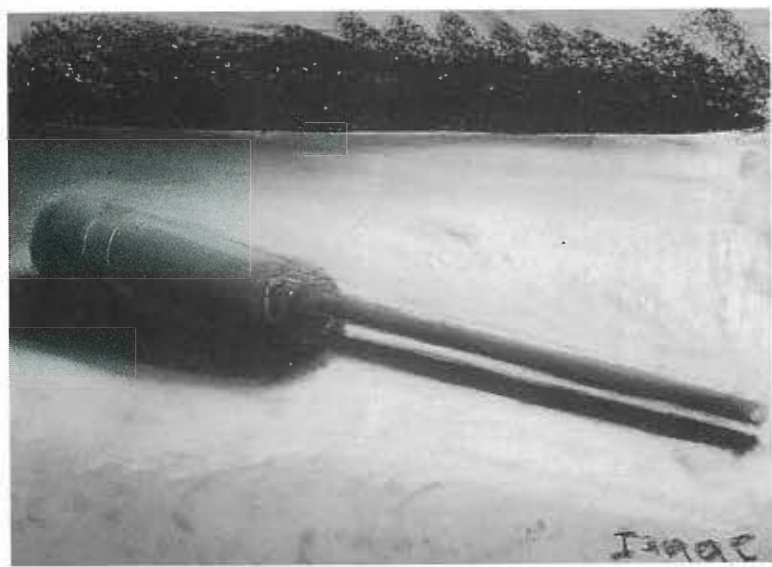




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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It has been a rewarding year for involvement by the Board of Trustees at New Plymouth Boys' High School. I would report on the following matters:

### Headmaster

Mr Lyal French-Wright is now firmly entrenched as the Headmaster of NPBHS. The school has continued to prosper with his ability to encourage and motivate the staff and students at School.

### Board of Trustees

The only change in the Board for 1996 has been the new student representative Martin de Bock. As in all previous years the calibre and input of the student rep on the Board is impressive and extremely worthwhile. The Board continued to operate its traditional Committees. Geoff Ward continued to chair the Hostel Committee and put in considerable time in respect to the hostel redevelopment. Robyn Watkins has chaired the Property Committee and the ten year maintenance plan is working well. The deferred maintenance items are slowly being completed by the Ministry. The floor in the assembly hall will be replaced shortly and we are now left with the deferred maintenance items relating to the tennis courts and gully ground. The Policy Committee in the capable hands of Flora Gilkison continues to review and adopt new policies for the benefit of the school. Greg Eden continues as Chairman of the Finance Committee keeping a close eye on the school's finances. All other Board members regularly attended committee meetings and give an invaluable contribution to the Board. Doug Harvie and John Washer as Old Boys and former boarders continue their close involvement with the Hostel. Doug Geraghty, Sue Duncan and Ken Holyoake the new members to the Board are giving major contributions in the technology, property and appointments and personnel fields. The Board is appreciative of the input from the Staff Rep, Ken Lockhart, which maintains our liaison between the Board and staff.

### Hostel

The school is indebted to the considerable work done by Murray Grimwood and the Hostel masters, especially in 1996. The hostel took in extra boys in anticipation of the new hostel buildings being completed by the middle of the year. This involved the using of the seventh form Common Room as a dormitory block to house the extra boys. Unfortunately the new hostel development is taking longer than planned as there was considerable doubt as to the suitability of the ground for the foundations of the new hostel. After receiving an opinion from the Board's engineer the Board resolved not to proceed with the original plans and are now working on new plans to rebuild the hostel on the flat ground behind the hostel kitchen. This has caused delay in the commencement of construction but the Board is still committed to commencing a rebuilding programme for the eventual replacement of Moyes and Carrington Houses. The forward bookings for the hostel are most impressive. On a recent inspection of the hostel it was pleasing to see how the boys look after the hostel property so as to keep the on going maintenance of Moyes and Carrington to a minimum.

### Property

The ten year maintenance plan instituted is being followed so that the fabric of the school buildings and school property is maintained. The Board is endeavouring to adopt a long term plan for the school buildings and development with the ob-

ject of the eventual removal of most of the relocatable classrooms facing Webster field. Unfortunately, the provision of funds for needed capital development at old established schools like Boys' High is extremely limited as government funds are being used to create new schools in the Auckland and Bay of Plenty areas. However, this will not stop the Board from proceeding to develop a long term plan.

### Staff

#### Non-Teaching Staff

The Board could not function as well as it does without the considerable assistance of the school's executive officer, Les Emslie. The considerable hours put in by Les enables the Board to be kept informed of all developments and enables the Board to efficiently operate. The Property Manager and ground staff continue to do a sterling job in maintaining the standards required for NPBHS. The office staff and all the hostel staff always perform their tasks to their fullest.

#### Teaching Staff

1996 has not been a happy year for secondary school teachers. The pay negotiations were protracted and involved the Secondary School Teachers Union requiring members to withdraw their labour and with threats of strike. The staff at NPBHS throughout these negotiations, maintained a completely professional attitude and continued to assist the students at NPBHS to the fullest extent they could.

#### Direct Resourcing

The Board early in 1996 resolved to change to direct resourcing of staff salaries. All discussions concerning this matter were completely open and the staff were fully aware of all Board considerations. The staff were opposed to the Board's decision but again their dedication to their profession would not allow the boys to be prejudiced as a result of the Board's decision. The Board is working with the staff as to the expenditure of the extra benefits to the school so the staff and the students can benefit from the extra money available. The expenditure of this money will be completely transparent and be used for the benefits of the staff and students.

#### Technology

The Technology Committee of the school has been working to develop a comprehensive technology package for the school. The Board is at present investigating the creation of an information centre at the school based in the library. Funds available to the school from the Ministry for the creation of two extra classrooms are being looked at to develop further space at the library for this information centre. This will involve the Board in considerable expenditure and development in this most important area of education. Appropriate advice is being obtained by the Board to ensure that the moneys which will be required to be spent in many fields academically, culturally and on the sporting fields. The high calibre of our senior students is again evident in the wide range of successful activities achieved at local, provincial and national level. The pride which students show in the school is impressive and makes NPBHS continue to be one of the most successful schools in New Zealand.

JHR Eagles





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**STAFF NOTES 1996**

February 1996 saw a number of new faces join the Boys' High School staff.

We welcomed John Baker from Singapore to teach Maths, Stephen Fordyce into the English Dept from Wesley College, while Nigel Hunter also came in the Maths Dept, but this time from the College of Education. John Gross joined the Science Dept from Wales, whilst Darren Joseph was a most important acquisition as a teacher of Te Reo in the Languages Dept, but unfortunately the Polytechnic lured him away at the end of Term 1. Luckily Chris Luke had not left to go overseas so he was able to step into Darren's shoes, and when he went Tihikura Hohaia helped us out until the end of the year.

During the year, one of our recent Old Boys joined the staff to teach Physical Education. Chris Pollock came in term three from Paeroa College adding to the youth of this important department.

We were also fortunate to have John Depree an experienced Maths and Technical teacher join the staff toward the end of the first term from Tokoroa. Barbara Blyth, Chris Nicholls and Monica Fenney also joined the part-time staff, Barbara to teach Maths, Chris in the technical area, and Monica to join the Home Economics staff.

There were also changes in the support staff with Mary Zurokowski joining us in Transition to replace Mandy Versteeg, and Brent Castell joining the Property Staff when Maurice Ansell left.

When Graeme Smith took on responsibility for Technology, there needed to be a new HOD Commerce appointed. That man was Graeme Yule who came to us from Palmerston North Boys' High School. He was joined by another new HOD, this time in Geography, Warren Melville from the deep south. And, of course we gained, from Spotswood College, a new senior master, Bruce Bayly, who had served on the staff for some years in the mid-1980's. We hope that all the many new staff enjoy their time at NPBHS, and we know that they will all make significant contributions to the school inside and outside the classroom.

One of the features of the work of Boys' High staff is the commitment to extra-curricular activities, and the time and effort put into cultural activities and sport enables a considerable number of students to participate in a wide variety of disciplines, giving them the opportunity to excel, not just at secondary school level, but at provincial and national level as well. So for example, we see Dale Atkins and Geoff Hall coaching the 1st XV and Ric Knight performing the same role with the 1st Hockey XI, both ensuring our best players have the opportunity to shine in their chosen sport. However, they are supported in two ways. First, from staff who spend hours out on the cold wet field either at practice or for the game working with the younger teams, the future 1st team members, and second from managers such as Hugh Russell or Bill Geange whose organisation smooths the way for players and coaches alike.

Alongside this, we also have the cultural side, with Ruth Pfister leading the debaters and actors to triumph and Mary Allan and Stuart Maunder developing our best musicians into a fine disciplined ensemble which will be a worthy ambassador for us on next year's trip to Hawaii. Acting as mentor to students also extends to the commercial field where Majid Abdul-Wahhab got the best from the Young Enterprise team

enabling them to walk the national stage again.

To all those staff who gave up their time in those fields, and who also make themselves available to students by providing tutorials as exams approach, a big thank you. Of course, staff also make their mark in other ways in activities outside the classroom. They range from the sublime, as in Jed Rowlands being appointed Taranaki Rugby coach, to the ..... Alan Elgar breaking yet more bones in the dream Team's rugby match (if we shake him, will he rattle?) Some staff even get carried away, or rather carry things away as Malcolm Rose and the tractor did with the volleyball nets on swimming sports day. In whatever area, the staff make their presence felt, although they will probably not be given the freedom of Inglewood after shaking the borough's foundations during last year's Christmas function. But, when all is said and done the hardworkers were only partying hard, and the patrons of the adjacent hotel had a real nerve complaining about our revelry!

It is inevitable that as the year goes on, some staff will leave NPBHS to move on to other schools. It is always particularly pleasing when the reason for that move is promotion. We farewelled Larry Wilson in the third term when, having decided to move to Wellington for family reasons, he was appointed as HOD Physical Education at Rongotai College. Larry has given significant service to our PE Dept. and school and he is a consideran a great asset to our department with her work in drama, both in the Form 6 course and outside the classroom, and with her willingness to try new and imaginative techniques with her students and all of this will mean she will make a real contribution at her new school.

Also at the end of the year we will lose John Gross, Justin Hyde, John Depree, and Barbara Blyth. We thank them all for their contribution to the school both in their teaching and co-curricular work, and wish them well for the future.

We cannot finish, of course, without mention of John Laurenson who was appointed Principal of Shirley Boys' High School in Christchurch and left us at the end of the third term. John has made a valuable contribution to Boys' High School, detailed elsewhere in a tribute to him, and has our best wishes for a well-deserved promotion.







## HEADMASTERS REPORT

School opened with the biggest roll ever (1184) and our enrolment scheme operating at Form 3, even though, the overall student population in Taranaki is in a downward mode. I have no doubt that this popularity is due to NPBHS being perceived as a traditional, no nonsense, sort of place that puts great value on developing the all round talents of its boys. This perception is based on irrefutable evidence that is most compelling.

Before I highlight some of this evidence I will pay tribute to the greatest single factor that keeps NPBHS to the forefront as an educational institution of real quality. This tribute is of course to the staff, both teaching and non-teaching. I have been a part of many different schools which have been exposed to the pressures of change over the past 15 years. I have never been a member of a staff that has managed to cope with so many potentially divisive pressures so well. In the last 2 years a climate of change, of industrial action, of philosophical difference with the BOT would have brought out the cynics and prophets of doom in most staffrooms. This has not been the case at NPBHS and I have nothing but the highest acclaim for the way in which the best interests of the boys have been held paramount. We are indeed fortunate with the professionalism and quality of all of the staff who make up NPBHS - teaching, support, hostel, grounds, administration and office.

At this time last year, I wrote that I was concerned about the management of aspects of the new qualifications and curriculum framework. Much that has happened in the ensuing year has answered some questions, but created many more as well.

The former Minister of Education, Lockwood Smith, had a vision of where he wanted education to go and his reforms have certainly changed the face of education in New Zealand forever. Change is inevitable, and causes discomfort, as not only teachers will attest.

My belief is that the deadlines for implementation of the frameworks were unrealistically set and have not allowed enough time for discussion on the trials of unit standards and the curriculum statements. It is only when teachers have actually been involved personally in trialling that they can really ask the pertinent questions - this should be the time for reflection and revision where necessary.

The new Minister Wyatt Creech has realised the folly of some of the deadlines and his resulting timelines have given breathing space to staff. Pressure had been created by industrial action and the framework freeze. The framework has cre-

ated enormous work-load stresses on staff and the PPTA has acted very much in the long term interests of teachers by according high priority to issues relating to this.

I would be totally supportive of all the reforms if I believed that learning would be enhanced and more young people would taste success in education rather than constant failure.

My concerns relate to a number of areas :

i. We have moved from closely prescribed, content laden curricula to process led. The emphasis seems to be in ensuring that students can work through prescribed processes, but leave the content in the background. The investigative approach is useful at times, of course, but I still believe that a body of facts or content can't be ignored. I do not hold with the notion expressed in the New Zealand curriculum that as long as a student investigates, describes and communicates, then it does not really matter what the object of the investigation, description and communication is. The fact that writers of curriculum statements have not been able to agree, on what is a basic core of knowledge, should not be an excuse for leaving it out altogether.

ii. In talking to students about the unit standard approach the idea that no merit or excellence is rewarded is seen as unfair to the better students. For many, reaching the 'standard' will be reward enough, but, for others, there will be little satisfaction in having 'passed'. They would want a chance to excel, which does not mean taking a unit standard at a high level - this means another pass only at a different level.

iii. The breaking down of the curriculum into small fragments (units) might help some children reach a standard and give success, or compound failure by increasing the number of times that a standard is not reached. The other danger here is, when we unitize a system too much, we can lose the overall view of the whole subject. The notion of overall structure or totality of a section of the curriculum is to me still very important.

iv. To ensure that unit standards have the same value or currency throughout NZ an incredible moderation bureaucracy is being set up that takes very good teachers away from the school. Assessment tasks will have to be given the OK by a local moderator for a particular curriculum area. My great fear is that assessment will become the predominant part of a teacher's life and the school day will become a programme of tests, retests, and recording of who has passed, who hasn't, who has retested and who hasn't.

v. As the demands go more and more into making sure that the system is operating well, teachers may find it harder and harder to do the things that have made many NZ schools very special and unique. I refer to the co-curricular areas that have been done so well by the staff at NPBHS. The goal of developing all round talent could be severely compromised. My concerns could be construed as putting me in the camp totally opposed to the new framework. This is not the case - I find merit in many of the changes but believe that the push to meet implementation deadlines will compromise eventual quality by not allowing enough time to debate, and discuss, after trials have been held. If a new system is to be successfully implemented it has to be properly funded in terms of staffing and resources and cannot just be seen as another add on.

There is considerable debate at present on the relative merits of unit standards in certain curricula areas. I will encour-



age such debate, but, at the same time ensure that staff at NPBHS are prepared for whatever the future holds. Whatever happens we will fight for the right to ensure that the academic integrity of our teaching is secure and that boys can indeed be extended intellectually. In my initial comments I said that irrefutable evidence would follow on the development of talent. One of the best indicators of academic progress of a school has to be University Bursary examinations. For the 10th successive year the Bursary pass rate was over 70%, and, in fact a very impressive 80% for 5 subject candidates. 27 boys gained A Bursary, 36 B Bursary and nearly all 5 subject candidates attained University Entrance equivalence. Along with this, 12 students won 15 University Scholarships making it a year that the students and staff can be proud of.

I have often believed that success academically can't be judged on what happens at school in isolation. It must be followed up by what happens when boys leave school. This is more a measure of the academic culture that encourages and pushes boys to carry on to tertiary qualification. On this basis we had 100 Old Boys graduate from NZ Universities in 1996, which is quite astounding, and a very clear indicator that boys are being exalted to seek higher things.

The high fliers in 1995 Form 7 achieved well without reaching the peak of some past years. Andrew Lynch excelled gaining 2 Scholarships to go with the one he gained in Form 6. From a teaching perspective it was good to see Scholarship success spread over so many subjects which indicates the breadth of expertise and talent among the staff. Calculus, English, Geography, History, Statistics, Physics, Graphics, Biology, Physical Education, Painting and Art History all got students to the highest level.

Despite calls from some quarters to get rid of School Certificate and Bursary examinations, because they will hamper the evolution towards a total unit standards based qualification framework, the Minister has declared that they will remain in the foreseeable future. In School Certificate the top results were outstanding but there was a considerable tail which is of some concern. Karl Larid performed outstandingly to get 446 marks out of 500 in his best SC subjects and 17 boys had scores in excess of 90%.

Nearly all subjects had pass rates in excess of the National median. These were as follows  
Art (67%), Accounting (67%), Economics (57%), Geography (55%), History (82%), English (56%), French (100%), Latin (63%), Japanese (79%), Maori (66%), Mathematics (62%), Music (70%), Science (65%), Horticulture (61%), Graphics (69%), Workshop Technology - Metal (52%), Workshop Technology - Wood (63%).

In April and May I was very fortunate to be able to visit schools in the United Kingdom, France, the United States and Australia, through the generosity of the Woolf Fisher Trust. There is no doubt that the experience of looking at the customs and practices of top schools in other countries is valuable professionally. In being able to consider the big picture of trends in education on a wider scale was an additional bonus. My overall impression is that the broad framework of NZ education stacks up against the best I have seen. The commitment of teachers in most NZ schools is outstanding and would not be matched in terms of state education anywhere in the world. We are at a cross roads in many aspects that are vital to the education of young New Zealanders and of course the countries future prosperity.

Areas that are vital.  
i. The curriculum and qualification frameworks were given

exposure earlier in these comments.

ii. The self-managing school is a fine concept as long as the resources are available to manage properly.

a. Capital works or deferred maintenance are years behind in some areas and with the number of new schools being built, especially in Auckland and the Bay of Plenty, the wait will become greater.

b. The role of the BOT has become more vital in giving strong governance. Not all schools are as fortunate as NPBHS in terms of the calibre of trustees. I will use this time to thank the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr John Eagles and the other Trustees for their commitment and energy in endeavouring to give our students the best start possible. The governance is transparent and open, as witnessed in the decision to opt into Direct Resourcing earlier this year. This decision was not popular with all staff, nor all parents, but the way in which the decision was made could not be faulted in terms of procedure. My personal view is in line with the Board of Trustees' decision in terms of self-management and about total flexibility on how to deploy our resources.

c. One of the aspects that I feel very strongly about is that of Technology education. This is an area that we can take a lead from the overseas experience. Leaders in NZ, both political and industrial, are in accord that NZ's future lies with the education system in producing young men and women who are responsive to change, adaptable, creative, hard working, committed to quality and above all, at the leading edge in relation to using, producing and being literate in modern technology. This is more than just hardware, it is a way of thinking.

The policy is outstanding, as outlined in Impact 2001 but where is the commitment in terms of resources to schools? The self-managing school should not be equated with the self-funding school. Most people realise that there is not an endless supply of funding, whether it be to health, defence or education, but I am yet to see the air force running a raffle to pay for more missiles or the medical professional doing a work day for a new x ray machine. It appears that the policy on technology has been well thought out, apart from the equity issues of funding to all schools, to enable NZ's future to be secured. This is all about spending priorities and unless there is considerable input from government, only those schools with cash reserves, access to big sponsorship, huge fundraising potential in the community, or a large number of foreign fee-paying students will be able to buy or lease the computer, cabling, and other technology hardware necessary to implement the intent of the modern curricular. There is not the commitment and the government should take the lead from other forward thinking nations like Australia, Germany, Japan, Taiwan. Investment now is essential for tomorrow's New Zealanders.

iii. One of the most vital ingredients in the whole melting pot is of course human resources. A well qualified and trained teaching force is essential, because without it, policies and initiatives that are expertly formulated will never be properly expedited. NZ teachers have been revered and sought overseas for many years because of their training, but also because of their zeal in developing the all round potential of young boys and girls. In the last few years, accountability through the performance review process has been accepted by most teachers and the latest CEC round has changed remuneration from being based on age, to being based on attestable performance.

The fact remains that although the new system should ensure that only good performing staff will progress, it does not ensure that quality staff will be recruited into teaching for a start. Recruiting from overseas is not the long term an-







swer. This is in making the profession attractive in regard to conditions and salary for a start. The recent pay round may have helped in recruitment and retention but I have my doubts whether it will bring top graduates into teaching, or retain very talented performers in the classroom. I hope I am wrong.

NPBHS is fortunate to have one of the most energetic and talented groups of teachers I have ever come across. To me a vibrant school is able to promote high performers internally or externally to other institutions. This year both Larry Wilson and Murray McKenzie have gained leadership of Physical Education Departments at Rongotai College and Hamilton Boys' High School and Keith Cave as HOD Technical at Kamo College. Maria Taylor will take up a position at Hawera High School as Assistant HOD English. John Laurenson finished at the end of Term 3 to take up Principalship at Shirley Boys' High School in Christchurch. Special mention must be made, for John gave outstanding commitment and service to NPBHS over a period of 10 years. His loyalty and energy certainly had a marked influence on the day and hostel boys of NPBHS. He made his mark here, and, he will leave his mark on his new school without doubt.

As our best wishes have gone to those leaving, our congratulations have been extended to those who have taken up positions of responsibility. Graeme Yule as HOD Commerce and Warren Melville as HOD Geography have already started to make an impact and Terry Heaps as Senior Administrator has thoroughly deserved his ascent to the rank of Assistant Principal. Bruce Bayly has brought his own style and expertise to the other Assistant Principal position since the start of the year and Neville Duckmanton will move from Christchurch Boys' High to take over from Mr Laurenson as Deputy Principal.

Leadership is important at the student level as well with the 1996 Head Boy, Calum Jamieson, leading his team of prefects with special help from the Heads of House, Hami Tamarapa (Syme), Brad Bellamy (Hatherly), Sam Hazledine (Barak) and Raymond Barnes (Donnelly). Martin de Bock was elected as student representative on the BOT and certainly took full part in all Board matters. His was an excellent appointment.

The house system operates well at NPBHS and 1996 is a special year for Syme House in particular. In all previous years the boarders, as Hatherly, have taken out the trophy for best overall house over the whole gambit of activities. This year the day boys worked very hard to oust the hostel and under Hami Tamarapa's direct approach, Syme were successful. The spirit of competition was evident in all Houses and all can take much that is positive from this aspect of school life.

Earlier on I attested to the calibre of the staff of NPBHS and their commitment to developing the all round talents of their charges. In this report I have space to highlight only a few of the outstanding performances by individuals, groups or teams in 1996. For the few mentioned here there are scores more whose success was being involved in the many activities that the staff provided.

Cameron Clow became Senior Champion in the pool at the very festive school swimming sports. The 1st XI cricket retained their premier status and started the year with a fine win against Auckland Grammar at home then a washout against Hamilton Boys' when in a winning position. Regan West and Kane Rowson were selected for the Taranaki representative cricket team but the captain Scott Henderson performed well with the bat and Blair Corlett really developed as a fast medium bowler and determined batsman. The

senior tennis team capped off a very good year by defeating Palmerston North Boys' for the first time in a number of years. Alex Reeves won the Taranaki Open Triathlon title before finishing 7th in the NZ Triathlon Championships for 16 - 19 year olds and 3rd in the NZSS Senior event. Our squash team performed above expectation at the national event. The Volleyball A side qualified for nationals again and Jai Huta sprinted well at Taranaki SS Champs to capture the 100m and 200m titles and anchor the winning 4 x 100 m relay. Over the winter Sam Hazledine won the School and Taranaki SS Skiing Championship with Phil Dwyer doing the same on his snowboard. Many more boys have opportunities to be involved in a wide range of very demanding individual and team events performed in the outdoors. The NZSS Canoeing saw Ben Scott finish 2nd in the Seniors and Troy Burbidge winning the intermediate from Carl Barnes. Simon Lepper was 3rd in the NZSS Multi-sport Senior event and the Mountain-biking team finished 9th in the NZSS Champs. Ben Alchin has met with outstanding success at speed skating and will represent NZ in the World Junior Champs in Colombia.

It gave me great pride as a New Zealander and, of course Headmaster, to send a congratulatory fax to two of our Old Boys Shayne and Darryll King on their success in the World 500 CC Motorcross Championships. Shayne was 1st and Darryll 5th in this very demanding sport that is given huge coverage in Europe.

Following an overseas trip to Australia the Soccer and Hockey 1st XI's continued on with some success. The Soccer team winning the Nimmo Cup and earning the right to compete at the top national tournament and Hockey, finishing 9th in NZ at Rankin Cup. We look forward to 1997 when our Webster Field should be adorned with a water-based hockey surface. This will make a tremendous impact on hockey in Taranaki. Matthew Burt was selected in the tournament team following the Rankin Cup finals.

There is some depth in Basketball at present as witnessed by our Top V winning the mid-Northern Zone final and the Form 3/4 team being runner-up in the Central Zone tournament. Regan West and Matthew Cleaver were the respective MVP's.

Finally our rugby codes. In Rugby League NPBHS won both senior and junior titles at the Taranaki SS Tournament and reached the semifinal of the National knockout. This fine team effort was capped off with Corey Gibson (Captain) and Hare Ruwhiu being selected in the NZSS Rugby League XIII - two of the few from outside Auckland.

The 1st XV had a very good season, winning the Under 21 grade for the 4th year in a row and having a 4 win and 2 loss record in traditional College matches. Progress to the last 8 in the inaugural NZSS Knockout was thwarted by eventual finalists Palmerston North Boys', a team we had beaten earlier in the season. Paul Tito became our 4th Schoolboy All Black which was a great honour for him and the school. The traditional game against Auckland Grammar was played at Grammar and a local derby against Francis Douglas was competed for the first time in 21 years. NPBHS were victors 36 - 7.

One of the special highlights on the calendar is the Sport and Cultural Awards Dinner. This year the 'tiger jackets' had ex Head Boy, and Ranfurly Shield captain, Andy Slater as guest speaker. The Sportsman of the Year Award went to Paul Tito and the ANZ Team of the Year went to the Golf Team. This rounded off a wonderful season for this group who finished 2nd in the NZ Championships. The team of Brent Humphries, Josh Kearns, Nathan Bennett and Thomas



Goudie were very warmly acknowledged for their achievements.

The Cultural year had many highlights as well, with Adrian Turner being voted as the Performing Artist of the Year at the Awards Dinner. Adrian was a member of the Debating Team but, as well, performed at such a high level at the Schools Shakespearian Festival in Wellington that he was selected for a national drama workshop. Debating went from strength to strength with Adrian, Martin de Bock and Matthew Crawford reaching the North Island semifinals before going down to Sacred Heart (Lower Hutt). The profile of Chess has risen locally with Martin Soh and Ian Lewis finishing 2nd equal in the Taranaki Junior event and Ian finishing 8th in the NZ Under 21 tournament. The standard of speeches at the school finals was outstanding which made it easy to see how John Tan and Andrew Gilkison took 1st place at the Taranaki speech finals. John continued on to finish 2nd in the Aotea regional finals. Tim Simpson of Form 5 finished 2nd in the prestigious Joan Faulkner Blake Memorial Short Story competition for school students.

Music has increased in strength and quality considerably this year. The Concert Band and Stage Band have performed at functions all over Taranaki and the Concert Band took a bronze medal away from the National Concert Bands Festival in Palmerston North. The year started with a very successful retreat to Konini Lodge and blossomed with the Taradale High School visit and concert. In the Westpac Chamber Music competition Edmond Wong and Craig Cochrane combined with Emily Logan of Girls' High to take 1st place with a fine performance of Handel. The range of musical talent extended to Matt Hermans, Clint Nicholas and Grady Waite who were finalists in the Smokefree Rock Quest at Hamilton. A busy cultural year finished with Pacific Island night and a wonderful expression of the cultures of the South Pacific.

In highlighting this, by no means exhaustive list of successes, I am aware of one common denominator. Dedication and involvement from boys and coaches, mentors, conductors, directors. This is what makes NPBHS a special place to be and why in our drive to reform academia we must not forget the huge value of the co-curricular. Truly providing for the development of the all round talents of all students.

Before I make some concluding remarks there are some very special accolades that I would like to give.

To a group of our students who worked with Rosemary Carter to set up a SADD chapter at NPBHS they deserve a special commendation. I applaud young people standing up and taking responsibility for changing the attitudes of their peers.

To the Head Boy, Calum Jamieson, and his Ball Committee who put together an outstanding school ball. Anybody who was in attendance would have seen young men and women enjoying a formal occasion, impeccably dressed and mature in their attitude and sense of something special.

To the Young Enterprise Scheme team who continued on the high standard achieved in the last five years with an achievement award at the finals dinner in Wellington. They gained the Ansett Sales and Marketing Award and \$5,000 of travel on the sponsor airline. Greg Lawn spoke at the dinner and was later selected to represent NZ at the USA equivalent in April 1997. This is a great honour for Greg, his family, our school family and he will represent NZ with great pride.

To John Laurenson, the staff and boys for ensuring that two very important school events went off with the sense of spirit and reverence that are expected from NPBHS. While I was overseas, the Prime Minister, Mr Jim Bolger, planted a Kauri to herald the start of the hostel rebuilding and was treated to an impromptu massed haka that had the Hall reverberating. A very memorable day at NPBHS. The next memorable event was ANZAC Day. This has always had special significance at NPBHS and this year Mr John McIntyre gave the ANZAC address. I can think of no Old Boy who has given as much to the school and he embodies the spirit and sense of service that is so special and often lacking in the so called modern age man. I have continued to be impressed by the depth of feeling that Old Boys have for their 'old school', and they speak in very endearing terms of their times here. I thank Michael Bryant for his Presidency and look forward to meeting and working with Old Boys in the future. During this year I have visited Old Boys Associations in Napier, Wellington and Auckland as well as spending 2 days at Mystery Creek with the Senior Hostel Master, Murray Grimwood. The PTA form a very vital link in providing support for the teachers and boys in many areas. This ranges from fundraising to grounds maintenance to information evenings - my recognition goes to Peter Coles and his loyal team - for their dedicated work for the school.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Headmastership at NPBHS is the level of support from the total school community. In particular the BOT have made decisions that will have a profound influence on the future of NPBHS.

The hostel has increased its numbers to an absolute maximum of 220 boys with a considerable waiting list. For the long term future to be assured a rebuilding programme is essential and the Board have called for final costed drawings for the initial stages. A major fundraising and sponsorship campaign will be co-ordinated to raise the considerable sum necessary to see NPBHS remains as one of the most desirable boarding institutions in New Zealand. We will rely heavily on the goodwill of Old Boys and in particular, Boarding Old Boys, to secure the hostels future.

In my earlier comments I voiced my concern about the lack of funding for technology from Central Government. Despite my reluctance to commit NPBHS to sponsoring technology, I can't wait for externally funded resources to suddenly appear before acting. Today's boys deserve the modern accessories necessary to implement a modern curriculum. A consequence of changed staffing formula last year has allowed us to build two new classrooms. The BOT have accepted that the priority is for a modern information technology centre based on the present library. This very exciting development will see a second story put on the library to house two computer rooms and a computer technician office.

I am confident that NPBHS can look to the future as a very modern school with the support of a traditional foundation.

L R French-Wright  
Headmaster





## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1996 became a year of challenges for me, especially after being elected on to the Board of Trustees. I was immediately thrown into the midst of school decisions, having to express my opinion for opting into Direct Resourcing - not easy for someone who knew practically nothing about the issue only two weeks before.

However, the professional and friendly Board is a tribute to the school and they were a guide in the dark. The amount I learnt over the year was amazing and the experience was worthwhile for the effort.

The fact that no-one voiced their concerns at a student forum complimented the way in which this school's Board naturally holds the students interests as their first priority. This makes New Plymouth Boys' High School an excellent environment for students, and ensures that this will continue in the future.

The future for New Plymouth Boys' High School looks exciting with projects being undertaken in the new hostel and technology centre. The Student Representative for 1997 will have an excellent experience, as I have, and will learn much - not just in education jargon, but organisation and meeting skills.

It has been an honour to be the Student Rep in 1996. I would like to thank Mr Lockhart and Mr Emslie for their guidance and patience and anyone else who has supported me during the year - including my family and friends. I would also like to take this opportunity in congratulating Calum as Head Boy, and Brad, Sam, Hami, and Raymond as Head of Houses on excellent leadership during the year, and their contribution to the spirit that makes this great school what it is.

Martin de Bock  
Student Representative

although ending up by being unsuitable meant that the architect's and hostel committee had to go back to the drawings books and will no doubt eventuate in the most productive and functional hostel in the country. With these two plans expected to be work of '96 no other big property advancements were undertaken. In that respect I would say that this year ended up by being very valuable as it enabled the Board to have a good look at the overall running of the school and it's efficiency. This years prefects were paramount in the schools running, both Day School and Hostel. They easily equalled the precedent set by last years. Maturity is easily measured in boys, who through accomplishment and achievement continue to strive for excellence however, - measured in men who without recognition, praise, and achievement display pride and leadership. The school was fortunate this year to have had a number of these such men. To Paul Tito, Brad Neilson, Richard Mills, and Brian Lewis for your high standards and general excellence around the school, I thank you for your service and wish you all the best for the future.

N.P.B.H.S is always successful in terms of sporting and cultural activities, and 1996 is no exception. The First XV ably led by the experienced Johnny Weston again dominated in both Taranaki Secondary Schools and the Under 21 competition beating Stratford in a nail-biter on finals day. In college matches they came against some very good sides and in a couple of instances were unlucky not to come out the victors. All in all a very successful season which laid foundations for a very close knit unit in '97. Individually, Johnny Weston made the Northern Regions "A" side and was named captain of the Northern Secondary Schools Tournament team. Paul Gibbs and David Gibson played exceptionally well for Taranaki U16's and Fifth formers Bryce Robins and Carl Barnes displayed maturity beyond their years and both have great futures ahead of them. The pinnacle was of course Paul Tito making Northern Regions "B" side and then the N.Z secondary Schools side. An excellent effort Fish. The First XI Soccer had both an eventful and interesting season. Although not finishing as high in local or national competition as we would have liked or had the potential to, a very enjoyable season of top level football was played by all. The high-



## HEAD BOY'S REPORT

Just prior to the Awards Dinner in October Mr French-Wright told me his goal is to write the longest speech given by a Headmaster. I was quick to inform him that Mr Ryder upon leaving last year in his hostel farewell spoke for an hour and fifty-two minutes. I think I frightened him! He was unable to compete with this marathon innings, so like many events in the school that responsibility rolls off his huge shoulders and... well onto mine! In terms of things to talk about I could match Mr Ryder's effort on just one term, however Mr Ryder's ability to hold an audience's attention is far superior to mine so I will do my best with my limited ability trusting you will stick with me in moments of exaggerated silence. 1996 will definitely go down in the books as my greatest year. A year in which I had the pleasure of representing N.P.B.H.S as the Head Boy. 1996 will also go down as a year in which the school went ahead in leaps and bounds. The finalisation of the proposed "water-turf" on Webster was a success, not only for the school, or Hockey but it was also a success for the province in general. No doubt by the start of next season it will all be functional and we will have a international arena at our school. The excavation of the site for the new hostel,



light of the season would be the Australia trip and winning the Nimmo's cup against Stratford. Damien Bryson was also named player of the tournament for Central Regions Under 17. The First V Basketball were also unlucky in national competition not being able to display their potential due to a strong qualifying region. Congratulations goes out to the team and especially Andrew Oakenfull who was named in the Regional Tournament team. The First XI Cricket this year retained their place in the Premier grade. An excellent effort. Congratulations to Regan West who made the N.Z development Squad. The First XI Hockey had one of the most successful seasons in history as far as national tournament goes finishing a very credible ninth at the Rankin tournament. Matthew Burt was also named in the tournament team, congratulations to Matthew and the team and best wishes to all those leaving the side this year. To the individual champions, Cameron Clow, 1996 Senior Swim Champion, Jai Huta, Senior Athletics Champion and Mark Fisher, Senior Cross Country Champion, an excellent effort all round. The dedication shown to achieve these goals is immense and a credit to your willpower, early mornings swimming daily sprint training and hours of lawn mowing enabled you to achieve this and my congratulations to you all. The most successful sports team of the year was rightfully awarded the ANZ trophy in appreciation of this. To Mr Mossop and the senior Golf team, an excellent season was topped off by coming second in the national tournament - not bad for a side without a single seventh former. To Brent Humphreys and Nathan Bennett who both represented Taranaki in the senior mens team and were selected for the national coaching clinic, a great future lies ahead and it begins with your return in '97 The high level of sporting ability in this school becomes more apparent with each success, and this is no doubt how we as a school are judged, yet the fundamental reason for schooling is in preparation for life. So in that respect, a code or discipline in which you learn growth, dedication, and patience, - is a very valuable arena to enter into. To the Young Enterprise team (Taranaki Piping Products). Well Done. Making sixth in the country is no easy feat and to almost equal last years achievement is excellent and a precedent that will no doubt be adhered to. Special congratulations must go to Greg Lawn who has been picked to represent New Zealand in Cincinnati early next year for his outstanding skills. This years awards dinner was again held to congratulate all those Tiger-coat winners. Guest speaker was Captain of Taranaki "A" and retired Head boy Andrew Slater. The evening was also used to present the Sportsman and Performing Artist of the year awards. The sportsman was a speechless Paul Tito and Performing Artist was the always vocal Adrian Turner. In another field of performing arts, the Island boys and the girls of both Girls High and Sacred Heart put on a very entertaining evening of dancing, singing and the odd Haka. Congratulations to Karl Alatoa and Crispin Laka prime forces in the evening's organisation. To the men of the school who stepped off the sports field in favour of the catwalk, congratulations. Bizarre Virtuoso, the Girls High School fashion parade was a very fine tuned affair, and a big thanks to all the effort put in. However I hasten to add that a couple of individual performances in the life-style sports section were the highlight of the evening. Possibly more entertaining than the evening itself was the practices leading up to it, nevertheless in the end Jason Luff and Simon Pickering ensured they will always have an extra career path to follow if all else fails Planning is at the heart of every healthy organisation. At its highest level it is referred to as a "vision" and at its every day level is no more than organ-

ising tomorrow's business. The 1996 Senior ball was another of these finely-tuned evenings. "Gardez Bien" as it was named, was a very extravagant evening in every way, from the individually wax-sealed tickets to the haggis and the chandelier designed, built and electrocuted... executed by the multi-talented Peter Donovan. To the other key players in the event Brad Bellamy, Anton Berndt, Dayne Matthews, and David Slade the evening belonged to you. Your service and inspiration was invaluable, thank you for insuring the proceedings were of the highest possible standard. This along with every interaction with the Girls High School was very well attended and behaviour was exemplary. To the Head Girl of Girls' High - Fiona Washer, thank you for all the time you put into the various activities, and all the help you were given by your seventh form. To the Day-School your organisation and enthusiasm was immense and you should be congratulated on an excellent effort in the Crammond Cup. The leaders Raymond "The Caretaker" Barnes, Hami "Snapper" Tamarapa, and Sam...well, ... Sam Hazledine Thank-you very much for the support and comradeship. A big congratulations must specially go out to Hami, his Prefects and Syme House on an almost perfectly executed house competition. To the Hostel, their leaders, staff, and families. A special congratulations on a memorable year. From the third form teams annihilation of Palmerston North, to the Day-boys/Boarders win, a very prosperous year was had by all.

To the members of the tireless Board of Trustees, the PTA, the office staff, the school staff, and the wider school community. I thank you for the support you continually give the school and to me this year, for you are what keeps the school as steady as possible. Because as Mr Laurenson would say "Real Boats Rock" To my family thank you for all the support this year as well as Mr French-Wright, Mr Bayly, Mr Bryant and Mr Ryder, the advise, experience, and direction obtained proved invaluable. Possibly the job I found hardest this year was to be impartial in the House Competition. To hand the reins over to Brad Bellamy was extremely difficult. The only thing that made it easier was that he was pulling and he is far stronger than I. I thank Brad for his patience at the beginning of the year, and also his comradeship. I would not have been able to do it without a more mature and honest sidekick. Thank you Brad for a very successful year that had many ups and downs. The downs always looked to heavy and the ups always seemed too few and far between, Brad you were always there for me and I will one day repay that. To the boys leaving, I wish all the best for the future, to the ones staying I trust in 1997 and beyond the school will continue to progress, develop, and achieve in all areas and that those who enter... To the men of the school you all must be congratulated on your patience, understanding and maturity. The general all-round behaviour of the school and the respect shown this year was of the highest standard. Best of luck to all in the exams coming up, and I hope all realise the virtues in study. For we are judged by our actions not our intentions, we may have a heart of gold but so does a hardboiled egg. Finally to the men of the hostel whom I have grown up with and to those who I may have only met this year. Thank you to you all, for you are who stand apart and are always the first of the "men" of the school.





**NPBHS PREFECTS 1996**

**Back Row:** N Cooper, D Oldridge, P Walden, C Twaddle, S Cleaver, J Parsons, B Scott, C Clow  
**Third Row:** N Kinera, L McLeod, G Lawn, J Tan, M Woodward, R Laurenson, J Hamblyn, D Marshall, S Henderson  
**Second Row:** A Turner, S Boxer, N Whitwell, D Matthews, D Williams, S Pickering, C Barnes, J Clough, M Burt, B Smith, A Berndt  
**Front Row:** D Slade, J Huta, S Hazledine, R Barnes, B Bellamy, Mr L French-Wright, C Jamieson, M DeBock, H Tamarapa, T Martin, G Fabish



**NPBHS COUNCIL 1996**

**Back Row:** Mr M Grimwood, Mr R Turner, B Pollard, H Corkin, B Schurr, J Tilyard, C Neighbours, L Gibson, Mr K Gledhill  
**Middle Row:** J Tan, S Theobald, Mr T Heaps, Mr D Atkins, Mr B Bayly, Mr J Laurenson, R Eagles, B Lewis  
**Front Row:** D Marshall, S Hazledine, R Barnes, B Bellamy, Mr L French-Wright, C Jamieson, M DeBock, H Tamarapa, P Walden



**HEAD BOARDER'S REPORT**

For many years the hostel has showed and proved itself to be the 'heart of the school' this can be said in 1996. Reflecting back on my time in the hostel I can say that I have seen change, changes in both the setting and the people. In 96, just as the years before the hostel has had a set of objectives, and one of them was to claim the interhouse competition for the 11th year in a row. However this objective has proven to be a challenge, as all objectives usually are. My congratulations go out to Hami, Sam and Raymond for proving that day boys are able to work magic when there is the right support behind them. School champions came a little thin this year because of the immense competitiveness. Congratulations goes out to Paul Gibbs for gaining the intermediate athletics champions title. The hostel did work well together however to come out winners in the cross country by a phenomenal margin. Success in the hostel however was not scare. Again the new third formers proved themselves as worthy boarders, and produced a strong 3rd form boarders rugby team. The Niger House team was given the advantage of a home game and under the guidance of S.Pickering, P.Whittaker, G.Crofskey, M.Campbell and G.Lawn the team was in good hands. The team did not let themselves or their coaches down. Captained by J.Caskey and with good games coming for Adam Fleming and Nicho Richoti. In the end a game of high calibre was witnessed by all, with the team combining to add another win under the New Plymouth column. Once again 96, just as in 95 there were staff changes. The end of 1995 saw the farewell of Mr Kirk, a loyal hostel man. In his place saw the introduction of Mr Allan Elgar, Mr Elgar proved he too could fill the mould of a hostel master and soon got into the flow of things. Mr Hugh Russell took over the job of Mr Kirk, which of course meant extra responsibilities and hassle, but being Mr Russell made the most of his opportunities and again lifted the house to new heights to once again gain the Carroll Cup trophy. Another staff change saw the hostel farewelling Mr Larry Wilson, and although his stay was only a short one again his presence was felt. In his place came the multi talented Mr Ric

Knight. We also had to farewell Mrs Bernet, the assistant matron and wish her all the best for future endeavour. Mrs Evans took over the duties of Mrs Bernet and settled into the swing of things soon enough. Although there were changes, something's remained the same and one of these was the annually held Day-boys vs Boarders rugby game. From the start the team was faced with difficulties and found that a number of key players would be absent for the game due to their commitments to the Taranaki U16 team. However we had to move on and it was here that the depth of talent in the hostel was called upon. The game was to be a test for the boarders. Pride, guts and glory are three words which I think summarise the games and each one of the 21 member squad can be congratulated for their flair and enthusiasm. Led by the in form 'Fish' Tito the boarders played with the heart of the school behind them. Fish being the only try scorer for the boarders the remaining points came from the boot of the talented youngster Marc Feather. The hero of the day. Slotting kicks from all over the paddock. A final and well deserved 16 - 13 win. Positions in the school's top sports teams were once again supported by the presence of many boarders. Special mention must be made to our sportsmen of the year, Paul Tito, vice captain of the 1st XV, was notably rewarded for his efforts with his selection into the Northern Regions B team and then came his selection into the New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby team. The pinnacle of schoolboy rugby in New Zealand. Well done Paul. Also to Paul and Paul-Gibbs for their selection in the Taranaki men's seven squad. Andrew Oakenfall our new recruit from our rivals PNBHS helped strengthen our 1st V and made an impact on the local scene with his selection into the regional tournament team. Culturally once again Greg Lawn displayed his talents as a young businessman, but this year was not alone as the talents of other entrepreneurs were discovered. Well done to those involved in the Taranaki Piping Products 'success'. Academically we will soon learn how we all perform. However despite everything a special thanks must go to the hostel prefects. Once again the maturity and companionship you showed towards each other was nothing short of remarkable. I personally owe a great deal to these men, who rode the ups and downs of prefectship throughout the year. The hostel and myself thank you. The hostel would be directionless without you steering the way. The prefects for 1996 were: Paul Walden (HOC), Simon Pickering, Greg Lawn, Mitchell Campbell, Brad Newland, Richard Mills, Richard Lawn, Greg Crofskey, Ross Moir and Nigel Dickenson in Carrington and in Moyes Dean Marshall (HOM), Phillip Whittaker, David Williams, Harley Huston, Quentin Brears and Peter Donovan. Although not all badged school prefects your efforts were not missed. A special mention must go to Calum also, a hostel boy at heart Calum was granted the position of Head Boy early on and has proven his leadership to us all. I thank you personally for your support and congratulate you on behalf of the men of the hostel. To those returning next year, I wish you all the best and hope the time you have left here at Boys' High is 'quality'. To those leaving, the youngest in the line of proud old boys' I wish you all the best for the long lives that you have in front of you. Take what you have learnt here and use it. Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you do with what happens to you.

BR Bellamy





**NPBHS HEADS OF HOUSES 1996**

**Back Row:** H Tamarapa, S Hazledine  
**Front Row:** M DeBock, R Barnes, Mr L French-Wright, C Jamieson, B Bellamy

**SYME HOUSE REPORT**

1996 has proved to have been an outstanding year for Syme House. Quiet efficiency has produced success in the House competition and at the time of writing Syme House is on the brink of winning the House competition, an unprecedented event in the school's history. With a lot of fun, and a bit of hard work the house has been rewarded with many fine results, due in very large measure to the outstanding leadership skills demonstrated by the prefects and senior students of the house.

We began the year confident that we could compete with the favorites Hatherly and Donnelly, and perhaps cause a few upsets along the way.

The first test for Syme House came with the swimming sports, where we competed beyond expectation and finished an admirable second. With recent history behind them, the boarders were justifiably confident going into the House competitions second event, the athletics sports. As results would show, history counted for nothing that day and Syme House went on to cause the first of its' many upsets. Excellent results in the championship events ensured victory, with the non-competitors having an enjoyable day at the tabloid sports. After such a high the House fell to its' first disappointment with a third placing in the cross country due to a lack of numbers. The Haka brought the best out of the house in 1996, where we performed with pride and distinction. It can confidently be said that it was the best performance by Syme House over my five years at school. Special mention must be made of the senior students, whose efforts insured that the haka has gone on to be the one of the highlights of our year.

As usual we competed with distinction in the minor events, with great wins in the volleyball, soccer, and basketball, with small upsets coming from the rugby teams and the hockey team. Special mention must be made of the tug of war where both the juniors and seniors won comfortably in style. How-

ever we discovered a lack of depth in golf and badminton in the house, but those that competed battled on, and earned valuable points for the house.

With less than eight weeks to go in the House competition, Syme House has managed to pull out to a ten point lead going into the final events. The results in the cricket, tennis, touch and the league will ultimately decide this years winner, but it can already be said that Syme House has exceeded all expectations, and no matter the result, we can justifiably be proud of our performance this year. Although, not the favorites at the start of the year, we have shown that with our united and never say die approach anything is possible. Our goal to have fun and not necessarily win has made 1996 very enjoyable.

For me the highlight of the year, was the Day-Boys vs. Boarders rugby game. The memories of the game will be everlasting. For the first time that I can remember the day school stood united, and took on the challenge from the far more fancied boarders. Both boarders and day-boys challenged each other with haka which created history in its self, and the game could not have been closer. My congratulations to the boarders whose defiance and spirit has kept them at the heart of this school, your undoubted commitment and dedication will always insure that NPBHS stays great.

1996 was a great year, and I wouldn't have wanted to work with anyone else but the prefects of Syme House. Thanks to J.J, Peanut, Chris, Ben, Derek, Dayne, Nick, Woody, John, and Luke, and also to Reggie and Andrew Wilson who both left the house during the year. You have made an outstanding contribution to the House, your energy, commitment to excellence and pride will be sorely missed when you leave the school at the end of the year. Special thanks to Mr Harland, Mr Smith, Lewis, Tama, Anthony, Rolly, Paul Walden, Bryce, Mr Hall, Mr Gledhill, Mitch, Pickers, Callum, Sam, Brad, Barnsey and the many others whose support this year and in previous years has



made my position so much easier. Being the Head of Syme House was an enjoyable experience, I would like to thank the whole of Syme House, whose enthusiasm and support made this possible. My many thanks to Mr Turner, who gave me the opportunity to be the Head of House and for all the help and support you gave me through the year, and also to Mr Bayly, Mr Laurensen and Mr French-Wright whose advice and wisdom kept me on track.

To next year's leaders, your selection is an honor and an opportunity that should not be by-passed. Be yourself and most importantly have fun. It is your chance to make a difference.

To the school I extend my very best wishes and every success. Maintain the traditions, the history, the pride and the successes, and New Plymouth Boys High School shall always be amongst the very best schools in New Zealand.

"ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA"  
COMRADESHIP, VALOUR AND WISDOM

H TAMARAPA  
HEAD OF SYME HOUSE 1996

**BARAK REPORT**

I began 1996 with a bright outlook for Barak House, not to necessarily win the house competition but to get full Barak participation and enjoyment. Looking back on an eventful year I feel I can safely say that Barak House gave it best and consequently a good time was had by all.

The House competition at Boys' High is a great competition which provides added interest and excitement to the school year. This year in particular the house competition is the closest its ever been and it looks as if a day house may take the title off Hatherly, sorry about that Brad but the day boys are just too classy, not to mention the fact that as I write this, Barak House is in the position to hold on to third place this year, a position that has eluded us over the past couple of years.

From Barak's grand entrance at the swimming sports and our wins in the volleyball and basketball, to our huge participation in the athletics day, Barak has done exceedingly well this year. I'm not going to make distinctions between those who achieved highly in the sports events and those who just gave their full participation as I believe each is as important as the other. To Barak House, I thank you for your commitment.

Our haka this year was also a great effort. The house really got its heart into it and we did ourselves proud in the haka competition. A big thanks has to go out to Roly and Jai for getting the house fired up and motivated to do the haka so well.

A big thanks has to go to the "big man" Mr Atkins. Thanks very much for giving me the opportunity to become Head of Barak House and thanks for the never-ending support you have given me this year. Your casual yet motivational way of putting things gave the house no end of encouragement this year (like the way you described to us the "stance" to use when doing the school haka).

We had a great bunch of prefects this year who were instrumental (if not punctual to house assemblies) in helping me keep the house on track this year, so I extend my gratitude to Jeremy "Spud" Parsons, Nathan "Chunky" Kiner,

Clinton "Chesty" Katene, Scott Henderson, Troy "Spud II" Martin, Bevan "Beuan" Smith, Ramond "Labbo" Laurensen, Jai Huta, Josh "Grasshopper" Hamblyn, and Adrian Turner (and well done to Adrian on getting performing artist of the year). I'd also like to thank Brad "Cyril" Nielson and Brian "Roly" Lewis for their never-ending commitment and help this year, I appreciate it. Brad and Roly were always the first people to offer their help whenever there was a job to be done.

In addition I'd like to thank the seventh form of 1996 and in particular the other three Heads of Houses, Arnie, the Caretaker, and Hami the stick features, the student Rep, Martin, and the Head Boy, Jamo. I've had a great year working with you guys and I wish you all well for the future. Although you're a great bunch of guys, I'm convinced you haven't a clue about the course of justice. I'm sure I was innocent in our Kangaroo Court Case and Cameron Clow was the real guilty party.

Finally, I'd like to thank my group teacher, Mr Gross, and also my group room. Mr Gross, it has been a pleasure working with you and seeing just how much you put in to the school. I wish you the very best in the future.

To the Head of Barak House in 1997, I congratulate you and wish you well. Remember it is a challenging task and take all the help and advise that you can.

I wish New Plymouth Boys' High School the very best for the future and I hope the school continues to strive for excellence. Thank you to a school that has given me so much.

SAM HAZLEDINE

**DONNELLY HOUSE**

For all my time at Boys' High the day houses have been condemned to the Bridesmaid position with Hatherly House always pulling through in the end. Well 1996 was the year for the dramatic turnaround. Hami 'the eel' and the boys from Syme House have done the inconceivable and all but beaten the mighty Boarding Establishment. A huge congratulations from myself and Donnelly House. As for Donnelly House. After a very close second last year you could say 1996 was a disappointing year but I think it would be fairer to say that maybe the other houses have improved a little more than we did. Overall we still had a really enjoyable year and there was a lot of consistency. Our swimmers produced another 'biggy' to win the Swimming sports. A superb start to the year for the boys in blue. While we managed to hold onto our spot of last in the haka competition that's true consistency. A big thanks to all those who turned out for all the sporting events both competitors and support. With your willingness and a great team of prefects it made my job as Head so much easier. The house performed with a great deal of creditibility and I think that is a true reflection of the people in Donnelly. I have to thank everybody for making 1996 something special to me especially Simon, Anton, Burtty, Spaceman, Coops, Clowy, Jimmy, Martin, Barnesey, Scabby and of course Muzza for their fantastic efforts in controlling the Blues Brothers of '96. I'm not much for giving advice but for next year I wish everybody good luck and I hope that you all up hold that special school spirit as we have this year.

The Caretaker





**VALE J B LAURENSEN**

John Brown Laurenson joined the teaching staff at NPBHS in 1985, at a time when the school was rapidly expanding. He came from Gore, about as far from New Plymouth as you can get without travelling abroad, but my own Southland origins made inquiries easy. He had a good degree, was a very capable teacher of geography, a fine debater and public speaker, a seasoned rugby coach and in particular a hostel master at Gore High School - with gifts very likely to be invaluable to our boarding houses. I checked as much as I could and an old colleague and 1st XV coach at Southland Boys' High gave me this insight: "His teams are unsophisticated, but they are extremely fit and hard. Every player tackles low, the forwards ruck like maniacs, and they hate losing!" Such a man clearly had a place here. There was one other quality John possesses that made him particularly attractive to John McIntyre, the Board Chairman of the time. When we talked about Mr Laurenson's prospects as a master here it was his Scottish background that had immediate appeal. I described him to the Chairman as a man devoted to physical fitness and work, impassioned - an ascetic, outer-islander smelling no doubt of oats, peat, seaweed and smoke - JV McIntyre almost pulled on his tam-o'-shanter to go and get him personally!

As Head of Geography and Senior Hostel Master, John's impact was immediate and telling. He handsomely fulfilled every expectation. His devotion to his duties and his commitment to the boys and their welfare became legendary. His students, successive Second XV's, debaters, public speakers, but especially the Boarders flourished as they responded to his persuasive and unbending insistence on good behaviour, hard work, high personal standards and success. No task was too great, and nothing daunted him - long hours, broken sleep, the needs of the very young and the aspirations of the elder boys, the demands of Headmaster - all were grist to his mill. Just how he did it all on an intake of boiled water and without lunch - no one knows!

He gave me only one serious concern and that was his addiction to running. But then marathon running by staff members became a contagion in the late 1980's. The masters were all at it - even Miss Mabin and Les Nials, the caretaker, were addicts. I used to worry at nights about all that energy evaporating skywards - all lost to NPBHS! But finally it was diverted, in John's case, to thousands of press-ups and countless laps of the swimming pool - thankfully on site, and in the main, completed at weekends and holiday time.

The first five years went quickly and we farewelled JBL at the end of the 1989 for some 'off- site training' as Senior Master at Napier Boys' High. Within two years he was back as Deputy Headmaster, succeeding Lynn Bublitz who had become Principal of Inglewood High School. That was a very hard act to follow. This school has been blessed by many outstanding Deputy Heads, and John added to the lustre. He was, in his own words, 'Back home' with his wife,

Anne, and the boys : Matthew, who became Head Boy in 1994, Raymond a Prefect in 1996 and Brandon who joined the school this year.



Forever meticulous and thoughtful about the day-to-day running of the school, John's administration was painstaking, and thorough. He came early and left late, available to everyone : student, colleague and parent alike. His fair treatment of boys, his understanding of them and his colleagues and his thoughtfulness for their needs was of the highest standard and unflagging. Whatever he could do to contribute to the service and reputation of a fine school he would do. Basketball, for example, was languishing after the departure of the 1st V Coach, Angelo Hill, and John came to me in 1993 with a plan to provide management that would return the first team to the top level of Secondary School performance. By 1995 we were again contesting the National Finals.

His crowded office, like the man, bristled with preparation, and exhortations. The walls were lined with books, photographs and dictums. The door was given to warnings to be diligent and fearless in learning and succeeding. Those early arrivals and often late departures used to make boarders, in particular, speculate that maybe he never went home! One day a junior was putting such a theory to me, when he was rebutted by another who said "Mrs Laurenson wouldn't let him get away with it and anyway where would he lie down?"

We shall forget his passion for the pessimistic ramblings of TS Eliot, but we shall miss the French and Latin epigrams appended to his notes and letters. 'Vogue a gallère' was his favourite and he never used "Que sera sera". John, while serious, is an optimist. It is always "let's get on with it - come what may". The idea of bowing to the inevitable has no truck with him. Shirley Boys' High School is about to welcome its fourth headmaster - and it is that school's good fortune that it has won for itself, a dynamic force - that remains in the mould of 'let's up and at em' as the rugby coach of his youth, I predict Shirley Boys' High is in for a renaissance with such truths as 'nihil bono est sine labore' soon to be familiar and lived out at every level.

We give thanks to John and to Anne (who so diligently and so well acted as a relief teacher) for ten years outstanding service. The School will clearly miss the teacher, the manager, the mentor and friend, but another generation of boys, this time in Christchurch, is about to benefit from a top-flight leader eager to come to grips with his greatest professional challenge.

T T Ryder  
Headmaster NPBHS (1979-95)

*FAREWELL My time at NPBHS is now over and in turn I experience intense feelings as I look back and contemplate my time at this special school. What has 'School' meant for me? Bluntly, more than near anything that I have encountered in a life that has seen me wander from place to place, never willingly putting roots down. Never that is, until I came here in 1984. I found in this special place, a point in the turning world, here was energy, a maelstrom within which things happened, things that were at once wild and frantic and terrible and daunting. I was quickly caught and the ghosts came whispering, telling me of the tapestry that is the soul of this place. Consider that tapestry for a while and you will see, as I did, the things that make up the fabric of NPBHS the warp and weft of life, threads of success and failure, threads of regret and exultation, a tapestry that reveals where to stand and grow, that reveals much when guidance is needed, that gives return when reminder is required. NPBHS trains, in many many ways, then it urges departure, that is the way of things. Know NPBHS for what it is ; a base upon which to stand and begin, a source of strength from which survival and more is possible, a source of ends which motivate. Farewell 'School'! The ghosts that walked here, walk here still. Listen as I did to their whispers, learn then leave, but continue to draw strength from them and the tapestry they weave. I do! John B Laurenson September 1996*



**Sportsman of the Year**  
**PAUL TITO**



**Performer of the Year**  
**ADRIAN TURNER**

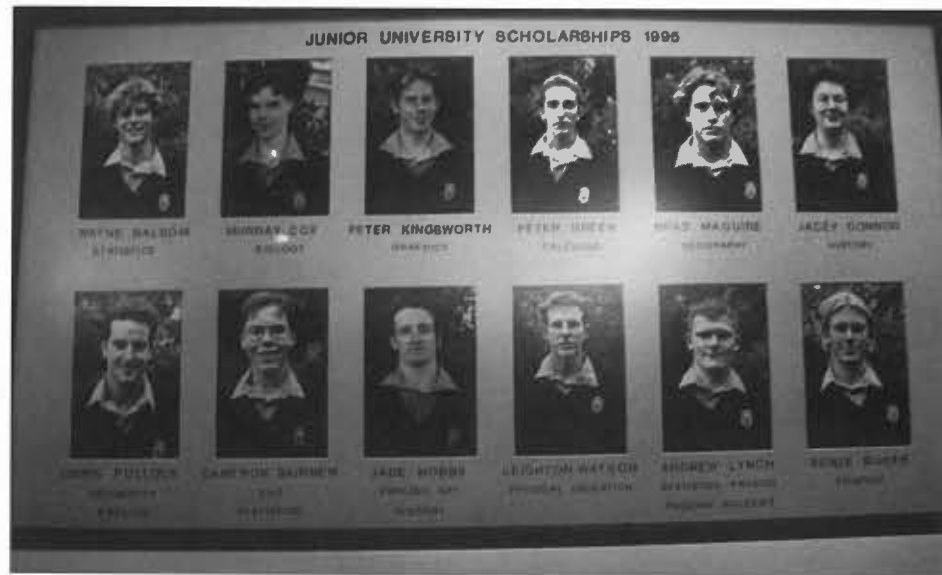


**ANZ Team of the Year - Golf**





## Junior University Scholarships 1995



## 1996 Graduates

NEW PLYMOUTH BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL

### Massey University

Beaven, Stephane Barry - DBS, Real Estate-  
Boniface, Alan James - BBS International Business - 1981  
Brennan, Timothy John David - DBS,  
Information Systems - 1968  
Brough, Adrian Craig - BAppleSc - 1985  
Brown, Kerrin James - Dip Agric - 1991  
Clark, John Andrew - PhD(Ed) - 1967  
Coster, Kenneth Mark - DipSocSc Social Policy and  
Social Work - 1974  
Cottan, Evan Charles - DBS, Personal Financial  
Planning - 1969  
Croad, Brian Raynor - DBS - 1974  
Curd, Nathan John - BZ (Hum) - 1990  
Dawson, Kyle Tylee - BA(SocSc) - 1992  
Ferguson, Christopher Bruce - BRP(Hons) Second Class  
(Div 2) - 1990  
Foreman, David Thomas - BA(Hum) - 1992  
Ham, Michael James - BEd - 1984  
Harding, Russell Bennett - BBS Valuation and Property  
Management - 1991  
Harris, Jason John - BBS Accountancy - 1991  
Hunt, Alistair Peter - BA(Hum) - 1992  
Hunter, John Andrew - BBS Finance - 1986  
Lander, Ronald Bruce - DipDevStud - 1965  
McNeil, Ronald Keith - BSc - 1987  
Mist, Kevin Earle - DipSocSc Psychology - 1970  
Pitts-Brown, Blair Forbes - Diploma in Sport - 1989  
Pollock, Gregory Francis - BRP(Hons) First Class - 1991  
Pritchard, Gregoy Colin - BA(Hum) - 1989  
Ramsay, Craig - BA(SocSc) - 1992  
Reid, Brendon James - BBS Accountancy - 1986  
Revell, John Sydney - BA(SocSc) - 1961  
Schrider, Mark Anothony - DipAgr - 1994

Sharman, Craig Melville - BRP(Hons) Second Class  
(Div 2) - 1991  
Simpson, Robert John - DipAgr - 1993  
Somerton, Peter Melville - DipBusAdmin - 1974  
Stevens, Robert Allen - DipGuideCouns - 1956  
Tubby, Christopher Jon - BAppSc - 1992  
Wadsworth, Craig Willian - MPhil(Planning), - 1984  
Walter, Nathan John Marsh - BAgSc - 1991

### University of Canterbury

Baker, Timothy C.Y. - BE(Mech) - 1989  
Collis, Adrian J - DipFor - 1987  
Davis, Carey G - BSc - 1992  
Frampton, Mark S - BE(Civil) - 1985  
Hills, Adam J - BE(NRes) - 1990  
King, Christopher D - BCom - 1990  
Reynolds, Christopher J - BCom - 1990  
Seerup, Geoffrey R F - BE(Elec) - 1984  
Thomas, Matthew R C - BSc - 1991  
Thorp, Nicholas A - BA - 1991  
Tuffery, Paul B - BSc - 1992  
Walsh, Aaron D - BCom - 1991  
Young, Guy A D - BE(Chem) - 1991  
de A baffy, Rangi A J - BE(Mech) - 1981

### University of Waikato

Allen, Brian Ian - DipACc&Fin - 1972  
Beaven, Brent Maurise - MSc(Hons) - 1990  
Berndt, Simon Alfred - BSc(Tech) - 1991  
Bint, Fraser Stuart - BMS(Hons) - 1991  
Chapman, Philip Donald - BSc(Tech) - 1988  
Coley, Roger Norman - BScocSc - 1991  
Davey, Douglas Leonard - BCMS - 1989  
Davies, Evan Rhys - BA - 1990  
Elder, Jason Mark - DipT - 1988  
Funnell, Warrick Daniel - BA - 1992  
Johnson, Mark Lawrence - BSocSc - 1992  
Jones, Brendon Evan - BSc(Tech) - 1991



Jones, Lee David Gethin - BSocSc - 1990  
Joseph, Darryn James - DipT - 1988  
Le Bas, Kylie-Paul - DipT - 1992  
Lobban, Bruce Alexander Hemi James - BEd/BA, DipT -  
1990  
McLeod, Jeffrey Gordon - BSc(Tech) - 1991  
Parker, Todd Michael - BA - 1991  
Simeonn, Joemela - BSc - 1992  
Sims, Brian Alexander BSocSc - 1990  
Tarlo, Gary Kingdon - LLB - 1988  
West, Simon Blair - BMS(Hons) - 1991  
Wright, Ian Campbell - MBA - 1976

### Victoria University of Wellington

Kynaston, Hamish Patrick - LLB(Hons) - 1990  
Lee, Christophe Chung Ho - BCA - 1990  
Nielson, Peter Martin - LLB - 1983  
Pritchard, Kelvin Blair - LLB,BA - 1987  
Tovutovu, Reuben - BSc - 1988  
Walker, David Craig - BA(Hons) - 1980

### University of Auckland

Buyck, Hubertus Carolus Eduard - DipObst - 1987  
Horsley, Jason Alexander - BHB - 1992

Lash, David Roy Dessiou - BAS - 1990  
McLellan, Duane Neil - BE(C&M) - 1990  
Middleton, Lee Jay - ME - 1988  
Phillips, Murray Gordon - DipBus - 1972  
Prakash, Anant Aman - BE(E&E) - 1991  
Taylor, Martyn Willian - BCom - 1992  
Thomas, Gareth Robert Theodore - BArch - 1989  
Vailahi, Mark æAisea - BSc - 1990

### University of Otago

Aakjaer, Asbjorn Erik - BCom - 1992  
Buyck, Nicolaas Marinus Cornelius - BCom - 1990  
Graamans, Adrian Daegal - BPharm - 1988  
Pollock, Christopher John - BPhEd - 1990  
Lawrey, Ywain Thomas - MBChB - 1989  
Paul-Jama, David Appollo - MBChB 1989  
Rawlinson, Grant Lyndon - BSurv - 1991

### Lincoln University

Quickfall, Tony Grant - BRS - 1983  
Whelan, Grant Andrew - DipHortSc - 1980

Note: Year stated is last year at school.

## Representative Awards

### Outstanding Service to the School

G.Lawn

### Council

C.Jamieson  
C.Neighbours  
J.Tan  
B.Lewis

### Music

H.Cottam  
S.Barker  
D.Rea  
C.Neighbours  
C.Cochrane  
E.Wong  
L.Stone  
M.DeBock  
P.Cochrane  
M.Crawford  
J.Quickenden  
S.Hazledine

### Skiing

S.Hazledine  
C.Barnes

### Soccer

M.Williams  
S.Corcoran  
B.Weir  
T.OÆBrien  
M.Brennan  
D.Bryson  
C.Walsh

C.Jamieson  
J.Mawson  
M.Gordon  
P.Morse

### Hockey

D.Williams  
J.Clough  
B.Bellamy  
N.Kinera  
M.Burt  
J.Lyes  
S.Jordan  
Rugby  
J.Luff  
G.Crofsky  
B.Newland  
P.Tito  
J.Weston  
A.Pasili  
D.Gibson  
P.Gibbs  
S.Pickering  
B.McGlashan  
R.Barnes  
Q.Brears  
B.Robins  
D.Slade  
C.Clow

### Cycling

T.Jordan

### Cricket

R.West

S.Henderson  
K.Rowson  
B.Corlett

### Debating

M.DeBock  
A.Turner  
M.Crawford

### Golf

T.Goudie  
B.Humphries  
N.Bennett  
D.Croy

### Basketball

C.Stark  
R.West  
J.Rowe  
K.Sellars  
D.Radford  
A.Oakenfall  
P.Walden  
S.Henderson  
R.Laurenson  
D.Oldridge  
S.Frost

### Swimming

C.Clow

### Tennis

S.Cleaver  
N.Creary  
B.Pollard  
P.Morse

**Squash**  
M.Fisher  
S.Julian  
R.Sutton  
J.Tilyard

### Athletics

D.Gibson  
J.Huta  
B.McGlashan  
C.Walsh  
J.Rowe  
S.Gilbert  
S.Boxer

**Badminton**  
S.McLean

### Rugby League

R.Gibson  
K.Gibson  
F.ApeEsra  
M.ApeEsra  
P.Bidios  
D.Matthews  
M.Woodward  
J.Huta  
D.Haskell  
R.Cassidy







## REPORT FROM THE HOSTEL

1996 has been a year of significant change for the hostel. By the beginning of the year plans were well underway for stage one of a complete rebuild of the hostel buildings and with the increase in boarding capacity that that was going to create we added over twenty boys to boarding and started the year with 218 boys. To cope with the extras we had taken over the F7 Common Room (the old library) as temporary dorm accommodation and had 20 fifth formers and two prefects in there.

On the staffing front the Senior Carrington House Master, and Assistant Principal in the day school, Mr Alan Kirk, had moved off to Nelson College as their Deputy Headmaster, Mr Hugh Russell was appointed Senior Master of Carrington and Mr Alan Elgar and family moved into the top of Carrington (a flat that they had occupied some 12 years earlier). But these weren't the only changes, we were soon to lose the Assistant Matron, Mrs Denise Bernet, and Mr Larry Wilson - they were replaced by Mrs Fiona Evans (wife of the Property Manager) and Mr Ric Knight. And to cap it all off the Chef, who had been appointed just before we finished at the end of the year now had to come to grips with feeding 218 boys and the duty staff in unfamiliar surroundings and with unfamiliar equipment. Fortunately everyone knew what had to be done and got on with it - true professionalism and dedication from everyone.

The results from the public examinations were out before school resumed and it was good to see that Brad Maguire, one of our boarding prefects from '95, had gained a Scholarship in Geography in the Bursary Examinations. Several

boarders featured in the SC results with 300+ marks in their top four subject and over 70% of boarders had SC passes of 50% or better in three or more subjects. This result is a tribute to the individual student, the hostel environment and the teachers in the day school who give so much of their time beyond normal class time with personal tuition and formal tutorials.

Within a few days of our return for the new year we realised that we were to lose our Head Boarder, Calum Jamieson, to greater things - he was appointed NPBHS Head Boy for 1996. As a consequence of that promotion Bradley Bellamy was appointed as Head Boarder for 1996 and has been ably assisted by Paul Walden (Head of Carrington) and Dean Marshall (Head of Moyes). The full list of hostel prefects for 1996 is: Carrington - Brad Newland (dorm 1 - F5), Richard Mills (dorm 2 - F4), Mitchell Campbell (dorm 3 - F5), Simon Pickering (dorm 4 - F4), and Greg Lawn (dorm 5 - F3); Moyes - Peter Donovan (dorm 1 - F5), Quentin Brears (dorm 2 - F5), Harley Huston (dorm 3 - F3/4), Phillip Whittaker (dorm 4 - F3) and David Williams (dorm 5 - F4); Common Room Dorm (F5) - Greg Crofskey and Richard Lawn; Niger (F6) - Nigel Dickinson and Ross Moir.

Two and a half weeks into the term we had the first of our two nights of prefects training with hostel staff and members of the Hostel Committee and the Headmaster. This first session was hosted by BOT member and member of the Hostel Committee, Mrs Watkins. We took over their home at "The Strawberry Patch" and Mr Watkins showed himself to be a dab hand at the barbecue as he cooked steak for over thirty healthy appetites. Us old hands were impressed by the openness of the discussion and willingness of the prefects to put



forward their point of view with uncommon frankness and without embarrassment. As has been the habit in the recent past this session was followed up with a second training night just two weeks later - this time the Hostel Committee Chairman (Mr Geoff Ward) and Mrs Ward opened their home to us and we enjoyed another very productive evening.

By the end of this second session of training the Board, Headmaster and staff were fully prepared for the responsibilities and duties that they had undertaken.

Once again the swimming sports presented the first opportunity for new boarding parents to enjoy their first informal contact with the hostel and as usual they turned out in large numbers to see the whole school in serious competition. Many families stayed on for the barbecue tea which is held on the grass by the pool - again 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 a strong parent gallery for that.

The Hostel has been well represented in the senior teams of all sports codes. In most cases their numbers far outweigh their numerical strength in the school and this is a testament to their talent and commitment.

Details of their involvement is as follows:  
1st XV Rugby - Quentin Brears, Greg Crofskey, Brendon McGlashan, Ross Moir, Brad Newland, Clint Newland, Simon Pickering, Andrew Purdie, Bryce Robins, David Slade, Paul Tito and Greg Lawn (Student Manager).

1st V Basketball - Andrew Oakenfull and Paul Walden.  
1st XI Soccer - Karl Alatoa, Steven Corcoran and Calum Jamieson  
1st XI Hockey - Bradley Bellamy, Corey Walden and David Williams  
1st XIII League - Wayne Bryant  
Tennis - Mitchell Campbell, Elliot Campbell and Jeremy Marshall  
Mountain Biking - Larry Blair and Brad Newland  
Skiing - Richard Mills and Mirai Tomono

Last year a group of F6 students, who were taking economics, entered the nation wide Young Enterprise competition and were placed in the top three - winning a trip to Singapore. This year Greg Lawn, one of last years team, gathered together a team, including Dean Marshall, Ross Moir and Nigel Dickinson (all boarding prefects) to mount another assault on this prestigious event. The Young Enterprise company for 1996 was called Taranaki Piping Products which is producing concrete culvert pipes and sheep troughs for sale in the New Plymouth, Toko, Stratford and Opunake areas. This talented group finished in the top five in the National

Competition and Greg Lawn was selected to represent NZ in the USA and their Young Achievers Conference. While all these activities were taking place the excavation of the site for the new hostel began and disaster struck - the ground on this site was not stable enough for the building that had been planned and it was back to the drawing board. Fortunately the F7 Common Room was proving to be a popular dorm and the seventh formers were managing OK while they shared accommodation in the boarder's lounge. As I write this we are now back on track and a new building will soon start to grow out of the Wakefield St carpark.

By the time Queen's Birthday arrived the prefects had the third form boarder's rugby team well prepared for their 42nd Niger Trophy game with Palmerston North Boys' High School's College House. This year it was a home game for us. PNBHS arrived in a fleet of cars and vans at about 4.30pm on Sunday, were introduced to our third formers and prefects before being settled into dorms and given a good evening meal.

Monday morning dawned fine but with a cold wind. The teams took to the field with an international referee controlling the game and even their entry to the ground and the hakas that followed showed polish and were an indication of what was to follow - this was two very business like teams who were well prepared for the most important game of their careers to date. This was the 42nd game between these two great rivals for this particular trophy.

The first few minutes were fairly even as both teams settled down but it soon became obvious that the







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 12 August, 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.

NPBHS team was gaining the upper hand. In the ninth minute Michael Parker went in for a good try and this was converted by Te Rauna Robins. This was followed by tries in the twelfth and nineteenth minute to Nicol Ruchti - both of which were converted by Te Rauna. In the thirty third minute and again in the third minute of the second half PNBHS scored but failed to convert either of these. Half way through the second half Nicol Ruchti scored again, this time in the corner, but this one was not converted which left us with a final score of 26 - 10 to NPBHS. As always this was an excellent exhibition of classy rugby from two well prepared teams but this year we certainly had a lot of boys with outstanding personal skills and they combined well as a team - this certainly signals a continued bright future for rugby at NPBHS.

The preparation of teams, of each school, is done by its prefects who organise the training, plan the moves and motivate the boys. This year the majority of this responsibility was undertaken by Mitchell Campbell, Greg Crofskey, Simon Pickering, Phillip Whittaker and Greg Lawn.

At Mystery Creek we again shared a site with New Plymouth Girls' High School for promotion of our two hostels. Two boys, Paul Walden and Bradley McGlashan, spent three days at the Field Days on our stand and they really were excellent ambassadors for the school. The Headmaster was with us for two days and it gave large numbers of visitors an opportunity to get direct answers to their personal inquiries. Open Weekend, Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June, produced a very strong response from parents and prospective parents alike. This year, mainly because the boarders lounge was being used as the F7 common room we used Pridham Hall for the interviews, the parent meeting and the social function - it proved to be a popular venue and is likely to be used again. Everyone was positive and helpful and clearly working for the good of the boys - just as it should be!

This year it was GHS turn to host Island Night but because of a prior booking in their hall they were the hosts but held the event in our hall. was a tribute to fine young people who

As the winter sport drew to a close selection of representative teams began and here too boarders were well represented. Boarders, far to numerous to mention here, were in the Taranaki rugby sides for U15, U16 and U18 competitions but there was also healthy representation in other codes too. The most prestigious award, however, went to Paul Tito who was selected to play for the NZ Secondary Schools Team after having a very busy season for the 1st XV and Rep. sides - a few days ago Paul was the worthy recipient of the NPBHS Sportsman of the Year Trophy.

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 Manager



## School Certificate Results

Abbott, A.0 Adams L6 Alexander, J.6 Ameriks, J.4 Amies, J.5 Anagnostou, T.6 Baker, P.1 Banner-Smith, J.5 Barnes, J.3 Bastin, D.5 Bayford, D.1 Bayley, R.1 Beale, D.1 Beard, P.1 Beccard, M.5 Bell, M.4 Bellini, D.4 Bennett, N.3 Bennett, S.1 Bennetts, R.1 Berry, L.2 Bijker, M.2 Bird, M.6 Bishop, R.4 Bissett, J.6 Black, A.5 Black, T.2 Blackler, A.6 Blair, L.6 Boddington, L.5 Brennan, M.4 Brooks, D.5 Brown, R.1 Browning, K.4 Brunton, G.5 Butchart, D.1 Campbell, S.3 Carter, B.1 Cassidy, R.1 Chadwick, B.4 Chan, J.6 Chapman, B.4 Christophers, J.3 Chung Teh Kaliopate, N.5 Clearwater, A.2 Cochrane, P.5 Coleman, T.3 Collingwood, G.1 Commerford, G.5 Coombe, A.1 Corlett, B.5 Corrigan, W.1 Cotton, H.6 Crawford, M.6 Creery, N.6 Croy, D.5 Davey, A.5 Davis, M.5 Dawson, A.5 Dawson, K.1 De Bruyn, M.1 Dempsey, M.5 Doherty, C.1 Donaldson, F.3 Dormer, E.1 Drabble, L.3 Eagles, R.6 Earl, W.3 Eden, J.3 Edwards, J.1 Ekanayake, N.1 Ellis, M.5 Fagan, A.1 Feather, M.5 Feigler, M.6 Fernee, N.5 Ferris, N.3 Fisher, M.2 Fletcher, C.3 Frenzt, D.6 Fruean, F.1 Fulcher, A.4 Fullerton-Smith, Q.4 Gargan, S.3 Gibbs, P.6 Gibson, D.6 Gibson, R.1 Gilkison, A.1 Gimblett, R.4 Gleeson, M.6 Gleeson, S.6 Goston, A.4 Green, G.4 Green, M.4 Grimwood, A.2 Gulbransen, T.1 Gulliver, J.2 H-Nath, S.1 Hamerton, B.3 Hancox, J.4 Harmer, M.5 Harvey, A.4 Hayson, S.4 Hegley, D.5 Henderson, M.6 Herbert, H.6 Hermanns, M.3 Hilford, P.4 Hillman, M.3 Hills, M.2 Hobin, F.4 Holden, S.2 Hong Sung, J.1 Hooper, J.4 Hooper, V.3 Horton, P.1 Hudson, P.4 Humphreys, B.1 Hurley, A.2 Huston, H.1 Hutchings, M.3 Ingram, T.2 James, S.5 Jeffrey, N.2 Johnson, S.2 Johnston, M.5 Johnstone, A.1 Jones, G.5 Jones, N.1 Jones, T.3 Jordan, B.2 Jordan, I.1 Jordan, T.5 Julian, S.1 Kantatham, P.1 Keegan, J.1 Kemp, D.1 Kerr, L.5 Kithfuss, D.5 King, M.5 Kingsley-Jones, S.3 Kirk, H.1 Knight, J.2 Korff, S.3 Kurta, R.1 Laird, K.5 Larkin, K.5 Lehdoff, J.2 Lester, J.1 Lesui, R.2 Letica B.3 Lewis, E.3 Lewis, I.1 Lilley, B.4 Lindsay, J.1 Lovegrove, J.1 Lucas, C.5 Luxmoore, I.1 Lyes, J.4 Macdonald, R.2 MacLean, S.5 Manning, H.2 Martin, J.4 Maw, J.1 Maxwell, T.3 Mayo, B.3 McCaffery, R.1 McCarten, D.1 McFarlane, H.3 McGlashan, B.4 McIntyre, K.5 McKee, D.1 McLachlan, L.5 McLeod, N.2 Mercer, J.1 Moir, G.5 Monaghan, B.6 Morgan, J.3 Mourie, B.3 Mullan, C.4 Murphy, C.3 Nathan, J.3 Neville, L.1 Newsome, S.5 Ngaia, N.2 Nicholas, C.2 OÆBrien, T.2 OÆKeefe, A.1 Oh Jong, H.3 Old, D.4 Paenga, T.1 Papps, D.5 Parker, D.1 Parlane, J.1 Parsons, L.5 Parsons, T.1 Patel, M.3 Peacock, L.4 Pearson, I.1 Peters, A.4 Pierce, S.6 Plimmer, B.4 Pollard, B.6 Prebble, D.1 Purdie, A.5 Purdie, T.1 Quickenden, J.3 Radford, D.3 Rae, J.1 Read, Z.1 Reed, C.3 Robins, T.1 Robinson, S.1 Rowe, J.5 Rowe, L.3 Rowson, K.4 Rumball, T.1 Ruyters, C.5 Sampson, P.5 Schumacher, O.1 Schuppan A.2 Schurr, B.1 Sharpe, S.4 Silby, J.5 Simpson, T.1 Smyth, D.1 Soh, M.1 Sole, J.3 Somers, J.1 Spice, B.4 Stanley, D.3 Stark, C.6 Stark, J.1 Steele, I.5 Stewart, W.1 Suchy, M.3 Suhr, J.3 Suphantharida, P.2 Suthon, T.2 Sutton, R.3 Taula, T.3 Taylor, B.5 Taylor, J.1 Taylor, T.4 Theobald, S.6 Thompson, M.6 Tilley, R.5 Tilyard, J.2 To, V.1 Tomono, M.5 Tong, K.6 Tylee, J.4 Van Paassen, M.1 Vickers, J.1 Wall, A.1 Ward, J.6 Watkins, J.5 Watson, A.1 Weir, B.5 Wells, C.2 West, R.5 White, A.1 Whitehead, J.2 Whitting, L.1 Wilkin, C.4 Williams, B.1 Williams, M.1



Williams, R.5 Wilson, D.1 Wischnowsky, C.5 Worthington, G.5 Wright, B.5 Wylie, C.6 Yates. A.3

## Bursary Results 1995

Balsom, W. (B) Baxter, S. (B) Bell, K. (A) Bennett, C. (A) Bijker, P. (A) Bijker, R. (B) Brooks, G. (B) Bullock, P. (A) Coles, B. (B) Condon, K. (A) Connor, J. (A) Corbett, T. (A) Cox, M. (A) Cuthbert, K. (B) Dempsey, N. (B) Dore, S. (B) Down, I. (B) Dryden, R. (B) Eastgate, B. (B) Fabish, D. (A) Feather, T. (A) Field, D. (B) Gatenby, R. (A) Gates, M. (B) Green, A. (B) Grimwood, S. (B) Hall, M. (B) Harbutt, D. (B) Harris, D. (B) Hollard, R. (B) Honeyfield, R. (A) Horne, L. (B) Kingsnorth, P. (B) Knowles, A. (B) Kohlis, B. (B) Lander, D. (B) Lewis, R. (A) Lynch, A. (A) Maguire, B. (A) Markham, H. (B) Martin, B. (B) Maunder, C. (B) Moffat, A. (B) Nasome, J. (A) Newsome, W. (B) Nobbs, J. (A) Papps, R. (B) Plimmer, N. (A) Pollock, C. (A) Shaw, N. (B) Sheridan, C. (A) Skinner, C. (A) Street, P. (B) Surgenor, M. (B) Taylor, B. (A) Taylor, L. (B) Taylor, M. (A) Udy, R. (A) Walsh, B. (B) Walton, M. (B) Watson, L. (A) Williams, B. (A) Yates, J. (B)







New Zealand Representatives



PAUL TITO  
(Rugby)



DAYNE MATTHEWS  
(Softball)



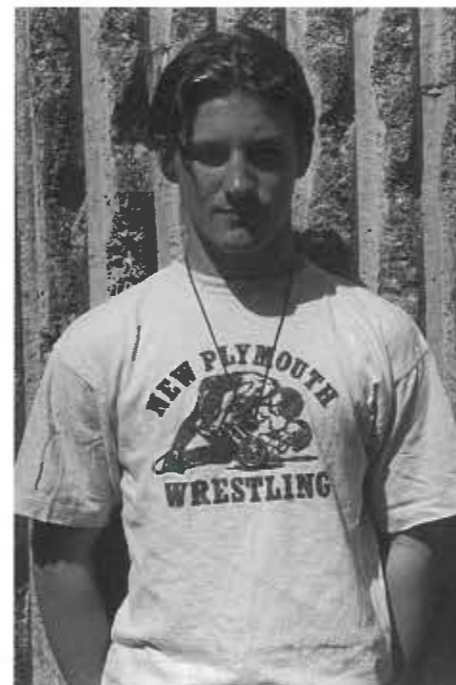
BEN SCOTT  
(Surflifesaving)



CHRIS LARKIN      LUKE PEACOCK  
(Surflifesaving)



JOSHUA CHRISTOPHERS  
HAMISH CHRISTOPHERS  
(Surflifesaving)



NICK DALY  
(Wrestling)



HUGH COTTAM  
(Archery)



MATT BURTT  
(Hockey)



CALLUM GIFFORD  
(BMX Racing)



ADRIAN TURNER  
(Drama)



PETER GREEN  
(Mathematics)





Golf



bones but newcomers Thomas Goudie and Michael Kurta fitted in to the team well.

This year, the regional finals were much closer than they had been for many years. After 13 holes, the three schools were even and the pressure went on the leading players. Thomas Goudie finished with a birdie on 18 and Nathan Bennett Birdied the 14th to let NPBHS go into the final hole leading by one shot. Nathan put his third shot into the par 5 18th hole to within 6m of the pin, and then proceeded to sink the putt for a birdie. The other players scored pars. This meant the final scores were:

New Plymouth Boys High School	229
Wairarapa College	231
Palmerston North Boys High	231

The individual scores from the NPBHS team were:

Nathan Bennett	72	Michael Kurta	81
Thomas Goudie	76	David Croy	82

The NBHS Team now joined 5 other teams at the National Finals to be played at Manor Park, Wellington on September 25.

National Finals

For the first time for several years NPBHS took part in the national secondary school golf finals, in fine weather. Our team had practised well the day before, but the morning round did not go well for our best players and we were lying in 4th position at lunch, 13 shots behind the leaders. Some better play in the afternoon round produced the best equal score of the day and allowed us to take second place, 8 shots behind the leaders, Timaru Boys' High School. To finish in second place out of 180 competing schools is the best result that we have had so far and is a credit to the golf team who have and worked so hard this year.

D J Mossop



Golf has been strong this year the results achieved by the school team were the best that we have had for some time. Our golfers have had a busy season.

Interhouse golf

This was played over one round of stable ford competition. Donnelly was first with 105 points for the best three scores, Hatherly second with 104 points, Barak third with 103 points and Syme fourth with 99 points.

School Championships

The championships provided a clear-cut winner this year. Brent Humphreys scored 73 and Joshua Kearns was runner-up with a 76. The best net scores were from Brent Humphreys and Simon Robinson.

College Fixtures

Two college fixtures were played for the first time this year, both being played at New Plymouth. The first was against a strong Hamilton BHS team and the result was a 2 - 2 draw. The second was an inaugural match against Wellington College and we won this 3 1/2 to 1/2.

District Finals

Sixteen teams from eight schools contested the Taranaki finals in early May at the New Plymouth Golf Course.

Our number one team was first, with a score of 234

N Bennett	78	D Cray	81
B Humphreys	80	J Kearns	76

Our number two team came in second ahead of Francis Douglas and Hawera

M Kurta	84	M Campbell	84
S MacLean	80	S Robinson	84

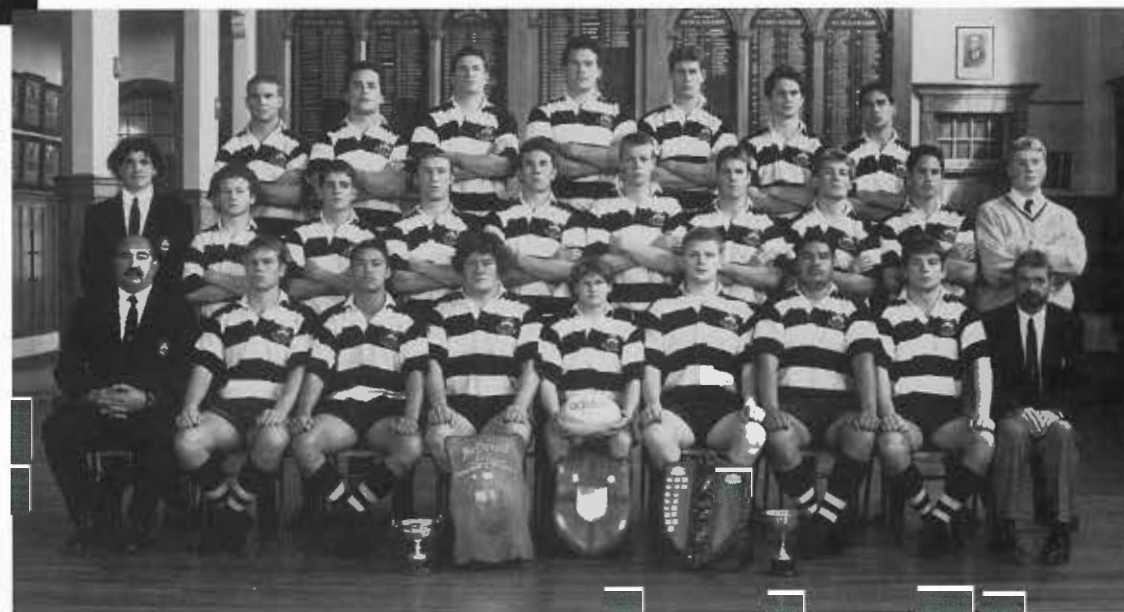
Regional Finals

On June 6th, the NPBHS Golf Team, having won the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Tournament, played Wairarapa College (representing Wellington) and Palmerston North BHS (representing Manawatu/Wanganui) at Foxton.

The NPBHS team had lost two of their number with broken



Rugby



RUGBY 1st XV

Back Row: P Gibbs, T Tuirirangi, C Clow, C Newland, B McGlashan, A Purdie, D Gibson  
 Middle Row: Mr G Hall, G Crofskey, J Luff, S Pickering, D Slade, C Barnes, S Gilbert, B Robins, G Lawn  
 Front Row: Mr D Atkins, R Barnes, Q Brears, B Newland, J Weston, P Tito, A Pasili, G Fabish, Mr B Geange

1st XV Report

With only one back returning from the 1995 team, it was always going to be a re-building year for this year's 1st XV. Emphasis, at least in the early part of the year, was going to be placed on the forwards as seven had come back which meant we could field a solid, experienced pack. Hopes were high for a successful season but there was also the knowledge that our young inexperienced backline would need some time to really gain the confidence and expertise which only comes from playing regularly together. The team won the Taranaki Under 21 Competition which was an excellent achievement, given that Stratford, our opponent in the final was older, more experienced team. To achieve this result the team had to dig deep and reveal genuine character and great team spirit to score a try right on fulltime. Team members can also take pride in their performances in the Traditional College matches. Winning 4 out of 6 is a fine achievement at any time considering that it was so close to being 5 wins with a last second loss to Hamilton BHS. This was probably the most disappointing game of the season because it appeared as though we were going to win it. Although well beaten by a fiercely determined AGS, it was heartening to have this fixture restored onto the College match list. This is a very important fixture for both schools and the return of the annual game was definitely one of the highlights of the season. We were also delighted to be a part of the first Shell National 1st XV Knockout Competition. This provided the opportunity for NPBHS and FDC 1st XV's to play each other for the first time in many years. This was an excellent local derby played in great conditions in front of a very large crowd at FDC. This fixture will now become an annual event, which is good for Taranaki rugby. We defeated FDC 34 - 7, to gain the right to represent Taranaki in the National Competition. The team then defeated Wanganui City College in round 1 but lost to PNBHS in the next round. This was disappointing because we had beaten them earlier in the season. PNBHS actually progressed to the finals where they were beaten by Kelston

Boys'. The Knockout Competition is an excellent concept. It provides us with the opportunity to play against schools we normally never do. Without a doubt, what carried this team through some very close encounters was the outstanding team spirit which built up throughout the season. To watch this team at practice was, in itself, a delight because all of the players communicated so positively with one another. When one player was having difficulties the others would provide genuine encouragement and support. It is fair to say that the real strength of this year's team was in the hard driving and mauling of the forwards allied by some splendid tactical play by the inside backs. However, the most pleasing development of the season was the outstanding form shown by David Gibson at fullback, Paul Gibbs and Bryce Robins. These 3 players will undoubtedly be key members of next year's team. This season has also seen the end of an era for one of the players, captain and halfback Johnny Weston, who has been in the 1st XV for 3 years. This is a remarkable achievement and tribute to Johnny's skill, dedication and leadership. It was wonderful to see that he was named 'Player of the Tournament' at the Northern Regions Secondary Schools tournament. Congratulations to all team members who achieved selection in the respective rep teams. It was a very proud moment when Paul Tito was selected in the New Zealand Secondary Schools team - not just for himself but also for the school. Paul is now only the 4th player from NPBHS to gain selection in the National team. An outstanding achievement by a player with an excellent future in the game. The team's thanks go to all the parents and supporters who were always present at fixtures and who provided invaluable help at the after matches. A lot of work goes into the home fixtures to ensure after match functions are successful and thanks to Heather Weston for organising the parents so well. Sincere thanks also to our sponsors - Auto Lodge Motor Inn, Stirling Sports, Coca-Cola Bottlers and Caltex Elliot St. The costs of running the 1st XV are huge. The support of sponsors is essential to help





reduce the cost for parents. I am certain the players will remember their part in this years 1st XV with a lot of pride and satisfaction. Thanks to the excellent coaching by Mr. Atkins and Mr. Hall, they were all key members of this successful 1st XV. I wish them all well in their future rugby careers.  
W.J Geange - 1st XV Manager

**Results :**  
Played 23, won 19, lost 4  
**Points:** For 677, Against 252  
**Leading Scorers:** J Weston, B Robins, P Gibbs  
**Representative Honours:**  
**Taranaki Secondary Schools:**  
J Weston, P Tito, B Newland, C Newland, T Tuirirangi, D Gibson, C Clow, B Robins, Q Brears, B McGlashan



**Taranaki Under 16s:**  
P Gibbs, D Gibson, C Newland, B Robins  
**New Zealand Secondary Schools:**  
P Tito

**RUGBY 1st XV PLAYER PROFILE 1996**

**Quentin Brears - Hooker - 1 try**  
A recurring shoulder injury has prevented him from playing to his full potential. Continued to make a positive contribution to the leadership of this team. His combination with Paul Tito was an outstanding feature of the season.  
**Ross Moir - Hooker - 2 tries**  
Ross continued to train hard throughout the year, he was given limited opportunities but made the most of them when Quentin was injured.  
**Brad Newlands - Prop - 1 try**  
Brad is a very good scrummager, who displayed a high level

of power and strength in second phase play. Ape improved his running skills through out the year and worked well in tandem with Tama.

**Tama Tuirirangi - Prop - 4 tries**  
Tama is a powerful young man, who was at his best with the ball in hand. His value to the team improved as his fitness improved.

**Raymond Barnes - Prop - 1 try**  
'The Caretaker' continued to make a positive contribution on and off the field. He is a Total Team Man. His fitness improved dramatically from last year.

**Paul Tito - Lock - 6 tries**  
Fish is naturally aggressive Rugby Player and was in dominant form in the lineouts throughout the year. A very mobile lock who enjoys the defensive aspects of the game. His inclusion in the NZ Secondary Schools Team was reward for his 'never say die' attitude to his rugby. A promising career in Rugby beckons, needs to increase his upper body strength and power.

**Brendan McGlashan - Lock - 2 tries**  
Yaggy played some excellent games throughout the year. Good lineout skills that will develop further. High level of aerobic fitness saw Brendan become the 4th Loose forward.

**Cameron Clow - No.8, Blindside, Lock - 1 try**  
Cameron is a useful player and is able to play in a number of positions. He has been a Tradesman for the 1st XV.

**Aaron Pasili - No.8, 2nd 5 - 3 tries**  
Jay Jay played in a number of position during the year, he has some excellent ball skills but injury and fitness prevented him from reaching his full potential.

**Grant Fabish - No.8 - 2 tries**  
Grant displayed disappointing early season form, but returned to form late in the season to be included in the last couple of games where he played very well.

**Greg Crofskey - Openside - 1 try**  
The 'Big Small Man'. Pound for pound this man's game can not be faulted. He displays good knowledge of the game while giving his best in every game.

**Carl Barnes - Looseforward-**  
Carl was brought into the team during the year and played some wonderful game for the 1st XV. He has 2 more years in the 1st XV and should provide the leadership and skills required for them to be successful.

**Clint Newlands - Prop, Lock, Blindside -**  
Clint is a big man who displays a lot of aggression for a Form 5 student. He was used as an impact player and intimidated the opposition with his size and power.

**TIGHT FIVE**  
The Tight Five displayed alot of maturity through out the year. They laid the foundation for the success of the team. Excellent ball winning ability with the props under the new rules lifting their jumpers well. Displayed a solid foundation at scrum time.

**Johnny Weston - Halfback, 1st V - Captain - 11 tries - 153 points**  
"Crittter" is a very mature Rugby player and he has been the corner stone to the success of the 1st XV in the last 3 years. He is a 3 dimensional halfback who possesses some excellent skills. He is a thinking rugby player who leadership skills and decision making helped this team succeed on and off the field.



**Bryce Robins - 1st V, 2nd V - 5 tries - 104 points**  
Bryce continues to improve his skills in a range of areas. 1997,98 will see him have a big in put to the success of the 1st XV.

**Jason Luff - 2nd V - 6 tries**  
Luffy is a new acquisition from the West Coast of the South Island. Enjoys training and is a real team man, a consistent performer on the field.

**Simon Pickering - Centre - 3 tries**  
Simon continued to break the 1st line of defense with his strong running. A powerfully built man who performed consistently through out the year.

**David Slade - Wing - 10 tries**  
Reg displayed a good range of evasive skills and speed on the dry tracks. Lost form when the grounds got heavy but bounced back to play well at the end of the season.

**Paul Gibbs - Wing - 18 tries**  
Gibbo is the last of 3 brothers who played for the 1st XV, he is an excellent all-round athlete with many skills, glides through the gaps and enjoys scoring tries. Will be an asset for the 1st XV in 1997.

**Andrew Purdie - Wing - 4 tries**  
Rowdy was named as a flanker but ended on the wing. Excellent defensive player and always set up a good platform for the forwards.

**David Gibson - Fullback, Halfback - 11 tries**  
David was the outstanding improver through the year. He is the fastest man in the team, displayed an excellent understanding of the game and always looked dangerous with the ball in hand. David will be a real asset in 1997.

**Shane Gilbert - Utility Back - 2 tries**  
Gillies is a fitness fanatic and always gave his best at training. He had limited opportunities on the field.

**Greg Lawn - Student Manager -**  
Greg continued to make a positive contribution off the field, well organized.

**Jared O'Donnell - Utility Back - 3 tries**  
Scott Hayston - Half Back -  
Thanks to both of you for helping out during the year.

**COLLEGE MATCH FIXTURES 1996**

**v. Wanganui Collegiate, Wanganui. WON 32 - 8**

The first College match of any season is always a difficult one especially when playing away from home and this proved to be no exception. The game was played under excellent conditions and team's preparation seemed to be good although a late change may have disrupted things slightly. The team however failed to fire although winning very comfortably 32-8. It was a disappointing result because this team had set themselves such high standards. Scorers : TRY McGlashan, Clow, Pasili, Gibbs(2) CONS. Weston(2) PEN. Weston.

**v. Hamilton Boys', New Plymouth. LOST 12 - 10**

Hamilton arrived in New Plymouth with a very good reputation and playing record. They were meant to be strong in the backs which was always going to be interesting considering our apparent strength was up front. The game developed into one of those great College matches - intense, skilful and very close. The final result was decided right on full time - unfortunately for us. Although it must be said that the old cliché of æ rugby was the winner æ could never have been more correct. The willingness of both teams to express themselves on attack and the huge defence made for a great game of 'code'. The way NPBHS performed under difficult circumstances ( the loss of key players and very little practice time ) was a real credit to the side. A lot of the improvement shown by the side was due to the performance of Johnny Weston - captain, goal kicker, lineout thrower, general playmaker and decision caller. In hindsight all of these tasks placed on Johnny meant in was placed under too much pressure. Scorers : TRY Tuirirangi CON. Weston PEN. Weston

**v. St. Pats Sliverstream, Lower Hutt. WON 28-3**

As has become the tradition with games against Stream it was played in the cold and on a very heavy field. The NPBHS forwards set up the win with a completely dominating display up front - led by Tito and Newland. Weston dictated play superbly which meant that Stream never had good field position. This in the end allowed NPBHS to run away with the game with School scoring the bulk of their points in the final quarter. Scorers : TRY Tito, Weston, Robins (2) CON. Robins PEN. Robins (2)

**v. Palmerston North Boys' High, New Plymouth. WON 15-3**

The old foe. This was a game marked by, as the league commentators would put it, huge hits. The strong defence of both teams, but particularly the NPBHS backs, meant that attacks never really got going. However, it was the game that unveiled the attacking skills of David Gibson. The win was based around our forwards and the ability of the team to make sure the game was played in the right areas. Paul Tito again confirmed his standing as a lock with genuine promise. The hard work put in at training definitely paid dividends in this match. Scorers : TRY Luff, Purdie CON. Robins PEN. Robins





**v. Te Aute , Te Aute. WON 20-0**

The result of this match, won by NPBHS 20-0, underlined the real character of the team. Winning at Te Aute is real challenge as the players rose to the occasion to produce one of their best performances of the year. The forward play was quite superb. With Paul Tito and Carl Barnes dominating the lineouts the forwards were able to get the rolling mauls and drives going - making huge gains. As a unit the backs tackled very well and did not allow the talented Te Aute backline the space they needed to score tries. The fact that TA scored no points is testimony to the outstanding defence of NPBHS. Scorers : TRY Tito, Gibson, Weston CON. Weston PEN. Weston

**v. FDC , Francis Douglas College. WON 34-7**

The first game in 25 years between these two proud local rugby schools was played in excellent conditions, on a hard and fast surface and in front of a very vocal crowd. The game that had so much to offer thankfully delivered. FDC started very strongly and late in the first half actually looked capable of causing an upset but in the end the superior team work, fitness and overall skills of the School players meant that victory was achieved. NPBHS impressed in the second half with the forwards dominating set pieces, the inside backs creating options and outside backs finishing with flair. This fixture is now intended to be an annual one which is superb considering the rivalry that exists between the 2 schools - long may it last.

**v. Auckland Grammar , Auckland. LOST 30-15.**

This game was first after a three year gap and proved to be the key game of the season for both sides. The game was played on a very heavy field - Auckland like Taranaki gets their fair share of rain. AGS's season had been one of their worst in recent times but that counted for nothing and in the end their desire for victory was greater than ours. Right from the opening whistle the commitment they showed was better than ours and it was not until the second half that we really got going. There were a number of positives to come from this game : David Gibson's superb 80 metre try, Tama and Brad's work with ball in hand, Paul Gibb's ability to beat one of New Zealand's top wing prospects on the outside and the whole team's never say die attitude. The loss of Johnny to injury early in the second half did not help our cause but really it was one of those games where we were beaten by a better side on the day. Scorers : TRY Gibson, Tito PEN Robins CON. Robins

**v. Wanganui City College , the Gully. WON 22-0.**

This game was played in awful conditions but to the credit of both sides they were prepared to throw the ball around. In the end better field position, less mistakes and superb performances from key members meant that an excellent victory was achieved. Scorers : TRY Gibbs, Slade PEN. Robins(3)

**v. PNBHS , Palmerston North. LOST 13-33.**

This game was played for a spot in the top 8 in the National Knockout competition. It unfortunately was played in Palmerston because the home ground advantage proved to be a big factor. NPBHS did not play to their potential which was disappointing. Two decisions, one from the team and one from the referee, proved to be crucial to the final outcome of the game. It was a disappointing way to finish the College

match season but the team can take great heart from what they managed to achieve. Scorers : TRY Gibbs, Luff PEN. Robins

**D2 White**

The year started with a large pool of players which rapidly dwindled due to attrition from a variety of causes from injury to the pet loathing of all Welshmen - LEAGUE. The season ended with a hard core of dedicated and increasingly seasoned players plus others who could be acquired on the day. All players contributed to the games so I wish to name those who acted as captains through the season: Michael Hodson, Bruce Davis, Nick Campbell and Sam Bury. Thanks to all the parents who acted as transport and vociferous supporters. Lastly the team owes its greatest debt to Grant Davis, father of Bruce, who gave up many hours to help with coaching. Record: Wins 3, Draws 0, Losses ???



**3rd XV**

A mixed season for the 3rd XV this year, not quite reaching the goals that were set at the start of the season. After the first match of the season the team was looking at a top 4 finish. But losses due to injuries and Mr Leath, soon set the team the wrong way and this took a long time to recover from. The 3rds lost 4 of their first 5 but came back with a late run through the latter half of the first round to just miss the top 5. This meant that the remainder of the season was played in A3. In this division the 3rds showed their true form and ended winning the division. A win against the 4ths in the semis and then a hard fought victory against the Inglewood 1st XV 14-11 in the final. During the last half of the season the forwards developed into a strong unit although they were not the biggest in the competition. The loose forwards, Bruce Chadwick, Hugh Cotton and Adam Davey, won most of the loose ball on offer while lock Duncan Corlett combined well with hooker Ben Schurr to secure a lot of lineout ball. The backs developed through the season and by the end had developed into a stable unit. The combination between half-back Peter Ansell and 1st 5/8 Jody Hann was very reliable. 'Crowbar' Fenwick dominated the centres with some barnstorming runs. A special thanks to Mr Watts, Willie Harvey and Ken Maharey for the coaching and sticking with the team. A big thanks to the parents who helped with travel and provided great support. Record: 8 wins, 8 losses. 241 for, 236 against.

**(1) UNDER 15s**

The Under-15's were entered in the B Division competition this year, with matches against Okato 1st XV, Opunake 2nd



Mr French-Wright and Chairman Mr John Eagles watch 3rds play 4th on Racecourse field in July 1996.

XV, Inglewood 2nd XV, Spotswood 2nd XV, Hawera 3rd XV, FDC 3rd XV, and NPBHS 5th XV, which saw the side comfortable ahead in 1st place, at the end of the first round.

Round two saw the side entered in the top 4 B1 division, playing Okato 1st XV, Opunake 2nd XV and Hawera 3rd XV twice each.

This B1 division was extremely competitive and physical for an under-15yr old side, averaging 14 1/2 years, comprising three 3rd formers, ten 4th formers, and seven 5th formers, in which all opposition teams were older

and more experienced and yet; to finish round two in 1st place on 46 points, with Opunake 40, Okato 32, and Hawera 29 was extremely satisfying and rewarding.

Finals day - September 1 in Hawera saw the side defeat Opunake 2nd XV 24 - 10 to win the B1 division championship title and complete an enjoyable and successful season.

The side developed in confidence complete the season, playing attractive and quality 15 - man rugby in which the eventual team spirit that developed, gave the side an edge over the more physically mature sides they encountered.

The forward developed into an extremely competitive unit; scrummaging effectively, and securing lineout ball with extra variations; which ensured quality possession from which the backs could mount their attack.

Our game was based around quick 2nd phase ball with forwards 'blowing' over in numbers, to ensure ball was delivered going forward, enabling sufficient space for the backs to penetrate from. Each player contributed mightily to the team effort, for it was indeed a team effort that allowed all players to experience 'special moments' on field, as both unit skills and individual skill-levels developed.

The backs defended well, shutting out many opposition attacks, and on attack, combines well to score many tries.

The team was well served by parental support in the transporting and sideline encouragement for which a special thanks of appreciation is given. A special thank you to Mr John Mitchell as Manager of the side and to Mr and Mrs Morrison, who provided the end of season function at their home.

It is unfair to single out players for special mention, in what was truly an outstanding 'team effort', commitment, enthusiasm to learn, and on field performance. It was, indeed, a rewarding and enjoyable season. National Junior Coca-Cola Under 15 Tournament New Plymouth July 1,2,3 1996.



**Under 15s**

- Back Row:** A Aston, L Gibson, J Murphy, B Andrews, J Caskey, T Robins, H Marshall
- Middle Row:** J Kearns, J Barraclough, K Sole, T Morgan, M Ammundsen, T Sweetman, J Eparaima, K Elstone, Mr K Gledhill
- Front Row:** S Morrison, T Purdie, R Rauputu, H Mitchell, C Barnes, H Kirk, M Stewart, H Corkin

Four additional players:- Carl Barnes (Capt), Ria Rauputu, Quinn Elstone and Shaun Marino joined the Saturday competition squad, for this; the first - ever sponsored by Coca-Cola and hosted - organised by New Plymouth Boys High.

Sixteen teams from throughout the North Island were entered in four sections as follows:

- POOL A:- New Plymouth Boys, Western Heights, NaeNae College, Forest Views
- POOL B:- Gisborne Boys, FDC; St Johns (Napier), Melville
- POOL C:- Rotorua Boys, Hawera, St Pauls (Hamilton), Whakatane
- POOL D:- Tauranga Boys, Wesley College, Upper Hutt; Te Awamutu

Pool matches were played on Monday July 1st, and Tuesday July 2nd, followed by quarter - finals (Tuesday), and semi-finals/finals on Wednesday July 3rd, where each game was of 40 minute duration.

Our side played excellent rugby over the 3 days to earn a place in the final (played on NPBHS's Gully Field) against Western Heights (Rotorua), a game won by Western Heights 20-13. To come runner-up in this tournament was an excellent achievement.

Results  
Monday Games - July 1st





NPBHS 14 Forest View (Tokoroa) 13  
 NPBHS 43 NaeNae College (Wellington) 0  
 Tuesday Games - July 2nd  
 NPBHS 8 Western Heights 15  
 NPBHS 17 Whakatane 0  
 Wednesday Games - July 3rd  
 SEMI FINAL: NPBHS 10 Te Awamutu College 5  
 FINAL: Western Heights 20 NPBHS 13  
 Played 6: Win 4: Loss 2  
 Points for 105  
 Points Against 53  
 A special thank you to Mr John Mitchell (Manager), Mr Lyal French-Wright (Assistant Coach), Reg Marino (Masseur) and the many parent- supporters  
 Taranaki Under-15 Tournament Hawera; Sept 7 1996  
 Almost full-strength under 15 side was entered in this local Halliwells - sponsored tournament involving FDC, Hawera, Stratford and Inglewood. Games were of 1 hour duration, with a 1/2 hour spell between games and the final.

Our first match against a very competitive FDC side, who continually applied the pressure, especially at 2nd phase loose ball situations was a close call, but eventually the side regained its composure and enthusiasm, to run out winners in an extremely even contest 22 - 18.

The final, against Hawera saw the side remarkably fresh, and eager, to play much better to run out convincing winners 34 - 7 in a good display of open, attacking 15 man rugby. Mark Wales was introduced to under 15 rugby at this tournament as a new locking partner for Hamish Mitchell, and; for a 3rd former performed with credit.

This is the fourth time this tournament has been held, and NPBHS have won the trophy each time.

National Secondary Schools Under 15 Tournament Hamilton September 16,17,18 1996.

It was in late August, that a fax was received inviting New Plymouth Boys' High to attend the elite National Secondary Schools tournament in Hamilton. A hurried meeting of the players confirmed their wish to be entered, even though there was an awareness of a general tiredness creeping into their play, which; for a team that was approaching 23 matches at the time of heading for Hamilton, was not unexpected.

A freshening up program to re-install enthusiasm was required, and with minimal preparation, we headed off, uncertain as to how we would perform notwithstanding the excellent performance achieved to-date. Sixteen invited teams from throughout New Zealand were involved in four sections as follows:

- POOL A:- Fraser High; Palmerston North Boys; Hamilton Boys; Otago Boys.
  - POOL B:- St Johns (Hamilton); St Pats (Wellington), Hamilton Boys (B); Christchurch Boys.
  - POOL C:- Te Awamutu College; Mt Albert Grammer (Auckland); Wellington College; New Plymouth Boys.
  - POOL D:- Forest View (Tokoroa); Napier Boys; Cambridge High; Auckland Grammer. Having Carl Barnes and Ria Rauputu unavailable due to the Taranaki U-16 tournament, and injuries occurring within two matches that reduced our playing squad to 19, was always going to test our playing strength.
- Results**  
 Monday Games - September 16th

NPBHS 8 Wellington College 3  
 Mt Albert Grammer 48 NPBHS 5  
 Tuesday Games - September 17th  
 Te Awamutu College 24 NPBHS 5  
 Napier 21 NPBHS 7  
 Wednesday Games - September 18th  
 NPBHS 13 St Johns (Hamilton) 5

To secure two wins, against three losses was creditable performance which earned NPBHS on national ranking in 1996, of 11th.

A special thank you to Mr John Mitchell (Manager and for the effort given in the matches by all the players.

The final saw Auckland Grammer defeat Hamilton Boys High 21-7.

(5) Inter-College Fixtures  
 V Hamilton Boys High at Hamilton 26 June Win 19 - 7  
 V Palmerston North Boys High at Palmerston North 30th July Loss 24 - 14  
**Summary/Conclusion**  
 The Under-15's played a total of 29 matches in 1996 for an overall record of 21 wins, 7 losses, and 1 draw, but it is interesting to reflect that 3 of the losses occurred at the end of a long and demanding season.

The team played attractive, good-quality rugby, throughout the season, and it was pleasing to see individuals improve in both confidence and in skill as the season unfolded.

Each player made a huge contribution to the success of the side. To you all, thank you, for it has been a rewarding and enjoyable season.

- B1 Division 1st place
- Taranaki U-15 tournament 1st place
- National Junior Coca Cola U-15 tournament 2nd place
- National Secondary Schools U-15 tournament 11th place Kevin Gledhill (Coach)

**NPBHS 2XV REPORT**



**2nd XV**

**Back Row:** P Herlihy, N Morgan, J Parsons, C Newland, S Boxer, C Barnes, R Rauputu, J McLeod  
**Middle Row:** M Proffitt, H Herbert, V Hooper, L Fabish, J O'Donnell, J Lawn, B Letica, B Hamerton  
**Front Row:** L Blair, K Rowson, D Marshall, B Bloeman, S Hayston, M Feather, L Boddington, K Laka, Mr D Leath



In order to increase the quality of Rugby, and the transition to our 1st XV, this years 2nd XV played alongside other 1st XV's in the club U19 competition. This provided a much more physical game as well as increasing the quality and quantity of opposition. With this aim of developing future 1st XV players, this competition was always going to be tough on what was a young side. But with an emphasis on performance related goals, rather than outcomes, this team always achieved. Each player improved throughout the season to the extent where the transition to 1st XV was being made earlier than expected (Congratulations to Carl Barnes on being called into the 1st XV). It was also pleasing to see a number of players being rewarded for their efforts in being selected for the Taranaki U16 rep team; Carl Barnes, Ria Rauputu, Paul Herlihy, and Joe Lawn.

With only two interschool fixtures now in the calendar (Hamilton abandoned due to costs), emphasis was placed on these games as target games to win. The first against Wanganui Collegiate, at Wanganui, was not played well. The 2nd XV allowed Collegiate to dominate the pattern of play until the second half, when in a more controlled display, NPBHS outscored Wanganui 19 - 12 (tries to Dean Marshall, Vaughan Hooper and Brendan Bloeman with conversions to Marck Feather and Mark Proffitt).

The PNBHS game, played on McNaught, provided a much more controlled effort in what was a close contest against two very evenly matched teams. Unfortunately the 2nds lost the match 7 - 9, when on attack, and also being the only side to score a try. (Luke Boddington, converted by Mark Proffitt).

Although the score sheet may not reflect a winning season, it is important to remember that the goals for the year were achieved with some talented players now ready to face higher honours. Thanks must go to the many parents who always supported the team, regardless of the venue or conditions. Special thanks to those who helped with transport (Barnes, Proffitts, Boddingtons and others), and also to A 'Ber' for the aftermatches.

Finally thanks to the team. You were a great group of guys, and it was an enjoyable season as coach (even the mud bath). Enjoy your rugby, and good luck for the future (remember me when you are on professional contracts!!)

- Darryl
- Top try scorer: Dean Marshall
- Top points scorer: Mark Proffitt
- Most improved player: Jeremy Parsons
- Most conscientious player: Ria Rauputu

**D Gold Rugby**

Team - Steven Ashcroft, Clint Brown, Lance Christensen, Mark Cleaver, David Collingwood, Brad Hart, Roger Hay, Mark Herlihy (C), Daniel Issac, Kent Jordan, Luke Langridge, James Laugesen, Ryan Lawlor, Shem Low, Dean Stewart, Lewis Stonnell, Tim Weston, Nathan Wolfe, Reece Barlow.

After a big win and big loss D Gold entered a five team competition, which played three rounds, wins were recorded against:-  
 Inglewood 27 - 21, 27 - 26, 40 - 19  
 Stratford 24 - 12, 53 - 0, default  
 Hawera 15 - 12  
 and loses:- Francis Douglas 17 - 25, 10 - 22, 8 - 15  
 Hawera, default, 7 - 11  
 This left the team in third position.  
 Leading points scorers were Daniel Issacs 10 tries, Shem Low 9 tries, James Laugesen 8 tries, David Collingwood 13 conversions, 1 try, 1 penalty.

In the forwards Nathan Wolfe worked hard in the tight with Brad Hart competing in the lineouts, Mark Herlihy was good on the loose, David Collingwood led the hack line well with Daniel Issac the outstanding back in both attack and defence.

Although the team was not a full strength one and struggled a bit for size they competed well in all areas. The team developed steadily over the season through hard work at practise. Thanks Mr Giddy.  
 Mark Herlihy  
 Captain



**The Dream Team**

On a fine Friday afternoon the school in the shape of the 4th XV once again chanced its arm against the Dream Team. This was a dream team already on national television holding the Ranfurly Shield and a team determined to defend its unbeaten record. It also celebrated the final game in NZ of Chris Luke who then headed to play professional rugby in Scotland. Chris celebrated himself by scoring a hat-trick of tries. Despite its size the 4th XV pack had no answer to Ray Hosking, Dale Atkins, Chris Luke and Ken Maharey. Murray McKenzie after a horror appearance in 1995 looked determined to make amends and made a number of storming runs. If comments man Corey Gibson is to be believed halfback Slope Gledhill had an ordinary game and 1st 5 Sly a real shocker. Of course this could just have been a personality clash. The author and originator of this game showed the good sense to stay out of the first half but the smell of liment proved too much and evoked a spirited if misguided comeback which lasted 10 minutes and saw him limp to the sideline from thence to hospital and plaster for 3 weeks. After more comebacks than George Foreman this injury appears certain to bring down the curtain on an ordinary career. The Dream Team triumphed in a huge win but once again the importance was the occasion when a huge proportion of the school turned out to watch what has become an annual event. The staff wish to thank Corey Gibson for his inspirational commentary which at times manages to turn an ordinary game into an outstanding spectacle.

**4th XV's**

This team gathered for its first practice, it was clear there was a ton of potential. It was a long time surfacing, with only a win and a draw during term 2. However, like Taranaki this was not a team to be judged on early performance. An early setback occurred when 'Mutts Mullen badly sprained an ankle in the first game and ended up in plaster. This was





followed during the season by injuries to Hairy Whittaker who also sprained one of his powerful fetlocks, a broken wrist to the glamour boy of the side Mitch Campbell, who was never once seen with dirty shorts, a nasty groin strain to Richard Mills whose spastic running style had to be blamed, concussion to Harley Huston (although nobody noticed), the loss of big Pete Donovan whose boots fell off, if anyone could have lifted him. 'Monster' Eagles regularly headed to the side with his jaw sounding like an irate penguin and with the untimely and unfortunate dismissal of 'Romper Stomper' Dickinson, the team spent much of the season in a state of change. The other shocking injury occurred in the Staff vs. 4th XV game when the coach was foully taken out by 'Grover' Blackler after neatly wrongfooting Donaldson. This was the only time Blackler was forced to resort to these tactics after an outstanding season on the openside. The baby of the side Quinn Elstone played well all season at this level and was rewarded with a late call into the Under 15 side. Hami Tamarapa, the preying mantis, took lineout ball at will all year and a capable forward pack supplied ball to a backline which never quite fired except against Stratford for a big win and against the 3rd XV in the second of three local derbies during the season. League convert 'Karts' Katene crashed through for 2 tries to set up a good win despite a charge down and try from a Mitch kick. 'Hairy' Whittaker proved a key factor with his incisive running and horrific touch kicking but turned many poor situations into attacking ones. Outside him Richard Mills, like 'Rat' Thompson could always be relied on to run away from his support 'ET' worthing proved a capable runner and defender at both center and fullback while 'Billy' Kurta could always be relied on, if the surf was bad. The hero on defense in the backline was Dand Popps. Another fine 4th Xver out of the Papps stable at Te Horo, Dave made big tackles and took great catches at vital times. Support was always, at hand from: 'Goat' Hurley who always managed to pick the ball up, just as it had been set down for the backs, from Cameron Clarke who was rewarded with a rare try against the Dream Team, and pound for pound from Justin Morey ( if we could ever get him off his skateboard ) who developed into the terrier the side needed. The side of monster, Pete and ran with the ball in hand wading into 3rd Xv as we strove to get the final game of the season back will be a lasting memory of 1996.

Thanks to Bruce Elstone and John Eagles for thier support and for looking after the team on occasions. Thanks to the parents who turned out regularly and finally thanks to the boys who practised and played rugby for the joy of the game. It was a very enjoyable team to coach. A. Elgar

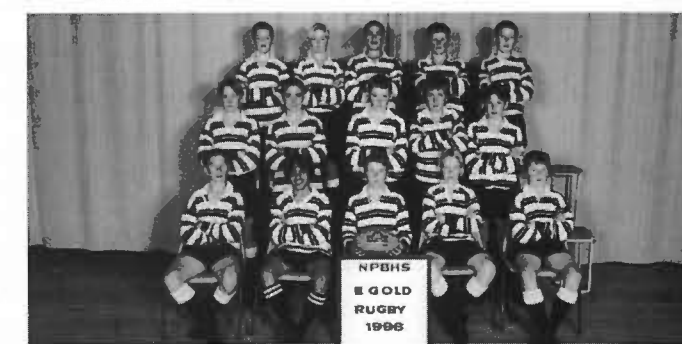
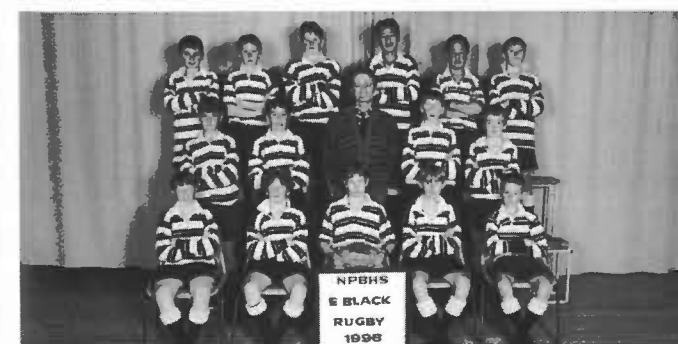
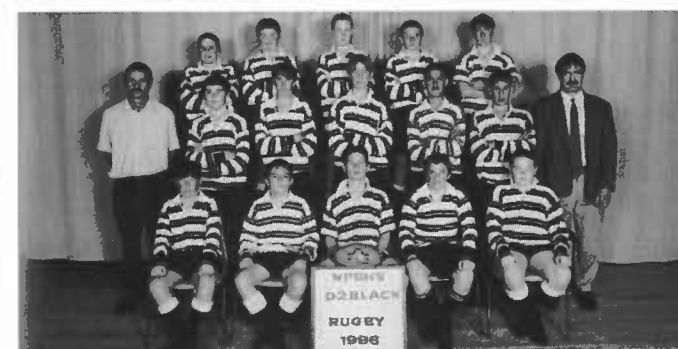
**C Grade Gold**

C gold had a mixed season and ended up finishing 4th in the C1 grade. This year with the introduction of the Under 15 side meant players eligible to play in the C grade had the opportunity to play at a higher level. Basically the forward pack lacked size which effected the team's ability to win ball. Once the ball was delivered to the backs we were dangerous and scored some great tries. This meant that against sides of the same size we scored some big wins- this resulted in us making the C1 grade.

It was in this grade that we struggled to win enough ball. Only against Spotswood did we show what we were capable of producing 2 good wins. One on the Gully gave the team great satisfaction. Probably our most successful game of the season was against Hawera. A team who earlier in the season were beating other teams by 100 points. Playing at Hawera was always going to be difficult and we did not get off to a great start - they scored and converted a try in the first 5 minutes. Only strong defence kept us in the game and at half

time we were only down 10-0. Early kicking in the second half lead to pressure on Hawera and a try resulted midway through the half to Harvey Marshall (the side's prolific try scorer). Unfortunately NPBHS failed to maintain the pressure and Hawera held on for the win. We were not helped by the retirement of Cameron Gordon to injury.

The forward pack although small gave their best at all times. They were well lead by Michael Lowe and supported by Ben Friedlander and Josh Baylis. A big thanks to Aaron Murdoch the student manager who was unable to play hockey because of an arm injury. Thanks also to the parents who provided support and transport throughout the season. Andrew Slyfield







Athletics Day



Cricket



Cricket 1st XI

Back Row: B Bloeman, M Feather, H Mitchell, M Stewart, M Cleaver, Mr G Giddy  
 Front Row: B Corlett, K Jordan, S Henderson, K Rowson, M Proffitt, A Turner  
 Absent: R West

1st XI Club Season

The club season was a big challenge playing once again in the Men's Premier Competition. The goal was to maintain Premier status. To this end former Hawkes Bay and Taranaki captain Paul Plumtree was enlisted to play and although due to work and family commitments he did not play as often as he would have liked his contribution when present was very valuable. The other major contribution came from Brad Fale who left school but played the whole season; Brendon Harvie also completed the whole season.

The 1st XI finished in 7th place with the highlight being an exciting outright win against NP United in the last game of the year.

The main run contributors were P. Plumtree (401), B. Harvie (313), S. Henderson (371) and B. Fale (433), and the main wicket takers were B. Fale (34) and R. West (19). K. Rowson took 26 catches and 3 stumpings as wicket keeper.

Results:

One Dayers  
 NPBHS 134-5 S. Henderson 65  
 OHSOB - washed out

Stratford 191 (R. West 3-27)  
 NPBHS 136 (B. Fale 34)

NPBHS 214 (P. Plumtree 68 B. Harvie 42)  
 Westown 215-5

NPBHS 128 (M. Broadmore 36)  
 Kaponga 129-3

NPBHS 111 (B. Harvie 30)  
 Hawera 92 (R. West 3-23)

Avis OB 244 (B. Harvie 4-46)  
 NPBHS 229 (R. West 91 K. Rowson 34)

Two Dayers  
 NPBHS 134 and 115 (M. Broadmore 46)  
 OHSOB 245-5

NPBHS 193 (B. Fale 78) and 128 (P. Plumtree 128)  
 Westown 264 (B. Fale 3-90) and 61-4

NPBHS 181-7 (B. Fale 82 R. West 32)  
 Stratford 121 (R. West 4-48 P. Plumtree 4-25)

Kaponga 157 (B. Fale 6-60) and 158 (B. Fale 6-56)  
 NPBHS 231 (A. Turner 33 S. Henderson 49) and 68-6

NPBHS 189 (A. Turner 68 B. Harvie 44) and 81  
 Hawera 226-4 and 48-0

Avis OB 260 (R. West 6-88) and 220  
 NPBHS 233 (B. Fale 74 S. Henderson 52) and 120 (B. Harvie 32 K. Rowson 33)

NPBHS 193 (P. Plumtree 91) and 235 (P. Plumtree 107 R. West 43)  
 NP United 265 and 126 (B. Corlett 3-31 M. Stewart 3-47)







Mathew Broadmore First XI Captain 1995. Inaugural winner of the Donnelly Cup.

**Representative Honours**

NZ Development Squad, Central Districts U20 and Taranaki A - Regan West Central Districts U18 and Taranaki U18 - Kane Rowson Taranaki U18 - Scott Henderson Taranaki U16 - Mark Stewart, Hamish Mitchell, Blair Corlett, Brendon Bloeman, Mark Profitt

**College Season**

A good college season saw wins against Wellington College and Auckland Grammar, a draw due to weather

against Hamilton Boys' and an outright loss to Wanganui Collegiate. Collegiate also defeated NPBHS in the Gillette Cup zone final.

Captain Scott Henderson led the run scoring 247 with Regan West 238. West also led the bowling with 16 wickets followed by Blair Corlett with 16. R. West 6-21 against Wellington, B. Corlett 7-54 against Hamilton and Mark Stewart 6-58 against Hamilton produced Honours Board performances.

**v. Wellington College - Top Ground Dec. 3-5**

Wellington batted first and were in early trouble at 27 for 3 but two partnerships got them through to 166. NPBHS struggled early but S. Henderson (30), R. West (33) and B. Corlett (30) made it through to 162. Wellington's 2nd innings was destroyed by R. West 6-21, an outstanding performance which reduced the visitors to 107. This left NPBHS 112 to win. The runs were attained for the loss of 4 wickets. B. Harvie (31) and R. West (43). An outright win by 6 wickets.

**Scoreboard:**

Wellington College 1st innings				2nd innings			
L.Churchill	c. b. West	16		lbw West	32		
D.Martin	c. b. Feather	0		c. b. West	0		
D.Ryan	c. Profitt	34		c. b. Corlett	6		
M.Howman	c. b. Feather	0		c. b. Profitt	3		
B.Cameron	c. b. Corlett	55		not out	47		
G.Fraser	c. b. Harvie	2		run out	2		
D. Murdoch	c. b. Harvie	2		c. b. West	2		
L.Edwards	c. b. Harvie	1		c. b. Profitt	6		
R.Prebble	c. b. West	31		b. West	6		
D.Bennett	lbw Corlett	9		c. b. West	4		
S.Garrett	not out	3		c. b. West	0		
Extras		13		Extras	5		
TOTAL		166		TOTAL	107		

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. West	15	4	38	2	17	8	21	6
B. Corlett	14	7	32	2	10	3	15	1
T. Feather	4	1	8	2	2	0	8	0

M. Profitt	17	6	31	1	14	8	25	2
B. Bloeman	4	2	10	0	9	4	16	0
B. Harvie	15	3	41	3	3	0	18	0

NPBHS 1st innings				2nd innings			
Harvie	b. Murdoch	2		c. b. Garrett	31		
A. Turner	c. b. Garrett	3		c. b. Edwards	1		
M. Broadmore	c. b. Garrett	0		c. b. Bennett	11		
S. Henderson	c. b. Garrett	30		b. Murdoch	9		
H. Mitchell	c. b. Murdoch	4		not out	10		
R. West	c. b. Murdoch	33		not out	43		
K. Rowson	c. b. Ryan	0		Extras	11		
B. Bloeman	b. Fraser	17		TOTAL	115		
B. Corlett	st. b. Cameron	30					
T. Feather	not out	5					
M. Profitt	c. b. Garrett	12					
Extras		26					
TOTAL		162					

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wicket
D. Murdoch	18	3	52	4	10	1	42	2
S. Garrett	12	3	40	4	7	0	27	1
L. Edwards	7	1	11	1	2	1	8	0
G. Fraser	7	1	11	1	2	1	8	0
B. Cameron	5	0	18	1				
R. Prebble	3	0	7	0	4	2	12	0

**v. Auckland Grammar - Top Ground Feb. 11-13**

AGS batted first and were dismissed for 186. NPBHS batted positively to be all out for 245; leading scorers were S. Henderson 78 and B. Corlett 57. AGS were dismissed in their 2nd innings for 144 with M. Profitt taking 4-15. This left NPBHS 86 runs to score which they attained for the loss of 5 wickets; S. Henderson was left 33 not out. An outright win by 5 wickets.

**Scoreboard:**

AGS 1st innings				2nd innings			
T. McIntosh	lbw Corlett	0		c. b. Corlett	4		
G. Willmott	not out	85		lbw Corlett	1		
A. Comer	run out	9		c. b. Profitt	3		
B. Cross	b. West	32		run out	56		
A. Hill	c. b. West	1		c. b. Mitchell	22		
R. Archibald	run out	22		c. b. West	14		
B. McGregor	c. b. Stewart	0		c. b. Profitt	11		
B. Lindenbore	c. b. Mitchell	2		b. Stewart	9		
N. Cammell	c. b. Mitchell	12		not out	6		
D. Glavis	b. Stewart	5		c. b. Profitt	4		
W. Schultz	c. b. Stewart	4		c. b. Profitt	0		
Extras		14		Extras	14		
TOTAL		186		TOTAL	144		

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
B. Corlett	11	6	21	1	15	8	35	2
M. Stewart	20	4	45	3	11	3	13	1
H. Mitchell	12	2	37	2	9	2	32	1
A. Turner	17	5	31	0	2	0	12	0
M. Profitt	10	6	6	0	11	2	15	4
R. West	14	6	28	2	16	6	26	1



NPBHS 1st innings  
 A. Turner c. b. Cammell 0  
 B. Bloeman c. b. Schultz 5  
 H. Mitchell c. b. Cammell 10  
 S. Henderson b. Schultz 78  
 R. West c. b. Hill 7  
 K. Rowson c. b. Schultz 19  
 J. Clough lbw Hill 2  
 M. Feather lbw Cammell 6  
 B. Corlett b. Schultz 57  
 M. Stewart c. b. Hill 22  
 M. Profitt not out 20  
 Extras 19  
 TOTAL 246

2nd innings  
 lbw Glavis 9  
 run out 10  
 c. b. Hill 17  
 not out 33  
 c. b. Lindenbore 6  
 c. b. Lindenbore 7  
 not out 0  
 Extras 6  
 TOTAL 88

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
N. Cammell	25	7	83	3	5	3	7	0
D. Glavis	16	6	26	0	9	2	15	1
W. Shultz	14	5	40	4	4	1	7	0
A. Hill	23	4	82	3	10	1	25	1
B. Lindenbore					3		18	2



**v. Hamilton Boys' High - Hamilton Feb. 18-20**

Hamilton batted first after to being put in by NPBHS. After the loss of two early wickets and assisted by dropped catches and wayward bowling Hamilton went to tea at 159 for 3. A much better effort after tea saw Hamilton 257 for 9 at stumps. An Honours Board performance by Mark Stewart in only his second College match of 6 for 58 had much to do with restricting Hamilton. The second day was completely

washed out due to heavy rain despite several attempts to get started. Hamilton were all out 3 balls into the third day for 257.

NPBHS struggled early in their innings and at 3 for 33 were in real trouble but a 105 run 4th wicket partnership between R. West (54) and S. Henderson (78) got the innings going. K. Rowson scored 33 and NPBHS were all out for 211 - 46 runs behind. With a session and a half remaining Hamilton batted and struggled due to some fine bowling from B. Corlett who produced the second Honours Board performance of the match with 7 for 54 from 14 overs. The game was called off with 1 hour of play remaining with Hamilton 105 for 9.

Match drawn.

**HBHS 1st innings**

B. Kennedy c. b. Stewart 3  
 M. Clayton c. b. Stewart 14  
 D. Otto run out 26  
 K. Currie c. b. Stewart 60  
 C. Bulloch c. b. West 92  
 J. Ahlers st. b. West 15  
 R. Puna c. b. Stewart 33  
 S. Higginson lbw Stewart 5  
 J. Liggitt lbw Stewart 2  
 B. Carroli c. b. West 0  
 J. James not out 0  
 Extras 8  
 TOTAL 257

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
B. Corlett	11	3	39	0	14	2	54	7
M. Stewart	22	4	58	6	6	1	19	1
M. Profitt	8	0	46	0	3	2	3	0
R. West	18	4	58	3	8	3	15	0
M. Cleaver					3	1	18	1
H. Mitchell	4	0	27	0				
A. Turner	3	0	19	0				

**NPBHS 1st innings**

A. Turner c. b. Higginson 2  
 B. Bloeman b. Carroll 1  
 H. Mitchell hit w. b. Carroll 0  
 S. Henderson c. b. Higginson 78  
 R. West c. b. Puna 54  
 K. Rowson c. b. Bullock 33  
 M. Feather lbw Bullock 6  
 B. Corlett c. b. Carroll 16  
 M. Stewart b. James 2  
 M. Profitt not out 5  
 M. Cleaver b. Liggitt 4  
 Extras 9  
 TOTAL 211

**Bowlers:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
S. Higginson	13	3	34	2
B. Carroll	10	1	30	3
J. Liggitt	4	0	34	1
C. Bulloch	10	0	48	2
R. Puna	6	0	28	1
R. James	12	5	32	1





**v.Wanganui Collegiate - Top Ground Mar.11-13**

WCS batted first and were 175 for 7 but some very poor bowling and fielding saw them through to 349.NPBHS struggled and were all out for 80.Following on a much better effort was made but we were bowled out for 249 to lose by an innings.

The Gillette Cup was transferred to Wanganui and played on a wet track.NPBHS made 52 and WCS 54 for 7 therefore advancing to next round.

WCS 1st innings

J.Rae c. b. West	28
B.Giesen b. West	40
P.Simmons c. b. Jordan	52
B.Abolson c. b. Stewart	3
J.Gilbertson b. Cleaver	19
T.Gibson c&b Stewart	21
J.Wylie c. b. Cleaver	71
P.Marra c. b. Stewart	0
A.Gibson lbw Profitt	36
M.Fraser not out	55
R.Horrocks not out	1
Extras	21
TOTAL 3	49

Bowlers :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
B.Corlett	10	3	32	1
M.Stewart	16	3	54	3
M.Cleaver	12	1	53	2
R.West	29	5	91	2
M.Profitt	12	2	57	1
K.Jordan	9	1	42	1

NPBHS 1st innings		2nd innings	
A.Turner b. Marra	12	c. b. Abolson	11
B.Bloeman c. b. Gibson	2	lbw Marra	28
S.Henderson b. Horrocks	3	c. b. Marra	16
R.West c. b. Marra	26	c. b. Fraser	79
B.Corlett c. b. Marra	7	c. b. Horrocks	17
K.Rowson b. Gibson	1	lbw Gibson	2
H.Mitchell run out	11	c. b. Marra	3
M.Stewart c. b. Marra	0	c. b. Abolson	48
M.Profitt b. Marra	2	c. b. Abolson	18
K.Jordan b. Abolson	1	c&b Abolson	7
M.Cleaver not out	1	not out	6
Extras	14	Extras	14
TOTAL	80	TOTAL	249

Bowlers :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A.Gibson	10	1	38	2	18	4	41	2
R.Horrocks	9	3	9	1	11		46	1
B.Abolson	5	2	9	1	19	5	49	4
P.Marra	13	8	15	5	16	8	17	2
M.Fraser					22	6	80	1

**Junior Cricket**

Once again the school was very well represented in both senior grades and Saturday morning cricket.The 1st XI did well to maintain their Premier Grade status and had a number of good results against the top teams in that grade.Mr Giddy continues to put many hours into the afternoon grade cricket and continues to have success.

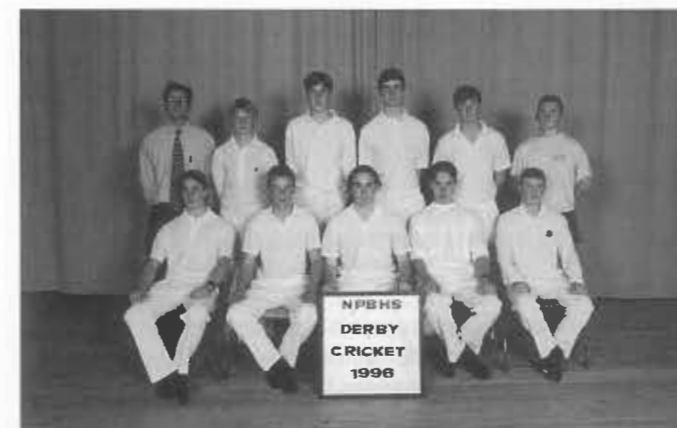
Thanks go to Mr Knight and Mr Jordan for coaching the 2nd and 3rd XIs respectively.A task that is enjoyable as both coaches are able to play with their teams but one that becomes a problem over the holidays when the numbers are not always around.

At the beginning of 1996 there were 13 morning grade teams.This was an increase on previous years and this numbers caused some problems.We have only 4 pitches available and this meant each week there were 2 teams that had to play mid week.Not an ideal situation as often these games were unable to be played and the players missed out on what they enjoy most-playing the game.It also made the task of finding enough coaches a challenge.After a number of pleas I was grateful for the number of responses to manage teams especially from the female staff.Five female staff members offered to help and both players and staff members enjoyed the experience.

The problem with having most teams managed rather than coached is that although the boys get to play and are organised there are not many that get coached.As a school we need to address the problem and any outside help would be appreciated.Now with the artificial hockey turf going ahead on Webster it is vital that we are able to put 4 synthetic pitches down on the Racecourse.Something we are working on at the moment and hopefully will be a reality this season.

Thank you once again to everyone involved with making the sport a reality for the boys.A special thanks to all staff who coached and managed the teams,to parents who regularly came along to support their sons,to the parents who helped with the coaching and managing,to the groundstaff who mow, roll and prepare the wickets and finally to the boys who play and enjoy the game so much.

Jed Rowlands







**Athletics**



**ATHLETICS 96**

Once again the weather was great for the Athletics sports day which was held on Webster Field.

There were many fine performances during the day, none more so than watching Junior, Tyler Raven breaking two School records. He scorched down the 100 metre track in 11.84 seconds. The old record was held by D Jones :1978, 12.20 seconds. His second record was in the Long Jump recording 5.57 metres, held by M Old: 1988, 5.40 metres. Tyler scored 6 wins in six events and was star of the day.

Paul Gibbs and David Gibson competed against each other in an interesting contest. David performed well in the Field events while Paul enjoyed success in the middle distance events, and Narrowly won the Intermediate Championship.

Jai Huta is a talented Athlete and performed well in the Track events, and easily won the Senior Championship.



Tyler Raven (Junior), Paul Gibbs (Intermediate), Jai Huta (Senior)

**ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS 1996**

**JUNIOR** - 1st Tyler Raven (60 pts) - 2nd Te Rauna Robins(25) - 3rd Jason Quilter(24)

**INTERMEDIATE** - 1st Paul Gibbs(43) - 2nd David Gibson(39) - 3rd Justin Feek(34)

**SENIOR** - 1st Jai Huta(54) - Brendan McGlashan(31) - 3rd Jason Rowe(29)

**HOUSE COMPETITION**  
 1st - SYME - 915 points  
 2nd - HATHERLY - 866 POINTS  
 3RD - BARAK - 694 POINTS  
 4TH - DONNELLY - 641 POINTS

**HERTZ PRE-SEASON MEET**

The Hertz sponsored pre-season secondary schools meeting was held at Pukekura Park early in February. In various events, NPBHS winners were:- R. Walker, T. Raven, H. Kirk, D. Oldridge, J. Huta, B. McGlaslan, F. Nuku and B. Newland. Tyler Raven was quite outstanding in his events, and others to get placings were:- J. McGlashan, J. Keegan, J. Bishop, J. Marriner, C. Mullan, S. Gilbert, M. Fisher, P. Green and S. Boxer.



**TARANAKI INTER SECS**

The Taranaki Intersecondary Champs followed our school championships after a postponement because of bad weather, and conditions on the backup date were again threatening making things difficult for the jumpers. The school provided a solid group of entrants in the sprints, a few scattered through the field events and a rather discouraging level of interest in the distance races.

There had been doubts and muttering over the very fast 100 meter times at our school sports but our sprinters vindicated themselves with wins in the junior, intermediate and senior relays and similarly impressive 100 meter results. Tyler Raven and Jarrod Bone were well clear of the rest of the junior field and we would doubtless have provided half the finalists in the senior event as well as the junior, had Derek Oldridge not become seriously ill. Jai Huta, Caleb Walsh and Jason Rowe produced a 1,2,3 finish in the senior event to confirm that we have in fact had an unusually speedy group of sprinters in the junior and senior schools this year.

The outstanding individual on the day was Tyler Raven with 3 wins from his maximum permitted 3 events, plus a longjump record and a relay victory. Jai was way out in front at the tape in the senior 200 and his time of 22.8 was outstanding on the soft track, being only 0.1 off our school record. Lewis Stonnell and David Gibson were others to get more than one title, and the following get in amongst the certificates.



**Individual Winners**

- Tyler Raven (3)
- Jai Huta (2)
- David Gibson (2)
- Lewis Stonnell (2)
- Shannon Boxer
- Caleb Walsh
- Shane Gilbert
- Jason Rowe

**Relay Winners**

- Junior 4 x 100 (T Raven, J Bone, R Walker, R Temata)
- Intermediate 4 x 100 (H Kirk, J Keegan, J Feek, D Gibson)
- Senior 4 x 100 (C Walsh, S Gilbert, J Rowe, J Huta)

A number of these athletes also got 2nd/3rd placings, along with:

Jason Quilter, Jason Snowden, Duane McGrath, Jouhans Marrine and David Dmasin.



**North Island Champs**

A small group from the above boys went to Wellington the following weekend and performed competitively at the North Island Champs, with David Gibson getting our best result (2nd in the intermediate longjump) Tyler Raven also did well in the field with 5th in both the long and triple jumps. Our sprinters were all eliminated in the heats, but results times show they were all right up with the pace

in very evenly contested events and hopefully some will be a little luckier at the December Nationals.

**Taranaki Intersecondary Cross Country Championships**

The Taranaki Intersecondary Crosscountry Championships held at Francis Douglas College were not memorable for NPBHS with the most modest results we have had for some time.

The best individual performance came from Matt Cleaver with a good 2nd in the intermediate event and Ben Alchin with a commendable 5th in the same race. Anthony Aston was the only other of our intermediates to get into the first 30 and consequently our intermediates finished a rather ignominious 3rd in the teams event.

The Senior and Junior teams efforts were better, with all six points scorers in each event finishing in the top 30 and the best individuals being John Ferris and Daniel Morrison (9 and 10th in the juniors) and Craig Cochrane (7th in the seniors).

Again this year some of our better runners were unavailable because of exams, but FDMC had 3 of the first 5 finishers in every age group and simply outclassed us, a situation which will no doubt continue as long as the low level of interest in distance running at this school does.



We fielded 27 runners - The teams listed are our top 6 finishers in each event who generated points for the team score.

**Juniors (2nd)**  
 John Ferris, Daniel Morrison, Jeremy Wright, Jason Snowden, Lance Christiansen, Duane McGrath.

**Intermediate (3rd)**  
 Matt Cleaver, Ben Alchin, Anthony Aston, Brad Andrews, John Cade, Time Morgan.

**Seniors (2nd)**  
 Craig Cochrane, Shane Gilbert, Jason Luff, Callum Jamieson, David Dmasin, Daryl Bastin.





Swimming



TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1996

The Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming Champs were held at Stratford on 27th February, and Boys High was entered in all events contested in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.

Of the 18 available titles, our swimmers collected 3 individual titles, 5 relay team titles, as well as 10 2nd placings and 2 3rd placings in individual events.

Each event was keenly contested, and our swimmers performed creditably in each division.

Results Individual

- Junior Boys**
- Jeremy Wright -1st 50m backstroke  
-2nd 100m freestyle  
-3rd 50m breaststroke
- Robert Veitch -2nd 50m butterfly
- Intermediate Boys**
- Mark Bell -1st 100m freestyle
- Jamie Booth -1st 50m breaststroke  
-2nd 50m butterfly
- Hayden Corkin -2nd 50m backstroke  
-3rd 100m freestyle
- Aaron Gayton -2nd 50m breaststroke
- Senior Boys**
- Hami Tamarapa -2nd 50m backstroke
- Ben Scott -2nd 100m freestyle
- Luke McLeod -2nd 50m butterfly

Cameron Clow -2nd 50m breaststroke

Results Team Events

- Junior Boys** -1st 4 x 25m medley relay
- Intermediate Boys** -1st 4 x 25m medley relay  
-1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay
- Senior Boys** -1st 4 x 25m medley relay  
-1st 4 x 25m freestyle relay

Team Members Were:-

**Junior Boys** Jeremy Wright, Andrew Flemming, Alistair Hollins, Robert Veitch

**Intermediate Boys** Jamie Booth, Mark Bell, Aaron Gayton, David Green, Hayden Corkin

**Senior Boys** Cameron Clow, Ben Scott, Hami Tamarapa, Luke McLeod.

K Gledhill (Manager)



Swimming sports - Staff Notes

The swimming sports were notable this year for the large turn-out of staff (30) who donned their bathing suits to contest the annual staff v students relay.

For the first time ever, a womens team lined up the event, and each of the senior administrators - Lyal French-Wright, John Laurenson, and Bruce Bayly were entered in this competitive relay.

For the record, the following staff were seen in their finest hour splashing through the water to complete their 25m lap of honour: J Laurenson, R Turner, J Sims, K Gledhill, B Bayly, E Jones, L French-Wright, M Sullivan, M Watts, D Aitkins, M McKenzie, D Leath, R Green, P Hewlett, A Elgar, N Hunter, G Yule, A Aitcheson, C Luke, G Hall, R Bublit, E Wilkins, A Laurenson, R Pfster, K Hazledine, J Baker, P Sole, M Dobson, J Gross, M Grimwood.



The students v Old Boys relay saw a close win to the students, with the following Old Boys turning out: Paul Veric, Seamus Collins, Trevor Corkin, Matt Laurensen, Richard Turner, Rob Green, Kent Bell.

School Swimming Sports

Another summer's day marked the beginning of the interhouse competition at the McIntrye Pool. The day was characterised by the good natured ribbing between the houses which made for an interesting days events. There were a number of battles throughout the day, particularly in the intermediate championship events.

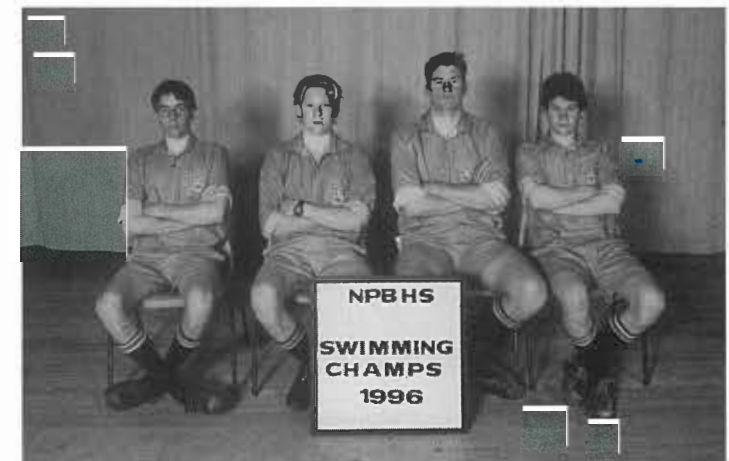
A very tense competition took place, the result being 2 points separating joint winners Jamie Booth and Mark Bell from 3rd place getter Hayden Corkin. Jeremy Wright showed his class and experience by dominating the junior events, easily winning the championship. He also set a new 50 metres backstroke record of 36.96sec. Senior champion was Cameron Clow with Luke McLeod and Hami Tamarapa contesting for second and third respectively.

Donnelly dominated the House competition, winning by over 100 points. There was a battle for second and third with Syme pipping Barak with Hatherly finishing last.

Barak and Hatherly should be congratulated for their excellent participation. They earned the bulk of their points from the non-championship events, showing great house spirit. Congratulations go to Donnelly and all those who turned up and created such a carnival atmosphere. May it continue in the future.

Results :

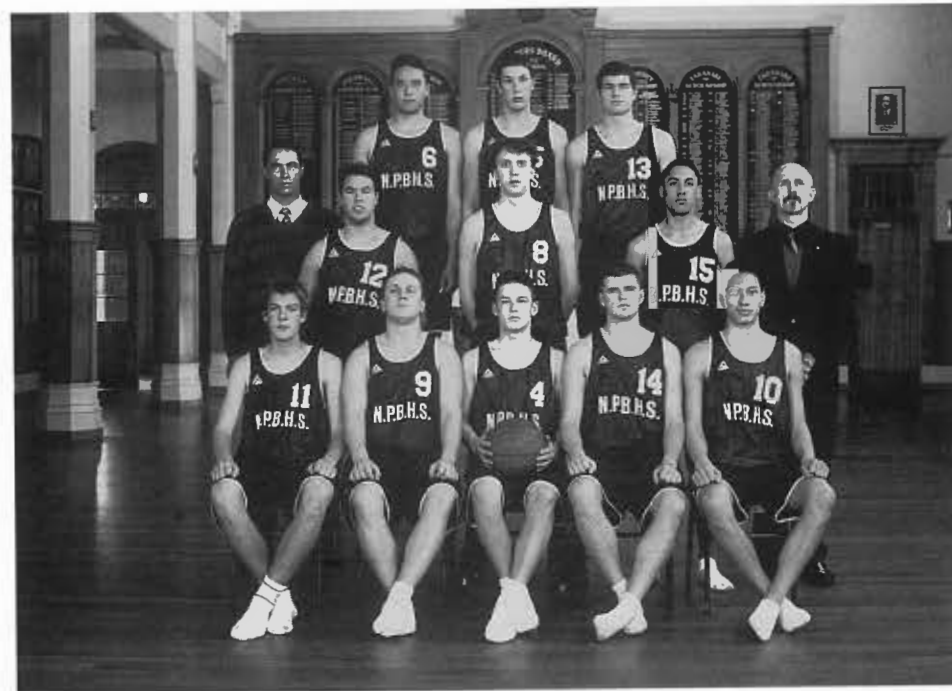
- Juniors**
- 1st J. Wright
- 2nd R. Veitch
- 3rd A. Hollins
- Intermediates**
- 1st = J. Booth
- 1st = M. Bell
- 3rd H. Corkin
- Seniors**
- 1st C. Clow
- 2nd L. McLeod
- 3rd H. Tamarapa







Basketball



Basketball 1st V

**Back Row:** P Walden, A Oakenfall, D Oldridge  
**Middle Row:** Mr C Driscoll, J Rowe, S Frost, K Sellars, Mr J Laurenson  
**Front Row:** D Radford, C Stark, S Henderson, R Laurenson, J Marriners

FIRST V 96

The season has provided its usual shares of ups and downs.

If one thing was to become immediately apparent, however, it was that luck was never going to be a constant travelling companion for the team. As other teams got stronger, so we were plagued by illness and injury at critical times in the season.

For example, excellent play in Zones was followed at Regionals by a plaster cast for Regan West and a severe dose of the flu for Paul Walden, with the result that our performance (on the way down) came up against a strong PNBHS and an improving FDMC (as their key player returned to New Plymouth from overseas).

Following our inability to progress to the Nationals we then gave way to poor performance against touring Nae Nae and better but still losing performances against touring Brisbane Grammar and St. Johns College, Hamilton.

One could assume that at this stage a reasonable recovery was due - not so - injuries to Captain Scott Henderson and Andrew Oakenfull hampered our performance at an open tournament in Stratford. Bluntly at this stage most teams would have been ready to give up, but in all honesty that never happened. Training continued and at the time of this writing a goal of success at Zone Tournament Rotorua was set and training continued long after the local season ended.

For me the highlights of this season were many - the highlights coming from solid team work, personal pride in each

other demonstrated at all times, the acceptance by the team that they represented a great school and sporting code and a continued motivation to work hard.

Jason Rowe and Regan West both achieved National honors. Andrew Oakenfall achieved Tournament Team status at Regionals in Palmerston North. The team was second at Zone Taranaki, Fourth at Regionals and at the time of this writing everyone was uninjured and focusing on a sound performance at Rotorua. Come what may the team, led by Scott Henderson never lost desire or drive and for that they earned my respect and that of their many supporters.

My thanks go to the parents who helped so much, in particular Mr. & Mrs. Radford, Mr. Sellers and sponsors Jim and Mary Stark.

Also to Coach Colin Driscoll. Many contribute to make this team special.

Kia Kaha

John Laurenson  
 Manager 1st V Basketball

Basketball Summary

1996 would have been one of the better years for the development of basketball at NPBHS starting with Jason Roe being selected for the New Zealand 17 development squad, where he led his team in scoring.

The preseason coaches clinic with Warren Osborne coach



Secondary School 3rd and 4th Form  
 Central Zones Tournament

This was the highlight of the season for many of our Junior boys play indoor. A third and fourth form team had been selected earlier in term three to play at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Tournament. This team performed very creditably by making the finals by downing Francis Douglas in a nail biting semi-final. The team had to turn around and play the final immediately and narrowly went down to a talented team from Spotswood.

This qualified us to enter the Central Zone Tournament at Levin four weeks further on. With more time for practice a team pattern and philosophy

could be formulated. Discipline and defence were the cornerstones. It was indeed pleasing to hear from a number of people at the tournament that the two most disciplined teams made the final. One of them being NPBHS.

The boys excelled themselves, combining well and most importantly keeping control in very pressurised situations. They played 5 games to reach the finals and then narrowly lost to Hutt Valley High School in the final. Haizley Martin and Matt Cleaver made the tournament team with Matt winning the MVP. The whole team need to be congratulated because they performed as a team on and off the court and our thanks go to Mr Driscoll, manager for ensuring that everything ran so smoothly.

Team: M Cleaver (capt.) H Martin, D Green, B Jefferies, S Lyle, J Murphy, J Collins, M Peebles, F Nuku, S Ponga and B Laurenson  
 Coach B. Bayly

of New Plymouth's second division team and the Bears player Steve Campbell proved to be the foundation for the season with an emphasis on defense.

Signs that NPBHS were on the right track came at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships where we felt we were strong enough to field two teams. Our confidence was justified when we finished second and third. Roe, Juhans Marriner and Regan West made the final trials for the New Zealand under 18 team with, West being selected for the Northern team.

Locally the Pacers were undefeated in the under sixteen A-Grade during the year when winning the final by 56 points. Magic under 14 played and finished 4th in the under-sixteen B-Grade while the Bulls were the regular season winners going down in a tight game in the semi-final. The under 14 title game was played between two NPBHS teams with Spurs beating Hornets in another close encounter.

Yet again NPBHS players dominated all the New Plymouth representative teams: Roe made and played for Royals, New Plymouth's Second Division Team till forced to withdraw because of injury. Scott Henderson, Raymond Laurenson, Andrew Oakenfall, Derek Oldridge, Roe, Curtis Stark and West making the Under 18. Meanwhile at the Junior Central Zones Schoolboys Championships NPBHS finished Second. Martin and Cleaver were selected for the Tournament Team, with Cleaver being awarded The Most Valuable Player. Two teams qualified and went to the Regional Secondary Schoolboys Tournaments. The Second Five to the Central Region Palmerston North. After beating the eventual winners finished a very creditable fourth. Cleaver again made the Tournament Team with Martin named The Most Promising Junior. The First Five went to Rotorua taking on the Mid-Northern Region. After a season of pain and challenge the ease with which this tournament was won was almost disappointing. Our overall strength at this event was reflected in five players gaining selection to the tournament team. Oakenfall, West, Paul, Walden, Simon Frost, and Roe with Regan West the undisputed MVPs.







## Basketball 2nd V

**Back Row:** Mr T Heaps, M Hutchings, C Watkins, R Lawn, R Tilley, J Bracegirdle, Mr C Tilley

**Front Row:** J Eden, H Martin, J Wright, S Horner, L Parsons

**Absent:** M Cleaver

## Basketball 2nd V

The 1996 2nd V had a few scores to settle following poor performances in 1995. As such, the team goals were to :1. make the cut in Preliminary Ranking to ensure the team played in the Men's A grade competition 2. make top 4 in Men's A grade 3. make top 4 in Taranaki Secondary School Qualifying tournament 4. Make the top 4 in the NZ Central Zone Secondary School tournament. Each of the goals was achieved and the team performed with much credit in doing so. None of the goals were achieved easily but the fact is that in realising each goal the team often felt disappointment in their inability to go that one step further. This is, in itself, a true reflection of the development and character of the team built up in one season and should stand them in good stead for their future basketball. NPBA Preliminary Ranking Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Final Position 4 As an untried combination the team had to find their team pattern quickly to ensure they won through to the higher competition grade. This they did with relative ease and in the process revealed the winning desire and discipline which was to become the hallmark of the team's future endeavours. NPBA Men's A Grade Played 13, Won 6, Lost 7, Final Position 4 Mens A grade put the acid on the team with the competition featuring 4 adult teams with hardened experience. The team performed consistently without being outstanding over the 2 rounds, but still managed to beat all the other teams once which was a feat only achieved by the eventual winners. The 2nd V made the top 4 Championship playoffs and lost their semi-final to Waitara HS in a titanic struggle which saw Waitara win 52-51 with the winning basket coming in the dying seconds. Taranaki Second-

ary Schools Qualifying tournament - Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2, Final Position 3 The 2nd V came into this tournament as a filler team to make up numbers and left as the 3rd best team in Taranaki. The team played outstanding basketball with the main highlight being the huge performance against FDC. Inter-school Fixtures Played 2, Won 0, Lost 2 As a result of the team's Taranaki successes, the 2nd V were invited to play touring Canberra Grammar U16 and Naenae College sides during the June holidays. Both games were lost but played with a great deal of pride. Naenae, in particular, offered a stern test as they were preparing for the Secondary School Nationals where they eventually finished in the top 4. The team stayed in touch with Naenae until the last 5 minutes when the team unleashed an offensive barrage which was too hot to handle. NZ Central Zones - Palmerston North Played 5, Won 3, Lost 2, Final Position 4 The team's season ended on a high note with an excellent 4th placing at the Central Zones tournament. The team's fighting character came to the fore in 3 action

packed days with strong performances needed to pull back hefty half time deficits, especially so against eventual winners Hasting BHS when they came back from 12 points down to win 71-70 in section play and finalist Hawera HS when they came back from 11 points down to narrowly lose the semi-final 58-59 on the buzzer. Though finishing 4th the team had the immense satisfaction of being the only team to defeat Hasting BHS. As well Haizley Martin was named one of three Emerging Players, Matt Cleaver was named in the Tournament team and Leighton Parsons was placed on the shortlist. Summary - Played 35, Won 19, Lost 16 The 1996 2nd V was a team in every sense of the word and a pleasure for the team management to work with. All players were set individual goals with the emphasis being on tapping into new levels of excellence and all achieved that by the season's end. As a breeding ground for future 1st V players the 1996 2nd V programme has gone along way towards providing for the school's basketball future and players involved this year can be very proud of their efforts. Next year will see a number of players moving on or up to the 1st V and we wish them well. For the 2nd V returnees and newcomers it is hoped that we can build on the 1996 success and at least maintain the high standards established by the 1996 2nd V team. The contribution of the coach, Colin Tilley, must be recognised. He was the motivating force behind the team. He is extremely well organised and demands, and gets, from the team, commitment at practice, but most importantly in the games where he always wants the best from his team and consistently achieves that. Our grateful thanks to Colin for all his time and hard work. T. Heaps Manager









Soccer



Soccer 1st XI

**Back Row:** A O'Keefe, B Weir, C Walsh, K Stockman  
**Middle Row:** Mr D Chapman, K Alatoa, D Bryson, B Turner, P Morse, S Corcoran, Mr H Russell  
**Front Row:** J Mawson, S Smith, C Jamieson, M Gordon, M Brenan, T O'Brien, M Williams

First XI Soccer

1996 was a very busy season for the First XI Soccer with a total of forty games being played. Three of these were played on an Australian tour during the Term 2 holidays. The statistics read as 12 wins, 6 draws and 22 losses, not an outstanding season, however to the credit of the players team morale always remained high and the team had a very positive team spirit. Of the 16 players, nine of them gained representative experience for their province.

Soccer Taranaki Premier Competition

This was the third year that the First XI competed in this grade and each year we compete in it the competition gets harder. In 1995 two central league sides dropped down to this grade and in 1996 two other clubs dropped down to the central league. A major success of the season was the teams improvement from round 1 in the competition to round two. In the first round we only won one game, however in the second round we managed to knock over Moturoa, Fitzroy, NP City and a draw with Eltham. This was a real sign of the teams improvement through the season.

As well as the league competition the team played in local knock-out competition. After being knocked out by Hawera in the first round of the Duff Rosebowl, we dropped down to the Nimo cup competition and won the final of this 6-0. As well as winning the Nimo Cup the team won the fairplay award and recieved a cheque worth \$450

College Matches

vs Wanganui Collegiate (Wanganui) Won 3-1

This was the first college game of the season, it also doubled as a New Zealand Secondary Schools qualifying game for

the National Tournament in Napier. The game started at frantic pace. Boys' High were the first to score and at half time led 2-0, a defensive error let Wanganui in during the second half however Boys' High came back to cement the victory 3-1.

vs Hamilton Boys' High School (Hamilton) Lost 2-1

We played this game just prior to our departure to Australia. The boys started the game poorly and didn't capitalise on their opportunities where Hamilton Boys' High School did and the game was played in terrible weather and ground conditions. Hamilton Boys made the most of their opportunities in the first half and at half time were 2-nil up. In the second half New Plymouth put together a better effort and came back with one goal.

vs St Patricks Silverstream (Lower Hutt) Draw 4-4

This was the first time this fixture has been played and it will now be a regular interschool fixture. In the first half New Plymouth created many opportunities and scored on three of them and led at half time 3-1. The second half was all St Pats as they made a remarkable comeback, halfway through the second half the scores were tied at 3-3. New Plymouth managed to score only one goal this half to make it 4-3 but once again St Pats came back to equalise.

vs Palmerston North Boys' High School (New Plymouth) Lost 1-0

This was a new fixture in 1996 and was our first home game. It was a good very fair and hard fought game, with neither side creating many opportunities. In the second half Palmerston created a chance and took it putting them 1-nil up. New Plymouth tried to create opportunities but failed to



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Matt King

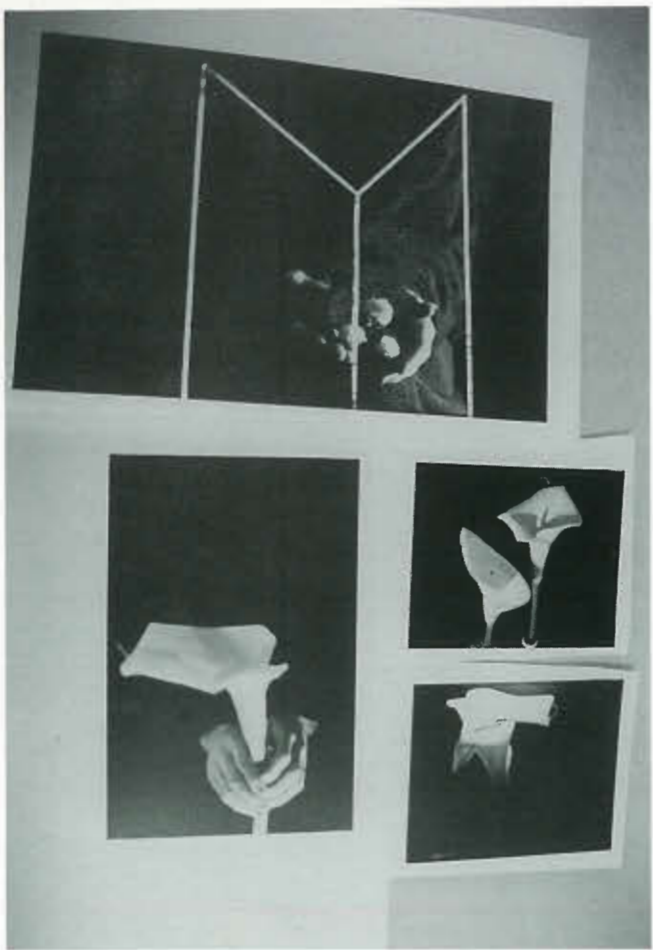


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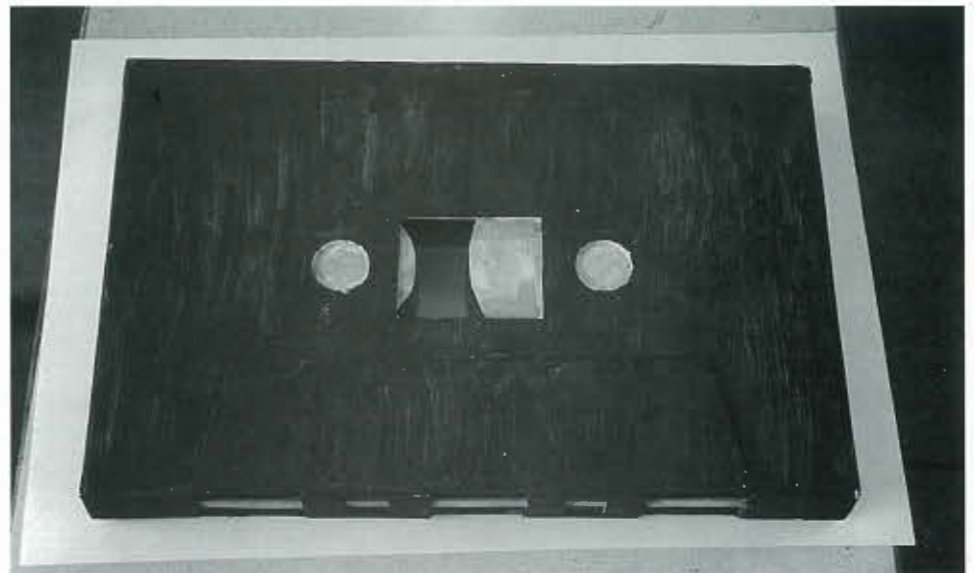




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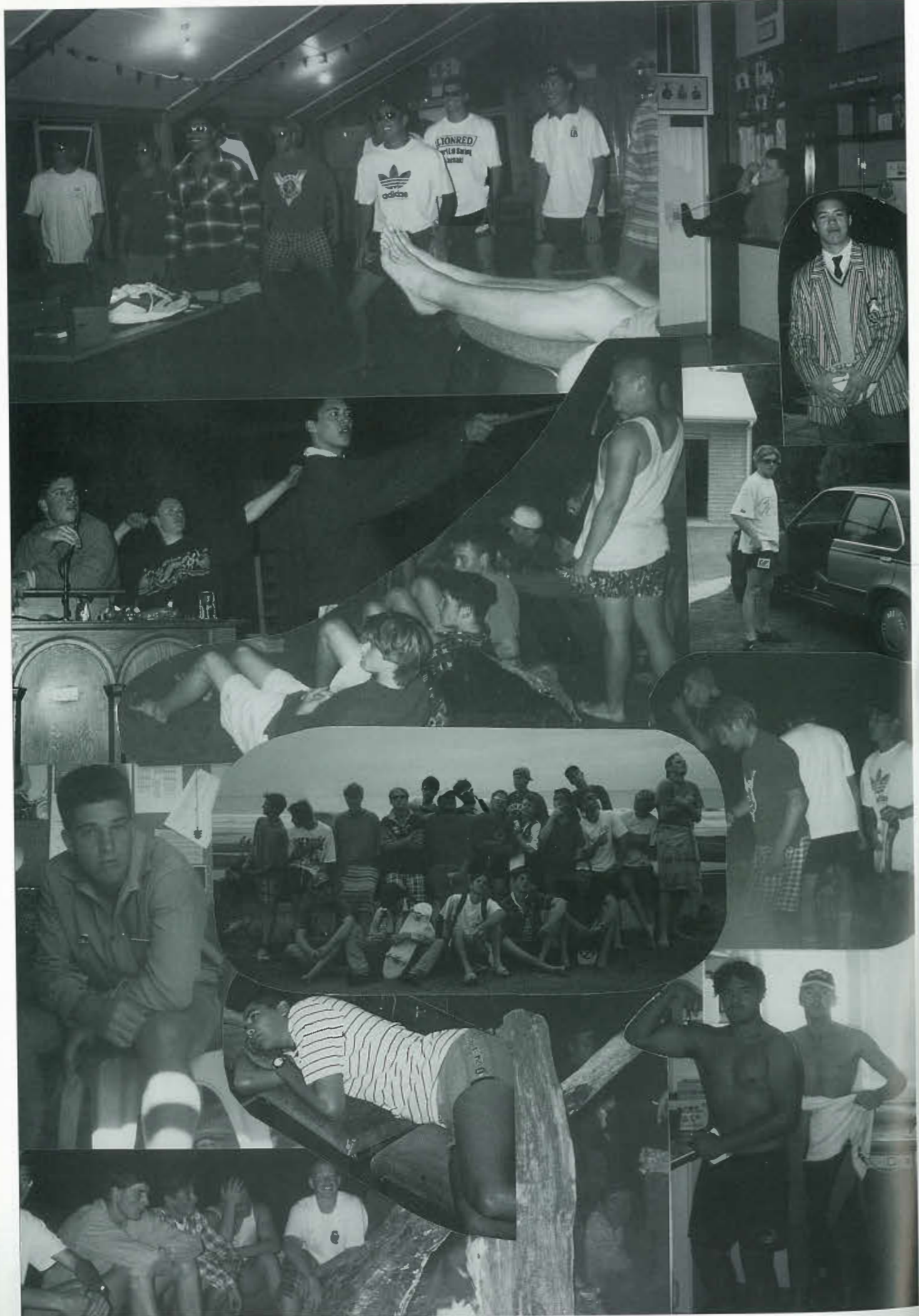


3 Art Hybrids



Clinton Smith





score late in the game. It was played at a fast pace and was New Plymouth's best college performance of the season.

vs Wellington College (New Plymouth) Lost 7-1  
Wellington was always going to be our toughest opponent in the college matches. In this game we were beaten by a well disciplined team that created lots of opportunity for themselves and capitalised on a large number of them. New Plymouth scored a consolidation goal from a penalty spot by Mark Gordon late in the game. To the credit of the boys' they fought on till the end against a more talented and skillful team.

vs Horowhenua College (New Plymouth) Draw 0-0  
In this game New Plymouth had a tonne of opportunities at goal but didn't finish off their chances. A game that displayed exciting football but in the end was very frustrating because we created the chances but did not score.

**Australian Tour**  
In the term 2 holidays both the First XI Soccer and Hockey traveled to Australia for the first overseas tour for both codes in the school. The tour started with an annual interschool with Hamilton Boys' and the next day we flew out of Hamilton with Kiwi International Airlines to Sydney. The first game played on the tour was against Waverly College a private school in Sydney. The result was one all draw with Kent Stockman scoring the goal for Boys' High School. The tour then traveled to Penrith, west of Sydney and stayed the weekend at the home of the Penrith Panthers Rugby league club. The boys had a weekend of leisure playing aqua golf, going cable water-skiing and going to Australia Wonderland theme park. The next two games were played in Newcastle north of Sydney. Both of the schools we played were co-ed so much to the boys delight many of them were billeted with girls. The first game was against Broadmeadow High School the result of this was a 3 all draw. The next day we met a highly rated and ranked Lampton High School, this was a toughly fought match with Lampton having the best of the First half however New Plymouth fought back in the second half to make the result 3-2 to Lampton. The following day we returned to Sydney and flew back to Hamilton.

## New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament in Napier.

For the third year New Plymouth Boys' High School qualified to compete at the National Secondary Schools tournament at Napier. This was the first time the tournament has been conducted during term time. Our pool draw this year was very similar to the one we received in 1995.

- The results**
- Mount Albert Grammar School 2-1
  - Macleans College D 1-1
  - St Patricks Town L 1-0
  - Westlake Boys' High School L 4-1
  - Nelson College 1-0

- Post Section play**
- Burnside High School W 6-1
  - Tauranga Boys' College W 2-1

The team finished 21st out of 24 however the team was competitive in all the games they played and with a bit more luck may have finished further up the table. Westlake Boys' went on to win the final 3-1 against Kelston Boys' however our result in the pool play had a similar score line.

**Player Profiles**  
Mark Gordon Capt  
Mark missed only about 2 minutes of the forty games played during the season. He was the play maker in the mid-field with Damien Bryson. This year Mark was the top goal scorer for the team and had a 100% success rate with his penalty spots.

Matt Brennan  
This was Matts' second year in the team he cemented his place in the team as centre back. Matt as Vice Captain showed good anticipation of the game.

Bryan Weir  
A committed player with good confidence in the air. Bryan played as centre

Calum Jamieson a very dedicated player who that made the position of right back his own.

Scott Smith  
This was Scotts second year in the team. A young player who shows a lot of promise, he held the position of left midfield.

Damien Bryson  
A late inclusion into the team from New Plymouth Rangers. He had the ability to beat a man. He started as a striker and then was moved to the midfield as a play maker.

Braden Turner  
A player that showed a lot of improvement during the season as goalkeeper.







**Steve Corcoran**  
Steve competed with Mike Williams for the position of right half in the team. A very quick and talented player. Player of the tournament.

**Jared Mawson**  
This was Jared's second year in the team. A gritty determined player that was not intimidated by opposition strikers.

**Karl Alatoa**  
In a number of words Karl's technical ability and flare was inspirational.

**Caleb Walsh**  
As striker Calebs pace proved a handful for any opposition defenders

**Kent Stockman**  
The youngest player in the team who showed a good touch as striker and a lot of promise for the future.

**Mark Beccard**  
Mark played only half the season for the team. He was always very reliable and was missed when he left.

**Mike Williams**  
Mike was a confidence player and showed considerable improvement from 1995 to 1996

**Andrew O'Keefe**  
Andrew joined the team as a replacement for Mark Beccard. He settled in to the backline with remarkable ease.

**Jason Down**  
Jason joined the team only a couple of days before the tournament, with no experience of playing with the team. He showed at the tournament that he is a player with a lot of talent and promise for the future.

Special thanks must go to Dave Chapman the team's coach. Dave is not on the staff at Boys' High and gives up a lot of his own time to coach the team. The school is very fortunate to have such a talented coach that is prepared to dedicate so much time and energy.



**NPBHS Liverpool**  
1996 was a mixed year for the Liverpool team. Being a team comprised mainly from junior players we struggled against opponents who were often older and bigger. It is a credit to the team that in the face of a number of losses they never stopped trying and maintained their commitment. This effort was rewarded by a few wins later in the season, some against teams that had beaten us earlier.



**Form 3/4 Team**  
A first was achieved for NPBHS soccer when we accepted a challenge from a junior team from Westlake Boys' High School to play a one off fixture in September. A team was hastily put together comprising a mixture of club and NPBHS players and with only a couple of practices the team prepared to play the unbeaten Auckland team with over 100 goals in their favour and 4 against. It was a creditable performance from the team drawing 3-3 in a match which we were perhaps unlucky not to have won. The team showed determination in coming back from 3-1 in the last 5 minutes. Thanks to Mr Evetts for his efforts in coaching the team.  
Team : Rupert Laka, Corey Niwa, Sanjay Singh, Oliver Mortensen, Roy Muir, Zygi Zurakowski, Mark Wood, James Thompson, Foster Walker, Robin Janata, Ashton Peters, Warren Poh, Bryan Holyoake, Ryan Evetts and Joshua Geddes.



**NPBHS Soccer 2nd XI**  
**Back Row:** Mr G Yule, A Goston, P Suphantharida, J Down, A O'Keefe, D Frenz  
**Front Row:** B Holyoake, S Robinson, T Asquith, D Murphy, B Rea, D Mortensen

**2nd XI**  
The 2nd XI had an excellent season in the 1996 youth grade coming second in the competition. The team came along way throughout the season with some stunning talent on show. We all pulled together well and came out with some great



wins against every team. The top goal scorer for the season was Tim Asquith with 13 goals. His performance against Motoroa highlights his true worth to the team. We were down 1-0 at half time and most of the players had their heads down. Tim came on at half time and scored 4 goals within a very short space of time to wrap the game up 5-1.

Another season highlight was the match at Lynmouth Park against Merrilands Rangers. We had already lost to them earlier in the season so it was always going to be a tough match. The team went out onto the park and every player gave 100%. We fought for the whole match and came out with a 2-1 win. As well as the excitement of winning there was also a sense of relief.

Great support was given to the team in organising and coaching throughout the season by Mr Yule. He was a strong link in joining the team and instrumental in advancing the talent and potential of each and every player. Many thanks must be given for the time Mr Yule gave up for practices and game organisation. Thanks must also go to the parents who supported the team throughout the season and provided transport.

Awards were presented at the end of the season with Bryan Holyoake being named player of the year. David Frenz our goal keeper was named defender of the year. He also capped off the year with a goal against FDC while enjoying 5 minutes of glory up front. Jason Down was named best midfielder and Tim Asquith was named best forward. We also had 2 players go on to higher honours with both Jason Down and Andrew O'Keefe going to tournament with the 1st XI.

My personal thanks to all those involved in this years 2nd XI and all the best for next season.  
Daniel Murphy  
Captain 2nd XI



**3rd XI**  
The 3rd XI squad made up from a nucleus of players returning from the previous season, with the addition of some younger players. In terms of age, the team comprised players from Form 3 up to Form 6. Similarly in skill level quite a range was constantly on display.

The squad was made up of the following players: Matthew Bell, Michael Fiegler, Michael Gee, Phillip Joe, Aaron Mancewicz, Chris Ruyters, Marc Saunders, Jason Silby, Mark Henderson, Duncan Baker, Foster Walker, Karl Laird and Chris Morgan. Michael Fiegler and Chris Ruyters alternated as captain and Mr. S Fordyce coached and managed the team. The season consisted of 15 matches against other schools, other NPBHS teams and local clubs. The derby

matches against Man. United, Liverpool and the 2nd XI were always hard fought and entertaining affairs and our 2 day trips to Hawera the most exotic.

In cold statistical terms the team did not have a great deal of success- 3 wins, 11 losses and 1 draw; but there can be no doubt that better football was being played at the end of the season than in the early weeks. The 'kick and rush' tactic of mid April had given away to 'call and pass' towards early August.

Of one thing the team and coach are enormously proud of is the determination to have selected teams from within the 13 man squad and to have resisted co-opting players from higher teams. Having said that we were grateful to Joshua Geddes (on loan from a lower team) and Ahmed Shivaz (hockey player) who each played a game during the flu epidemic and when boarders were absent on Work Day duty. Although our 3 victories were pleasing results the best football was played in a couple of close losses notably in the 4-3 defeat at the hands of FDC and the 2-1 loss to Waitara Gunners. The 2-0 loss to the 2nd XI was a game from which our team gained considerable self respect.

Michael Freigler was top goal scorer with 7, 4 netted in one game. His tally for the season might have been higher had he not played in goal for the final 3 games. Our only provincial rep, Marc Saunders, proved to be the stalwart of the defence despite being the youngest player in the team and Foster Walker belied his name by running furiously down the right wing on countless occasions. Chris Ruyters was consistent, all season, in the midfield and he provided a splendid example to his team mates of determination, high workrate and concentration.

This report cannot conclude without reference to the wonderful support given by the parents. Week after week, several of them supported the team by providing transport and sideline encouragement. Mr Gee refereed at several games and managed the team on one occasion; Mrs Saunders provided liquid refreshment at halftime; Mr and Mrs Walker and Mr and Mrs Henderson invariably drove from Stratford and Kaponga respectively to provide support; Mrs Gee came to most games; so too did Mr Bell- indeed he escorted Matthew in his famous yellow Mini on our sojourns to Hawera; Mr Feigler was always happy to make his mini van available to get team members to venues; and we were grateful to other parents and family members who supported the team when they were able. Thanks to Paul Nicholson for supporting us on so many cold and wet Saturday mornings.

Finally as a coach I wish to record that although the players did not always demonstrate in matches the skills, drills and set pieces of the training field there was never an occasion when they showed anything but enjoyment in the playing of this great game and a fine spirit of sportsmanship in victory or defeat. I am happy to have been associated with them.







Hockey



Hockey 1st XI

**Back Row:** M Lyes, R Bennetts, S Jordan, C Beurepaire  
**Middle Row:** Mr J Warner, S Thornhill, M Lyes, D Williams, J Taylor, T Simpson, Mr R Knight  
**Front Row:** G Surgenor, B Bellamy, N Kinera, M Burt, J Clough, C Walden

HOCKEY 1st XI

This proved to be an exciting and challenging season with a number of players returning from the 1995 side. A long season emerged which involved playing in the premier mens competition, numerous interschool fixtures, an Australian tour ending with the top New Zealand Secondary School Hockey tournament, the Rankin Cup.

Taranaki Senior Mens Competition

In 1996 the team competed in the senior mens competition. It was a difficult season playing against opposition that tried to physically intimidate the side. They coped admirably showing excellent discipline which ultimately aided them in their performances later on in the year. Enthusiasm waned at times due to the lack of artificial surfaces in this province. It is difficult to develop skills and be competitive when playing on grass. Despite this the team made steady improvements throughout the year ending the local competition with a comprehensive 4-2 win against one of the top sides, New Plymouth Combined.

Australian Tour

During 1995 it was proposed that we would tour Australia in 1996. Fortunately this became a reality due to the hard work of Mr Russell along with some dedicated parental support. Travel was with the beleagued Kiwi Air. This meant embarking on our tour from Hamilton city. Upon arriving in Sydney we found our accommodation then had an early night. The next few days we spent sightseeing around Sydney while people like Tim Simpson decided to spend large amounts of money on the latest fashions. A trip to the top of the Sydney tower and a pleasant harbour cruise were some of the highlights. Our first game was against the Gordon u17 side. Shahn Jordan, Matthew Burt and James Clough combined well to

set up a 2-0 lead at half-time. Then the floodgates opened resulting in an 8-0 win with Clough scoring 4, Jordan 2 while Tim Simpson and Shane Thornhill slotted one goal each. The following day we travelled to Penrith where we stayed next door to the Penrith Panthers rugby league club. Next day saw most people enjoy the rides at Australia's Wonderland (ask Burt about the rollercoaster). This was a relaxing retreat before travelling to Newcastle for our last two games. Our first game was against a composite High school side This turned out to be a goal scoring spree with Shahn Jordan scoring 5 times, Clough 2, Corey Hayter 2 while Jason Lyes, Brad Bellamy, Shane Thornhill and Nathan Kinera ( maybe not just on the field) scored one each. Final game was against a Newcastle u18 representative side. They played a fast, open very skilled game of hockey. We went to the lead through a Shane Thornhill goal but ended up going down 6-2. Player of the game was keeper David Williams who stopped many Newcastle attacks. The boy's behavior was exceptional along with the development of combinations on the field enabled them to function as a unit. A very successful trip both on and off the field (ask Willie and Chunky).

Interschool Fixtures.

Vs Wanganui Collegiate loss 0-2

After a sluggish start Boys High took control and dominated the midfield through Jason Lyes, James Clough and Brad Bellamy. Despite this dominance they went into the second half down 1-0 after conceding a goal from a penalty corner. In the second half the team placed tremendous pressure on the Collegiate defence but were unable to convert this pressure into goals. Despite showing superior skills and team work they lost 2-0, both goals off penalty corners.

Vs Hamilton Boys High loss 3-4.



On the eve of our Australian departure we took Hamilton on. Another slow start meant we conceded three quick goals. We pegged one back through a Nathan Kinera penalty corner, to be trailing 3-1 at half time. The intensity of the team lifted after half time and the team was rewarded through a Carl Beurepaire and Shahn Jordan but it was not enough eventually going down 4-3.

Vs Palmerston North Boys' High loss 2-4.

This was our first interschool encounter. It turned out to be a physical encounter with both teams not backing down. We hit the lead early with Shane Thornhill hitting a lovely shot from the top of the circle. Palmerston North stormed back to find the net three times to lead 3-1 into the break. New Plymouth fought back stringing some lovely passes together with Jason Lyes distributing the ball well. The boys placed sustained pressure on the Palmerston North defense, who were rattled, and were rewarded with a Shahn Jordan goal making the score 3-2. In the dying minutes Palmerston North scored to win by two goals.

Vs Wellington College win 5-1

New Plymouth was placed under intense pressure for the first 10 minutes of this match. Wellington held possession of the ball for long periods of time but were unable to convert this into goals. Through strong defense from Jonathon Taylor, Nathan Kinera, Brad Bellamy and David Williams they were able to keep the Wellington advance at bay.

This set the platform for our front-runners who were able to turn defence into attack. What chances we had we scored with James Clough showing his skill by putting 4 goals in while Shane Thornhill scored the other. A comprehensive victory with several players impressing with their determination to play skilled, attractive hockey.

Rankin Cup 1996.

Our first game was against Christchurch Boys', a team that eventually finished runners up in the tournament. This was a tough assignment for the boys who held them to solitary goals in the first half. Unfortunately two quick goals in the second half meant trailing 4-0 with 25 minutes left. However the boys showed good grit and produced an excellent comeback with Shahn Jordan converting a penalty stroke to go down 4-1. David Williams, Jonathon Taylor and Nathan Kinera played well while Matthew Burt impressed with his workrate and attacking flair. Next game was against Whangarei Boys' where they conceded a dubious penalty stroke to go down 1-0. They created a number of opportunities but could not finish it off. Tim Simpson impressed with his workrate placing the opposition under pressure allowing us to gain possession of the ball. Our last pool game was against Scots College where we let them score in the first two minutes. They never looked like scoring again with Boys high dominating the game from then on but again lack of finishing cost them the game. This meant the best place we could finish was ninth with our first post pool game against Wanganui Collegiate. The 1XV were in Palmerston North for a fixture so came and supported the hockey side. They joined in the traditional haka, then gave tremendous support throughout the game. We acknowledge this and thank them for showing the type of spirit and encouragement we should give to all our sporting and cultural representatives. We went on to completely dominate this game with our goalie David Williams touching the ball once. We created numerous opportunities to score with James Clough eventually finishing one movement off. Mark Lyes impressed with his defensive work along with Bellamy they stifled the Collegiate attack. Matthew Burt, Clough and Jor-

dan combined well down the right hand side while Jason Lyes distributed the ball well to set up numerous attacks. Lindisfarne College was our next opponent to determine whether we would play for ninth and tenth position. Again the team dominated the game but were held to a two all draw after full time then extra time. This meant a penalty shoot out was to occur. David Williams came close several times to saving the oppositions strokes eventually forcing their last person to miss the goal completely. This meant Brad Bellamy had to slot his stroke to allow us to advance, something he did with ease. Nathan Kinera, Matthew Burt, James Clough and Shahn Jordan were the others to convert. Victory meant we were to play Scots College, a chance to revenge our earlier loss, to determine who would finish ninth. We again totally dominated with Shahn Jordan displaying superb ball control to set up a James Clough goal to allow us to win 1-0. To finish ninth was an incredible feat considering we were the only team at the tournament to play on grass and all the disruptions that occurred during the year. The teams character shone through to comeback from 3 losses to dominate the other games they played. I take my hat off to the whole team and wish the players leaving all the success in the future. There were numerous players who played above themselves while others showed themselves what they were capable of. Two of these people were recognized with Brad Bellamy receiving a fairplay award while Matthew Burt was selected for the tournament team, well done.

Representative Honours.

Taranaki Senior Mens Team

Nathan Kinera

Rankin Cup Tournament Team

Matthew Burt

Central zone training squad.

James Clough, David Williams, Shahn Jordan

Taranaki u18

Brad Bellamy

Shahn Jordan

James Clough

David Williams

Jonathon Taylor

Jason Lyes

Carl Beurepaire

Mark Lyes

Cory Walden

Player Profiles.

Nathan Kinera.

As captain Nathan, matured and took on the responsibility well. He is a hard, determined uncompromising player who is an excellent tackler and reads the game well.

Brad Bellamy.

Brad is another gutsy player who shows pride in representing his school. He has a huge heart, never giving up which lifts everyone else's game. Another fine defender.

David Williams.

An exceptional goalie who gives no quarter to anyone. A thinker on the field who continues to generate new ideas and tactics. As he develops to read the game he may well one day represent this country.

James Clough.

Cloughie is a talented distributor and dribbler of the ball. Our main goal scorer who's versatility would allow him to slot into any position.





**Matthew Burt.**  
Granddad is another talented player who caused problems for opposition teams when he injected himself at pace into our attack. A cool head who added his experience and wisdom to the team on and off the field.

**Shahn Jordan.**  
A very skilful player who has awesome ball skills when focused and determined. If Shahn is to reach his true potential he needs to develop his mental side of the game.

**Jonathon Taylor.**  
A solid defender who had an outstanding tournament. Shows good distribution skills and will be a key player in the future.

**Glen Surgenor.**  
Surge is a fine distributor off the ball when confident. Another player who is there for the future.

**Mark Lyes.**  
A young player who improved in terms of attitude and skills during the year. With greater concentration on and off the field he could be a dominate figure in the next 3 years.

**Jason Lyes.**  
A real workhorse who never gives up. A skilful player who is a fine distributor and continues to show improvement. A key to next year's team.

**Tim Simpson.**  
Timotei had a mixed season but showed real guts and determination at tournament. He shows glimpses of his skills but can take it that step further through the use of his peripheral vision.

**Carl Beaufrepaire.**  
Junior is a confidence player with tremendous potential. He needs to develop that killer instinct if he is to progress. He has the skills and showed patches of this throughout the year.

**Cory Walden.**  
Cory is a young player who made good progress this year. Potential goal scorer of the future if he brings an aggressive, never give up attitude to his game.

**Shane Thornhill.**  
Our businessman who has a big future ahead of him.. He has good basic skills, and showed he was capable of finding the net this year. With a more focused approach and hard-ness Shane will be a key player in the next 3 years. Throughout the year Rikki Bennetts, Corey Hayter and James Brown represented the school in this team. They look set to take over some of the older players who are leaving. They showed good dedication and development throughout the year and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the team.

**Hockey 2nd XI**

The NPBHS 2nd XI had a mixed season of results in the Taranaki Competition during 1996. As usual the 2nd XI played the 1st XIs of the other Tarnaki Schools as the NPBHS 1st XI play in the senior men's competition. The main rivals were to be Stratford and Hawera for outright supremacy and it proved to be an absorbing struggle between the three sides.

The early season form of the 2nd XI was not particularly encouraging and a team of youth and experience took some time to find the combinations necessary for winning hockey. However solid performances resulted in satisfying victories by mid season and quality hockey occurred in both home and away fixtures. Hawera High was beaten twice while NPBHS and Stratford shared wins and losses. The final round arrived with NPBHS unbeaten in 8 weeks but unfortunate and unexpected loss to Opunake High in the first match saw NPBHS needing to beat Stratford to have any chance of winning the overall competition. In a thriller, Stratford triumphed 4-3 so NPBHS was left to play Hawera for 2nd and 3rd place - which they won 6-4 in the final match of the season.

Many players developed well in the 2nd XI during 1996 - from old hands such as Paul Walden and Mark Hillman through to young players like Shaan Caskey and Rowan Jamieson. The whole squad, however, were a credit to NPBHS and are looking forward to using the synthetic, water based turf on Webster field in 1997.

**Junior Hockey**



The 3rd and 4th XI hockey teams each tasted success during the 1996 season. Mr Depree and Mr Tullett as coaches must be thanked for their overall contribution to a long and challenging season. The 3rd XI faced formidable opposition early on but finished with satisfying wins while the 4th XI performed very well with many inexperienced players. Members from each of these teams will be pushing for higher honours in 1997.



**Rugby League**



**Rugby League 1st XIII**

**Front Row:** J Huta, H Ruwhiu, Ms K Grieve, F ApeEsra, D Butchart  
**Middle Row:** Mr M Gibson, A Tamapua, L Rauner, R Cassidy, M Woodward, Mr J Devonshire  
**Front Row:** R Cassidy, M ApeEsra, D Haskell, K Gibson, R Gibson, D Matthews

**Rugby League 1st XIII**

The NPBHS 1st XIII again made themselves proud. Managing to achieve two inter-school victories and coming third in the National Inter-secondary Schools Competiton. The latter result was another fantastic achievement.

The season began with the team playing club league under in the Marist Club's umbrella. the first inter-school game was against Wanganui City College winning 44-18. Then we played Gisborne Boys' High winning 54-6 with great tries going to J.Huta, M.Woodward and A.McLeod. Gaining two very good wins was exactly the way the team wanted to begin the season.

We became the Taranaki regional winners which took the team through to the qualifying rounds of this years National knockout competition where they beat Hastings Boys' High comfortably 52-6. They then beat Huntly College in the quarter finals 26-16 to reach the semis. A loss in the semi-final to Aranui High School 38-18 left the team in 3rd place.

Coach, John Devonshire, said the team had earned a lot of support from the school and the local community again; which is exactly what was needed to promote school boy league in Taranaki and at NPBHS.

Overall the recognition of growth in rugby league at NPBHS is definitely increasing. This year in the recent Petrocorp TSSSA Rugby League tournament held at the Racecourse NPBHS entered a senior and junior team. We were the big winners of the tournament, winning both sections.

NPBHS beat Waitara High 20-0 in the senior final, while the junior side tied for 1st place with FDC- they won on a points countback.

Many of the 1st XIII leave us at the end of the year and the re-building of next year's team will need to begin over the summer with some hard training.

I wish all the players who represented Boys' High and who

played regional representatives all the best for their futures in rugby league. I also congratulate those players who were awarded the Tiger Jacket, and to Korey Gibson and Hare Ruwhiu who made the NZSS League side- Korey had the honour of captaining the team.

A huge thank you must go to John Devonshire (coach) and Mike Gibson (manager) for all their contributions and time they have put into making such a successful side over the last 2 years. It is very much appreciated.

**Representatives 1996**  
**Central Districts under 21**  
Korey Gibson  
Hare Ruwhiu

Dayne Matthews  
Powhiri Bidois  
Marc Woodward  
Dane Haskell  
Hare Ruwhiu

**Taranaki under 18**  
Ra Cassidy  
Fale ApeEsra  
Rickie Gibson

**Taranaki under 16**  
Mata ApeEsra







Tennis



**Back Row:** P Morse, B Pollard, N Creery, Mr J Sims  
**Front Row:** M Campbell, S Cleaver, S Venkataraman

NPBHS has always managed to produce students who play tennis at a high standard. This year has been no different. The rankings in the senior team have been very close with the exception of our very able captain, Simon Cleaver. The senior team is:

- Simon Cleaver (captain)
- Nick Creary
- Ben Pollard
- Paul Morse
- Gareth Ballintine
- Sririam Venkataraman
- Mitchel Campbell - who had to withdraw from the PNBHS exchange because of injury.

I would like to point out as well that we have placed Gareth in the seniors due to his exceptional play as the most improved player in 1996.

Our school team played 3 College matches as well as the BP National knockout Championship.

Our first college game was against Hamilton BHS and according to our man on the spot, Mr Bayly, our team fought back to win with ease in both the seniors and juniors. The second game against Wanganui Collegiate was again a comprehensive win 14-4. From here our top 4 seniors went into the BP National play-offs where after winning in Taranaki and Wanganui we were beaten by Palmerston North BHS in some good close games. Tennis at this level is always exciting to watch. The BP team was: S

Cleaver, N Creary, B Pollard and P Morse.

I have always been impressed by the depth of our tennis and the tenacious effort our players will put in. This strength must come from our juniors. This has been shown as they come on through. 1996 has been no exception and the juniors are very strong. Our top 6 juniors are: Elliot Campbell, Andrew Ramsay, Tim Cleaver, Lachlan Lepper, Ben Campbell and Jeremy Marshall.

At the time of writing the team's just off to play PNBHS. I wish both the seniors and juniors all the best. Remember if you are interested in playing tennis contact either Mr Sims or Mr Geange. Have a go!  
 Coach Sims



Squash



**Back Row:** J Tilyard, Mr J Sims, S Julian  
**Front Row:** H Mattson, M Fisher, S Valintine

SQUASH

Squash is played in the school over the winter months at the Kawaroa Squash Club. For the team we picked from 30 keen players who practise every Thursday afternoon. Kawaroa Squash Club generously provides the club courts to us free of charge. Throughout the season the players train at club nights and compete in the junior and graded tournaments. The players in our team have all come through this system. They are constantly trying to improve their squash and their grades before National Tournament. The team is made up of 6 players who are:

1. Mark Fisher
2. Shaun Valintine
3. Rhys Sutton
4. Jarrad Tilyard
5. Sam Julian
6. Haydon Mattson

During the year we played Hamilton BHS and Wellington College. Both of these teams we beat 5-0. Normally we play PNBHS. This year this match was dropped (just as well because this team is currently ranked 2nd in NZ).

After our own college games we swung our focus onto the Nationals in Palmerston North. Mark Fisher busy behind the scenes with our sponsors. At this stage I would like to put in a special thanks to the following people and businesses: Blade-Runners who supplied our shirts and shorts, The Antenna Man, Craig Julian and BP Powderham and Moturoa. At the Nationals our accommodation was excellent. This helped exhausted players. Competing at the tournament were 32 boys teams. Going into the tournament we were ranked 24th.

Matches played and results:

- v. Paraparaumu College lost 1-4
- v. Central Hawkes Bay won 3-2
- v. Rangiora lost 2-3
- v. Lincoln HS won 3-2
- v. Trident HS lost 2-3

We moved up 2 places to be ranked 22nd. The tournament was a great success. The players really enjoyed themselves and were certainly a credit to the school. Many thanks to Duane Cameron for his help with coaching.  
 John Sims (coach/manager).







Badminton



Back Row: Nick Allen, Mr E Jones, Craig Leathley  
 Front Row: Lachlan Lepper, Phil Whittaker, Scott McLean

**BADMINTON**

Utility Period  
 Badminton once again proved very popular with the boys in 1996. Every Thursday afternoon during terms 2 and 3 about 25 students, and myself, met at the star gym, Tukapa Street, for some usually light-hearted, but occasionally highly competitive, especially when I was the opponent, sport and recreation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the boys for their impeccable behaviour throughout the year and for showing the proper respect for other people's equipment - which is always a concern when taking groups off site. Also a big thank-you to the Spotswood United Badminton Club who made their nets available to us throughout the year.

**INTERSCHOOL FIXTURES**

The school team came up against two very polished teams from Hamilton Boys' High School and Wellington College. I was proud of the effort that the boys put in. They rose to the

occasion and never gave up, they were gracious in defeat and proved to be excellent hosts to the visiting teams.

With the nucleus of the team being fourth formers I'm sure we can look forward to gains success on the score board in the future.

**TARANAKI SCHOOL CHAMPS**

This year these were played at Inglewood High School and the NPBHS team again played with distinction.

The final of the junior boys singles was an all NPBHS affair with Lachlan Lepper beating Jonathon Allen. Then Lachlan and Jonathon teamed up to take the junior doubles title. In the senior competition Scott McLean lost the singles semi-final then, when combined with Philip Whittaker, narrowly lost the doubles final.

I have enjoyed my association with these boys during 1996 and wish them all a very enjoyable holiday.

Elliott Jones



Volleyball



Back Row: C Newing, S Jordan, Mr M McKenzie, S Hazeldine, M Weir  
 Front Row: J Marriners, D Wilson, D Gibson

**Senior**

With the National Secondary Schools' Tournament brought forward one month, it meant training began at the commencement of Term 1. The regional Qualifying tournament was held in late February, early March to decide the two sides to represent Taranaki in Division 2 at Nationals.

NPBHS had an A and B team entered with the B team comprising 6th and 7th formers who were competitive for most of the tournament.

The A team won 8 of their 10 games, losing 2 games to the Spotswood A team. It meant we finished number 2 in Taranaki and ensured we qualified for the National Schools tournament for the second consecutive year.

The A team finished second in the Taranaki Volleyball Championship, losing the final to Spotswood College.

Two College games were organised this year in early March. Travelling to Palmerston North we played PNBHS defeating them 3-1. That same day we played Awatapu College and defeated them 3-0.

The team was well led by Dwayne Wilson throughout the somewhat shortened season and he deservedly receives the Sopers NZ Ltd. Cup for most valuable player.

**Junior**

Edmund Poh has coached the team this year and after the final round of games in the Regional Qualifying tournament, the team, ably led by Matt Weir, are undefeated. With 2 rounds to go the team hopes to secure a Division 1 berth at the North Island tournament in Tauranga in late November.

Two school teams are also entered in the Spring League held at the Stadium with an aim to develop those players who did not make the A team. All boys are enjoying this level of competition.

**Junior 1995 North Island Tournament : Napier**

At the time of printing last year, the team still had to compete in this tournament.

Eight games were played in the 16 team tournament. NPBHS ended up 10th after the final days play, with a 4-4 win/loss record.

- Results :
- v. Hastings BHS won 2-0
  - v. Mana College lost 0-2
  - v. Avondale won 2-1
  - v. Tamaka HS won 2-0
  - v. Kawerau College lost 0-2
  - v. Western Heights lost 0-2
  - v. PNBHS won 2-0
  - v. Napier BHS lost 1-2 for 9th and 10th place







Special mention must go to Sopers NZ Ltd. for continuing to sponsor volleyball at NPBHS. Mr. Rex Soper, managing director, has been extremely generous once again. Thank you. I would also like to thank Sonya Thomson for her continued energy and enthusiasm she puts into coaching both senior and junior volleyball teams. It is also pleasing to see a parent coaching volleyball, and I am sure Mr. Edmund Poh is about to embark on a long association with volleyball at NPBHS at both senior and junior level.  
M. McKenzie

**Cross Country**



**X COUNTRY CHAMPS 1996**

Daniel Morrison (Junior), Brad Andrews (Intermediate), Mark Fisher (Senior)

**CROSS COUNTRY 96**

The Cross Country- was held at the Racecourse for the second year. It rained heavily the night before and it wasn't until 12 midday that the all clear came through for the Cross-Country to be held.

The course is hard and demanding, but a true test for those boys who enjoy running. There was a problem this year when a number of the front running boys in the Intermediate race took a wrong turn, otherwise everything went well.

**NPBHS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 1996**

Venue: Race-course/Pukekura Park/Surrounding streets

**INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**

**Senior Champions**

- 1st Mark Fisher 22.06 Donnelly
- 2nd Shane Gilbert 22.23 Barak
- 3Rd Craig Cochrane 22.25 Donnelly

**Intermediate Championship**

- 1st Brad Andrews 19.18 Donnelly
- 2nd Matt Cleaver 19.22 Donnelly
- 3rd Tom Rumble 19.31 Syme

**Junior Championship**

1st	Daniel Morrison	19.22	Barak
2nd	Jeremy Wright	19.24	Syme
3rd	John Ferris	19.31	Hatherly

**HOUSE POINTS**

	BARAK	DONNELLY	HATHERLY	SYME
JUNIOR	1381	817	2709	1190
INTERMEDIATE	721	2039	2272	1401
SENIOR	1106	1646	2107	1588
TOTAL	3208	4502	7088	4179
PLACE	4th	2nd	1st	3rd



**Triathlon**



**New Zealand Representation Triathlon**

**Alex Reeves** - New Zealand Representative - Triathlon  
Alex Reeves was this year, selected to represent New Zealand in the national youth squad's trip to Australia, as well as gaining selection in the New Zealand age - group team to contest the Work Junior Triathlon Championships.

For an athlete who has only been seriously involved in the sport for less than 2 seasons, this is a remarkable performance, and his selection is recognition of the many hours of training and sacrifice involved.

His performance in the 1995-96 season is as follows:

- New Zealand selection (youth squad to Australia - April 1996)
- New Zealand selection (Age-group: World Junior Triathlon Championships USA - August 1996)
- 1st place Taranaki Inter-sec Senior boys 1996
- 3rd place NZ Secondary Schools Senior boys 1996
- 2nd place 16-17 yrs NZ triathlon championships 1996
- 1st place Taranaki Mens Open champion 1996
- Taranaki triathlete of the year 1996
- 1st place Taranaki under-20 champion 1996

During the competition in Australia, Alex met up with Darren Fisher, (old Boy NPBHS æ91 - æ95) who was competing for Fiji

K Gledhill



(NZ) (Fiji)  
Photo: Alex Reeves and Darren Fisher, Competing in Australia during April 1996

**New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships 1996**

The New Zealand Secondary Schools triathlon championships were held this year, on Sunday 24th March, at Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth and attracted a record field of over 200 competitors in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories.

Boys' High were represented by two Junior individual, two intermediate individual and two Senior individual competitors, and our own nationally - ranked Alex Reeves performed exceptionally well, to gain 3rd place in the very competitive Senior boys race. The fine placing earned him selection in the New Zealand age-group team for the World Junior triathlon championships, held in the United States, in August, and selection in the New Zealand Youth squad to compete in Australia in April.





**Results**

**Junior Boys** 500m Swim; 15km Cycle; 3km Run

James Brown - 35th place  
John Cade - 36th place

**Intermediate Boys** 500m Swim; 15km Cycle; 3km Run

Ben Scott - 35th place  
Jared Amies - 54th place

**Senior Boys** 750m Swim; 20km Cycle; 5km Run

Alex Reeves - 3rd place  
Simon Lepper - 19th place

K Gledhill (Manager)

**Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships 1996**

The Taranaki Inter-Secondary School's triathlon championships were held in fine, calm weather, on 10th March, at Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth, and Boy's High were represented by the three senior individual, one junior individual, two senior 3-man teams; and two junior 3-man teams.

The event comprised a 200m swim; 10km cycle, and 3km run, for all competitors, in both junior and senior divisions.

Our individual competitors performed exceptionally well with Alex Reeves and James Brown gaining 1st place respectively in the Senior and Junior events, against very competitive fields.

**Results**

**Individual (Senior)**

1st place: - Alex Reeves  
8th place - Larry Blair  
12th place - Jared Amies

**Individual (Junior)**

1st place - James Brown

**Teams (Senior)**

1st place - Mark Woodward; Toby Jordan; Mark Fisher  
4th place - Cameron Clow; Ben Scott; James Clough

**Teams (Junior)**

3rd place - Jamie Booth; Andrew Fagan; Carl Barnes

K Gledhill (Manager)

**New Zealand Secondary Schools Multi-Sport Chamionships 1996**

Simon Lepper was to only competitor from this School to contest the New Zealand Secondary Schools duathlon and multi-sport championships held, in Christchurch on 30th June this year.

Simon performed exceptionally well in the Senior boys multi-sport event, to gain 3rd place, in an event comprising: 3km Canoe; 21km Cycle; and 4km run.

Carl Barnes competed in a marathon kayak race, from Cambridge to Hamilton, a distance of 10km and came 1st Junior (under 18 yrs), receiving a trophy for his efforts.

K Gledhill

**Surf Lifesaving**



**SURF LIFESAVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1996**

There are many boys at NPBHS who regularly partake in Surf Life-Saving Competition during the summer in both local and regional carnivals, which culminate in the New Zealand SLS Championships. This year, the National championships were held at Oakura Beach, New Plymouth on March 1,2,3 and several boys from this School performed with distinction in both team and individual events.

The Fitzroy SLS Club, which contains several boys of the school came 2nd in the overall points competition for the top club, whilst East End, also having several Boys High members came 4th. This result highlights the depth of talent in the Junior division, of boys from this school competing in surf life-saving.

Top performances were recorded in the New Zealand champs by the following boys.

- Carl Barnes - 1st U-16yrs Taplin relay  
- 1st U-19yrs Canoe Rescue  
- 1st U-19yrs Canoe Race  
- 3rd U-16yrs Ski Race
- Mark Bell - 2nd U-19yrs Surf Teams Race  
- 2nd U-16yrs Ski Race  
- 3rd U-19yrs Tube Rescue  
- 1st U-16yrs Taplin Relay
- Jamie Booth- 1st U-16yrs Taplin Relay  
- 2nd U-19yrs Board Relay
- Ben Scott - 2nd U-19yrs Board Relay
- Hayden Corkin - 1st U-16yrs 4 Man R & R
- Luke McLeod - 2nd U-19yrs Surf Teams Race
- Cameron Clow - 2nd U-19yrs Surf Teams Race
- Mark Woodward - 1st U-19yrs Canoe Rescue
- Nick Cooper - Richard Kurta -1st U-19yrs Canoe Rescue
- Troy Burbidge - Patient 1st U-19yrs Canoe Rescue

The placings and titles of boys from this school at the Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Championships are too numerous to recognise here, but it should be noted that the strength of Taranaki Surf Lifesaving is in the Junior ranks and most of these competitors are from New Plymouth Boys Highs School.

K Gledhill



**Sailing**

With high expectations this year the sailing team set out to do what had never been done by a NPBHS sailing team before and that is to win the Taranaki Inter-Secs..The team was Blair Gerrard,Chris Wischnowsky and Jason Quickenden as skippers and Cameron Field,Jade Bellringer and Ashton Peters as crew and Cory Bellringer as reserve.Mr.Slyfield was manager.The sailing was held over 2 days with a round robin on the first day.Each of the 4 teams raced each other 3 times.The other teams were NPGHS, Spotswood and Wellington Girls'College.After day 1 we had sailed 9 races and were looking in really good form.Our number 2 boat ended up in 1st place with 9 wins.Day 2 saw us sail by ourselves keeping out of trouble from the other teams.We raced in the finals against Spotswood - 2 races in the morning which were both won.During lunch we were informed of a protest over the legality of one of the boats.We were left with the choice of either racing with that boat and risking losing on protest or changing boats.We decided on the 1st choice believing there was nothing wrong with the boat.The team was quite shattered by the protest and when it came to race again we struggled early through a lack of focus.We did win the 4th race with ease to take the final on the water.That night the protest was heard and thrown out so we had won.Spotswood then



took it to the NZYF Appeal Council and they decided a re-race was necessary.With the re-sail they brought in the rule that boats were to be rotated through each team so no one was disadvantaged.We won the 1st race but then lost the next 3 and therefore the Taranaki Champs.A very disappointing result decided off the water and not on it.Blair Gerrard



**Skiing**



**Taranaki Inter Secondary Schools**

This competition was held on the 26 August on the Manganui skifield.Ten schools,with an excess of 100 skiers and snowboarders,contested this event.Again competition between Sam Hazledine and Chey Barnes was keen with Sam again just edging out Chey to take first place in the senior division and taking out the Surf Shop trophy for the fastest male racer.Chey took 2nd and Anton Berndt took 4th place. In the junior division a strong performance by Andrew Gilkison saw him take 1st place with promising 3rd former Karl Lapwood taking 3rd place.

The school was again successful in the snowboarding division with Phil Dwyer winning the Surf Shop trophy and Sam Crawford placing 4th.

The consistent efforts of the team ensured that the school retained the Marie Williams Memorial trophy for the best team in Taranaki ahead of NPGHS and Hawera HS.

The team would like to express its thanks to Nigel Dwyer from the Surf Shop for his sponsorship of trophies.

From these results and the School champs the team to represent the school in the North Island Secs. was selected.The team was :

- Seniors  
Chey Barnes  
Sam Hazledine  
Anton Berndt
- Juniors  
Andrew Gilkison  
Karl Lapwood  
Kyle Adams

**North Island Secondary Schools Champs**

The NISSC championships were held at Whakapapa skifield on Sept.9-11.Poor conditions on day one saw the day's racing postponed.Day 2 saw an improvement in the weather but poor visibility resulted in the courses having to be shifted to the lower areas of the mountain.This meant that the courses were very slow and not very well suited to our skiers.Despite a good showing from Chey Barnes,12th place in the seniors; the remainder of the team had falls and the resulting 36th place at the end of Day 1 was disappointing.This was particularly disappointing for Sam Hazledine and Chey Barnes as it is their last year with the team and both are very talented skiers who are keen competitors and deserved better results.

Weather conditions were much better on Day 3 and the





scheduled dual slalom was located on the steeper slopes of the upper field. Strong showings by Sam, Anton Berndt and Karl Lapwood (who won their races) saw the school improve its position to 32nd out of 97 schools. With the departure of

Sam and Chey next year the school team will suffer and the next few years will probably be ones of rebuilding as the members of the team will be mainly juniors.



## Surfing



October 21 was the date for the commencement of the School Surfing champs. Surf conditions were ideal with a large swell running. The standard of surfing was impressive in all divisions.



February saw the start of the surfing season for NPBHS with the conducting of a contest to pick the team for the Taranaki Scholastic surfing champs. 45 competitors entered and after several rounds of competition the team was selected. It consisted of; Under 18 Luke Kerr, Glenn Green, Kane Rowson, Tim Anagnostou (reserve) Under 16 Jarrod Bisset, Sam Petersen, Kodie Fisher, Brett Wright and Jamie Mack (reserves) Under 14 Issac Petersen, Jeremy Curd, Regan Brien, Sam Ryan (reserve) Bodyboard Jeremy Stark, Nick Cooper, Shaun Gargan

This team competed alongside 8 other schools in the Taranaki InterSecs. Surfing Contest. A consistent effort from all members saw the team successfully retain the Denis Whittaker Memorial Trophy for the best school team. Four members were successful in gaining selection into the Taranaki Scholastics Surfing team which competed in the NZ contest in Westport. Those surfers were; Issac Petersen, Glenn Green, Kodie Fisher and Luke Kerr. The Hamilton BHS exchange was the next event. The team of: L. Kerr, G. Green, T. Anagnostou, J. Bissett, S. Petersen, K. Fisher, I. Petersen, J. Curd, R. Brien, J. Stark and S. Gargan travelled to Hamilton and completely dominated the event which was held at the world famous Raglan Point break. This was an impressive performance by the team.

### Results:

#### Under 18

- 1 Luke Kerr
- 2 Glenn Green
- 3 Tim Anagnostou

#### Under 16

- 1 Jarrod Bissett
- 2 Jarrod Hancox
- 3 Kodie Fisher

#### Under 14

- 1 Sam Ryan
- 2 Issac Petersen
- 3 Regan Brien

#### Bodyboard U18

- 1 Jeremy Stark
- 2 Nick Cooper
- 3 Jamie Alexander

#### Bodyboard U16

- 1 Joshua Christophers
- 2 Robert Gimblett



### Bodyboard U14

- 1 Jon Collins
- 2 Hamish Christophers

The standard of surfing has improved greatly throughout the year. Senior boys Luke Kerr and Glenn Green have gained consistently high places in contests in the province. Intermediate surfer Kodie Fisher has also competed strongly and succeeded in taking 1st place in the U16 section of the Reach the Beach sponsored contest held over Labour Weekend. Also competing strongly are the school bodyboarders with Shaun Gargan and Hamish Christophers taking 1st places in the Open and U14 respectively sections of the same Labour Weekend contest. With most team members returning to school next year the school's surfing future looks secure.  
Richard Turner



## Cycling



**Back Row:** M I Peters, A Gilkison, L Blair, O Berry, T Jordan  
**Front Row:** D Peters S Lepper

all - 45 teams competed in this years Nationals which was encouraging and showed the developing team spirit. We have been re-building over the last 2 years. All the students are returning next year and our big goal is to be in the top 3. This is possible.

The other good news is the support we are starting to receive from sponsors: Sportys' Cafe, Fitzroy Engineering, NZTS and Cox Cycles. Many thanks on behalf of the team and the school.  
GS Smith

### Mountain Biking Cycle Inn Taranaki Inter Secondary Schools Champs

This was the first time this event had been held in Taranaki. It was organised by NPBHS and Taranaki Sports. The schools raced in teams of 3 over a 3.5 km course that had to be completed 6 times.

The event was very successful despite the cold and rain. Eighteen teams comprising of almost 60 students competed; some coming from as far away as Wanganui. About 20 parents and supporters were also in attendance.

The racing was very close with the top 4 teams, after 2 hours of racing, finishing within a minute of each other and team held the lead at some stage of the race.

Prizes were awarded for the muddiest rider, the oldest bike and a bad luck award to the team who had a member not show. They all received vouchers for repairs.

Sadly I am leaving Taranaki but I hope the sport continues to thrive and I will miss the people involved.

### Results:

- 1st Wanganui
- 2nd NPBHS - Chris Wiscnowsky, Darry Stevens, Andrew Dawson
- 3rd NPBHS - Larry Blair, Nigel Dickison, Brad Newland
- 4th Inglewood
- 5th Spotswood
- 6th NPBHS - Matthew Henwood, David Bellini, Scott Sharpe

The cycling team has had a mixed year. We started with a bunch of 9 riders who were very individual types. Perhaps like golf, most of their training and competing they do as an individual; which makes it a little harder to get them to think like a team.

Most of the boys rode in the Sunday cycling series based at Egmont Village and competed in the New Plymouth Cycling Club races when they were held. The rest of the training is hard 'grunt' work on their own.

We had disappointing inter-school results: we did not ride against Wanganui this year (a real bench mark team), we lost to Hamilton Boys' and won against Palmerston North Boys' by default (they knew we won last year). Lastly we came second to Spotswood in the Taranaki Inter-schools, the better team on the day won.

The bright spots in the year was the growing interest shown by Mr Iain Peters who is now our technical coach for 1997. He is full of enthusiasm and keen for NPBHS to be back up in the medals at Nationals next year. Our team came 18th over-





## The Ranfurly Shield Comes to NPBHS



Saturday 24th August 1996:- A very special day for Taranaki Rugby:- Taranaki defeats Auckland to win the coveted Ranfurly shield, and brings it back to 'Shield Country' after an absence of 31 years.

Thursday 29th August 1996:- A very special day for New Plymouth Boys High:- The Shield comes to NPBHS and students line up for a photo with the 'log of wood' at \$2 per photo.

An impromptu Haka performed by 200 plus students captured the essence of NPBHS, while Callum Jamieson (Head Boy) and Johnny Weston (Captain 1st XV) held aloft the shield dressed in their Tiger Jackets, to be recorded by TV3.

The Shield's presence in New Plymouth also provided an excellent fund-raiser for the under - 15's, for the team was given the opportunity to sell match programs for the Shield defences against North Harbour, and Waikato, which provided most of the fund-raising required.

K Gledhill.



## MAORI

Tena koutou, tena tatou, ko te korero e whei ake nei e pa ana ki Te Reo Maori ki New Plymouth Boys' High i roto i tena tau. It has been an interesting and complicated year for Maori students at NPBHS. We started the year with a new teacher, Mr Joseph who was with us at the end of last year as a student teacher. The highlight of the year occurred in term 1. Mr. Joseph

## Prime Minister Visit

The Prime Minister of New Zealand the Right Honourable Jim Bolger visited school earlier this year to open the proposed site for the new hostel developments. Mr Bolger arrived at school late morning and was greeted by members of the Board, staff and students. He was then taken into the main Assembly Hall where he was welcomed by the entire school performing the School Haka. It was a truly magnificent performance



effort. Well done School.

HUGE. One which left the PM in a state of awe. It was this performance that made the day special - the entire school coming together and generating so much feeling, so much school pride - not the fact that Jim had come to our school to open something as exciting and vital as new hostel developments. Everyone needs to be congratulated for the



## I.S.C.F

### Inter School Christian Fellowship

Where is your treasure? What is of the most importance to you. We hope young people are in the process of sorting it out..... For us, we believe we should love / discover God and care for our neighbours. There have been regular meetings

on Thursday lunch times through the year. One highlight was when ISCFers met other members from other Taranaki schools. Studies, discussions, quizzes, games were enjoyed by all. Videos, studies, discussions, activities, camps, cycle tours have all been available at other times throughout the year. Come in 1997. A warm welcome awaits you.

## Public Speech Finals

There has been a fine tradition of public speaking at our school. Virtually every student speaks formally in class on one occasion in the year - something all look forward to! The better speakers in each class are then heard, so arriving at the finalists. This year excellent speeches were delivered in the library on the evening of October 23.

### RESULTS :

Form 3

1 Ben Clare

2 Mark Dawson

3= Hamish Roper, Andrew Ramsay

Form 4

1 Scott Bremer

2 Daryl Maclean

3= Andrew Burgess, Shane Pope

Form 5

1 Tim Simpson

2 Andrew Gilkison

3= Aaron Schuppan, John Parker-Metcalf

Forms 6/7

1 John Tan

2 Matthew Crawford

3= Murray Thompson, Nick Ferris, Hugh Cotton, Paul

Cochrane

Head boy, Calum Jamieson, was an accomplished, animated chairperson. Grateful thanks go to Kirsty Hazledine who assisted in selections and to the adjudicators, Jo Connor and Irene Berry.

Geoff Clareburt

## Anzac Day

This year's address was from John McIntyre, past Board Chairman and Old Boy. His speech talked about the need, at the time, for war so that true democracy could be sustained; and that in times of peace more diplomacy is needed to maintain this democracy. John is a proud Old Boy and this was clearly shown when he talked about mates he lost in the war, demonstrating to this writer just how important a role this school plays in one's life and just how quickly young lives can be taken away. John also gifted to the school a plaque of a small piece of the floorboard of Bently Priory, the British Headquarters of the RAF fighter command in WW2. Squadron leader Athol McIntyre, a distinguished pilot in the war, received the memento. Mr. McIntyre gifted the plaque to his relative John McIntyre who wished it to be held in the WW2 shrine at the school.







### Transition

This year you will have received from us a gold page attached to the newsletter advertising all the services we provide to students and their families. If your copy did not make it home please call us at 7585 399 and we will send you a fresh copy. Lifeskills are our teaching area and the Form 5 boys get a wide ranging and realistic orientation on the important issues they will be facing, so they can make it from 15 to 25 successfully, the danger years for young men. We cover sexuality, study skills, success principles, money, health, drugs, emotional issues, safety, consumer skills and career choices. There is a substantial counselling service to back all of these up. We have had a huge number of people using both the QUEST and CAREERQUEST databases to help students make subject and career choices. Counselling is given to help with the process. Transition uses the data from these programmes to identify people to attend STAR courses. STAR stands for Secondary, Tertiary Alignment Resource which means that students of NPBHS can take tertiary courses while still at secondary school, at school's expense! For 1997 we have requested and have been granted by the Ministry of Education offsite courses in tourism and hospitality, horticulture, automotive trades, farm fencing and Te Reo which will be taught 2 afternoons a week by private providers. We will also have boys learning University level 1 Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer study, Statistics and Accounting. At the time of writing we are waiting confirmation of driver education for all the boys who take Transition in Form 5 and for University French. Seamless learning has truly arrived. The boys taking these courses will receive credits on the National Framework and be part way to their tertiary qualification starting at Form 5. This represents a saving of time and money in becoming professionally qualified. The boys may also be taking the school equivalent of these subjects in the same year. This means that boys can maximise their time doing their favourite subjects, so school will be more enjoyable. We continue as usual with CV preparation and interviews, Mindpower sessions, videos on Universities and all manner of lifeskills, information for projects, student allowances, work experience, defensive driving and in depth information on Polytechnics all around New Zealand. Please phone us if you have any queries or if we can be of help.

Rosemary Carter  
Transition and STAR co-ordinator

### TOPEC Reflections

The TSB Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre Daniel and I chose the first camp as we knew it was summer and it had a lot of water activities during the week. We were both looking forward to the rafting down the Waitara river and rock climbing near the Powerstation. On Monday we didn't go anywhere out of the camp area because we had to learn the rules in and around the camp. We practised our team work on the rope course. That night we went rafting at the Meeting of the Waters. On Tuesday Daniel and I went rafting. The rapids were rather small on this occasion but it was still a lot of fun. On Wednesday our group went rock climbing. It was abit rough on the hands and shoes, but overall was a success and everyone was happy with their efforts. That night some of us played spot light. In the morning we grabbed our kayaks and drove to Back Beach. Many found it hard to paddle in the water as it was a rough day. That afternoon we went to the old Pinstock and raced down on bread crates. Afterwards we packed for our evening on the mountain. Our group slept beside a river and enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to Mr. Sole and Mr. Hunter for helping us through the camp. All and all this was an awesome experience that we would recommend it to next year's 4th formers.  
Mack Gulliver and Daniel Woolsey



### Geography Department

1996 has been another busy year for student doing Geography. One of the more valuable activities for our students is to experience the classroom studies for themselves. At Form 5 a busy day looking at the Natural Hazards in Taranaki involved our students in surveying, visiting Civil Defence Headquarters and Mt. Taranaki which culminated in their study of volcanic eruptions. Various other activities took students around their local area completing litter surveys and examining the reasons why dairies and supermarkets are located where they are in New Plymouth. The 6th Form got wet and dirty during their annual mountain to surf trip but thoroughly enjoyed their time in Auckland city examining the way Auckland is organised and the reasons why it has evolved that way. This trip was an experience not to be missed for most of the students, some of whom got to know Auckland better than most because of their billets. It almost saw 2 of our students return home thanks to new technology and truancy officers!! The 7th Form enjoyed a day at the beach studying the intricacies of how a beach system actually works and had a great time studying how tourism has impacted and changed Waitomo. The black water rafting was a great experience. As Geographers we aim to understand the world around us. I cannot see a much better way to do it than to get out and experience it for ourselves. See you next year.

### AWARDS DINNER

This formal evening celebrating the Tiger Jacket was again held this year. It has become an important event on the school calendar and long may the tradition last. This year the guest speaker was Andrew Slater (Old boy and former Head Boy) the captain of the Taranaki Rugby team that successfully lifted the Ranfurly Shield this year from Auckland. Andrew talked about the experience at great length and what he had to say was very much relevant to the night where we were celebrating high achievers and people who set themselves high standards / goals. The remaining speakers all spoke well on a wide range of topics. The quality of Tiger Jacket wearers that were nominated for the major awards of the night was outstanding and all would have been worthy recipients. The Performing Artist of the Year was Adrian Turner, the Sportsman of the Year was Paul Tito and the ANZ Team of the Year was Golf. Congratulations to all the winners; and congratulations to the organisers for the evening.



### Library/Information Centre

This year was a year of change; both in terms of staff and the direction of the library. In keeping with the changes in the curriculum and direction of education which is now placing more emphasis on the student's own individual learning and research and especially access to information, the nature of the traditional school library is changing to become more of an Information Centre and the N.P.B.H.S. library has been quick to begin meeting these new challenges.

The purchase of three multi-media computers and a range of C.D. Rom's covering many subject areas has given students access to information in an interesting and interactive way. The C.D. Rom collection is constantly being added to







as new relevant titles become available. The updating of the microfiche to a C.D. Rom has meant that access to over 800,000 articles from a variety of newspapers and magazines has become available more easily and over 300 requests have been made from the second term this year. The Vertical File continues to be a source of valuable, up-to-date information and is constantly being used by the students. Books still remain the most valuable source of information and pleasure in the library and the emphasis in purchasing books has been on the needs of the subject departments in the school and requests from the students. The introduction of audiobooks has also proved to be popular. The availability of the Internet into the library late in the year will further expand the access to information available to the students.

The School is very grateful to the staff who have once again made the library a place where students can feel welcome. Mrs Jean van Beers' experience and willingness to adapt to the changes (and another new Teacher Librarian) has again been the backbone of the library this year. She has been assisted a few hours a week by Mrs Doreen Baylee who continues to keep the Vertical File up-to-date as well as doing many other jobs around the library. The Library Monitors, under the leadership of Christopher Neighbours, have provided an invaluable service during lunch breaks. They were: Brian Williams, Elliot Dormer, Lee Whitting, Dion Sarten, Troy Black, Colin White, Greg Ross and Garth Wilson.

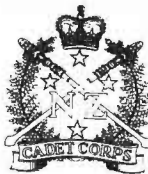
This year we were also very pleased to welcome three parents who gave of their time to work in the library on a regular basis every week through the year. The time and enthusiasm that Mrs Terri Hay, Mrs Jenny Saunders and Mrs Lee Thomas have put into the library has meant that we were able to go through the shelves and repair all the books that needed repairing, cover all the new books with plastic, and having purchased a labeller, we were able to professionally label all the new books and many of the old ones. We are extremely grateful to these parents for their work and companionship in the library this year.

There were a large number of displays in the library this year ranging from students' work, authors of the month, current affairs and other topics of current interest such as the Olympic Games. We were also very grateful to receive a number of donations for the library this year: many new Third Form parents donated books on behalf of their sons; Mr Berry Stevens an old boy donated a range of fiction books from his own collection; Mr & Mrs Penberth in memory of their grandson, Troy a former Head Librarian.

The staff of the library look forward to continue to meet the needs of all our students in 1997.



first term saw several cadets attending the Junior and Senior NCO courses at Linton Military Camp. Cadet Sara Robinson was named Top Cadet of the Junior NCO course. April saw the Cadets participate in the traditional NPBHS ANZAC Day service and for the new recruits, the civic ANZAC Day service was their first public outing. Mr French-Wright attended the Unit Formal Dining-In as the Guest Speaker. This was held at the Maara Tahu Campus of the Polytechnic. The Junior NCO course in May saw Cadet Stacy Robinson following in her sisters footsteps by coming top of her course. A great coup for the Unit and for both Cadets. On the resignation in May 1996 of the Company Sergeant Major (WOII Trudi Hopkinson), owing to work commitments Sgt Duane Old was promoted to Staff Sergeant and appointed acting CSM. In October, he was promoted to War-



rant Office Class II and his appointment confirmed. Congratulations to another NPBHS pupil reaching this important milestone in the Unit. During the term 3 holidays 28 cadets and 7 adults visited the Navy Base and two Air Force Bases in Auckland where a valuable insight into military life was gained. The Unit can offer a mix of military style training and community based skills all of which can only help in preparing today's youth for the world outside. We will recruit again in February 1997 and interested boys should see Mr Dobson (at school) or contact the Unit direct on Thursday nights on Extn833.

## City of Cadets Corp Unit

It has been a year now since the Unit visited Australia and for us time and the list of activities have not stood still. 22 new recruits started their tenure with the Unit in March and this included several NPBHS boarders. This is the first time in several years that we have had so many boarders in the Unit and it is something we will be promoting actively when we recruit next year. At the start of the year the Unit commissioned its first Officer to come up through the ranks. ExNPBHS pupil Steven Muir started as a Cadet and has now been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and appointed Platoon Commander of the first year Cadets. The end of the



## Exchange Students

I am a Thai student in New Plymouth Boys' High School. My name is Paitawee Suphantharida. I have been living here almost 2 years so far and I see lots of differences between living here and living there such as the weather. There it is very hot every day but somehow we have floods every year too. Most people sweat every day and have a shower 3 times per day. Here for me every day is freezing. I catch cold once a month.

Lifestyle, our life is very fast. Every second in luimen so no one wastes time. We complete with other every day. No one cares about each other. Most people work over 12 hours per day and some of them work over time too. Every shop usually opens every day, 7 days a week. No shop is closed on the weekend. If you come unemployed, you will not get any money from the government.

It is not only in work that we complete but also in the classroom. Every body fights to get a good grade on their subject. Most students go to a tutor every day to make sure that they can get in to university. Some of them go everyday after school and also go on the weekend. Our school day is from 8:00am-4:30pm. We have 7-8 subjects each day.

Food, mostly we have rice every meal, not many people have bread or potato. Our food is mainly spicy much is curry and chilli. No one cooks food without hot spices in it, opposite of the kiwi meal is. A lot of times I feel home sick about food. However, New Zealand is great country not much pollution, no traffic and few crimes. I enjoy it here and it is one of my experiences in my life.

Paitawee Suphantharida  
Thailand.

*My name is Pakpoom Kantatham. I am 16 years old and I am from Bangkok, Thailand. I have been in New Zealand for one in a half years. When I first came to New Zealand every thing seemed to be too hard for me. I live in a boarding school so I have to do every thing like the other boys. Many things are different: weather, food, people's behaviour. Not many boys talked to me. I felt like a stranger. As time has passed things have changed. Everything is getting better. I have more friends and feel more relaxed with the other boys. I am also getting better in class. It is easier to listen, write, speak and work with the other students. Here is a good place to study, no pollution like in Bangkok, good traffic and nothing influences me too bad.*

Pakpoom Kantatham  
Thailand

My name is Roonakorn Srisawas. I have come from Thailand. I've been here for 2 months. I came to New Zealand because I want to study harder and I want to practice my English. In Thailand we have alot of pollution. I like the air and rivers in New Zealand because they are very clear. In Thailand I had to get up early in the morning because the traffic is very bad. It takes along time to get to school, sometimes 1 hour to go 10 km. New Plymouth is very different from Bangkok because Bangkok is very busy but here is very quiet, not many people and not many shops. In Bangkok there are always people shopping. Most shops and lots of markets are open every day. When I came to New Zealand the weather was too cold for me. It was hard to speak English and hard to

make friends but good Pakpoom was here. The food in boarding is not very tasty so I miss Thai food. I think Science is the most difficult subject in New Zealand. In the holidays I'm staying with a student. It's the first time for me to stay in a New Zealand home.

Ronnakorn Srisawas  
Thailand

*My name is Jong Hyuk, but everyone calls me Jong. I have been in New Zealand for about one and a half years. I live in New Plymouth Boys' High School Hostel. I speak and listen to english all the time. I have many friends, a few Asians and all the Hostel boy's. Also I have many day boy friends as well. All my friends are very kind and very easy to get along with. I have got many seventh form friends. They are very good and help me very much. I play rugby for the 5th fifteen and my position is wing. I enjoy practices and games, but we have lost 4 games so far. This is my first year to play rugby. I found it quite hard at the beginning of the season, but now I have picked up many skills so I get full games every Saturday. There were just two Joreans in New Plmouth last year including me! The other was my cousin so I did not feel lonely, but there are seven Koreans in New Plymouth this year. I used to meet them every Saturday and watch movies and play basketball. I am getting sick of this school and its hostel, because it is so boring. Every day is the same so I am a bird in a bid cage. I really need a break. I study prity hard because I want to go to University next year, I am in the six form but I have heard that six formers can go to University if their grade is under 12 year for their best four subjects. I am setting on grade 14 at the moment but I will want to reduce it to about 8 or 9. I love \*listening to music and watching movies. I go to the cinema every Saturday. I play basketball every day. Because I have got the Korean Basketball Competition during the holidays.*

*I have got my pride and I am often thinking about my parents when I feel tired or sad. Also I know that God blesses me and will take care of my Future.*

Jong Oh  
Korea

My name is Tae Lim. I've been in New Zealand for one and half years I came from Korea. It is very interesting country because there are lots of people shops and many interesting events.

When I came to New Zealand, I couldn't speak English. So I was not Happy and I couldn't talk with New Zealand people but they were kind and taught English to me.

I felt it was too hard to learn English and school work as well. Sometimes I missed my county and my friends in Korea. Now, I can speak English and school work is getting better. In the last exams, I passed all subjects. But I think that I need to learn more Endlish and study hard to go to university. I want to be a business man so I'm studing Japanese, and English. I also want to learn to speak Korean and something more NZ life and history. After graduating from university, I'll go to Korea or Japan to find a job I wants to trade between Korea and New Zealand in the future.

Tae Lim  
Korea

*My name is Bojan Petkovski and I came with my family from Yugoslavia 2 years ago years ago. All around my city Houi*





SAD everything is flat there. There are no mountains or big hills. We did not live near the sea but we lived close to a huge river, the Danube, which is 1.5km wide. Lots of big international ships go along this river. In the summer time my friends and I spent a lot of time by the river fishing, swimming and camping. In Yugoslavia we did not wear uniforms to school. The school day was divided into two shifts, with 600 students from age 7 to 15 years in each shift. Every summer classes would go on a school trip to the coast of Montehegro and in the winter we would go to the mountains for skiing. In my city in summer it's really hot

and in winter it's really cold with lots of snow around. So we could skate and play hockey on the ice of the harbour or near the river. We could go tobogganing behind the car. It is easier to get an after school job here than over there because there are no jobs for young students. It is also easier to get a driver's licence here because in Yugoslavia you have to be 18. It is nice living here but I still miss my friends and cousins. Bojan Petkovski  
Yugoslavia

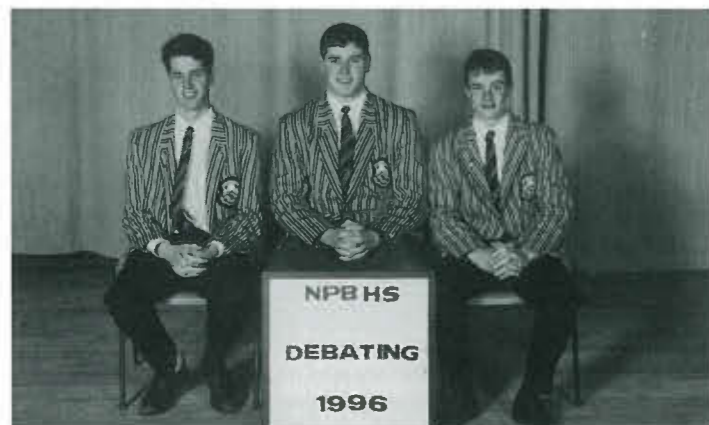
## Shakespeare Festival



Back Row: N Schuppan, Mrs R Pfister  
Front Row: C Neighbours, M Crawford, A Turner

NPBHS entered the Sheilah Winn Regional Festival of Shakespeare in Schools with an extract from Macbeth. A combined Boys' and Girls' High extract from Henry VIII involving Adrian Turner and Martin de Bock was also entered. The Macbeth extract was the story of Macduff - the murder of his family and his revenge on Macbeth. Costumed in kilts, the cast gave the play a refreshingly unElizabethan look. The decapitated head of Anton Berndt, who played Macbeth, was successfully disconcerting for the audience. Adrian Turner was selected as best actor in the festival for his controlled and outstanding portrayal of Macduff, and the performance by the cast won over the adjudicators who chose the production to represent Taranaki at the National Festival in Wellington. There, the play was awarded the Stratford Shakespeare Society Award for Outstanding presentation of a history or tragedy. Adrian Turner was among 17 other young actors in New Zealand to be chosen to perform in a National Shakespeare Schools Production which was rehearsed and staged during September in Hawkes Bay. Congratulations to Adrian and to the Macbeth cast for being a credit to your school.

## Debating



Adrian Turner, Matthew Crawford, Martin de Bock

1996 has been particularly eventful because the school team won all its debates until September. Every year NPBHS competes in the Jaycees Inter-school Debating Competition. It is a knock out system which has its disadvantages if you're not too hot in your first round! Our debates this year were against the following schools: New Plymouth Girls' High, Okato College, Wanganui Collegiate, Havelock North College

Lower Hutt Sacred Heart College  
The moots for these debates respectively were:  
"That Governments should be made of people rather than parties"  
"That sexist advertising is acceptable"  
"That the blood alcohol level for driving should be reduced to zero"  
"That the 40 hour week is a myth"  
"That New Zealand Olympic medallists should receive a government grant"

Credit goes to the three boys who represented their school with considerable flair and courage. Martin de Bock was first speaker and captain. Adrian Turner was second speaker and Matthew Crawford our third speaker. Having done virtually no debating since 4th Form English, these boys became a team to be reckoned with in the North Island semi-finals. Congratulations boys. NPBHS also entered a Junior and a Senior debating team in the Annual Speech and Drama Festival held at Spotswood which afforded up and coming debaters further opportunity to flex their debating muscles. The most popular debate for the boys, however, was the staff/pupil debate, this time chaired by Mr John Howes. The school team challenged the wit of Mr Elgar, Mr Warner and, on his second to last day at NPBHS, Mr Laurenson. The moot was that "The youth of today is better than the youth of yesterday." A draw was diplomatically declared. R Pfister



## Camp

Tongariro Camp  
Led by Mr Smith, because Mrs Bublitz was unexpectedly detained, the camp was a huge success. The first 2 days were spent travelling on a bus. Although we did stop at Mokau and Waitomo on the first day and Rotorua for the luge on the second day. The third day consisted of one of the major activities - caving. After walking our way down a track for an hour or so and getting passed a pair of gross underpants, we finally got into the caves. It wasn't quite what I had expected - when we came out everyone was wet through. But it was cool all the same. The fourth day meant the big one - the 8 hour tramp over the Tongariro Crossing. Everyone looked hilarious in their long johns and shorts. We did the school haka half way up and then some people went swimming in Emerald Lakes. Then we came down past some geothermal activity. Day 5 was a 'marine day'. We went for a walk under the leadership of Mr Bolton - trout genius. Then down some hellish rapids with Rapid Sensations. We had an awesome purple self bailing raft. The rapids were big and it was just so cool. The last day was the worst. A steaming hot bus ride home via Taumarunui - where someone got their hat nicked. Overall the camp was GREAT.

### Day Activities

One day activities covered a wide range of options for all types of people. Let me work through the camp and hopefully share some of the atmosphere that was created by Mr Jones and his associates. On the first day we were introduced to the other people in our group at Hotshots, a sporting facility at which we had a game of cricket. The thing that surprised me the most about the camp, especially this activity, was the relaxation and friendliness in which it occurred - good for the ones of us that are physically 'disadvantaged'. On Tuesday we went biking and the fallacy of Maths was discovered. All of us know that the shortest way distance wise is a straight line but Mr Jones took us on a 30 km detour instead. Wednesday was fairly relaxed probably letting our muscles resume their normal shape and it was this day that the educational component was introduced - a trip to the Power Station. Giving us all better outlook on power production in New Plymouth. Thursday, it was back into the activities full bore once again with a tramp up the ranges. The view was fantastic from above and once again the physical exertion showed us all that we had something in common - complaining about aches and pains. Friday we visited the Aquatics Centre and did our Danyon impersonations. Socially the week was a great success. All credit to Mr Jones and a handful of other teachers. I know I saw a new outlook of my peers and I hope they have a new outlook on me. As for Mr Jones I think he needs to do High School maths again but I would give him an 'A' for this week. D. Martin Mott

### Raglan Surf Camp

The Raglan Surf camp was the highlight of the year for everyone that took part. We packed our gear into the vans and

we were off, hoping for good surf and warm weather. I really enjoyed the camp because we surfed and had the rest of the time to ourselves. When we had free time most of us went and skated on the ramp. There were a couple of days of good glassy surf but we had to get up for the high tides. One of the days we jumped into the vans and went to the nearby hot pools, which also had a hydroslide that we all spent about half an hour on. Raglan was a great experience for all. Cheers!

### CAMP RANGITIKEI

Our camp started on a Monday as we travelled by bus to the camp site where we would spend the next week doing a whole range of outdoor activities. When we arrived we met our host and proceeded to set up camp. On the Tuesday morning we split into groups which we would keep for the rest of the camp. The activities we did over the week included horse trekking, tramping, spotlighting, abseiling and rafting. Mr. Luke and Mr. Slyfield were our teachers and they were helped by 2 sixth formers - who were a lot of fun which made the camp an excellent experience. Tama Sweetman

### CAMP TAUPO

On Monday Mr. Wilson's Taupo camp left from school. After our arrival we spent the rest of the afternoon buying groceries and exploring the town. On Tuesday we went for a ride on the Huka Jet and visited a lot of tourist attractions. Wednesday we were up rather early. We drove to the trout hatchery. We arrived back to find a big boat moored at the dock waiting for us to hop on. We saw some carvings around where we were spinning. We never caught though. Thursday morning was horse trekking. We all showed how manly we were and got on our given horses. No one fell off. While the other half of the group were on their horses we were playing mini putt. That afternoon bought the highlight of the camp - the bungy jump. Nearly all of us jumped. That night we went to De Bretts. We all had heaps of fun. On Friday we packed up and drove home. Mack Gulliver

### CAMP BAY OF ISLANDS

This camp has to be one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. I never thought learning could be so much fun but this camp proved me wrong. It was an action packed week full of interesting outdoor recreation. The activities consisted of dolphin searching on a Cat, abseiling through waterfalls, sea kayaking, riding the Waiarewa hydrosides and an overnight camp on the Orewa beach. The highlight of the week was abseiling a 90 foot waterfall - travelling down that endless cliff face with a mass of water hammering down on your helmet causes one hell of a headache and thrill. The calming down was done on the Cat to various islands where we scubadived and sunbathed. Overall it was a brilliant week that was well worth the money. Bradley McGlashan

## Music



### UPHEAVAL - review

The band Upheaval with members from NPBHS, Grady Waite (Vocals), Clint Nicholas (Bass), Mat Hermanns (Guitar) and Inglewood High School member Stacey Moratti (Drums)

have had a successful year together since they formed in October 1995. On May 25th they qualified for the Hamilton Regional final of the 'Smokefree Rock Quest' where they won awards for 'most

promising original song' and 'Best female performer' and at the Taranaki inter-school battle of the Bands they won 2nd prize overall. Upheaval also opened for Auckland band Nothing At All! and local Kitsch recently. The band's sound is on the heavier side with traditional 70's punk vocal drawing on influences like the Sex Pistols and Dead Kennedy's. Matt Hermanns





**STAGE BAND**

The NPBHS Stage Band continues its role in 1996, as the most senior band in the school.

The jazz this band creates is popular among audiences, and this resulted in many requests for 1996. These range from pre-entertainment at Rugby Park, to a slot at the New Plymouth Jazz Club.

As always, young blood has replaced those who have left, and the future looks promising with up and coming talent in Fraser Bremner (drums) and Michael Taylor (Trumpet).

A special thanks must be made to Stewart Maunder, the band's conductor, and also to Jane Gower who has travelled from Sacred Heart for the last two years, filling at the trombone section. It has been an honor to serve in this band during my secondary school life, and the amount it has taught me is invaluable.

**TARADALE EXCHANGE**

The incredible success of this now annual re-union is a tribute to both school's music departments, and the uncanny way in which the two schools compliment each other. This year, Taradale came to New Plymouth, and after a day of rehearsals, a highly professional and well polished concert was given. The music ranged from mass choirs to a jazz duo. However, more importantly is the spirit of the affair, the new friends made, and the sheer fun. I know for many of us contact with Taradale comes more often than once a year. A tribute must be given to Mrs Allan, who through patience and outstanding organisation helped pull - off this 'cross country' musical performance, along with tanks for all those others who without their work behind the scenes, this occasion wouldn't happen.

Martin de Bock



**Concert Band**

The Boys' High Concert Band this year has improved in leaps and bounds. The tuneful, melodious and jivey sounds produced by the Concert Band are excellent considering the great diversity of the musical levels of all the players involved. I am greatly encouraged to see the students enjoying making music together, especially the juniors with the seniors watching over them.

This music culminated in an outdoor performance at Pukeiti Rhododendron gardens and the Senior prizegiving in November. Although we did not achieve gold at the National Concert Band Festival this year, I am sure that with the expertise of Mrs. Allan and the upcoming seniors in the following year that goal can be achieved.

I would like to thank all the players involved this year such as the ever present saxophones and trumpets, flutes, the always needed baritones and trombones, the large sound of the per-

cussion section in the form of Fraser Bremner, the always comical Matthew Crawford, and of course the clarinet section. I'd also like to acknowledge the input of those parents who have been involved in the band this year and those involved in the fundraising in preparation for the trip to Hawaii next year. I am confident that with the excellent and improving melody, harmony and rhythm that the Boys' High Concert Band is currently producing that they are sure to make an impression at the Pacific Basin Concert Bands Festival in Hawaii. Craig Cochrane

**Music Thoughts**

Music is a very special language, and the Music Department of NPBHS is too a very special place. Undoubtedly, it is the meeting place for many senior music students. It is a great pleasure to have Mrs. Allan, the energetic, dedicated HOD who wonderfully organised the various musical groups of the school. The Concert band has started to mature with more



public appearances this year. The choir has also worked very hard throughout the year and it is hoped that the numbers will double next year! The Stage band is always popular under the directing of Mr Maunder. This year many students took part in various activities such as the Opera trip to Wellington, the Westpac trio which featured the school's best clarinetist, Craig Cochrane, and myself on the piano. Many thanks to the itinerant music teachers for their major contribution and ongoing commitment to the Music Department. Best wishes to the department of the universal language.



Edmond Wong

**Choir**

This year has been an interesting and enjoyable time for the choir. The 1996 'Band of Gypsies' contained many of the school's celebrities, ranging from the ecstatic Matt Crawford and Matt Green to the



more quiet Michael Rangi and Sam Fenney. Even Sam Hazledine joined us on the road! The Taranaki Secondary Schools Music Festival marked our debut performance for the year in March, singing with all the schools around the province. The highlight of the year was the Taradale exchange in June. A combined concert was given by all students which proved to be very entertaining, especially with Matt Crawford's "itty bitty little green beans." Only days later we were singing again in the Smokefree Choral Festival, a competition for secondary schools. This event saw us join with Mrs Ashworth and the NPGHS Choir. Unfortunately we did not quite make the grade as the standards were very high. Apart from the odd Assembly performance that was the year for the choir boys. Many thanks go to Mrs Allan for keeping us in check and for keeping us in tune.

Bevan Smith

**1996 Young Enterprise Review  
TARANAKI PIPING PRODUCTS**

The Young Enterprise Scheme is a nationwide secondary schools competition where students develop and run a company for a year, providing a good (which they make) or providing a service. Our team was Taranaki Piping Products (TPP), and comprised of

- Greg Lawn            Managing Director
- Dean Marshall        Company Secretary
- Ross Moir             Marketing Director
- Simon Cleaver       Finance Director
- Nigel Dickinson     Production Director

Our product this year was concrete culverts and sheep troughs, which we produced ourselves. Advertising was done in local newspapers, radio, through leaflet drops and promotions at hostel events.

We did extremely well, grossing over \$2500, giving our shareholders a 65% return on investment, and winning the "Best Marketed Company in Taranaki" at the local trade fair. This success in the field of marketing was continued as we also won the "Best Marketed Company in New Zealand", at the National finals. The prize for this was \$5,000 domestic air travel. Four directors were flown to Wellington for a presentation dinner (attended by New Zealand top business people and figures, including Sir Michael Hardie-Boys, Governor General) and represented their company and school, receiving very favourable comments on our behaviour, dress and high level of achievement.

This trip to Wellington was the highlight of TPP's year, and full credit must go to those who sponsor and run the Young Enterprise Scheme. Overall the year was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved, the late nighters, extra work and stress was worth the rewards we gained, along with the invaluable business experience, which will stand us in good stead for the future.

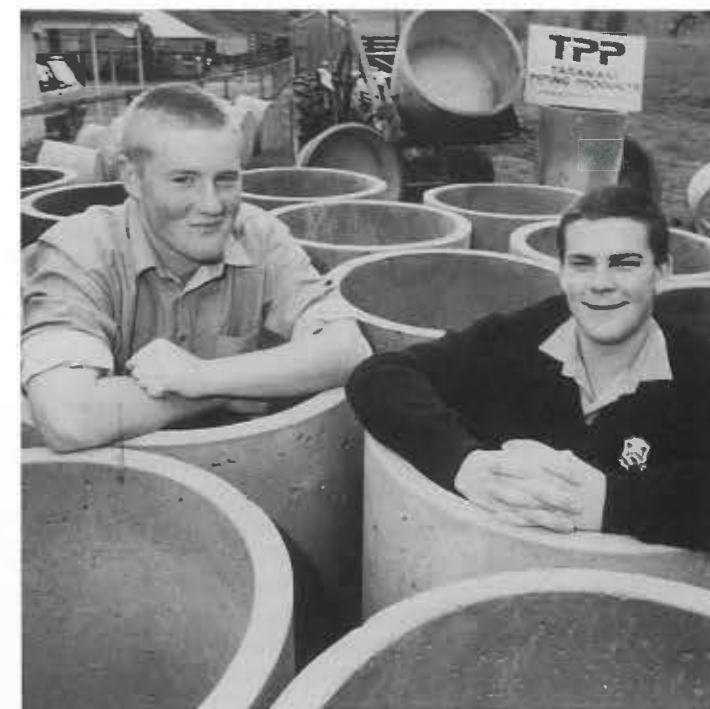
Taranaki Piping Products directors would like to extend their thanks to all those that contributed to our company, including:

- Mr Abdul-Wahab
- Mr Peter Charlesworth (Company mentor) National Bank
- Bev Cousins (NP Chamber of Commerce)
- Mr Fabish (Taranaki Signs)
- Customers of TPP
- OPL (printers)

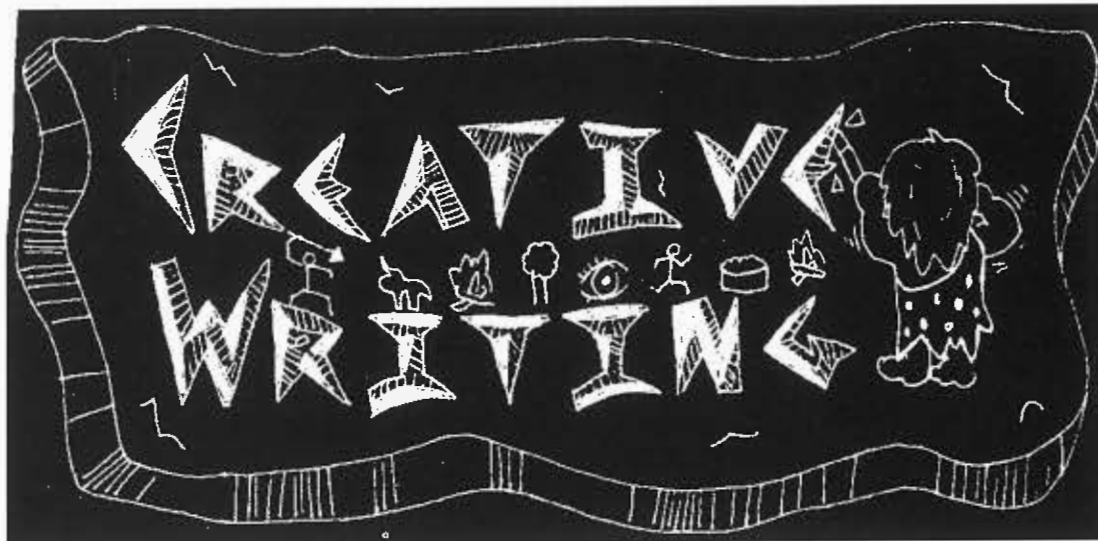
Young Enterprise is an excellent competition which provides invaluable opportunities to people to become involved in business. Throughout the year important skills such as teamwork, leadership, communications, time management and financial controls are learnt, and a good time is had by all. The Directors of TPP would like to thank the school for the opportunity to do Young Enterprise, and would like to see companies from New Plymouth Boys' High School achieving at the same high level in future years.

All the best to anybody considering doing Young Enterprise in the future.

Dean Marshall  
Company Secretary







### In Search of History

As the sun beat down endlessly, a small boy made his way apprehensively up a steep dusty track to the summit of the Port Hills. He was wearing an old, well washed tee-shirt, faded, fraying shorts, dirty sneakers and an orange handkerchief tied around his head.

On reaching the top, the boy dropped his tramping-styled backpack to the ground, reached inside and pulled out a pair of binoculars. Raising them to his eyes he slowly swung them in an arc, taking in as much of the barren landscape as he could in one searching motion. He did not find what he was looking for so he stowed the binoculars back into the bottom of his pack. Pulling his sweat soaked handkerchief from his head, he displayed his bright red hair to the harrier hawks soaring above him drawing a small well-worn book of birds from his bag, he hastily thumbed through it to a section on endangered birds. The boy ran his index finger down the margin of the open book. He stopped abruptly.

"Only 10 Black Robins are left in the world on the Mangere Islands, just off the coast of New Zealand. Although many people many people believe some are still living in the Port Hills of Christchurch, none have been seen there for over 35 years. The eggs are small and distinctly coloured, being startlingly pink with small green speckles covering them."

Satisfied with what he had read, the boy fished around in his bag again, this time pulling out a metal water canteen of the type soldiers use. Uncapping it, he raised it to his lips and drank deeply, quenching the thirst that had built up in him since his tramp began three hours earlier.

Gazing down to his right he saw where separating the Port Hills from Lyttleton, there lay a formidable ravine, stretching 100 metres down to a narrow river below. Staring at this natural wonder glistening in the distance below, the boy absent-mindedly tried to screw the silver cap back onto the canteen. It fell from his fumbling fingers, startling him out of his reverie. He dived for the rolling piece of metal which was dangerously close to the edge of the ravine. With one final lunge he caught the cap just before it could disappear—a foolish lunge!

Toppling over the cliff he began falling towards certain death. Twenty metres down the rocky ravine a skeletal tree snared itself in his thin tee-shirt. "Whew!" he gasped—a mixture of terror and amazement showing starkly on his face.

He looked down the cliff. There in a small shady hollow hidden from wind, rain and predators, lay eleven bright pink eggs covered in small green speckles.

Staring disbelievingly trying to comprehend that he had a ground breaking ornithological discovery, he pondered. Suddenly before he could do anything to prevent it happening, the spindly tree precariously supporting him gave way.....

Paul Cochrane F6

### The Bus Stop

As I stood by that bus stop on that hot summer's day I waited for someone to move along on the bench, but no one did. Three of the oldest ladies in Shelbyville must have been catching the bus today because all they did was sit there and talk about what it was like in their day and about their knitting secrets. My legs were really getting tired so I asked the half asleep skateboarder if I could move down. His reply was "What do you think this is, an aisle of seats?"

One of the oldest ladies looked at him in disgust.

"Don't mind him sonny," she said, "you can sit next to me and Dawn."

The seat was hot and sticky because of their knitting bags. The skateboarder looked at me and laughed. He was really starting to get on my nerves. His nose ring stuck out a mile and died green hair made him look like a carrot. My day could not get any worse.....

But then it happened. One of the most popular and prettiest girls at my school was walking up the street towards the bus stop, I sunk slowly into my seat. One of the old grandmas was trying to teach me how to put dentures in. Quickly I had to hide, what could I do? I put my old checked shirt over my head and sunk into my seat. I could only see her shadow go over my shirt and then I slowly moved it away to see her walking up the street. "That was a close call," I mumbled to myself.

The bus had arrived while I was distracted and everyone had clambered on except me and one of the old ladies. She followed me towards the bus. I had made the bottom step and was climbing up when I felt a sharp pinching feeling on my left buttock cheek, "OH NO!!!!!"

Steven Hadland

F4

### Danger Dave

I'm tougher than steel, faster than a bullet, more cunning than a fox. I am 8 years old, I am Danger Dave.



The adventure I have been trusted with is very dangerous and I might not come back alive. But this does not daunt me. I ring up my sidekick, the Phantom, who lives down the road. I will need his help.

I hop on my turbocharged 3 million CC motorcycle and roar down the road to meet him. "Like my new wheels," he says as he points out his turbocharged, air-conditioned 400 horse power motorbike.

We burn up the road to my house. Well it is not actually a house but a mansion with armour plating. I tell him of our secret mission.

We have to catch the scared Fresh-water crayfish, bring it back to the mansion, cook it and eat it otherwise our superpowers will disappear at midnight. We will have to get past the wolves from the planet Dog who lick you to death and the dangerous white clouds from the Wool Dimension, whose Baa blows the eardrums out and freezes the brain. But to name a few of the dangers we will encounter.

After supper Mum dishes up my lunch. I eat it quickly so that I will have all the energy I need for this dangerous adventure. We straddle our respective motorbikes and burn off through Mirkwood Orchard.

"OH no," we say simultaneously as a bark from behind us heralds the dreaded wolves approach.

I apply every CC of power my bike can muster to outpace the wolves. The Phantom has sped past me and is opening the gate. I race through the narrow gap in the gate which then slams shut.

The Phantom has sped past me again but has got stuck in the quicksand I forgot to warn him about. He jumps off his bike then remembers his ear plugs are on the bike. Using our super human strength we pull the bike free of the quicksand. "We will have to leave the bikes here. Put in our ear plugs," I say to him. He gives me a signal to show he can't hear anything. I signal back to him. We walk past the white clouds that are now harmless to us. The track is slippery and it might be the end of us if we fall into the creek of acid.

The track ends and we have to run through orge swamp otherwise we will sink in the mud. The stench is nearly tangible. At the end of the orge swamp I signal to the Phantom to take out his ear plugs. I remove mine also.

The acid creek crosses our path here and it is too deep to wade across in our acid proof gumboots. We push over some pongas to make a bridge. At the base of a small water fall the taniwha, that guards the sacred fresh-water crayfish, rears its ugly head. I drive a spear through it and it dies quickly.

We climb up the side of a waterfall and there is our objective. I take off my gumboot then sock and I use the odourous piece of wool to lift up the sacred fresh water crayfish. I tie my sock around the wriggling crustacean.

On the way back past the dead eel we jump over the creek then run back through the swamp. We walk along the tractor track past the sheep. Just past the mudhole we jump on our BMXs and ride home past the dogs, coal and Jess.

Mum cooked the crayfish. It tasted good. Our super powers were safe again.

David Hutchinson

### Fired

We peeled back the barbed wire and glared at the might 20 metre long, 2 foot wide water pipe. I explained to my friend, Cameron, that it hung about 17 metres above the rapids of the Te Henui river. He replied by calling me crazy. I clam-

bered across the boiling hot pipe on my hands and knees. When I made it to the other side I checked to make sure I was still alive. I turned around expecting Cameron to be right behind me but instead he was still on the other side shaking like a leaf. When he finally made it over we sat down to plan our attack. The apple and the grapefruit orchard lay about 20 metres away while the kiwifruit and grapes were about half an hour walk through dense bush and thick mud. We ducked and dived while running at top speed and then stopped to hide behind the biggest apple tree. We could see the orchard owner's home at the top of the hill and we hoped that he could not see us. Cameron climbed the tree and was just about to climb back down with a bag full of apples when BANG Cameron dropped out of the tree. "He saw me," he said in between puffs. We sat there shivering with fear. Then we heard the dogs we didn't think twice we just bolted for it. At full speed we ran for the back orchards. The dogs followed close behind us. Without thinking twice we climbed a tree. We sat on the same branch quivering with fear when we heard a crack and then the branch gave away. We dropped down 2 metres and fell on top of the dogs they lay there whimpering so we took off again this time using our sense and running to the pipe, not stopping until we got there. The orchard owner ran towards the pipe with a 22 calibre gun in his right hand and wdog whistle in his left. We sprinted for it and he fired his gun in the air twice.

We clambered back across the pipe and turned around to see what his next move would be. But he just stood there cursing at us. We ran home to settle down a bit and to this day we still return there every now and then.

### Pyro At 4

The bale was blazing. I was only 4, how was I supposed to know really dry hay would alight with the help of a lolly bag, some lollies and about 5 matches.

I was staying at my nana's, on a farm down the road with my cousin, Michael and my brother Shaun. Nana out in town. Shaun and Michael were playing in the tree and patting Sam, my granfather's dog. While Sam and I were playing by the water tank I found a box of matches and put them in my pocket and quickly forgot about them. Nana soon arrived home with three 50 cent mixtures; one for me, one for Shaun and another for Michael. I was so happy.

I scurried off with my paper bag of sweets into the hay barn and sat on a bale. I started to consume the delectable sugar covered candy. I was enjoying my lollies until I came to 2 hard covered spearmint chews. I hate spearmint chews! So I lay down the lolly bag on the bale along with the lollies inside and then I suddenly remembered the matches that were tucked away in my pocket. I took them out and slowly gathered about 5 matches and held them all together in a tight little bunch. I stuck the box of matches and they soon caught alight and I lowered them to the paper bag still played on the bale.

It didn't take long before the bag and bale were in flames. Smoke was pouring out of the barn and I fled terrified to my secret hiding place, the tree in nana's backyard. So there I was frightened shivering like hell under a grapefruit tree. I was lucky it was only one bale and not the whole barn. My uncle and father quickly put out the bale. It wasn't long until they found me under the tree with guilty all over my face. I felt really scared after mum took me home and sent me to my room, I didn't want to light a hay bale on fire I just





wanted to get rid of those rotten chews,not the whole hay barn.

I can tell you I got a very big telling off for that.  
Man I hate spearmint chews.

### Ode to Mr.P

To be the Head Librarian  
Is a very hard life you see  
I have to cope with little rats  
And much worse Mr.P

My librarians goof around  
They smoke and drink whisky  
One of them owes us money  
Pay up!screams Mr.P

The computers will always crash  
Due to ratbags from Form 3  
They try to put their games on them  
Which enrages Mr.P

Our librarian is Mrs.Van Beers  
She does all the work you see  
Tries to get her share of credit  
Stolen by Mr.P

Last week a stereo was bought  
Cheap for the library  
I play pop and rock on it  
To upset Mr.P

The librarians eat on the veranda  
And get mocked by enemies  
They get made to sweep it  
By the furious Mr.P

Librarians get no pay at all  
We work voluntarily  
We get pies and shakes at the end of the year  
Three cheers for Mr.P

### The Jump

Excited,nervous,terrified.I didn't know what I felt as the engine started and the propellers began to spin.Getting faster and faster.Moving in a revolving circle and screaming violently.The doors were closed,seatbelts fastened and the last minute checks made.The plane slowly started moving along the asphalt,taxiing to the far end of the runway where we were greeted by the narrow long tarmac stretching ahead.The propellers brought forth an extra burst of energy as the plane took off sending everyone to the back of their seats.

Faster and faster moving past the terminal and down the runway until the pilot eased back the controls and sensation of being airborne is achieved.

All my mates got me into this.They said it would be awesome but I didn't feel too hot at the moment.It was the same old story of peer pressure.All of them had done it ,so I had to prove myself as well.There was alot riding on this,not only my manhood but a round of beers for the boys later,if I chickened out.I was sure that I would be alright,all I have to

do was lean forward aand everything else would be sweet.

I rechecked my gear to make sure nothing could go wrong.I felt like spewing up without being sick.There was the mojar tingling sensation at the back of my ears,but there was no backing out now.

My pack was on,I was harnessed in and at 3000 feet the signal was given.we all shuffled to the back in a line.It reminded me of benefit line.Like toy soldiers,they were falling out one by one.the line was getting shorter and shorter and moving further towards the door.the person in front of me jumped out and drifted away below.I stood there as still as a statue,my feet firmly planted on the step.Years seemed to pass,until I felt a hand on my back and I fell forward.

I was gasping for air as it rushed past me at 100s of miles per hour and then it dawned on me.I was falling,somersaulting,plummeting towards the ground and how amazing it felt.I felt like Superman as I fell through the clouds.Blood rushed to my head and I felt one major adrenalin rush.My veins were pumping and my head was spinning. My thoughts calmed and I then remembered to pull the cord.The chute opened and my body was yanked to a virtual stop.I floated down and my body felt stimulated as like having a shot of heroin.

The ground got closer and closer.I hit the ground,landing safely.I lay there for ages just thinking of the rush I just had.My mind was on a high with a major buzz.

Back at the pub I was trying to convince everyone I wasn't scared for a second and told them about my awesome jump with somersaults,flips and all these other moves.Boy did I feel awesome.But they made me buy a round for being too cocky.

Tim Simpson

### The Gown,the Smoke,the Toy

I once knew him.My mother was very proud of him and thus I didn't really question my relationship with the man.I don't remember him very well and most of my memories are not of specifics but just general impressions and feelings of the era.Time has dulled the edges of my portrait and now he feels remote - removed from my present the years have seeked to remove him from my past.

Excuse me.

Sorry about the wait but I have now retrieved my mother's photograph.I know it well.I have seen it many times.It shows him....richly middle aged and seated at a desk,his jacket thrown over the chair.Light filters gently through thr rice-paper walls of the Tokyo office and joins the harsher artificial illumination.Folders and booklets cover the desk before him.Clasped loosely,fingers gently curled,a pipe rests arrogantly.Projecting forth from his jaw it accentuates his bold,vibrant eyes and striking nose.

This is the first time I have ever looked at his face.This is the first time I feel that I can recognise something of him in me.before he was just a grandfather- an image,semi-mortal,his name an innovation to the young.Now I can see him.

More than just a figure,he has become a person.

I'm back.It was a friend-I sent him away.

I think I now will colour my portrait with memory.

My foremost recollection is of a towering figure,wrapped in a faded dressing gown.I remember no physcal attributes apart from his height,only the gown,the pipe and the ever present warm tobacco.He would take us for walks,gentle strolls.



The noisy heat fills  
the pub like cigarette smoke -  
lingering on the air and  
whirling out the door.  
Dewy jugs fill glasses frothily  
and fuel the laughter  
that spills over.  
People sit, stand and slouch  
around the bar,  
while others lean  
over the pool table -  
missing the easy shots,  
and spilling their drinks.  
Music backdrops  
with familiar tunes  
and forgotten lyrics,  
as people sway to another, unheard  
beat.  
Beer goes down,  
warm and tasteless,  
serving a purpose  
not a thirst.  
And you laugh  
at the guy  
who lurches, drunk,  
at you  
and blurs his words together  
when you sit him down  
and shake your head.  
Light up now and take a long  
drag on your smoke,  
then blow it back  
into the noise with  
a sigh.

Greg Lawn  
Form 7

Floating through the night  
Across the land and towns  
A vivid rush of light  
But nothing makes a sound.

Silent are the wheels  
That push along the street,  
Quiet seems unreal,  
Looking from this seat.

Nothing meets a stare  
In this empty place  
Concrete drab and bare  
Simply fills a space.

But people live in this;  
Many, I believe,  
The only questions is  
Do they really breathe?

Greg Lawn  
Form 7

### The Hut on the Hill

As he pulled her towards him and begged her not to die,  
he pressed his lips against her face and wiped the tears from  
her eyes.  
She looked at him and asked if he remembered her last will.  
He nodded with a yes and said 'your wish I will fulfill'.  
He carried her in his arms up towards the track,  
the track that leads to the 'Hut on the Hill'.

The strain showed upon his face as the hills became steeper,  
and every breath he took became deeper and deeper.  
He struggled to carry her further as he neared the last hill,  
and to be buried by the hut was her last will.

By the Hut on the Hill where she spent her childhood years,  
and whenever she thinks of it, it causes her to shed tears.  
She told no-one but her lover about where she wished to be  
buried, this man of her dreams to whom she was about to be  
married.

It was his love for her that carried her to the top,  
as his lungs could take no more and were about to pop.  
But he knew he could do nothing but fulfill her last will,  
and lay her down beside the Hut on the Hill.  
As a tear rolled off his face and landed upon hers,  
'I love you' were the ladys last words.

Tim Morgan  
Form 4

### DIFFERENTIALITY

Cold society  
looks down on me,  
shuns the things  
I say,  
vows  
to get me one day.  
Loves,  
no heart or soul  
people  
unto a role,  
no choice  
just go along  
Bureaucracy loathes  
my individuality.  
Whoever said Life was fair?  
unjust the cold society.

Matthew Turner  
Form 4





## LOVE

Love is a delicate bud  
Only blossoming when nurtured lovingly  
Love needs caring, understanding  
and companionship.  
Love develops when two commit  
To loving each other  
Like a flower desiring the heat  
of the radiant sun and the  
moisture of glimmering raindrops  
Love is giving and receiving  
What the other has to offer  
For love is eternal.

Nick Smith  
Form 4

## THE UNJOLLY ROGER

Once was a young pirate,  
Roger was his name,  
He wasn't very jolly  
But soon he got his fame.

He roamed around the sea,  
Looking for lots of trouble.  
One day there was heaps,  
The next day there was double.

Now Roger was the Captain,  
His crew were dense as mud,  
The cook was really hopeless  
He always cooked them crud.

One day they had a fight,  
Against a Spanish crew,  
One of his men was stabbed  
But lots of Spaniards too.

At last they won the battle,  
They were filled with glee,  
While they watched the Spaniards  
Dive and swim and flee.

The Spaniards ship was theirs,  
But they had too little crew,  
So they plundered, holed and sank her  
Because they were too few.

So now you've heard the story,  
Of the trip of Pirate Roger.  
He didn't go on anymore,  
Cause he was an old codger.

Andrew Burgess  
Form 4

## DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

## THE HUNT

As I walked through the thick green kingdom of trees, the rolling branches seemed to drape over the low, thick, misty fog. The clouds above, barely visible, were like puffs of thick white cotton wool suspended in the dense air. The mountain raised its glistening head and snow draped shoulders in the crisp, clean air to survey the vast wilderness below. And with every step I took, the gravel gave a sharp crunch as the beams of light filtered through the treetops.

On the hills below, a bull moose with huge majestic antlers strides through his kingdom. An awesome beast weighing well over 1500 pounds and standing 7 feet tall. He raised his head and showed off his impressive antlers supported by his grotesquely muscular shoulders and colossal frame.

Crouching down behind the cover of the branches, I slowly reached for my binoculars suspended from my neck, and eagerly peered through the lenses. Just a couple of hundred feet away stood this solid structure of muscle.

Desiring a trophy like this on my wall, I reached for my rifle. While in the process of loading my weapon, I heard a deep echoing moan. Another moose, equally large, bounded towards the other like a speeding truck. The bulls collided, erupting into head on head combat. Staring in awe at this clash, I quickly stood to attention, embracing my rifle in one hand and binoculars in the other.

A quick sip from my water flask cleared my dry throat. Staring for what seemed an eternity as the bulls ploughed deep into each others armour I could see the bloody ribbons of velvet draping heavily from the skeletons of their antlers.

As one moose started to take the upper hand in the battle, the others weakened body sagged, while the scant oily remains of a once grand coat appeared withered and torn. The ground supporting the fierce encounter, once grassy and firm, had now subsided into a lumpy brown pad, insulating the shock of each blow. The stronger of the two leapt forward, finishing off the challenger with one penetrating thrust, grounding the weaker.

It was now over and the victor strode off into the scrub. Letting out a great breath I retired my rifle, knowing now that it would be wrong to intrude on the circle of life and Mother Nature.

Walking up to the battered moose, I could see him breathing, deep, slow and urgent. His large brown eyes turned to look in my direction. Sparkling in the dawn sun his eyes were calm and serene. I knelt down a few feet from his smashed torso, so peaceful, and soon, so dead.

## Poetry

Oh, how I hate poetry,  
It's creation, a true crime against the human race.  
I hate it more than burnt toast,  
Or that stuff you find between your toes.  
I sit down, open my book,  
Suddenly my mind goes blank.  
My palms begin to sweat and my fingers go numb.  
I look out the window and see the trees swaying,  
I could write a poem on that, I think to myself,  
But it would stink!  
I see the sky and clouds,  
I could write a poem on that, I think again,  
But it would stink too!  
Poetry, a demon of every student,



An overwhelming burden-  
Difficult to overcome,  
Impossible to avoid.

Nathan Schuppan.

## Tastes

Different tastes are everywhere,  
They're in your food and the clothes you wear.  
From the stylish dreds or kina cuts,  
To pure-breeds or ugly mutts.  
Expensive tables, clocks or vases,  
To cool dads or posh fathers.  
Getting fish & chips, or dining out,  
To going with lunch or going with out.  
You can probably see what I am trying to say,  
So I won't stay here writing this poem all day.  
So remember as different as A is to B,  
You're not the same as him, her or me!!  
Ryan Lawler

## Socks.

The real slaves in life,  
Sandwiched between gruesome feet,  
And gruesome shoes.  
Socks aren't really smelly,  
The smell is forced upon them.  
They keep our feet cosy and warm,  
And for what in return?  
The evil wash cycle.  
Made to do every foot's desire,  
And when we are finished,  
They are thrown away or burned.  
Living entirely to serve us,  
Yet we kill them mercilessly.  
So much for humanitarians.  
Nathan Schuppan.

## To be a Shadow

There is only one way to be invisible:  
To simply become a small part of the night  
Moving with the wind and shadows,  
Doing what must be done,  
Completely void of emotions,  
So that no one's mind can feel you,  
No one's heart can hear you.

Colin White

## Latin

They say it's not dead  
They say it's just immortal  
Adveni - what? Caelus - who?  
I'm in over my head  
The words, the phrases, the sentences too  
It's all boring, I think I'll take the full  
An hour of a strange language  
I'm all confused  
An hour of Latin  
I'm being verbally confused.  
Roy Muir.

## Election 96

In this election of MMP,  
This is how parliament will be,  
For Bolger to have a majority,  
Winston Peters holds the key,  
But more likely in this historic hour,  
Helen Clark will hold the power,  
First women PM she will become,  
and hold position Number One,  
Helen Clark, hair once dark,  
In parliament will have a lark,  
This is all so far the truth,  
I swear upon Richardson Ruth,  
Jim Anderton, a sad little man,  
Is splitting up his greenie clan,  
The party who wanted to legalize dope,  
From the start had no hope,  
Christian Coalition, the men from the church,  
Got no seats, thankgod says Bill Birch,  
If New Zealand first got the Party vote,  
They'd send away immigrants on a boat  
So that was election 96,  
They have untill December to make a coalition mix.  
Paul Stanbridge.

## The Phoenix.

I wonder what is it that's so romantic about sunsets. If anything, they should be feared, for it's at sunset that the fingers of darkness stretch across the land. Twilight is a time of death, For at sunset the light fades, flickers, and dies, and darkness arises from it's corpse. Darkness is always referred to as evil, and light is always a symbol of good. So what can be said of sunset, of twilight which is neither good nor evil, but instead presides over the death of light, and watches meekly as night, and the fear that goes with it, rises unchecked? Is it not said that if you do not hinder from the forces of darkness you help them? And if this is so, the sunset could be said to be an ally of the darkness. So why is sunset considered so romantic? Perhaps it is because as night rises, day fights it valiantly, creating a fanfare of colours that fades as night wins, but is reborn when light is reborn, rising from the ashes of night, the personification of the pheonix rising anew from the flames, just as sunrise causes hope to rise from the flames of despair.  
Scott Taylor.





### The Striped One

Large padded paws flopped on the ground  
As well-oiled joints move up and down  
Beneath the striped shoulders  
Deep black eyes scanned for a meal  
This misunderstood killer could do quite a deal  
Of damage to human  
But, yes, the striped one has some fun  
Safe from the eyes of the human gun  
Upon the Indian plains  
Safely out of the predators way  
The danger gone, so now the prey  
Relax in insecurity  
The slick machine needs more fuel  
And the preyed upon know it won't rest "ill  
It finds a service station  
Misrepresented for so many years  
This 'Evil Beast' does shed tears  
As a hidden gun explodes  
Ashton Peters

### Mastering the Redline

3,2,1, Go!

No, not again. With a clatter, I landed with a thud in the green prickly bush.

"Dad, this is all your fault!", I cried. "You pushed me too hard and in the wrong direction. This is all your fault." Dad looked at me and said for the umpteenth time,

"O.K, let's try it again."

It was the summer of 1988, and Santa had brought me a new bike for Christmas. It was a Redline, and its bright red coat of paint sparkled in the afternoon sun. Dad and I were facing down a stretch of our backyard. To the left there were shrubs and small trees. Trees stretched their shady canopies up behind us. I was straddling the bike, my five year old legs barely reaching the pedals, making balance difficult. Dad gave me another push, and this time it was perfect. Now there was a clump of shrubs sticking out from the left-hand side of the lawn. They were mainly Rhododendrons, and one looked exceptionally stark, with sharp twigs protruding like a stiff broom that has had most of its bristles plucked. It had been the reason for the demise of my ride many times. To negotiate this bush required a small change in direction. So, with my small hands tightly gripping the handlebars, I set out about avoiding the inevitable crash. My feet had just started to work the pedals and I looked up, beaming, as the bush loomed. I jerked the handlebars, tottering on the edge of overbalancing.

Crash!

"Dad, I told you not to push me too hard", I blurted through tears as needles of pain seared through my T-shirt and into my back.

Half an hour later, I was beginning to have an influence on my erratic direction and my length of ride was becoming longer. I could avoid the dreaded bush and continue, so my confidence was high. It was getting dark, and the night's shadowy fingers were beginning to swallow up everything they could see. I went to bed that night exhausted and sore, but happy that I had mastered one of the many obstacles a young boy must overcome.

Ashton Peters

### Dog Street

"Shut up! You useless mutt!" I roared with the voice of a lion. The small dog with its tail between its legs, scampered through a gap in the hedge and into its kennel. "That'll shut him up," I muttered to myself. I trudged along the street, hopelessly shoving screwed up copies of the local newspaper in every other letter-box. Another dog, somewhere in the town put his two cents worth in as well as he shattered the morning air. But this one didn't bother me as I had already delivered to that house. Here I was on a cold winter's day. I was helping my mate Sean with his paper run and was just about ready to pack it in, but I thought that he had better be there to hear the news. He was off doing the other side of Waitara. Grabbing a paper I slipped it into the postie flap of the letter-box and looked back. I carefully inspected the street with a sense of victory; the sort of feeling that would come to a warrior (not an Auckland warrior because they don't win much) more like a gladiator. Yeah. Like a gladiator who has just slain a victim and holds his weapon high above his head to salute the crowd. I held my papers above my head and continued down the street singing "We are the Champions." Walking towards the corner I stopped singing and groaned at the sight of a new street. Just as I was crossing the street to do a house, a huge "Woof!" shattered the silence. "Shut up, you ugly mongrel," I screamed back at the dog. Then I started to think. That "Woof" was unlike the others I had heard this morning. The others lacked strength. The others lacked depth. But not this one. This bark broke those barriers. This was the bark of a big dog. A very big dog. And suddenly I began to regret my reactions at the sound of four paws pounding the pavement. A huge blob of brown lunged out of the driveway and jammed on the anchors as it reached the footpath. It looked exactly as I described it, a huge brown blob. But it was a blob with teeth. Menacing teeth. Teeth that could cut diamond. Teeth that could pierce a human body with ease. It could easily rip me apart. Then I ran. I really ran. I ran for my life. But the dog ran also. With huge galloping bounds it ran after me. Its tongue hung out and it slobbered everywhere as it contemplated paper-boy for breakfast. He ran. So did I. My legs pumped and my arms worked furiously. My face heated up as did my legs and even I slobbered with the effort I was putting into saving my life. Reaching for a corner post about five blocks down, I was buggered. I was ready to succumb to the beast. I looked fearfully over my shoulder. There was no dog pounding it s way down the footpath after me. I tried to breath a slow sigh of relief, but I needed air. Once again I had triumphed. I felt the urge to sing, but I wasn't sure if the dog would like the song. I reached down to grab a handful of papers. The bag was empty. Not a single paper. I must have lost them between here and the dog's place. Turning around and looking back up the street, I spotted them. They were a couple of blocks back scattered around a corner. With a sigh of relief I started to walk back to collect them, when the blob reappeared. Proudly he bounced around the corner and stood above the papers. Then, lifting his hind leg, he aimed, and slowly but surely drenched five dozen papers in dog piss. "You mongrel!" I screamed (furious, but helpless). Just as I felt the urge to run and save the papers, I thought of the consequences; and they were very ugly. I turned slowly and headed for home. I trudged home defeated for the first time



in my brief newspaper-boy career.

Then another smaller woof broke the silence. "Shut up ya stupid mongrel!" I responded automatically. A faint whimper came from behind the gate. I had regained a small triumph.  
Ryan Lawler

### Spider

Powerful springs extruding,  
From the Obsidian plated shell,  
Patiently able, it waits  
The jolt is felt,  
Across the fancy lace it scuttles  
To bind the foe with its rope,  
Now content, it moves back into hiding  
Where once again, it waits  
Euan Cochrane

### Dream Wish

Don't you wish you could forget about everything. Get away and let your body filter away all the stress and strains of modern living, and become like the caressed cat. To sleep on the favourite couch, facing the wall-size window of heavenly feel. To wake from its warm, sunlit sleep only to eat the most succulent of snacks. The warm beams of light crossing your dormant body, relaxed and still, peaceful. The smell of fresh foliage is engulfed in blooming flowers. A soothing, salty sea breeze befalls upon you, tingling, stimulating the senses. The gentle trickle of sparkling water beside you, always and everlasting, is the most graceful of sounds to behold. In chorus are your winged companions, chirpy and full of life, all playing their boisterous, carefree melody, flirting with one another in graceful flight. Ahh.....the peace of loneliness, no one to harass you with questions, disturb you with things you have to know. No clicking of pens, rustling of papers, shifting of books, heaving of bags. No ringing bells, running boys, angry teachers. All these are added pressure for you. Pollution of every kind hovers around you. An engine screams, a man shouts, and putrid fumes line the streets. These things are caused by people that have no care for how you feel. You imagine being far away. Where you can forget about everything filtering away what you left behind. Screaming fumes? Ringing bells? Shifting bells? I forget now.

Bryan Holyoake (F4)

### Love

Love is red  
It tastes all sweet  
It smells like roses  
It looks like hearts  
It sounds like two people kissing  
Love feels nice

Reece Barlow (F3)

### HOW TO BRING UP PARENTS

Parents - They're hard work. There's no harder task in life. Bringing up parents is, and always will be, the hardest job we kids are faced with. Parents just don't realise, but it is a time of stress and emotional turmoil. For instance, they seem to think staying out from 5 - 8 is acceptable. They put work first ... before us. They should be on call 24 hours a day. Ready when we need them. Take fathers for instance: have they got time for you while they're sitting in front of the telly watching Super 12 rugby? Do we need to get a replay shot by shot of his day's golf when it all boils down to going to the pro for a lesson to improve? Does he need to have his car so shiny your reflection can be seen a mile away and a ride in the car is a total tension trip, because maybe you'll leave that dreaded handprint somewhere? We kids don't need pressure in our childhood. Our lives need to be worry-free. Parents need to take special precautions to make this possible. They need to be considerate, helpful, respectful, and do exactly what their children ask them to do. Examples need to be set; we don't need to see our parents speeding in their car. Their social behavior also has to be acceptable; we don't want or need to be embarrassed when we're around them while they're making fools of themselves. When the time comes and you have to let your parents out we have to know they're not going to let themselves down. They really can be a worry which is exactly what we, as teenagers, don't need in this stage of our lives. For instance, when they get home late: SAME OLD EXCUSE.... we got talking. Lets face it. That is something that parents are very good at. Now mothers: -kisses goodbye to them seem to be a big issue; letting go seems to be a hugely depressing factor in their life. I mean, bonds are bonds, but one day one must leave the nest. They just don't understand while the men are in the car tooting the horn they are becoming very impatient. Twenty-five minutes is clearly a sufficient amount of time to get ready to go out in public. Having to tell Mums to do their teeth and wash their faces becomes a very annoying thing after saying it two thousand times before going out. But when it boils down to it, us responsible, adorable young adults, would be absolutely nowhere without our mothers and fathers.

Jeffrey McGlashan3CL

### THE LAMB FROM HELL

When I was 5 years old my parents gave me a pet lamb for my birthday. My old pet sheep had to be put down for reasons I did not understand at the time. I was extremely upset about the death of my old lamb. Soon that was all forgotten though. My new lamb was much friendlier and tamer. He had a very dopey expression on his face and a distinctive orange mark soaked into the wool between his eyes. I can strongly remember the smell and stickiness of his long curly wool. He was the greatest pet a kid could have, I had hours of fun with him.... but that soon changed. I named him Daniel, I don't know why but I named everything Daniel, soft toys things I made at school, anything I could give a name to. My brother felt left out so mum got him a pet lamb too, a ewe. He named it Suzy another unoriginal name that he was attached to. They were kept in the orchard next to the house with a whole flock of other sheep, which were stupid and boring and always ran to the other side of the field whenever I came in sight, with the bags between their legs clacking loudly. Daniel grew up fast. His head became harder and sprouted horns which he occasionally used to, unexpectedly, damage me. It scared me. Suddenly his mood





would change from 'loveliest cutest little lamby' in the world to a ferocious beast with a bad attitude which sent me screaming and running to safety. He wildly pursued me, not until I got way but until he smashed his head into the gate trying to follow me. His mood swings were dramatic. A few months passed. Suzy and Daniel had a lamb between them. I never got to know it though, because I never got near it. Daniel guarded it with his life. The lamb left this world before it had hardly entered it. I wasn't extremely upset. I was used to farm tragedies now that I was older and besides I hardly knew the lamb and I didn't even have time to name it Daniel Jr. The death sure bothered Daniel. He turned into a permanent devil (no mood changes now). He got stronger and meaner. I never went near him. We had to wait till he was grazing at the other end of the field before crossing to the garden. Higher fences were put up to prevent him jumping over them and causing havoc around our house. I remember dad defending himself with a pole once as he crossed the field. As soon as Daniel saw him he charged from the distant corner of the orchard. Dad ran as far as he could but couldn't quite make it so he cemented himself to the ground into the air and attempted to bring his horns into dad's chest. Dad took a step back and swatted him down like a fly. Daniel hit the ground with a flat sounding thud and lay there dazed. Dad saw his chance and ran for the hills. Another one of Daniel's attacks was on me and my cousins as we played dares to run across the field and back while Daniel was in it, at a reasonable distance. One of my cousins judged the speed of himself wrong to that of the charging beast and was caught just as he was climbing the fence. The beast brought its hard, strong head and horns into my poor defenceless cousins behind and repeated the action several times leaving my cousin very sore and standing up while eating meals. Luckily mum came to the rescue when she did by throwing rocks at the beast. He took a hint and ran off unharmed. That was one of the last crimes Daniel committed. Soon I found myself waving to a long truck driving down the road in a cloud of dust, my face wet with tears. The high fences came down and there were now only 27 sheep to be counted instead of 28 and a big gap missing inside me. A beast he may have been but I only remembered the good times we had when he was a young lamb. I sobbed for weeks in despair. I wondered where he was and what he was doing as I chewed on a tough piece of lamb. A story based on the truth. What I forgot I made up. By Clint Smith

### JOURNEY TO MARKET

Scott Bremer

The amber-coloured filly whinnied softly. Its dark nostrils flaring as it gasped for air. Steven Black, the horses owner, tugged sharply at his fine animals reins. Spurring the inexperienced horse up a small incline, Mr Black, a prestigious local farmer, sat uneasily aboard a small rundown cart piled high with its load of crimson, shimmering apples. He gazed about the countryside on this perfect English morning. The round, glimmering orange-like sun had only just climbed above the dark silhouette of a distant mountain range, with golden spears of light stabbing at the rotting farmhouses and needling at the defiant clumps of Oak trees. A slight breeze stirred the grass, pushing and pulling it back and forth like hair. The morning seemed alive waking from the pitch, dormant night. The breeze climbed up to the highest tree boughs, tickling the deep, green leaves, letting them laugh with a shiver almost a whisper. Farmer Black was almost lulled to sleep by the monotonous clatter of the sturdy wooden wheels

on the rough metal road. Deciding to busy himself with something he reached back and felt around until his hand closed on a firm apple, deep red, its thin stalk bent over, an old neglected chimney. He took a huge chunk out of the apple and let its sweet juice - natures wine - dribble from his chin. Grinning with pleasure Steven Black once more gazed about - taking in his surroundings. He happened to hear the musical song of the Magpie in the distance, chortling to welcome the new day, to sing of all that beautiful. Listening even harder the farmer could make out the song of the Kingfisher, the Bell bird and the Pigeon - a symphony orchestra reciting their immaculate melodies. Also bees could be heard, lugging their heavy amber loads back to the hive, buzzing with satisfaction at a good early morning scouraging. Cicadas too, clicking in time, like conductors directing the magnificent band that is nature. Glancing at the sun, gauging the time by its position, Black reasoned that he should reach the market in half an hour. Already he could see a single spiral of thick grey smoke rise from beyond his immediate vision and knew that at town the market had opened. He looked ahead and saw the thin brown snake of the road squirm and twist among the hills. The hills, like hairy green blankets draped over sleeping giants, that weren't wake up for fear of the old crisp morning air. Mr Black charmed by the mornings facade, breathed deeply through his nose, inhaling the country's mixture of fragrances. He immediately recognised the dominant smell of the foxglove, the silky petals wafting its perfume into the air. He also smelt the dry husky smell of Hay, packed tightly into a nearby barn, it smelt much like dirt but slightly different so that the experienced farmer was puzzled. Mr Black smiled as he made his way to market. His spirits had been lifted, no longer did he feel the discomfort of the rotting cart with its brown corroded steel fittings, he was riding on a chariot, the King of this perfect realm, a paradise. Farmer Black felt at peace with the world, a huge, blissful calm fell over him. Maybe he should slow down, he thought, and dwell a little longer in this peaceful place. Suddenly the shrill cry of a cock shook Steven Black back to his senses and he realised that he had his apples to sell, maybe he could return another day. Perhaps.

### THE MAN WITH THE GUARNERI: BY TOBY ROBINS

The stale back-stage air wafted languidly around the rafters, the curtains billowing gently as it drifted. The man with the Guarneri had retired into the shadows below the catwalk and was now standing silently amongst the decaying sand bags and dust-shrouded timber that had been resting in the dark for over forty years. He trembled slightly as he breathed, unaware of the riotous commotion around him. The dull drone of the audience was scarcely noticeable to the man with the Guarneri. He was oblivious to all his surroundings. He did not see or hear anything, but what was inside him. He was not composed of flesh and blood like everyone else in the room. The man with the Guarneri was an intense ball of concentration and potential energy, waiting to be released. To the man with the Guarneri, every tick of his watch was a tumultuous clap of thunder, reminding him that time was running out. His head pulsed. His heart galloped, thrusting blood through his arteries. With pricking nerves the man with the Guarneri shuffled to the edge of the stage, then with a final breath he strode out to the centre. After eager applause from the zoo animals that filled the seats beyond the barrier of blinding light, the theatre fell silent. The man with the Guarneri lifted the instrument slowly, steadily, expertly to this chin - as though even that simple task had to be ex-



ecuted with the utmost precision. With a fleeting flash of his teeth and a flourish of his fingers, he attacked the Guarneri. The 18th century masterpiece was instantly alive. The audience had now disappeared, they did not matter to the man with the Guarneri now. He was alone with his only love, his reason for living. The man with the Guarneri drew the hair of the bow across the bulky G string, luring the previously hidden, arousing growl that the gut string harbours. The violin sung with a resonant, aspiring tone. The Guarneri retaliated to its assailant's blows by singing even more delightfully and resolutely, and the husky G complained with its typical groan as it was grazed by the hair of the bow. Suddenly, the ponderous, poignant largo transformed to a brilliantly fast, lifting allegro. Even the stale air that had fanned the back-stage curtains listlessly seemed to smell sweeter and fresher. The fingers of the man with the Guarneri babbled and chattered with a light, musical voice. But then a crescendo sent the instrument into a loud scream, as though it were writhing in pain. Then, instantly, almost as quickly as it had begun, the music was over. However the sound had not finished, the melodious singing of the violin had merely given way to the thunderous applause that made even the walls of the theatre vibrate. The man with the Guarneri let his instrument drop to his side. Then, he lowered his head ever so slightly, and smiled.

### INTERNAL FIRE Rowan McCaffery

The chill wind blew Sarah's hair across her face as she reached for another handhold in the rock and morning snow. Fearlessly she scaled the jagged surface of the mountain, pausing only as she caught her breath after clambering on to a ledge. The crisp dawn air whispered around her body as she ascended the mountain face. Sarah had felt excitement before, but nothing she had ever experienced could begin to come close to the ecstasy she felt now. If heaven existed, this would be it. Lois screamed. A cold blast of wind raked her fragile frame as she frantically searched around her to find out where she was. Seeing she was resting on a ledge sticking precariously out of a mountain, Lois scrambled away from the edge, grabbing at the hard rock. Her heart pounding in her chest like a jackhammer, she decided to take control of the situation. Cautiously she crawled off the ledge and slowly started to descend, forcing herself not to look down. Sarah let out a cry of joy as she climbed the mountain face, free of all the bonds of modern world. She was climbing without any equipment, although in the face of the rising sun this did not seem to daunt her. Sarah lifted herself onto a snow-covered ledge and sat down to stretch her aching legs. She lay back in the snow and lifted an arm to cover her eyes from the sun. She had imagined mountain climbing before, but had never dreamed it would be this refreshing, this exciting, this good. Lois sat up abruptly. She could feel the melting snow that had seeped into her shirt, chilling her back and arms. A shiver shot down her spine as she started to get up. She knew that if she was to survive, she needed to stay warm and to climb down. As Lois rose to her feet, she suddenly slipped. Before she fell, she managed to grab onto the side of the ledge. Sarah hung, her body swaying in the still air for a few seconds before she felt her hands begin to slip. Quickly she found suitable holds for her feet and managed to boost herself back onto the ledge. She grabbed hold of the rock wall while she caught her breath. Then she carefully stood up and started to climb again. After a dozen steps, she reached up her hand for a hold and found an empty space. Her heart leapt as she hauled herself up, onto what

she now saw was the peak of the mountain. A shrill shout of delight echoed over the foreboding emptiness as Sarah realised the immensity of what she had done. She all but flew with happiness. Lois landed in an awkward position and stumbled on the rocks. She flailed her arms around in desperation, but it was not enough to prevent her from plummeting off the mountain. Neither woman would ever wake again.

### BIG WHITE

As I step out of the car, I'm blinded by the brightness of the fresh white powder crunching under my feet. I unzip my jacket and reach for my sunglasses. It is a soothing relief to place them over my squinting blue eyes. I reach for my board and ascend up the powder blanketed track leaving a trail of fresh footprints in the snow. The crisp fresh air is tainted with the false smell of sun-cream, that only moments ago I had smothered on my smooth, burning face. A wave of excitement pumped through my veins as I glanced up at the tow creeping and winding up the white blanket and over the razor sharp ridge. I could only dream of what was beyond and imagine the glory of having the whole world at my feet. My board is now becoming as annoying as an itch on my back, just waiting to be scratched. I take my seat on the tow for the next stage of my journey. My body jerks as I am swept from my feet, the breeze whistling through my hair and freezing my ears and nose. The realisation that I am no longer in control, and at the merciless power of this magnificent mountain only adds to the excitement. I stand at my destination and gaze. The scenery is overwhelming and more awesome than I had imagined previously. My respect for this amazing natural wonder consumes my every thought. I stand tall, proud and powerful, my tow tingling with adrenaline. I click in my binding and cruise.

Mathew Balsom

### OUR HUT

When my Dad built the treehouse inside the big Pohutukawa tree, I thought it was really cool. It's got a trapdoor which opens up and you can put stuff under the hut floor. You can also climb up on the treehouse roof and spy on people all the time. One day when my sister, my cousin and I went up there we found about ten wetas, all crawling around the floor. We flicked two of them out the door. Another two or three were in the far corner so we opened the trapdoor and pushed them down. We got an ice-cream container from Dad's shed and collected about four of them in it. But the last weta was a real trickster. I was trying to prompt him out the door with a cardboard tube. He was nearly there when he must have changed direction and started crawling up the tube. He must have thought that this was his home and he wasn't going to leave. I didn't know of course so I lifted up the tube to have a good look for him. He poked his head out the top and both my sister and my cousin screamed. I dropped the tube in fright. I picked up the tube from the other end and shook it violently. The weta flew out and hit the wall. My sister and my cousin screamed again. The weta was lying on this back with his feet in the air. I nudged him and he flinched but looked like he was half dead. I flicked him out the door and he fell down to the ground, dead. The treehouse is now getting a bit overgrown and the branches are reaching over the top but I think it's still the best treehouse ever.

By Shane Pope



**THE DENTIST**

I had been waiting for what seemed like hours, people had been coming and going, their eyes red and clutching on to their silver capped teeth. This was a new experience for me, I had never had a filling, I didn't know what it would be like some people said Oh, no problem, it doesn't hurt at all; but others say The agony, when they start using the axe and then the saw! I didn't know what to believe so I deliberately forgot to go but one of the dentists last victims came to get me. A young girl walked into our class, tears streaming down her face, her eyes red, Steven Walsh has to go the dentist. So here I am stuck at the school dental clinic. I rested my head in my hands and thought of ways to escape. Suddenly an old, evil woman burst into the gloomy room, she grabbed onto my clammy hand. I looked up and caught a glimpse of a guy on a poster with his two front teeth missing, oh god!, I thought to myself. It felt like butterflies were having a party in my stomach. The old withered woman slowly lead me to a huge white chair, I sat down cautiously. The old woman then wandered off to file away some cards. I anxiously glared around the plain, white room. I saw posters of people with huge smiles on their faces holding carrots and standing next to their dentists, also there were toys near the basin to soothe people's nerves. The dental clinic had a hideous smell like that of a hospital sort of clean, sterile. Suddenly the dentist burst into the room, "you must be Steven" He said kindly. "Uh ha" I whimpered. "OK" he responded while briefly scanning the card. A high pitched scream shot out from behind a closed door. The dentist chuckled loudly and pulled a large silvery object from his tray of torture, he looked down on me with a mischievous grin on his face. "Open wide," he said. Scraping, scratching, picking. I could taste a cold sweet liquid in my mouth "Spit" he yelled. I leaned toward the basin and spat out a mixture of blood and saliva, I slowly leaned back and saw some sort of drill in his hand which he was applying some orange substance to. "Is this the end?" I thought to myself. Without even noticing it he slid the drill into my open mouth and flicked the switch. "I'll give these a good clean," he said. What a clean, this man must not have read the card correctly. How could a clean possibly hurt "All done," he said "Thanks" I responded; he handed me a sticker and gave me a stamp on my hand. I felt proud of myself and walked out with smile on my face and my two front teeth.

Stephen Walsh

**CRY FROM BENEATH**

This was my last chance, my only chance to live, the young man running past Ganesh must have known. There were three men chasing him, each with a fiery stick flaming up from their powerful hands. "The boy is a Muslim. He will get what all Muslims deserve", These vile words must have raced through the pursuers minds. Ganesh looked on helplessly. He was tired. He was devastated. The sectarian riots had started two days earlier. This time it was over an issue of mosque, one that was built recently next to a temple in the deep suburbs of Bombay, India. Religious riots were not uncommon in Bombay and they had occurred two times before, as far as Ganesh Ramachandran, a young Maharashtrian university student was concerned. Each riot had been as ban as the preceding one. This one seemed the worst. Like the previous Hindu-Muslim massacres, there were fires, and these were everywhere; at every corner; at every street; the whole city seemed to go up in flames; flames

that would leave scars forever. The children cried, the women wept, and the men - all the bloody men were out splattering each other's blood. It was not just a fight over which religion was right, but over which religion could cause the most destruction. Ganesh couldn't stand it anymore. His heart bled for the boy the young boy who was getting beaten to a pulp right in front of him. Although by birth he is a Hindu, but by heart he was human and that was all he cared about. And that was also what he followed. With a sudden cry, he lurched upon the attackers, in an attempt to protect the young boy from the pain that was still instore for him. But it was with no avail. he was pushed away and was lashed upon by a huge club. Excruciating pain surged through his backbone and he collapsed helplessly onto the ground. He could no longer watch. The young Muslim boy was now engulfed in flames; he was screaming, but no body moved to help home. A stream of anger suddenly fill up Ganesh's body. His mind was crowded with pain and detest. "Why did you kill the boy?!" he cried out, "Why didn't you kill me instead?" "The boy's murderers turned around, surprised. This was not a remark usually given out by the follower of one's own religion. Ganesh stood up. He approached the attackers. "Just look around yourself! Can't you see that they are all just people - human beings like you and me!", the words cracked out of his throat. "Look at that young boy you just killed. He might as well have been your brother!" Suddenly there was a feeling of stillness in the atmosphere. The attackers looked shamefully around themselves. A large scene of death surrounded them in all directions. At every corner, a child was calling out. At every street, a mother mourned for her loved ones. For a moment it felt as if the whole city was a wasteland, a dead barren wasteland. The sun was still shining. But a smog filled dim colour held back its brilliance. One of the attackers looked at the dead Muslim boy again; this time not with anger, but with remorse. He knelt down beside the burnt corpse. Settling his weapon down, he began to weep. The whole city cried with him. The death and violence that overtook it once had now become unbearable. As for Ganesh, his heart cried more than his eyes ever did.

By Sayuj Harindranath

**IMAGINATIVE ESSAY #1**

The dense wind blew from the Southwest in a smothering wave that had an almost electric depth to it. From my vantage point on the top of the near vertical spur I could see, in a quite sharp detail, the cruelly jagged surrounding landscape. It was early afternoon, and this was my first decent walk since the hike from where we had been dropped in by the Hughes 1700 we hired. The mission was to deplete the local goat and pig population in a manner that was likely to impinge on their numbers for some time to come. The chopper would come to collect us in four days from the top of this ridge on which I now sat. We had been dropped into the only clear spot for about twenty five kilometres in any direction - with us we carried all the gear we would need for our four day mission. Somewhat extraneous to the necessities of life in the bush in the early spring were the three long suspicious looking bundles beside the small pile of gear. The bags contained out instruments la destruction. In my bag, a fully floating, well weathered Remington .222 with 80 rounds of ammunition and equipped with a 4-12 power infra-red scope. The contents of the other two bags were similar, but by no means identical, James preferred a larger caliber and much more primitive Lee- Enfield .303 with a four power scope,



while Sam on the other hand was using a six millimetre Swedish Mauser with a nine power self ranging scope, although this was a slightly heavier rifle, its effectiveness over long ranges had to be seen to be believed. Following the long tradition of hunters before us we had pitched camp on the small clearing on the northeastern face of the larger ridge. The game looked to be plentiful enough, if the nests, trails and rootings were anything to go by. Tomorrow perhaps I would go over the back of the series of ridges away to the south, while the other two would split up and go northeast, and west. The next day dawned fine and clear, it looked like good day to go bush. We split up and went our separate ways having agreed that if we got into trouble we would fire two separate bursts of three rounds each. That evening, having been on the go continuously all day, we returned to camp, I am happy to say that I was completely had-it, but not so the others. Not that they would have admitted it if they were! As it turned out James had also smuggled his bolt-action .22 into his sack, and was keen to do some Possuming. He asked if anybody would like to keep him company. I voted, on a plea of being too stuffed to move, to stay in bed. This decision was greeted with jeers, and aspersions were cast on my seniority. I grinned to myself and thought, "let the boys have their fun", after all it might help to even up our tallies for the day. (I was significantly ahead at this stage) I snuggled down in my sleeping bag for what looked like being a chilly night. Darkness fell on the bush, and all was still and quiet, except for the occasional Morepork and Weka. It was only half past 7 and Sam and James were just getting ready to leave. Five minutes later the stillness was disturbed by several muffled cracks as James took his first casualties. Lying by the fire in the comfort of my warm sleeping bag I dozed off. I woke again after what seemed to me to be a brief siesta. An inspection of the camp from where I was lying showed two empty sleeping bags on the other side of the fire and no boys. This did not worry me unduly, or did it? A look at my watch soon changed that. 3am. I had partaken of a 7 hour snooze, and, so far, Sam and James had been out for that long as well. So much for a peaceful night's sleep. A quick look through their gear showed that both boys had been smart enough to take their belt pouches with survival stuff in them. Not quite so worried by now I saddled up with my pouch, knife and gun. Leaving a note by the fire I had just stoked up I went for walk. Considering the relative wilderness of the surrounding countryside my task was all but impossible. The first two corpses were not hard to find as I had heard them being shot, but after that trail was cold. Very cold. After trudging around for about two hours I became quite cold myself and figured that my walking around and getting worn out on the chance that I might find them was not going to help tomorrow's cause. I gave up and went back to the camp. When daylight broke the next day it found me still sitting up next to the dying embers of last night's fire. As I put the billy on to get warm I heard a very faint call, it was coming from over in the next gully. Hurriedly, I grabbed last night's gear, staggered to my feet and, with the movement painfully restarting circulation in my feet and legs, climbed to the top of the first ridge. Looking down the other side I saw two subdued looking boys slowly, and obviously not very comfortably, dragging their way back to me. Apparently in their excitement of possuming the compass had made a successful break for freedom, prompted by the fact that it was dark with the dense bush all around and no distinct landmarks, the boys had decided that discretion was, unfortunately, the better part of valour. One survival blanket was not, according to James

and Sam, big enough for two cold boys.  
Simeon Theobald

**Tornado**

Violent phenomena  
Spinning, screaming, speeding  
Running riot through cities and farms  
Destroying everything in its way  
With its thunderous rotating body  
James Gargan (F3)

**Surf**

Rough swells Tumbling, twisting, churning  
Spewing onto rocky beaches  
Surfers riding monster Like Bull in raging ruck  
Ethan Monaghan (F3)

**Joy**

Joy is white It tastes like salty fruit salad  
It smells like tangy varnish  
It looks like a white cloud  
It sounds like a bird hitting the ground  
It feels like silicon  
Nick Smith (F3)

**My Grandad**

Grandad was an All Black. He doesn't play rugby now but he still keeps very active. Grandad enjoys all types of sports. He keeps fit by walking and biking regularly. Being an Ex All Black he always keeps up with the rugby action, attending my Saturday morning rugby games regularly. Grandad is also a keen golfer. Like me he is a left hander, and is playing well on a 14 handicap. No matter what sport Grandad plays whether it be bowls or billiards he is still very competitive and likes to win. Grandad's name is Roy Alfred Roper. His face is narrow with close set eyes and he has what is known as our typical family nose. Grandad has a very good posture standing upright at 5ft 9. He has faded blue eyes and a bald skin-peeling head. Whenever I am feeling down Grandad always gives me his funny grin, every time it cheers me up. Grandad has also worn very conservative clothing, nothing extreme, light brown and greys being the main colours. The thing I've really noticed about Grandad is that he's always worn shorts and only on the very, very rare occasions has he ever worn trousers. Caps are also a must for Grandad on those cold winter days. When it comes to food Grandad has always been a meat, vege and spud man and after dinner when he feels like a treat his sweet tooth takes over. His meal is never without some Cadbury Chocolate. Grandad has also liked his custard nice, hot and sweet. The old big band type music has always appealed to Grandad, his favourite musicians being Glen Miller and Bing Crosby. Wherever Grandad goes so does his little pocket radio. He's always been a big fan of the National radio programme. The family is very important to Grandad. He likes to follow what everyone is doing with interest. Grandad is a very self reliant person who has an interest in other people and what is happening around him. For example when the family goes for walks he stops and talks to complete strangers on subjects like the weather and the latest world affairs. Grandad is also a pet lover and he talks to pets, especially cats, when we go walking. Grandad is a very kind, caring and helpful person who would go out of his way to help you. Grandad has played an important part in my life especially in sport. Now that he is retired he has more time to teach me games and skills. Its these things that I really appreciate.

By Hamish Roper





**STORMS**

Beneath the crack of a ferocious desert island legends of a towering inferno stand like the warriors of an alien race. Their silouetted arms raised in a surreal salute to an untamed sky. Their misquite and oak companions seem to cover in the flickering as an exotic atmospheric artillery flashes into a cloud of thunder. Near, sheets of rain, shimmering bullets shiver between earth and sky. Suddenly, as if the night were a dark curtain, covering a universe of blinding light. The sky seems to rip apart, a tangled dazzling web of illumination zigzags from one horizon to another. Sometimes the sky hisses. Sometimes it speaks. But when it rumbles and growls before unleashing a detonating crack of light, it shows the thundering power that is uncontainable to man.

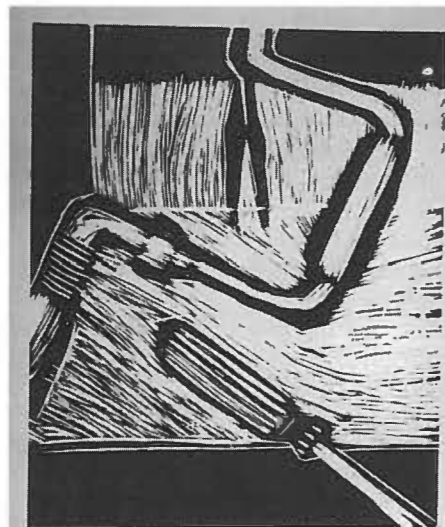
By Dayne Mathews

**RIDER IN THE NIGHT**

Hearts of fire  
Streets of stone  
Modern warriors saddle iron horses of chrome  
Taste the wild Lick the wild  
Steel made of soul and sin  
Rebels born without a care  
Painted flesh Loyalty  
Humble pride, just as far as the eye can see  
Stories told of two old friends  
Of battle scars and lonely bars  
And the nights the rain wouldn't end  
Here's to withered eyes  
Wearing gypsy smiles  
And the day he listens  
Of the lovely ladies and a million miles  
Of all the truths and lies  
And stories of riders in the skies  
They saw only the bravest try  
Where eagles dare to fly  
And the night he whispers "Ride the wind and I'll never come back until I touch the midnight sun."



Rodney Wood



Dillon Wilson



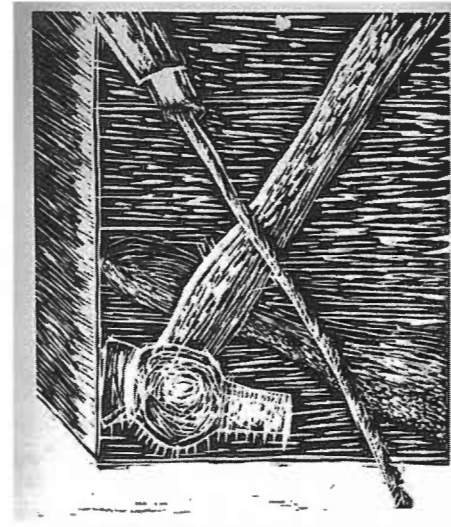
Gary Wood



James Newell



Ben White



Shannon Barnett



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL  
**Senior Prize Giving**  
1995

**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**

- 1st Javelin Bevin Jordan
- 1st = High Jump Brendan McGlashan
- Keller Cup
- 1st Long Jump David Gibson
- Cartwright Cup
- 1st 200m Grant Commerford
- Challenge Cup
- 1st 400m
- Bothamely Cup
- 1st 800m Paul Gibbs
- Gilmour Cup
- 1st 1500m
- 1st = High Jump Jason Rowe
- Keller Cup
- 1st Triple Jump
- 1st Shotput
- 1st Discuss
- Edmonds Trophy
- 1st 100m
- Beckbessinger Cup
- and Intermediate Champion

**SENIOR ATHLETICS**

- 1st Javelin Brian Eastgate
- 1st Shotput Mark Edgecombe
- 1st Discuss
- 1st 1500m Mark Walton
- Fookes Cup
- 1st 100m Caleb Walsh
- Old Boys' Cup
- 1st 200m Jai Huta
- Herbert Smith Cup
- 1st 400m
- Old Boys Shield
- 1st 800m
- Mason Memorial Cup
- 1st High Jump Johnny Nasome
- 1st Long Jump
- 1st Triple Jump
- and Senior Champion
- Badminton**
- Open Champion 1995 Henry Thompson
- Cook & Lister Cup
- Basketball**
- Most Improved Player 1995 Matthew Kelly
- Peter Lay Trophy
- Cadets**
- Senior Shooting Champion 1995 James Smith
- LT HV Searle Cup
- Cricket**
- 1st XI Batting Matthew Broadmore
- Meuli Cup
- 1st XI Bowling Regan West
- Parkinson Cup
- Contributed Most to 1st XI Brad Fale
- Alistair Jordan Cup

**Cross Country**

Senior Champion Mark Walton  
1911 Cup

**Cycling**

Most Outstanding Rider Mathew Treanor  
ANZ Cycling Cup

**Golf**

Golf Champion Brent Humphries  
Shearer Cup

**Hockey**

Most Valuable Player Ronald Gatenby  
Dion Jordan Memorial

**Rugby**

Most Conscientious 2nd XV Troy Williams  
Coaches Cup  
Most Improved 1st XV Aaron Pasili  
Watts Cup  
Players Player Richard Bryant  
Taylor Cup (new cup)  
Contributed the most to 1st XV Brad Taylor  
Leuthart Cup

**Rugby League**

Most Improved Player Rawhiri Cassidy  
Mike Gibson Trophy  
Most Outstanding Player Scott Carr  
Stacey Lamb Trophy  
Excellence in Rugby League Korey Gibson  
John Devonshire Trophy

**Skiing**

Ski Champion 1995 Sam Hazledine  
Oakune Old Boys' Trophy

**Soccer**

Most Improved Drew Kennedy  
Burmester Trophy  
Most Valuable Player Michael Smith  
Russell-Hooper Cup  
Contributed Most to a Team Hayden Markham  
Coaches Cup

**Squash**

Senior & Open School Champion Bevan Coles  
Dow Elanco Trophy

**Swimming**

Intermediate Champion Luke McLeod  
Challenge Cup

Senior Champion Darrin Fisher  
Skyles Memorial Cup

**Tennis**

Most Improved Player Paul Morse  
Burgess Cup

Intermediate Champion Nick Creery  
McKeon Cup

Senior Champion Simon Cleaver  
Candy Cup

**Volleyball**

Soper Cup David Gibson  
Most Valuable Player

Interhouse  
Soccer Syme (Nathan Shaw)





Holder Cup  
**Tennis** Donnelly (Craig Bennett)  
 Stevenson Cup  
**Swimming** Donnelly  
 Burbank Cup  
**Cricket** Donnelly  
 Bares Cup  
**Athletics** Hatherly (Brad Taylor)  
 Hansard Cup  
**Rugby** Hatherly  
 Kerr Cup  
 Overall House Champion Hatherly  
 Crammond Cup

**Dayboy vs Boarders**  
**Cricket** Hatherly (Brendon Harvey)  
 Birch Memorial Cup  
**Rugby** Hatherly (Richard Bryant)  
 Pease Cup  
**Swimming** Hatherly (Darrin Fisher)  
 Dempsey Shield (Board of Governors Cup)

**EXCELLENCE IN CRICKET AND A WINTER SPORT**  
 Donnelly Cup Matthew Broadmore

**BEST ALL ROUNDER 1995**  
 Awarded to Jai Huta

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1995**  
 College Trophy Korey Gibson

## JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING 1995

**ATHLETICS**  
**Junior**  
 1st Javelin Josh Kearns  
 1st Shotput Jason Eparaima  
 1st 100m Hamish Kirk  
 1st 400m Brad Andrews  
 Hermon Cup  
 1st 800m Harvey Marshall  
 Houston Cup  
 1st 1500m Bryan Holyoake  
 Grieve Cup  
 1st 200m Mark Amundsen  
 1st Discuss  
 and Join Junior Champion  
 Bennett Cup  
 1st Triple Jump Jauhans Marriner  
 1st High Jump  
 1st Long Jump  
 and Joint Junior Champion  
 Bennett Cup  
 Gary Fowler Athlete of the Year Jauhans Marriner

**Badminton**  
 Junior Champion 1995 David Abbott  
 Issac Cup

**Cadets**  
 Junior Shooting Champion Kane McCollum  
 Corp CJ Hamblyn Cup

**Cricket**  
 Most Improved 2nd XI Player Mark Stewart  
 Giddy Shield

**Cross Country**  
 Junior Champion Brad Andrews  
 Noakes Cup  
 Intermediate Champion Shane Rawlinson  
 Herbert Smith Cup

**Hockey**  
 Most Promising Junior Shane Thornhill  
 The Geursen Stick  
 Most Improved Player Jonathon Taylor  
 Simonson Cup

**Rugby**  
 Form 3 Student who Displays Tama Sweetman  
 Leadership and Skills  
 Jason Duckert Memorial Cup  
 Form 4 Student who Bryce Robins  
 Contributes the Most  
 McKnight Memorial Cup

**Swimming**  
 Junior Champion David Green  
 Fox Cup

**Tennis**  
 Junior Champion Gareth Ballentine  
 Herbert Smith Cup

## JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 1995

**THIRD FORM PRIZES**  
**SUBJECT PRIZES**  
 Art Sinclair Lonsdale  
 Band Ryan Geraghty  
 French (French Embassy Prize) Kane Feaver  
 Home Economics Laurie McLean  
 Maori Ellinis Smith  
 Metalwork Foster Walker  
 Music Michael Taylor  
 Woodwork (Best Student) Cameron Field  
 Woodwork (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award) Nicholas Hight

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES**  
 Scott Andrews  
 Lee Drew  
 David Hutchinson  
 John Moffett  
 Bruce Davis (PTA Prize)  
 Christopher McKelvey (PTA Prize)

**CERTIFICATES**  
 Steven Ashcroft Woodwork, Science  
 Gareth Ballantine English, Economics, Physical Education  
 Mathew Balsom Social Studies, Science  
 Jared Bridgeman Economics, Social Studies  
 Rhys Broadmore Metalwork, Graphics



Clint Brown Art, Mathematics  
 James Brown Latin, English, Graphics  
 David Burton English, Home Economics  
 Luke Castell Mathematics, Graphics  
 Sean Coneglan Science, Art  
 Andrew Cross Physical Education, Graphics  
 Mack Gulliver English, Science, Woodwork  
 Jamie Inch Art, Japanese  
 Kent Jordan Art, French  
 Tristan Kingsley-Jones Social Studies, French  
 Shem Low Economics, Social Studies  
 Brendon MacPhail Music, Economics  
 Richard Managh Social Studies, Mathematics  
 Damien Martin-Mott Economics, Music  
 John McCullough Social Studies, Graphics  
 Bradley McGlashan Physical Education, English  
 Chris Morgan English, Graphics  
 Paul Needham Economics, Science, Social Studies  
 Trent Newsome Social Studies, English, Latin  
 Nicholas Paton Music, Social Studies, Graphics  
 Bojan Petkovski Social Studies, Woodwork  
 Marley Phillips Social Studies, Home Economics  
 Michael Sampson Social Studies, English  
 Daniel Scholfield Economics, Mathematics, English  
 Dayne Smith Maori, Mathematics  
 Nicholas Smith English, Science  
 Alan Stewart Graphics, Physical Education  
 Douw Steyn Woodwork, Social Studies, Science  
 Shane Thornhill Latin, Social Studies, French  
 Adam Uncles Home Economics, Mathematics  
 Brendon Wallis Mathematics, Economics, Latin  
 Josh Walsh Graphics, Mathematics, Economics  
 Stephen Walsh Graphics, Social Studies, Art  
 Ben Williams Economics, Mathematics, Home Economics

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
 3rd = Fraser McKenzie-Johnson  
 Matthew Turner  
 2nd Andrew Burgess  
 1st Prize David Hutchinson

**ESSAY**  
 3rd David Burton  
 2nd Bryce Coles  
 1st Prize Luke Castell

**MUSIC**  
 Most improved woodwind player (Boyd Trophy)  
 Ben Williams

**SPECIAL PRIZES**  
 Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a F3  
 Maori student Mark  
 (PTA Prize)  
 Amundsen

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
 3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin and 1st in Mathematics)  
 Daryl MacLean  
 2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and 1st in Social Studies)

Shane Pope  
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Economics, 1st in English, 1st in Graphics and 1st in Science)  
 Bryan Holyoake

**FOURTH FORM PRIZES**  
**SUBJECT PRIZES**  
 Art Peter Ash  
 Band Adrian Humphrey  
 Economics Ian Luxmoore  
 English Andrew Gilkison  
 French (French Embassy Prize) and Home Economics Jarrod Keegan  
 Graphics Rowan McCaffery  
 Horticulture Lyall Jensen  
 Latin Nilan Ekanayake  
 Mathematics (Best Student) Maco Chan  
 Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) Jeremy Couchman  
 Metalwork Andrew Pritchard  
 Woodwork Aaron Mancewicz

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES**  
 Matthew Bell  
 Steven Bridger  
 Sayuj H-Nath  
 Joseph Lawn  
 Vijay Rajagopal

**CERTIFICATES**  
 Reid Archer Physical Education, English, Social Studies  
 Carl Barnes Science, Woodwork  
 Chris Batchelor Mathematics, Social Studies  
 Rangi Bisson Maori, Mathematics  
 Brenden Bourne English, Economics, Mathematics  
 Tony Bullen Mathematics, Music  
 Darren Coleman Mathematics, English  
 Shannan Crow English, Graphics, Mathematics  
 Jason Crowe Metalwork, Graphics  
 Ryan Evans Horticulture, Science, Woodwork  
 Justin Feek Woodwork, Physical Education  
 Kodie Fisher Woodwork, Art, Mathematics  
 Michael Fraser Mathematics, Economics  
 Michael Gee Mathematics, Physical Education  
 Andrew Gillbanks Science, Social Studies, Mathematics  
 Tom Hazledine Mathematics, Economics  
 Alastair Honeyfield Mathematics, English, Social Studies  
 Dale Horner Social Studies, English  
 Cameron Kissick Physical Education, Horticulture  
 Daniel Kull Social Studies, Economics  
 Ian Lewis Art, Social Studies  
 Joel Macleod Social Studies, Horticulture  
 Jauhans Marriner Home Economics, Physical Education  
 Kris Mclisacc Social Studies, Mathematics, Woodwork  
 Keith Muller Economics, Mathematics  
 Chris Newing Mathematics, Economics, Physical Education  
 Paul Nicholson English, Social Studies  
 Vernon O'Donoghue English, Metalwork  
 Tim Parsons Physical Education, Economics, Graphics  
 David Peters Science, English





Jared Philp Mathematics, Home Economics  
 Daniel Prebble Science, English  
 Dion Sarten Mathematics, Horticulture Science  
 Brontain Sullivan Maori, Mathematics  
 Mark Switzer Social Studies, Mathematics  
 James Topless English, Science, Mathematics  
 Aaron Wall Japanese, Social Studies

Best junior cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize) Ian Luxmoore  
 Best aptitude and training in a junior cadet (NZ Army Association Shield and Prize) Rangii Trinder

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

3rd Aggregate =  
 (including 1st in Science)  
 Jonathan Taylor  
 3rd Aggregate =  
 (including 1st in Social Studies)  
 Martin Soh  
 2nd Aggregate  
 (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize))  
 Toby Robins  
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize)  
 (including 1st in Maori and 1st in Music)  
 Tim Simpson

**CAVE BURSARIES**

For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Form 3  
 Bryan Holyoake  
 For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Form 4  
 Jonathan Taylor

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

3rd Aaron Schuppan  
 1st prize (Moss pu and Prize) = Andrew Gilkison  
 = Martin Soh  
 (and 1st Prize in Essay  
 (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)

**ESSAY**

3rd Oliver Schumacher  
 2nd Nilan Ekanayake

**MUSIC**

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy) Mark Robson  
 Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize)  
 Toby Robins

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 4 Maori Student (PTA Prize) Bryce Robins



**SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST**

**FIFTH FORM PRIZES**

**SUBJECT PRIZES**  
 Accounting/Latin Jason Silby  
 Art Luke Kerr  
 English (Daily News Prize) Steven Holden  
 French (French Embassy Prize) Duncan Brooks  
 Fifth Form English Certificate (PTA Prize) Jeremy Watson  
 Geograph Alastair Blackler  
 Graphics David Croy  
 History Christopher Wylie  
 Home Economics Abe Fulcher  
 Horticulture (Duncan and Davies Prize) Paul Gibbs  
 Maori Blair Corlett  
 Music Matthew Hermanns  
 NZ Mathematics Certificate (PTA Prize) Jason Gulliver

Taranaki Science (PTA Prize) George Banks  
 Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Student) and Top Mark in 1994 School Certificate Mathematics (Donal Mackie Memorial Prize) Johnathan Ameriks  
 Workshop Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex) Cables Prize) and Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Design) (General Machinery Prize) Larry Blair  
 Workshop Technology (Wood)(Best Student) Scott Newsome  
 Workshop Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize) Andrew Dawson

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS**

Ian Steele (London Bookshop Prize)  
 Mark Ellis (London Bookshop Prize)  
 Jarrod Ward  
 Robert Eagles  
 Jason Ballantine (PTA Prize)  
 Rhys Williams

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

1st Prize  
 and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) Hugh Cotton

**ESSAY**

1st Prize Robert Tilley

**MUSIC**

Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Jason Quickenden

**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) Nicholas Ferris

Best Cade (Wadsworth Cup and Prize) Duane Old  
 Best performance in work programme in Work Experience class (PTA Prize) Daniel Johanson

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

3rd Aggregate  
 (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Most Improved brass player (Gibbs Cup) Paul Cochrane  
 2nd Aggregate  
 (including 1st in Mathematics) Murray Thompson  
 1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Economics and 1st in Science) Karl Laird

**SIXTH FORM PRIZES**

**SUBJECT PRIZES**  
 Art History (Tabor Prize) Calum Jamieson  
 Biology (Tabor Prize) Sam Hazledine  
 Chemistry (Tabor Prize and Horticulture (Best Student) (Duncan and Davies Prize) Madhu Rajagopal  
 Design Technology (Metal)(Best Student)(James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Design Technology (Metal) (Best Machinist) (Olex Cables Trophy) Kent McCoid

Design Technology (Wood) (Jones & Sandford Prize) Kade Hutchinson

Drama (Tabor Prize) Adrian Turner  
 Graphics (Theory) (Tabor Prize) David Williams  
 Graphics (Project) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)  
 History (Tabor) Timothy Asquith  
 and Legal Studies (Tabor Prize) Dean Marshall  
 Horticulture (Best Pracitcal Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize) Nathan Kinera  
 Journalism (Tabor Prize) David Edwards  
 Maori (Tabor Prize) Lyndon Stone  
 Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize) Hami Tamarapa  
 Music (Tabor Prize) Martin de Bock  
 Physical Education (Tabor Prize) Ben Scott  
 Physics (Tabor Prize)  
 and Physics (Most Improved) (Hurle Cup) Murray Fisher

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS**

Conal McPhillips (London Bookshop Prize)  
 Brad Bellamy (London Bookshop Prize)  
 Bevan Smith  
 Greg Lawn

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

1st Prize = John Tan  
 Adrian Turner

**ESSAY**

1st Prize Luke McLeod

**SPECIAL PRIZE**

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 5 or 6 Maori student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) Hami Tamarapa









HAY, David	YR12	UNKOVICH, Bryan	4	GROUP : S01	STONE, Lyndon	YR13	SMITH, Craig	YR11
BARNES, Chey	YR13	WALDEN, Carey	4		WALSH, Caleb	YR13	STEPHENS, Aaron	YR11
COLLINGWOOD, Gordon	YR13	BARRACLOUGH, Jason	YR11		WRIGHT, Jason	YR13	WALLACE, Clint	YR11
		FRANK, Nicholas	YR11	WESTON, Tim	TRINGHAM, Jonathan	YR14	WILLIAMS, Jeremy	YR11
		JENSEN, Lyall	YR11	WHITE, Benjamin			RUYTERS, Chris	YR12
GROUP : H01		LAURSEN, Mark	YR11	RAVEN, Tyler			TILLEY, Robert	YR12
STANBRIDGE, Paul	302	RAUPUTU, Ria	YR11	STONNELL, Lewis			TONG, Kris	YR12
ROBINS, Te Rauna	304	WASHER, Bevan	YR11	SINGH, Sanjay	310	GROUP : S05	VICKERS, Jeremy	YR12
CAMPBELL, Elliot	306	DOWN, Jayson	YR12	RATFORD, Daniel	4	SMEATON, Joshua	WARD, Jarrod	YR12
KILMAN, Frank	306	DRNASIN, David	YR12	SMITH, Dayne	4	VILE, Scott	WATKINS, Jonathon	YR12
ROSS, James William	308	HAMERTON, Ben	YR12	SUHR, Daniel	4	SULZBERGER, Kent	WYLIE, Chris	YR12
RYAN, Samuel	309	HERBERT, Hasan	YR12	URWIN, Paul	4	WOOD, Rodney	CADMAN, David	YR13
SOONTHORNSWAD, Marc	309	OH, Jong	YR12	WALLIS, Brendon	4	ZAVOS, Steve	STARK, Jeremy	YR13
TAMATI, Monty	309	ALATO'A, Karl	YR13	WHITWELL, Chris	4	TUFFEY, Marc	TAULA, Tony	YR13
BARLOW, Reece	310	MAYO, Brendon	YR13	WILSON, Nathan	4	ROWE, Mike	WOODWARD, Mark	YR13
HAITANA-WALLACE, Logan	310	TITO, Paul	YR13	PARKER-METCALF, John	YR11	TOIA, Caleb		
SMITH, Nicholas	310	WALDEN, Paul	YR13	PETERS, David	YR11	SAMPSON, Michael		
ASHCROFT, Steven	4			PINTOR, Ricardo	YR11	SOLE, Eli		
BRAGGINS, Ben	4			SARTEN, Dion	YR11	SOLE, Kane		
CARR, Zeb	4	GROUP : H05		SOPEA, Nicholas	YR11	TE AWA, Damain		
CLEAVER, Mark	4	BETHELL, Daniel	301	VITANAACHIV, Chanuka	YR11	WOOD, Dary		
LAWN, Aiden	4	BRENNER, Robert	305	WINEI, Philip	YR11	NORTHCOOT, Corey	YR11	
NEEDHAM, Paul	4	WELSH, Jonathan	305	PLUMMER, Bryn	YR12	OKEEFE, Andrew	YR11	
DAVIS, Arama	YR11	CARMICHAEL, Douglas	306	RADFORD, Dayle	YR12	ROBINS, Toby	YR11	
ROBINS, Bryce	YR11	COOK, Hayden	308	SUTTON, Rhys	YR12	SANDER, Thomas	YR11	
SCHURR, Ben	YR11	SUTTON, Antony	308	THOMPSON, Murray	YR12	SEXTON, Glen	YR11	
TOPLESS, James	YR11	CAMPBELL, Fletcher	4	TILYARD, Jarrad	YR12	SOH, Martin	YR11	
WILLING, Tremayne	YR11	DRYDEN, Hadley	4	WATSON, Andrew	YR12	YOUNG, Keung	YR11	
BAYLY, Robert	YR12	MURPHY, James	4	TUIRIRANGI, Tama	YR13	ROWSON, Kane	YR12	
GIBBS, Paul	YR12	MURPHY, John	4	WATKINS, Craig	YR13	SAMPSON, Peter	YR12	
KIHFUSS, Daniel	YR12	SCHRIDER, Brent	4	PASILL, Aaron	YR14	SOLE, Jake	YR12	
KNIGHT, Jay	YR12	SINGLETON, Bevan	4	WESTON, John	YR14	TAMAPUA, Allan	YR12	
MULLAN, Craig	YR12	ASH, Peter	YR11			TAYLOR, Troy	YR12	
CAMPBELL, Mitchell	YR13	BLACKBURN, Martin	YR11	GROUP : S02		OLDRIDGE, Derek	YR13	
DICKINSON, Nigel	YR13	HANN, Jody	YR11	SANGER, Michael	301	WATSON, Ryan	YR13	
LAWN, Greg	YR13	KANTATHAM, Pakpoom	YR11	BROUGHTON, Mathew	304	RUWHIU, Hare	YR14	
LAWN, Richard	YR13	KEECH, Sheldon	YR11	STEWART, Boyd	308			
MILLS, Richard	YR13	KULL, Daniel	YR11	STEWART, Dean	309	GROUP : S06		
		MCEWEN, David	YR11	RADFORD, Adam	4	SMITH, Fraser	301	
		NEWLAND, Clint	YR11	ROBERTS, Matthew	4	WILMS, Heath	301	
GROUP : H02		RUSSELL, Nathan	YR12	SILBY, Brendon	4	STREET, Adam	302	
MORTON, Ben	301	DONALDSON, Fraser	YR12	SMITH, Joshua	4	VEITCH, Robert	302	
WOLFE, Nathan	305	FEATHER, Marc	YR12	TAYLOR-SMITH, Quentin	YR12	WHITE, Colin	302	
LAWN, Nick	306	FULLERTON-SMITH, Quentin	YR12	TURNER, Matthew	4	THOMPSON, Brent	303	
CASKEY, Shaan	307	HOOPER, Vaughan	YR12	WALKER, Robert	4	SMITH, Laighton	304	
WELLINGTON, Gareth	307	HURLEY, Andrew	YR12	WALSH, Stephen	4	RUTHERFORD, Boyd	4	
GRAY, Mark	308	LILLEY, Ben	YR12	WATTS, Christopher	4	SCOTT, Jacob	4	
NEWELL, James	308	BELLAMY, Bradley	YR13	MERCER, Jeff	YR11	SCOTT, James	4	
BAYLIS, Dayne	4	CROFSKEY, Greg	YR13	PREBBLE, Daniel	YR11	SMITH, Bradford	4	
BROWN, Clint	4	JOHNSTON, Iain	YR13	PRITCHARD, Andrew	YR11	STEWART, Alan	4	
GOWER, Alex	4	NEWLAND, Brad	YR13	PROFFIT, Mark	YR11	STEYN, Douw	4	
HERLIHY, Mark	4			SCOTT, Alexander	YR11	THEOBALD, Joshua	4	
HOWSE, Christopher	4	GROUP : H06		WARRANT, Mark	YR11	VISSER, Andre	4	
MANAGH, Richard	4	BAYLEY, Kellam	301	SULLIVAN, Brentain	YR11	RIDDICK, Luke	YR11	
MCLEAN, Laurie	4	WHITE, Jonathan	301	REED, Colin	YR12	STEPHENS, Allen	YR11	
WOOLSEY, Daniel	4	LAGAN, Gregory	306	VOSSSELER, Jared	YR12	WEBSTER, Jonathon	YR11	
BAYLIS, Joshua	YR11	RUCHTI, Nicol	306	WILSON, Dwayne	YR12	WILLIAMS, Brian	YR11	
HERLIHY, Paul	YR11	FLEMING, Adam	308	SELLERS, Kevin	YR13	WRAY, Patrick	YR12	
HONEYFIELD, Al	YR11	GULBRANSEN, Ryan	308	WILLIAMS, Michael	YR13	QUICKENDEN, Jason	YR12	
LAWN, Joseph	YR11	CHRISTENSEN, Lance	309	SLADE, David	YR14	SHARPE, Scott	YR12	
PURDIE, Gareth	YR11	NIKU, France-Whetu	309			SPICE, Brent	YR12	
RUDIE, Tony	YR11	GORDON, Robert	4	GROUP : S03		THEOBALD, Simeon	YR12	
WALL, Aaron	YR11	GULLIVER, Mack	4	ROPER, Hamish	301	WILKIN, Cliff	YR12	
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WONG, Tony	YR12	LOWE, Michael	YR11	THOMPSON, James	306	STEYN, Denk	YR13	
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HUSTON, Harley	YR13	MANCEWICZ, Aaron	YR11	ROLLO, Paul	309			
MOREY, Justin	YR13	MANLEY, Paul	YR11	SOMERS, Michael	309	GROUP : S07		
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		DAVEY, Adam	YR12	RAMPTON, Ian	4	WILSON, Dillon	301	
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WALKER, Scott	301	PAPPS, David	YR12	WHITEHEAD, Logan	4	WAUGH, Shaun	304	
CAMPBELL, Ben	308	BREARS, Quentin	YR13	WILSON, Garth	4	WHITE, Stephen	305	
BLUCK, Simon	309	LAKA, Cns	YR13	O'DONOGHUE, Vernon	YR11	WILLIAMS, Matthew	305	
CASKEY, Jared	309	WHITTAKER, Phillip	YR13	PETERSEN, Samuel	YR11	SCHRODER, Haydn	307	
BERNIER, Adam	310	COOKSLEY, Rodger	YR14	RAJAGOPAL, Vijay	YR11	TAYLOR, Anton	308	
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MARSHALL, Harvey	4	PIDGON, Gareth	YR13	SUCHY, Mathias	YR12	WEIR, Matt	4	
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SWEETMAN, Tamati	4	SEWELL, Daniel	YR13	O'CARROLL, Peter	YR13	ZURAKOWSKI, Zygi	4	
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OAKENFULL, Andrew	YR13	BURTON, David	4	H-NATH, Sayuj	YR11	WHITWELL, Nick	YR13	
PRITCHARD, Michael	YR13	DAVIS, Mark	4	PELHAM, Ryan	YR11			
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						RUMBALL, Tom	YR11	

OLD BOYS' NOTES



The year past has seen many Old Boys of the school gain recognition for their exploits in their work and in their sport, and for service rendered to the community or the nation at large. Certainly the numbers are too great and the exploits too varied to attempt in these notes to do anything other than to mention a few of these who come to mind. Saturday September 14 was a day of particular note to Old Boys and to those interested in our school; and one which aptly illustrates this diversity of activities which could be recorded. In Scandinavia Shane King triumphed and was quite properly crowned the 500cc Motocross Champion of the World while brother Daryl finished in the top 5. Closer to home Grant Moorhead won the Fiji Golf Open for the second year. While at home Andrew Slater's Taranaki rugby team relinquished the Ranfurly Shield to Waikato. A game in which a young Michael Collins played well at prop for Waikato while Scott Lines, Dean Magon and Daryl Lilley stood out for Taranaki. A feature of our school is the strong ties that exist between the existing school and the Old Boys. Seldom, if ever, would there occur a sporting or cultural event without a contingent of old boys lending support to the occasion. Last summer while basking in the sun in front of Pridham Hall fathers Cyril Henderson, Ralph West and John Mitchell were swapping stories and watching their respective elder sons Thomas, Gareth and Phil (all ex 1st XI players) playing Premier grade cricket for the Old Boys' club. The reader might well ask "what is so unusual about that?" - probably nothing © had it not been for the fact that the Old Boys side was playing School which contained younger sons Scott, Hamish and Regan. Guinness Book of Records stuff - probably not but it does illustrate a point. When the musical comedy 'Full Marx' played in New Plymouth recently John Banas starred as Groucho Marx. John had co-written the play 14 years ago and is currently writing for the television series 'Blue Heelers' which he will also direct next year. Old Boys continue to make their mark in local politics. David Walter has started another term as mayor of the Stratford District, Brian Bellringer is deputy mayor of New Plymouth and former teacher Harry Dynhoven is our local MP. A group of Old Boys who largely began their friendships at Central Primary School (Rick Webber still has their cricket scorebook) and carried this through the mid 60s at School, and then while forging successful careers in several parts of the world. The group includes: Ken Holyoake - after graduating from Auckland University Ken served as a chemical engineer in Indonesia and on his return to New Zealand founded an industrial fibre glassing industry in Bell Block. Ken is a member of our Board

of Trustees. Bryan Purser - represented New Zealand at badminton and is now managing director of a food manufacturing company in Hamilton. Graham Brash - lives in Perth where he is the State's sales manager for Dulux Paints. Doug Hill - is a practising lawyer in New Plymouth while his brother-in-law John Fastier is the Taiwan manager of the international chemical company B.A.F.F. Rick Webber - after serving in many parts of the world he has returned to Wellington where he is general manager of BP New Zealand. Another group of Old Boys who have actively maintained their friendships developed while at school are members of Brian Novak's 1st XV. The "49ers" are considered to be one of the finest teams that the school has produced. It was the last 1st XV to be coached by Vic Kerr and it was undefeated in its College matches. Over the ensuing years these players and their families have been coming together on a regular basis and this year when 16 of them gathered at Colin and Shirley Julian's home at Veronica Point, Opua it was the team's 11th reunion. As the years have rolled on the scrums, sprints and other forms of competition of yesteryear have given way to tennis and golf; and the socialising has become more sedate. However, the stories and reminiscences of schoolday glories are no doubt getting increasingly exaggerated with each passing reunion. All 11 reunions have been remarkably well attended and plans are well underway for a grand 15th at New Plymouth in Feb. 1998. Many will remember these names: Colin Croag, Jim Crocker, Garth Deakin, Don Fleming, Bob Heale, Colin Julian, Bruce Kerr, Alan Luxton, Robb Meredith, Brian Novak, Graham Ramsden, John Reid, Harold Titter, Roy Taylor, Alan Townsend, Trevor Wynyard, Russell Dreadon, Ross Carmichael, Don Kruse, Bruce McMurray, Harry Honnor. Rendell Brine is known to many Old Boys firstly as a student and then as a teacher when he was Head of Maths and then Senior Master, and also as a member of the Centenary and 110th Jubilee steering committees; and probably not so well known as the author of these Old Boys notes of many of the past Taranakians. Rendell and his wife Joy have recently returned from a trip to the UK, Ireland and Europe. The focal point of their trip was the wedding of their youngest son Kerry (Old Boy) to Carolyn. Oldest son Stephen (another Old Boy), who is a production engineer for Tasman Pulp and Paper, happened to be in London at the time and he too was able to be present for the happy family occasion. Welcome back to Bob McCaw (Old Boy, teacher and member of the 85th Jubilee Committee). After resigning his position as Deputy Principal of Napier BHS Bob has spent the last several years with the Examination Authority of the South Pacific and living in Suva. While there Bob was actively involved in the Fiji branch of our association and also the Trust that annually supports a selected student from Fiji to attend NPBHS. Many of us in New Plymouth wake each morning to the racy humour of Murray Ingles aka Muzza on Radio Taranaki's Classic Hits and then perhaps read an article in the Daily News written by Neil Holdom. Some observations from local rugby. Some interesting games were played between Graham Mourie's Coastal, Bruce Middleton's Border and Jed Rowlands' Tukapa sides this year. When Old Boys defeated Tukapa in this year's grand final all but 4 of the 22 players named for Old Boys were ex-NPBHS: Daryl Lilley, Michael Adlam, Dean Magon, Mark Urwin, Michael Carr, Chris Luke, Tom Ttowern, Campbell Feather, Andy Slater, Dawson Tamati, Scott Lines, Stephen Barclay, Craig McEldowney, David Sleep and Geoff Hall. While Tukapa





he, Ivan Dunbar and Murray Dobson serve on the Taranaki Golf Association. Major prizewinners in the annual golf tournament were: McNaught Cup - Murray Watts, Peter Powell Memorial Trophy - Ken Holyoake and the Alexander Trophy - Dale Atkins. The following officers are known to be serving in the Army: Captain Paddy Crowsley has recently returned from Bosnia, Lt. Simon Strombom is on exercise in Australia with the RNZAC, Lt. Scott Langland is with the Military Police in Wellington and Lt. Shane Atkinson is in the Signals Core and is currently based in Linton. Congratulations must go to our oldest Old Boy Roger Claridge who on June 14 celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr. Claridge is well known on the Ham radio air waves, is a WW1 veteran and in his working life was a court registrar. He now lives in Taupo.

Max Carroll

**For the Committee Obituaries**

Pat Huggett - was one of the 16 men who taught at school for more than 30 years. On being invalided out of the Air Force Pat joined the technical staff of the school in 1943. For the next 31 years any student who elected the Engineering course would have come under Pat's influence and would have benefitted from the experience. In 1974 Pat retired from the school to take up the appointment of Head of Engineering at the Polytechnic.

Colin Allen - 'Buster' to his friends and associates gave the school and its Old Boys Association long and valued service. After a surveying cadetship took him to many parts of New Zealand for the Lands and Survey Department buster returned to New Plymouth and in 1960 he was appointed chief surveyor for this district. He was active in many sports including rugby, surf lifesaving and golf; and for the School which he held in such high regard. He made handsome contributions both as a pupil, as a parent, as a Board member where as Chairman he piloted the amalgamation of the then Combined High Schools Board and as an active member of the Old Boys Executive.

Lester Barker - died age 50. Lester was respected nationally for his library work. He had been New Plymouth's Head Librarian for a number of years.

Syd Tonks - known to racegoers as the 'voice of Auckland and the Waikato'. This colourful racing personality called races in that region for 32 years.



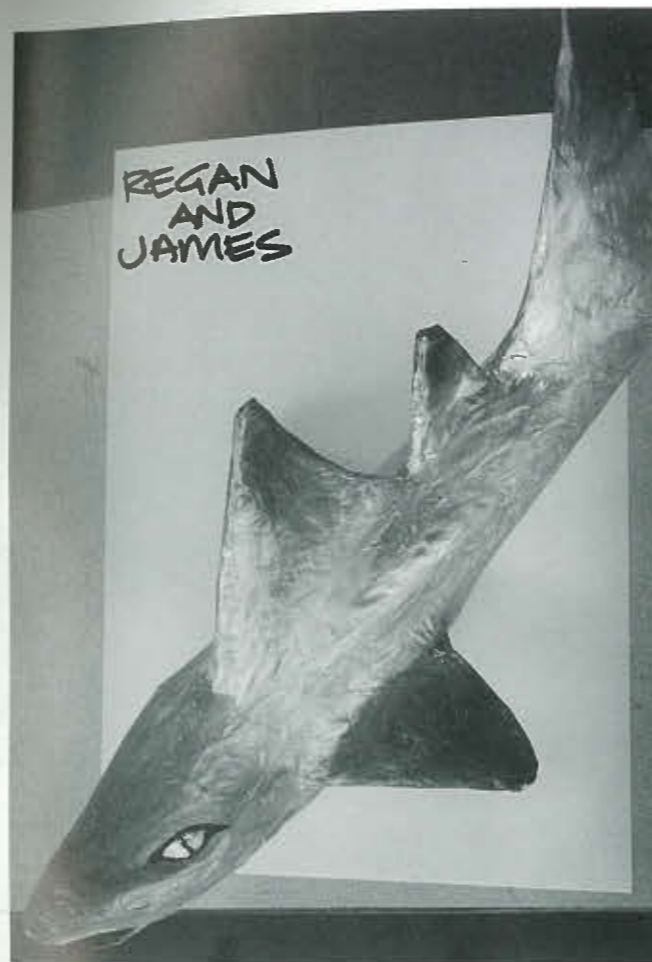
fielded Ryan Wheeler, Jason Norden, Matt O'Dowda and Scott Baker. Congratulations to Greg Feek and Tony Philp for making this year's NZ Colts. Mark Urwin has been selected in the Rugby News Tour of the UK. Richard Bryant, Simon Gibbs, Craig Taylor, Jason Holland, Kelvin McDowell and Reuben Thorne played in the National 7s tournament for their respective unions. It was pleasing to see Kelvin playing for Marlborough against Daniel Smith in the Wanganui side in the final of the NPC 3rd Division. Dean Magon joined a select group of players when he scored a hat-trick of tries in a Ranfurly Shield challenge. There were a significant number of ex 1st XVers in the Taranaki team that took the shield from Auckland and set up that fabulous fortnight. Daryl Lilley kicked consistently well for his club and province all season. Congratulations to Jed Rowlands who will coach the Yarrows Taranaki A team next year and to Michael Collins who has made the NZ Barbarians side to tour the UK - good luck to both those Old Boys. Several Old Boys are to the forefront in local golf both as players and as administrators. Ken Holyoake is the reigning Taranaki matchplay champion and Rhys Watkins performed well in the strokeplay. Don Kruse is the National President of the Eagles Golfing Society, Bill Watson is the immediate past president of the Taranaki Golfing Branch, Bruce McCallum is a councillor of the NZGA and

**TO FORM SEVEN LEAVERS**

We have a new innovation to leaving this year, the inaugural leavers dinner. I am confident that this will become a popular occasion where by students can farewell their teachers and fellow peers in a convivial atmosphere. It is here you will have your opportunity to reflect on what I am sure for most of you, will have been a hectic final year. Reflection is an important element to our development. It gives us a chance to cement our cornerstones, our beliefs and push on into the work with more confidence. For all of you a key cornerstone in you shaping as a 'doer' in this world will be the schooling you have received at NPBHS. The schooling is not only the academic it is the co-curricular as well. School is about social and academic advancement. Whether you were moved, motivated or shaken by events or happenings in this school they all combine to give you a personal and most individual experience. One which you can take with you into your future. The very full program in the school your

often does not give one the chance to reflect on what has taken place let alone install it as a memory. Often highlights for some are only events on the calendar for others. Something that - affected all that were present was the rousing haka given to the Prime Minister. One seventh former was moved to write "I kept my socks pulled up and my shirt tucked in for the day as a slightly grudging mark of respect. The school scored a point that day." I think that that day the school emanated a spirit. A sense of togetherness, a meaning and it is something that you as Old Boys will take with you. The memories you have will grow stronger and perhaps fonder the longer you are away from the place. The associations you have forged will often last a lifetime. Remember even as you leave, you are part of this school, we there at NPBHS will watch your future progress with keen interest and look forward to seeing you when you make return visits to your old school. To you all, the best of good fortune for the exciting times that lie ahead.

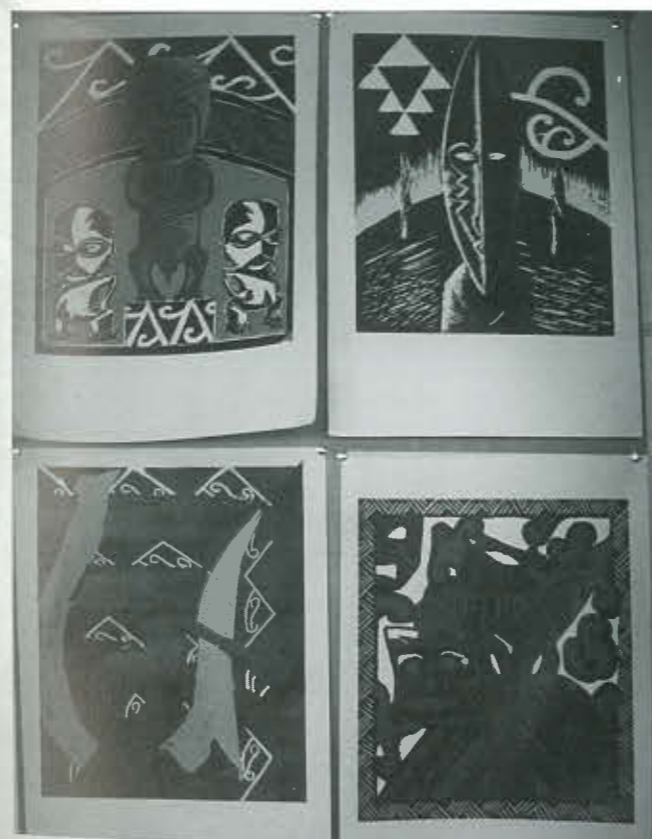
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Regan & James



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Form 5 Woodcuts



Peter Ash



