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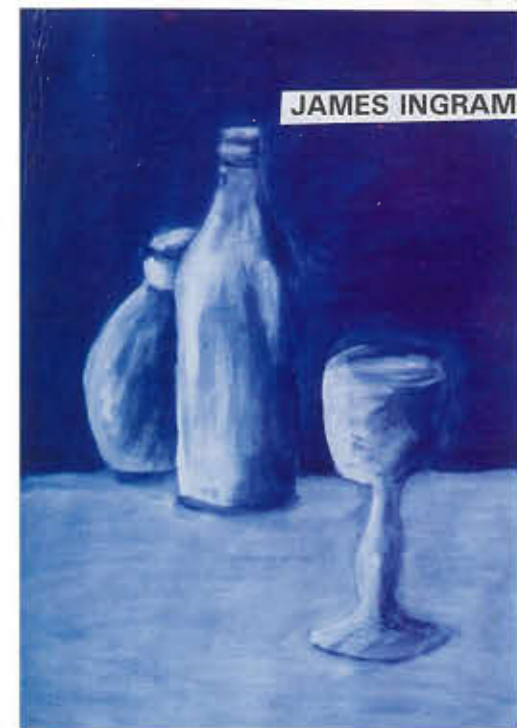
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

1997 has been another progressive year at New Plymouth Boys' High School. I would highlight the following matters.

BOARD:

There have been two changes in the Board for 1997. A new student representative Kris Larkin has continued the tradition of involved student representatives on the Board. Kris has reinforced the value of having a student representative on the Board of Trustees.

Flora Gilkison retired from the Board after five years of tremendous service to the Board especially as Chairperson of the Policy Committee. The Board co-opted Mrs Linda MacIntyre whose enthusiasm towards the school and ability has already been evident.

Geoff Ward continued to chair the Hostel Committee, a most time consuming job especially with the hostel redevelopment work completed this year. Robyn Watkins retired from Chairperson of the Property Committee after several years of great service and her place was taken by Doug Geraghty in this most important role.

Sue Duncan has taken over the Chairperson of the Policy Committee as the task of ensuring that the school has policies to meet and guide the school. The Finance Committee under the chairmanship of Greg Eden set considerable involvement as the school has been required to spend a considerable amount of its own funds this year on school developments.

Ken Holyoake has inputted a considerable amount of his own time and knowledge in the technology development at the school. Doug Harvey and John Washer bring to the Board table the genuine concerns of parents and of Old boys to the school.

The Headmaster has easily fitted into the role of the Chief Executive.

The liaison between Board and staff is maintained very effectively by Ken Lockhart and his input to the Board is appreciated.

The Board Secretary, Les Emslie, continues to serve all Board members and the school with enthusiasm and diligence.

HOSTEL:

This year has seen the combination of a huge amount of work by the Hostel Committee led by Geoff Ward and Murray Grimwood and his Hostel Masters. The first stage of the hostel re-development has been completed and now occupied by hostel students. The hostel is a stand alone business of NPBHS and no school operation grant funds are used to support the hostel. There are no Government funds provided for the hostel. The hostel continues to be full with a waiting list. This is a reflection of the hard work of Murray Grimwood and his team of hostel masters. However, the hostel must not rest on its laurels and must continue to provide the best service possible to the hostel students and their parents. It is hoped that through fundraising further stages of the hostel development will be able to be completed to provide appropriate accommodation and learning environment for hostel students at NPBHS.

PROPERTY:

Through the Government's policy on class sizes NPBHS qualified for two extra classrooms to be funded by the Ministry. Unfortunately, the funding was not sufficient to enable the school to provide the classrooms it wanted to so school funds have been used in addition to the Ministry funding to extend the library building by the addition of two computer laboratories on top of the library. These premises will become the Information Technology Centre of the school. As well as, during 1997 the water base a synthetic turf has been completed on Webster field by the Webster Field Trust and this facility will be of considerable benefit to NPBHS and other school and public of New Plymouth. The deferred maintenance items will hopefully be completed shortly but there is other capital development needed at NPBHS in revamping the administration area to provide better facilities for both teaching and administration staff and the planning of a new teaching block to replace the relocatable classrooms facing Webster Field. The long term planning is well advanced by this Board.

TECHNOLOGY:

The Board has spent considerable time in evaluating the technology available at NPBHS. A Technology Committee involving masters of the school, board members and an educational computer specialist and commercial computer specialist has developed an overall school plan for the development of technology at NPBHS. This involves the information technology centre and the interlinking of all departments including the administration area to the central information technology centre. The comprehensive overall plan has been evolved and the Board has allocated considerable funds from its reserves to commence the development of this plan. It is anticipated that students at the school will be able to develop their computer and technology skills which are now necessary in modern society. It is also envisaged that the provision of such facilities for staff will enable staff to use the technology to meet the increasing demands being placed on them.

STAFF:

Teaching Staff:

The loyalty of the teaching staff to NPBHS has again been most impressive in 1997. The extra effort they are prepared to make both in the classroom and with co-curricular activities has again been evident. The Board is indebted to the attitude of the teaching staff to the school. Professional development is an area which the Board places considerable importance to ensure that all staff continue to develop their skills.

Non Teaching Staff:

The smooth running of NPBHS is a tribute to the administration staff at NPBHS. As the teacher workloads increase, so does their workload which they continue to meet on many occasions with lessening timeframes. The Property Manager and the Ground staff continue to keep the grounds and facilities at this most impressive school to a high standard.

Friends of the School:

The Parent-Teacher Association has increased its involvement this year with the school. A school renovation day has been planned and regular working bees provide considerable extras to the school. The clothing shop and other fundraising activities are a great service to the school.

Support by Old Boys of the school is always evident and their interest in the school is most important.

Students:

It is the results the students achieve both in academically, culturally and on the sportsfield which makes NPBHS the successful school it is. The students of today have far more demands placed upon them than previously. The vast majority of students at NPBHS leave the school as most impressive young men and it is their contribution which continues to make NPBHS one of the most successful schools in New Zealand.

J H R Eagles
20 October 1997



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HEADMASTER'S REPORT



The start of 1997 saw our roll again increase to its highest level ever, at 1,188, with our enrolment scheme having to be used to limit our Form 3 roll. This must surely be one indicator of success as a school, and I will highlight others later in this report, which does include the findings of the ERO Effectiveness audit.

Before this, I will reflect on NPBS today and tomorrow. The text of this is drawn from written comments I gave to one of our most able students last year. They are still relevant and of interest, I hope.

No institution is easy to define, because it is the summation of so many small parts, often hard to detect in themselves, but certainly contributing to the whole. From an egalitarian viewpoint, I would like to believe that all schools are 'special' and that all students consider their school to be 'special' to them.

With NPBS the 'special' will mean different things to different boys and different staff.

If we consider the Mission Statement of schools, as expressed as a paramount objective in the Charter, we would often find them much the same. What is more important is the reality of what actually happens in a school.

The 'special' nature could be defined in how much **value** is added in the school years.

I believe NPBS is special because of the value it can add in so many ways - it is special in that, as with most things of value, it will remain with them long after direct contact is left behind.

In schools with 'special character' many boys (or girls) are in some way exalted by their years there. It was a hold that is hard to define or breakdown.

It could be:

- quality of the staff
- high expectations of all
- high standards expected in behaviour/dress
- assemblies to start the day
- a diverse group of students from different backgrounds
- a strong review and appraisal system
- a traditional sense of place
- a reverence of those who went before us
- a history to give perspective and a sense of belonging
- hostel providing continuity and 'heart' - rural aspect
- haka - acceptance of cultural differences
- sense of oneness on special occasions
- Old Boys influence is never far away

- the Cadet Unit - link with those who gave their lives in world conflicts
- staff commitment to things outside main curricula
- modern vibrancy from a traditional base
- image of socks up - no nonsense
- academic rigour
- band, sport, chess etc
- the Gully
- seen as a leading school in NZ by outsiders
- perception of others that it is 'special' without defining it
- boys aspire to gainful employment - expect to succeed
- often going against the trends that plague societies from time to time
- fostering academic freedom
- promote many on to tertiary education
- strong governance from Board of Trustees
- service and commitment
- don't think merit or excellence is a dirty word
- stories of the past become folklore/mythology
- expect and promote leadership from senior students
- Tiger Jackets for achievement
- expects strong statements of leadership
- generally supported by parents/community

These elements provide a special character (we should not be into comparisons with others all the time) that is unique to us. The strong sense of loyalty and pride only occurs in places that have something extra - it must be diverse enough and encompassing to touch different students in different ways - it is the sum of the parts that give the special mixture - as time goes on some of the parts will alter and change, but the mixture will still give a special culture that is recognised by most involved in the process.

The school is what it is today by keeping the important links with the past and moving to meet the modern demands of curriculum and teaching. It is what it is because of the expectation of the school of staff and boys. The school operates under a set of policies that are promulgated by the Board of Trustees in their governance mode. These policies define, in a general sense, the customs and practices that guide the school forward. The Headmaster must ensure that the school is well managed in line with these policies, but must give strong leadership to the staff, and boys, community about what is expected.

It is what it is today because of the prescribed changes to school governance/management that are immutable but also by blending these changes in to fit the evolving climate and ethos - it is not change for change's sake - going forward with some speed, but not unhealthy haste.

After all, however, it is what its students, parents and staff are - it is what it is by looking forward, but never being scared to look back. At present we are restating our vision - our strategic plan of where we want to be in the short, medium and long term. This is the terms of Charter objectives, but also in terms of property, hostel, curriculum, etc.

To me, we must firstly look to our academic performance - the climate must support, appreciate and encourage merit and excellence. Our plan must unashamedly endorse and promote this ideal, of some rigour. Our curriculum delivery must reflect, in the main, certain academic ideals so necessary for NZ's future and global security and confidence - adaptability, creativity, problem-solving, technologically competent young men.

Through our holistic approach (sport, culture, music) we must create an air of confidence and enthusiasm and a thirst for learning that sets our students up for life outside a school.

I would hope that this can be done in a way that preserves our 'character'.



The vibrant strategic plan being formulated will be a major part of our way ahead - it will be responsive to change, but will set the spending priorities and desirable outcomes as well as implementation dates - it will be a live document that has to be evaluated with individual and Departmental goals being allied closely to it.

The changes are on-going and always have been - at times not as perceptible as others. In the last two years there have been huge changes in the management structure and ownership of change. The very nature of change denotes that there will be no end! Good schools are always looking at themselves, appraising, refining, fine tuning without having to undergo major surgery - define a plan - refine it over time - a planned future.

The cost is still being considered. We have to work within our means, but supplement through work days, raffles, sponsorship, trusts, bequests etc.

A part of the Strategic Plan is the wants and needs. Once prioritised, the staging of the plan is based on how much is available for implementation. Our Finance Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees. This is on property, technology, renovation, capital works, curriculum professional development etc.

In my report last year, I stated that one of the most rewarding aspects of Headmastership at NPBHS was the level of support from the whole school community. I want to make much more than a passing reference to the work of the Board of Trustees and the strength they have shown in ensuring that boys get a first-class education for today and tomorrow.

Early next year elections will be held in the three yearly rotation for the BOT. Trustees who are not standing again can feel justifiably proud of the contribution that they have made in governing NPBHS over the past 3 to 6 years. The last year has seen some of the most far reaching financial decisions that any Board could take.

Deputy Chairman of the BOT and Chairman of the Hostel Committee, Mr Geoff Ward, has steered his group to secure the long-term future of the hostel. The boys have already occupied the first stage of the hostel rebuild at a cost of just over 1 million dollars. It would be easy to take breath, satisfied with the magnificent new boarding facility, but this is not the way of this BOT. We are presently engaged in a feasibility study to determine how we can raise the finance necessary to maintain momentum to complete the total plan for the Boarding Hostel. It is very gratifying to have a waiting list for the hostel this year, and again for 1998. We must not become complacent, but continue to build on our strengths - a quality staff, firm and fair policies that reflect modern boarding, supportive parents and good facilities - but most of all a **'heart'**.

I have been quoted many times previously, about the lack of commitment from Central Government in ensuring that there is equity in schools in relation to the information technology revolution. In most developed nations, the last few years have seen huge capital commitment to ensure that all young school children have ready access to the most modern technology. This commitment is seen as being vital to the growth and prosperity of these nations - we are still reliant on local funding, business partnerships, foreign fee paying students, bequests, parent levies etc - hardly a solid base for any country to ensure future economic strength.

It would have been easy for our BOT to defer any decision on implementing our Information Technology Strategic Plan, hoping that Government would deliver. Mr Ken Holyoake (Chairman of the IT Committee), Mr Rob Green (IT manager on the staff) and the Committee have done their homework well. The plan for the

future is extensive and compelling - so compelling in fact, that they were able to convince the BOT to a commitment of over \$400,000 for the first stages of equipping the new IT Centre, upgrading school administration, networking a significant part of the school and providing a computer pod in Science.

A consequence of this is a new laboratory, under the finance assistance scheme that has allowed us to turn the old computer room into a much needed specialist facility for science.

These decisions were made by a BOT not prepared to allow inertia and tread-water. This BOT believes in making decisions that impact on the young men of today and for tomorrow. Particular mention must be made of all retiring trustees.

Staff representatives can often be in a difficult position on the BOT but Ken Lockhart has transcended this and gained the total respect of BOT and staff over his two terms.

John Washer was able to bring a very practical approach to governance and could always be relied upon to listen to all the issues and come up with a working solution. His feeling for the school as a hostel Old Boy and present boarding parent certainly had wide-spread benefits for the Hostel Committee and boys in general. The value of an accountant on the BOT can be very important, especially with the large number of spending decisions that have had to be made in the last three years. Greg Eden is a very respected financial adviser, whose impact as chair of the Finance Committee, has been invaluable in ensuring and confirming that sound decisions have been made. Mrs Robyn Watkins has been a tower of strength over the last six years. Her input as Chair of the Property Committee has been considerable - the school environment has changed markedly in this time and the formulation of a 10 year maintenance plan secures the high quality of buildings and grounds that we are all proud of. She has, with Mrs Flora Gilkison (who resigned to take up a position at Hutt Valley Polytechnic) maintained a very good 'mother's' eye on the hostel committee and on the general aesthetics of a warm work place for staff and boys. Flora has a real flair for policy writing and during her six years the school certainly came up to speed, in terms of compliance in this regard. Mrs Sue Duncan took over the Chair of Policy and continued on Flora's work to the same high standard.

The final accolade must go to our Chairman, Mr John Eagles. John has been an outstanding Chairman over the last six years. He is one of those people with a high powered professional career as one of New Plymouth's foremost lawyers, but also gives unselfishly of his time in community affairs and not just NPBHS. John has been of outstanding support to me as Headmaster - he has a very good feel for the governance role but, as well, a 'feet on the ground' appreciation of what goes on in schools and the needs of young people. This combination of the intellectual and the practical is what makes John the ideal chairman. I know that John will not indulge himself, but if he did take time out to reflect on what has been achieved during his chairmanship, he must be very satisfied. Thank you, John, for your outstanding service and to all the Trustees for giving unstintingly to ensure the continuing success of NPBHS.

The Headmaster's report should rightly reflect on the success of the past year, this is both pleasurable and easy to do.

Academically our boys at Form 7 continued on the very high standard that we have attained over the past decade. 25 boys gained 'A' Bursaries and 41 gained 'B' Bursaries, giving an overall pass rate of 77% for 5 subject candidates. This compares very favourably with the top schools,



as indicated in a recent newspaper league table - although it is difficult to compare in this way.

At the top echelon we have had the best results, most probably, in the history of the school. 16 students gained 39 University Scholarship passes in a vintage year. This takes to 142 the Scholarships won by NPBHS from 1990. Outstanding by any standard, and great credit to staff and boys.

Mention must be made of our top students in 1996. 6 boys gained more than 400 out of 500 in Bursary. Steven Holden (444) and Peter Green (443) gained 5 Scholarships each. A Form 4 boy, Damien Martin-Mott gained Scholarship in Calculus and Statistics - he attended Victoria University this year as the youngest student - doing mainly level 200.

At School Certificate level I have some concern about a group of boys who do not seem to have the motivation to work hard for academic success, but they are overwhelmed by the majority who do well. Most subjects performed well in excess of National means with Art, Accounting, French, Latin, Maori, Mathematics achieving pass rates over 60%; Economics, Geography, Science and graphics in excess of 70% and History an outstanding 91% pass. Individually there were 17 scores over 90% and 29 boys gaining 350 or better in their top 5 subjects. Martin Soh must be mentioned, by gaining 471 out of 500 in his 5 SC subjects - marks of 98, 95, 94, 94 and 90.

At NPBHS we pride ourselves on providing opportunities to develop the all-round talents of our young men. I can't hope to report all the successes in this report, but will highlight a few over the whole range of activities.

The sun in Term One saw Andrew Moore become Senior Champion and many swimmers progressed to top performance at TSS and further. The volleyball side qualified for Nationals and finished 5th, while David Gibson was Senior Athletics Champion and Jouhans Marriner took two titles at the TSS finals. Our cross-country and road relay runners continued their great improvement with the junior team taking 3rd place at the North Island Round-the-Lakes in Wanganui. The overall sporting talent abounded at the TSS Triathlon Championships, with our teams finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 10th and Jed Eden was top performer individually. Taranaki's strength in sports involving water is certainly reflected at school - Hayden Crokin was Under 16 Ironman at the Surf Lifesaving Nationals, among many other title-holders, including Carl Barnes, who is also in the NZ Canoe racing development squad. Luke Kerr and Kodie Fisher continue to surf outstandingly with Luke in the NZ team that recently competed in Bali. Our golfing magic deserted us in the final qualifiers for the National top 4, but a resounding win against Auckland Grammar was a highlight, as was the form of Joshua Kearns - he was selected for the NZ Maori development squad and played, by invitation, in the Jack Newton Classic in Australia.

Gareth Ballentyne continued his tennis domination by reaching the last 16 at the National Under 16 Championships, as well as many titles in provincial and regional tournaments. He was rewarded by selection in the Taranaki Men's 'A' team as a 15 year old. Our team was eliminated by Palmerston North Boys' High School in the Central Region finals. Robert Eagles and Jason Quilter performed very well at the NZ Rowing Championships in open competition. A Form 6 student Alex Scott, has had an outstanding fencing year. He competed in Australia with the NZ Under 20 team and then took titles in the épée and foil at the Under 20 level and NZSS titles in épée and 4th in foil. Shaun Sansom, of Form 3, showed his great potential by reaching the last 4 in the National Under 15 tournament. He is ranked 4th in NZ Under 15.

Ben Alchin is one of NZ's most promising roller skaters. He has represented NZ again this year at the Pacific Championship and World Juniors with great success, as well as taking Gold at the NZ Men's Marathon (42km) race.

Our Cricket 1st XI have had a very successful season, by maintaining their Premier status and being unbeaten in College matches, with the better part of draws against Auckland Grammar and Rotorua Boys' (a new fixture), as well as a win against Hamilton Boys'. Outstanding performances were the double of 106 and 5/64 for Regan West against Grammar and 6/46 for leg spinner, Kent Jordan against Hamilton. Many boys represented Taranaki at age group, but particular mention should be made of Regan West and Kane Rowson, who were in the Taranaki U-Bix Men's team. Regan went on to take his maiden first-class wicket for Central Districts and toured with the NZ Youth team. This outstanding performance was recognised, with Regan being named NPBHS Sportsman of the Year at the annual Sports and Cultural Awards dinner. A school development team are to travel to Sydney in December to compete in an international competition. Winter saw a large proportion of our boys and staff working together to give boys a chance to play in a team situation with realistic goals set in defining success.

The Ski team were successful at the Taranaki Championships, with Phil Dwyer taking 1st place at the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Champs. A very young Soccer 1st XI qualified for the top national tournament in 1st place for the Taranaki/Manawatu region, thanks to a fine win over PNBHS and the Basketball V played some excellent games in the new North Island Conference, but did not reach the Nationals this year, although they had a very good finish to the season, including a very exciting win against PNBHS.

Karl Laird showed his all-round ability by representing NZ at the Australian Tai Kwon Do Championships, bringing home a silver medal. Lachlan Lepper and Fabio Molinari fought out the Taranaki SS Badminton final and took the doubles title as well, before representing Taranaki at the regional finals.

Once again, the Rugby League XIII showed that they were the best school team in Taranaki, but were thwarted by Waiopahu College - in a very close game - in their bid to reach the Top 8 in the National Knock-out.

The Hockey 1st XI earned the right to compete at the Rankin Cup again and, convincingly, won the Taranaki Men's Senior 'B' title. One of the highlights of 1997 would have to be the completion of the Devon Hotel Park on Webster Field. This is a first-class multi-sport surface that should be of immense value to Taranaki sport and, in particular, hockey - in the years to come. The vision and hard work of the Webster Turf Group has to be applauded long and hard for having the foresight and fortitude needed to ensure that this world-class facility would be built in New Plymouth for the use of all sports people in Taranaki. It should also give a huge boost to hockey here at school.

The Rugby XV were, once again, very competitive in winning the Under 21 Grade convincingly, for the 7th year in a row. In the traditional college games, it was 3 wins and 3 losses in very close encounters. A penalty goal on the final whistle enabled PNBHS to beat us 18-16 on the gully, for them to progress to the last 8 of the NZSS Knock-out - this was an outstanding game of high quality from both sides - PNBHS went on to get beaten in the final against Wesley College. Special congratulations to Captain, David Gibson, who became our 5th School boy All Black when he played for NZSS against Australia. At the same





time, our best wishes must be extended to a new All Black, Gordon Slater, a two times NZSS representative when at Boys' High School, and a very loyal Old Boy. It is of interest that 12 of this year's first division Taranaki team and, also, Coach Jed Rowlands, are Old Boys - a record that could not be matched anywhere! This connection resulted in one of the highlights of the year, and a major logistical exercise, when the school gave a resounding haka before the International against Argentina. This was followed later in the season, at the request of the team, before the Auckland victory.

I will use this report to foreshadow a very exciting sporting linkage between 8 of NZ's foremost sporting schools from the Central North Island area. We have joined with Hamilton, Rotorua, Hastings, Napier, Palmerston North and Gisborne Boys' High Schools and Tauranga College to play in competition that will, in 1998, involve 1st and 2nd XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket, but could well involve other sports and cultural activities as time goes on. These are all schools with similar traditions and this can only enrich and enhance the opportunities available through this accord.

The Awards Dinner is very important, in that it ensures that both Sport and Culture are acknowledged on the same stage, and even equal status. The importance of matters cultural has gained further recognition with Mrs Kirsty Hazledine being appointed to a position of responsibility to compliment Mr Hugh Russell in charge of Sport. The cultural year had many highlights, with Matthew Crawford being voted Performing Artist of the year. Matthew has given great service to music, drama, debating and speech over five years, and this award was very well received. Matthew was a member of the NZSS Symphony Orchestra on Double Bass, a key debater, a major performer in 'Big Al' and won 1st place in the Lion speech final for Taranaki/Manawatu and Wanganui in the 17-24 age group. The senior debating team performed very well at Shell/British Link Debating competition in Palmerston North. House Debating was introduced into the House Competition for the first time, and drew a good audience. A hilarious rendition of the play within a play from 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' gained high acclamation from the audience at the Sheilah Winn Shakespearian Festival for our players. The standard of speech at our school's finals night was outstanding with Tim Simpson being awarded the Best Speaker of the evening, with an amusing, persuasive and scathing speech entitled "Winston Peters and the NZ First Party". NPBHS was the venue for the Pukekura Lions Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival, with debating, drama, prepared and impromptu speaking as well as Maori speech, poetry performance and theatre sport. Our boys fully enjoyed themselves with Jonathan Colligan and Liam O'Connor finished 1st in the junior prepared and impromptu speech and Matthew Crawford being declared best speaker in the senior debate. Scott Bremner was 2nd in both the short story and poetry in the very prestigious Joan Faulkner-Blake memorial writing competition.

The outstanding cultural experience had to be the major production 'Big Al'. This combined show, with NP Girls' High School, was a credit to Mrs Pfister, as Director and Mrs Allan as Musical Director and the talents of the staff and students of both schools. A quite enthralling and entertaining show that had vitality and energy and provided a great reward for much hard work. Tim Simpson, as Big Al, made Al Capone a part of himself, in the lead role.

Music continues to flourish under Mrs Allan. The year began with a retreat to Konini Lodge again, and then progressed with a very successful trip to Taradale High School, then an equally stimulating visit from Montmorency College, a very accomplished music school from Melbourne. The result was a combined concert that held the attention of the full school for a period, and an excellent evening concert that celebrated the cultural talents of both schools in style. Toby Robins was highly commended in concert with two Inglewood High School students at the Westpac Chamber Music

Festival, held in Wanganui and Graeme McPhail took a 1st place in the Central Districts Band competition. Once again the senior musicians added to their cultural appreciation with an opera visit to Wellington and the full diversity was shown with three school rock bands in the Regional Smokefree Rockquest. SCURS' gained 2nd place and a chance to compete in the National finals. It was wonderful to see one of our outstanding musicians, and recent Old Boy, Hayden Chisholm awarded a NZ Young Achiever Award. Our stage and concert bands and our choir continue to grow in playing strength and quality.

Once again, the boys and girls from the Pacific Islands at Boys' and Girls' High School combined, in expressing their unique and colourful cultures to a very appreciative audience on 'Pacific Island' night.

In terms of the bicultural nature of the school, I must single out the new Head of Maori Studies, Mr Colin Maihi. He has injected new life into the Maori studies and the performance, by our boys, of their newly written Waiata and haka, at the Taranaki Maori Festival, showed huge pride in performance and themselves. In addition, it has been wonderful to see the full expression of Maori culture in the welcoming powhiri for special guests to New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Student leadership is vital to the good functioning and spirit at NPBHS. Once again, we have been very well served by the 1997 Head Boy, Hugh Cotton, and his team of prefects, with special praise for the Heads of House - David Gibson (Donnelly), Kane Rowson (Syme), Alistair Blackler (Hatherly) and Scott Hayston (Barak). Kris Larkin contributed fully as a very good student representative on the Board of Trustees. The House Competition remains vital and boys showed great enthusiasm to put their houses to the fore. The Hostel were very determined to win back the trophy from Syme House, and are to be congratulated on their success as Hatherly House and I have heard it said that the trophy is back in the cupboard where it will stay. I trust the day boys have other ideas!

The Young Enterprise Scheme team, once again, reached a high standard, without reaching the National finals, but did take the Technology Award at the Taranaki presentation and Awards evening. A new subject has been trialled this year, at Form 4, called Enterprise Studies. Boys and staff have found it most rewarding and one of the groups, in Mrs Crow's class, received a National Award to complete their project - the equipping of the Taranaki Special Olympic Team with Travel bags. A very positive spin-off for the community through this enterprising subject.

This list of achievements only scratches the surface, but does highlight the diversity of opportunity that our young men have access to. When you add to this the hundreds who have tested themselves out in some of the more academic competitions - Australian Maths, English and Science (Rowan McCafferey winning a prize in the Mathematics section); NZ Computer Programming Competition; National Bank Mathematics; Taranaki Science Quiz (1st place); Massey University Japanese Speech Competition; Methanex Maths Spectacular (Form 3 team 1st); AMP Investment Economics - the picture is very clear.

In all of this the 'cement' is the staff. The teaching staff, support staff (administrative, environment, hostel) all in their own way contribute to the school that Boys' High is.

The ERO Effectiveness Review confirmed how 'effective' the school was in giving a quality education, but fell well short of teachers expectation, in terms of a more constructive appraisal of where they were at in curricular areas. This is a sign to me of a quality staff - unafraid to



be exposed to meticulous scrutiny in the positive sense of self improvement. As well as this it is the level of innovation and initiative, generated to meet the needs of individuals or groups.

The Old Boys continue to be a source of strength and will be called to rally around a major fund-raising project soon to be announced, I hope, after a feasibility study.

The ANZAC Service, although falling in the holiday period was well attended by the school community and will always have special significance and recognition at NPBHS.

Alison Sutton and the PTA have exceeded all expectations this year - a very supportive, hard-working, innovative and vital part of the school.

I will finish this report by drawing from the ERO Report:

- New Plymouth Boys' High School continues to offer its students quality educational opportunities*
- *high achievement expectation pervades the school's culture*
- *well managed departments, with informed teachers, committed to their task, enable students to receive a quality education*
- *relationships between teachers and students are mutually respectful, positive and friendly*
- *the school provides a balanced education through co-curricula action, emphasising leadership, responsibility and co-operation*
- *high expectations are part of the school climate*

I firmly believe that NPBHS offers boys the security of a proud past, but has the vitality and vision to educate young men for the future.

L R French-Wright
Headmaster
3 November 1997





STAFF NOTES 1997

February 1997 saw a number of new faces join the Boys' High School staff.

Straight from Teacher's College, Sarah Milner joined the English Dept., Joanna Casey arrived to teach music and Social Studies, Barry Flannagan to teach Mathematics and John Stevens to teach Physics. Bill Thomas, a local Taranaki teacher, was appointed to teach Graphics and Technology. Antoinette Van der Linden, formerly of Taranaki, returned from Australia to teach Mathematics. Michael Fenton arrived from Taumaranui HS as a Science teacher while Val Moore resumed teaching English after a break away from Boys' High. Appointments from overseas included Jan Meyer, a Graphics and Technology teacher from South Africa, Christine French from New South Wales to teach Japanese and, from Nevada in the USA, Glen Willard arrived as a Graphics and Technology teacher. Jill Krueger who teaches English and Special Needs also arrived from the USA. Helen Cook arrived from England to teach in the Mathematics Department.

We were very lucky to have two Old Boys return as teachers. Colin Maihi, a former 1st XV player, arrived from Rangitikei College to take over the Maori Department. Paul Veric, a well-performed Surf Life Saver and Kayaker and a former 1st 11 Soccer player, was appointed from Teachers College to teach Physical Education. There were changes on the support staff as well. Vicki Baker left her position in the Board officer after a number of years excellent service, to be replaced by Dorothy Grant. Raewyn Bailey joined the front office staff.

This loss of a fine teacher is always a blow for a school. The resignation of Graeme Smith and retirement of long time part-timer Esmae Rowlands, left big gaps to fill. Esmae retired at the end of Term 2 to join already retired husband and also long-term Boys' High teacher, Rob. They travelled overseas in Term 3 only to have their retirement plans tragically cut down on return, with the accidental death of Rob in a cycle accident. Rob's obituary appears elsewhere in the Taranakian, but we here record Esmae's great service to the school. She started teaching here with Rob in 1975 on their return from a stint teaching in Tonga. Esmae taught variously English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Defensive Driving. Recently her efforts were directed into the Special Needs Department where she taught reading, writing and mathematics, mainly to ESOL students. The boys and staff greatly respect her abilities as a teacher and all will miss her quiet, but efficient and friendly manner around the school.

Graeme Smith has decided to take a break from teaching and move to Nelson with his family. Graeme arrived nine and a half years ago from Rangitikei College to take over the Commerce Department. Always one to do things a little differently, Graeme moved aside from that position a year ago after performing great deeds there to take up the challenge of developing the Technology curriculum. Not only did Graeme teach Accountancy with aplomb, he taught Mathematics, Computer Studies and dabbled in Creative Thinking. Always a creative thinker he has been an inspiration to staff and students alike especially as the assistant Dean of Form 6, Head of Syme House and, latterly, Barak. Cycling, Softball and Young Enterprise all benefited from Graeme's attentions. He was always prepared to stand up and be counted when he saw things needed doing, especially where he saw the high standards he expected of the boys being under threat. We wish Graeme all the best in his future endeavours.



JAKE SCOTT

SINCLAIR LONSDALE

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CLINT BROWN



QUINN ELSTONE



JAMES BROWN



PHILIP HOSKINS



The end of 1996 saw Phil Sole moving to Francis Douglas and Murray McKenzie deservedly gaining promotion to Head of Physical Education at Hamilton Boys' High School. Sonya Thomson also unfortunately left us to take up another teaching position and Emma Wilkins left to follow her interests in drama. During 1997 Glen Willard left to follow other interests and John Stevens left at the end of the year to further his Canoe Polo refereeing career and teach in the Air Force. We thank them all for their contribution to the school, both in their teaching and their co-curricular work and wish them well for the future.

The staff took all sorts of bodily risks during 1997. Some caught the travel bug - Warren Melville took a VSA tour to Thailand, Malcolm Rose and John Howes ventured to Britain and Dayle Atkins ventured overseas as assistant coach of the New Zealand Maori Rugby Team. Christine French accompanied two of our students on a cultural visit to Japan and Graeme Yule and Gordon Giddy led a 1st and 2nd XI cricket tour to Australia in December. All returned safely. The usual round of staff/student contests took place with only Nigel Hunter breaking a bone (collar bone in the rugby match!) - the school administration may have to look at controlling this foolishness! Not content with laying their bodies on the line for the staff, Murray Watts and Geoff Hall played for a Boys' High rugby team against the Taranaki U19s resulting in a torn achilles tendon and a dislocated elbow.

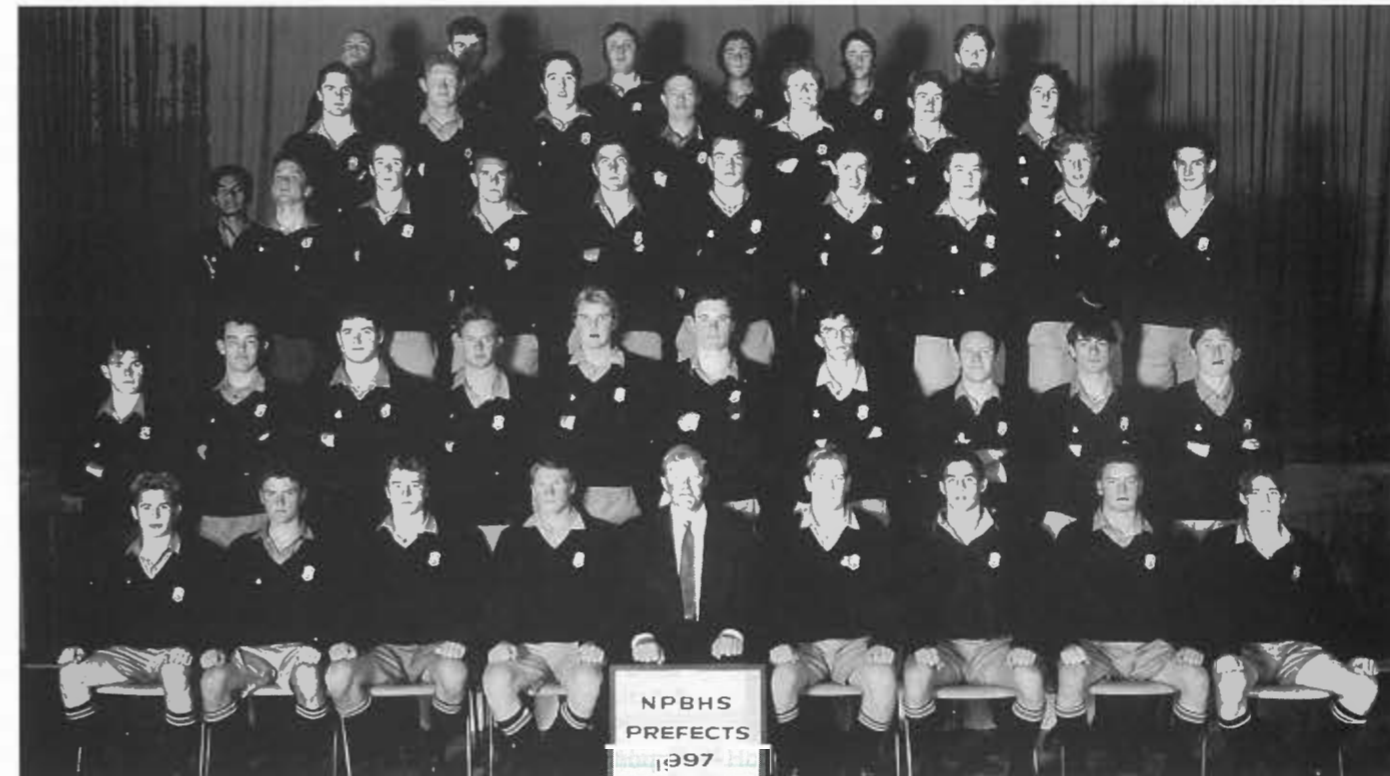
Darryl Leath and Kathy Gracia were more sensible. Congratulations to Kathy on her marriage and Darryl on his engagement. The Fordyces, Watts and the Yules added to their families and our congratulations to them. Unfortunately Graeme Yule become seriously ill during the year but recovered well to be back teaching in Term 4.

We certainly have an active staff. Rick Knight and Kirsty Grieve played top grade hockey. Jed Rowlands coached the Taranaki rugby side to victory over Auckland and a reasonable NPC record. Geoff Hall played for the victorious New Plymouth Old Boys' Rugby club in the Taranaki competition and Kevin Gledhill helped coach Tukapa, the losing finalists. The rest of the staff seemed to keep themselves in a reasonable state of fitness and sanity and we can be thankful for that!

Co-curricular endeavours have always been a feature of the Boys' High staff. "Big Al" was staged at Girls' High School with huge efforts from Ruth Pfister, Mary Allan, Kirsty Hazeldine and other staff - a superb show! Mary Allen and Stuart Maunder continue to do great things in the musical arena with the highlight probably being the joint concert with Montmorency High from Australia. Majid Abdul-Wahhab wrung success again out of his Young Enterprise group and Michael Fenton got a Research group going at school at lunchtimes. Period 5 on Thursdays is Utility Period and it certainly is great to see all the boys participating in activities as diverse as chess, computers, ten-pin bowling, mountain biking, rugby and juggling. Staff put a lot of effort into all of these areas.

The major sporting teams all competed well again. Congratulations to Dayle Atkins on his efforts over the years with the 1st XV. Unfortunately Dayle is standing down from this position next year. Hugh Russell with the 1st Soccer team, Rick Knight's Hockey 1st XI and Colin Driscoll's 1st V Basketball all worked hard with varying success. Gordon Giddy's cricket team also stamped its authority in a number of matches and shows much promise for the coming season. It is unfair though just to single out the flag bearing teams, with many staff and outside coaches making a significant contribution - even the Headmaster managed a few wins with his rugby team this year.

So to the end of the year - a time for recovering, gardening, watching cricket, relaxing on the beach, touring New Zealand and overseas, enjoying family life, painting the house and dreaming about the next lot of fresh young faces coming in through the Coronation Avenue gates in early February. Such are our dreams; in reality, preparation for the new school year and trying to recover from the stress of the previous year are the main priorities. Well done staff - a great year's work!



Prefects 1997

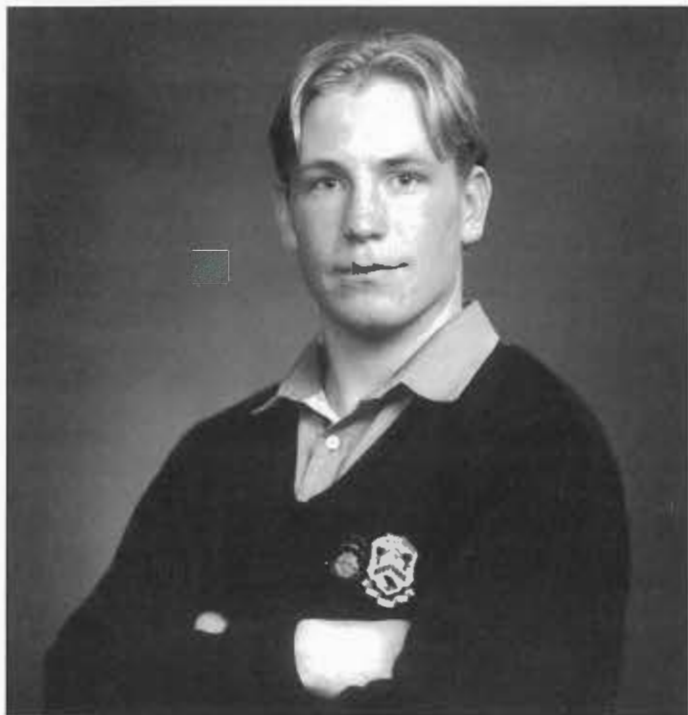
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School Council

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HEAD BOY'S REPORT 1997



Sporting achievements have been interesting and diverse, from snowboarding to fencing. Sporting events have kept the school spirit alive and well. The whole school has participated in interschool games and interhouse events. Hatherly is once again the strong house in the interhouse competition. Swimming sports, the highlight of the competition, was once again an enjoyable and well organised day with the students participating and betting behind their houses. Interhouse debates were also introduced this year and provided us all with great entertainment.

Rugby has continued its fine tradition at our school. A memorable event this year has been the teachers v pupils rugby game. The dream team were fit fine specimens at the beginning of the game and wonderful role models. Despite injury and with help from special imports they managed to pull off a win. The day boys v boarders rugby match was another special event. There was evidence of healthy rivalry and the game was very competitive. Another rugby highlight was the visit by Auckland Grammar to our gully for the first time in many years. It was good to resume links and carry on this fine tradition.

Our social highlight of the year must be the School Ball which went off with great style thanks to the Ball Committee and some good teachers. Thanks also to the hostel for the magnificent catering. The committee put a lot of time and effort into planning, making sure that this would be a first class event. Everyone that came had a great time and the night was not marred by other functions. The assembly hall transformed well into an eerie graveyard. The success of the Ball will hopefully ensure this important tradition continues at NPBHS even though some other schools do not hold them now. We have also held successful dances for juniors and seniors.

It is important to mention the School Council which met regularly and worked towards improving student conditions. The Board of Trustees and the PTA must be thanked for all their work for students of NPBHS. The office staff also deserve a special thank you as they have always been most helpful and assisted me when needed.

Finally a special thank you to all the students of 1997 for your assembly attendance and behaviour and making my job possible. Thanks also to Mr French-Wright and the great staff at NPBHS. Both students and staff have made 1997 a very special year. HUGH COTTON



Many good things have happened at NPBHS in 1997. I have had the honour of being Head Boy and I have been greatly assisted in this role by superb fellow students and supportive staff. Prefects and the Heads of Houses, Alistair Blackler, David Gibson, Kane Rowson and Scott Hayston deserve a special tribute for all their hard work. They have fostered a mood of co-operation throughout the school. There has been the odd skirmish but generally the atmosphere about the school has been settled and friendly.

NPBHS is a progressive school with the new library/information technology and hostel developments being carried out this year. The boarders will be pleased to get their lounge back. Thank you for the loan.

We have had a diversity of achievements at school in 1997, from top mathematicians to awesome jugglers. We have had great sporting events as well as great cultural events.

Individuals have excelled as have groups and teams. The Awards dinner recognised all these special people. Achieving students from NPBHS have also featured regularly in the Daily News.

Our largest cultural event this year was our amazing televised Haka before the Taranaki v Argentina rugby match. Our Maori student leaders coached us well for this event. Our ambitious production "Big Al" demonstrated much talent and incredible hard work by students and teachers. Our production of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' was a top notch performance thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Links with other schools has been a strong theme through 1997 and the Music Department has encouraged this. Our combined concert with Montmorency co-ed school from Melbourne was a cultural highlight. We continue to produce great orators and the speech finalists this year were of a very high standard.



Heads of House
Back Row: K. Rowson, D. Gibson, K. Larkin, S. Hayston
Front Row: A. Blackler, Mr L French Wright, H. Cotton

BARAK HOUSE REPORT

I began 1997 with a bright outlook for Barak, not necessarily to lift the house competition but to lift the house spirit and restore some pride.

The first test for Barak house came with the swimming sports, where we competed beyond expectation with great enthusiasm and outstanding participation from the Third and Fourth Form levels. We were able to clinch a well deserved second place.

With a disappointing Athletics and Cross Country day the house was looking forward to the haka. We prepared well and with a lot of effort from Leighton Parsons, Jason Lyes and Mr Maihi. We picked up a very pleasing second place on the day. We came together as one and showed a lot of pride and determination.

From Barak's grand entrance at the swimming sports and our wins in the volleyball, basketball and soccer, to our outstanding effort in the haka, Barak have very much been the quiet achievers of 1997. On this note I would like to thank Barak House on their commitment and effort throughout the year and to the Head of Barak in 1998, I congratulate you and wish you well.

We had a great bunch of Prefects this year who were willing to work hard for their House and make my job a lot easier. I extend my gratitude to David Hay, Kris Larkin, Ben Pollard, Leighton Parsons, Brad Monaghan, Jason Lyes, Luke Boddington, Brad Letica, Simon Pierce and Shahn Jordan.

In addition I would like to thank the seventh Form of 1997 and in particular the other three Heads of House, Kane, David and Alistair, the Student Rep, Kris and the Head Boy, Hugh. I've had a great year working with you guys and I wish you well for your future.

I'd like to thank my group room teacher, Mr Hunter, who has supported me throughout the year. Finally I would like to thank Mr Smith who has put a lot of effort and time into Barak House this year and has helped make my job a lot easier.

I wish New Plymouth Boys' High School the very best for the future and I hope the school continues to strive for excellence. Scott Hayston

DONNELLY HOUSE REPORT

Having been at NPBHS for five years, and experienced nearly everything that this great school has to offer, I personally would have to say that the passion and pride shown in the inter house competitions will be one of the most treasured memories, 1997 was no different.

The beginning of the year saw a wealth of opportunity, with the upset win by Syme in '96. The three day school houses realised that anything's possible. But in 1997 Hatherly House had different ideas. With Blacky (Reptile) and the boys sticking to their guns and once again retrieving the honour of 'Top House' for 1997. My congratulations for your efforts Hatherly House.

Donnelly has had a mixed year, with some highlights being the Athletics and Challenge sports. But again losing the Haka was a real disappointment as always, (but no one can say that we weren't consistent). With all the ups and downs, the house has performed with credibility, which reflects the people of Donnelly.

Many thanks from myself and the Group Leaders of Donnelly House for your participation and spirit throughout the year. I would also like to thank the crew, Cabbage, Forest, Matt, Jarrod, Dempsey, Unga Bung, Blair and especially Hugh, Robert 'monster' Eagles, Scotty, Kane and Blacky for making '97 very special for me. In addition I would like to thank Muzza Watts for your help and laid back approach.

To next years Donnelly house and Men of "strive for excellence". Kia Kaha David Gibson.



SYME HOUSE REPORT

They say time goes by when you're having fun and we certainly found that out this year. Although Syme house did not come first, we didn't lose our competitive edge and with a strong line of seventh form students next year, you haven't heard the last from us.

Syme house Prefects have been part of the strongest clan yet. Our superior intellect was revealed at Prefect Camp when the only people answering the questions were the super intelligent Syme House Prefects. Not only did we out shine the rest in knowledge, then it came to the Prefect Dinner we stood out in style with Tilyard wearing a stunning pink top and tie to match. This, we believe, was designed by the award winning Tezza Visachi Heaps.

The cooperation of the Prefects and the Syme House seventh formers must be commended. It was the team work, especially in the absence of others, that pushed us through another competitive year. A special thanks to Jazz, Pete, Simion, Ian, Shiram, Kurt, Stimp, Chris (the loudest, redest, shouldiest popious, Ramboiest), Bryan (what more can I say) and Regan for making this year not only the best but for your support and patience.

All of the work this year could not have been done without the help of Mr Turner, who with his casual yet serious approach, led us on to the right track to success. We cannot forget the participation of the rest of the students in Syme House, everybody made their contribution and I am sure you all gained from it.

An unexpected result in the swimming sports left us shocked, but knowing that it wasn't our strongest event we planned for better things to come. Our strongest events were in soccer, hockey, cricket and touch, which we achieved stunning wins through the prodigious talents from up and coming sporting personalities. Unfortunately we had a third place in basketball and didn't do much better in rugby. We managed to obtain a popped shoulder in the rugby league when Chris Wylie tried to redeem himself for scoring a try 3 metres out of field. It was a good effort though.

Our main event this year was the Haka. Not only did we make sure that everyone knew the words but we constantly emphasised to our peers not only its importance of pride in the school, but pride in yourself - where you are now and where you are going.

We managed to achieve a consecutive second place equal with Barak. At the end of the day the purpose of the Haka was realised by all students and its meaning was expressed through the pride and spirit of the students later on at the Taranaki vs Argentina rugby game. Five years is a long time to spend in any one place but when you spend the most important years of your youth at a place like Boys High, it becomes part of you. The inter-house sports are an event in which the 4 houses compete against each other, not only to win but to introduce team work, confidence, competitiveness and leadership as well as making the events fun. You can spend your five years moping around and saying that everything sucks, or you can get involved and find out that school is not as much as a hole as you first perceive it to be.

All the best to all the students who will be returning next year.
Kane Rowson



HEAD BOARDERS REPORT



In a school with success as a tradition, it is with great pride and satisfaction that I can say the hostel upheld this tradition in 1997. However, '97 has also proved to be a year of firsts for the hostel, and this was no better demonstrated than in the Inter-house competition.



After last years loss to Syme, the boys were determined not to lose again, and when Swimming Sports came round the *men of the hostel* showed great team spirit to win the event for the first time ever. Hatherly continued their winning way in the House Competition winning the cross country, athletics, Haka, rugby and the league, with Shane Rawlinson the senior cross country champion. The individual and team performances from Hatherly set up their biggest win of the competition for some years.

Sport within the hostel was also to the fore in '97 with the addition of Mr Yule to the hostel staff (replacing the ever present Mr McKenzie) added new spark to the Carroll Cup Competition. Carrington were slow to react to the new levels of competitiveness reached by Moyes, with Moyes House convincingly winning 13-3. The third form boarders rugby team showed true courage in difficult conditions, to draw with Palmerston North's College House 5-5. The draw was good enough to return the Niger Trophy back home to New Plymouth, much to the delight of the players and coaches. I would like especially to thank Paul Gibbs, Jared Amies, Larry Blair and Brendon McGlashan for their efforts in preparing the team.

The final stage of the new hostel development has finally been completed, after a change in site and plan. It is a considerable step in the re-development of the hostel and it is a credit to all those involved in planning and construction.

The hostel has always enjoyed its share of students who have excelled to the highest levels, in their various interests. This year Bryce Robins gained selection for the successful Northern Regions B Team, Taranaki Under 19's and Taranaki Men's Seven squad. Brendon McGlashan played for the Taranaki Under 19's and the Central Regions Under 19's, and was a stand-by player for the Northern Regions B Team. Tama Sweetman, after a successful Central regions Tournament, was selected for the New Zealand Under 16's Training School. Mac Gulliver made the North Island Under 15 hockey Team and Larry Blair dominated the Taranaki Moto-cross and Enduro Championships and is currently second overall in the New Zealand Enduro A Grade Competition. Lazza was able to show his class in front of the whole school with his impressive stunt demonstration on the gully, at the Day Boys/Boarders Rugby game. To all these top performers, congratulations you have all deserved your achievement and I wish you well with your future ambitions.

The annual Day Boys/Boarders Rugby Match looked one sided on paper with the boarders heavy favourites, but with the fierce rivalry and emotion of the game a win would never be easy. The game was keenly contested for the full eighty minutes, with the score at full-time 29-15 to the boarders. A fair indication of the game. (Nick kick Yaggy).

The hostel's talents are not merely contained to the sports field. The traditional "Island Night" was a great success and the house debating team performed well in their first year of competition. Debating has not traditionally been an area of strength in the hostel, but with effort I'm sure it is one more cup we can add to the hostel trophy cabinet.

For me I've found leading the hostel through 1997 a privilege and an honour. The job has been both demanding and rewarding and at times even frustrating. I'm sure all the prefects have felt as I have done, but with guidance from staff and help from each other we have all pulled together to get the job done. I'd like to thank the deputies Paul Gibbs and Jay Knight, the Carrington prefects Vaughan Hooper, Nick Ferris, Hasan Herbert, Sam James, Grant Worthington, Ben Hamerton, Ben Lilly, Marc Feather and the Moyes prefects Larry Blair, Mirai Tomono, Andrew Purdie, Brendon McGlashan, David Frenz, Jared Amies, David Drnasin, David Papps and Harley Huston. To you guys, I will always be grateful for the commitment you have shown to me and to your school.

Together, us and the other sevenths, have for the most experienced five good years in our school, that with friendship we have made into our home. Take with you what you have learnt from school and each other, but never forget where you have come from, for you are now the youngest in the line of proud old boys.
A. S. Blackler

STUDENT REP REPORT

This year has proved to be a busy and demanding year for the Board of Trustees. A steady year and concerted efforts by the Board, staff and student bodies has seen many additions to the school environment.

Most noticeable are the new all-weather hockey turf on Webster Field, the Information Technology block on top of the library, a new roof on Pridham Hall and the largest addition to NPBHS - the new Hostel block.

As well as these, the Board has helped to continue the upkeep of the wonderful environment created for staff and students alike at our school.

The running of the school and maintenance has run extremely well. Thanks must go out to staff, caretakers and members of the PTA. The work they do is a credit to them and the school as a whole and they deserve far more recognition than they receive.

This year has been extremely educational for me, and I have learnt a great deal since coming on to the Board.

I thank the Board for being supportive and must also thank the Headmaster, friends, family and colleagues (especially Bods, Kane, Scott). I am honoured to be part of such a prestigious school and Board and wish the best of luck to this year's leavers and to next year's Student Representative whoever he may be. Accept the job, put everything into it for the memories, rewards and satisfaction are well worth it.

K Larkin

THE PROCESSION

*The solemn sound of weary feet
Resounding through the densely wooded forest
Tired faces echo the horror of war
Imprinted on minds forever by the sight of death*

*The wounded, bleeding from gaping wounds
Struggle to keep up with the procession
Their dying minds echoing
Their dying bodies.*

*The silent ambush lie still
In dense underbrush
Minds, also tried, force themselves
to concentrate
The procession approach.*

*A crackle, like fireworks
Shatters the glassy silence
The procession react, but too slowly
Reactions slowed by months of horror
Men fall, never to rise again.*

*As quickly as it begins, the ambush ends
Silent snipers scurry into the underbrush
The silence returns.*

Ashton Peters

FORM 6 ART

SAM CRAWFORD



THE TARANAKIAN



The swimming sports is the first interhouse event on the calendar and not one that has favoured the boarders as they usually finish in third or fourth place. This year, however, they got themselves organized and started training right from the beginning of the first term and on the day were the overall winners of the swimming sports. They kept up their momentum and also took honours in the athletics, an event that they traditionally do well in. This year there were no real stars but everyone did "their bit".

By now it was clear that second place wasn't going to be good enough for the boarders for 1997 and as I write this report the boarders have an unassailable lead with the end of the year some seven weeks away. This isn't the effort of just a few talented and very dedicated boys but, quite simply, a large group of boys with pride in themselves, their hostel and their school who make a special effort.

REPORT FROM THE HOSTEL

In anticipation of our new hostel building we had increased the boarding roll to 218 for 1996 but the proposed site, below the matrons' flats - overlooking the swimming pool and the tennis courts, was found to be unstable and therefore unsuitable for dormitory accommodation. Late in 1996 the Board went back to the architect and asked him to take a completely fresh look at our site and our needs and produce a new set of drawings. By the beginning of 1997 work had begun on the new wing which is sighted on the land between the hostel kitchen and the matrons' flats/hospital. The 219 boarders were keen to see the New Wing completed so that we could vacate the Seventh Form Common Room and again have unimpeded access to the boarder's lounge which we had been sharing with the Year 13 and 14 (F7) students.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

As always we anxiously wait for the examination results, to see just how the boarders have coped with the state examinations - the result from the 1996 boarders was outstanding. Every boarder in F7 gained, at least, University Entrance. One of last year's Hostel Prefects, Greg Lawn, gained two scholarships in English and Geography, in the University Bursary examinations and Dean Marshall, Head of Moyes House gained a scholarship in Geography while many others, too numerous to name, gained either A or B Bursaries.

At the fifth form level over 70% gained entry to form six with three or more subjects with passes of 50% or better and boarders featured prominently in the list of boys gaining 300+ in their best 4 subjects.

Regular, well supervised prep certainly pays dividends. And in addition to that boys can get assistance, with academic problems that they encounter, from boarding staff who are generous with their time.

STAFFING

With the departure of Mr M McKenzie and his family there was considerable interest in the vacancy for the Moyes Senior Master's position. Interviews were held and Mr G Yule was appointed. Mr Yule and his wife had had several years of hostel experience in College House at Palmerston North Boys' High School - this has proved to be of great benefit for us.

We began the year with a new chef, Mr Murray Trowern who had previously been the head chef at Julianas Restaurant at the AutoLodge. His experience and flair were immediately obvious as he introduced a whole new range of meals. At no time was this more evident than at Open Weekend when many of the parents and visitors went out of their way to congratulate us on the quality and presentation of the meals.

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

In 1996 the boarders had had to settle for second place, for the first time since boarding once again became a separate house within the day school in 1986, and the determination to ensure that this was not repeated showed from day one.



BOARDING PREFECTS

The Head Boarder, and Head of Moyes House, for 1997 has been Alastair Blackler who was assisted by the Deputy Head Boarder and Head of Carrington - Jay Knight until the end of term 3 and then Paul Gibbs. The full list of prefects for the year is as follows: Carrington - Paul Gibbs (dorm. 1 - F5/6), Sam James (dorm 2 - F4), Hasan Herbert (dorm 3 - F4), Nick Ferris (dorm 4 - F4), and Vaughan Hooper (dorm 5 - F3); Moyes - Brendan McGlashan (dorm 1 - F4/5), David Frenz (dorm 2 - F6), Mirai Tomono (dorm 3 - F3/4), Larry Blair (dorm 4 - F3) and Jared Amies (dorm 5 - F4); Common Room Dorm (F5) - Ben Hamerton and Grant Worthington; Niger (F6/7) - David Drnasin, Ben Lilley and Andrew Purdie; Annex (F6) Harley Huston and David Papps. Once we moved into the New Wing we needed the assistance of another prefect and Marc Feather moved to the New Wing to supervise a dorm with 16 Y12 (F6) boys - at the same time we had to shift the position of several of the prefects to adequately cover the new configuration.

As has been the pattern for many years now, prefects were put through a series of rigorous training sessions by members of the Hostel Committee and staff. Two of these sessions were hosted by trustees who made their homes available to us. This year we added an extra training session, at the request of the prefects, that saw us bring in a professional trainer who did some excellent work on Time Management. Something that these very busy young men felt that they needed and obviously enjoyed - even if they did have trouble concentrating after a hearty breakfast at MacFarlanes Cafe.



At the end of each year I draw breath and consider what has been achieved over the past twelve months and once again I see a very positive change in the attitude of prefects towards their responsibilities. Clearly they are not all the same but their strengths tend to be complimentary and overall there continues to be more mature approach to the way that they deal with the boys under their care - they quite clearly accept that they are there to assist and work with the boys. Beyond that many of our prefects are among the school's top academics, in the senior sports teams of their chosen code and valuable role models within the dayschool. The hostel certainly benefits from their diversity and commitment.

SPORT INVOLVEMENT

For a number of very good reasons all boarders are required to play a team sport and once again the Hostel is again well represented in the senior teams of all sports codes and cultural activities. 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 senior sporting involvement and success is as follows:

1st XV Rugby - Alastair Blackler, Duncan Corlett, Marc Feather, Paul Gibbs, Paul Herlihy, Joseph Lawn, Joel Macleod, Brendon McGlashan, Craig Mullan, Clint Newland, Andrew Purdie, Ria Rauputu, Bryce Robins, Tama Sweetman, and Ben Hamerton (Student Manager).

1st XI Soccer - Jason Down, David Frenz, Oliver Mortensen, Foster Walker and Jared Amies (Student Manager)

1st XI Hockey - Kellam Bayley, Shaan Caskey, Mack Gulliver and Corey Walden.

1st XIII League - Ramond Asigau, Chris Fenwick, Paul Manley, Jody Hann and Michael Gigmai.

1st XI Cricket - Marc Feather

2nd XI Cricket - Richard Muller and Jason Barraclough.

Joe Lawn, Brendan McGlashan, Clint Newland, Andrew Purdie and Bryce Robins - Taranaki Secondary Schools Team.

Brendan McGlashan - Central Districts U19 Team.

Daniel Isaac and Tama Sweetman - Taranaki U16 Team.

Tama Sweetman - NZ U16 Training School.

Elliot Campbell - Central Districts U16 Tennis Team.

James Gopperth and Ben Campbell NPBHS Junior Tennis Team.

Ben Campbell - NPBHS Open Squash Team (a member of our team to the National Camps.)

Mack Gulliver - Taranaki U15 hockey rep.

Kellam Bayley - Taranaki U15 hockey rep.

Chris Attrill - 2nd Taranaki U14 Body Boarding champs.

Larry Blair - 3rd in 0 - 200cc NZ Enduro champs.

Jared Amies (runner), Larry Blair (cyclist) and Brendan McGlashan (swimmer) 2nd in Taranaki Sec. Schools Champs.

Athletics: Harvey Marshall (2nd in NPBHS Int. 1500m final), Jesse Marshall (1st in NPBHS Jun. 1500 final & 1st in Jun. 400m final), Jeffrey McGlashan (1st in NPBHS Jun. 200m final), James Ingram (1st in NPBHS Jun.100m final), Tony Purdie (3rd in NPBHS Int. High-jump), David Drnasin (2nd in NPBHS Sen. 800m final, 2nd in NPBHS Sen. 1500m final & 3rd in NPBHS Sen. 400m final), Ben Thompson (2nd in NPBHS Sen. 800m), Paul Gibbs (1st in NPBHS Sen. 1500m final & 1st in NPBHS Sen. 800m final.) and Brendan McGlashan (1st in NPBHS Sen. high-jump, 1st in NPBHS Sen. shot-put, 1st in NPBHS Sen. discus, 3rd in NPBHS Sen. 1500m, 3rd in NPBHS Sen. 200m & Runner Up to the 1997 NPBHS Senior Athletic Champion).

MYSTERY CREEK

Two weeks later we were off to the Field Days at Mystery Creek again. As has been the case for five years now, we shared a site with New Plymouth Girls' High School to mount a joint promotion

of our two hostels. Two boys, Alastair Blackler and John Ferris, spent three days at the Field Days on our stand and they really were excellent ambassadors for the school. For two days the Headmaster helped us to cope with the large numbers of visitors who visited our stand. Earlier in the year we had been promoting the school and hostel at the Central Districts Field Days in Feilding. This was a, first time, trial for us and, mainly because of the timing of this event, we didn't have boys with us to assist with the promotion but the Headmaster did his best to get publicity on nation television by gaining a place in the sheep counting competition - just like counting boys, he reckons, but without uniforms.

OPEN WEEKEND

Friday 27 June through to Sunday 29 June saw a large group of boarding parents visit to speak to their sons' teachers, meet with hostel staff, spend time with their sons and catch up with old friends.

ISLAND NIGHT

It was Girls' High School that hosted the Island Night this year and again this was a tribute to the fine young people who come to us from the islands of the Pacific. Overseas students from the three schools (NPBHS, NPGHS and Sacred Heart) put in a tremendous effort to put on a very full evening of food, song and dance. We are all much richer by having these outstanding young people as part of our school community.

SENIOR BALL

As usual the Senior Ball, on 16 August, was the social highlight of the year for our senior boys. The theme, In the Graveyard, saw Ryder Hall decorated as an old cemetery. To give the right atmosphere headstones stood around the hall and a coffin and crypt formed the centre piece. A very effective transformation of the hall.



DAY BOYS V BOARDER RUGBY

With so many boarders in the 1st XV it was expected that the boarders would enjoy another good win but the day boys had other ideas and this turned out to be a fairly tight game with the final score of 29 - 15 perhaps flattering the boarders who at times seemed to lose the plot.

Both sides were keen to play running rugby and although they were the better team, the boarders lost a lot of ground by giving away possession with infringements but the final tally of five tries to two is a fair indication of the performance of each team.

The boarders' tries were scored by: Mark Feather, Brendan McGlashan, Joel MacLeod, Paul Gibbs and Paul Herlihy with Bryce Robins converting two of them.



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 150 plus junior boys assisting with the collections of six worthy causes and a sizable group gave valuable assistance at the Search Light Tattoo..

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 am bound to have overlooked important events and individual deeds and to those groups and individuals I apologise, however, 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 every one - have a happy Christmas.

M.R.Grimwood

Senior Hostel Master

DICTATOR

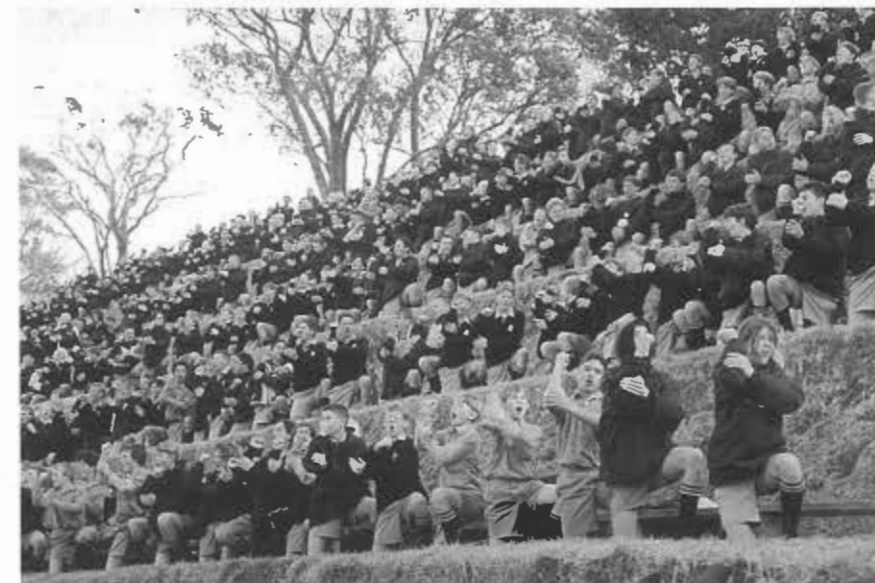
*This wiry man
A leader, a dictator,
A thin moustache, beady eyes,
Eyes that could pierce metal.*

*A military style haircut;
Cut short, wavy to the side.
A well groomed man,
A well spoken man.*

*He's persuasive and convincing,
Yet he's calm and collected.
He's a murderer;
And he's very good at it.*

*A secretive man who knows how to dictate,
A fascist, a God, a murderer.
He may be dead, his spirit lives on.
His reign of terror never to be forgotten*

Rene Le Prou



TIGER JACKETS 1997

- ATHLETICS:** Jauhans Marriner, Hamish Kirk, Grant Commerford
- BASKETBALL:** Robert Tilley, Regan West, Nick Jeffrey, Jauhans Marriner, Dayle Radford, Curt Stark, Cameron Kissick.
- CHOIR:** Tim Simpson, Michael Fiegler, Aaron Schuppan.
- CONCERT BAND:** Paul Cochrane, Matt Crawford, Jonathon Taylor, Jason Quickenden, James Webb, Hugh Cotton, Greg Mitchell.
- COUNCIL:** Matt Harmer, Karl Laird.
- CRICKET:** Regan West, Mark Stewart, Mark Proffit, Marc Feather, Hamish Mitchell, Bryce Williams, Brendon Bloemen, Blair Corlett.
- CYCLING:** Toby Jordan, Larry Blair.
- DEBATING:** Matt Crawford, Andrew Gilkinson.
- DRAMA:** Tim Simpson, Matt Crawford, Matt Brennan.
- GOLF:** Thomas Goudie, Joshua Kearns.
- HEAD BOY:** Hugh Cotton
- HEAD OF HOUSE:** Scott Hayston, Kane Rowson, David Gibson, Alastair Blackler.
- HOCKEY:** Tim Simpson, Shahn Jordan, Jonathon Taylor, Jason Lyes, Glen Surgenor, Carl Beurpaire.
- RUGBY:** Scott Hayton, Luke Boddington, Kane Rowson, Joel MacLeod, Joe Lawn, Hamish Mitchell, Duncan Corlett, David Gibson, Clint Newland, Carl Barnes, Bryce Robins, Brendon McGlashan, Ben Pollard, Andrew Purdie.
- SOCCER:** Scott Smith, Matt Brennan, Jayson Down, Bryan Weir, Andrew O'Keefe.
- SQUASH:** Jarrad Tilyard, Haydon Mattson.
- STAGE BAND:** Paul Cochrane, Matt Crawford, Jonathon Taylor, James Webb, Hugh Cotton.
- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Kris Larkin
- SWIMMING:** Andrew Moore
- TENNIS:** Sriram Venkataraman, Ben Pollard.

MOUNT TARANAKI

*Silently standing,
Looking over its fertile farmlands,
It sleeps in peace,
Covered in a blanket of trees.*

*It captures the sun and rain,
Often hidden by a layer of cloud,
And its southern winds cool the province,
Like a giant air conditioner.*

*Tall and proud, it stands in dominance,
With the ranges, its backbone,
Stretching out to the north,
The ancient mountain gazes out to the West Coast,
A looks over the rest of New Zealand,
A symbol of strength and supremacy.*

*And if to be woken,
It would erupt in rage,
Releasing the fire in its belly,
A deadly war to wage.
Swallowing the countryside with its burning blood,
Leaving a trail of destruction,
Turning its farmland into mud*

Blair Hermann



NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES



Regan West
Cricket



Alex Scott
Fencing



Jarrod Ward
Archery



Ben Alchin
Skating



Troy Burbidge
Kayaking



Matthew Crawford
Orchestra



David Gibson
Rugby



Karl Laird
Tae Kwon Do



Carl Barnes
Kayaking



Luke Kerr
Surfing

CHRIS LUCAS

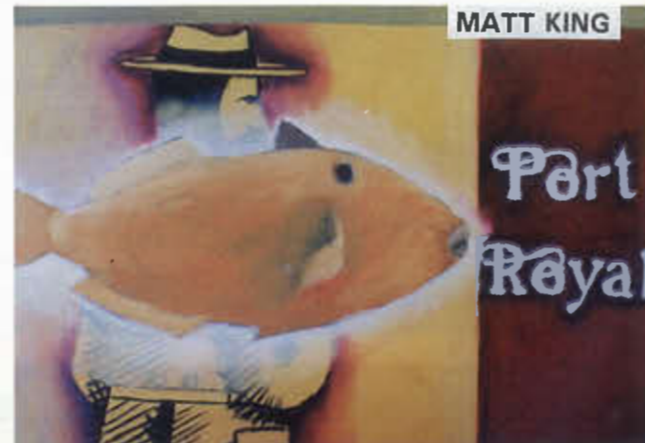


ANDREW GRIMWOOD



SAM JAMES

MATT KING



FORM
7
ART



LUKE KERR



PETER SAMPSON



JUSTIN MORGAN



Performing Artist of the Year
Matthew Crawford



Sportsman of the Year
Regan West

AWARDS DINNER

The annual Tiger Jacket awards dinner was again a huge success with all of the boys looking magnificent in their Tigers. This year was a little different to recent ones in that the number of jacket wearers was down due to a large number of juniors in first teams - this is obviously a major positive for the future. The representation of cultural jacket wearers was higher than normal which is also very positive for a school like ours.

Everyone who spoke at the evening did so with dignity and real style. The guest speaker was Howie Tamati and what he had to say was well received by all. The award winners were : Performing Artist was Matthew Crawford and Sportsman of the Year was Regan West.



1996 Graduates
New Plymouth Boy's High School

Massey University

- Beaven, Stephen 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
- Cottam, Evan Charles - DBS, Personal Financial Planning - 1969
- Croad, Brian Raynor - DBS - 1974
- Curd, Nathan John - BA (Hum) - 1990
- Dawson, Kyle Tylee - BA(SocSc) - 1992
- Ferguson, Christopher Bruce - BRP(Hons) Second Class (Div 2) - 1990
- Foreman, David Thomas - BA(Hum) - 1991
- 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, Gregory Colin - BA(Hum) - 1989
- Ramsay, Craig - BA(SocSc) - 1992
- Reid, Brendon James - BBS Accountancy - 1986
- Revell, John Sydney - BA(SocSc) - 1961
- Schrider, Mark Anthony - 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 - DipGuidCouns - 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 Maurice - 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 Darcy - DipPFinPlan - 1961
- Hollard, Christopher John - BMS - 1990
- Huston, Jamie 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
- Lobbam, Bruce Alexander Hemi James - BEd/BA, DipT - 1990
- McLeod, Jeffrey Gordon - BSc(Tech) - 1991
- Parker, Todd Michael - BA - 1991
- Simeon, Joemela - BSc - 1992
- Sims, Brian Alexander BSocSc - 1990
- Tarlo, Gary Kingdom - 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
- Nielsen, 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 William - BCom - 1992
- Thomas, Gareth Robert Theodore - BArch - 1989
- Vailahi, Mark 'Aisea - 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
- Wheilan, Grant Andrew - DipHortSc - 1980

Note: Year stated is last year at school.





**MATHEMATICS
COMPETITIONS**

NATIONAL BANK COMPETITION

This year a record number of Students entered the National Bank Competition back in March.

NPBHS performed very well achieving many Merit certificates and 3 Outstanding Awards. These awards are given to the top thirty students at each form level.

OUTSTANDING AWARDS

- Robert Jenkin (Form 3)
- James Brown (Form 4)
- Simon Jenkin (Form 5)

MERIT CERTIFICATES

FORM 3 - Callum Glennie, Christian Bonnevie, Christopher Cargill, Christopher Walker, Daniel Bason, Michael Braggins, Neville Lapwood.

FORM 4 - Andrew Ramsay, Bret Johns, Fraser Smith, Nathan Schuppan.

FORM 5 - Andrew Burgess, Conall Flay, Daryl MacLean, Fletcher Campbell, Kane Feaver, Richard Managh, Shane Pope.

METHANEX MATHS SPECTACULAR

This year the Maths Spectacular was held from 29 July to 1 August and attracted a record number of entries. NPBHS received awards in a wide variety of categories including poster design, tessellations, group projects and individual projects.

The following students received awards.

FORM 3

1. 1998 Poster Design:
Nathan Sweetman (Merit Award)
2. Group Projects:
Matthew Logan & Hadleigh Beals (3rd Place)
Matthew Logan & Alex Walton (Merit Award)
3. Individual Projects:
Tim Brown (1st Place)
Kirk Pritchard (Merit Award)
Daniel Bason (Merit Award)
Harendra Wijesekera (Merit Award)
Cole Baldwin (Merit Award)
Reece Meuli (Merit Award)

FORM 4

1. 2-Dimensional Artwork:
Daniel Morrison (2nd Place)
2. Individual Projects:
Moriz Hartman (3rd Place)



QUIZ COMPETITION

FORM 3

Our 3rd form quiz team of Callum Glennie, Grant Honeyfield, Richard Mahood, Hadleigh Beals were placed first ahead of Hawera and NPGHS. There were a record 18 teams competing so to become 3rd form champions was a great achievement. NPBHS have won this competition 6 times in the last 7 years. Our other teams also performed well but were unplaced.

**SENIOR ACADEMIC
AND CULTURAL
PRIZE LIST**

FIFTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Peter Ash
Economics	Nilan Ekanayake
English (Daily News Prize)	John Parker-Metcalf
French (French Embassy Prize), and Geography and Home Economics	Jarrod Keegan
Fifth Form English Certificate (PTA Prize)	Jamie Chadwick
Horticulture (Duncan & Davies Prize)	Alastair Honeyfield
Latin	Rowan McCaffery
Maori	Jeremy Spanhake
Mathematics	Brontain Sullivan
Mathematics Applied (PTA Prize)	Jason Crowe
Music	Jonathan Taylor
Taranaki Science (PTA Prize)	Brian Williams
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Student)	David Phillips
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables Prize)	Jody Hann
Workshop Technology (Metal) (Best Design) (General Machinery Prize)	Nicholas Jones
Workshop Technology (Wood) (Best Student) and (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize)	Joseph Jones

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Christopher Booth	(London Bookshop Prize)
Andrew Gilkison	(London Bookshop Prize)
Aaron Mancewicz	(London Bookshop Prize)
Toby Robins	(London Bookshop Prize)
Steven Hancock	(PTA Prize)
Justin Bishop	(PTA Prize)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Timothy Simpson
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ESSAY

1st Prize and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize)	Toby Robins
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MUSIC

Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy)	Bruno Liddle
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SPECIAL PRIZES

For the student who by virtue of his reliability, ready co-operation, earnest work habits and honest cheerful disposition is a positive example to students who are not among the most able academic Form 5 Students.

(Norman Wright Memorial Prize)	Sheldon Keech
Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize)	Kane McCollum
Best performance in work programme in Work Experience class (PTA Prize)	Fabian Kete
Best Perseverance and School Spirit demonstrated in a Form 5 Maori Student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)	Bryce Robins



GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate	Ben Schurr
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in History, 1st in Science and Highest mark in 1995 School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize)	Timothy Simpson
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting, 1st in Graphics, 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Highest mark in 1995 School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize)	Martin Soh



SIXTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History (Tabor Prize)	Vaughan Hooper
Accounting (Tabor Prize) and Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) and Economics (Tabor Prize)	Murray Thompson Robert Gimblett
Creative Thinking (Tabor Prize)	
Design Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Design Technology (Metal) (Best Machinist) (Olex Cables Trophy)	Jonathan Ameriks
Design Technology (Metal) (Best Design and Application) (Paykel Engineering Prize)	Nathan Fernee
Design Technology (Wood) (Jones & Sandford Prize)	Christopher Wischnowsky
Drama (Tabor Prize)	Tane Maxwell
Geography (Tabor Prize)	Simon Pierce
Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)	David Croy
Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)	Greg Jones
History (Tabor Prize)	Christopher Wylie
Horticulture (Best Student) (Duncan & Davies Prize) and Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)	Matthew Gleeson
Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize)	Daniel Kihfuss
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Paul Cochrane
Journalism (Tabor Prize)	Carl Fletcher
Legal Studies (Tabor Prize)	Mark Beccard
Maori (Tabor Prize)	Dane Haskell
Mathematics (Tabor Prize)	Martin Soh
Mathematics Applied (Tabor Prize)	Jason Gulliver
Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize)	Mark Bird
Music (Tabor Prize)	Matthew Hermanns
Photography (Tabor Prize)	Mirai Tomono
Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Curtis Stark
Practical Art (Tabor Prize)	Peter Sampson
Science (Tabor Prize)	Kristopher Tong

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Hugh Cotton	(London Bookshop Prize)
Steven Kingsley-Jones	(London Bookshop Prize)
Nicholas Ferris	(London Bookshop Prize)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize	Matthew Crawford
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ESSAY

1st Prize and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)	Paul Cochrane
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SPECIAL PRIZE

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 6 Maori Student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)	David Gibson
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Biology)	Alastair Blackler
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Business Studies)	Timothy Anagnostou
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in English, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Physics and Highest Aggregate for a 1996 Sixth Former in 1995 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize)	Karl Laird

SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize)	Martin de Bock
Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize)	Madhu Rajagopal
Classical Studies (Sir Ronald Syme Memorial Scholarship) and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize)	Gareth Pidgeon Anton Berndt
Design	Greg Lawn
English Literature (White Memorial Prize)	
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) and Geography (Kash Prize)	Dean Marshall
and Horticulture	Tim Asquith
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Lyndon Stone
Maori	
Mathematics with Statistics (Harrop Prize)	Damien Martin-Mott
Music	Edmond Wong
Physical Education	Nicholas Cooper
Printmaking and Photography	Murray Fisher

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Wade Ibbotson	(London Bookshop Prize)
Christopher Neighbours	(London Bookshop Prize)
Bevan Smith	(London Bookshop Prize)
Nicholas Whitwell	(London Bookshop Prize)





JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 1996

THIRD FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Matt Jones
 Band Ryan Evetts
 Economics Mark Dawson
 French (French Embassy Prize) René Le Prou
 Graphics Regan Brien
 Home Economics Peter Crawford
 Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Dion Sole
 Maori Jeffrey McGlashan
 Mathematics Nathan Schuppan
 Metalwork Alastair Phillips
 Music Fraser Bremner
 Science Peter Mole
 Woodwork (Best Student) Isaac Petersen
 Woodwork (Best craftsmanship and design) Jason Cash
 (Robert Connell Memorial Award)

EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES

Daniel Morrison (PTA Prize)
 Hamish Roper (PTA Prize)
 Gareth Wellington
 Paul Harrold
 Brent Thompson

CERTIFICATES

Reece Barlow Physical Education, Metalwork
 Michael Barnes Science, Graphics
 Scott Batchelor Mathematics, Science
 Cory Bellringer Physical Education, Social Studies
 Daniel Bjorklund English, Japanese
 Hogan Bolton Physical Education, Graphics
 Kyle Bridgeman Art, Social Studies English
 Kurt Broadmore Graphics, Woodwork, Social Studies
 Elliot Campbell Physical Education, Social Studies
 Ben Clare Social Studies, Art, English
 Mark Coleman Economics, Home Economics
 Gillan Coles English, Home Economics
 Hayden Cook Music, Mathematics, Science, Woodwork
 Matthew Cowley Social Studies, Art, English, Mathematics

Paul Drought Mathematics, English
 Adam Fleming Mathematics, English, Science
 John Ferris Woodwork, Mathematics
 Andrew Gleeson Science, Mathematics
 English, Home Economics

Blair Hermann English, Japanese
 Stephen Hills Woodwork, Economics, Physical Education
 Rowan Jamieson Mathematics, Science
 Darryl Kemp Mathematics, Science
 Nick Lawn Social Studies, English
 Darcy McLeod Music, Mathematics
 Kane McMillan Graphics, English
 Oliver Mortensen Social Studies, English
 Cameron Murray Science, English, Metalwork, Social Studies

James Newell Mathematics, Metalwork
 Michael Newing Mathematics, English
 Liam O'Connor Mathematics, French
 Warren Poh Mathematics, Science, English, Latin



FOURTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art James Brown
 Economics Richard Managh
 English Bradley McGlashan
 French (French Embassy Prize) Alan Stewart
 Home Economics Mark Armstrong
 Horticulture Bevan Singleton
 Maori Phillip Hoskin
 Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) Douw Steyn
 Metalwork Foster Walker
 Music Raoul Beg
 Woodwork Nicholas Hight

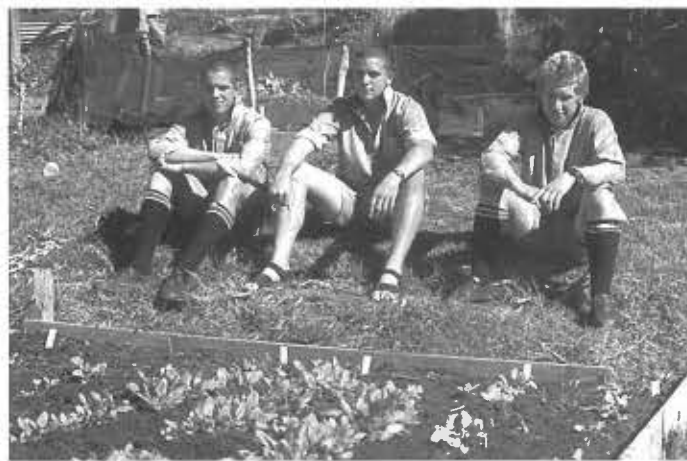
EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES

Tristan Kingsley-Jones
 Kees Nyssen
 Nick Paton
 Scott Andrews (PTA Prize)
 Bruce Davis (PTA Prize)

CERTIFICATES

John Ahn Science, English, Mathematics
 Mark Amundsen Mathematics, Horticulture, Physical Education
 Art, Mathematics

Scott Bremer Social Studies, Horticulture
 David Burton Science, Japanese, Mathematics
 Luke Castell Mathematics, Woodwork
 Daniel Clarke Social Studies, English
 Christopher Dowman Horticulture, Home Economics
 Peter Edwards Graphics, Woodwork
 Quinn Elstone Art, English, Mathematics
 Kane Feaver Physical Education, English
 Cameron Field Mathematics, Horticulture
 Conall Flay Horticulture, Music
 Ryan Geraghty English, Horticulture
 Robert Gordon Mathematics, Physical Education
 Mark Gulliver Science, Mathematics
 Nathan Hudson Science, Social Studies
 David Hutchinson Social Studies, English
 Isaac Jacobs French, Physical Education
 Kent Jordan Physical Education, English
 James Laugesen Social Studies, Music
 Brendon MacPhail Social Studies, Science
 Tam Norris Science, Japanese
 Ben Phear Social Studies, English
 Matthew Quinn Economics, English, Mathematics
 Jayden Ravji Physical Education, Graphics
 Jamie Smart Mathematics, Japanese
 Clinton Smith Mathematics, Science
 Joshua Smith Economics, English
 Nicholas Smith Latin, English
 Joshua Theobald Mathematics, Metalwork
 Sukumar Venkataraman Social Studies, Mathematics, Japanese
 Brendon Wallis French Art
 Stephen Walsh Science, English
 Ben Williams Physical Education, Science
 Jeremy Wright Art, Physical Education
 Zygi Zurakowski



Justin Price Mathematics, Science, French, English
 Andrew Ramsay Economics, Japanese, Mathematics
 Nicol Ruchti Music, Social Studies
 Marc Saunders Science, English, Social Studies
 Jason Snowdon Physical Education, English, Art, Social Studies

Michael Somers Social Studies, English, Mathematics
 Paul Stanbridge Social Studies, Latin
 Nigel Stevenson Home Economics, Woodwork
 Scott Taylor Mathematics, Economics
 Michael Tilley Graphics, Social Studies
 David Traylor Mathematics, English, Latin
 Scott Walker Mathematics, Economics
 Allister Watson English, Home Economics
 Heath Wilms Mathematics, Science
 Nathan Wolfe Social Studies, Japanese
 Donald Wong Home Economics, English
 Steve Zavos Mathematics, English, Science

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Andrew Ramsay
 2nd Mark Dawson
 1st Prize Ben Clare

ESSAY

3rd James Gargan
 2nd Marc Saunders
 1st Prize Jeffrey McGlashan

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a F3 Maori Student (PTA Prize) Riki Temata

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate Roy Muir
 2nd Aggregate Euan Cochrane
 (including 1st in Latin)
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English and 1st in Social Studies) Ashton Peters



PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) John Tan

MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) Bevan Smith
 Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Simeon Barker

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup and Prize) Nikolos Morgan
 Best Polynesian or Melanesian student (Maori and Island Affairs Prize)
 To the School's Chief Student Librarian for outstanding service to the library and the school as measured by diligence, reliability and resourcefulness and a sensitive and thoughtful appreciation of the needs of the students.

(Troy Penberth Memorial Cup and Prize) Chris Neighbours
 Head Boarder (Eggleston Cup and Prize) Brad Bellamy

Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) Adrian Turner

For the busy participant in the life of the school with full involvement in either cultural or sporting activities or both: a prefect/group leader who strongly demonstrates concern for others and who by personal example encourages others to have a go and whose reliability and service are outstanding. (Schrader Challenge Trophy and Prize) Hami Tamarapa

Outstanding record of Service to the School (PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize) Aaron Pasili
 Gregory Lawn

To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees - and who promotes and communicates reliably the needs and views of students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the school in his year of service.

(RJ Goodare Memorial Trophy and Prize) Martin de Bock
 Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) and For loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the School. (Jack West Centennial Medallion) Calum Jamieson

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Mathematics with Calculus) Steven Holden

Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize), 1st in History (Brian Bellringer Prize) and 1st in Economics) John Tan

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Physics) Peter Green





ESSAY

2nd Clinton Smith
1st (Rex Dowling Memorial Cup and Prize) David Hutchinson

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 4 Maori Student Mark Amundsen
Best junior cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy & Prize) Calvin Farquhar

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin and 1st in Mathematics) Daryl MacLean
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Social Studies) Bryan Holyoake
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize), 1st in Graphics and 1st in Science) Shane Pope

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Form 3 For Academic, and Cultural Excellence in Form 4 Ashton Peters
Shane Pope



**JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING 1996
SPORTS PRIZES**

ATHLETICS

1st 400m Hermon Cup Jason Quilter
1st 800m Houston Cup Ben White
1st 1500m Grieve Cup Euan Monaghan
1st Discus Lewis Stonnell
1st Shotput Tyler Raven
1st 100m Tyler Raven
1st 200m Tyler Raven
1st Triple Jump Tyler Raven
1st Long Jump Tyler Raven
1st High Jump Tyler Raven
and Junior Champion Bennett Cup Tyler Raven

BADMINTON

Junior Champion 1996 Lachlan Lepper
Open Champion Cook & Lister Cup Lachlan Lepper

CADETS

Junior Shooting Champion Scott Taylor
Crop CJ Hamblyn Cup

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

Intermediate Javelin Jason Eparaima
Intermediate Shotput Jason Eparaima
Intermediate 400m Bothamely Cup Brad Andrews

CRICKET

Most Improved 2XI Player, Giddy Shield Kent Jordan

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Champion, Noakes Cup Daniel Morrison
Intermediate Champion

Herbert Smith Cup Brad Andrews

HOCKEY

Most Promising Junior Shaan Caskey
The Guersen Stick

RUGBY

Form 3 Student who Displays Leadership and Skills Te Rauna Robins
Jason Duckett Memorial Cup

Form 4 Student who Contributes the Most McKnight Memorial Cup Mark Amundsen

SWIMMING

Junior Champion, Fox Cup Jeremy Wright

TENNIS

Junior Champion, Herbert Smith Cup Gareth Ballentine
Intermediate Champion, Candy Cup Gareth Ballentine

SENIOR PRIZE GIVING 1996

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

1st High Jump, Keller Cup Jauhans Marriner
1st Long Jump, Cartwright Cup Jauhans Marriner
1st 200m, Challenge Cup Justin Feek
1st Discus, Edmonds Trophy David Gibson
1st 100m, Beckbessinger Cup Hamish Kirk
1st 800m, Gilmour Cup
Intermediate Champion Paul Gibbs

SENIOR ATHLETICS

1st Javelin Shannon Boxer
1st Discus Jason Rowe
1st 1500m, Fookers Cup Alex Reeves (left school)
1st 100m Old Boys' Cup Caleb Walsh
1st Long Jump Caleb Walsh
1st 400m Old Boys' Shield Derek Oldridge
1st High Jump
1st 200m, Herbert Smith Cup
1st 800m Mason Memorial Cup
Gary Fowler Cup, Athlete of the Year
Senior Champion Jai Huta

BASKETBALL

Most Improved Player 1996 Jauhans Marriner
Peter Lay Trophy

CADETS

Senior Shooting Champion 1996 Kane McCollum
Lt. HV Searle Cup

CRICKET

1st XI Bowling, Parkinson Cup Regan West
Contributed Most to 1st XI
Alistair Jordan Cup Scott Henderson
1st XI Batting

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Champion, 1911 Cup Mark Fisher

CYCLING

Most Outstanding Rider, ANZ Cycling Cup Patrick Berry

GOLF

Golf Champion, Shearer Cup Brent Humphreys

HOCKEY

Most Valuable Player Brad Bellamy
Dion Jordan Memorial Nathan Kinera
Most Improved, Simonson Cup Jason Lyes

RUGBY

Most Conscientious 2XV Player Ria Rauputu
Coaches Cup David Gibson
Most Improved 1st XV, Watts Cup Brad Newland
Players Player, Taylor Cup
Contributed the most to 1stXV
Leuthart Cup Johnny Weston

RUGBY LEAGUE

Most Improved Player Dayne Matthews
Mike Gibson Trophy Fale Apressera
Most Outstanding Player
Stacey Lamb Trophy
Excellence in Rugby League Rickie Gibson
John Devonshire Trophy

SKIING

Ski Champion 1995 Sam Hazledine
Oakune Old Boys' Trophy

SOCCER

Most Improved, Burmester Trophy Damien Bryson
Most Valuable Player, Russell-Hooper Cup Mark Gordon
Contributed Most to a Team
Coaches Cup Calum Jamieson

SQUASH

Senior & Open School Champion Shaun Valentine
DowEianco Trophy

SWIMMING

Intermediate Champion Mark Bell
Challenge Cup Jamie Booth
Senior Champion
Skyles Memorial Cup Cameron Clow

TENNIS

Most Improved Player Sriram Venkataraman
Herbert Smith Cup Simon Cleaver
Burgess Cup

VOLLEYBALL

Soper Cup, Most Valuable Player Dwayne Wilson

INTERHOUSE

Tennis, Stevenson Cup Donnelly
Swimming, Burbank Cup Donnelly
Cricket, Bares Cup Donnelly (Raymond Barnes)
Rugby, Kerr Cup Hatherly (Brad Bellamy)
Soccer, Holder Cup Syme
Athletics, Hansard Cup Syme
Overall House Champion, Crammond Cup Syme (Hami Tamarapa)

DAYBOYS vs BOARDERS

Rugby, Pease Cup Hatherly (Paul Tito)
Swimming, Dempsey Shield Dayboys (Cameron Clow)

EXCELLENCE IN CRICKET AND A WINTER SPORT

Donnelly Cup Scott Henderson

TEAM OF THE YEAR

ANZ Bank Team of Year Nathan Bennett

BEST ALL ROUNDER 1996

The Wolfe Cup David Gibson

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1996

College Trophy Paul Tito



BURSARY RESULTS 1996

(C pass or better)

K. Alatoa 2, J. Ameriks 1, T. Asquith 2, S. Barker 5, R. Barnes 5, B. Bellamy 5, A. Berndt 3, Q. Brears 3, D. Bruce 4, G. Brunton 1, M. Burt 3, D. Cadman 4, M. Campbell 5, C. Clarke 5, J. Clarke 4, S. Cleaver 5, J. Clough 4, C. Clow 3, C. Cochrane 4, P. Cochrane 1, G. Collingwood 3, R. Cooksley 4, N. Cooper 5, S. Corcoran 5, T. Cottam 5, G. Crowsley 5, M. de Bock 5, N. Dickinson 4, P. Donovan 4, K. Doy 5, D. Edwards 2, M. Ellis 1, G. Fabish 5, D. Fawcner 1, M. Fisher 4, B. Gerrard 1, S. Gilbert 1, M. Gordon 4, P. Green 5, J. Hamblyn 5, D. Hannon 4, S. Hazledine 5, S. Henderson 5, M. Henwood 5, R. Herbert 4, S. Holden 5, G. Hooper 5, W. Ibbotson 5, C. Jamieson 4, C. Katene 5, N. Kinera 4, J. Knuckey 5, K. Laird 2, C. Laka 5, R. Laurenson 5, G. Lawn 5, R. Lawn 5, B. Lewis 1, J. Luff 1, R. Mackenzie 5, D. Marshall 5, T. Martin 5, D. Martin-Mott 2, D. Matthews 2, J. Mawson 4, L. McLeod 5, C. McPhillips 5, J. Metcalfe 1, R. Mills 3, G. Mitchell 1, R. Moir 5, J. Morey 3, N. Morgan 4, D. Murphy 5, C. Neighbours 4, B. Newland 4, B. Neilsen 3, B. O'Carroll 3, P. O'Carroll 3, J. Parsons 5, S. Pickering 4, G. Pidgeon 5, M. Pritchard 3, M. Rajagopal 5, D. Rea 4, B. Scott 5, M. Scrimgeour 1, D. Sewell 5, J. Silby 1, D. Slade 1, B. Smith 5, C. Soffe 5, D. Steyn 5, L. Stone 2, H. Tamarapa 5, J. Tan 5, P. Tito 3, A. Turner 2, C. Twaddle 5, P. Walden 5, C. Walsh 4, J. Ward 1, C. Watkins 2, R. Watson 3, A. Wells 3, J. Weston 3, P. Whittaker 5, N. Whitwell 5, D. Williams 5, M. Williams 1, E. Wong 5, M. Woodward 3, G. Worthington 1, D. Young 5.



SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 1996

SUBJECTS PASSED (1)

P. Ansell, N. Bennett, J. Bishop, M. Blackburn, J. Boyd, J. Bracegirdle, D. Bryson, D. Burnell, R. Cassidy, H. Chalmers, J. Christophers, D. Clouston, S. Crawford, E. Dormer, P. Dwyer, W. Earl, N. Farquhar, J. Feek, N. Ferris, K. Fisher, M. Fisher, R. Gibson, G. Godfrey, C. Green, T. Gulbrandsen, H. Harwood, M. Hermanns, M. Hilman, J. Hooper, H. Huston, N. Jeffrey, N. Johnson, S. Keech, M. Koha, B. Lilley, J. MacLeod, S. Morrison, C. Newland, T. O'Brien, D. Ogle, H. Power, B. Rea, T. Steedman, R. Sutton, J. Tatham, S. Valentine, J. Vickers, J. Vosseler, G. Waite, J. Watson, C. Wells, J. Williams.

SUBJECTS PASSED (2)

A. Andreianov, L. Baker, J. Booth, A. Bowers, A. Bradley, S. Bridger, D. Butchart, W. Callender, J. Chadwick, A. Corkery, K. Dawson, C. Doherty, A. Grimwood, D. Gurnick, S. Hollins, B. Humphreys, S. Julian, J. Knight, P. Manley, B. Mulligan, R. Pelham, J. Philp, A. Pritchard, M. Proffit, M. Ranghi, D. Sarten, S. Smith, N. Soper, D. Steele, A. Stephens, G. Surgenor, T. Williams, P. Wray.



SUBJECTS PASSED (3)

J. Barraclough, R. Bennetts, T. Bishell, R. Bisson, C. Booth, B. Clements, J. Crowe, W. Death, C. Hayter, M. Hope, F. Hopkins, A. Kite, M. Laursen, M. Lowe, T. Lykles, H. Mattson, K. McCollum, H. Mitchell, I. Naus, A. Olsen, R. Quickfall, B. Robins, J. Russell, C. Smith, J. Spanhake, C. Sparks, D. Stephens, A. Warson, A. Whittaker.

SUBJECTS PASSED (4)

D. Annear, P. Ash, J. Baylis, J. Bellringer, B. Bloeman, T. Bullen, T. Burbidge, R. Cairns, D. Corlett, D. Couchman, J. Couchman, A. Gayton, S. Hadland, D. Hamann, J. Hann, R. Hay, B. Hayman, K. Herbert, M. Honeyfield, L. Jensen, C. Johnson, N. Jones, P. Kantatham, H. Kirk, T. Lim, J. Mack, J. Marshall, J. Mercer, S. Petersen, D. Phillips, R. Pintor, D. Prebble, S. Rawlinson, S. Robinson, A. Shivaz, M. Stewart, B. Sullivan, K. Sumbaly, E. Talbot, D. Wellington.

SUBJECTS PASSED (5)

C. Ander, B. Asquith, D. Baker, J. Baker, M. Bell, S. Bennett, B. Carter, D. Coleman, S. Crowe, N. Daly, A. Davis, T. Davison, O. Edmonds, N. Ekanayake, A. Fagan, A. Friendlander, A. Gilkison, A. Gilbanks, C. Gordon, S. H-Nath, A. Honeyfield, M. Honnor, D. Horner, M. Hughes, J. Jones, I. Lewis, I. Luxmoore, R. McCaffery, K. McLissac, J. Mitchell, A. Murdoch, L. Neville, C. Newing, M. Newson, P. Nicholson, C. Northcott, A. O'Keeffe, T. Parsons, D. Peters, T. Purdie, V. Rajagopal, R. Rauputu, T. Robins, T. Rumball, A. Schuppan, B. Schurr, T. Simpson, M. Soh, A. Stephens, S. Sutherland, M. Switzer, J. Taylor, C. Vitanachy, A. Wall, J. Webb, K. Young.

SUBJECTS PASSED (6)

R. Archer, C. Barnes, T. Bastin, C. Batchelor, J. Bell, S. Coles, H. Corkin, R. Evans, S. Fenney, M. Fraser, M. Gee, T. Hazledine, D. Hill, A. Humphrey, J. Keegan, A. Kingsnorth, C. Kissick, D. Kull, J. Kyle, J. Lawn, B. Liddle, A. Mancewicz, J. Marriner, K. Muller, J. Murphy, D. Nelson, J. Parker, N. Russell, T. Sander, A. Scott, J. Topless, B. Washer, B. Williams, T. Willing.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1996

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| Simon Cleaver | Accounting
Economics
Statistics |
| Nick Cooper | Physical Education |
| Martin De Bock | Biology
English |
| Murray Fisher | Photography
Printmaking |
| Peter Green | Accounting
Calculus
Chemistry
Physics
Statistics |
| Josh Hamblyn | Statistics |
| Sam Hazledine | Biology |
| Steven Holden | Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
English
Physics |
| Karl Laird | Accounting |
| Greg Lawn | English
Geography |
| Dean Marshall | Geography |
| Daimen Martin-Mott | Calculus
Statistics |
| Gareth Pidgeon | English
History
Japanese |
| Madhu Rajagopal | Calculus
Chemistry
Statistics |
| John Tan | Accounting
Economics
History
Statistics |
| Edmond Wong | Accounting
Music |



STORM FRONT

*Swirling round the mountain
Not sparing anything or anyone
Like a runaway train with no destination
Screaming roaring winds sprinting through the town*

*The sea running high
White tips jumping out of the water like a horse
Spray pounding at the rocks like thunder
Constantly rolling ships like rubber ducks in the bath*

*Slowly dying winds
Sea horses getting smaller with every jump
People come out to survey the damage
And the wind comes to a jog.*

Brian Atkinson (F3)



Rugby
Back Row: A. Blackler, J. Lawn, T. Sweetman, D. Corlett, H. Mitchell, R. Rauputu, M. Feather, J. MacLeod, B. Pollard, C. Mullan
Middle Row: Mr M Watts, K. Rowson, L. Gibson, C. Herilhy, B. Hamerton, L. Boddington, T. Raven, S. Hayston, Mr W Harvey
Front Row: Mr D Atkins, A. Purdie, B. Robins, B. McGlashan, D. Gibson, C. Newland, C. Barnes, P. Gibbs, Mr W Geange

FIRST XV REPORT

The 1997 season began with the introduction of two new coaches, Mr Watts and Mr Harvey - the successful coaches of the 3rd XV in previous years. After three successful seasons during which he had contributed a great deal, Mr Hall decided to give way to concentrate on his NPOB Senior Team and coaching a lower level team at school. Our thanks go to Mr Hall for his efforts over the previous three seasons. Mr Atkins remained as Head Coach and Mr Geange continued as Manager. Ben Hamerton was selected Student Manager. Change occurred also in the Under 21 Taranaki Competition with the advent of the bolstered Senior Reserve Grade. This meant the Under 21 Grade became weaker overall and several very easy victories early in the season proved not to be ideal preparation for our harder Inter School fixtures later in the season. Winning matches by over 100 points serves neither team well and obviously the 1st XV has now to really look at where their best interests lie as far as obtaining consistently good hard rugby is concerned. Although the team did win the Under 21 Competition by defeating Stratford 35-6 in the final, the team did suffer two losses on its way to the final - one to Tukapa and one to Southern. These losses revealed limitations in the areas of decision making and

communication. The loss of Paul Gibbs - through injury and Lucas Rauner - who left to live in Australia with his mother - also led to deficiencies in scoring out wide. This lack of finishing tended to hinder our opportunities in some matches as well. However, our areas of strength continued to be line-outs, driving, mauling play by the forwards and a very effective loose forward combination. In the backs there were some very good individual performances together with some excellent defensive work in most games. At times, however, the option taking left a little to be desired. The Inter School results overall were disappointing, with a 3 win 3 loss record. The narrow loss to Hamilton Boys' High School was in many respects the difference between an average season and a very pleasing season as far as the Inter School fixtures were concerned. The 1st XV again took part in the National Nike 1st XV Knockout Tournament. We narrowly defeated Francis Douglas to gain the right to represent Taranaki in this Tournament. We travelled to Wanganui High School where we had another narrow victory. Our next match against Palmerston North Boys' High School proved to be a superb exhibition of secondary school rugby. A penalty goal with one minute to play denied us a victory which we deserved and proved that on its day the team could compete with one of



the best in New Zealand as Palmerston North Boys' High School went on to make the final where they lost to Wesley College. Following this fixture another highlight for the season was announced - David Gibson's selection for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Team.

Our thanks go to parents and supporters, many of whom travelled long distances each weekend to watch the team play. The help of parents at after match functions and other events is greatly appreciated and certainly cements their own family relationships. Sincere thanks again to our sponsors - Auto Lodge Motor Inn, Macfarlanes Caffe, Stirling Sports, Caltex Eliot Street, Coca Cola Bottlers. Their support in terms of cash and/or products helps greatly reduce the costs to parents of the running of the team. Thanks also to the whole school who performed the School Haka stirring during the home Inter School fixtures. A sight never to be forgotten.

All players will have fond memories of the part they played in the 1997 1st XV. Although not totally successful in terms of results all players can take pride in the manner in which they played, the discipline and maturity they showed both on and off the field and the undoubted pride and respect they have for the 1st XV jersey. They have maintained the reputation of NPBHS as one of the most competitive 1st XV's in the country.

W J Geange (Manager)

Results:	Played 27	Won 21	Lost 6
	Points:	For 1,019	Against 308

Leading Scorers:

Bryce Robins	228	(14T, 43CV, 24PG)
Lucas Rauner	142	(24T, 11CV)
Paul Gibbs	95	(19 Tries)
David Gibson	77	(15 Tries, 1 CV)

Representative Honours:

- a) Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team
Clint Newland, Joe Lawn, Carl Barnes, Bryce, Robins, Andrew Purdie, David Gibson, Brendon McGlashan.
- b) Taranaki Under 16 Representative Team
Hamish Mitchell, Carl Barnes, Tama Sweetman, Ria Rauputu.
- c) Taranaki Under 19 Representative
Brendon McGlashan, Bryce Robins
- d) Central Region Under 19 Representative Team
Brendon McGlashan
- e) New Zealand Under 16 Coaching School
Carl Barnes, Tama Sweetman
- f) New Zealand Secondary Schools' Team
David Gibson



TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

This season the 1st XV played their traditional six College fixtures with a three wins three losses overall result. In addition matches were also played against St Pats Town of Wellington plus we played three fixtures in the Nike National 1st XV Knock Out Competition.

The six traditional fixtures, in many ways, summed up the inconsistent season in terms of results and especially performance levels. In these fixtures the overall points for and against were definitely in our favour - For 167 Against 98. However, we failed to defeat our two most difficult opponents - Palmerston North Boys' High School and Auckland Grammar School.

1. Versus Wanganui Collegiate at New Plymouth at New Plymouth 18 June 1997

Score: 60-0

Scorers:

Carl Barnes	- 1 Try
Paul Herlihy	- 2 Tries
Jared O'Donnell	- 2 Tries
Joe Lawn	- 1 Try
Tama Sweetman	- 1 Try
David Gibson	- 3 Tries, 1 Conversion
Bryce Robins	- 4 Conversions

The first traditional College Game of the season with the whole school watching. This was a very good all round performance by the team as a whole. The forwards drove well in the mauls, they out-scrummed the Collegiate pack and delivered excellent ball from line-outs to our backs who were full of running and proved too classy for the Collegiate back-line. The forwards really outplayed their opponents in every phase with the backs finishing off well the abundant supply of ball delivered to them on a plate. The Collegiate team were visibly relieved when the final whistle blew.

2. Versus Hamilton Boys' High School at Hamilton 25 June 1997

Score: 10-14

Scorers:

Lucas Rauner	- 1 Try
Bryce Robins	- Penalty and Conversion

A game that never rose to any great heights, we didn't fire a shot. We started well and almost scored. Hamilton then took control of the game for a period of time. The game continued on with no team gaining any real ascendancy. In the second half with a try to Lucas Rauner, conversion and a penalty to Bryce Robins in reply to a converted try to Hamilton, we had the chance to put Hamilton away. Hamilton survived the onslaught, came back into the game, applied pressure and scored another converted try to seal the win.



3. Versus St Pat's Silverstream at New Plymouth 23 July 1997

Score: 17-10

Scorers:

David Gibson	- 1 Try
Byce Robins	- 4 Penalties

Coming straight after the July vacation this was never going to be an easy game against a very proud, capable St Pat's team. This proved true with St Pat's Scoring an outstanding try from their own 22 to take an early 7-0 lead. They soon increased this to 10-0 with a penalty goal and our team at this stage was really struggling. The forwards however really lifted their work rate and overall performance in the second half to gradually gain dominance over the Silverstream pack. The loose forward trio began to increasingly get over the advantage line and the tight five took control in the scrums and line-outs.

The backs were now receiving a better supply of ball and were able to make inroads into the opposition half. Feeling much more under pressure now the Silverstream team began to concede thoughtless penalties which Bryce Robins was able to translate into points. David Gibson, at fullback, was running very strongly and through sheer pace and skill he ran sixty metres to score an outstanding individual try. A hard fought victory but the players showed a lot of courage and spirit to come back from a 10-0 deficit to finally win the match 17-10.

4. Versus Palmerston North Boys' High School at Palmerston North 30 July 1997

Score: 14-32

Scorers:

Brendon McGlashan	- 1 Try
Bryce Robins	- 1 Try, 2 Conversions

This proved to be one of those games in which our team played well but was well defeated by an outstanding PNBHS Team. The Palmerston scrum laid the foundation for their win by placing our scrum under huge pressure throughout the match. This enabled their loose forwards to get over the advantage line consistently and set up good ball for their backs to use. However, our defence proved excellent in most areas but constant pressure meant that Palmerston had to score on some occasions. NPBHS players battled away scoring two fine tries to Brendon McGlashan and Bryce Robins but on the day there was no doubt that the better team deservedly earned a comprehensive victory.

5. Versus Te Aute College at New Plymouth 9 August 1997

Score: 48-8

Scorers:

David Gibson	- 2 Tries
Carl Barnes	- 2 Tries
Ben Pollard	- 1 Try
Hamish Mitchell	- 1 Try
Andrew Purdie	- 1 Try
Bryce Robins	- 5 Conversions
	- 1 Penalty Goal

At the request of Te Aute College this fixture was moved from mid-week to Saturday 9 August. This was a pity because the whole school did not get the opportunity to watch the Team put on an excellent all round performance to easily win 48-8.

It was a game in which we wanted to start well and this we succeeded in doing. We had an excellent first half with the forwards leading the way with some very good driving play and the backs finishing off. Some of our new moves worked very well resulting in tries. Te Aute came back strongly at the start of the second half and after sustained pressure scored their only try. We then came back into the game scoring some very good tries after excellent build up work from both forwards and backs.



6. Versus Auckland Grammar School at New Plymouth 20 August 1997

Score: 18-34

Scorers:

Joel MacLeod	- 1 Try
Brendon McGlashan	- 1 Try
Bryce Robins	- 2 Penalties, 1 Conversion

This was the first home match against Auckland Grammar since the annual game was suspended in 1991. The match see-sawed in the first half with both teams having productive periods on attack. However, Grammar's powerful backs started to make telling breaks which they converted into points to lead 27-11 at half time. The NPBHS forwards continued to drive powerfully in rucks and mauls with the result that the backs finally began to attack over the advantage line to create space and exciting attacking opportunities were created. A converted try meant we closed the gap and we were now definitely getting on top of the Grammar team. However, playing catch-up rugby often leads to unforced errors and Grammar scored from a midfield breakdown when we were trying to run the ball from inside our own half. This effectively ruined any chances of winning the game. The players felt very disappointed at losing this match because they felt the score did not reflect the evenness of the two teams.

RUGBY 1st XV PLAYER PROFILE 1997

Kane Rowson - Hooker - 1 try
Kane is a hard, nifty front row forward who played some good rugby during the year. His combination with Brendon McGlashan was an outstanding feature of the season.

Paul Herlihy - Hooker - 4 tries
Wang continued to train hard throughout the year, he was given limited opportunities but made the most of them playing a number of games at Prop scored 2 excellent tries in the Wanganui Collegiate inter school match and played a good game.

Clint Newland - Prop - 2 tries
Clint is a very aggressive scrummager, his technique improved throughout the year. Clint fitness improved during the year and his running skills continued to mature.

Hamish Mitchell - Prop - 1 try
Hamish is a young man with some good ball skills, he is in his first year of Front row play and has improved his scrummaging and lifting skills.

Craig Mullan - Prop
Craig continued to make a positive contribution on and off the field. He contracted glandular fever during the year but was able to return with a limited level of fitness.

Duncan Corlett - Lock - 5 tries
Duncan continued to improve his lineout skills during the year. needs to work on improving his around the field skills and strength and he will be a real asset in 1998.

Brendan McGlashan - Lock - 3 tries
Yaggy played some excellent games throughout the year. Excellent lineout skills were enhanced by a good display of ball skill development, he was a powerful runner with ball in hand.

Alastair Blackler - No.8, Blindside, Lock - 2 tries
Alastair is a useful player and is able to play in a number of positions. He has been a Tradesman for the 1st XV.

Carl Barnes - No.8, - 11 tries
Carl is an aggressive rugby player who continued to improve his performances through out the year. The bigger the game the harder Carl works! He made some big yardage from the back of the scrum and scored some outstanding tries.

Joe Lawn - Openside - 12 tries
Joe has been an outstanding openside flanker with excellent timing and a high level of aerobic fitness. He sets himself some high standards and continues to play to them. Joe will be a real asset in 1998.



Andrew Purdie - Blindside - 8 tries

Rowdy has improved tremendously from the player of 1996, his form through out the season has been outstanding. His defensive play has been a pleasure to watch and is an excellent link man.

Ria Rauputu - Lock , Blindside

Ria has had problems with injuries during the year. Continued to give his best at lock or loosie. If he can overcome his injuries he will be a man to watch in 1998,

David Gibson - Halfback, Fullback - 15 tries, Captain.

David is the ultimate Team man and would play any where to benefit the team. He was at home in both positions. Played good head up Rugby while always very effective on offense. David was an inspirational player who gained selection for the Northern Region B Team and New Zealand Secondary School team to tour Australia.

Scott Hayston - Halfback - 2 tries

Scott is a cheeky little halfback who liked to run from broken play. Continued to play soundly through out the year.

Bryce Robins - 1st V, 2nd V - 13tries - 240 points

Bryce continues to improve his skills in a range of areas. His kicking skills have improved dramatically through out the year. Excellent offensive player. 1998 will see him have a big in put to the success of the 1st XV. Selected for the Northern Region B Team that won the the National Regional Secondary School competition.

Tama Sweetman - Wing - 13 tries

Tama displayed a good range of skills and will improve over the next 2 years.

Ben Pollard - 1st V, Fullback - 1 try

Ben was included into the 1st XV after playing some outstanding Rugby for the 5th XV, he played some good Rugby for the 1st XV in both positions.

Marc Feather - 1st V, Wing, Fullback - 2 tries

Marc was a good trainer and had a couple of good games for the 1st XV, He was always a good team man.

Jared O'Donnell - 2nd V, - 9 tries

Jared was a sound defensive player while always creating half gaps on offense. Illness prevented "Hairy" from making a full contribution during the year.

Luke Boddington - Centre - 6 tries

Luke continued to break the 1st line of defense with his strong running. A powerfully built man who performed consistently through out the year. Excellent defensive player.

Paul Gibbs - Wing - 19 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. Paul was on target to overhaul his brothers record of 34 tries in a season until a serious shoulder injury stopped him during mid season.

Lucas Rauner - Wing, Fullback - 24 tries

Lucas was an inspirational member of the 1st XV, he displayed an excellent range of offensive weapons and was a real asset to the team until his departure to Australia during Term 3.

Lane Gibson- Utility Back - 2 tries

Lane always gave his best at training. He had limited opportunities on the field. With his speed and evasive skills he will be an asset in the next 2 years.

Tyler Raven - Wing

Tyler played 1 game for the 1st XV while still in the 4th Form. He will be an asset to the School if he continues to improve his skills and fitness.

Ben Hamerton- Student Manager.

Ben made a positive contribution off the field , he was committed to the 1st XV after injury ruled him out of consideration for the 1st XV, well organized.

2nd XV REPORT 1997

As in past years this year's 2nd XV was selected as a development side for the 1st XV and was entered in the Taranaki U19 competition. The goals for the season were to use this competition to build toward the two interschools, and to make sure that each player had improved his skill level and understanding of the game by the end of the season.

U19 Competition

Once again the team found it difficult playing against physically bigger and more experienced teams. However we finished the season knowing that no one team had total dominance over us. Often the results of the games were close and won on a crucial decision or lucky bounce. The style with which we played the game was shown in the 52-7 win over Inglewood U19 team and the 30-13 win over Southern. But what was more impressive was the development of the side even in defeat. In the first pre-season game against FDMC we lost 76-0. In first competition game the gap had closed to 37-3. By the last game we had narrowed the difference to 22-10. This improvement was testament to the dedication of the players to accept change and to try new ideas. The FDMC coach summed up this improvement, when he said after the last game, "Thank God we don't have to play you again". The best game of the season was the last against Waitara. In the first round we had let ourselves down playing poor quality rugby. However the last game showed again the improvement in the side. And although we lost the game 29-34, we showed a lot of skill and totally dominated the opposition.

College Matches

The first of the interschools was against Wanganui Collegiate on McNaught. Leading 8-6 at half time the team got a "hard word" team talk and in the second half showed the visitors how they could play the game finally winning 34-16. Hamish Kirk and Jody Hann scored a try each, but the outstanding player was Lane Gibson who scored 2 tries and 13 points with the boot.

The second game was against Palmerston North Boys' High in Palmerston North. In a traditionally tough and close game we lost to the home side 18-0. What was impressive in defeat was the dedication of the players to continue applying the pressure for the entire game.

Awards

As a coach it was pleasing to see a large number of players develop to the point where they were considered for higher honours. Lane Gibson was called into the 1st XV and played very well on the wing against PNBHS in both their encounters. Hayden Corkin, Mike Parker, Lee Fabish, Kane Sole, Lane Gibson, Te Rauna Robins, Daniel Isaac, Nathan Greenbank and Hamish Kirk were all named in the Taranaki U16 rep team. (This gives an indication of the youth of the side).



Hasan Herbert was named the most valuable player in the side and Nathan Greenbank the most improved.

The Captain, Ben Schurr was awarded the 2nd XV cup for the most conscientious player. An award he thoroughly deserved for his leadership and playing ability throughout the year.

Aaron Murdoch, the team manager also deserves an award for putting up with all the sh.. that was given to him. He never failed in his duties and his contribution made life a lot easier for the players and the coach.

The last set of awards goes to the "broken" family. Blair Corlett with his leg, Reid Archer with his shoulder, Daniel Kihfuss with his ribs, Mark Proffit with his eye sight, Hamish Kirk with his finger and Vaughan Hooper with the endless ability to do something to his head.

Thanks must also go out to all the parents for their support. Regardless of distance we always had a great group of tireless supporters. The team thanks you.

Final Word

It is the end of the season and at last the coach can have the final word (no comments from Ben). I consider myself very fortunate to have been involved with such a great group of guys. As I have written, you showed an amazing ability to take in new ideas and improve your game. We may not have won on the field but we definitely earned the respect of our opposition. I hope that you continue to enjoy the game and reach the goals you have set for yourself. Please remember your time in the 2nds and when you have gained higher honours in the future, look back and respect those players' in future 2nd XV teams struggling to achieve their goals. Good luck for next year and to Robert, George, Horse, Hugh, Chads and Hoops all the best for your future away from NPBHS. Thanks Leatho

Under 15 Rugby

This year the school entered the Under 15 team in the B1 Division. After three grading games it showed that this team would be capable of competing with the more physically mature teams in this grade. The competitive nature of the grade enables players to prepare themselves for the National Under 15 tournaments that NPBHS is invited to attend.

The season began with three good victories but it was not until we met the BHS 4th XV that the team realised just how physical this division was to become. A narrow loss in this game was to be repeated in the next game followed by a more comprehensive loss in the final game. This final loss saw the team drift out of play-off contention. The FDC 3rd XV also proved to be a tough opponent with a loss, a win and a draw the results from our three encounters. The team endeavoured to play quality, attractive 15 man rugby and trainings became opportunities to improve the players skill level in using the ball effectively and with flair.

The forwards developed into a competitive unit, especially at lineout time and in 2nd phase situations, and as the season progressed they became better scrummagers. The backs, when given quality ball going forward, were an effective unit on attack. They were quite capable of breaking the line and setting up our wingers and fullback for penetrating runs.

To compete successfully against physically mature sides requires a high level of skill and fitness, committed defence and a committed effort toward working as a team. The 1997 showed that it was indeed capable of competing successfully in the B1 Division, which for a team made up of mainly 4th formers was a creditable performance.

The team played 15 matches with a record of 10 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw. Final placing was 3rd. Points for 431 and against 174.

College matches :

vs Hamilton BHS	lost 12 - 24
vs Palmerston North BHS	lost 10 - 27

National Under 15 Tournaments

This year NPBHS were invited to attend two nationally recognised U-15 tournaments. To attend these fund raising was required. With the help of parents (Rob Weston with sheep manure, Pete Fleming fire wood, raffles with Judy Te Mata and pizza sales with Peter Wales), the sale of nutrimetrics, collection of Yarrows bread bags, clean up, issuing of TRFU programmes and student contribution the costs were made affordable for all. To all those involved in this aspect and in other forms of support thank you very much.

A special thank to Colin Maihi (manager - Coca Cola tournament), Kevin Laugesen (transporter - Coca Cola), Robert Wolfe (manager - NZ tournament) and Jan Meyer who was an excellent assistant coach.

Coca Cola Invitational U-15 Tournament, Hastings

Twenty two teams from throughout the country attended this tournament. BHS played excellent team rugby over the 2 days to earn a final placing of 5th. Our best performances were a drawn match with Gisborne BHS (the eventual winners of the tournament) and a narrow loss to Western Heights - Rotorua 10 - 12.

Results :

Played 4	Win 2	Lost 1	Draw 1
Points for 68	against 32		

This is the second year this tournament has been held and NPBHS has acquitted itself well over both tournaments, coming 2nd in 1996 and 5th in 1997.





New Zealand Under 15 Rugby Tournament, Christchurch
Sixteen teams from throughout New Zealand were invited to attend this tournament. NPBHS were invited for the second year in succession.

Our first day of competition saw the side pitted against St Andrews (Christchurch) and a reasonably easy victory 36 - 0 was achieved. Our next fixture against Wellington College required a full on committed forward effort and aggressive defence against a physically strong side to ensure victory by 24 - 15.

Our second day performance against Christchurch BHS followed by St Pats College (Wellington) was a much more difficult task. Fatigue and injuries were now a concern - especially after the effort against Wellington College - because the days performances were of lower quality than expected in both matches. In both games we tried very hard but were beaten by more physical teams who took their chances when presented. The game against Christchurch produced a very spirited second half performance which demonstrated the team's character.

Our third day performance however was the highlight of the tournament, when a refreshed and injury free team produced a quality, complete team performance to convincingly beat Otago BHS 37 - 3. This performance was unquestionably the team's finest performance and ranks alongside the fine effort against Gisborne in the Hastings tournament.

A special thanks to Shirley Boys' High who billeted the side and provided mini vans and trailers for transport.

Results :

Played 5	Won 3	Lost 2
Tries for 19	against 14	
Points for 117	against 85	
Final placing : 7th		

K. Gledhill
Coach

Third XV

Looking at the win/loss record of the third fifteen gives no real indication of how the team performed. It was clear from the day the first pre-season game was played we were in a difficult grade. Despite being the smallest team in the competition the thirds were probably the gutsiest. The team played with great heart and always managed to put together exciting rugby on attack and was often asked to defend their line for phase after phase and did so very well.

The strong core of the team held together throughout the season despite the loss of players due to promotion and commitments of some to league. This is testimony to the maturity of the senior players in the team and the leadership they always displayed.

It is difficult to single out individual players because all members gave 100%. Ben Davey, Quin Elstone, Roger Taoai and John Murphy gave the team size and solidity up front. The tall timber of the team Tim Parsons, Tony Purdie and Tim Morgan always showed their skill and ability to win line out ball on our throw and the oppositions'. Our loose forwards were more often than not the first to the breakdown. Adam Davey, Matthew Harmer and Al Honeyfield were always prepared to mix it up and get stuck in. Fraser Donaldson, Anthony Aston and Mark Davis selected good options and when the forwards were dominating they supplied good ball to the outside backs with Mark Davis showing glimpses of Carlos when running. When the ball was spread wide it was not uncommon to see tries scored. David Papps, Jarrad Bone, Chris Fenwick, Jamie Taingahue, Harvey Marshall and Paul Manley were all speedsters. It was great to see the enthusiasm they had with ball in hand, all dotted down numerous times during the season. For this coach the standout player was Jay Knight. Not only did he show unfaltering commitment during the game but he developed the ability to rally the team and motivate them to dig

deep. His determination was evident during all games but was greatest when the team was up against the stronger sides.

Strangely enough two of the three highlight games were losses. The win over Stratford Second Fifteen was very hard fought with the thirds having to fight back from an early deficit. Two of the final games of the season were against Border and then Opunake. Against Border the thirds fired from the kickoff scoring a very early try. For the remainder of the first half the team simply went into overdrive scoring a couple more tries. It was under unfortunate circumstances that Border was able to come from behind and in the end snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. In the second to last game of the season we were able to go very close to eventual winners Opunake.

The team was a very memorable group of young men who enjoyed their rugby and it was an enjoyable experience coaching them. Full credit to the Third Fifteen.



FOURTH FIFTEEN REPORT

The fourth fifteen, on paper, looked a younger and less potent outfit than the 1996 team. And so it proved at the grading games where they failed to score a point in six outings.

However, this proved to be misleading and after a couple of practices, they proceeded to demolish Spotswood College 41 - 0 and then Opunake High School 78 - 5. Unfortunately, this was to be the only time they put two really good games together in a row. Despite this, they were always able to find enough in the tank to get out of trouble (on the odd occasion they got behind) and ended the season with a record of fourteen wins and a draw from fifteen games. The only blot was a 20 all draw against Okato College.

The boys put this right in the final at Rugby Park with an outstanding 50 - 0 victory. As the senior Boys' High team on display on finals day, they made a splendid job of representing the school; turned out in dress uniform and performing a magnificent haka before the game - a tremendous end to the season.

Leading points scorers were James Murphy, with 22 tries from number 8. He had a tremendous season and the team was never quite the same when he was missing. Next with 104 points was kicker Jason Barraclough. The team was skippered by Sam James who led by example throughout, scoring 14 tries. Grant (ET) Worthington got 10 and Josh (Cheese) Baylis and Ben (Rat) Thompson got 6 each. Only one team member didn't get on the scoreboard, showing what a team effort it was. The team scored 596 points and conceded 83. They scored 97 tries; 55 to the backs and 42 to the forwards.



Apart from the final, the best battles of the season were against the School's under 15 team. Three games for three wins, but it was only in the last game against them that we were able to record anything like a comfortable win. As a result of that win, Brent Schrider, Ben Braggins and Aidan Lawn were selected to go to the national Under 15 tournament.

Congratulations to all the boys for a great season; for being there every Saturday because we had such a small squad. It was clearly the attitude that got this team where it went. As this goes to print, we await the result of the nomination for Boys' High School team of the year.

Thanks to the parents who provided transport - the Flays, the Baylis van and the many others who made it, and a final thanks to ET's granddad - Percy, who for the second year running, proved to be our greatest supporter. Now Grant has gone, he will finally get some real white-baiting done.

A. Elgar. Coach.



5th XV Report

This has been one of the most satisfying teams to coach, as each player developed into a committed and loyal team member. At the time of writing this report, the 5th XV have lost only one game, won 10 and drawn 3. We have scored 380 points for and have had 194 points scored against us. The leading pointscorer is Leighton Parsons with 117 individual points.

We have played some excellent rugby this year with a lot of character, a number of times the team had to dig deep to stay in the game. An excellent example, was the night game against Spotswood 2nd XV, when we were losing 36-12 at half time. A focused team talk at half time and the boys obliged with a 36-36 all draw.

While I would like to mention all the team, space in this magazine does not permit it. The few I would like to mention are the free running backs, Tom Rumball and Nathan Farquhar. These two were very skilful and elusive. Leighton Parsons, was definitely the back line general and sparked many scoring opportunities. A special mention for Tom, he should have been a member in a higher graded team. Thanks for the season.

In the forwards, Riaan Claassens is my pick as the most improved player in our team. I asked him to play out of position and he played and progressed with determination. The stand out forward was our skipper, Michael Lowe. A "thinker" of the game in every sense who gained the respect of his players easily with his commitment on the paddock.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the parents who braved the conditions each Saturday and supported us. My thanks also to a great TEAM.

T.T.M.C. Maihi
5th XV Coach 1997.

RUGBY C GOLD

The C Grade gold team looked like a promising team at the start of the 1997 season. We started the season strongly but still required a lot of work. Each player's goal was to improve their own skill level as well as the overall team performance. Coach Slyfield planned some tough trainings to ensure this was achieved - these practices were probably the reason why some players failed to turn up at times.

A major hiccup during the season was the 0 - 26 lose to the other BHS team but this probably provided the team with the necessary wake up as in the next game we demonstrated our true ability. Although we lost we showed the very impressive FDC side that we would not be easily pushed aside, especially up front.

We made the final which was very pleasing. Although by failing to beat the FDC team (an unbeaten side) it was disappointing not achieving the goal of coming first in the grade.

Many thanks to Mr Slyfield and to all the parents who provided transport and support during the season.

Results :

Played	13
Won	10
Lost	6
Final vs FDC	Lost 7 - 27
Points for:	387
Points against:	144
Steven Ashcroft	10 tries
Brad Andrews	
Captain	



C GRADE WHITE

The team achieved the goals it set itself at the beginning of the season : third place in the C Grade competition and improving with every game. Along the way there were some very pleasing team performances especially the win against the Boys' High Gold team, the games against Hawera HS and the second half of the first game against FDC.

The pleasing aspect as a coach were the improvements made by a large number of players. These improvements could have been greater if not for the problems with some players getting to practice and the overall size of the squad.

A special mention should be made of several players. Brad King led the side by example and was one of the stand out players of the grade, Tim (Legs) Cleaver really did exemplify a 90s lock in stature and skill, Jonathan White played all season with real commitment and has all the qualities of a blind side flanker, Mike Peebles was our best forward technically, Simon Bluck was our only hitman, Bob Neil's kicking was huge, Matt Roberts proved to be our best attacker and Mad Dog played his rugby as most cheeky halfbacks do.

A special thanks to all those players who spent more time on the sideline than on the playing field and to all those parents who did not miss a game. Your support was very much appreciated by the boys.

Good luck with your rugby in the future and thanks for a great year.

Geoff Hall (Coach)



RUGBY D GOLD

After struggling through the grading games the D Gold team developed into a very useful unit. In finishing second to a very polished FDC side it was by far the most improved team in the grade.

The forwards were led by the irrepressible No. 8 Paul Rollo whose hard aggressive play on attack and defence gave the forward pack a target. Lock Craig Honeyfield was outstanding jumping at number 2. Prop Haare O'Brien was the most improved forward. Stephen White was a very constructive forward whose loss due to injury did not help the team in the final. Kurt Broadmore, Callum Gifford, Hamish Christopher, Sam Ryan, Michael Needham and Paul Higginson all contributed well to the pack.

In the backs halfback Kyle Pondgeman cleared the ball well with Daniel Morrison directing play. Jimmy Gopperth and Mark Hutchins attacked well in the mid field and gave wingers Matthew Roebuck, Raymond Niu and Tony Clow plenty of chances. Ray is a very exciting player with a big future. Rick Fabish was solid at fullback.

Results :

- Played 14
- Won 9
- Lost 4
- Drew 1
- Final vs. FDC 12 - 26
- Points for 422 ; against 207
- Leading point scorers :
- Ray Niu 13 tries
- Mark Hutchins 59
- Jimmy Gopperth 55
- Rick Fabish 55
- G. Giddy (Coach)



D2 Red

Playing against mostly bigger and stronger teams the D2 Reds stuck to their task and always enjoyed their rugby. There was a wide range of ability and strength in the team and there were a number of boys for whom this was their first year of rugby. It was no surprise then that we struggled to win and indeed struggled to score tries.

The highlight of the season was the win against Okato College. The "home derbies" against Mr French-Wright's Black team were also hard fought encounters and the visit to Opunake High produced our best performance before we lost narrowly.

There was certainly try scoring ability in the backs but our difficulties mainly came from a lack of ball and a shyness in the tackle. Top try scorers were Aaron Reid and Frank Kilman. Both had the speed and ability to run through the opposition. Frank was also by far our best tackler. There were a number of very skilled backs who with physical maturity and persistence could do well in the game. The forwards struggled from a lack of size and strength but were certainly keen and kept on going even when scores were mounting.

Thanks to Mr Holdt for his help over the last half of the season and Mr Sarten for his efforts.

Mr NM Duckmanton - Coach

RUGBY E GRADE WHITE

The 1997 season, after a slow start, looked like being a very rewarding one of the team. By the end of the first round, they lost only narrowly to Hawera, easily the beat team in the competition. However due to the very poor attitude of some boys to practice, that potential remained unfulfilled. Rugby remains a team game, rather than an opportunity for individuals to expand their egos. It's to be hoped these lessons have been absorbed for next year. The team and coaches are very grateful for the help and support provided by parents.

R. Wild (Coach)

D Grade (Black) Rugby Report

I was very pleased with the way this side developed during the season. In the first games boys showed that they had plenty of heart, but lacked experience and some of the skills necessary. Practices revolved around ball skills and some of the basics of retaining possession and moving forward. To finish 3rd in this competition was a good result, but it would have been a bonus to beat our unbeaten White team, or the top FDMC side - close, but not consistent enough to prevail. The team played some enterprising rugby and never gave in - they had some real character and enjoyed their Saturday outings. Many players will go on to top teams and others will continue to be vital parts of teams at whatever level.

Captain, Gareth Wellington, led by example from No. 8, his charges - straight up the paddock - were an inspiration and Vice-Captain, Blair Hermann, at half-back, invariably took the right option and was adept at the passing or running game and never shirked a tackle. All other players contributed, but Ian Hickman, at full-back, produced some outstanding 'one on one tackles' and sparked many counter attacks with a full commentary to accompany his forays.

This season will have provided special moments for all players, parents and myself.

PLAYED	15
Won	9
Drew	1
Lost	5
Points for	391
Points Against	259

Top Scorers were: Ian Hickman, 101 - with 14 tries; Gareth Wellington - 8 tries; Cole Baldwin - 7 tries; Reece Meuli, Blair Herman, Josh Horton, Jake Dagger - 4 tries each; Corey Niwa 47 points.

An impressive statistic is 19 boys scoring tries.

THE TEAM:

Ian Hickman, Daniel Bjorkland, John Ferris, Paul Drought, Jamie Flavell, Reece Meuli, Cole Baldwin, Josh Horton, Blair Hermann, Gareth Wellington, Garnt Honeyfield, Corey Niwa, Logan Hutchings, Nathan Cloke, Jake Dagger, Ben Campbell, Craig Wisneski, Rowan James, Kieran Hartley, Michael Espiner, Tom Mills, Scott Walker, Bernard Gurry.

Lyal French-Wright



E Black Rugby Team Report

NPBHS fielded two teams in the E grade competition this year. A decision was made before the teams were selected that the teams would be of comparatively equal strength. The season before NPBHS had picked a strong and a weak E grade team and the strong team had dominated the grade so much that it was felt two even teams would be fairer on the other teams in the competition. The team started the season well and along with Hawera High School - which had a large number of dispensations - was the early season leader.

However, towards the latter part of the season the form of the team as a whole fell away a little and the goal of making the final against Hawera was not achieved when we lost to FDMC in the penultimate round of competition.

Highlights of the season were the two wins against the NPBHS "White" team, the win in the first round against FDMC and the narrow loss in the first round to the outstanding Hawera High School team.

Scott Gunnell lead the team by example and Jock Rowlands had an outstanding season as forward leader. He has a big future in the game. Other players to stand out consistently were Brent Dawson at wing, Michael Papps and Sam Lynskey at halfback, Michael Erb - a great tackling 1st 5/8, Shay Fairhurst - a determined 2nd 5/8 and Russell Smillie an outstanding attacking fullback. In the forwards Peter Cadman, Andrew Gadsby, Michael Mayes and Mark Jackson proved to be a formidable front row - indeed Michael Mayes made outstanding progress throughout the season.

The Locks toiled hard but need to look at contributing more in the open - Edwin Sutton, Henry Vosseller, Jimmy Webley, Adam Pedersen all had games at times in which they excelled. The Loose Forwards, Ryan White, Jock Rowlands, Daniel Radcliffe and Keith Herbert all performed to a high level but Keith's illness and injuries meant he missed several games. Glen Herbert and Shaun Mischeski both worked hard on the wing and contributed a lot to a developing team spirit.

Although not achieving our aim of performing at a high level each week the players undoubtedly enjoyed their season and gained a lot of skills which they can take into their rugby next season. Special thanks go to Mr Laurie Cadman who willingly gave up his time to coach the forwards and look after the team when Mr Geange's 1st XV commitments meant he could not be present.

I wish all the players well for their rugby futures.

W J Geange
MANAGER / COACH



THE 1997 DREAM TEAM.

1997 saw yet another saga written in the continuing story of the Dream Team. This year the game was played as a sort of curtain-raiser to the Day Boys - Boarders match. This took a few players out of contention and certainly weakened the boys forward pack. However, in the true spirit, the boys led by Brendon Mourie, put up a good show, proving that they were not going to lie down and die - apart from Mirai Tomono, who had to be assisted from the field with cramp.

Against a huge staff pack, the boys tried hard up front, and both Mr Veric and Mr Russell took souvenirs from the paddock of what happens when you lie on the ground in front of the ball.



Showing what a total school effort this game is, Ray Hoskin appeared once again for the ground staff and Murray Trowern, the hostel chef, took time out from his duties to grace the field. Willie Harvie, assistant 1st XV coach, Tony Earl, old boy and trainee teacher and Paul (Fish) Tito, student in 1996 also appeared to boost staff numbers. It was good to see Mr Hall return to the game after a dislocated elbow a few weeks before. Unfortunately, a hero of yesteryear, Mr Watts, was forced to watch from the seat of his car, as he sat with his foot in plaster - a legacy of the same game that claimed Mr Hall. It is rumoured there were tears in his eyes. Once again the game was ably whistled by Mr Giddy, who for the first time was forced to leave the field injured, but returned to stamp his authority on the game.

Once again, the author was unable to stay completely clear, but has gained enough wisdom to vanish to the sideline after kicking off in splendid style. A wise move as it proved. Late in the first half, Mr Hunter could be seen leaving the field clutching his shoulder. Unfortunately this turned out to be a broken collar-bone and as the person with most experience in these matters, I was detailed to take him to the hospital for treatment.

And so it proved that another chapter was written in the epic saga of the Dream Team.

A. Elgar.





**NATIONAL NIKE 1st SV
KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT**

OTHER FIXTURES

1. Versus St Pat's Town - Wellington at New Plymouth 10 June 1997

Score: 15-9
 Scorers: Carl Barnes - 1 Try
 Paul Herlihy - 1 Try
 Bryce Robins - 1 Penalty, 1 Conversion

This fixture was added onto our programme at the request of St Pat's Town. They felt they needed a hard game in their build up to their traditional fixture against Wellington College. At this early stage of the season the games in the Under 21 Competition were proving too easy for us so we agreed to the game.

The forwards played outstandingly throughout this match to lay the foundation for a very good win 15-9. The low driving and mauling of the whole forward pack was a feature of the match. St Pat's Town were unable to counter this aspect of our play and hence we were able to enjoy a pleasing territorial advantage throughout the match.

Very good defensive play by all our backs meant St Pat's were unable to score a try against us. Overall an excellent team performance, the result of which we could look forward with some confidence to the upcoming inter-school fixtures.

2. Versus Francis Douglas Memorial College at the Gully Ground 13 August 1997

Score: 15-12
 Scorers: Carl Barnes - 2 Tries
 Joel MacLeod - 1 Try

As in 1996 we had to play Francis Douglas to earn the right to represent Taranaki in the Nike National Secondary Schools Competition.

This was expected to be a hard fought game because FDMC 1st XV had been winning their games against other local teams convincingly. They had a number of very good players selected in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Representative Team and their match up against our representatives in that team promised to be very entertaining. This proved to be the case as we narrowly won the match 15-12 with a try to Joel MacLeod virtually on full-time. In many ways we were fortunate to win the match because the players played as individuals rather than as a team. Francis Douglas, on the other hand, played as a team. The defensive play of their mid-field backs was outstanding - a real feature of the game. We started off looking as if we would win comfortably but poor decision making and excellent defensive play by FDMC allowed them back into the match. When they scored to take the lead with only two minutes left it looked as if we would lose. But Joel MacLeod's fine team try gave us a narrow, albeit fortunate victory.



**3. Versus Wanganui High School
at Wanganui 6 September 1997**

Score: 14-10
 Scorers: Joe Lawn - 1 Try
 Joel MacLeod - 1 Try
 Bryce Robins - 2 Conversions

Round One of the Nike National 1st XV Knockout Competition - a game we expected to win and win well. Once again we started well, scoring an early try and a convincing win looked possible. However, despite winning a lot of possession and having territorial advantage we failed to convert this into points. Wanganui lifted their own game as they realised we were unable to finish off our moves and clawed their way back into the match, scoring two fine tries, one from an intercept when we were on attack near their twenty-two. It would have been an injustice for us to lose this match as we were clearly the better team, but yet again our inability to finish off good lead up play meant we faced the final five minutes with the prospect of possibly losing the match. This was not to be the case however, as the final whistle saw us ahead 14-10.



4. Versus Palmerston North Boys' High School at New Plymouth 10 September 1997

Score: 16-18
 Scorers: Joe Lawn - 1 Try
 Bryce Robins - 3 Penalties, 1 Conversion.

Round Two of the National 1st XV Tournament provided the opportunity for us to reverse the result of the Inter-School fixture against PNBHS.

This turned out to be a superb exhibition of secondary school rugby, with the result in doubt throughout the match. The NPBHS team played up to their best capacity and probably deserved to win the match. The backs and forwards combined well to produce some excellent moves and we had a deserved lead after the first half. Palmerston North lifted their game in the second half and began to score some points. With less than two minutes left we were awarded a penalty which Bryce Robins kicked to give us a 16-15 lead. Unfortunately the PNBHS team was given a penalty with less than a minute left and their goal-kicker managed to kick this long goal to win the match 18-16.

This was a pulsating game with both teams contributing to a fine match played in front of a large crowd. Although losing, all the NPBHS players deserve praise for playing with pride and passion to produce their best performance for some time.



Rugby Teams 1997





Cricket
Back Row: T. Weston, D. Collingwood, M. Stewart, M. Cleaver, H. Mitchell, K. Jordan, B. Williams
Front Row: B. Bloeman, M. Proffit, B. Corlett, K. Rowson, R. West, M. Feather, Mr G Giddy

CRICKET 1st XI

The 1st XI found the Premier Grade tough but managed to maintain their status. They had a mixed College match season but there were a number of outstanding individual performances : Regan West scored 108 against AGS and Kent Jordan took 6 for 59 against Hamilton BHS. Regan toured with the NZ Development squad, the NZ Youth squad and played for Taranaki and Central Districts A. Kane Rowson (1st XI captain) was the wicketkeeper for Taranaki.

CLUB SEASON

One Day Series

BHS 40 - 5 (rain) lost to Stratford 224 (R.West 4-12).
 BHS 153 (B.Corlett 43) lost to OHSOB 154 - 7.
 BHS 146 - 7 (S. Henderson 30) defeated Westtown 114.
 BHS 138 (A.Turner 37, S.Henderson 37) lost to Hawera 140 - 6.
 BHS 144 lost to Egmont Plains 145 - 2.
 BHS 208 (A.Turner 84, R.West 32) defeated Avis OB 177.
 BHS 113 lost to NPMU 144 - 2.

Two Day Series

BHS 123 (M.Stewart 25) and 172 (K.Jordan 20, M.Proffit 38) lost to
 Hawera United 189 (R.West 3-55) and 118 - 5 (M.Proffit 4-26)
 BHS 123 (B.Bloeman 32, S.Henderson 28, K.Jordan 39) drew with
 Stratford 124 - 9 (M.Cleaver 3-37, B.Corlett 3-4)
 BHS 93 and 217 (M.Stewart 70, A.Turner 46) lost to
 OHSOB 274 - 7 (M.Stewart 3-68)

BHS 231 (K.Rowson 49, S.Henderson 35) and 203 - 8 (S.Henderson 44, M.Stewart 35) drew with
 Westtown 234 - 7 (R.West 3-34) and 224 - 5 (M.Proffit 3-77)
 BHS 151 (M.Stewart 40 n.o) and 125 (K.Rowson 38) lost to
 Avis OB 160 - 6 (M.Proffit 3-38) and 118 - 7
 BHS 202 - 7 (R.West 84, A.Turner 44) and 104 (R.West 52) lost to
 NPMU 209 - 4 (M.Cleaver 3-68 0 and 101 - 2





COLLEGE FIXTURES

vs. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

We won the toss and fielded. Wickets fell steadily but two partnerships of 50 got them to 180. Matt Cleaver and Mark Stewart both took 4 wickets. BHS struggled against good bowling early on. Only a 65 run partnership between Kane Rowson and Kent Jordan added respectability. We were all out for 102. WC struggled early in their second innings to be 120 for 8 but a 100 run partnership of positive batting saw the team declare at 216 for 9. Matt Cleaver again took 4 wickets. This left BHS 294 to win in 2 and 1/2 sessions. Poor batting saw them dismissed for 88. An outright loss by 206 runs to a very good WC side.

Wellington College:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
D.Martin	c Henderson b Stewart 20	lbw Stewart 19
J.Franklin	c Henderson b Cleaver 6	b Collingwood 17
B.Cameron	lbw Stewart 72	c Proffit b Cleaver 32
C.Wilson	b Stewart 0	c Rowson b Cleaver 0
S.McColl	c Cleaver b Proffit 9	c Turner b Cleaver 0
R.Prebble	lbw Cleaver 15	c Turner b Stewart 13
D.Johnson	b Cleaver 8	not out 46
G.Polknall	c. b Stewart 0	c Turner b Stewart 82
M.Forgan	not out 23	c Jordan b Cleaver 11
S.Garret	b Proffit 0	
Extras 25	Extras 16	
TOTALS	All out 179	For 9 wickets 216

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
B.Corlett	10	5	14	0	9	4	25	1
D.Collingwood	7	1	35	0	9	1	47	1
M.Cleaver	19	7	54	4	15	4	58	4
M.Stewart	20	11	13	4	17	6	46	3
M.Proffit	13.4	3	38	2				
K.Jordan	4	0	26	0				

NPBHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
A.Turner	b Garret 7	c. b Prebble 15
B.Bloeman	b Johnson 7	b Garret 1
S.Henderson	lbw Prebble 1	c. b Cameron 10
M.Stewart	c. b Prebble 0	lbw Cameron 8
H.Mitchell	c. b Prebble 1	c. b Cameron 8
K.Rowson	c. b Garret 49	st. b Cameron 9
K.Jordan	b Garret 26	c. b Pocknall 0
B.Corlett	c. b Garret 0	b Pocknall 8
M.Proffit	c. b Pocknall 0	lbw Cameron 0
M.Cleaver	not out 0	st. b Cameron 20
D.Collingwood	c. b Garret 0	not out 0
	Extras 7	Extras 9
TOTALS	All out 102	88

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
S.Garret	9.2	3	19	5	5	2	8	1
R.Prebble	7	3	16	3	7	1	15	1
J.Franklin	8	1	34	0	4	2	4	0
D.Johnson	7	1	25	1	7	2	15	0
G.Pocknall	3	0	7	1	7	2	17	1
B.Cameron	12	5	24	6				

vs. AUCLAND GRAMMAR

AGS won the toss and batted on a very flat wicket. A number of partnerships saw them through to 295. Regan West took 5 for 64 from 26 overs. BHS batted positively with Hamish Mitchell and Kane Rowson added 89 for the first wicket. Mitchell then combined with Regan West to put on 135. West completed his century (108) and then left the team to join the Nz Academy side to tour NZ. Mark Proffit and David Collingwood completed the innings of 342. AGS were more positive in their second innings declaring at 281 for 4 leaving BHS 233 to win in 4 hours. Tight bowling and defensive fields saw BHS 87 for 2 when the last over started. Despite the feeding of runs and under some confusion the game was called off with BHS 129 for 2 with Kane Rowson left on 89no. Match drawn.

Auckland Grammar:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
L.Churchill	c Turner b Cleaver 11	c Rowson b Corlett 0
McGrath	b Collingwood 4	run out 26
Flets	lbw Cleaver 8	c Mitchell b Jordan 11
Younge	c Rowson b West 15	
Parsons	c Bloeman b West 60	c Rowson b Jordan 60
Comer	lbw West 2	not out 77
Archibald	lbw West 39	
Knight	c Proffit b Jordan 99	c. b Collingwood 39
Reddy	st. b Jordan 37	not out 49
Dale	c Stewart b West 4	
Macky	not out 7	
Shultz	c West b Jordan 0	
	Extras 21	Extras 0
TOTAL	All out 295	For 2 wickets 281

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
R.West	26	6	64	5				
D.Collingwood	13	4	44	1	7	1	61	1
M.Cleaver	20	5	54	1	6	0	42	0
M.Stewart	18	1	60	0	11	2	43	0
H.Mitchell	2	1	2	0				
M.Proffit	7	2	28	0	5	0	20	0
K.Jordan	6	0	33	3	10	0	62	2
B.Corlett	3	0	30	0				
B.Williams	2	0	18	0				

NPBHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
H.Mitchell	c. b Archibald 60	c. b Younge 10
K.Rowson	c. b Shultz 52	not out 89
K.Jordan	c. b Shultz 0	not out 13
R.West	c. b Archibald 108	
B.Corlett	c. b Younge 11	
M.Stewart	c. b Archibald 7	
B.Bloeman	b Archibald 0	
M.Feather	b Shultz 12	
M.Proffit	c. b Shultz 36	
D.Collingwood	lbw Shultz 23	
M.Cleaver	not out 0	
	Extras 33	Extras 13
TOTAL	All out 343	For 1 wicket 129

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Shultz	24.3	4	93	5	5	0	24	0
Macky	6	0	42	0	3	0	8	0
Archibald	26	4	83	4	5	0	28	0
Comer	3	0	21	0				
Younge	21	3	80	1	6	2	6	1
Knight	1	0	8	0				
Fletcher					1	0	23	0
Reddy					1	0	6	0
Dale					1	0	21	0



vs. HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

BHS batted first and declared at 238 for 6. Mark Stewart 40, Blair Corlett 41 and Mark Proffit 53no. Hamilton struggled against tight bowling from Corlett, Stewart, Cleaver and Williams to be dismissed for 158. The bowler to reap the rewards was however Kent Jordan who achieved honours Board figures of 6 for 59 from 13 overs. BHS batted and declared their innings closed at 198 for 9. Leaving Hamilton 279 to win. At one stage they were 3 for 6 but a fine 85 by R. Puna gave them a chance. They were eventually dismissed for 227. Outright win by 51 runs.

NPBHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
H.Mitchell	c. b Faville 0	c. b Faville 39
K.Rowson	c. b Greene 6	c. b Menzies 27
K.Jordan	c. b Miller 29	c. b Faville 6
M.Stewart	c. b Greene 33	st. b Puna 33
B.Corlett	c. b Clayton 44	c. b Puna 5
B.Bloeman	run out 27	lbw Puna 55
M.Feather	not out 23	lbw Puna 1
M.Proffit	not out 53	st. b Menzies 25
K.Muller	b Puna 1	
B.Williams	not out 3	
M.Cleaver		
	Extras 20	Extras 8
TOTAL	For 6 wickets 236	For 9 wickets 198

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
D.Faville	18	1	90	1	14	3	42	2
D.Greene	15	2	41	2	6	2	14	0
P.Otto	5	0	13	0				
K.Puna	5	1	8	0	23	7	49	5
A.Miller	14	2	36	1				
R.Menzies	7	1	11	0	17	2	59	2
M.Clayton	9	2	24	1				

HBHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
J.Ahlers	lbw Stewart 7	c. b Cleaver 22
R.Macaskill	c. b Jordan 40	c. b Corlett 1
P.Otto	run out 24	c. b Proffit 42
M.Clayton	c. b Williams 16	c. b Jordan 34
R.Puna	c. b Jordan 31	run out 85
D.Faville	c. b Jordan 11	st. b Williams 0
D.March	st. b Jordan 0	b Proffit 11
K.Bevins	b Jordan 2	lbw Stewart 11
R.Menzies	c. b Jordan 0	c. b Williams 1
D.Greene	b Cleaver 15	lbw Cleaver 6
A.Miller	not out 0	not out 2
	Extras 12	Extras 13
TOTAL	All out 158	All out 227

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
B.Corlett	10	2	16	0	4	1	12	1
M.Stewart	9	3	12	1	10	3	20	1
M.Cleaver	18	5	33	1	12	0	49	2
B.Williams	13	4	27	1	7	0	23	2
K.Jordan	13	1	59	6	11	2	68	1
M.Proffit	6	2	7	0	13	0	48	2

vs. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

Due to communication problems with WCS this fixture became a one day Gillette Cup match after BHS had defeated Inglewood HS. WCS batted extremely well to score 265 in 50 overs. BHS struggled to be all out for 154. Hamish Mitchell 30, Mark Stewart 27 and Mark Proffit 45. A loss to WCS who went on to the Gillette Cup finals.





vs. ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

A new annual fixture against Rotorua BHS was played this year. BHS batted first and Tim Weston (F4) in his first College game opened in positive fashion and scored 53. BHS declared at 198 for 8. Rotorua batted steadily to declare at 185 for 7. Regan West took 4 for 66. BHS were 75 for 3 when rain washed out play with 2 and 1/2 sessions remaining. Match drawn.

NPBHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
H.Mitchell	b Hammond 18	c. b Cheater 19
T.Weston	c. b Crean 53	c. b Cheater 15
K.Jordan	c. b Hammond 0	c. b Hammond 4
K.Rowson	c. b Weedon 16	not out 2
R.West	c. b Weedon 4	not out 33
M.Stewart	c. b Weedon 38	
B.Corlett	c. b Hammond 21	
M.Feather	not out 16	
M.Proffit	c. b Leonard 6	
B.Williams	not out 11	
M.Cleaver	DNB	
	Extras 14	Extras 1
TOTAL	For 8 wickets 198	For 3 wickets 76

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
L.Hammond	14	1	32	3	9	0	32	1
D.Cheater	14	2	37	0	9	0	42	2
P.Weedon	13	0	56	3				
A.Bunting	5	1	26	0				
S.Crean	8	2	21	1				
A.Gough	8	3	12	0				
B.Leonard	3	0	8	1				

Rotorua BHS:	1st Innings	2nd Innings
S.Crean	b Cleaver 7	
P.Weedon	lbw Williams 1	
B.Leonard	c. b Williams 27	
A.Bunting	c. b West 11	
L.Hammond	c. b West 33	
H.Fisher	c & b West 27	
B.Humphreys	not out 32	
D.Cheater	c. b West 35	
L.Newby	not out 0	
A.Gough	DNB	
T.Donnely	DNB	
	Extras 12	
TOTAL	For 7 wickets 185	

	O	M	R	W
M.Stewart	11	1	21	0
B.Williams	14	3	33	2
M.Cleaver	7	0	16	1
M.Proffit	12	7	37	0
R.West	20	3	66	4
K.Jordan	4	2	8	0

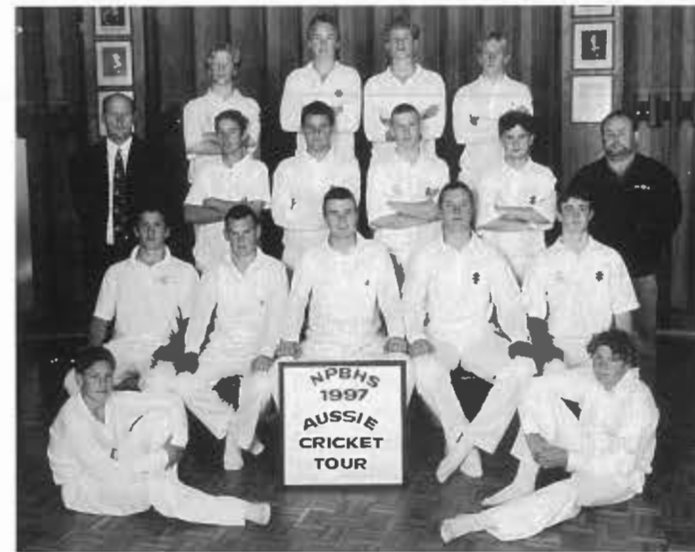


The school fielded nine morning grade teams at various grades. All performed well but were often inconsistent. The Young Guns (seniors boarders) failed to live up to their name and lost every game. Mr Knight and Mr Hunter took the two third grade sides and although their wins were limited the clashes between the two sides were memorable.

Mr Alastair Jordan (ex NZ rep and Old Boy) took the 2nd XI. A very young side who learnt a lot from the season. Their season was highlighted with a victory over Hamilton BHS with Tim Weston scoring a superb century. A big thanks to Ali for the time and efforts he put in - plus the 2 centuries he scored. Who said bowlers cannot bat !!

With the establishment of a turf on Webster the school has laid 3 artificial wickets on the Racecourse and have a development plan in place for improving practice facilities around the school. Hopefully these will be completed this season.

A big thanks to all staff who gave their time for cricket - Mr Butler, Mr Clareburt, Mr Hall, Mr Abdul-Wahab, Mr Melville, Mr Pollock, Mr Meyer, Mr Slyfield, Mr Warner, Mr Lockhart, Mr Hyde, Mr Knight and Mr Hunter - long may it continue.





SOCCER



Soccer
Back Row: J. Mawson, A. O'Keefe, W. Poh, S. Smith
Middle Row: Mr H Russell, S. Robinson, B. Holyoake, J. Amies, F. Walker, J. Canton, Mr D Chapman
Front Row: O. Mortensen, A. Peters, M. Brennan, B. Weir, J. Downs, S. Singh, T. Horner

The 1997 season for the First XI Soccer had a very disjointed start to it. The early season trials had a smaller turnout than normal. The standard was high, even though the number of players available was disappointing. However, as the season progressed the team recruited a number of talented club players.

The 1997 First XI would be one of the youngest the school has had for some time, although they are probably the most talented. The season was always going to be difficult with the increased strength of the Soccer Taranaki Premier Competition and qualifying for the Nationals.

The local competition had the team with an average age of 14-15 playing against men in the top local competition. It was a tough competition, however, for the coaching team it was probably the most rewarding as the team climbed an enormous learning curve from the first to the second round.

The qualifying process for the NZ Secondary School National tournament involved playing four other schools to gain one of two places. Two of these are regular college matches against Wanganui Collegiate School and Palmerston North Boys' High School.

The first game involved us travelling to Horowhenua College in Levin. The result of this game was a convincing 4-1 to us. The next game was our regular inter-school fixture against Wanganui Collegiate. This was the teams first home game and it doubled as a college match. We won this game 2-1. The result put the team at the top of the table with two games to play - a win against Wanganui High School would have secured a position at the National Tournament. NP Boys' High School started this game strongly and at half time were 2-1 up. The second half saw Wanganui High School make a come back, they equalised in the last quarter. The teams defensive format was upset when the centre back Andrew O'Keefe was taken from the field with a broken tooth. Wanganui seized on the opportunity and only a few minutes before the final whistle, they scored the winning goal, making the score 3-2. This win allowed Wanganui to qualify for the National tournament. This result meant that we had to win against Palmerston North Boys' High School to gain a place at the National tournament. This game was probably the teams best of the season with a 1-nil win to New Plymouth. Our position at the National tournament was assured.



NZSSFA National Tournament

This year the National tournament was in sunny Nelson, however the week of the tournament was not so sunny. The team travelled down on the Saturday and caught the Wellington - Picton Ferry. The first nights accommodation was in Spring Creek outside of Picton. The Sunday was spent travelling to Nelson and settling in to the Backpackers Lodge in Central Nelson.

The National tournament is made up of 24 teams divided into four pools of six. This means each team has five pool games from Monday to Wednesday, on Thursday the quarter and semi finals are played and Friday being the finals day.

Our pool involved the following teams and results:

Whangarei High School	Lost 2-1
St Patricks Silverstream	Lost 3-2
Nelson College	Drew 2-2
Kelston Boys'	Lost 3-0
Timaru Boys'	Drew 0-0

Going into the last pool game on the Wednesday, a win in that game against Timaru Boys' would have put us into the play offs for 1-16 place. The result was nil all draw which meant a goal difference. We played off for 21-24.

In post-section play, the team played Wanganui High School and won a penalty shoot out and a friendly games against Christ College.

The end result was we finished 21st out of 24 teams, a good performance for the youngest and smallest team at the tournament. Special thanks must also go to our supports that travelled to Nelson to support the team. Joy Cantlon, Dan Stockman, Les and Margaret Smith and Ken Holyoake. It is good having support so far from home.



College Matches

vs Wanganui Collegiate (New Plymouth) Won 2-1

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 Nelson. Both teams started strongly however after many scoring chances from both sides in the first half neither team could capitalise and went to the half time break tied at 0-0. Five minutes into the second spell Wanganui scored to take the lead and applied the pressure on New Plymouth in front of the school crowd. At this point Boys' High increased the intensity of their play and began to dominate, replying quickly to level the scores at 1-1. With five minutes left New Plymouth was awarded a penalty and from a set move scored the winner from a header, giving victory to NPBHS.



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

New Plymouth started the game slowly and was penalised for this with Hamilton scoring midway through the first half. After the team talk at half time Boys' High came out and began playing better football, but could not capitalise on their attacking opportunities. On one of the few times that Hamilton entered New Plymouth's half they were lucky to score from a defensive error going up 2-0. With 10 minutes remaining NPBHS threw everything at the opposition, playing their best soccer of the game, but were only rewarded with a consolation goal in the last minute of play.

vs St Patricks Silverstream (New Plymouth) Lost 3-1

New Plymouth started the game strongly creating many scoring opportunities but were unable to benefit due to some exceptional saves from the opposition's goalkeeper which kept St Pats in the game. Finally Boys' High was rewarded for their patience, scoring from good attacking play to take the lead 1-0. St Pats hit back straight away with an equalising goal that was unfortunately unable to be saved on the goal line. Going into the break locked at 1-1 it was either sides game. Most of the second half saw a very evenly contested game however as Boys' High had had problems throughout the season of losing concentration in the final 20 minutes saw St Pats score two future goals in quick succession to take the victory 3-1.

vs Palmerston North Boys' High School (Palmerston North) Won 1-0

The game started at a frantic pace with Palmerston applying the early pressure, however it was Boys' High that scored first after being the offside trap in their first attacking chance of the match to take the lead 1-0, with just five minutes into the game. From this point on New Plymouth had few further attacking chances which meant they had to defend against a very talented and physical side for the majority of the game. Although Palmerston constantly attacked in the second half New Plymouth kept the home side scoreless due to outstanding defence both in the midfield and back line and phenomenal goalkeeping. This gave NPBHS a well deserved win and confidence for the remaining game against Wellington.

vs Wellington College (Wellington) Lost 2-0

Wellington College was our final college game of the season and from previous encounters it was to be our toughest. The game was played in atrocious weather, driving rain and chilling cold and pitch was flooded. This made it difficult for both teams to play their own styles of football however Wellington was able to score their first goal halfway through the first spell from a well driven shot in midfield. For the remaining of the game it was more a battle against the weather than the opposition as players had to be replaced throughout the second half because they were affected by the extreme conditions. In the final few minutes Wellington scored their second goal after a lapse in concentration by the defence. Overall New Plymouth competed well under the circumstances against a more skilled and physical team which was a credit to the team.



Ian Lewis



Kodie Fisher



Sean McAneney



Craig Smith





Arama Davis



Michael Hope



Philip Dwyer



Alex Scott

Matt Brennan - Captain

Matt played the season in fine form that held the backline and the team with his Captaincy and loud mouth. Showing the way for the younger lads, a great asset to the team.

Bryan Weir - Vice Captain

Bryan started the season out in the field, but was then shifted into the goal where he found his talent. Bryans flare in the goal will be missed after 3 years in the team.

Andrew O'Keefe

A great player to assist Matt at the back with his aggression. Andrew pulled a few good goals at his brief stint up front. Andrew's strength was his ability in the air, he could also strike the ball beautifully.

Bryan Holyoake

A player with 2 more seasons in the team with his ability to defend well and chat to the team.

Ashton Peters

One of the six fourth formers in the team which also shows a great ability to defend and mark his players. A cornerstone of the backline.

Oliver Mortensen

Another fourth former who could come off the bench and fit in well. Oliver played as striker or left half, a player that showed a very good touch of the ball.

Foster Walker

An aggressive player that has improved well over the season. Foster's strength was his ability to run all games on the sideline.

Warren Poh

Warren had the ability to play anywhere he was asked. Another player with improvements from the season and may look to move to goalie next season.

Simon Robinson

A late comer to the team. Simon also could fit in any position when needed. Simon was a totally committed player who showed real improvement as the season progressed.

Jared Amies

No doubt the most key member of the 1997 season. His ability to fill bottle and strap ankles would leave any doctor gasping. A person that was loyal to the team and certainly a role model for future S.M. A player that will be missed by all and no doubt a S.M. to look out for in the future.

Sanjay Singh

An outstanding player that held the mid field together. His skills with the ball and the ability to beat a man will be an asset to the team for the future.

Jarrold Cantlon

A player with a lot of might and aggression in his playing style. The smallest in the team who took on any player he faced with no fear.

Jason Down

Jay's second year with the team showed a lot of passion for the team. An excellent team player that was enjoyed by all team members.

Tim Horner

Tim is another player that had a top season. His ability to move around the player and the field was an asset to the team.

Scott Smith

Top goal scorer for the season. Scotty had amazing pace off the mark. His ability to put the ball past a player, then run around him, was a bonus to the team.

Kent Stockman

Kent linked up well with Scott to put some brilliant goals away.

Hugh Russell

For a person with no soccer background, Mr Russell at times took over for the coach. His pep talks before games had quality information and motivation techniques that inspired us all.

Dave Chapman

His ability to bring a player to his best showed out throughout the season and will be sorely missed next season. His wisdom of the game was inspiring. We all wish him well for his new job.

Jared Amies

Student Manager

2nd XI

This year the 2nd XI played in the Taranaki Youth grade. Although the team had a slow start to the season we did manage to upset a few sides early on. One notable win was against a very strong Inglewood side. The team's performances in the first round however meant that they ended up in the bottom half of the table. In the second round the team found some form and rhythm to get the combinations going. With a strong back line as the foundation the team found the back of the net more often and managed to finish on top with some excellent victories.

In all it was a great season for the team, who went from strength to strength to finish the season on a high note. A special thanks to Mr Gee for refereeing our games this season and to the other parents for all their support during the season. Thanks also to Mr Veric for his management and coaching.

Ryan Pelham
Captain



3rd XI

After merging with the 4th XI the 3rd XI became a team of mixed ages and skills. The team was placed in the second division and played against other teams that were much more experienced. With the odds against us in most games the team had a number of losses that were mixed in with a good number of positive results. Later in the season we were placed in the third division and did very well. By the end of the season we had developed into a team that could compete with the best, coming 3rd in the competition. Many thanks must go to those who scored our goals, without you we would have struggled. Thanks to Mr Hewlett, Mr Flanagan and Mr Yule who all helped coach the team. Full credit to the team and hopefully may we all play the game next season.

Chris Batchelor





HOCKEY



Hockey

Back Row: R. Bennetts, S. Jordan, S. Beaurepaire

Middle Row: Mr J Warner, M. Lyes, C. Walden, Mr R Knight, G. Surgenor S. Thornhill, M. Gulliver

Front Row: S. Caskey, J. Taylor, J. Lyes, S. Venkataraman T. Simpson, K. Bayley

1XI HOCKEY 1997

With 11 returning players from last years squad the team was focused for a successful season. A busy season lay ahead with the team playing in two competitions, the senior mens reserve grade and an interprovincial high school competition with Wanganui schools. This on top of rep commitments, interschool fixtures and Rankin Cup meant a very demanding year for a number of players.

TARANAKI SENIOR MENS RESERVE COMPETITION

In 1996 the team competed in the senior mens competition, however in its wisdom the Taranaki Hockey Federation placed us in to the mens reserve grade for the 1997 season. With this being the first season on an artificial surface we felt aggrieved by this decision as we felt we belonged in the highest competition. These feelings were vindicated with our first victory, a 14 goals to one win against TeKiri. This was the trend for the season with the side recording many victories in the double figures. There were several close encounters against a local club side New Plymouth Combined which resulted in one loss 2-3. Overall one loss in that competition resulted in New Plymouth Boys' High winning the overall competition.

It is a tremendous result given that the team plays men of an older age and more experience than themselves. They generally showed composure and skills that they are capable of but were never seriously threatened therefore not giving them the match hardness under pressure situations that they required for tournament.

INTERSCHOOL FIXTURES

Vs Wanganui Collegiate Loss 0-1

A game full of high dramas where we tended to dominate for long periods of time but could not score, a legacy of not being placed

in pressure situations during the local competition. Collegiate had the opportunity to lead 1-0 through a penalty stroke but missed. Likewise boy's high could have gone up 1-0 through a penalty stroke but Shahn Jordan was not accurate. Collegiate then placed us under heavy pressure as a result we conceded a goal to finish with a 1 nil loss.

Vs Hamilton Boys' High Drew 1-1

A scrappy, physical game where we dominated possession but, again could not score. The side had far superior skills but could not penetrate the Hamilton defence. A game that slipped out of their grasp due to the opposition showing greater drive and hunger to succeed.

Vs Palmerston North Boys' High Won 2-1

Against a classy Palmerston North side we showed guts and determination along with skill can reap the rewards of a victory against the 3rd best team in the country. We were placed under extreme pressure in the early stages, only through the efforts of Mack Gulliver, Mark Lyes, Tim Simpson and Jonathon Taylor did we keep them to 1 nil. We managed to break free and score a goal to Shane Thornhill against the run of play, then a movement down the left hand side then the quick transfer of the ball saw Glen Surgenor score his first goal for the team and put us into the lead. The Palmerston team hit back strongly on numerous times but their challenge was repelled. Jason Lyes had an outstanding game distributing the ball and placing the opposition under immense pressure with his defence.

The team showed great character by playing an excellent team game and desire to succeed, a result being people playing above themselves.



Vs Wellington College Loss 0-3

In a bitterly cold Southerly and torrential downpour in Wellington the boys played a lacklustre game, In very trying conditions, where several players from both teams coming off due to the extreme weather, the team went down 3-0. The difference being the influence of two Wellington players who dominated and controlled the midfield. As a result we were placed under pressure due to not shutting these players down.

Rankin Cup 1997

This year Rankin Cup was to be played in Dunedin. A somewhat disappointing start to the tournament where we drew 1 all with Otago Boys'. Unfortunately we dominated but did not finish off the pressure we exerted on the opposition due to players trying to do too much with the ball. The next game was against Burnside High from Christchurch. Being down 1 nil at half time gave us hope of an upset victory against a talented and classy team. Three quick second half goals put paid to that. It still was an encouraging first half. Our last pool game was against the favourites for the title, Auckland Grammar. Against a very skilled and drilled side the boy's played with great heart going down 6-1. A very creditable performance which showed they could foot with the big boys of hockey.

Pool cross over matches took place now with the team playing Whangarei Boys'. They played well in patches but the consistency factor let them down. Having come off a high from the Auckland Grammar game the side looked tired and uninterested during the second half conceding 5 goals. This loss meant we were vying for 12th to 16th positions. Our opponents were Kings College. After letting in an early goal we totally dominated the game. Basically monopolizing the territory and ball Kings never reached our defensive circle again. However the lack of finishing ability haunted us again. The 1-0 loss meant we played off for 15th and 16th against our first opponent, Otago Boys'. Starting out in a much more positive vain we were up 3 nil with 15 minutes to go. Shahn Jordan missed a penalty stroke, which seemed to take the sting out of our attack, thus allowing Otago to gain some control over the game and being rewarded with a goal but leaving us with a 3-1 victory. Not an overly successful tournament with several players playing below their potential whilst the stand out performers being Tim Simpson and Jonathon Taylor. Mack Gulliver made some excellent saves while Kellam Bayley showed he is a player to watch over the next couple of years. With 11 players returning next year the team will learn from this experience and look forward to next year's tournament.

Representative Honours

Taranaki U18: Jonathon Taylor, Jason Lyes, Mark Lyes, Sriram Venkataraman, Shahn Jordan.

Taranaki U15: Kellam Bayley, Shaan Caskey.

Player Profiles:

Jason Lyes (captain) - A real workhorse that never gives up. A skilful player who is a fine distributor and continues to show improvement. Needs to maintain a positive focus throughout. Has a big future with good defensive qualities.

Shahn Jordan - Excellent dribbler but needs to develop his distribution skills and mental skills to be able to switch on when needed. A player with potential.

Jonathon Taylor - A touch, nuggety defender who has good distribution skills but needs to believe in himself. A player with a big heart who raised his discipline standards well this year.

Glen Surgenor - One of the big improvers this year. He gained in confidence showing good distribution skills at times. A fit, hardworking player who needs to work on his balance.

Mark Lyes - Mark is a very solid defender who also has good distribution skills. With greater discipline on the field and improved vision Mark has the potential to be a very complete player.

Tim Simpson - Tim plays with pride and passion for his school. He inspires others around him with his attitude of never say die. He has a good turn of pace and a strong tackle. With great vision on the field Tim will be a force next year.

Carl Beaurepaire - Carl has struggled at times this year. A confident player who scored 7 goals in one game but then went off the boil. With the right mental attitude and discipline Carl will make good advances.

Corey Walden - Another young player who needs to concentrate on eliminating mistakes through getting into the correct body position. Our leading goal scorer who is very effective in an open attacking game with some deft touches.

Shane Thornhill - Shane made his impact felt at the end of the season. He has a thunderous hit and a good drag and now needs to concentrate on his distribution role to give him a more all round game.

Rikki Bennetts - Rikki has filled many different roles this year. A fit, hardworking player who always strives to improve. Valuable contributions to the team through his attitude.

Sriram Venkataraman - In his first year in the team Sriram showed good pace and ball control in an open fast game. With greater variation in his game Sriram will be a potent attacking weapon.

Mack Gulliver - In his second year as goalie Mack has made huge strides. He has made some spectacular saves throughout the year and now needs to get the consistency into his game.

Kellam Bayley - A player with enormous potential. He has very good dribbling skills and is developing an awareness of space and creating it for himself and his team mates. He will cause some headaches for teams next year.

Shaan Caskey - Another young player with a good future. He has good pace and distribution skills but needs to have greater confidence in his abilities.

Throughout the year Corey Hayter, Mark Hillman, Colin Reed, James Topless, Andrew Gillbanks and Chris Watts represented the school in this team. I would like to thank them for their contribution to the team.

HOCKEY REPORT 1997

The 1997 hockey season was once again a trying and testing one for NPBHS teams. The completion of the Devon Hotel Park water based synthetic surface was a welcome addition to the Stratford sand turf constructed in 1996 and its arrival was only marred by the fact that less games were scheduled on it during the season than expected. However, NPBHS hockey players did appreciate the opportunity to play at home on an international quality surface.





2ND XI HOCKEY

The 2nd XI was graded in the top secondary school pool after the opening day competition and so was faced with tough opposition from the NPBHS 1st XI, Opuake, Stratford, Wanganui Collegiate and Wanganui High School. Early losses and a long period of adaption to turf hockey from grass play made it difficult for consistent performance and it was only after a re-organisation of the secondary competition that the 2nd XI began to play the style of hockey that gave them winning results, and showed to spectators and supports that they could play an attractive, skilful brand of hockey. Notable results against Opuake (4-1 victory) and Spotswood (6-2 win) provided an excellent build-up to the Olympic Stick Tournament held at Stratford from August 25-29. Asked to fill in as an emergency team, the 2nd XI finished 5th out of 10 and performed with credit. A final win against Waitara High School (6-2) was a good way to finish the season. Several players had displayed considerable potential for the future and should provide an excellent foundation for hockey at NPBHS in the future. Rowan Jamieson and Duncan Kissick were Under 15 Taranaki Representatives while Sukumar Venkataraman, Anthony Auimatagi and Aaron Harwood were in the Under 15 Taranaki B squad. Good leadership was provided by Mark Hillman in his final while Colin Reed and Corey Hayter were committed players on the field. James Topless was another noted improver during the season.



CAPTAIN WHO?

*For twenty years he was lost at sea,
For twenty years he hadn't seen a tree,
His crew all dead and a man named Clark ...
was fed viciously to a hungry shark.*

*His mouth was a vast treasure trove,
Mostly filled by silver and shining gold.
His leg was as wooden as a tree,
Blown up by a cannon in 1983.*

*His eye-patch was as black as a moonless night,
But his other eye didn't have the greatest sight.
His hand to you, would have looked a bit crook,
Considering it was replaced by only a hook.*

*The Captain (you had to admit) was pretty lame,
And you're probably still wondering, what's his name?
Well his name was of course Captain Bob,
Named after his father, the dirty slob*

David Hill



3RD XI HOCKEY

The 3rd XI, under the able coaching of Mr Stevens performed very creditably in the second and third divisions of the secondary school competition, facing up to some 1st XI's from other schools as well as competitive mixed team from around the province. Good team spirit and use of individual skills within the team framework gave the side the opportunity to win several matches during 1997. Hopefully these players will continue to develop in future seasons.

4TH XI HOCKEY

The 4th was also an example of what can happen when teamwork and dedication are maintained during the season. A lack of school coaches led to adult assistance being required and without the time given up by parents, the team would not have achieved the results it did. Credit must be given to the efforts of Mrs Dormer and Mr McCullum. Excellent wins occurred to the 4th XI, especially noteworthy as many players had never played hockey before.



NPBHS Basketball



Basketball

Back Row: C. Kissick, D. Green, D. Radford

Middle Row: Mr C Driscoll, N. Jeffrey, R. Tilley, K. Sellars, Mr R Green

Front Row: H. Martin, J. Marriner, K. Stark, R. West, M. Cleaver, B. Jeffrey

Age Groups:

Locally the Pacers were again undefeated in the taking out the Under 18 grade winning the final by 25 points. The Magic team which proved to be too strong for the under 16 grade was promoted during the season to the under 18s, losing their semi-final to Spotswood, managed to embarrass a number of the other districts top Schools sides. Four other teams also competed in the Under 18, (two of these teams Knicks and the Tigers were comprised entirely of boarders) played with great spirit. In the Under 16A Hornets and Blazers both made it to the semi-finals going down in close encounters. Both teams should prove to be the better for playing against older boys next year. The under 16B grade saw NPBHS fielding 5 teams. NPBHS again making both semis, with the Lakers going down on the buzzer by a point while Spurs suffered a rare defeat in the other. This year NPBHS were excluded from the under 14 competition as other schools thought it unfair that we would be playing against some intermediate teams.

Tournaments:

Our 3rd and 4th Form team went 1 better than their senior counterparts in taking out the final of the Taranaki Championship. Such was their strength that Mr Bayly was able to give all 11 players a run. While Francis Douglas managed to keep with them for the early part of the game there was never any doubt in the outcome. At the zone tournament we were knocked out in the semi final by Hutt Valley who went on to win the title for the second year.

A disappointing aspect to the season was other Taranaki Schools only permitting us to field one team in the Taranaki Senior Champs

(finished 2nd) and due to exams we were unable to contest the regional title won in previous years.

Though on a win loss record probably not the best years that NPBHS has had with 15 teams in the school the future looks quite sound.

New Plymouth Honours:

Again NPBHS was well represented in New Plymouth age group teams.

In the Under 18 squad Matthew Cleaver, Nick Jeffrey and Marriner lead the charge. Marriner was named captain and was voted the MVP of the Regional Tournament.

Marriner and Cleaver were also selected for the under 20 team at the end of the season.

The under 16 team was dominated by NPBHS with Ben Jeffrey the captain along with Haizley Martin, Jon Collins, Adam Porter, Aaron Lind, Tam Norris and France Nuku all going to the nationals. Martin was named MVP and along with Jeffrey made the tournament team.

Due to the age groups cut off date being at the end of the year this year most of our boys were too old for the under 14 but Garnero and Brent Raven managed to keep the colours flying with Garnero being selected for the tournament team.

National Honours:

1997 starting with the news that over the summer Jason Roe had toured Australia with the New Zealand junior mens team. During the season Joughans Marriner made the final trial for the New Zealand under 18 team While at the other end of the season went 1 step better along with Luke Garnero gaining a spot with the New Zealand Development Teams. Marriner the under 18 and Garnero in the under 16.



NPBHS Mac Donalds First Five

Buzzer beaters. These two words would have to describe the year for the first V. With the team comprising a number of fifth formers, this years team was going to be challenged to live up to the teams of yesteryear. Our first goal of advancing to the mens premier league was decided in our finally grading game. With seconds on the clock and Mavericks had possession and were 2 up. The defensive pressure pays off a steal by Marriner. No panic. A couple of quick passes and Haizley Martin is open for the 3 pointer. The buzzer goes while the ball is in the air. Nothing but net Haizley gets mugged. Our first buzzer beater. This would prove to be the first of 6 games that was decided on the buzzer.

Taranaki Secondary School Championship

The Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship was next on the list. The teams to beat this year Francis Douglas, having only lost a couple of players from last year, and Waitara with a more mature team than they have had for a number of years. In pool play we easily disposed of Stratford and won a nail biter against Waitara. In the semi Hawera provided little resistance and so to the final, where Waitara would emerge the victors 60 - 63. These close encounters with Waitara would prove to be the norm and do nothing for the coaches hair line.

It was here that we would lose our captain Curtis Stark, hoping that his sore foot was a minor problem, an x-ray would confirm the worse and see him in a cast till the regional tournament.

Regional Tournament

Our first game saw us lose a close encounter to FDC and Curtis would re-aggravate his foot injury. Hato Paora and Freyberg would prove no opposition and we were through to the semis. NPBHS though giving their all could not convert enough attempts and in the end were no match for PNBHS on this day, and so ended our chances of going to the nationals. The final day saw us extract some vengeance in beating FDC to 3rd place.

We were to discover that due to a clash with exams that we would not be able to defend our Zone title. With such news it would not have been surprising if the team gave the rest of the season away. But with a quarter final play off against St Pats in the inaugural North Island Secondary School Conference began the start of a rather remarkable fortnight. Previously we had been soundly beaten by St Pats but we were determined to give a good account for ourselves. Half time saw us down 32 - 37 but with a gallant effort and a never say die attitude the full time score had it all tied up at 74 apiece. Over time went the way of the visitors 78 - 83. St Pats came 7th at this year's nationals.



Interscholar

Next we were off to Palmerston North. With the stands full of the other codes who had travelled to Palmerston North our supporters could have been forgiven if they thought we were on a hiding to nothing. Ten minutes into the game we were down 17 points. A time out for a chat. Joughans appears to be a bit tense and has some strong words. A change of tactics saw NPBHS go on a 19 - 2 run and be within 2 points at half time. The second half would have the spectators attempting to lose their voices as the pride and commitment shown by the team would prove to be motivation for those games to follow. With Regan West turning his ankle had most of us wondering if that was it as he hobbled off. Joughans bent over as his lungs screamed for more oxygen. West would get up and show that the mind is stronger than the body. The team would find that little extra. Matthew Cleaver controlled the offense as we slowly edged ahead. West would go down twice more taking a short respite before returning and again leading by example. The final play of the game saw us ahead by 2 with Palmerston having possession. In a scrabble to get a shot off their star player is fouled attempting a 3-pointer. Its amazing how much the mind can play on the outcome of a game. Sink all 3 and they win. Make 2 and we are into overtime. History shows that he only made 1 and we have beaten another team that was off to the nationals within a week.

Back home we are now entering playoff time in the local competition, Waitara. For us to progress any further we have to win. In yet another close encounter we manage to scrap through to win by 5 points. And in so doing we upset yet another team that was nationals bound.

The following week we travel to Wellington for our annual clash. After a rather slow start Regan decides to take the game in his hands and leading all, scores 25 second half points to deny Wellington of any thoughts of victory.

Local Competition

At this stage we are lying 4th in the local competition and are in a do or die situation for the rest of the season. The quarter final sees us up against FDC, which also doubles as our playoff in the North Island Conference for 5th and 6th. As usual the game goes to the wire, but with seconds to go we have possession and are up 2 points, all we have to do is keep the ball. FDC put a full court press on, Cleaver does the right thing and passes the ball up court to one of our bigger players. Now this player is not the worlds best perimeter shooter, but for some reason decides that he should nail a 3 pointer. It was a brick. Dale Radford shows the benefit of following play and pulls in the biggest rebound of his career and calmly puts the ball back and is fouled in the process and makes the free throw. On to the second semi.

Tigers a team that has shared honours with us help create what would have to be the finish of the year. With 9 seconds on the clock they had possession and were up 2 points. For some reason they decided that they should shoot. When Cleaver screamed for the ball from our rebounder after the missed attempt there was only 3 seconds on the clock. 2 dribbles saw him at half way with a second on the clock he let go. Somewhere at the bottom of the pile was Cleaver, his turn for a mugging and onto the final.

The final after a spirited first half saw NPBHS ahead at half time, however the opposition (which was made up of Old Boys) a wiser team played a very smart game in the second half to emerge victors with NPBHS finishing a valiant second.

A mixed season in the end Second at Taranaki Champs, Third at the Regionals, fifth in the North Island Conference and then runners up in the Men's Premier Championship.

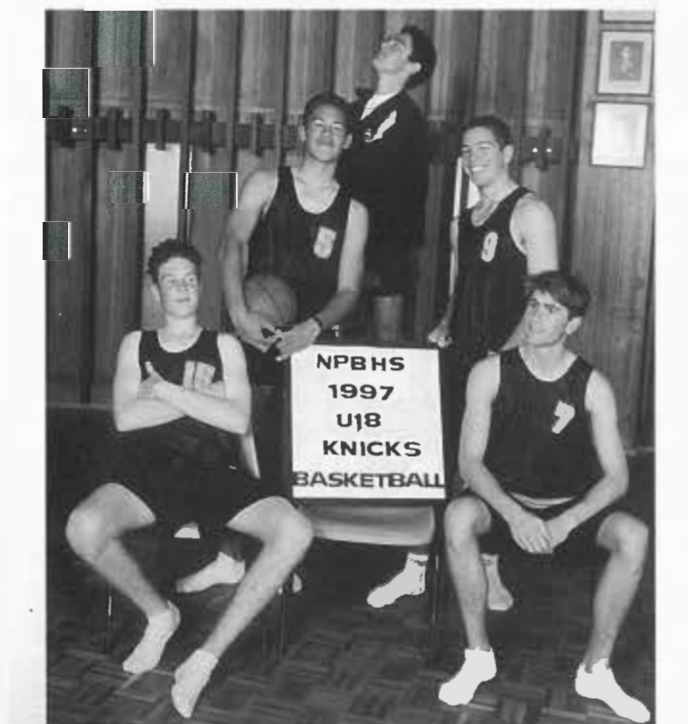
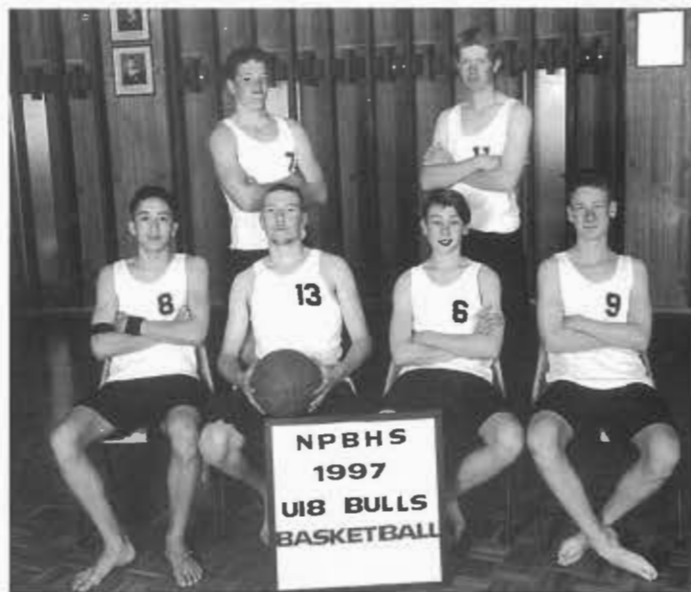
My thanks go to the parents who helped this year in particular Mr Green, Mr and Mrs Radford and sponsors Jim and Mary Stark.

C. Driscoll
(Coach/Teacher in charge)



Basketball Teams 1997





2nd V BASKETBALL

1997 SEASON SUMMARY

Introduction- 1997 was a difficult year for the 2nd V mainly due to the influx of new players coming up from Junior age group to the senior Mens' competition. The transition is not easy and much of the pre-season preparation was devoted to "steeling" the players for what they would encounter. By virtue of the 1996 team's results, this year's team commenced the season in Division One and faced most of the teams who would contest the Premier Reserve championship later in the season.

THE TEAM

Jason Wright (Captain)

Led from the front all season with consistency. A strong player on the boards who managed to develop an outside game to some degree of success.

Leighton Parsons (Vice Captain)

The team's leading scorer for the season. Formed part of a dynamic backcourt trio and, apart from a mid-season loss of shooting form, managed to contribute elsewhere where needed.

Jed Eden

Possibly the most under-rated basketballer in NPBHS, Jed proved to be a very adept playmaker. Defensively, the team's lifesaver with outstanding athleticism proving vital at many times.

Paul Hudson

A player with potential, who found it too infrequently through lack of confidence. When it was there, Paul was inspirational and a danger to any opposition.

Bryan Plimmer

A player who, after fits and starts at the beginning of the season, found a level of consistency that assisted the team's cause.

Shane Lile

The 'waterboy's' enthusiasm never waned during the season and his progress was reward enough. Shane has the ability to push on to bigger and better things in the future.

Ben Friendlander

Like most of the newcomers, 2nd V was a daunting prospect for Ben, but with the right buttons pushed he provided excellent contributions at both ends of the court.

France Nuku

France was lost for most of the season because of injury and a promising start was never fully recaptured on this return. He is a player, who with the right attitude, will prove a bonus to future teams he plays for.

Jon Collins

The youngster of the team, Jon was given the opportunity to use this year as a learning curve for the future. His application this year was 100% and he can look forward confidently to progressing future in 1998.

Nathan Russell

After a very nervous start, Nathan plugged away and found a comfortable level of performance which benefited the team more often than not.

John Cade

A late addition to the team, John contributed to the best of his abilities when the on-court opportunities arose.

RESULTS

The season consisted of three rounds with each determining the make-up of the next, the objective being to ensure that the Championships were contested by the best teams possible.

Preliminary Ranking - Division One

Played - 6; won - 3; Drew - 1; Lost - 2

Position: 3rd

Competition Round - Division One

Played - 8; Won - 4; Lost 4

Position: 4th

Championship Round - Division One

Played - 5; Won - 2; Lost - 3

Position: 4th

Championship Play-offs - Division One

Played - 1; Lost - 1

Position: 4th

Season Record

Played - 20; Won - 9; Drew - 1; Lost - 10

Overall Senior Men's Ranking

1997 - 16th out of 28

The 1997 2nd V, which was far more diverse in skill levels than previous year's performed extremely well in maintaining the School's position as the 4th top school team in New Plymouth and another year in the top leagues for 1998.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks must go to the Management team of Mr Heaps and Mrs Collins for their work throughout the season, and especially to the coach Colin Tilley for the tremendous amount of time, effort and expertise he gave.



Form Three and Four Indoor Basketball

This year 35 students trialed for the Form Three and Four Indoor Basketball team. The standard this year, of athleticism and skill was excellent. After a week of trialing at the beginning of Term 3, a squad of 12 boys was chosen. In Week 4 we entered the Taranaki Secondary schools Junior Tournament and defeated all the teams in section play. We won through to the finals, where we played our old rivals Francis Douglas. In a close first half encounter we were 1 point ahead. In the second half we played a fluent game and opened up a sizeable lead. The key to our victory was our defence.



The students were full of confidence, as we headed off to the Central Zone Form 3 and 4 Tournament held in Porirua. Our accommodation could not have been better. We stayed on the Maraeroa Marae, Porirua East and this certainly allowed us to knit closely together as a team. We were ably supported by an enthusiastic and vocal parent support group. The team lived up to its Number Two seeding for the tournament. We went through section play undefeated and met up with our traditional rivals Wellington College in the quarter finals. We deservedly won and advanced onto the semis where again we met traditional rivals Palmerston North Boys' High. The game brought the tree court stadium to a stand still as all eyes were on an exciting and close fought encounter. Extra time saw Palmerston draw out the winners. The boys showed great character and narrowly lost to Hastings Boys HS to come fourth in the tournament. The experience was invaluable in terms of learning about the game and also socially and culturally, in terms of working as a team and learning about life on a Marae. Special thanks needs to go to Mrs Collins, Mrs Porter, the hill at the back of the Marae and Mr Bayly for their efforts. Congratulations go to Jon Collins for selection in the tournament team.

The team was: Jon Collins, France Nuku, Adam Porter, Aaron Lind, Stephen Ponga, Mike Pebbles, Shaun Waugh, Ramapo Hori, Joseph Faulkner, Rion Cooper, Luke Garner, Hayden Goodrich.



SURFING



Surfing

Back Row: P Dwyer, I. Petersen, K. Fisher, J. Bissett, S. Ryan
Middle Row: L. Kerr, B. Adams, T. Anagnostou, S. Gargan, R. Fabish
Front Row: B. Dawson

The school surfing programme commenced in the second week of the year with trials to select a team to represent the school at the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Surfing Championships. These trials were held at Fitzroy Beach in variable surf conditions with 47 entries. Competition was keen as the Taranaki Champs are watched by the selectors of the Taranaki Scholastic surf team, and boys were very keen to be a part of that team. Twelve were selected to represent the school.

- Team:
 U14 C. Atrill R. Fabish B. Dawson
 U16 I. Petersen S. Ryan K. Fisher
 U18 S. Petersen L. Kerr G. Green
 Bodyboarders: B. Adams S. Gargan

Ten colleges with a total of 98 competitors assembled at Fitzroy Beach on Feb. 15 for the Taranaki Champs. Conditions were ideal and the standard of competition was high. The school team performed well with Chris Attrill finishing second in the U14, Kodie Fisher and Issac Petersen 2nd and 3rd respectively in the U16, Shaun Gargan and Blair Adams 1st and 3rd in the bodyboard and in the U18 event a clean sweep of the first 3 places Luke Kerr first, Glenn Green second and Sam Petersen third. These results saw the team retain the Dennis Whittaker Memorial trophy for the top school.

The school then competed against Hamilton BHS in their annual exchange. New Plymouth was the venue this year and ideal, uncrowded conditions at the Kumara Patch prevailed. The school team proved too strong for Hamilton and ran out convincing winners.

Luke Kerr and Kodie Fisher were selected for the Taranaki Scholastics team to compete in Raglan against other New Zealand regions. Both surfed well and Luke was rewarded with selection in the New Zealand team to compete in the World Champs in Bali. Luke obviously enjoyed the trip which was just reward for the hours of dedication that he has given to the sport.

R. Turner
 (Teacher in charge)



World Champs, Bali

The team assembled on July 4 in Auckland. The 9 hour plane flight to Bali proved to be the worst part of the trip although flying into Bali and seeing the surf was amazing. When we stepped off the plane we were hit with an amazing rush of heat that was really weird. We were accommodated at Kuta Beach in awesome cottages. The next morning at 6.30 I hit the beach dressed only in shorts which was a real change. Over the next 4 days we checked out a lot of different spots and then it was down to business. The opening ceremony was really boring just waiting for hours although the haka was pretty different in front of 100s of people. During the competition I surfed at Kuta and spent the rest of the time supporting the team. We actually did not go too well this year - Aussie unfortunately cleaned up most things.

After the competition most of the team went to an island called Nusa Lembongan - this proved to be the highlight of the trip because the waves were great and it was not so crowded. The last day of the trip was the best day for surf which always seems to be the way. With some last minute shopping at Kuta it was then back onto the plane and the cold seas of New Plymouth - what a drag!

Luke Kerr



RUGBY LEAGUE



Rugby League

Back Row: S. Marino, M. Ammundsen, E. Dormer, S. Pasili, R. Asigau, R. Cassidy, J. Eparaima
Middle Row: Mr M Gibson, A. Tamapua, A. Davey, C. Fenwick, P. Hoskin, D. Prebble, O. Edmonds, R. Trinder, Mr K Gupwell
Front Row: Ms K Grieve, P. Manley, M. Gigmai, R. Gibson, D. Butchart, C. Cassidy, J. Hann, Mr D Christiansen

The 1997 rugby league started off for the boys with a warm up game against Stratford High School. BHS started the game strongly and scored a number of early tries. By half time we were up by a considerable margin. The second half saw a continuation of this dominance and by full time the score was 54 - 10, with Michael Peter having an outstanding match.

We won the Taranaki region of the National Secondary Schools competition by beating Hawera High School 30 - 16. In this game Allan Tamapua and Ren Cassidy had outstanding games.

Our next game was our first traditional College match against Gisborne Boys' High School. The game started positively for BHS with Dean Butchart scoring a good try in the corner. It looked like BHS would run away with the match but Gisborne fought back well and scored 2 quick tries to lead at the break. The second half saw a revitalised BHS team. They played with a lot more determination and pulled away from Gisborne, winning the game 48 - 26. Ren Cassidy, Jason Eparaima and Dean Butchart both had good games.

Our next game was against Waiopahu College in the National competition. We started well by scoring a converted try after a few minutes but from that moment on everything seemed to go wrong. Early mistakes in the second half and some poor decisions from both the ref and touch judges cost the team dearly. With 2 minutes to go BHS was down by 10 but that soon changed with Jody Hann scoring wide out in the corner. Unfortunately the conversion missed. From the kick off the team stuck to it and managed to score another try through Jason Eparaima but the conversion missed which meant that the team lost narrowly 18 - 20.

Overall the season has been a successful one for a young side. I

would like to thank the following people for all their help : Mike Gibson, Kevin Gupwell, Miss Grieve and John Devonshire. JD has coached the team for the last 4 seasons and has been the driving force behind establishing rugby league at Boys' High and making this school's league side a respected one throughout New Zealand.

The following boys made the Taranaki under 18 side : Dean Butchart, Rickie Gibson, Renata Cassidy, Allan Tamapua, Jody Hann and Rangi Trinder.

Dean Butchart
 Captain





GOLF

This year has been a year of mixed success for our golf team. The members of the team this year were Joshua Kearns, Thomas Goudie, Michael Kurta, Hayden Stokell and Regan McCrae.

On May 2nd we played the Taranaki Intersecondary schools tournament at our home course of New Plymouth against 17 teams from 9 schools. Our A team was again winners, with Michael Kurta taking out the best gross. This enabled us to represent Taranaki at the district finals on the 5th of June.



Golf

Back Row: Mr M Dobson, T. Goudie, Mr D Mossop
Front Row: R. Macrae, J. Kearns, M. Kurta, H. Stokell



At that time we played the winners of the Wellington region, Wairarapa College and the winners of the Manawatu/Wanganui region, Taihape College on our home course. It was not our day and the pressure told on our players and we finished third behind Wairarapa and the winners, Taihape College.

In college matches we fared a little better. We played Hamilton BHS at the Ngarawhiha Golf Course under match play conditions and drew the matches 2-2. We played against Wellington College at the Miramar Course on a day when strong southerly winds rendered playing golf almost impossible. When hypothermia started to set in with some of the players, the match was abandoned. We played an inaugural match against Auckland Grammar this year at New Plymouth. This was played on the same format as the national competition and New Plymouth won this match by 226 to 247.

In the school championships, Michael Kurta won by one shot from Joshua Kearns. Michael Kurta and Regan McCrae shared the best net.

D. Mossop



CYCLING

The 1997 cycling team had an interesting year. What was looking to be a big year for cycling at NPBHS turned out to be a fairly uneventful year. With four senior riders returning and our younger riders showing a lot of potential we were forecasting a year of strong performances, yet this was not to be.

As the year progressed we lost a number of our key riders, firstly Andrew Gilkison left the team to go to America, then Simon Pierce broke his foot taking him out of contention for the Taranaki Secondary Schools' race.

Our first major fixture was against Hamilton Boys' where we had the home advantage. Hamilton fronted with a very strong team that had performed well in their local competition. On race day our side, lead by Toby Jordan was not up to full strength with two of the five suffering from the flu. We were out-gunned by Hamilton losing by just over two minutes.

Our next event was the Taranaki Secondary Schools' where we posted a three man team and Travis Young rode in the junior boys individual time trial. It was a good day for NPBHS cycling, with a win in both divisions entered. With Palmerston North not fielding a team, there was only the nationals left but without Gilkison and Pierce we didn't have enough riders to field a full team so the decision was made to stay home and focus on coming club events. Over all the season was not as we had hoped for, but there is always next year.

Larry Blair



Cycling

Mr Peters, L. Blair, D. Peters, S. Pierce, T. Jordan, T. Young



SAILING

With last year behind us, all of the protests and appeals distant memories, we started the new one with a young team that was very keen to prove itself and compete to the best of their ability. On Waitangi Day we had the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sailing contest with BHS having 11 sailors. The results from the individual racing series were encouraging with Jason Quickenden coming 2nd and 4th and Jade Bellringer 8th twice. The remaining sailors all had their moments.

The second event we competed in, and the hardest event, was the team's racing. This is a 3 on 3 race which involves working closely as a team around a short and tight course. The teams were made up of the following: Jason Quickenden, Jade Bellringer and Ashton Peters as the skippers and Cameron Field, Hayden Goodrick and Cory Bellringer as the crew. The team was coached by Mr Slyfield. Sailing was unfortunately made difficult by the light winds - they were so light that at one stage the afternoon racing was going to be postponed. Again we were unable to win but each team put in great efforts and did the school proud.

With such a young team in 1997 there is a real opportunity to achieve some good results in 1998. Best of luck with your sailing next year.

Jason Quickenden

SQUASH SEASON 1997

Our season for squash started on the 18th of May. We played in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition. Our players David Traylor and Darryl Kemp came 1st and 3rd in the ungraded competition, well done. Prospects for our team looked promising with the following team members in our line up for our college matches and the nationals in Auckland.

- 1 Mark Fisher C1
- 2 Shaun Sansom C1
- 3 Shaun Valentine C2
- 4 Jarrad Tilyard E1
- 5 Haydon Mattson E2
- 6 Nicholas Roughan F1
- 7 Mark Bird F1
- 8 Ben Campbell F1
- 9 Tremayne Willing F1

Early on Mark Fisher left school and so all the members moved up the ladder. On June 24 we played Hamilton Shaun Valentine was left out of the squad due to flu. We met a strong Hamilton squad who were too strong. They beat our team 6-0. On July 29 we played P.N.B.H.S. This time we lost Shaun Sansom to injury and our team went down 6-0. On August 3 we played Wellington with our B team as our A team went to the Nationals. I would like to thank the whole team for their great spirit in developing the new squad. Our Thursday afternoon training is enthusiastically supported by 30 budding squash players. Once again many thanks to Peter Roughan for his support.



Squash

Back Row: Mr J Sims, M. Bird, H. Mattson
Front Row: B. Campbell, N. Roughan, J. Tilyard, S. Sanson





CROSS COUNTRY 97

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FDC, Wednesday 28 May.

Some 26 runners from Boys' High took part in the Championships. Although a school is required to have six finishers in a given race in order to gain a team placing, we had the luxury of having 10 starters in each of the junior and intermediate grades. Unfortunately, in the senior division, despite strenuous endeavours to field a strong team numerically, only six runners faced the starter from Boys' High. Our junior team members ran well as individuals and their combined efforts gave them second placing behind FDC. Jesse Marshall, the School's junior champion, again ran well to finish 5th overall with Daniel Morrison just one place further back. Ian Hickman was 10th and Marcel Visser 12th. The other members of the team and their placings were :

- Adam Axten 19th.
- Logan Hutchins 20th.
- Travis Young 29th.
- Brendon Colson 31st.
- Matthew Nicholls 33rd.
- Cole Baldwin 46th.

Ben Alchin again showed his speed and strength to finish an excellent 3rd in the intermediate grade and really determined performances by the rest of the team meant that they were only narrowly beaten by FDC for the teams' championship. Chris Ander ran an outstanding 5th with Matt Cleaver in 6th place. Our other team members finished as follows :

- Brad Andrews 16th.
- John Cade 17th.
- Jouhans Marriner 18th.
- Tim Cleaver 19th.
- Jason Snowdon 22nd.
- Foster Walker 36th.
- Hamish Kirk 43rd.

With only six team members in the senior grade, each runner knew that he had to finish well up if Boys' High was to gain a high placing. Jed Eden was our first runner home in 5th place with Simon Pierce just behind him in 6th. Shane Rawlinson finished a disappointing 10th (for him) after severe stomach cramps - but finish he needed to and finish he did ! (an outstanding effort in the circumstances). Paul Hudson came home strongly in 13th place, with Daryl Bastin in 18th and Andrew Gilkison finishing 25th. The boys' combined placing gave them a very creditable 2nd place in the senior grade. Our three teams can take a lot of satisfaction from their rankings - second in each grade; FDC can take more from their first placings in each grade. It would be nice to think that Boys' High could mount a challenge to their titles next year.....

S.Fordyce

TARANAKI SCHOOLS' ROAD RELAY

The school entered five 4 man teams into the relays held in and around Brooklands Park on Sunday 25 May. Two teams were made up of 3rd and 4th formers and three teams of more senior boys. Most of those competing for NPBHS had finished well up in our own cross country and the relays were seen as preparation for the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Cross Country to be held a week later.

In the 3rd and 4th grade the team of Jesse Marshall, Daniel Morrison, Ian Hickman and Mathew Nicholls finished second behind FDC. In the more senior division Ben Alchin, Brad Andrews, Simon Pierce and Andrew Gilkison finished second to a very classy FDC foursome.

Our second junior team finished third in their division and Boys' High's B and C teams finished fifth and ninth respectively.



The cross country changed venues yet again due to the re-opening of the Te Henui walkway. The track tried to encompass as much 'off road' as possible making it a true cross country. As most would agree the course was extremely demanding yet attainable by all students.

An excellent attendance coupled with high achievement made it an enjoyable and successful sporting occasion unique to Boy's High. Hopefully the same track can be used again in the future giving some consistency and familiarity for the students in years to come.

RESULTS

FIRST PLACE		INTERMEDIATE		SENIOR	
JUNIOR					
Jesse Marshal		Ben Alchin		Shane Rawlinson	
(19:49)		(21.46)		(27.30)	
SECOND PLACE					
Daniel Morrison		Matt Cleaver		Paul Gibbs	
THIRD PLACE					
Ian Hickman		Brad Andrews		Jed Eden	
HOUSE POINTS					
JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR	TOTAL		
FIRST SYME	1656	1885	1496	5037	
SECOND BARAK	832	1343	936	3111	
FOURTH HATHERLY	2046	2355	2740	6841	
THIRD DONELLY	2229	1500	1905	5634	



THE WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE RELAY

Wanganui, 28 July.

Some 164 teams from all over the North Island took part in the 19th running of the popular Round the Lake Relay in Wanganui. The Boys' High senior team of Simon Pierce, Hamish Kirk, Andrew Gilkison and Daryl Bastin finished in 15th place with Simon rounding the lake in the smart time of 7mins 16secs.

Our strong Under 16 team, made up of Brad Andrews, Ben Alchin, Adam Axten and John Cade ran a very creditable four laps of the lake in 31mins 14secs - only 9 secs slower than our senior team - to finish in 8th place overall.

In the Third Form race, Boys' High was represented by Jesse Marshall, Ian Hickman, Brendon Colson and Marcel Visser. Marcel ran the first leg very strongly in the outstanding time of 7mins 40secs to place the school third. Ian took over and completed his circuit in 8mins 7secs to give us a narrow lead at the halfway stage from Napier Boys' High, St. Kentigern's and Wellington College. Brendon ran solidly over the third leg and all four schools were still in contention.

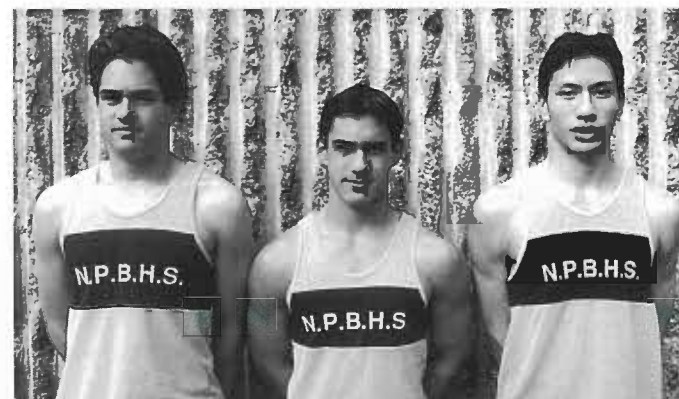
Jesse had the responsibility for running the final leg and he beat out the Wellington College runner in the final desperate sprint to claim an outstanding third behind Auckland road champions St. Kentigern's and the top performers at the recent NZ Cross Country Champs - Napier Boys' High.

This was excellent performance by our 3rd form team and was our first victory over FDC in any relay event this year.

S.Fordyce



ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY 1997



Athletic Champions 1997

JUNIOR

1. Cooper Amai
2. Chris Cassidy
3. Daniel Morrison

INTERMEDIATE

1. Jouhans Marriner
2. Hamish Kirk
3. Lane Gibson

SENIOR

1. David Gibson
2. Brendan McGlashan
3. Grant Commerford

Webster field was the venue for the 1997 Athletics Sports Day. This will be the last time that they will be held at this venue, because of the new All Weather Astro Turf that is now situated at this site.

The weather was fine and clear and Hatherly made the most of the weather and won the House competition, with Donnelly second and the other two houses a distant 3rd and 4th.

Standout performances included: Cooper Amai performing well in the Junior Field Events. Jouhans Marriner won all the Jumping Events, Hamish Kirk took out the Sprint Triple including the 100m, 200m, and 400m. David was the highest points scorer of the three age groups, scoring 5 out of 6 events.



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Boys' High School contingent consisted of some 20 athletes. With heavy rain early in the morning, conditions were far from ideal for the first couple of hours. The long jump runways were slippery and there were numerous falls in the steeplechase events including a couple of spectacular ones at the waterjump.

However, the sun soon broke through and conditions proved ideal for the rest of the day.

Second placings gained by our boys were as follows :

Jesse Marshall in the junior 3000m.

Brad Andrews in the intermediate steeplechase.

Lewis Stonnell in the intermediate discus.

Travis O'Brien in the senior long jump.

Larry Blair and Brendon McGlashan in the senior high jump.

The following boys gained first places and therefore were Taranaki Champions in their respective events :

Jason Epiraima in the intermediate shot put.

Jouhans Marriner in the intermediate high and long jump.

Hamish Kirk in the intermediate 100m.

Grant Commerford in the senior 400m.

As a result of their performances and at the earlier Hertz meetings,

the following boys were selected to represent Taranaki at the North Island Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships in Wellington:

Jarrad Bone - intermediate 100m.

Hamish Kirk - intermediate 100m / 200m.

Jouhans Marriner - intermediate long, high and triple jumps.

Grant Commerford - senior 100m / 200m / 400m.

S.Fordyce





SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

The Senior volleyball season got under way early in the first term with the A and B teams preparing for the Regional Tournament held early in April. The first and second place getters from our region qualified to compete in the Second Division NZ Secondary Schools Volleyball Championship to be held in Auckland during the last week of term 1.

The Regional Tournament was held over two different weekends with Boys' High entering both a senior A and B team. Both teams played the 4 other teams (Inglewood, Spotswood, Waitara, Opunake) in the tournament twice with the A team finishing second and the B team finishing fourth. This was a particularly good showing from the B team who improved markedly during the tournament. The A team only lost to Spotswood but put up an excellent showing both times. This gave us hope for Nationals as Spotswood had beaten the national champions early in the year. So it was off to Nationals. The team consisted of 8 players, Mr Nick Thompson (coach) and myself. The tournament started on Tuesday and we were required to play 4 pool games against Avondale College, Auckland (lost 3-1), St John's College, Hamilton (won 3-0), Westlake Boys', Auckland (lost 3-1) and Trident College, Gisborne (won 3-1). This meant that we were in play offs for 5th and 6th against Champion College, Tauranga which we won easily 3-0 leaving us 5th in Division 2 in New Zealand. An extremely pleasing result.

Chris Pollock (Manager).

SMOKEFREE TOUCH RUGBY

The Senior touch side again competed in the New Plymouth Men's A grade competition; finishing a creditable 3rd considering the overall age of the team. The side were also beaten finalists in the Secondary Schools competition but represented Taranaki at Regionals because Waitara HS were unavailable. The team again performed well but lacked the experience of missing players to advance any further. This team has the potential to improve this coming season and with the continued coaching from Dave Robinson it no doubt will be achieved. The team would like to acknowledge the support given from Smokefree.

Smokefree again sponsored the annual Group Touch Rugby tournament. This year it was again keenly contested and the final result was somewhat unexpected - well done B6. This is an important event for two reasons :

1. It involves a high number of students from all levels and helps establish a group bond.
2. It promotes the Smokefree message to a large proportion of the school.

The sponsorship provided by Smokefree is superb. I hope that our association is an on-going one and thank Smokefree for what they have done.

Geoff Hall.

TIC Touch Rugby.

10 PIN BOWLING

On Sunday 17 August two NPBHS teams competed in the secondary schools 10 pin bowling championships.

The teams were :

- Team A: Mark Wood
David Hill
Bret Johns
Luke Baker
- Team B: Aaron Stevens
Cooper Amai
Jason Cash
Stuart Thomas

Each team had 3 games each with all scores counting.

After the first games NPBHS A were ahead by 19 pins. This was unexpected as the FDC team had the North Island champion in their team. The second games saw FDC take the lead back comprehensively after some impressive scoring of their own and some ordinary scoring from our team. To make up the 40 pin difference was now going to be very difficult. In the final round of games the team played extremely well. This combined with a FDC collapse saw us eventually take the championship by 66 pins.

Mark Wood bowled superbly scoring 4 strikes in a row on the way to winning the individual game high of 198.

The B team had their moments also and eventually finished 4th, a creditable achievement.



SKIING

The 1997 ski season got off to a bad start with the closure, by DOC, of the Manganui Skifield after one day's operation. This meant the school skiing championships for the end of Term 2 did not take place. This contest is used to determine

the school's skiing and snowboarding champions and doubles as a trial to select teams for the Taranaki and North Island Intersecondary Schools Championships. Consequently the team had to be largely chosen on last years results.

Fortunately the local skifield was re opened by the time the 3rd term commenced and on August 6 the school team of : Jason Vigeant, Andrew Gilkison, Karl Lapwood, Kyle Adams, Mirai Tomono, Phil Dwyer, Edward Talbot, Shaun Gargan and Neville Lapwood travelled to the Manganui Skifield to contest the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Skiing and Snowboarding Championships. Eleven schools with over 80 contestants competed in excellent conditions for the Marie Williams team trophy. Strong performances in all the divisions resulted in the



Skiing

Back Row: Mr Turner, J. Vigeant, T. Hazledine, E. Talbot
Front Row: K. Adams, S. Gargan, P. Dwyer, N. Lapwood

school retaining the overall trophy. Jason Vigeant won the senior boys and Phil Dwyer won the snowboarding.

A snowboarding team of Phil Dwyer, Edward Talbot, Shaun Gargan and Neville Lapwood competed in the inaugural North Island Intersecondary School Snowboarding Championships in late August at Whakapapa Skifield on Mt Ruapehu. This event was contested in 4 divisions. A dual slalom where 2 snowboarders race side by side on identical courses; a boarder cross where 4 snowboarders start together and race down; a single course and finally a half pipe event where snowgroomers are used to construct a 200 metre structure in the shape of a half pipe - snowboarders then use the walls on the structure to complete a series of tricks that are marked by a panel of 3 judges. The judges consider the type of manoeuvre, its degree of difficulty and how the manoeuvres are put together in deciding the results. Results of the dual slalom saw Shaun and Phil progress to the 5th round before being eliminated while Edward was eliminated at the semi final stage. The boarder cross saw Phil and Edward progress to round 3 while Shaun was eliminated in round 5. Phil won the half pipe event with Neville 2nd and all team members making the finals - a superb effort in this particular event. The team finished 4th overall out of 30 schools.

September 14 saw the school ski team competing in the North Island Intersecondary Schools Skiing Champs along with 96 other schools and a field of over 700 contestants. The team of : Jason Vigeant, Tom Hazledine, Kyle Adams, Karl Lapwood, Ryan Bolton and Gene Mackinder found the competition tough but all skiers managed to finish the difficult courses. The event was held over 2 rounds. The first event was a timed slalom course with Kyle being the most successful placing 25th in the junior boys. The second round was a dual slalom where boys raced against the skier who was closest to him after round one. The team scored 3 wins and 2 losses in this event to finish 33rd out of 97 schools overall.

The school can be proud of the achievements in the fields of snowboarding and skiing this year. While the snowboarders were strong in 97, as happened to the ski team in 96, many senior members will not be available next year and the school may well need to go through a period of re-building. The attitude and commitment of the younger team members is to be commended and while not receiving the opportunities of some North Island schools they will remain competitive.

R. Turner
Manager





SWIMMING

Swimming Sports

Once the swimming sports were held during another fine summer's day at the McIntyre Pool. The day was well supported by all the four houses with good stiff competition between all. This year there were a number of fun events introduced and they all went down extremely well with the people who were not contesting the championship events.

In the swimming championships there were some close battles with the following being triumphant at the end of the day.

Junior	1st	R. Veitch
	2nd	C. Honeyfield
	3rd	A. Hollins
Intermediate	1st	J. Wright
	2nd	J. Cade
	3rd	A. Humphreys
Senior	1st	A. Moore
	2nd	H. Corkin
	3rd	M. Gleeson

In the house competition which was extremely close it went:

1st	Hatherly	(940)
2nd	Barak	(931)
3rd	Donelly	(909)
4th	Syme	(767)

And finally in the two most important events of the day the staff vs students and old boys vs students the more mature competitors won in both races.



Swimming Champions

Jeremy Wright (Intermediate), Andrew Moore (Senior), Robert Veitch (Junior)

Taranaki Intersecondary Schools Champs
These championships were held in Stratford in late February and BHS was represented in all senior, intermediate and junior events - individual and relay.

Of the 18 available titles our swimmers were successful in collecting 3 individual and 4 relay titles; as well as 8 second places and 4 third places. Each event was keenly contested and our swimmers performed creditably in all events. Three swimmers, Robert Veitch, John Cade and Matthew Gleeson, were unavailable for this meet due to Nationals. A number of provincial records were broken at the meet.

Results :

Junior Boys			
J. Wallace	2nd	50m Breaststroke	
J. Noyes	3rd	50m Breaststroke	
A. Hollins	3rd	50m Backstroke	
	2nd	4*1 medley relay	

Intermediate Boys			
J. Wright	1st	50m Backstroke	
	2nd	50m Butterfly	
	2nd	100m Freestyle	
A. Gayton	2nd	50m Breaststroke	
A. Humphrey	3rd	50m Breaststroke	
	1st	4*1 medley relay	
	1st	4*1 freestyle relay	

Senior Boys			
A. Moore	1st	50m Butterfly	
	2nd	50m Breaststroke	
	3rd	100m Freestyle	
H. Corkin	2nd	100m Freestyle	
	2nd	50m Backstroke	
J. Booth	1st	50m Breaststroke	
	1st	4*1 medley relay	
	1st	4*1 freestyle relay	

K. Gledhill
Manager



North Island Secondary Schools Championships

Five students from NPBHS attended these champs held in Palmerston North in late March. The standard of competition is high and our five swimmers performed creditably. Each swimmer is permitted to swim in a maximum of 3 events and in order to partake must have met strict qualifying times.

Results :

Open Events			
R. Veitch	17th	400m freestyle	
	16th	200m butterfly	
M. Gleeson	17th	200m medley	
15yrs and over			
J. Cade	13th	100m backstroke	
	10th	200m backstroke	
	17th	100m freestyle	
M. Gleeson	13th	100m breaststroke	
	17th	200m breaststroke	
14yrs and under			
A. Hollins	18th	200m backstroke	
	22nd	100m backstroke	
A. Gleeson	14th	200m breaststroke	
	21st	100m breaststroke	
R. Veitch	20th	200m freestyle	

New Zealand Division 1 Swimming Championships

Two swimmers from NPBHS attended this prestigious carnival where only the top qualifying swimmers are eligible to compete. Jeremy Wright and Aaron Gayton are top swimmers and their performances indicates their national rankings.

Jeremy Wright 15yrs	20th	100m freestyle
	19th	200m freestyle
	16th	400m freestyle
	25th	200m medley
Aaron Gayton 16yrs	14th	50m breaststroke
	15th	100m breaststroke
	17th	200m breaststroke

K. Gledhill



TRIATHLON

The Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon Champs were held this year on March 1 at Ngamotu Beach and BHS were represented by 5 senior individual competitors, 1 junior individual competitor and 5 three-man team competitors.

The event comprised a 250 metre swim, 10 km cycle and 3 km run for all competitors in both senior and junior divisions.

Results :

Individual Senior Boys :

5th	Jed Eden
6th	Simon Pierce
9th	Chris Ander
11th	Andrew Gilkison
14th	James Brown

Individual Junior Boys:

4th	Bobby Wells
Teams: 1st	NPBHS 1 (M.Fisher, S.Gleeson, T.Jordan)
2nd	NPBHS 2 (J.Amies, L.Blair, B.McGlashan)
3rd	BHS Lampreys (J.Booth, H.Corkin, J.Scott)
7th	NPBHS 3 (M.Papps, J.McGlashan, C.Hurlihy)
10th	NPBHS 4 (B.Raven, T.Young)

K.Gledhill
Manager



SURF LIFESAVING

There are many boys at NPBHS who regularly partake in surf lifesaving competition during the summer in both local and regional carnivals, which culminate in the NZSLS championships. This year, the National Championships were held at Mt Manganui during March, and up to 20 boys from BHS competed in the various individual and team events.

Top performances were achieved from the following :

Carl Barnes	1st	U19	Canoe rescue
	1st	U19	Ski relay
	1st	U16	Taplin relay
	2nd	U16	Ski race
	3rd	U19	Canoe race
Hayden Corkin	1st	U16	Iron man
	2nd	U16	4 man R&R
David Gibson	3rd	U19	Beach flags
Andrew Moore	3rd	U19	Surf teams race
Bruce Chadwick	3rd	U19	Canoe rescue
Jeremy Wright	2nd	U16	Taplin relay
Chris Ander	2nd	U16	Taplin relay
Chris Larkin	1st	Open	IRB Teams rescue
	1st	U21	IRB Tube rescue
	3rd	U21	IRB Mass rescue
	3rd	U21	IRB Single rescue

The Fitzroy SLS club came second overall, Old Boys 4th and East End 7th which highlights the depth of surf lifesaving in the province and at BHS.

K.Gledhill



TENNIS REPORT 1997



Tennis

Back Row: Mr J Sims, G. Ballantyne, S. Venkataraman
Front Row: E. Campbell, B. Pollard, N. Creery, T. Cleaver

These reports at the end of the year always bring a certain amount of sadness because you know you are about to lose some very loyal students. To Nick Creery our Captain, Ben Pollard, Sriram Venkataraman, Matt Dempsey and Mark Henderson many thanks for your support and I wish you great bunch of guys all the best in your studies next year. I have certainly enjoyed the tennis this year it seems to just keep on getting better. I always enjoy seeing Mr Tamatea's consternation when our seniors beat their team again (P.N.B.H.S.) But I know with Matt Pernel in their team this year they will be very tough to beat.

Our season began with the B.P. tennis play off. We beat Inglewood H.S. 4-0. We then played a stronger F.D.M.C. team 4-0 as well. We were the regional Champs. We now moved on to play Wanganui Collegiate in our annual fixture as well as a B.P. Nationals play off. In our 18 matches we only lost 3 matches. This meant that we travelled to play P.N.B.H.S. for the Central Districts Trophy. This fixture was tense the deciding match came down to a play off



between Gareth Ballentine and Matt Pernel. Here Gareth nearly caused an upset he lost by only one set, a tremendous effort by the whole team. We lost this fixture 4-2.

On the 18 of March we played Hamilton B.H.S. Our seniors won all their matches in a clean sweep 9-0 this is the first time that this has occurred. Our senior players are:

- 1 G Ballantine
- 2 N Creery
- 3 S Venkataraman
- 4 B Pollard
- 5 E Campbell
- 6 T Cleaver
- 7 M Dempsey
- 8 M Henderson
- 9 J O'Donnell

I would also like to point out that G Ballantine & E Campbell are both in the Central Districts team (Under 16 grade).

Our junior team consisting of:

- 1 A Ramsay
- 2 R Waite
- 3 B Atkinson
- 4 J Gopperth
- 5 J Marshall
- 6 B Campbell

Also played Hamilton and narrowly lost 4-5 but I'm sure with Mr Geange's excellent coaching will see the team come through. The tennis tradition lives on in the school and when the courts improve our team will come home again!

As I have said all that now remains is for us is to play Palmerston and for the juniors to play in the T.S.S. Champs. Have a good Christmas everyone and also a good season. Jason.



KAYAKING

NZ Secondary Schools Kayaking Championships

Two students from BHS - Carl Barnes and Troy Burbidge attended these championships held in Wanaka during late March. Competitors race over a 5km down river course and our two performed creditably against the best in the country. They were both selected for the NZ Junior Development squad to prepare for the Junior World championships in Austria next year. Carl was also selected in a NZ Secondary Schools side that competed against Australia at the conclusion of our national champs. Troy was a reserve.

Results :

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|---------------|-----|----------------|
| Carl Barnes | 2nd | U16 boys |
| Troy Burbidge | 2nd | 16 & over boys |
| K.Gledhill | | |



BADMINTON



Badminton

Back Row: J. Allen, C. Leathley
Front Row: H. Chalmers, L. Lepper, F. Molinari, R. Jean-Richard

1997 proved to be a highly successful year for the Top 6 Badminton team. The year started off on June 25 with the team of Lachlan Lepper, Fabio Molinari, Jonathon Allen, Reudi Jean-Richard, Craig Leathley and Brian Flay travelling up to Hamilton for the annual fixture against Hamilton BHS. This proved to be the start of a good run for the team and showed we could match it with other schools. The final result being a 10-5 victory.

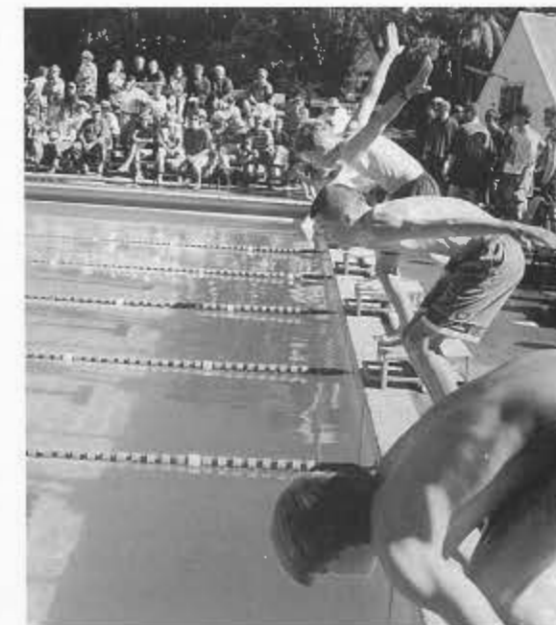
The next major event was the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition at NPGHS on July 25. Two seniors, Lachlan Lepper and Fabio Molinari and two juniors, Marc Sonnthornswad and Brad Cunningham were chosen to represent Boys' High. It was a tough, but enjoyable day, and some close matches occurred. In the finals of the senior boys singles Lachlan beat Fabio and those two combined to beat Spotswood in the doubles final. Brad and Marc played well in the junior section but failed to qualify for the finals. From this performance we represented Taranaki in the Zone 5 finals held in Wanganui on August 13.

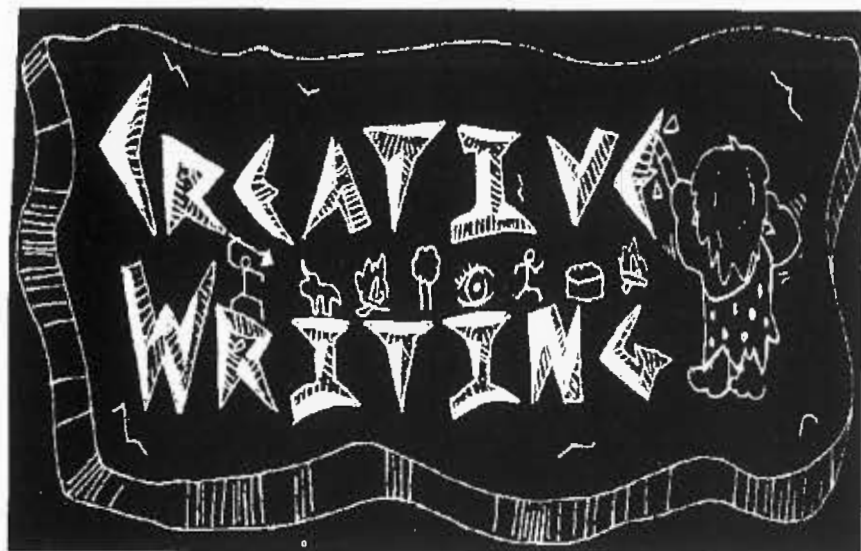
Before the zone finals the team had the task of taking on Wellington College on August 4 down in Wellington. The team won this tie easily 8-1 with everyone playing extremely well.

Next was the zone finals, the toughest task of the season to date. The winner of this zone final would represent Zone 5 at Nationals. Four players were required for this competition and the team comprised of Lachlan Lepper, Fabio Molinari, Jonathon Allen and Reudi Jean-Richard with Craig Leathley as reserve. First up was a tough Wanganui Collegiate side. We went down in this tie 6-0. Next was the Karl Signal coached Palmerston North BHS team. This was a very close tie drawn 3-3. The final tie was against Fielding Agricultural College; the winner taking 3rd place. We won this tie easily 5-1 so finishing a very pleasing 3rd. The team performed very well.

In school competitions Barak, claiming ownership of the Top 6, won the House competition. The individual cup for NPBHS Badminton Champion 1997 went to Fabio Molinari who sadly returns with Reudi to Switzerland at the end of the year. Fabio's great performance at the Zone finals where he scored 61 out of a possible 63 points and his splendid sportsmanship on and off the court were notable highlights of the season.

This season is one of the best on record. Special thanks must go to Mrs Wendy Leathley who coached and supported the team, Mrs Bublitz who managed the team, Mrs Crowe who supported the team and Gary Dimond who also provided support. With the nucleus of the team returning next year we can look forward to a successful and enjoyable 1998. Lachlan Lepper.





FORM 5

I clenched the fence so strongly that my knuckles turned white. All of a sudden I had become afraid of heights. It probably had something to do with the fact that I was about to jump off a bridge 50 metres high, with only an elastic band holding me between life and death. A wave of nausea swept over me. What was I doing up here? I asked myself. Then I remembered - it was a non-refundable birthday present from my older brother. Damn! If I only hadn't told him I was brave enough. "Are you ready Bradley?" the guide asked impatiently. "In a second" I stuttered nervously and the guide sighed, again. As I looked down at the sparkling and serene green river, I imagined how serene it would look moving at 150km/hr towards me. "It helps to go as soon as possible" the guide stated matter-of-factly. He was right though, the longer I looked down the more my apprehensiveness grew. I had to jump.

"I'm ready" I stated confidently as I looked past the guide, motioning a rude gesture with my fingers at my brother. He laughed. Bastard.

"OK. I will count to 3 and you jump when I say BUNGY! Oh yeah it would be easier if you let go of the fence" he remarked sarcastically. I didn't notice the pins and needles in my hand when I did let go because the butterflies in my stomach were causing too much commotion.

"3, 2, ... Bungee". The guide screamed enthusiastically. I bounced, as I bounced, my life flashed before my eyes, I wanted to kill my brother, my eyes popped out of my head and the river merged into an upside-down waterfall rushing straight towards me. It was about now when I screamed something really loud "AGGGGGH!" as the elastic recoiled, my stomach recoiled too as I flew back up. And down. And up. And down. And up. And down. And stop.

I opened my eyes again. Due to my lack of movement, I came to the conclusion that this would be the best upside-down view of the world in my entire lifetime. And it was.

Bradley McGlashan

Family gatherings at our place are happening very frequently now. They used to happen all the time when we were young.

All the kids could be outside playing cricket, and the grown ups, inside gossiping and drinking wine. We children had so much fun running round, shouting and yelling joyfully as young kids do, the parents constantly telling us to settle down, but secretly they loved all the life all the children gave Grans old house.

Even the unfortunate incident, make poor gatherings stronger, making it more memorable. We look back on them and laugh now at the tennis ball that was hit through the kitchen window, when at the time all the children were petrified at a telling off from the parents, but we quickly forgot our fear and went back to enjoying life as a youngster, while the adults told jokes and drank wine laughing constantly all contributing to the atmosphere.

Gatherings are less frequent and enjoyable as they used to be. The old swing set swings sadly, groaning in the wind, absent of all the children that once used it. We're all young adults now and the older members of the family are laughing and joking less, no? and drinking more for the noise of the children they once scolded has left an empty spot in their hearts.

Clint Smith

The day started out well, but then I woke up! It was a Monday, yes, a Monday. The start of the week. Five whole days till the weekend. Five whole days of "boring, laborious trash that wasn't even relevant for our future". I knew in the back of my mind that this wasn't true, but all I wanted to do was go back to sleep and wake up on Saturday.

But I knew I shouldn't. So, in a great mental effort to drag myself out of the warm, flannelette sheets and into the cool, frozen morning, I crawled out of bed. Literally. I forced myself to get into the shower.

I don't know what it is about showers. Is it the steaming hot water, the force against your face, the startling jump when your motor turns on the washing machine, or something else that makes you feel refreshed, energised, ready to face the day? Ready to face the day, I said, not school. But then again, I know, from personal experience (I have an after-school job cleaning floors) that a bad day at school, or even in its entirety, is better than a dead-end job earning minimum wages. So I suppose I better learn something.

I eat my breakfast and trudge off to school. It's a chore that everybody has to endure but I guess it does have its benefits. I hate that!

Shane Pope



SISTER DUMP

The purr of 120cc three wheel farm bike with me on it, the wind whistling through my hair as I rocket down the drive. It was my parent's friend's farm. I was a five year old boy with a need for speed. The bike was about twice my size and just to get on it was like climbing Mt Everest. I was rearing to go but there was one problem my feet were nowhere near the clutch plus my hand could not fit around the accelerator. Most of all I didn't have the foggiest idea of how to ride this monster of steel.

So our friend Onn made a deal with me. It was like war getting my orders from my sergeant. "I'll work the gears and accelerator and you steer". So he leapt on behind me and my sister sat on the back. The motor started with a rattle. Suddenly there was a big bang. The motor made a loud stutter which went through my body like an earthquake. It leapt into action! A jerk just about made me topple over. I was gripping the handle bars so tightly my hands were white.

We yelled our goodbyes and roared off down the drive. The rush of wind hit my face and my ears were pinned back. There was no turning back now. We made our way erratically down the drive. Suddenly we started to slow. Onn said, "Prepare to turn left" I hesitated because I did not know which way was left. Onn yelled, "That way!!" and I tugged as hard as I could. Slowly we made our way around on to the flat.

There was a jump as we were out of the blocks again. "This time be ready to dodge the trees". The trees were tall and skinny as they had just been planted. Coming up to the tree, I thought - the tree is getting closer and closer and closer ... Oh! Oh! I'm going to hit the tree? I closed my eyes and all I heard was my sister scream. There was a jolt and a sharp turn right. I froze! We had stopped. I reluctantly opened my eyes. I saw we had not hit the tree and we had no sister on the back. She had fallen off. I burst out laughing as my sister stood up covered in mud. I thought "mission accomplished!"

By Brian Atkinson - 3H2

TIGER

Tiger - pet, companion, friend. Tiger was brought home by Dad when he was a kitten, a couple of years after Sambo, my other Cat, was run over by a car. I knew from that point on Tiger and I would be the best of friends.

Time flew by as it usually does and soon enough I was living on a 7 acre block just outside the Cambridge greenbelt and it was the start of the haymaking season.

Our neighbours had let the grass grow long, long enough to reach my waist, and had decided it was time to cut it. The paddock, with it's wondrous amount of grass, made a perfect place for stalking prey. Unfortunately it was this particular morning that Tiger decided to go hunting.

He heard and saw the mouse in exactly the same instant - it's whiskers twitching, testing the air, it's feet making soft scritchng noises. He crouched, waiting for exactly the right moment to pounce!

Meanwhile a haymower loomed closer and closer, little did Tiger know that would be the last mouse he ever hunted.

The mower cut his back legs with a cool clean efficiency leaving them dangling by a piece of skin. There was no blood, the legs were cut clean at the knee joint. Somehow the poor decapitated puss managed to drag himself over to the house, a matter of 400 metres.

I was in my bedroom when I heard a mewling near the front door. I went to investigate oblivious to what had happened. I opened the door and saw his head go up and come down so I naturally thought he was just having trouble making it onto the deck.

I bent down to help him and that's when I saw what had happened. Being 6 years of age at the time I screamed blue murder. Mum and Dad took him to the Vet. There was nothing they could do so he was put out of his misery.

We buried him in the garden and dedicated a tree to him. Tiger maybe dead but he will always live in my memory.

Daniel Bason

DON'T BOTHER ME PLEASE

I am not dead
I am lying down
I am not asleep
I am resting
I am not blank
I am thinking
Don't
Talk to me
Disrupt me
I am not in the mood for anything
Please
Go away
Don't bother me
I am resting.
Henry Talbot (F3)

DOG RACE

Steam was desperately rising from the melting tarmac in the blazing afternoon sun. Creating a hazy clouds that dazzled the light, playing tricks on the eyes. It was a hot steamy day, of 43 degrees in the more rural suburbs on the outskirts of Perth.

I was sitting in the car dreaming of the nice cool pool I would soon be in. We were on the way to my brother's best friend's, Scott, place. My brother was here after staying the night. Scott had a 10 acre property with the main backyard fenced off.

We pulled up their driveway and I energetically jumped out of the car. The heat hit me like a brick wall. I carefully climbed the large gate and started walking towards the house. I heard a splash and a yell from behind the brick wall where the pool was. "Hi guys. I'm ... *!@&* !!!!! " I screamed.

It was coming from just next to the house. It was huge. It was horrible. It was horrifying. It was the biggest dog I had ever seen. Its yellow huge teeth were razor sharp. It had a huge amount of slobber dripping from its mouth and its lips were wobbling from side to side as it ran full pelt straight at me. I froze. " *!@&* !!!!! " I yelled again. That's when I ran. I ran like the wind in a tropical cyclone. I swerved left and dodged a tree, hurdled a small bush and then dived over the fence onto the hard gravel on the other side. Then came the deepest, loudest barking I'd ever heard, making my stomach crawl in terror.

I heard a loud wolf whistle and the barking stopped. I looked over the fence, Scott had put the dog away. "Whoa, you OK man?" he asked when he saw me, " sorry about that. "

" That thing could have killed me ! " I yelled.

" Yeh, but it sure as hell brought out your running ability, " he said laughing. " That would have been nine nine for that 100 metres, Simon ? "

My brother had emerged from the pool area. Trust you to laugh about it, I thought annoyed. But I was soon enjoying myself in the nice cool pool, thinking of other things.

Robert Jenkin (F3)





THREE WORDS OR LESS

Gaston sat cross-legged on his throne, contemplatively running a finger through his stunted beard. The King found thinking to be a very relaxing pastime, as it allowed him to escape from his disjointed and lispy oral conversation and concentrate on the omnipresent dread and worry which filled his life. He despised election day; it was always the same - leading the same lamb to the same slaughter with the same look of ignorance on its face.

Gaston fancied that he was one of the nicer rulers. He allowed agriculture to flourish and keep poverty to a minimum. He did not hold that many public executions for treason, and had often put the well-being of the community ahead of his own. And as he contemplated these thoughts, he proudly strode out of his chair, his long satin robe swaying gently as he stood erect, one hand placed gently across his raised chest. 'B-but,' Gaston thought aloud through intermittent sighing as he slumped into his throne, his regal green garments enveloping him in his now sullen mood. 'The-th-the-thitithenth are rethleth.' Then he paused, ashamed of his inadequate tongue. The citizens were restless. They had had enough of Gaston Sérieux's constitutional monarchy, with its stability and conservative nature. Tomorrow another, more radical party would be elected to take his place, and his throne would be seized by a draconian and arrogant leader who believed that everyone deserved to be punished. 'What a way to set the economy rolling.' Gaston thought to himself, 'As well as a few heads.' It was times like these that Gaston hated the populace, hated the way that they could trick themselves so easily into killing thousands of their own. And this year, the bulk of the citizens had rejected the benign king, which meant that there would probably be another two or three million deaths before the people realised that they were unhappy. 'Oh well,' Gaston said again, somewhat clearer than before, 'Theerth alwaith necht year.'

He awoke the next morning to find that his silken sheets were being vigorously removed, and that he was staring down the barrel of what was, in his opinion, a rather large gun. Looking up at his aggressor, he noticed a familiar yellow balaclava pulled over her face, revealing only the woman's sharp eyes and pointed nose. Startled, he exclaimed, 'The Apathy Party.' No one could ever be bothered voting for the apathy party. 'Any last requests,' the lethargic soldier asked him in a surprisingly harsh voice, before adding, 'Dead man?'

Gaston knew all too well that the party in power could pass any law that they so desired, short of disestablishing the ancient political system. Once such law must have involved quickly disposing of the old leader, namely him.

'Erect a b-b-billboard in front of the parliament building.' Gaston requested dejectedly. He liked his laws. The ex-king continued, 'Let it thay how great a leader I wath.'

'In three words or less,' the guard taunted.

With a smile on his face, Gaston said haughtily, 'Life'th a bitth.'

Rowan McCaffery

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THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

Tiny, reflecting, gleaming
Like a mirror that stares back at you.
Exaggerated, blurred, cracked,
A transparent vase.
Petite, slim, chic
Showing the obscured truth.
Brittle, sour, bitter
Don't try to taste this.
Smooth, rounded, firm
Soothingly textured.
Alarming, surprising, revealing
What hides beneath.....
Danny Morrison (F4)

'Gracie!' This is what I hear on the phone after I have just arrived home on a Saturday or Sunday morning from a strenuous match of whatever it may be.

I've put up with his peculiar and mostly annoying behaviour for the last two of his 14 years and I just can't seem to get away from him. he is in my cricket team, at my school, around me at weekends and holidays, and sometimes I could swear I can hear his whining little pig voice while I am asleep.

His given name is Nicholas, but only his parents call him that. Everybody else usually refers to him as Nick, the hyperactive, roudy, out of control, food devouring maniac. In his spare time he is a wicketkeeper of high ability and a promising squash player, following in his father's footsteps. He has got wavy, dark blond, short cut hair and stands at around 1.66 metres. He is rather skinny for the amount of food he poaches and eats from my fridge and pantry. He has doe sparkling blue eyes and a squared face which is smothered in millions of freckles. Sometimes his friends call him Gonzo he's got striking similarities with a character of the Muppet show. This was extremely noticeable when he was wearing a helmet at the Indoor Speedway recently.

Nick is the type of person who snaps into hyper mode and goes Ape-berserk quite frequently for reasons unobvious to everybody, including himself. He then threatens to smash my Lego and rip my posters from the wall. The only way for me to control his unusual behaviour is the same method I use with my dog - FOOD! I just tell him that won't give him food for the remainder of the week and instantly he switches into normal mode.

Because he is very competitive and economically minded he likes to talk about how much things cost and how his things may be better than mine.

Despite or maybe because of all that he makes me laugh and that's what I like most about him. Nick and I are crazy about cricket and we also share the same interests like shooting each other with rubber bullets and then comparing and counting our bruises.

Sometimes I wonder what I would be like if he was more settled but then again I like him just the way he is - my best friend Nicholas.

Moriz Hartman (F3)



THE DAY WE LOST OUR WAY

It was the winter holidays and as normal I went out to my Uncle's farm.

The cows had dried off so we weren't working.

We packed the car and left at about 4.30 from Pihama at Opunake. We arrived at Mokau at about 7 o'clock, grabbed some fish and chips and took a quick toilet break, before we got back on the road. That's where I swapped places with my brother and sat in the back with all the gear. We travelled for a couple more hours. I thought we were never going to get there.

It was very late when we got there, by the way we were now at the Pureora Forest which is situated between Bennydale and Taupo.

The huts where we stayed were not really huts but shelters made of slatted wood on the sides with a concrete floor and a tin roof, with a park bench mounted into the ground and a rusty fireplace with lots of holes in it. The shelter had lots of nails along the front so that you could hang a tarpaulin over the front of it.

First we hung up the tarpaulin, then lit the fire and brought all the gear into the hut, had a hot drink and set up our beds. We went to bed - it was a long night because it was freezing cold. The next day we got up and cooked bacon and eggs on the fire and spaghetti on a little gas burner for breakfast.

We then got ready to go hunting. We jumped into the car and realised that we couldn't see out the front windscreen because it was covered in frost, so we grabbed a billy and carefully drove down to the creek to get some water to tip over the windscreen.

We then went hunting for deer but found nothing and came back for lunch, and went out again in the afternoon but found only a few small footprints.

On our way back to the hut we met some other hunters who were

friends of Simon's so they invited us to their caravan and horse float to visit. The horse float is where the 2 boys and the Father slept because it had fold up bunks in it and it was like living in Hawaii because it was super hot because it had a little pot belly stove in it to keep them warm. The boys names were Hayden and Popatoo. Their Grandad slept in the caravan.

Once again we had a long cold freezing night in our shelter. After breakfast we once again had to wash down the windscreen, then turned the car around into the sun and went over to visit the other hunters again. I asked the boys if they had had a hot night or a cold night. They said it was a warm night, but the only problem was that they couldn't go hunting yet because their motorbike's brakes had been left on and had frozen up. So we went back over to the car, hopped in and went off to find a place to hunt. The first place we went to had already been taken so we went somewhere else.

While we were hunting we found some deer traces and left the track which Simon our Uncle didn't realise until he found we were lost and freaked out.

We had our compass but he didn't know how to read it. We only had 2 or 3 Moro bars, and barely any clothes. After Simon panicked for a while, we realised that we were going around in circles because we had noticed the same tree trunk several times. Eventually we found the track again, and after a long discussion and looking at the map we managed to convince Simon which way it was back to the car. When we finally got back to our hut we decided that instead of staying another night and day, to go home and stay at another hut out the back of Stratford instead. Next time I go hunting with Simon I will have more warmer gear and a compass!!!

JAWS

Two years ago I celebrated New Years day in great style. I was playing a game of cricket with my cousins at my Grandma's and Grandad's house as we were having a family reunion when I had a bit of an accident.

Escaping the hot, stuffy house we played outside with the boiling sun beaming down on us. I was batting and I was about to be run out. I scampered towards my crease and ran into my cousin accidentally and then was tripped up. As I flew through the air and then thumped into solid earth my left leg scraped either the shoulder of the bat or the wickets, but it happened so fast I'm not sure which thing did it.

I sat up and felt pain in my left leg. Glancing towards my leg I saw two huge cliff faces with a sheer drop down to a purply, blue red coloured river seemingly kilometres below.

I screamed. My thoughts were 99% fear and that looked gross and 1% pain. A spurt of blood flew out of my leg like molten rock from a volcano and visions of ER raced through my mind. By then my screams and yells had aroused my parents attention. They bundled me into the boot of our car which has a fold down seat. A bloody rag was put over my leg and the gash had stopped bleeding but I still thought I was going to die from loss of blood or have an amputated leg at the knee. In 2 min I was at A&E with a doctor debating with nurses how to stitch up the gash while I was lying down wishing he'd just hurry up. 40min later I was told 7 little lousy stitches are going to make me all better but I have to lie in my bed for an eternity of 3 days. During the eternity I realise my scar will resemble a small sharks mouth wound. To bad it wasn't big enough for a story about me and jaws having a fight but some of my gullible friends believe a little shark nipped me.



PRIDE & PRESUMPTION

"HELP" It's all your fault Nicholas you got us lost."
My friend Nicholas and I staying on a farm east of Pukekohe in the first term of the holidays 1992 I was only nine years old, how was I supposed to know that two young boys both under eleven years old could not herd forty goats two kilometres over mountains as big as Mount Everest and down the Grand Canyon, through gates that took the two of us to open.

The farm we were staying on was owned by my parent's close friends Neil and Sheree Akein. Neil after passive persuasion had allowed us to take the goats he had just dipped back to the mammoth sized paddock they had just come from. He knew we couldn't do it but he let us make a fool of ourselves (I think to humble us a bit). We thought we were "the boys".

It was high noon when we set out with our army of white soldiers, all high and mighty with our yardsticks ready for the battle of an unknown frontier. "Not" I mean a paddock which was unknown to us. Full to overflowing with pride we marched forward, me at the front and Nick at the back. We felt invincible for about 25 minutes before we did the most ridiculous thing we could have done.

We struggled with a gate for about ten minutes and finally managed to open it. Then "Ya, ya, hay, hay, shoo", we yelled at the top of our stupid little voices. "See", I said, "We got there, piece of cake - we could run the whole farm".

"Yeh yeh" said Nick looking puzzled and then shocked.

"Wrong paddock" I gasped - we had just realized this was the wrong paddock. The amazingly bright tag on the fence post was scorching us like a branding iron, it read C10, the goats were supposed to be in D5.

"It's your fault," I shot close to tears. The life of Campbell was going to be obliterated very soon. "How do we get them again?" I cried, "Neil will kill us". We were both in a tiz, now the mighty majors had been stabbed in the back and we were dying slowly, painfully - "What--a-awe-do, what-a-we-do. The sun was lowering to the west, we had about an hour left before it went behind Mount Everest.

Then we did what we most definitely shouldn't have done, we panicked. It took us five minutes to calm each other down and work out a sophisticated plan effectively recapture the legion of white traitors (the goats). The execution of the plan was a complete failure. They ran rings around us. Nick and I sat down exhausted, I felt a lonely trickle down my red cheek. We had had it. We were in big trouble now my nine year old mind kept thinking.

Then systematically a red beast came torpedoing out of a tee-tree plantation. Our captain had arrived on our desolate battle field. He bounded off the four wheel army tank and kindly relieved us of our duty. The "tank" was now churning up a steep ridge, head quarters could be seen in the dwindling sun light. After heartily wolfing down our rations we were dismissed to our barracks, they had never looked so inviting. It was the end of a very bad defeat, all bourn on the shoulders of two young once very confident majors.

Campbell Mattson
3HZ

DEATH

To die is to be chosen
Your day to die is set,
Decided not by you or them
Nor anyone you have met;
But of the lord you gave us life
Who shall also take them too,
Not to mention your kids and wife
What day to die is for you ?
And how is this decision made
Is it paper, scissors, stone
Maybe they just throw up a spade
Or listen to magic bones.
For whatever reason we may die
Does it really matter, no.
Just bid the harsh earth good bye
And off to heaven you will go.
Benjamin Lilburn (F3)

MY DAD

Dad is a league player, a retired league playr, but he still keeps very active.

Dad's name is Kevin Terangimarie Gupwell. His hair is black but he shaves it regularly. He has brown twinkling eyes that sparkle. His nose is wide and broad. He's got ears that are big and floppy that eavesdropon anything and everything. His chest and shoulders are very muscular. And he has a laugh that is capable of cheering up anyone.

Dad has always been very conservative with his clothing. He won't buy anything unless it is given to him. He likes to recycle things. For instance once his socks get a hole in them he turns them inside out and wears them until the tips of the socks are square.

Dad enjoys all types of sports : league, tennis, touch just to name a few; and usually tunes into a Super 12 game. He's the coach of my league team and he trains us long and hard. But we get the right results. No matter what the sport is he is very comprtitive and he likes to win.

When it comes to food, Dad will eat anything. But he loves his meat. After dinner if he feels like a treat his sweet tooth takes over. His dinner is never complete without some home made cookies and a cup of tea.

Any type of music with a decent tune is Dad's sort of music. But no headbanging stuff. He plays a mean guitar.

The family is very important to Dad. He provides by chopping wood, working as a railway engineer and by sometimes helping Mum by cooking our meals. He likes to say giddyay to passing strangers and has a real passion for pets, especially dogs.

Dad has played an important part in my life. He is around to teach me important things about life - even if I know half of them already.

Desai Gupwell (F3)



Driving down the road he hummed along with the radio. Suddenly, a news bulletin interrupted his favourite song. Charles Michen the local police officer warned of a psychopathic prisoner escaping from the penitentiary. He was to be considered armed and dangerous and shouldn't be approached. "Armed and dangerous" chuckled Bill. With the eyes of an eagle he scanned the horizon searching for his prey. His long, slender arms gripped the steering wheel while his masculine brown legs weighed heavily on the accelerator. Even though his body resembled that of a cheetah on steroids he was only a child at heart. From a young age he grew up on a farm just out of Texas and ever since he was old enough to walk he'd been working for his Mummy and Daddy on the Apple Orchard.

Today though it was different "No more Mr Nice Guy" he mumbled to himself. He cruised the streets and was now on the open highway.

It was not until dusk that he sighted his prey. He put the pedal to the metal and sped off into the horizon. With only a hundred metres between the hunter and the hunted the car was positioned, while constantly accelerating.

With only a few metres before impact Bill gripped the steering wheel and closed his eyes. The hitch hikers body snapped like a twig. The "KAPLONC" that followed made Bills stomach turn. The body lay limply across the road. "Justice" screamed Bill. "That'll teach them to lock me up".

Justin Price

3rd - Form Four Essay Competition

GRASS

A sea of short green probes gaining their life from the wind
Yet is still feather down to touch.

The untamed mane of the African savanna

Crying and screaming for the dreaded hair cutter to go away

Like a bed of nails to lie on,

Spikey, yet comfy and relaxing

Like juice from a green orange, strewn with fibrous threads

Smells as refreshing as the morning's first coffee.

Kellam Bayley (F4)

SCHOOL

With the hassles of subjects at school

Also comes the school yard rule,

Anyone who is bigger than you

Can turn your face into stew.

This can hurt, one hell of a lot

Especially when your the size of a tot.

Lucky for me I'm reasonably tall

And haven't been beaten up yet at all.

Benjamin Lilburn (F3)



FEAR

"CARTER!" "MY OFFICE!" "NOW!!!"

When the stentorian bellow finished ringing in my head, I turned to the right, toward the front of the assembly hall. There, right in front of me was an enormous finger, followed by huge arm, leading to this terribly fearsome visage. The finger was pointing at me. The visage was the bearded face of the most feared man in the school, Mr Kirk. Right at that moment that face was screwed up in fury, and I perceived that all of the fury was direct at me. By now, time had slowed down to a crawl, everyone was moving slowly, whispering slowly ... turning towards me. My mind raced through possible courses of action. In the end I decided to point at myself, all the while knowing that it was a doomed, useless, ultimately futile gesture, desperate that there was someone else sitting next to me with the name Ben Carter. I was rewarded with a cold squinting of the eyes and the word, "NOOOW!"

Numbly I picked up my schoolbag and began to make my way to the door (at the other end of the assembly hall). There were people whispering things to me but the only thing I heard was "Stuff, man." I hurried as quickly as I could, for I could feel everyone's gazes on me, and the accusing finger pointing at my back. So naturally the journey took an eternity, as if fate was trying to squeeze every ounce of embarrassment out of the situation. My feet were leaden, my bag was a boulder and there were wolves on my heels as I scuttled out of the hall.

Waiting outside Mr Kirk's office took an eternity. I spent some of the time reflecting on my stupidity, and more time trying to think up why I was talking. I kind of figured that talking about my friend's party was not acceptable. However my addled thoughts kept on being interrupted by memories: I'd known Mr Kirk since I was about four years old, because he was a friend of my parents. About my only memory of him was going to 'The' guillotine to cut some paper; when I was about five, maybe six. He asked me what I thought the instrument was for. I said that it was made to cut paper, but he assured that when it was made it was made for only one purpose only, and that was to chop naughty boys' thumbs off. They only used it to chop paper because capital punishment had been made illegal, but there were exceptions from time to time for especially naughty boys. I asked him why you didn't see any people without thumbs walking around the street, and he said that they all moved away for the shame of being thumbless. Anyway, As I sat outside of his office desperately constructing lies, this memory kept on recurring with the phrase "We used it to chop off naughty boys thumbs."

He strode around the corner purposefully, a veritable giant, and commanded "Come." I followed in a dream like state, vowing, praying not to show fear. I'd read that wild animals could tell when you were afraid, and that was always when they struck. Inside his small, utilitarian office, after a few minutes of questioning about things like "Should you have talked?", "You will never talk again in assembly, right?", I began to realise that he was not as fearsome a creature as his reputation and demeanour made him out to be. He was still gruff, but it seemed as if it was all for show, to score the boys into line. However, even armed with that knowledge, my fright did not lessen. For instance, say you are trapped in a small cage with a tame grizzly bear, I don't think that it would be possible for you to relax, regardless of your knowledge of it's disposition. The fact remains that it is still a dangerous animal, able to kill you at a few moment's notice, able to change moods in the blink of an eye, able to wait patiently enough to lull you into a false sense of security so that it can tear you limb from limb, before you realise it. As near as I could see, that was my exact predicament, and only after I exited the office did I breath a sigh of relief.

It seemed as I walked down the corridor that I was walking on air, for I was quite light headed, dizzy with the relief of my escape, exuberant with the thought that I had escaped the beast's lair and emerged unharmed. However, one thought remained, and still remains with me to this day ... While I was never really in any danger, while all my fears were baseless, I knew that I would never choose to experience the ordeal again, if given choice.

Ben Carter - 6FD



THE ROLL OVER

The small yacht plummeted downwards, yet another mass of tumbling foam, left it momentarily suspended in the cold air. All around the only sight to be seen was a carpet of huge waves, surging and receding, in time with an unknown beat.

A lone sailor stood on deck, his white hands tightly grasping the tiller that threatened to break from his grasp. Cold and tired, the man knew that one false move, one lapse in his dulled concentration, could mean disaster. The foaming breakers relentlessly pounded the hull, sending huge sprays, of icy water back along the deck.

Above the howling wind shrieked through the bare rigging, playing it's constant ghostly tune. The mast creaked and groaned, threatening to fail under never-ending fatigue, and tumble down towards the deck.

With every passing wave, the impact flexed the fibre glass hull each time weakening the thin structure. The man also grew weary, his tired mind growing more tired as each wave smashed into his tiny craft. The tiller continually trying to break free from his weakening grip, made his arms ache, and he knew he could not hang on for much longer.

The mans numbed sense of hearing, picked up a noise, like a steam train roaring through the storm. It was the big one, the wave every sailor dreads, the monster. It was visible above the others for some distance, and the man frantically made attempts to bring his boat around. It would make no difference.

As the boat rose up felt strangely at peace. The wave hit the boat side on and immediately began to turn it over. As the boat inverted, a rush of water flung the man overboard, snapping his lifeline like cotton thread. The boat completed its roll, but the man was nowhere to be seen. He had been sucked under, never to resurface. The boat was thrashing itself to pieces and had already started to break up.

Two lives had been lost

Ashton Peters

1st - Form Four Essay Competition

FOUR PINK SURPRISES

"The rabbits have got babies!" the girls screamed like a train off its rails. I slammed the phone down annoyed at the way they always seemed to shout when I was on the phone. All the other kids were streaming outside as fast as a diverted river. I reassured myself that our two rabbits were does and that the petshop we bought them from has GOT to be able to tell the difference between a male and a female rabbit!!

A sudden excited yelp from my younger brother sent a chill down my spine, could I be wrong? My legs automatically started to move towards the rabbit cage. I was excited about the thought that our two rabbits had babies, but at the same time confused about how this could be true.

The sight that met my eyes was amazing. Four tender bodies huddling in the fur their mother sacrificed from her own body. Their naked bodies were sprawled all over each other to try and keep as much heat in as possible. We couldn't pick them up because they were too tiny and tender and if our scent was on them the mother may have rejected them.

I decided I would go inside and ring up my friend and finish my interrupted conversation and explain with excitement what had made me hang up so abruptly.

Joseph Morris (F3)

THE WINE GLASS

Fill my rotund bowl with a sweet swirling red broth

Clink me with my friend

Hold my icy cold, smooth stem

Upturn my and turn my contents down a spout

Now I sound vast, I whine and moan for my last belonging

Touch me and I squeak.

See the sun shine through my perfect intricate patterns,

And sparkle off my surface.

Blow over me and I whistle along, empty, hollow, mournful.

Drop me and I shatter, crack and scatter, leaving a hostile

Jagged sharpness of my former self

Curse and despair.

Ben Morton (F4)

CHERRY LOVE

AN UNUSUAL LOVE STORY

We looked a little ridiculous - two 57 year old adults sitting alone at a card table with party hats strapped to our heads. It wasn't the way I had imagined our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary gala. I had fantasised a large white tent decorated with flowers and housing a six-piece orchestra. Several hundred guests would be milling around having a good time listening to old music and drinking even older wine. My wife and I would exchange diamond-studded matching tennis bracelets. She would romantically feed me strawberries while the orchestra would play our favourite song "Our Love Is Here To Stay". Later we would take a moonlight walk along the ocean wharf and throw streamers from the deck of a cruise ship and swill champagne while our misty-eyed children waved from the pier.

The reality was that our kids had thrown some meat on the barbecue, wolfed it down and went, leaving us to clean up. The table held our bounty: matching one-size-fits-all bathrobes, some toiletries for her, some toiletries for him and from my wife, a shower booster with five settings ranging from gentle spray to pin-you-against-the-wall.

Thirty-five years. There had been a time when we would not have got a standing ovation for being married that long. Not anymore. Kids look at you like you were some kind of prehistoric animal. Contemporaries shake their heads in disgust and whispered to one another, "He'd have left here in a minute, except he's too out of shape to find someone else".

When I read the newspaper in the morning with my coffee, I found myself turning frequently to the section of anniversaries, people who have survived 50 or 60 years of marriage. In some ways they were my future, sitting side-by-side, not underwear the right way out. I had washed her feet when she was pregnant and couldn't see them and she had lovingly tended our vegetable garden and my rose garden when I was ill.

We had shared toothpaste, debts, wardrobes and relatives. We had given each other honesty and trust.

She came over to where I was standing and said "I've got a present for you".

"What is it?" I asked excitedly.

"Close your eyes".

When I opened them, she was holding one of the sugary, fake cherries from on top of a fruit salad sundae.

"I hid it from the kids" she said, "because I know how you like the cherry".

Perhaps love is that simple.

Aaron Schuppan

6FD



THE HUNTED

He peered through the frosted panes of glass on his front door, finding it difficult to make out anything at all. Opening the door just a crack, he looked out, certain to see the police or worse, but nothing seemed abnormal about the London street. The news stand stood vigil on the corner, the neighbours' children were getting ready for school in their duffel coats and wellies, and the grey sky hung heavily. The door made the faintest of clicks as he carefully closed it in order to release the safety chain. Hiding his face in the high collar of his coat, he stepped out into the brisk early morning air. There had been heavy frost the previous night and it had frozen the snow into slippery ice making the concrete paving stones treacherous.

Everywhere people looked at him suspiciously. He knew they laughed and jeered at him behind his back. They were his enemies. Somebody called out "Jackson". He whirled round like a whip, but she wasn't talking to him. She was an attractive young girl, about eighteen he guessed. Nothing to do with him. Tugging his collar up higher, he continued to walk tentatively down the icy footpath.

As he passed the stale cloud of steam being exhaled from a vent in the fish and chip shop, he held his breath and look the other way. To breathe in was bad luck. Daring to turn his head he glanced down a filthy alleyway where he saw a group of bums huddling around a fire blazing in a 44 gallon drum. They were laughing. He was sure they were laughing at him. Jackson imagined what he'd do if he had a gun. He'd like to see them laugh then.

Walking through Clapham Common, he noticed a few of the regulars sitting round the pond. What idiots, he thought, sitting there with all their gear; rods, lines, lures, boxes of tackle and fancy vests, but they never caught a thing. He laughed quietly to himself and wondered what they were thinking. He wondered if they wondered what he was thinking. That worried him so he look away and hurried to the Clapham South tube station.

At the top of the stairs he hesitated before descending into the graffitied underworld. He didn't want to corner himself on that fast-moving trap, but he didn't want to stand still too long either. So he glanced nervously over his shoulder and descended the grimy stairs. As he bought a ticket he avoided eye-contact with the temptress behind the glass. He didn't look directly at her but he knew what she was thinking. He paid his money and passed through the gates. On the train he forced himself to the back of the carriage. He needed to be able to see everyone. But even when he watched them, they spied on him from behind their Daily Telegraphs and Time magazines, while mothers sneered at him over their babies' heads. His eyes darted jerkily around the carriage from person to person. They were all his enemies.

The train's brakes screeched and the train stopped. He lunged for the doors as they slid open and darted up the steps to the icy white street. Things were busier here, Oxford St, cars, people, action. Jackson knew he had to be extra careful. He thrust his hands deeper into his pockets and fixed his eyes on his feet as he walked. Before he knew it he was at the steps of the office. He had know from the start that he would have trouble going in. But he also knew he had to. If his profile was up he'd be recognised for sure. But he didn't want to be outside either. He could feel his pulse quicken. He looked left then right and tried to look casual as he strolled up the stairs. He passed through the doors. Did he hear them click behind him? There were many people inside. A kindly voice asked him to wait, but he wasn't deceived by the false tones. People closed in around him. Jackson managed to raise his eyes to search the walls for photos. He couldn't see them, but that meant nothing. People circled around him, like sharks to the kill. Desperately he searched for something to defend himself with, something that could gouge or cut. Nothing caught his eye. Then from somewhere, he heard a voice. "Mr Jackson, the doctor will see you now".

Tom Hazledine

6FD

THE LADDER

Laurie sat perched over a desk. He sat there chewing vigorously and almost nervously on the end of his pen. He sat there waiting. The waiting was killing him. Others had received theirs, why hadn't he gotten his back yet.

Laurie listened to the people in the room. The buzzing made from their mouths was like a swarm of bees. Some people almost cheering. Others were sounds of despair and disbelief. Laurie watched the people in the room. Some were smiling as their heads moved back and forth like birds at a loaf of bread. Others had their head in their hands, no movement, staring down at the desk.

A shadow loomed over Laurie, For Laurie the world went cold. He slowly arched his neck back and stared at the source of the chill. The tall thin man, wavy dark hair, bushy beard like a forest, glasses hiding his eyes, that made him seemed clod, stood there like a New York skyscraper. He reached slowly to his arm and pulled a piece of paper from under it. He threw the bit of paper on the desk. It hit with little force, but to Laurie it was an earth-shattering boom.

"I'm very disappointed in you Laurie. You could have done so much better" the teacher said with an honest tone of disappointment in his voice.

Laurie wondered for a moment what this meant, then clicked like a light switch. He slowly and unsurely.

"45 percent!" Laurie screamed with disbelief. Laurie was by no means a bright student, but even this was low for him. The paper had grabbed him by the throat and slit it with its razor-sharp sides.

The bell rung, hitting its red dome with its little hammer. And each ring was another thump to Laurie's already growing headache. The only thing that made this worse was; how was he going to explain this to his mum?

One year later, Laurie sat on the bed, reading a book. The book didn't contain adventures of space aliens or descriptions of murders. It contained lines, numbers and sentences like $x = y - 32x$. Laurie studied the book hard. He had decided to work up the ladder. Climb back to the top. But someone was going to carry him up. No 'fireman' or 'builder' to help him. No, this was a trip he would have to make himself. It would take a lot of work and effort, but he wasn't afraid anymore.

Liam O'Connor

2nd - Form Four Essay Competition





CULTURAL EVENTS OF 1997

1997 has been a year of considerable activity in the cultural scene. NPBHS has always been known as a school which provides excellent sporting opportunities for its pupils, but looking over the wide variety of cultural events that have taken place this year, it is clear that the cultural opportunities are there for the students too, in drama, music, public speaking and debating. It is great that so many boys are interested in participating and our goal is to provide even more opportunities and increase this involvement. The Arts Page has been added to the school newsletter this year to keep the community informed of cultural activities, and there has never been a shortage of events on which to report. You don't need to be able to kick a ball expertly to become involved in the life of NPBHS!

The annual speech competition took place and has been reported on separately. Similarly a separate report has been written on the school debating team but a new event has been introduced this year in the debating scene - Inter-House Debating. This year we have had one team per house consisting of 2 seniors and 1 junior student but next year we intend having a junior and a senior team for each house. Hopefully some inter-class debating that we are planning for the 3rd and 4th Forms at the end of the year will help to generate more interest in this excellent "sport".

This has been a big year for music and drama. In June, Boys' High students played in three bands in the Smokefree Rockquest with the band, Scure, gaining second place and the opportunity to enter the national competition. The boys, David Green and Frazer McKenzie-Johnson along with the two Inglewood High School members of their band put on a show for the school one lunchtime.

Another big musical event was the September visit to the school of Montmorency Secondary College from Victoria. The school's Concert Bank of 39 students was touring the North Island workshopping and performing with school and youth bands. The visit got off to a great start with a stirring powhiri from the Maori students and Mr Maihi in Pridham Hall, a totally new experience for the Australian visitors and one which left a strong impression. The students practised with the Boys' High Concert Band for much of the day and then performed a concert to the whole school. The sound was excellent, very much boosted by an impressive array of percussion instruments and the school was well entertained and made an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. Another concert took place in the evening which included not only the two concert bands but also a Guitar Group, a Brass Ensemble, DV8 (one of Boys' High's entries in the Rockquest), The Stage Band, our resident jugglers and the Alcatraz Jailbirds from "Big Al". It was wonderful to see the variety and depth of musical talent that Mrs Allan has fostered in the school.

The major event in the cultural calendar was of course the combined NPBHS - NPGHS production of "Big Al" which has been reported on separately. Mrs Pfister as Director and Mrs Allan as Musical Director provided a unique and memorable opportunity for 17 of our students to find that they had acting, singing and dancing skills which most of them had no idea they had. The four boys in the band provided excellent musical accompaniment under Mrs Allan's direction. The end result of all the hard work was a thoroughly entertaining show.

Earlier in the year Mrs Pfister had directed the Shakespeare Group in their very amusing production of the play within the play from "A Midsummer's Night Dream". This was a well-chosen snippet of Shakespeare for our boys who had the audience rolling in their seats during the performance at the Shakespeare Festival at Spotswood College. Most of the boys involved, having found their previously undiscovered dramatic skills, went on to join the cast of "Big Al".



This year for the first time the Pukekura Lions Speech and Drama Festival was held at Boys' High early in Term III hot on the tail of "Big Al". Eleven high schools from throughout Taranaki participated in a busy morning of drama, speaking, theatre sports and debating. As can be seen in a separate report on the event, our students performed well in all events.

Musical opportunities have always been strong at Boys' High but having been impressed by the level of enthusiasm and talent for drama that we saw in "Big Al", we are determined to provide more drama opportunities for the students. The introduction of a 6th Form Certificate Drama class for next year will help but we are keen to involve a wide range of students. Similarly through the House Debating Competition we are hoping to generate a wider interest in debating. It is excellent to have so many boys participating enthusiastically in cultural activities but our aim is to involve even more students and to broaden their experience of Boys' High.

Mrs Kirsty Hazledine
Cultural Co-ordinator.





MUSIC NOTES

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band has matured greatly this year in terms of a fuller sound and attitude with the addition of a number of new instruments including bass clarinet and electric glockenspiel, and the vigorous performance schedule under the baton of Mrs Allan. The Concert Band has really come on in terms of confidence, fuller sound and talent.

Strong brass and woodwind sections continue to drive the band and the enjoyment of players has been evident at concerts in school assemblies, on the Taradale exchange and in the combined Montmorency College concert - this was the highlight of the year. The Band's goal will be to aspire to a higher level of playing next year and to increase the percussion section. If the promise and consistency of the younger members is any indication, the NPBHS Concert Band will soon be a force to be reckoned with at the NZ Concert Band Festival.

Paul Cochrane



CHOIR

The school production 'Big Al' was the choir's main commitment this year. All rehearsals at school became the focal point for the chorus numbers. Most of the choir was involved and several juniors joined as a result. We had our usual exchange with Taradale High School, joining forces with their choir. The mass African song which was led by Mrs Pierard, was very different but enjoyed by all those who were involved. The Montmorency College concert was another opportunity for a public performance and this was again very successful.

I must thank Mrs Allan for putting up with a group of guys who were occasionally cooperative; and to Miss Casey for her warm-ups that will be fondly remembered.

Michael Feigler



TARADALE MUSIC EXCHANGE

The annual exchange with Taradale on the other coast is always looked forward to by the students of NPBHS. Friendships renewed and created are always features of this long standing tradition.

This year of particular note was the orchestra and string group which had players from NPBHS in them for the first time in several years. It is always amazing to see the highly polished and enthusiastic performance achieved after only one days combined rehearsal - this is a tribute to the Music Departments of both schools.

Mrs Allan's organisational team of herself, Miss Casey, Mr Maunder and Mr Russell were invaluable and truly appreciated. The greatest thing though surely must be the MUSIC, it can only be described as "fantastic".

Matthew Crawford



STAGE BAND



Stage Band

Back Row: D. Green, A. Olsen, B. MacPhail

Middle Row: Mr S Maunder, M. Crawford, P. Cochrane, R. Geraghty J. Taylor, F. Bremner, J. Quickenden, H. Cotton, Mrs M Allan

Front Row: J. Webb, A. Humphrey, E. Cochrane, T. Brown, L. Jackson, M. Taylor

The NPBHS Stage Band provides a unique role in the school for performance and opportunities to improve during solo passages. Key members departed at the end of 1996 which meant that the band started slowly at the beginning of 1997 but quickly built back to strength. A consistently reliable rhythm section supporting the band provided ideal opportunities for the soloists. Michael Taylor on trumpet developed his already prodigious talent even further, David Green whose blues guitar solos left audiences reeling, Lindon Jackson an emerging alto saxophonist, Jonathan Taylor tackling tricky trombone solos and Paul Cochrane whose clear confident opening of 'Fire and Brimstone' is a force to be reckoned with.

Stewart Maunder, jazz conductor extraordinaire, expanded the band's repertoire this year. This was greatly appreciated by both audiences and the players.

Hugh Cotton led the saxophone section and showed great commitment with his attendance at practices and performances at Taradale, New Plymouth Jazz Club, school assemblies, Art Gallery, Montmorency and the Awards evening.

Although a few key members will be leaving at the end of the year - Andrew Gilkison and Matthew Crawford in particular - there will be a strong core of players ready to carry this consistent sound through 1998.

Matthew Crawford and Paul Cochrane





DEBATING



Senior Debating
 Back Row: Mr J Warner, Miss K Gracia
 Front Row: M. Crawford, P. Cochrane

This year the eloquent and dedicated debating team consisted of Matthew Crawford, Andrew Gilkison and Paul Cochrane. They were coached by Ms Garcia and Mr Warner. Whilst they did not have the same success as last year in the Jaycees competition, being narrowly defeated by Sacred Heart, New Plymouth in the second round, they did give their all successfully at the Caltex National Competition in Palmerston North. In total they competed in five debates at this competition, winning their first four. This put the team through to the semi finals where they were defeated by 3 points by Palmerston North BHS. This competition was a good experience for all, with it being the first attempt at impromptu debating for Andrew and Paul.

All in all it was a good year and, despite the preference for more gossip than preparation, a reasonably successful one. Good luck at Uni next year.
 K.Gracia



**PUKEKURA LIONS
 TARANAKI SECONDARY
 SCHOOLS SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL**

Early in Term 3 the annual Speech and Drama festival was held at NPBHS, for the first time. Participants from eleven Taranaki secondary schools gathered in Ryder Hall early on the morning of 8th August to begin a morning of speaking, debating and drama. Two new activities were introduced to the programme this year - Theatresports and poetry performance. Our Theatresports team of Adrian Humphrey, Aaron Schuppan, Toby Robins and Stephen Rhys-White, thoroughly entertained their audience, while in the poetry performance category, class 3.3 received an enthusiastic response from the audience with their colourful and original response of 'Daniel Jazz', starring Daniel Bason as Daniel, Michael Braggins as the fearsome lion and Campbell Mattson as a cool King Darius. Two of our three debating teams won their debates. Team A consisting of Ashton Peters, Renee Le Prou and Robert Veitch lost their debate but Team B (Bret Johns, David Hill and Heath Wilms) won against Stratford HS, debating that " It is better to be bright than beautiful ". Heath Wilms was named best speaker. Matthew Crawford was best speaker in the senior debate against Spotswood College where the moot was, " It is better to live as a coward than to die as a hero ". The senior debating team consisted of Matthew, Paul Cochrane and Andrew Gilkison.

In the prepared speaking, Jonathon Colligan won the junior section with a most entertaining speech on Toto, and Tim Simpson's amusing and persuasive speech about NZ First, was placed third in the senior section. Liam O'Connor won the junior impromptu speech.

The accent of the day was on participation and enjoyment. All the boys involved gained from their experience of performing and from watching others.

K. Hazledine.
 Co-ordinator of the Festival.

SHAKESPEARE

New Plymouth Boys' High School again entered a team in the annual Sheila Winn Regional Festival of Shakespeare in schools with the comical play within a play extract from Mid-Summer Nights Dream.

The cast performing a refreshing, entertaining and comical reproduction of the extract with undreamed of ability and passion and met with rapturous applause from the audience.

Unfortunately we only managed a second place which meant we could not follow last years groups footsteps to regional representation at Wellington. But we were able to perform for Highlands and Devon Intermediates at NPBHS.

Cabbage, Matt Brennan's portrayal of a female, equipped with balloon breasts and all, went down well with the audience along with Aaron Schuppans wild dog and the comical abilities of the cast. Thanks to Andrew Gleeson as prompt, and Jarrod Ward, Hugh Cotton and Kris Larken for their audience participation who received no limelight but contributed as much as the actors on stage to the plays success. Finally a special thanks to Ruth Pfister without whom none of us would have been able to realise our comic potential or Cabbage his Femininity. Cheers!
 Chris Wylie





Speech Contest Winners
Back Row: S. Bremer (F5), L. O'Connor (F4), T. Simpson (Snr)
Front Row: J. Colligan (F3), H. Roper (F4)

BIG AL

"Now hear dis alla you bums and hear good. Cos' dis is da story of Al Capone, the richest and wickedest man of this time." The school's 1997 musical production was the enormously successful 'Big Al' show held in conjunction with students of NPGHS. Set in Chicago in the 1920's, the show followed the life and times of Al Capone, the Italian gangster who controlled Chicago city with his alcohol bootlegging, prostitution and crime syndicates. The show included, fight scenes, gang killings, passionate kisses, gorgeous goils and ruthless gangsters. Put together it formed a humorous, exciting and entertaining show, which was well complemented by the singing and dancing skills of the cast.

Special thanks must to go Mrs Pfister (Director), Mrs Allan (Musical Director), Miss Casey (Music Assistant), Miss Milner (Drama Assistant), Mrs Hazledine (Props and Promotional Manager), Mr Tullett (Set Director), Mrs Atkinson (Prompt), and to all the staff and students of NPGHS that made the show possible.

Thanks also to all the musicians, lighting and sound crews, stage crew, make-up and wardrobe people who made the show really professional with all of their excellent work.

The show was really enjoyable not only for the audience but also for the actors who put a lot of time and effort into pulling the show off.

Main characters were: Timothy Simpson - Al Capone; Sonia Nazzer - Mae Coughlin; Jane McCarrison - Goldie; Aaron Schuppan - Torrio; Matt Crawford - Diamond Jim; Matt Brennan - Scalise; Laurie Neville - Anselmi; Adrian Humphrey - Gusile; Greg Mitchell - Frank Yale; Paul Cochrane - O'Hara.

The prison scene of Alcatraz will be one event remembered by NPBHS cast members for a long time to come.

'God damn, Syphillis' - Rock on 'Big Al'.

Timothy Simpson.



HAKA AT RUGBY PARK

Earlier this year the school was asked by the Taranaki Rugby Union to perform the school haka at the Taranaki vs Argentina rugby match. It was a great opportunity to show the public of Taranaki the haka and also a chance for the school to show their support to the large number of Old Boys in the Taranaki side that is coached by Mr Rowlands. The boys did a superb job considering the weather. In fact the Argentine side refused to come out while the haka was being performed - they had previously been on the receiving end of a practise one while they were warming up on one of the back grounds. The haka went down so well that we were invited back for the Auckland game - this game was won by Taranaki as well.-



THEATRESPORTS

This year Boys High made a bold move into a new and exciting realm of experience; theatresports. It is a drama sport with games based on developing improvisation skills of young actors. The group started small with but five members but it has steadily grown over the past two terms to the grand total of ten (100% increase!!). This small but enthusiastic crew have made their presence felt within the school and the community.

We have competed against New Plymouth Girls High School in Stratford early in term three. Paul Cochrane, Laurie Neville, Aaron Schuppan and Steven White (an Australian exchange student) performed well and won over their audience. Another team competed in the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival. They were Toby Robins, Adrian Humphrey, Aaron Schuppan and Steven White. Also in the UP group are Tim Steedman, Scott Kidd, Martin Soh and the formidable force that is Matt Crawford. With these boys raising the profile of theatresports in the school I am sure that the sport will have a long and successful career at New Plymouth Boys High School.

BETTER THAN BUNGY JUMPING

(or " Making like a tea bag ready to be dunked ") One of the highlights for Murray Dobson as he is transferred from HMNZS Endeavour to the frigate HMNZS Waikato by "jackstay". The transfer part way through the cruise courtesy of the Royal New Zealand Navy at the end of 1996.

The objective of the four day cruise from Auckland to New Plymouth was to gain a greater insight into the lives and jobs of the sailors on board and be better able to advise young men of the school who are considering a naval career.

The ship to ship transfer, carried out at the speed of 14 knots and with the ships 30 metres apart, followed a re-fuelling at sea.

Une vie de matelot.



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The annual Public Speaking Competition was held this year at the end of Term 2. As was noted by one of the judges, all boys spoke confidently and it was an evening of great entertainment and originality. Every boy from Form 3 to Form 7 delivers a speech his English class and representatives from each class are put forward to the semi-finals. The standard of competition is always high and any boy who reaches finals night can be proud of his achievement. The finalists were -

- Form 3
 - 1st: Jonathon Colligan
 - 2nd: Hadleigh Beals
 - 3rd equal: Tim Fitzpatrick and Richard Burkitt
- Form 4
 - 1st: Hamish Roper
 - 2nd: Liam O'Connor
 - 3rd: Michael Peebles
 - 4th: Oliver Mortenson
- Form 5
 - 1st: Scott Bremer
 - 2nd equal: Sinclair Lonsdale and Shane Pope
 - 4th: Hadley Dryden
- Form 6 and 7
 - 1st: Tim Simpson
 - 2nd: Martin Soh
 - 3rd: Andrew Gilkison
 - 4th: Aaron Schuppan
 - 5th: Matthew Crawford



TAUPO CAMP 1996

Everyone gathered outside the Gym at 8.30am. We were on the road in 4 mini vans by 9.00am. We had a brief stop at Mokau to repair a broken window, one more stop for lunch and then finally Taupo. At the Taupo Camping Ground we chose which cabin we wanted, mucked around then had dinner. After dinner we went to the AC Baths for a swim which was very relaxing considering the long drive we had to endure. The following day we went for a ride on the Hook Jet and in the afternoon were split into two groups. My group went out fishing from a launch on the lake. This was a lot of fun. On Wednesday we went to the Trout Hatchery at Turangi and everyone caught a trout which were consumed for dinner that night. War Games was played in the afternoon. On Thursday we viewed Taupo and the surrounding area from the air then we went for a paraglide or bungy jump - getting a different view of Taupo. The final day was spent horse trekking and jet skiing. By this stage I was getting very tired which made the long trip home shorter as I slept most of the way home. This camp was an awesome experience.

Andrew Ramsay



TONGARIRO CAMP 1996

Our camp was well worth the money we paid because we did stuff that a lot of us would never have considered doing. On Sunday we travelled through to my home town of Rotorua, which was a real highlight for everyone. The luge was great fun. Then onto Evan's Lodge with a short stop in Taupo. On Tuesday we did the Tongariro Crossing which took us 9 hours. It is meant to be the greatest one day crossing in the world; unfortunately we were that stuffed that we couldn't fully appreciate the views. On top of the mountain we went for a very cold swim. The effort that Stephen Hills put into making this crossing was huge and quite inspiring. On Wednesday we did the caving and although there were some tight squeezes it was a great experience. we also took a tour through the Grand Chateau which was very big and flash. On Thursday we went white water rafting which was the highlight for me. The rapids were quite big and the overall trip was a lot of fun. On Friday we got packed, played some pool and then started the long trek home. This camp was an awesome experience - great teachers, students and activities. What more could a boy from Rotorua ask for.

Robert Bremner

BAY OF ISLANDS CAMP 1996

Early on Monday morning we left on a 600 km drive to the Far North of NZ. We stayed at Puhia, Bay of Islands. Golden beaches with sand that sinks under your feet Clear blue sea water that's like a sea of crystals Islands each with their own story and purpose This is the Bay of Islands.

The first day we went sea kayaking through mangrove swamps and under the Haruru Falls. Kayaking back Mr Elgar and Mr Pollock got quite excited hammering everyone during the water fights that raged. When we returned we had turns on a 2 man catamaran. This was probably the highlight of my camp. Cutting through the sparkling water The wind to our left Getting up massive speed Then waiting for the wind To come back.

That is basically what it was like sailing. The next day we went on this yacht called Carno NZ. We sailed to Rokerton Island and to another island to have lunch and to swim and snorkel.

Diving under the deep blue In search of some of sea's treasure Coming up with nothing Except millions of kina.

After the cruise back we went and saw the Rainbow Falls, last year they absailed these falls. After a good nights sleep we went by ferry over to Russell. All I did at Russell was buy Christmas presents. On the way home we had one night at Orewa to break up the long trip back. This camp was great fun. The activities and people on camp were awesome.

Kellam Bayley.



WINDSURFING CAMP 1996

The first morning was windy - great. Wrong. Too much wind to learn which seemed a little strange. Finally the wind settled down so it was down to Lake Rotomanu with all the gear. At first no one was prepared to have a go although this didn't last for long. It was my first go at windsurfing and the water was freezing. The sail was hard to get up because the wind was blowing straight into it. I was stuck in the corner of the lake - pinned by the wind. In the end I gave my board to a mate. I spent most of the first day in the water. The weather was much better the following day which made learning a lot easier. By the end of the camp I, like most others, I was able to sail but only in one direction with the wind. Mr Clareburt had the same sort of problems - getting to one side of the lake but not being able to get back. The camp was a great experience. I learnt to do something I otherwise would never have tried.

Daniel Bjorklund



TOPEC

"Hi," I said as I sprang into the school van, "how are ya all?". Everybody looked at me like I was some sort of weirdo. We arrived at our destination. The TSB TOPEC Camp at about 10 o'clock on Monday 13 October. After a talk on how everything works, we were put in cabins and 3 groups. I was in group 2 and our first activity was the ropes course. For me, heights are sometimes a problem but with Alan guiding us we all got through safely. That night we got to sleep very late and found it very difficult to drag ourselves out of bed and all the way to the dining room. Rafting and kayaking were the activities we did on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then came Thursday overnights day. Our group went bush, well, more like lost. After about 7 hours of tramping in the rain, Alan finally agreed we were lost, but I had other plans so I did a bit of exploring and some sort of miracle led me to the track and 1 hour later we were all surprised to be greeted by nice hot pies for lunch. I enjoyed myself immensely over one short week and would recommend it to anybody.

Shaan Caskey



FEELINGS

*Why do you say the things that you say?
What gives you the right
to treat me this way?
You think I don't have feelings
Your remarks won't bring me down,
But body isn't a shield,
A protective dressing gown.*

*You give me orders of what to do
But then, why should you care?
You think I'll listen to what you say?
God Damn, this isn't fair!
I'd like to think I'm normal,
Nothing wrong, I'm not a freak,
But how you treated me makes me mad,
Don't hassle me you geek!*

*I now know that I am normal,
You have the problem, dick.
The way you treat other people
It makes me feel sick.
Your stupid insecurity,
You try to feel big
By bringing others down,
Your own grave you dig.*

*I have more going for me,
Than you'll ever have.
When I'm rich and famous,
You'll be shaving old sheep dags.
You'll beg for my forgiveness
I ought to keep it mine,
But I'm better than you,
I'll forgive you one more time.*

Liam O'Connor

THE HUNTER

*A small hunter perches high in a Kaikawaka tree.
Her sharp eyes survey the forest clad hills.
She sits silently watching,
For any sign of movement.
The canopy is shrouded in mist,
Her prey is harder to see.*

*But then she spots a flurry of movement,
A flash of black and white.
She springs off the perch
Her wings beat rapidly as she chases the tomtit.
But before she can reach the small bird
It disappears below the canopy.*

*The hunter keeps on flying, searching for a meal
She must hurry, she has a family to feed.
Then she stops, she circles around
A flock of white heads is her target
She zooms down in a dive
Her feet reach out
Sharp claws smack into a feathered body.*

*She flies off to her nest where her chicks wait eagerly.
The New Zealand falcon has caught a meal at last.*

Cameron Murray

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department has enjoyed another successful and adventurous year in 1997. The movement into unit standards meant the 5th form had the opportunity to gain unit standards for the first time and many did so.

As always the fieldtrips continue to be fun learning experiences for all students.

This year the 6th form went to Auckland again, an urban study that involved a lot of extra "learning". The Skytower, Waiwera hotpools and Rainbow's End kept the students entertained together with the hard work. A new record for destruction of a bus was achieved this year also on the trip. Hamish devising a novel way to get fresh air to the back of the bus. I worry about next years 7th form trip to Taupo if he is coming !

The 7th form trip involved a look at the development of the townships of Taupo, Rotorua and Waitomo as a result of tourism. Again, a mix of social and work activities saw a successful 3 days had by all concerned.

It is really important to back up learning with experience. We aim to do that in Geography. Experience is the best teacher after all !

W.Melville
HOD Geography



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Universal Clothing, a Young Enterprise Company producing Quality printed T-shirts, conducted a successful business operation for the year 1997. The team members of the group were as follows: Karan Sumbaly, Managing Director; Matthew Bell, Financial Director; Adam Kingsnorth, Production Director; Keung Young, Sales and Marketing Director and Luke Garcia, Secretarial Director. The group ordered 100% cotton T-shirts from Auckland, special heat-sink paper from Wanganui and the printing was done in New Plymouth. The T-shirts were advertised for \$25-\$30, the products targeting mainly the teenage market. The group did very well in the competition, winning the Taranaki Young Enterprise Technology Award at a glittering function held at the Plymouth International Hotel on October 16.



NPBHS 1996 TRIP TO JAPAN

Last year I was fortunate enough to experience traditional and modern Japanese society as part of a NPBHS school trip to Japan. The six of us, Chris Wylie, Jarrod Ward, Paul Cochrane, Grant Brunton, David Peters and Damien Hegley, accompanied by former Japanese teacher Emma Wilkins, left Auckland airport on December 14th 1996, arriving in Tokyo 11 hours later, where we met up with former Head Boy Jason Renau who was kind enough to accompany us around Tokyo and other cities throughout the Land of the Rising Sun.

While being hosted by Japanese families in Tokyo for 10 days, we spent a week sightseeing around Tokyo, where we visited such places as shopping districts: Shinjuku, Harajuku and Akiharbara, Tokyo Disneyland, Ueno Park, Asakusa, Yokoham (location of the world's largest ferris wheel) and the mountainous region of Nikko, a favourite haunt of wild monkeys. That week we also did a variety of individual activities with our host families.

From Tokyo we spent a week touring through Kyoto, Hiroshima and Nagasaki with Jason, visiting famous sites, temples, parks and shipping districts, including spending a very special Christmas Day at Hiroshima Peace Park and staying in traditional Japanese 'Ryokans'. A further three days were then spent being hosted by families in Mishima - New Plymouth's 'Sister City'.

We returned to Tokyo for two days, where we included a visit to the Fujikyu Highland Amusement Park which has the world's largest roller coaster.

Another 11 hour flight and on 5th January we were back in New Zealand.

We all enjoyed the three weeks we spent in Japan, forming new relationships and learning a multitude of skills, including becoming very proficient with chopsticks. Our Japanese (hopefully) also improved. My final thoughts on Japanese society are that we were very grateful to be in Japan during the miniskirt fashion fad!



TRANSITION & STAR REPORT

True to form we are trialing new things yet again. This year we have had whole year offsite STAR courses in Automotive Engineering, Landskills, Farm Fencing, Te Reo and Catering. Also as a STAR course we have run Driver Education with Army trained crack driver Chris Nicholls as the tutor. All of these courses give credits on the National Qualifications Framework and are the first part of National Certificates, so 379 of our boys are already partially qualified for a career.

Visits to the courses are lots of fun with people driving tractors and ATVs, "Want to go for a blat, Mrs Carter?", helping run a nursery, orcharding, cooking delicious meals and serving them. Mr Heaps and I attended an assessment where we ate a superb 3 course meal cooked and served by students. Education can be great fun. Our Te Reo groups works "in immersion" and were scheduled to do level 1 National Certificate. They went through that so quickly that they are on level 3 at the time of writing (August). One student on the Automotive course has an after school job fixing trucks for a major local company. Hookers, the training provider and the student are all finding this excellent. When I visit the fencers they are always putting in posts, straining wires and tying knots. They also get to drive ATVs. The safety units with ATVs, chainsaws and tractors enable boys to find employment. Employers are not ACC protected unless the employees have safety qualifications on the National Framework so our school programme is safeguarding the student, the employer and the Health Service.

For 1998 we have requested from the Ministry of Education Automotive at 2 levels, Catering at 2 levels, Computer Programming, Welding and Panelbeating, Driver Education, Farming and Core Generic Units for Form 6. Core generic skills were put into National Certificates by employers who need people who can manage themselves. Many are multi purpose and can be counted towards several National Certificates. These include self management in housing, alcohol and drugs, sexuality, care and timeliness as an employee, health and safety in the workplace and producing a careerplan. Boys will be out of school for one afternoon only in 1998 which should simplify things for everyone and give a longer, more satisfying training session.

Transition has again had a fast-paced lifeskills course covering all the major new challenges in a young man's life. The aim is to give the big picture so students can make well-informed and sensible decisions in these areas. While we do not have tests, homework or exams, student and parent feedback is that the course stimulates lively discussions out of school and some really good decisions are being made.

We have helped organise another Taranaki Careers Expo this year, bringing careers and training providers from all around New Zealand to help Taranaki people check out their career options. Our 4th Form helpers ("whitecoats") selected by Mr Watts, are the talk of the Expo exhibitors who really appreciate their help unloading and packing their equipment, and the cuppas our boys bring to them during the course of the show. It is great to see the personal development that takes place in the boys during this exercise.



Student Services still offers its wide range of information, counselling and troubleshooting activities as on the next page so please keep in touch.
Rosemary Carter.



ISCF - "The Fishing Club"

Over 35 students have shown interest in ISCF this year, although we have never had a full attendance at the Wednesday meetings. Good fellowship, support, study, games, excursions have taken place. A highlight of the year was joining other Christian groups throughout Taranaki at St Marys, New Plymouth on Friday August 1. We had good representation on the day which included a key note speaker on the theme of unity, lively music, workshops, a Bible quiz, theatre sports, prizes and lunch. It is great to see dedication, enthusiasm, a wish to identify with other Christians in a school setting.

See you there in 1998 !!
Thanks to Tony Hiland for your support - it was greatly appreciated.
G.Clareburt





MAORI: KAPA HAKA

"E kore e piri te uku ki te rino, ka whitingia e te Ra, ka ngahoro"
 "Clay will not adhere to iron, for when the sun shines, it will fall off."

Tohu Kakahi.
 He mihi whanui ki a koutou, nga matua o nga tamatoa o te Kura nei. E nga aitua, nga mate kei runga i a tatou katoa. Haere, haere, e moe. Ka ti ra, ka hoki ki a tatou, te hunga ora.



It is fitting that I use the famous words of a Taranaki chief to describe the attitude of our boys collectively in our Kapa Haka group. To be seen as being Māori at a traditional High School is very important. This year, a group of 60 boys entered the "Tongariro, Taranaki ki te Awa Māori Festival", which was held at New Plymouth Girls' High School. We practised in class time and solidly through our lunch hours. We performed 5 items, 2 waiata-a-ringā, 2 haka and a slower waiata. This was a rewarding and new experience for most of the boys. Our performance was important as, I am very sure that Boys' High have not participated in this event in the past. The school as a whole is becoming widely recognised for its school haka on television. This is due to the fact that they perform with vigour, school spirit and pride. These are the attributes that we used as a group at Girls' High. In my opinion, an excellent first up try.



We have performed a few "Powhiri" within the school for important groups such as, the E.R.O. team early in term 1, and visiting sports teams from Gisborne Boys' High School and Te Aute College. The latter was most important to the school, as we wanted to ensure the character of Te Aute was catered for appropriately at New Plymouth Boys' High School. At this hui, we were very fortunate in having two respected kaumatua speaking for our school. Mr L. McLeod and Mr I. Robinson. Kua maringa, ko korua!
 He mihi mahana tēnei ki ā koe e te Whaea e Bev. Tēnā koe mō tō mahi awhina i a ahau. Me to whanau katoa. Tēnā koutou.
 It is important that "Te Whanau Waiora" or the Family Support Group is functioning next year. This is definitely the next major focus. I thank all parents for your support thus far.
 Noho mai i te Rangimarie,
 Nāku nei,
 T.T.M.C. Maihi
 H.O.D. Te Reo Maori

CADETS

1997 started with a hiss and a roar with preparation for "Tattoo 97". The Unit was competing against its old foes (No 8 Sqn ATC) to regain its supremacy in the ubiquitous 'gun run'. Needless to say, we won and this set the tone for the rest of the year. After a very successful recruiting campaign and recruit training camp at Everett Park, 35 new cadets joined the Unit in March and began their training culminating in their first public outing at the school ANZAC day service and the public service at the cenotaph.

The holidays saw more cadets attending promotion courses at both Linton and Burham military camps with yet another cadet (Cdt S. Dear) taking out top honours in the junior NCO promotion course.

With the departure of WO11 Duane Old to join the Engineer Corps in the Army, the appointment of CSM became vacant. Another NPBHS student, Sgt Rangi Trinder was appointed to the position and promoted to Warrant Officer Class 11.

This year's formal dinner was held at the Maara Tahu Campus of the Taranaki Polytechnic and our guest speaker was Lieutenant Mike Murdoch RNZN (Rtd) who spoke on the energy projects in Taranaki and specifically the floating oil tanker project and its importance to the province.

The Unit was awarded second place in the Central Area Efficiency trophy and we will be striving to go one better next year. We also won the Gunson Cup which is the Cadet Corps National Shooting Trophy and our shooting team is practising hard to retain the trophy this year.

September saw the basic cadets attend a live-in weekend at Ohakea Air Force base along with 8 Sqn's basic cadets to gain an insight into living on base. While there, we attended the church service commemorating the Battle of Britain. The Unit participated in a 'Sponsored Walk' from New Plymouth to Waitara to raise funds for the Unit. This effort culminated in approximately \$700 being added to Unit funds.

Our Skill at Arms team is practising hard for the annual competition to be held in Linton in December. As a precursor to this, we will be competing against other Units from the local area in a local Skills competition. We always score well in this type of competition and wish the team well in their efforts.

The Unit continues to offer its core activities to Cadets ie, bushcraft, first aid, field craft, weapon training, citizenship, drill etc and is constantly developing a more comprehensive range of activities. To do this effectively, however, we need the ongoing support of parents and Cadets alike.

The Unit will recruit again in January/February 1998 and invites interested young people to make themselves known to the unit Officers and/or Mr Dobson when school resumes in 1998.





LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTRE

During the first half of the year the Library Information centre was extremely busy with classes doing research or occupied in reading. There was a special emphasis placed on the third and fourth form boys reading for enjoyment and readings lists as well as special displays of books were arranged to encourage them. The new multi-media computers were in great demand and the range of CD Roms was extended. The vertical file which is updated every week, remained a vital source of information as was the new CD Rom of Index N.Z.

We were very please to receive a very valuable donation of 36 art books from Mrs A Scanlan in memory of her husband. These books now form an important part of our art collection.

A full range of displays was organised including some on: cooking, New Zealand authors, author of the month, developments within New Plymouth and the Armed Forces. A map of the world and New Zealand with relevant newspaper clippings attached to them and updated every week proved a popular feature as did displays of news and information from the internet.

At the end of May work began on alterations to the library building to add two rooms on top of the existing structure to accommodate two computer rooms. The complex will be developed into an Information Technology Centre. During the four months that building was taking place a "mini-library" was established in a classroom in Pridham. A selection of mainly non-fiction books, computers, the vertical file and the photocopy machine was still able to provide about 10 to 15 boys at a time with good research facilities. The internet was available and lessons were given to students who had no previous experience.

Although the room was only a normal size classroom, Mrs Jean van Beers was able to devote all her time to helping the boys with their research problems and very few boys left the room without being helped by her. Mrs van Beers was also responsible for overseeing the packing of all the books which were stored off site and unpacking once building was completed. Once again we have appreciated her efficient organisation and her vast experience in the library. Mrs Doreen Baylee continued her valuable work in maintaining the vertical file, arranging displays and keeping the important school scrapbook up to date.



We were again very grateful to have the regular and efficient services of parents helping in the library. Mrs Jenny Saunders continued her work until the second term when she left to take up full time employment and Mrs Terri Hay who still continues to offer her time and experience to our library. The senior monitors, Brian Williams, Elliot Dormer, Troy Black, Dion Sarten, Lee Whitting and Colin White were assisted by Bruce Corbett who helped with the computers. Juniors who began to help in the library this year were: Patrick Landrigan, Karl Adams, Jason Watts, Fraser Bremner. All these boys provided valuable service at lunch times and with the "big move" this year.

At the beginning of the fourth term the new Technology Information was completed and the library was able to begin the move back with the promise of an even better service being planned for the boys in 1998.



THE RESEARCH GROUP

At the start of Term Four a Research Group was started involving 20 students from Year 9 to Year 13. The group is supervised by two scientists, Mr Michael Fenton and Mrs Christine Fenton. Mr Mike Goble is the Information Technology consultant. The aim is to foster a lively curiosity about the world we live in by providing challenging and stimulating learning experiences through real on-going scientific investigations. The emphasis is on developing problem solving skills, manipulation skills, analytical skills and communication skills. Working in the group will provide an insight for students interested in attending university or provide work experience for the job market. It is intended that students will be able to visit industrial, medical and research laboratories, prepare and give lectures (firstly to those in the group and then to outside audiences) and prepare material for publication. The group also hopes to act as an outpost for various University research groups. Students work as part of a team as either a technician, programmer or researcher where safety, honesty, trustworthiness and co-operation are expected to the highest standard. Some of the things the students are involved in are AIDS research, educational games programming, microbiology research, genetics studies, and the construction of science kits for classroom use.

Founding members for 1997 are Martin Soh, Karan Sumbaly, Ian Luxmore, Rowan McCaffrey, Nilan Ekanayake, Gareth Godfrey, Ben Carter, Jeff Mercer, Tim Parsons, Mark Honnor, Bruce Corbett, Colin White, Jared Kyle, Chamila Kiriwattuduwa, Sayuj, Joe Kirkwood and Oh Harris.

The Group would like to thank all those staff and members of the community who have donated computer equipment, software and other equipment without which none of this work could be carried out.



ENTERPRISE STUDIES

Enterprise Studies was introduced as a Form Four option subject in 1997 and has proven to be very popular amongst the students. Enterprise Studies is largely involved in group work and aims to equip students with business skills for use in future years. As part of the course, the students formed business companies to produce a range of products such as CD racks, skateboard bags, beanies, painted pots and manuka furniture. The group below won the Manawatu, Wanganui, Taranaki, Horowhenua regional award for a Community Enterprise project. The group received \$1,000 to produce 20 sports bags for the North Taranaki Special Olympians.

Students: Nathan Wolfe, James Quay, Hayden Cook, Peter Crawford.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

The Arts

Hayden Chisholm, a 22 year old saxophonist, currently studying at the School of Music in Cologne, Germany was one of ten New Zealanders to be awarded TVNZ Young Achievers award. Hayden while at school was an integral member of the Black and White Jazz group. Tao Wells, an art student at Ilam Art School in Christchurch, provided the people of Christchurch with an interesting look at their city by night with an art work that saw all inner city buildings lit up at a specified time. Jeff Stone and Alex Perkins, students at Massey University, were part of a winning comedy team. Their humour helped their team claim the Golden Pukeko Award. Terry Urbahn was one of twenty finalists in the prestigious Visa Gold Art awards.



Sport

Old boys were again to the fore in national and local rugby competitions. NPOB won the local Taranaki competition for the fifth year in succession - victory next year will gain the club a provincial record. Nationally the school was represented in two Super 12 sides and six NPC sides. The Taranaki team contained no less than 12 old boys plus a coach, Jed Rowlands, and a manager, Derek Sampson. Numerous other old boys represented the province in the lower grades. Recent old boys Paul Tito and Tama Tuirangi were selected in the New Zealand U19 side - this team played the curtain raiser to the Melbourne test. Michael Collins made the NZ Barbarians tour of England at the end of last season. Richard Bryant played for NZ in a 7s tournament in Japan. Simon Gibbs and Tony Philp were members of the NZ Universities team that competed at the World Champs earlier this year. Stephen Milne and Anthony Ruakere competed at the final Hong Kong 7s tournament for Japan and the Cook Islands respectively. Just recently Gordon Slater became the school's 26th All Black. This is an awesome achievement considering the bad luck that has followed Gordie in recent times and we all wish him well for the tour of Great Britain - considering the life of front rowers there will be a lot more tours to come.

Golf is a sport that the school has a proud tradition in and old boys continue to be successful whether it be on local, national or overseas greens. Grant Moorhead continues to lead the charge but the new breed of golfers like Jonathon Cane, Nathan Bennett and Brent Humphreys are all pushing for higher honours. The annual golf tournament was again played at Ngamotu and from afield of 52 entrants the principal prize winners were : McNaught Cup (best nett) Geoff Davies

Alexander Trophy (best stableford) Derek Sampson
Peter Powell Memorial Cup (best gross) Ken Holyoake

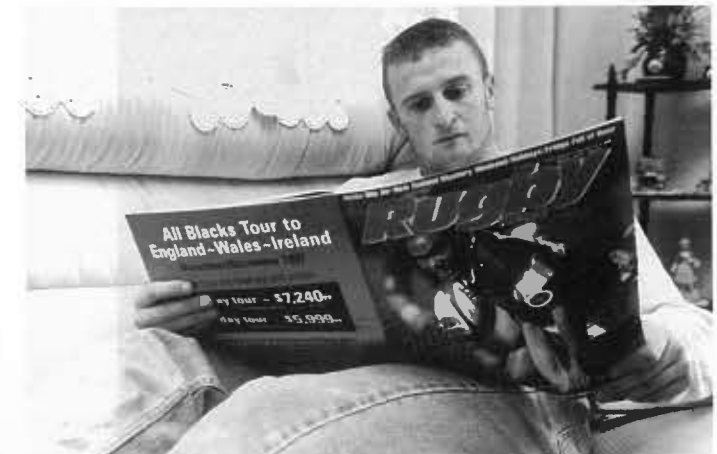
During the tournament Peter Brennan scored a hole in one on the 9th - a truly amazing shot that allowed for the break in the green. Rugby league has an increased profile at school these days and old boys have been to the fore in the local competition, nationally with Jody Brewer being part of the Waikato Cougars, and internationally with Scott Carr playing in France, Korey Gibson trialling for the North Queensland Cowboys and Aaron Baylis representing the Kiwi U17 in Australia.

Surf lifesaving is very strong in the Taranaki region and it is of no surprise to read the names of old boys competing with success. Ben Scott and Paul Veric led the Taranaki charge at Nationals.

Tony Rampton represented the NZ U20 basketball team and has been competing successfully with his brother Damon on the USA College circuit.

Brian Bellringer retired from cricket administration this year after 25 years of dedicated involvement which included work for both the Taranaki and CD associations.

Darryll and Shayne King have again been real forces on the international Motocross scene.





Education

Jason Ruakere was appointed the facilitator of Taha Maori education at the Taranaki Museum. John Laurensen continues to re-shape life at Shirley BHS and Al Kirk has done a great job in sorting out the uniform at Nelson College. Brett Sloan and Lynn Bublitz still lead the way in managing important rural based colleges in this province. Dr Neil Waters is still the board chairman of NZQA and is at the forefront of shaping the direction of education in this country. Don Boyd has just recently accepted a study grant to the University of Miami to study music arrangement under Gary Lindsay who has help legends like Frank Sinatra. Tom Ryder was elected as a life member of SPANZ.

Politics

Neil Walter has been appointed ambassador to Japan which follows a distinguished career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Harry Dynhoven continues to be a very hard working MP for New Plymouth and other old boys help shape our city as local body councillors.

Odds and Ends

Commander Tony Parr, captain of the RNZN Waikato frigate, retired the ship this year thereby burying some real history. TP McLean was knighted for services to sports journalism. Murray Cox has begun specialist training as a surgeon in Wellington. Mr Justice Laurensen was appointed to the High Court in Auckland.



Obituaries

Lawrie Miller
Died age 73.
New Zealand cricket representative 1952 - 1958. Scored 346 runs. He was described as a "gritty left handed opener." Lawrie was also a talented rugby player having played for Taranaki 10 times.

Bruce Beetham
Died age 61
Former MP and leader of the Social Credit Party. His 12 years as leader of this party saw him become one of the most prominent politicians. He also served as mayor of Hamilton for 2 years. He was described as a "earnest, hardworking politician."

'Doc' Allen
Died age 79
Doc taught at school from 1955 - 1960. He was the head of Carrington house.

Howard Purser
Died age 82.
Former top badminton player and administrator. His highest playing honour was being selected as a reserve for NZ in 1949. He served as a national body president and selector. He also headed a very successful local furnishings company.

TRIBUTE TO ROB ROWLANDS

Rob died tragically this year in a road accident while out cycling. Rob Rowlands was a respected educator who had a genuine love of the teaching profession. Rob cared for those students who were lucky enough to be taught by him. He taught these students how to cope with Mathematics but also how to cope best in life and how to get as much as possible out of life. Rob's distinguished career in teaching saw him teach at high schools in Wanganui, Waverley and New Plymouth. He also had periods of teaching in Tonga and at Merrilands School and Highlands Intermediate. His longest spell in one school was at NPBHS, where he taught from 1974 until his retirement in 1995. In that time he had contact with a large number of students through his teaching of Maths, involvement in co-curricular activities (including rugby, cycling, tramping, TOPEC, juggling) and as a dean/house leader and group teacher. All of those students have in some positive way been shaped by this man. Rob had a special interest in those students who struggled academically and he was the one teacher who opened a lot more doors, thereby giving more opportunities, for those students at NPBHS. Rob's legacy at NPBHS lives on through the work that he has done and through the work Jed, Julie and Esmae continue to do.

Rob's zest for life saw him take an active involvement in cycling, NZ Masters athletics where he won a gold medal in high jump in 1994, outdoor education through TOPEC, tramping/climbing (he is a past president of the Taranaki Alpine Club), the support and time he gave to his family - children and grandchildren - and the special times he had with Esmae travelling the different parts of Taranaki, New Zealand and the world right up to the tragic accident that cut his active life so short. Through all of this involvement Rob made a lot of friends. These friends and acquaintances have all been left with a feeling of loss but also with very fond memories and a desire to live life to its fullest as Rob did.

Thank you Rob.



PTA REPORT 1997

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The PTA has had a great year with an enthusiastic group of parents meeting monthly. We thank the staff that have supported us throughout the year, especially Bill Geange and Neville Duckmanton. The Headmaster, Lyal French-Wright, as attended all meetings, giving a full report each month, keeping us up to date with what is going on around the school. Lyal has also given the PTA personally guided tours of the School buildings, grounds, existing Hostel and the new Hostel. We thank Lyal for his time and support.

We started the year with a Pot Luck Tea to welcome new staff. This was held in the Gully Pavilion and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The PTA was pleased to see the alterations to road markings on Coronation Avenue, the indented Bus Stop and the Pedestrian crossing islands being built. The Board of Trustees has fought long and hard for these measures to ensure our boys' safety.

FUND-RAISING: The School had an extremely successful Work Day this year, thank you to local businesses that employed our boys. A percentage of this money has been spent on a new sound system for Ryder Hall and drinking fountains, with the balance being invested for the future upgrade of the Tuck Shop. The PTA have joined with the Old Boys' Assn and are holding a golf tournament on December 7th at New Plymouth Golf Club to raise funds to assist in the purchasing of computer hardware for the new Information Technology Centre. We are grateful to our major sponsors Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd and other Taranaki Business Houses for their generous support.

GUEST SPEAKERS: On August 5th we were lucky to have Trevor Grice from the Life Education Trust address a public meeting on life skills and drug abuse. This was an excellent evening for both parents and our young people. We have also had the following guests at our monthly PTA meetings; Rob Green speaking on Information Technology within the School, Pauline Crow speaking about her 4th Form Enterprise Studies, John Sims speaking on the Horticulture Department and Murray Grimwood speaking on Workshop Technology.

CLOTHING: This year has seen Megan Barnes take over as Clothing Convenor. We thank Fiona Evans for her tireless efforts in outfitting the boys, and Catherine McKee for her bookkeeping skills. Megan has coped well with being relocated behind the Assembly Hall and has increased her stocks of Black Blazers, grey trousers and larger sized shirts to meet demands. Megan has School ties for sale only.

CATERING: Marilyn Surgenor and her willing band of helpers have had a busy year, with lunch and afternoon teas for sports exchanges, tea and biscuits for report evenings, cultural visits and public meetings. Several ladies helped behind the scenes with the show Big Al.

GROUNDS: Tony Bird took over from Brent Chadwick earlier in the years as Grounds Convenor. They have had a busy year with a group of hard-working men building ponga walls, repairing and painting fences, building a new boundary fence around the swimming pool and building wonderful new garden plots for the Horticulture Block. On November 1st a Spring Renovation Day was held to carry out a large number of maintenance and development tasks. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

All parents are welcome to attend our meetings which are generally held on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month as scheduled in the School Calendar. We wish the boys, staff and parents a happy holiday break and look forward to an exciting year in 1998.

TO THOSE NOT RETURNING

For some of you, 1997 will mark the end of your formal education. For most of you, these days, it will mark only the movement on to the tertiary sector - this is the beginning of your adult education. Some regard it as specific job training which will have a finite end. Others, will regard it as only another step in the cycle of life-long learning. Which ever your viewpoint, one would hope that the ideas, the skills, the contact you have picked up while attending NPBHS, will hold you in good stead for the future.

Hopefully in the future you will look back fondly on the images and events that shaped your schooling. As often is the case, these will more than likely have grown in size, or in character. It is often hard to believe at the time, how anything that you did at school would possibly be remembered in the future, but, in fact, some of your proudest moments have often come during your school days. Those nail biting, exciting, sports games that you played a part in, the buzz from playing, or acting, in a large school production, the tingle on the back of your neck, when, as a group, you accomplished something really special, like getting the school haka spot on.

Whatever the memories you take away, we hope you took more than just that. For the majority of you, you take away qualifications. These stepping stones open doors, or more importantly, keep doors open, so you can continue to experience all the opportunities you have before you.

Equally important, were the skills you acquired, hopefully, not just work related, but also social skills. These life skills will be invaluable to you in the future.

There is still more than this though. A key ingredient, essential for the survival of the community that you live in, is a sense of service. It can be expressed in many ways, and comes in many shapes, but without it, quality of life suffers. Hopefully you would have first been moved; "pick up that rubbish please", "look after your environment". Following this would come a sense of pride, followed by a sense of duty, towards your school. To you, the leavers, it is now time to leave this environment and, as you move out into your community, hold dear that sense of service.

In leaving, I hope you look back and value the facilities, the grounds, the buildings, and also value the staff. Remember the tutorials, the coaching, the encouragement, the telling offs, the humour, and most of all, the commitment. These are things you should be grateful for.

Finally what makes this school, is you, and your mates. Here was the beginning of lifelong friendship and memories of comradeship. Whatever you do in the future, remember you are a part of this school. To you all, we wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA
COMRADESHIP, VALOUR AND WISDOM
B L Bayly
Form 7 Dean
Senior Master





GROUP : B01
 PRITCHARD, James
 LYNKEY, Samuel
 PICKERING, Matthew
 PRITCHARD, Kirk
 GILBERT, Matthew
 MAHOOD, Richard
 KEER-KEER, James
 MACKINDER, Gene
 PEATTIE, Michael
 LAWLOR, Ryan
 O'CARROLL, Rory
 O'KEEFE, Jason
 PHILLIPS, Josh
 PONGA, Steven
 PRICE, Ben
 HALL, Adrian
 LOW, Shem
 MCCARTEN, Robert
 MCKENZIE-JOHNSON, Frazer
 MORICE, Jason
 PRESTIDGE, Caleb
 GILBERT, Jason
 HONNOR, Mark
 LEWIS, Ian
 MITCHELL, Jeffery
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 NICHOLSON, Paul
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 HENDERSON, Mark

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 LILE, Shane
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 HAYTER, Corey
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 PARKINSON, Justin
 LOVELL, Ryan
 HUMPHREYS, Dean
 HORNER, Timothy

JONES, Matthew
 LIND, Aaron
 PEEBLES, Mike
 PETERS, Ashton
 PORTER, Adam
 PRICE, Justin
 HEDLEY, Mark
 KEARNS, Joshua
 MACLEAN, Daryl
 MARTIN, Baden
 MARTIN, Haizley
 MCGREGOR, Alastair
 MCKELVEY, Christopher
 NEIL, Robert
 HORNER, Dale
 LUXMOORE, Ian
 MCCAFFERY, Rowan
 HOBIN, Tom
 HUDSON, Paul
 KERR, Luke
 LARKIN, Kris

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 MEULLI, Rai
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 MAJOR, Nick
 MOA, Jeremy
 HUBBARD, Jonathan
 JOE, Roger
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 KNAPMAN, John
 KYLE, Andrew
 MCLEOD, Darcy
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 PEPPERELL, Eric
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 BONE, Jarrad
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 ASQUITH, Brent
 BELL, Matthew
 BELLRINGER, Jade
 BENNETT, Steve
 GRACIA, Luke
 ARDEN, Sven
 BECCARD, Mark

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 BONNEVIE, Christian
 BOOTH, Jeremy
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 BARNETT, Shanon
 BELEN-DAVIDSON, Tristan
 BIRD, David
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 BALLANTINE, Gareth
 BEG, Raoul
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 CADE, John
 DOWMAN, Christopher
 GIBSON, Lane
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 ALLEN, Jonathan

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 CLOW, Tony
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 DAGGER, Jacob
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 CROZIER, Paul
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 BLACK, Stuart
 CREEERY, Reuben
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 CROWE, Jason
 BLACK, Andrew
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 EDEN, Jed

BLACK, Troy
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 FAULKNER, Joseph
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 FITZPATRICK, Tim
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 DORMER, Cameron
 DOWNS, Matthew
 DROUGHT, Paul
 EARP, Desmond
 FABISH, Christopher
 DAVEY, Ben
 DUNCAN, Piers
 EDWARDS, Peter
 ELSTONE, Quinn
 ELVEY, Ewen
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 BROOKES, Kieran
 GLENNIE, Callum
 FAWKNER, James
 GADSBY, Andrew
 EPPING, Paul
 EVETTS, Ryan
 FABISH, Richard
 FARRELL, Logan
 FEATHER, David
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 FLETCHER, Scott
 GREEN, Eric
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 CORLETT, Blair
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 FEIGLER, Michael
 GARGAN, Shaun
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GILBERT, Daniel
 GREEN, David
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 GRIMWOOD, Andrew

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 HEALEY, James
 HADDON, Desmond
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 HARTMANN, Moriz
 HARVEY, Alex
 GOODIN, Sheldon
 GURRY, Bernard
 BATCHELOR, Scott
 BROADMORE, Kurt
 HAMMERSLEY, Cain
 HARPER, Gareth
 HARVEY, Nicholas
 HERBERT, Andrew
 HERMANN, Blair
 HICKEY, Brent
 ANDREWS, Scott
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 DREW, Lee
 FEATHER, Kane
 ANDREIANOV, Andrei
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 CALLANDER, Wade
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 SMITH, Warrick
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 BARLOW, Reece
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 KILMAN, Frank
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 SCHURR, Ben
 TOPLESS, James
 WILLING, Tremayne
 SCHURR, Richard
 CUNNINGHAM, Brad
 FLAVELL, James
 HERBERT, Reuben
 HUNTER, Robert
 MORTENSEN, Oliver
 PARKER, Michael
 QUAY, James
 WALLACE, Jarid

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 HERLIHY, Craig
 KIRKWOOD, Joe

HOFMANS, Jason
 SMART, Geoff
 MCINTYRE, Glen
 SYMONS, Murray
 HONEYFIELD, Craig
 HARTLEY, Kieran
 CASKEY, Shaan
 GRAY, Mark
 LAWN, Nick
 MORTON, Ben
 NEWELL, James
 WOLFE, Nathan
 BAYLIS, Dayne
 HERTLIHY, Mark
 HOWSE, Christopher
 MANAGH, Richard
 HICKMAN, Laurie
 OAKENFULL, Adam
 BAYLIS, Joshua
 HONEYFIELD, AI
 LAWN, Joseph
 GURRY, Bernard
 PURDIE, Gareth
 PURDIE, Tony
 WALL, Aaron
 BLACKLER, Alastair
 HUSTON, Harley
 PURDIE, Andrew

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 HARRIS, Oh
 ATTRILL, Chris
 MARSHALL, Jesse
 SARTEN, Mark
 O'BRIEN, Haaretaua
 SWEETMAN, Nathan
 MILLS, Thomas
 OGLE, Ryan
 BERNIER, Adam
 BLUCK, Simon
 CAMPBELL, Ben
 ENRIGHT, Nicholas
 WALKER, Scott
 BERNIER, Sam
 CROSS, Andrew
 DRAVITZKI, Jonathan
 KURIGER, Donald
 MARSHALL, Harvey
 SWEETMAN, Tamati
 BAKER, Duncan
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 VOSSELER, Henry
 HERBERT, Glen
 FISCHER, Daniel
 LE PROU, Cole
 HERBERT, Keith
 HAGENSON, Paul
 HUTCHINGS, Logan
 COOK, Richard
 CUNNINGHAM, Brad
 FLAVELL, James
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 HUNTER, Robert
 MORTENSEN, Oliver
 PARKER, Michael
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FRANK, Nicholas
LAURSEN, Mark
RAUPUTU, Ria
WASHER, Bevan
DOWN, Jayson
DRNASIN, David
HAMERTON, Ben
HERBERT, Hasan
OH, Jong
MAYO, Brendon

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BALDWIN, Cole
BEDFORD, Andrew
KEECH, Christopher
CLIMO, Michael
RUSSELL, Jamie
NEWTON, Geoffrey
GREEN, Scott
SMILLIE, Russel
BETHELL, Daniel
CARMICHAEL, Douglas
COOK, Hayden
MCLEAN, Chris
SUTTON, Antony
WELSH, Jonathan
CAMPBELL, Fletcher
DRYDEN, Hadley
MURPHY, James
MURPHY, John
SCHRIDER, Brent
SINGLETON, Bevan
BLACKBURN, Martin
HANN, Jody
KEECH, Sheldon
KULL, Daniel
NEWLAND, Clint
RUSSELL, Nathan
DONALDSON, Fraser
FEATHER, Marc
FERRIS, Nick
HOOPER, Vaughan
LILLEY, Ben

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RUCHTI, Janick
PAPPS, Michael
BASON, Daniel
PEDERSEN, Adam
LAGAN, Matthew
COLEBROOK, Mark
CRAIG, Bradley
HONEYFIELD, Grant
MACLEOD, Thomas
BAYLEY, Kellam
CHRISTENSEN, Lance
FLEMING, Adam
GULBRANSEN, Ryan
LAGAN, Gregory
NUKU, France-Wnetu
RUCHTI, Nicol
WHITE, Jonathan
GORDON, Robert
GULLIVER, Mack
LAKA, Rupert
MCGLASHAN, Bradley
WALKER, Foster
HONEYFIELD, Matt
KITE, Ashley
LOWE, Michael
MACLEOD, Joel
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MANLEY, Paul
MURDOCH, Aaron

SRISAWAS, Ronnakorn
PAPPS, David

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MOFFITT, Terry
RADCLIFFE, Daniel
INGRAM, James
GOPPERTH, Jimmy
ESPINER, Michael
DAVIS, Cory
FERRIS, John
GEDDES, Joshua
LE PROU, Rene
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STONNELL, Lewis
WELLINGTON, Gareth
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SUHR, Daniel
URWIN, Paul
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PETERS, David
PINTOR, Ricardo
SOPER, Nicholas
VITANACHY, Chanuka
PLIMMER, Bryn
RADFORD, Dayle
THOMPSON, Murray
TILYARD, Jarrad
WATSON, Andrew

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WATTS, Jason
SANGER, Michael
STEWART, Boyd
STEWART, Dean
RADFORD, Adam
ROBERTS, Matthew
SMITH, Joshua
TAYLOR, Michael
TURNER, Matthew
WALKER, Robert
WALSH, Stephen

WATTS, Christopher
MERCER, Jeff
PREBBLE, Daniel
PROFFIT, Mark
SCOTT, Alexander
STEWART, Mark
SULLIVAN, Brontain
REED, Colin
WYLIE, Chris

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WAITE, Ryan
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RAVEN, Brent
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SPIERLING, Neil
WELLS, Bobby
WHITING, Hayden
PETERSEN, Isaac
ROLLO, Paul
ROPER, Hamish
ROSS, James Tama
ROWE, Mack
RYAN, Samuel
SOMERS, Michael
THOMPSON, James
WALES, Mark
WILSON, Vaughan
WOODWARD, Jay
RAVJI, Jayden
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ROWE, Mike
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TAMAPUA, Allan
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THOMPSON, Shane
SOLE, Steven
SMITH, Fraser
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STREET, Adam
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RUTHERFORD, Boyd
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SMITH, Bradford
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THEOBALD, Joshua
VISSER, Andre
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QUICKENDEN, Jason
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STURMEY, Chris
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TAYLOR, Anton
WILSON, Dillon
ROBSON, Luke
SMITH, Nicholas
SNOWDON, Wesley
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WEIR, Matt
WRIGHT, Jeremy
ZURAKOWSKI, Zygi
POWER, Haden
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TAYLOR, Jonathan
VIGEANT, Jason
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YANDLE, Hamish
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SMITH, Caleb
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ROYCROFT, Kenny
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TOOLE, Brendan
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STEPHENS, Aaron
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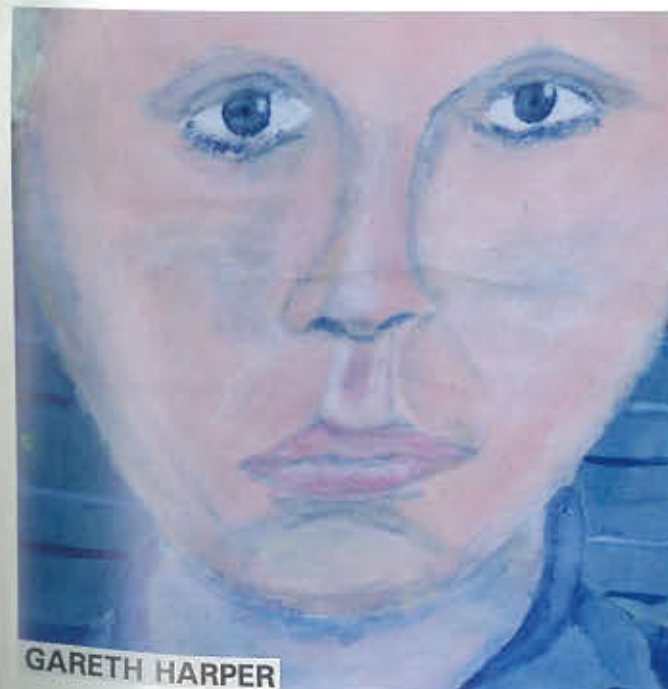
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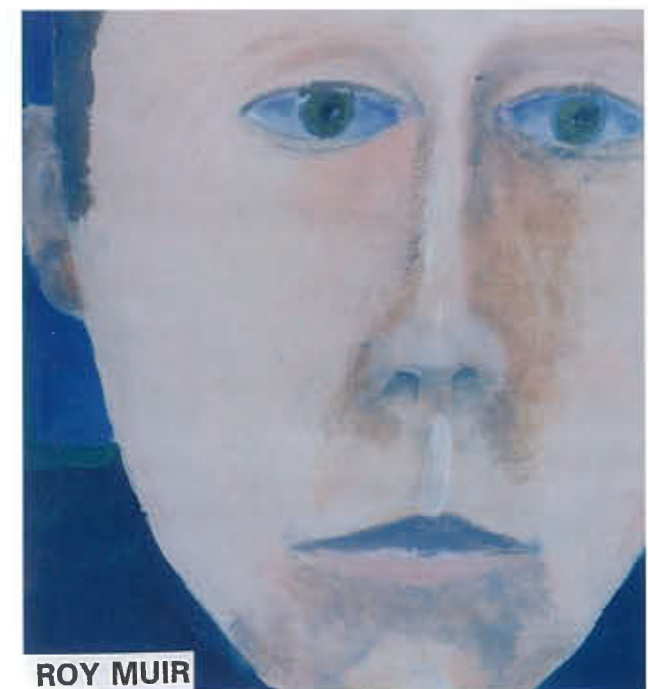
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