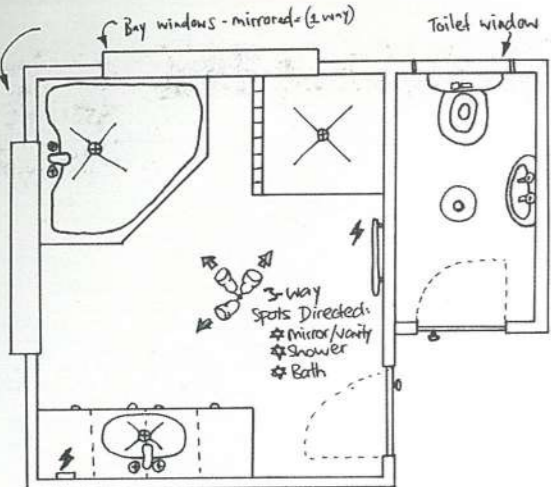
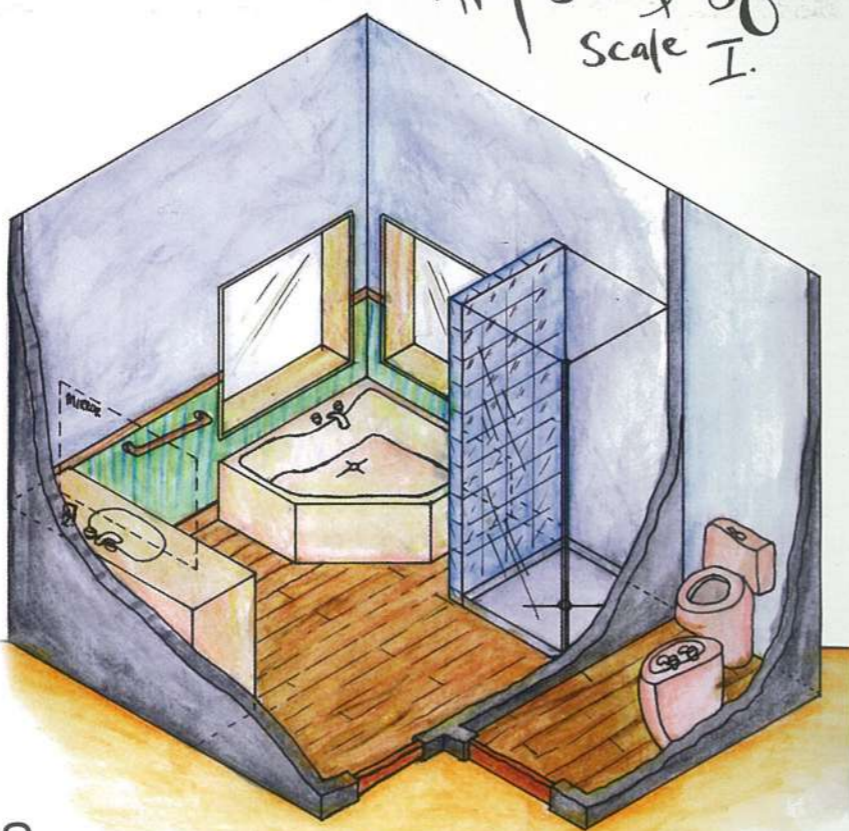


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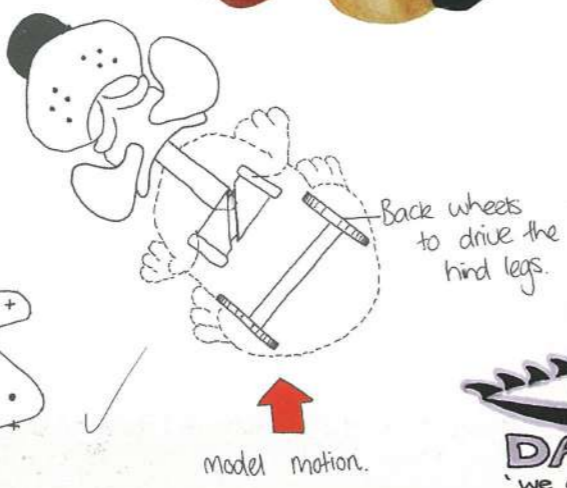
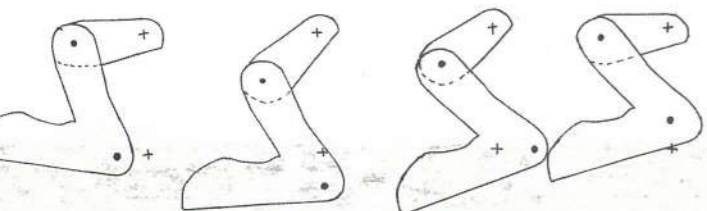
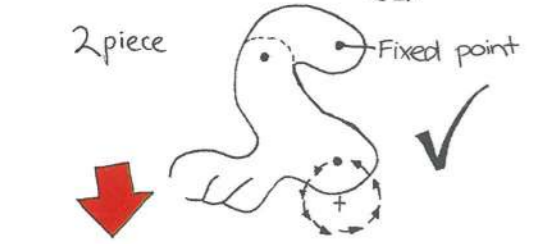
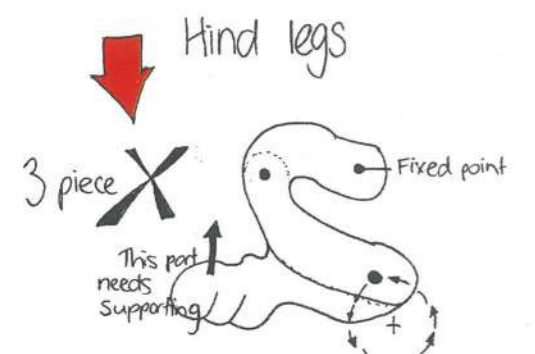
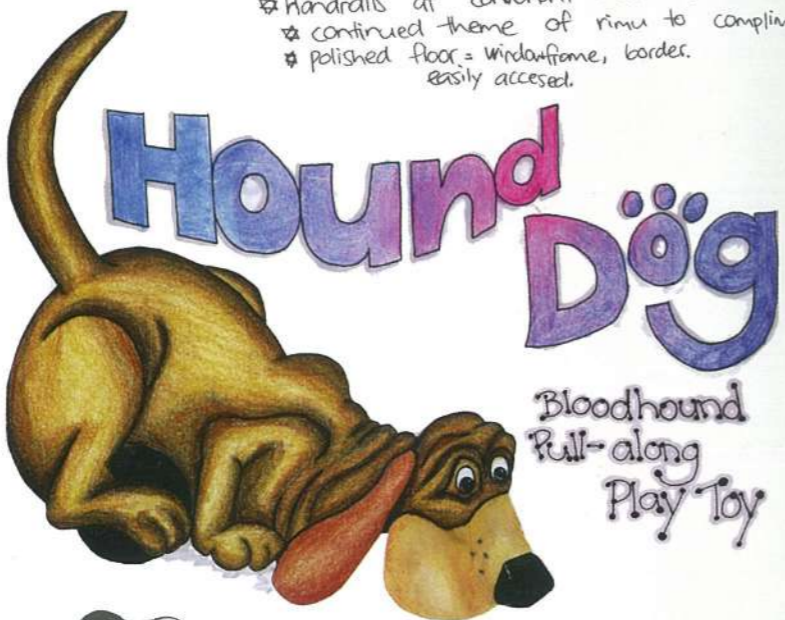
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- ★ Handrails at convenient locations
- ★ continued theme of rimu to compliment
- ★ polished floor = window frame, border easily accessed.



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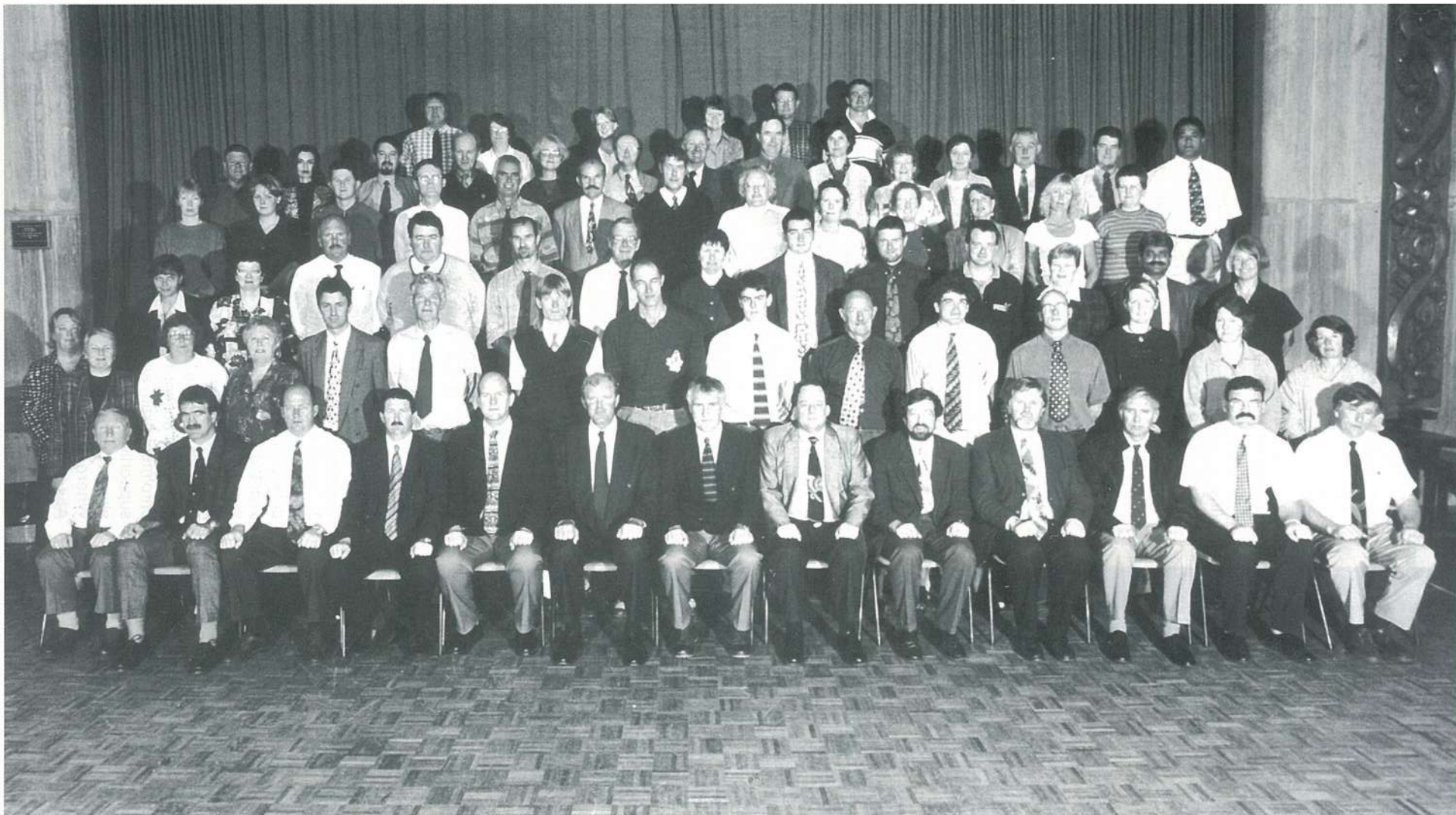
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HEADMASTERS REPORT

1998 opened with the largest total roll in the school's history, once again going against the declining population trend in Taranaki secondary Schools. The roll of 1202, which includes 15 fee paying students from overseas, has had ongoing benefits, in terms of extra rooming but negative aspects for some parents. This is because we have had to enact our enrolment policy that limits Form 3 enrolments to 240 day boys. This, together with a full hostel of 220 boarders is surely a measure of how the school's community views what is happening inside NPBHS. Education continues to experience considerable change which, is of necessity, but also I believe, has been wasteful of a finite resource, staff energy. I will never question the commitment and resolve of the vast majority of the staff at NPBHS, but I do have to question educational leadership at the top level in New Zealand. It seems that another about-face is about to be announced on the Qualification Framework, or at least, the pre-eminent importance of Unit Standards as the only form of assessment. I suspect that the outcome will be, that a range of assessment techniques as appropriate to that particular learning area can be deployed. If this had been suggested as a trial ten years ago - what a lot of energy could have been saved for other productive areas. Rather than worrying endlessly about the assessment driving the curriculum we could have used the collective wisdom of the teaching profession to review the curriculum proposals. There are many very positive aspects of the new national curriculum that look at essential learning areas and what knowledge and skills need to be taught and learned. The stage implementation of curriculum continues and, at presents the Technology and Health and Physical Education curriculum are in focus. We have the flexibility to decide how the essential learning areas will be taught at NPBHS and are in a consultative phase at present, led by Mrs Carter and Mr Atkin on the Health and PE side and by Mr Grimwood on Technology. The professionalism of the staff has been very evident throughout this phase with wide ranging discussion and a non partisan approach that looks at student needs and not self interest at a traditional Departmental level. All of these changes have a major effect on the way teaching and learning take place and some provocative timetabling ramifications have provoked excellent discussion and a general acceptance of possible radical departures from the accepted norm.

As well as these nationally prescribed areas, we are involved in internal review of our own goals and objectives and a revamped Mission Statement. These goals, once ratified and adopted, will ensure that our resources are targeted at the area identified as most important to the overall school development and, of course, our boys.

This year, for instance, we have made changes to our curriculum that focus on some students for whom an exam based system proved difficult (Star courses, Life skills course, extra remedial reading) and on using our computer investment properly (Information literacy and Computer skills at Form 3). Whatever we do at school must be based around the question 'what are we endeavouring to do and why?' The Mission Statement proposed, after much discussion at all levels of the School Community, is:

'We encourage each individual to gain a sense of self worth; sufficient to realise his potential as a good citizen through a balanced and challenging education programme of the highest standards.'

Who measures this potential, or how we measure this potential, is an often vexed question. I have endeavoured to inform the school, through assembly, about some of the questions raised by this issue using a book that has been recently published. It sets out to guide parents in their choice of secondary schools based on the School Certificate and Bursary marks from 1997. The works scenario was immediately obvious on the front page of one of New Zealand's largest and most highly respected newspapers as a reaction to the book. It highlighted the top three schools in Christchurch (all girls' school) with SC pass rates in the high 80% and the bottom three with pass rates nearer 10% or less.

What has this achieved?

- i Pointed out that girls' are achieving better than boys' in examinations right across the range of subjects. This is a disturbing fact and the ever-increasing gap can't be trivialised nor ignored.
- ii Pointed out that, in general, boys' or girls' who come from decile 9 or 10 schools (highest socio-economic families) achieve better examination results. Not surprising when this high index also often means that parents are professionals, or in high well-paying jobs, have houses with good study facilities and stimulating environments for learning, have high expectations for their families, are well educated themselves, make education a priority, see great value in what happens at schools, are supportive of schools and see a future that is positive.

Does this mean that boys' who are not from schools that are decile 9 or 10 can't succeed in examination? Of course not - some boys' in decile 1 or 2 schools achieve very well, but proportionately fewer. I don't believe that the statistics in this book are indicative of good schools necessarily. In our case, we must look at our Mission Statement and then our goals to see whether we are achieving what we set out to do, or not. What is really important is **THE VALUE THAT WE CAN ADD**. Bold statements do not achieve this - the value we add is independent of gender or socio-economic status. Not all schools start off with the same base level, so that comparisons have limited validity. Schools that have an enrolment policy that accept 150 of 600 applicants at Form 3, based on an enrolment exam and those 150 mostly have high IQ's from very supportive families who expect top educational outcomes, can almost guarantee a top position on the league table.

Where are we? Do I care about SC or Bursary pass rate? **Absolutely.** We do everything we can to get the best results out of our boys' - by doing this we create opportunities for them when they leave school - **OPTIONS.**



We have great pride in our results at SC and Bursary - for a pretty much non-selective enrolment, which doesn't let only those almost guaranteed of success sit exams, which doesn't have a majority of students from socio-economically privileged homes, we do extremely well but can always do better. I don't believe that background - race, family circumstances, gender - should ever be an excuse for non-performance.

As a school, we have, amongst other things -

- * top-class teaching and support staff
- * commitment of staff to students as evidenced by the vast range of extra class help and co-curricula activities
- * a very good learning environment
- * expectation that you perform to your best
- * students who generally believe that education is the key to a product and secure future.

What students need has nothing to do with boy or girl, rich or poor, education or non-educated parents, Asian or Maori or Pakeha - it has to do with **ATTITUDE.**

What we do need is a set of league tables that purport to rank schools based on SC and Bursary - what we do need to do is work at providing evidence that we do have a balanced and challenging education programme of the highest standards, that does realise the potential of the boys in all facets of school life, not just academic.

Let us look at the wider aspects of school life, in terms of sport and culture before highlighting the academic results of last year. In May I wrote, in a newsletter, that winter has started with a wonderful commitment from staff, parents and senior boys to coach and manage what could be a record number of teams. We are very proud of the fact that our selection policy is non-elitist, we can offer our boys a team to play in that, generally, fits their ability and interest.

We started with:

Rugby	(400 boys, 17 teams)
Soccer	(72 boys, 5 teams)
Hockey	(65 boys, 5 teams)
Basketball	(112 boys, 16 teams)

and of course, many more as well. I can't hope to do justice to all the sporting activities, but will include some highlights from the range.

The combination of sun and sea certainly brings out the best in those equipped to handle the aquatic sports. Many of our boys'



and Old Boys' ensure that surf lifesaving in Taranaki is at the top level nationally and internationally. National titles to Carl Barnes, Lane Gibson and Hayden Corkin, with Hayden in the NZ Surf Development Squad. Carl Barnes continued his paddling form in the kayaking and canoeing, with titles in NZSS and NZ Junior White Water, NZ Under 19 Flat Water and 5th place in the World Junior Whitewater Championships in Austria. This is an exceptional feat that deserves the highest recognition. Jason Quilter and Ryan Lawlor made finals at the NZ Rowing Championships with Jeffrey McGlashan the junior title winner at the TSS Triathlon. The 1998 School Swimming Sports were again one of the highlights of the calendar, with Andrew Moore Senior Champion again. Our school team took 12 titles at TSS championships. As well as this, Jeremy Wright had the fastest time in the Waitangi Day Flannagan Cup over 3.5k and Robert Veitch was top Junior. The draw of the water saw our Yachties finish 2nd to Spotswood again and Paul Gledhill continues his great run in Cardboard American Cup Boat races. For the 3rd time he won the Taranaki race, then took the NZ title in Auckland and finished 3rd in the International event in Chicago. The multi-sports events have increased in popularity of late and the NZSS multi-sports championships Carl Barnes was 3rd and Chris Ander 5th. A sport that goes back a bit further is Surfing and we have had our share of champions this year. Isaac Petersen was 2nd in the NZ Under 18's, and gained a place in the NZ team to travel to Bali for the World Championships and Alex Blyth was 1st in the NZ Under 14 Bodyboarding.

The snow season was not a vintage one, but there was enough time for Alex Blyth and Karl Lapwood to take out the TSS titles and then, at the North Island SS Champs Snowboarding Championships our team was 2nd overall, with Karl Lapwood 2nd in Slalom and his brother Neville 3rd in slope style.

While on the mountain, Stephen Eichstaedt was 4th overall in the NZSS Mountain Biking for juniors and 1st in the downhill. Gareth Ballentyne dominated his age group, and others above, as Tennis No 1, with a high national age group ranking. His leadership of a young side saw the Top 4 progress at the last 8 of the NZSS knockout, as well as good college wins over Hamilton Boys High and Collegiate. Our racket sports have had a resurgence, our badminton team winning 3 of 4 finals at TSS - with Lachlan Leeper at No 1, and in Squash Hayden Mattson and Justin Price took titles at the TSS event and Shaun Sanson improving his national ranking to No 1 at Under 15. The diversity of sports continues for those who need wheels to get to the line. Callum Gifford, Andrew Jackson and Tim McIndoe represented NZ at the World BMX championships in Melbourne, Bjorn Johnston was 3rd in NZ Under 16 skateboarding and Mark Cowley won the TSS title for Form 5 boys in Motocross.

Not all boys needed wheels to propel themselves, many used their own leg speed. The running season opened with our own festival, the school Athletics Day. Hamish Kirk was Senior Champion and then at TSS, titles were gained by Alex Asi, Logan Hutchings, Marcel Visser, Tyler Raven, Juhans Marriner with the Senior and Junior relays as well. Stephen Hills continued the golden form at the National Paraplegic event. In Cross-country and Road running we have seen a great upsurge of form in the past three years. The whole school Cross Country saw a full-hearted effort from most boys, with Jacob Dagger and Marcel Visser setting records and Ben Alchin, a world class speed skater, taking the senior title. The Wanganui Round the Lake relay saw the top North Island schools compete and our 3rd place of 1997 became 1st place in the Juniors in 1998 and the Intermediate title at TSS, for the first time. A new sport at SS level was 10 Pin bowling with our team 1st overall and David Hill bowling a 195. The high profile of NZ's best golfers has meant an influx of young people to the sport. Our team won the TSS title again, but their very good



2nd placing in the regional finals meant we missed out narrowly on the NZ Top 4 finals. Joshua Kearns continued his great form, making the last 64 at NZ Amateur and then making the NZ Titleist Academy for the top 10, under-18 golfers, as well as a place in the Taranaki men's team.

Volleyball is a relatively recent addition to the sports at NPBHS and they can be pleased with a finals place at the NZSS top tournament.

Three disciplines that take great concentration and, in which there can be no hiding the result, are Fencing, Archery and Tae Kwon Do. We have NZ representatives in each this year. James Webb competed as a black belt in the NZ Tae Kwon Do in open competition, while brothers Brendan and Colin White were in the NZ Archery team that defeated Australia in Tasmania. Alex Scott, once again, took titles at NZSS and Under 20 in épée and foil and had the great honour of being picked in the NZ team to fence at Kuala Lumpur in the Commonwealth Games Championships.

Winter saw our more traditional sports get underway with great input from staff and a wonderful competitive spirit that is one of the cornerstones of NPBHS.

Our 1st V Basketball team worked their way back to the top NZSS tournament, finishing a creditable 15th with two key games being lost by 1 point. Excellent wins against Palmerston North Boys' and Hamilton Boys' put a gloss on a good season, with Jouhans Marriner being selected for NZ Under 18, Ben Jefferies selected in NZ Under 18 Development Squad and Matthew Cleaver in great form. Soccer was in a building phase, but had a very good win against Hamilton Boys' and, in the Jim Wishart Trophy NZ Tournament in Wanganui, lost only 1 game, 3-2, and drew with the overall winner, Avondale College. The Devon Hotel Park on Webster Field has certainly helped the 1st XI in 1998. They retained their place in the Senior Men's 'A' Grade and qualified for Rankin Cup in Nelson with a final NZ ranking of 11th. Top performances in drawing 0-0 with Christchurch Boys', losing 1-2 to Auckland Grammar and defeating Wanganui Collegiate 3-0.

This time last year, I was heralding an exciting linkage between 8 North Island schools, with similar traditions and emphasis. This year has seen the first forays into sporting competition with - Hamilton and Palmerston North Boys' (traditional rivals) and also Rotorua, Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier and Hastings Boys' High Schools. Considerable sponsorship with Canterbury Apparel, over 3 years, has led to significant gains that will be felt in all codes.

The original SUPER 8 concept was for Cricket and Rugby, but it has already gone past this, with debating, badminton, basketball and hockey making new linkages, and in the future music, drama, soccer, golf etc will be added.

Rugby continues to flourish in all its forms and our status as a nursery is well justified, with more Old Boys' playing for NPC 1st division sides than any other school by far. We can be very proud of the input that Jed Rowlands and 'our boys' had to the success of Taranaki reaching the semi-finals of the NPC.

Our Champion Touch Rugby side promoted Jody Hann, Bryce Robins and Lane Gibson to the NZ Tournament and our Rugby League side were thwarted by Mt Albert Grammar from a last 8 place in the NZSS knockout. Some excellent league was played by our side, in taking out the TSS senior title, to go with the junior title. Sacho and James Stosic were selected for NZSS League side with Sacho also being in the NZ Under 19's side.

Rugby has had a very successful season overall. At the junior level our Under 15 team were beaten finalists at the North Island Tournament, and then finished 5th at the NZ Tournament, beating Christchurch Boys', St Stephen's, Rotorua and Hamilton Boys'. Finals day at Rugby Park saw 6 of our teams compete and 3 titles resulting.

The 1st XV had a good season, starting with a return to senior 3rd

'A' from Under 21. After the first round the team was leading the competition, but then withdrew to concentrate on College games and the Super 8 competition. It finished with a College record of 12 games for 7 wins, a draw and 4 losses. This meant 4th in Super 8 against some of the best opposition available. The season was not finished and we achieved our best overall results in the Nike NZSS Knockout, making the top 8 by virtue of an excellent win against Palmerston North Boys' High School. This left us another game against Super 8 champion, Rotorua Boys' High, to make the top 4 finals in Christchurch. It was not to be, with Rotorua, the eventual co-winners, finishing too well at the end of a most satisfying year. One of the features of the Super 8 was a parallel 2nd XV competition played as curtain raisers. Our overall strength was emphasised with our team taking out the inaugural title with a convincing win over Rotorua Boys' and finished the season with only 1 loss. A team that never gave in.

Seven of the 1st XV travelled to Australia with the TSS side and Bryce Robins and Joe Lawn played for Northern Regions, and Jose also playing in the final NZ Under 19 trial.

The sporting season always starts and finishes with cricket and it is a season well worth reflecting on. The 1st XI competed well in the Premier grade, with the highlight an outright win against Avis Old Boys', following a successful trip to Sydney to complete in an International tournament. In college games this year, the XI were undefeated with outright wins against Auckland Grammar, Rotorua Boys' and a draw against Wanganui Collegiate. Individual highlights were, Mark Stewart against Rotorua (130*), Mark Proffitt (7/71) a fighting 63 from Kent Jordan against Collegiate and Regan West's against Grammar (50, 24, 5/20, 3/21).

The Gillette Cup is the NZSS one-day knockout. We have progressed to the last 8 by virtue of a fine win against Collegiate and will play St Paul's (Hamilton) for a finals place. Special congratulations to Regan West, who played in the NZ Youth XI at the Youth World Cup in South Africa and then left school to join the Cricket Academy at Lincoln college in Christchurch.

Our Softballer's have had an outstanding year, culminating in their 12-3 finals victory over St Peter's (Auckland) in the NZSS Championships. Such was the dominance of the side that, at the conclusion of the tournament, seven players were chosen for the NZSS Tournament team. Colin Edwin, Haizley Martin, Shaun Marino, Cheyne Kettle, Robert Neil, James Jenkins and Tyler Raven. Mr Colin Edwin was named coach, Haizley Martin MVP and top batter and Shaun Marino top pitcher. This is the first time we have attended, so it was a very special victory. Colin Edwin was also selected in the NZ Under 19 team.

This year the Awards Dinner was organised by Mrs Kirsty Hazledine our Cultural Co-ordinator. This is a highlight of the school year, where our young men can celebrate the achievement and success of the past year, in matters sporting and cultural. Before I highlight a very full and exciting cultural year, the Awards for Sport were:

Sportsman of the Year	Carl Barnes
ANZ Sports Team of the Year	Softball (National SS Champions)

There is no doubt that a real boost has been given to the Art's side of the school, and it is great to see staff, parents and the community delighting in the wealth of talent that abounds. It is not that the talent was not there beforehand - Boys' High has been acclaimed for its choir, jazz bands, concert bands, stage bands, choirs, debaters and top class musicians and drama for as long as the school has been in operation. It is all a matter of profile and having a cultural co-ordinator in a position of responsibility has given a different focus to performance in the school. This extra exposure has been exemplified by two new ventures this year.



Firstly, interhouse music, as a part of the house competition got the masses involved and committed to producing performances of quality. The House music showed the huge pool of talent available and the massed singing of 'Oh When the Saint's Go Marching In' allowed Houses a chance to express themselves in their own way as a group. All were to be congratulated on this revived 'tradition'. The second innovation was an Arts Festival that stretched out from the original three days. The week began with the Concert Band at assembly, with Mr John Howes and Toby Robins in a frenetic violin duet, to send the boys off to class. Lunchtime saw Alien Body Art on parade and a Lip Synching competition and then onto the evening Speech Finals, of a very high quality. Tuesday saw the artistic talent shine in the Pavement Art, while a theatre sports event was on against Girls' High. On Wednesday Mr Maihi and the Maori language students gave a rousing start to the day with a moving display at assembly, then to interhouse debating finals over lunch and the finale in the evening - **Titanic Too**, the Revue. A full Ryder Hall was subjected to a top-class show, directed by Mr George Penlington, involving a highly original series of skits, scripted by himself with assistance from some senior boys. The subject matter jumped from Father Ted to a staffroom take-over, from the Titanic, to the Newsroom, from Tim Simpson singing a farewell song to Sean Fitzpatrick, to the prefects dancing to 'Happy Feet'. Talent emerged from unknown quarters - great acting, fine humour and excellent music by Mrs Mary Allan and the combined NPBHS and NPGHS Concert Band and Mr Stewart Maunder and the Stage Band. All this complemented by the senior Home Economics students serving a sumptuous supper, prepared by themselves. It was a job to see the performers having as much fun as the audience.

Music is flourishing in its many forms. From **DAMMIT** winning the Battle of the Bands to the Stage Band giving 45 minute gig at the Taranaki Jazz Club Festival to the Choral group performing with aplomb at the Regional School's Festival in Palmerston North. The annual combined concert with Taradale High School was of high quality and the silver award to the combined Concert Band in the Auckland Festival a real fillip with 48 bands competing. Toby Robins was selected for the NZSS Symphony Orchestra, which is an outstanding achievement.

Not only have we created opportunities for our music to be heard at school, but we have taken it out to the community. A music roadshow played to excited and bright-eyed audiences at many of our contributing schools. It was a true variety concert - with concert, stage and jazz bands, bag pipes, piano duet, strings', choir and comedy continuity, as well as audience participation. Speech and Drama allowed further talents to be displayed. The Shakespearean Festival saw a 15 minute extract from 'Much Ado About Nothing' called 'The Entrapment of Benedict' win popular acclaim and the TSS Speech and Drama Festival provided for 300 students from 10 schools at NPBHS.

Reece Meuli was 1st in the Junior speech finals and Andrew Gilkison and Matthew Rogers were declared best speakers in the Senior and Junior Debating. Sinclair Lonsdale and Scott Bremer were finalists in the Lion Speech contest in Palmerston North, but the outstanding performer was Andrew Gilkison, winning the regional finals and then moving on to the NZSS Jaycees Speech Final.

House debating was excellent and displayed the keen interest redeveloping and under Ms Gracia, our Senior 'A' team of Toby Robins, Adrian Humphrey and James Riley showed flashes of great skill.

The Awards Dinner presentation of Performing Artist of the Year - Toby Robins.



The Island Night continues to be a great expression of the Pacific Island heritage of Boys' and Girls' High School, and this year's concert was a credit to all the students, but in particular, Michael Gigmai as President and Tusi Finikaso as MC of the night.

Against the tide, our school Senior Ball was an outstanding success. The Ball Committee, under Tim Simpson, had Ryder Hall looking like a genuine Roman Emporium, and the earlier dance lessons were well and truly put to the test. This was a night that our young men could be proud of.

Of special moment was the active resurrection of Whanau Wairoa, a support group for the achievement of our young Maori men. This coincided with Mr Val Cameron's appointment to the Board of Trustees and I am sure that momentum will gather. Already two hangi's have been held, during Super 8 rugby games as a fundraising venture for future projects. The haka competition is a real expression of the house spirit and this year's was outstanding. The judges, our Super 12 Old Boys' - Reuben Thorne, Greg Feek, Michael Collins and Darryl Lilley were very impressed and commented on what a moving assembly it was to be a part of. Hatherly House were judged best haka, in a close contest, but in the end could not stop Donnelly House from taking out the Inter-house Trophy for the first time. I must make comment on the leadership of the houses - not just from the Heads of House, but all prefects and senior boys, who contributed so much to enliven and enthuse their boys'. The house structure is vital to the spirit and true ideals of competition - we do this very well. We have been well served in leadership by an outstanding Head Boy, Timothy Simpson, and prefects under the Heads of House - Reid Archer (Donnelly), Hamish Mitchell (Barak), Mark Stewart (Syme), and Ben Schurr (Hatherly).

We continue to push our leadership and support to the community at large, as a part of giving service. This involves many collections and clean-ups, but also this year, through the enthusiasm of two young staff - Messrs Ephraim and Thompson, we have formed and ECO committee that looks at the immediate and local environment - from school recycling to plantings on the Te Henui walkway.

Four 4th Formers, from Mrs Crow's Enterprise Studies class, have taken a national award in the BP Enterprise Project competition - this gives them money to build the outdoor furniture that they designed for the Taranaki Hospice. This is the second year in a row that we have been able to assist the needy in our local community in a tangible way.

In my Taranakian report last year, I paid tribute to the outgoing Board of Trustees and their excellent governance, under Mr John Eagles. Since then we have had elections for a new Board. It was very gratifying for myself and the past Board to have twelve parents prepared to stand for the seven places available by election. We had twelve very able and committed candidates and the new trustees, under Mr Geoff Ward, are already working extremely well in ensuring that students work in the best conditions possible. A major part of the committee work at NPBHS is to do with Property matters and I am indebted to Mr Les Emslie, Executive Officer, and the Trustees for all the assistance, that has resulted this year in the following:

- Computer Information Technology Suite - opened on March 27 by Technology Minister, Mr Maurice Williamson
- Gully drainage
- New graphics room on top of Room 26, based on roll growth
- Old Computer room, converted to a 9th laboratory, under the financial assistance scheme
- Beginning of a long-term property master plan
- Disabled access for wheelchair students



- Beautification and safety changes to the front of the school
- On February 19, former Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jim Bolger opened Stage 1 of our hostel redevelopment. We have invested over a million dollars to ensure the long-term viability as one of NZ's foremost boarding institutions.

Schools are made up of many linkages with the local and wider community that add vital support and strength.

Our PTA, Under Alison Sutton, have continued to work on building up a close association between parents and school. Renovation Day, working bees, fundraising, clothing shop, parent forum are examples of their very important function.

At Boys' High we have always enjoyed very good support from the local business community, in terms of sponsorship of teams and groups. We are working on an extension of this, to create a more formal Business partnership with some of our largest local and national firms. Already we have created firm ties with Fletcher Challenge Energy Taranaki, Petrocorp and Computerland and are working on others. These partnerships will benefit our boys and the business, in a proper partnership.

The Old Boys' always support school functions, whether at home or away, but the time is fast approaching when we may well have to look at a more formal structure to maintain vital communication with those who feel so strongly and positively about their old school. A major campaign will be launched shortly to bring the Old Boys' together and build on and create 'friendships' that will endure and ensure vital and active association.

ANZAC Day is a school institution that remains of great significance and importance. I thank all the parents, friends and boys' who continue to pay tribute to the many Old Boys' who made the supreme sacrifice in war. My particular thanks to Mr Murray Dobson for his organisation, Brendon MacPhail for his playing of the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille', the New Plymouth Cadet unit for parading and Tim Simpson and Ben Schurr for the laying of wreaths.

Any Headmaster's report should reflect on the wide variety of activities that the school is involved in. Already, in this report, you will have read of some of the activities outside of the classroom - what some call the extra curricula - I call them co-curricula, because they are an intrinsic part of what we do as a school, and what any top institution should offer.

Of course, the main focus has to be on the academic side. Successes are, of course, very personal and reflect individual goals, not always rewarded by national external examination results. It is important, however, to highlight some of the very good results that individuals or significant groups have achieved in the last year.

1997 was not a vintage year for Bursary, compared to our own high standards, but was somewhat predicted from 1995 School Certificate and our testing of this groups, as Form 3 students in 1993. Boys gained 18 'A' Bursaries and 33 'B' Bursaries, giving an overall pass rate of 63% for 5 subject candidates and 72% of the boys sitting 3 or more Bursary subjects gained Entrance to University for 1998. Our best scholars gained 13 individual scholarships, which is about average for us, and these were shared among 9 students. Best scholar was Karl Laird with 424 out of 500 marks in Bursary, with Scholarships in Statistics (92%) and Physics (88%). Martin Soh, our top School Certificate candidate of 1996 gained 3 Scholarships as a Year 12 (Form 6) student, with Accounting (885), Japanese (89%) and Calculus (89%). Many of the top academics in New Zealand sit NZEST special papers before Bursary. Karl gained credit in Chemistry, Economics and Physics, with Merit in Calculus and Statistics. Martin gained Merit in Physics (33rd in NZ) and Distinction in Calculus (8th in NZ).

In School Certificate, staff and boys can be very pleased with the overall standard reached. Most subjects performed in excess of National means, with Geography, Japanese, Mathematics and Science achieving pass rates of over 60%; Accounting, Art and Graphics over 70%; History with 87%; Music 94%; and Latin 100%. In one aspect of Te Reo Maori all boys passed. Individually there were 21 marks over 90% and one of 100% by James Brown in Art. 35 boys gained 350 marks or better in their best 5 subjects and 5 boys gained the top mark possible, a K1 in Te Reo Maori. Special mention must be made of our top two Form 5 scholars: Shane Pope scored 460/500 and Bryan Holyoake 452/500, both averaging over 90%.

The overall subject pass rate of 67% is very respectable by our standards and a credit to the boys and staff.

Education is not insular, with goal boundaries being lessened all the time with technology. We are also fortunate to have a number of our students selected to travel overseas to experience, first-hand, other cultures.

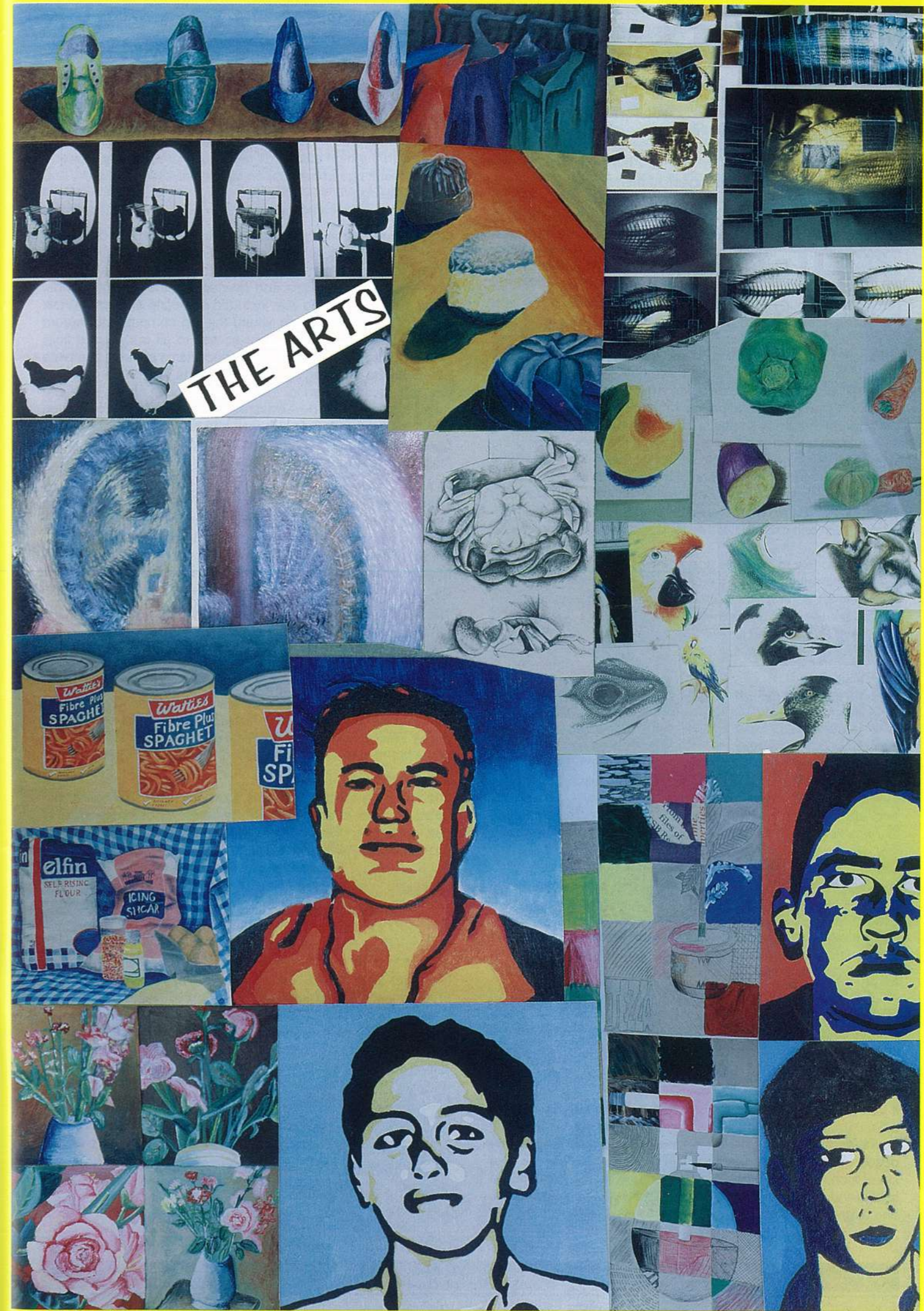
In the next month we have a group of boys travelling in Thailand, two boys' at World School '98 in Japan and four boys travelling to Washington DC to attend the 1998 National Young Leaders Conference.

This report only scratches the surface in the list of achievements, but I hope highlights the diversity of opportunity that our young men have access to. I have been fortunate to attract top professionals to teach at New Plymouth Boys' High School, who have a real sense of developing the 'all rounder'. The vibrancy and commitment necessary to get the best out of young people is certainly evident here at NPBHS. I am fortunate to be able to lead a fine team of teaching staff and support staff, who all share the same pride in their school.

I am proud to be able to lead a very modern school that does not forget its proud past, but also looks forward in giving boys the very best of opportunities for their future as involved, and positive citizens.

We must be the best we can be, to ensure that our boys can be the best they can be.

LR FRENCH-WRIGHT
Headmaster
October 1998





BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT 1998

With the Board of Trustee elections in April, New Plymouth Boys' High School was fortunate to field a range of candidates which has bought a combination of experience, professionalism and commitment to continue and maintain the high standard of governance set by the previous board. All members of the previous board who stood in the elections were re-elected and it is pleasing to see Ken Holyoake, Doug Geraghty, Doug Harvie and Linda McIntyre re elected with Noel Walsh and Ranald Gordon plus myself making up the team of parent elected representatives. We then invited Val Cameron and Meryn Feather to join us followed more recently by Marilyn Davies and Warren Bachelor. Warren has replaced Doug Harvie as a parent elected representative who regrettably had to resign to take up a new business venture in Tauranga. Val Cameron is working closely with the school's Maori community and it is pleasing to see this representation on the board. This team of 10 with the addition of the elected staff member, John Warner, elected student member Tremayne Willing and the Headmaster make up the 13 member board.

It is appropriate to say a special thank you to Doug Harvie for his 6 year plus stint on the board especially in the work he has done in the Hostel; being Deputy Chairman for the Hostel Committee from 1993 to 1998 and Chairman of the same committee until his resignation. His work on the Boarding Education Trust was also appreciated. The extensive travel he and John Washer did from Auroa is just one example of the dedication he has shown to the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reinforce the thanks made to all retiring board members; Sue Duncan, Greg Eden, Ken Lockhart, John Washer, Robin Watkins and, in particular, John Eagles our last Board chairman. John's six years of leadership will be well remembered and we are all grateful for the outstanding service he has given the school.

TECHNOLOGY

It is pleasing to see the new Computer Technology Centre opened by the Minister of Technology, the Rt. Honorable Maurice Williams and to see the high usage by the students, including use after school hours and at the weekends. The Technology Committee has now finalised a strategy to ensure that the school maintains and improves the computer network and have put forward a programme which sees the upgrade of the server, and by the beginning of 1999, see the replacement of the Acorn computers. Our thanks go to the PTA for their substantial contribution to this part of our upgrade programme. Thanks go to Ken Holyoake and Meryn Feather for assisting on the Technology committee which is tasked with managing this expanding part of the school. The partnership, which has evolved with Computerland, is an excellent example to promote greater industry/school partnerships. Community relationships such as these must be an integral part of the school's future public role.

POLICIES

Linda McIntyre is now chairing the committee tasked to reviewing our existing policies, preparing new ones and revising the school charter. These documents by their nature must always be live and a programme is being prepared to formalise this review process.

HOSTEL

It is a personal delight to see the new wing completed, have it officially opened by the Rt. Hon. Jim Bolger and get it fully operational as the first part of the long-term upgrade Programme based on the hostel's development strategy. The hostel, as a stand-alone business, lives up to its name as the heart of the school and it is very satisfying to see the continuing strong interest. The target roll is presently at 220, with waiting lists for 1999 and

names registered for the next 5 years. Our special thanks go to Mr. Murray Grimwood and his team of 6 masters, supported by Jan Morris and Fiona Evans as matrons. The hostel is also fortunate in the quality of its meals with the high standards set by our chef, Murray Trowern. Further thanks go to the support staff in the kitchen, laundry and housekeeping.

PROPERTY

With the completion of the computer suites above the library, with financial assistance from the school, it is pleasing to see, as part of our roll growth a new Graphics classroom, built above the woodworking classrooms and overlooking the Gully Grounds. Other major work in the year included re roofing of Pridham Hall, fit out of a new laboratory, where the old computer classroom was, and providing wheel chair access to all our ground floor areas. Our lists of deferred maintenance items are now complete except for the resealing of the Tennis Courts. The preparation of a long term building plan for the school has been approved by the board to ensure any new classrooms, administration re-location and the hostel re-building fit well into the school environ. Ian Evans, our property manger and his staff do an excellent job in maintaining our grounds and buildings.

PTA.

The Parent Teacher Association continues to provide strong support to the school and involving the school community in working bees and fundraising activities is very appreciated. Our thanks go to Alison Sutton for her leadership and giving her time to attend part of our Board meetings is appreciated.

STAFF

The Board's thanks and admiration go to our teaching staff in the professionalism of their work and the extra time devoted to out of school activities. Professional Development must always be ongoing and the benefits of this are very evident. Assistance from direct Resourcing monies greatly assists in this area. Thanks also go to the Administration staff who so ably complement and support the teachers and students. Particular mention must be made of to Les Emslie, our Executive Officer for the special support, with many hours of overtime; he gives to the Board and school.

STUDENTS

The successes of our students academically, culturally and in sports is great to see. To meet the demands of all these areas puts increasing pressure on them all and the results as they go onwards to further study and careers is very encouraging.

FUNDRAISING.

With the ongoing education demands of our school and for New Plymouth Boys' High School to continue to provide the high standards expected of it considerable injection of additional funds is required beyond what is provided by the government. Areas of particular focus are the Hostel, Technology and Stage II of the Pavilion. The board has approved the appointment of a professional fundraising co-ordinator and considerable effort will need to be undertaken in this area over the years ahead. This direction is based on a feasibility study undertaken earlier in the year.

The Headmaster has worked well with the board and his management style is greatly appreciated by all. We wish him a full recovery from his illness and our thanks go to Mr. Duckmanton for ably assisting during this period.

G.W. Ward

1st October 1998.



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STAFF NOTES 1998

February 1998 saw the arrival of several new faces in the staff room.

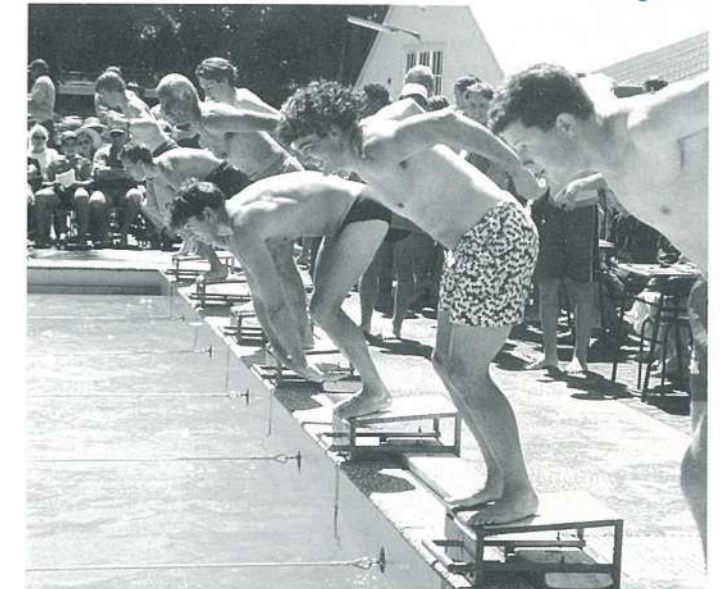
Full time permanent appointees, Paul Dominikovich in Mathematics and English teacher George Penlington arrived from the Christchurch College of Education, while John McLellan had trained in Science teaching at the Taranaki Outpost. Technology teacher, Tryfan Ephraim, arrived all the way from Wales. Catherine Eaddy and Svetlana Mitrovic joined us part way through the year, while Andrew Thomson, Barbara Blyth, Shirley McVicar and Neil Ingram joined the part time staff. David Appleford was our visiting GAP student from Gordonstoun in Scotland – that's right, the school of Prince Charles! There was a new face in the office with Mrs Natalie Burbery efficiently fitting into the Board Office. Once again we have been very lucky with the quality of our new appointees.

It is always very sad to lose long serving members of staff. Geoff Claburt ended his long and distinguished service in July. Geoff spent nearly 20 years – half a teaching life time at Boys' High. As Mr Elgar noted "that means he taught around 2,600 students, marked an awful lot of essays and wrote 5,200 reports". Geoff has been involved in rugby and cricket – neither we suspect he would lay any claims to be expert in – but he was there to enable boys to play sport. He was very involved with the school Christian Fellowship – perhaps more in keeping with the quiet and gentle man he is. Geoff believed firmly in students attaining high standards and he worked hard right through his career to get the best out of boys and to keep the rest of the staff up to these standards. There was no-one more stubborn when he believed he was right and standards might be lowered. We wish Geoff well in his retirement.

Jed Rowlands, "super coach", has embarked on a new full time career path – one we are sure he will be very successful in. After a successful season as coach of the Taranaki Rugby side taking them to the semi-finals for the first time ever, he was appointed as coach of the Auckland Blues Super 12 side. This has meant the end of juggling rugby and teaching responsibilities and we wish him well in his new challenge.

Jed actually started in the school as a boarder in his Form 6 year and in the seventh form lived in the hostel when his father gained a position as a master after teaching service in Tonga. Jed's mother and father both gave great teaching service to Boys' High and in recent years Jed's wife Julie has continued the Rowlands' tradition of teaching at Boys' High. Teaching mathematics at Boys' High for 19 years, Jed became the assistant head of maths and Form Five Dean. Five years living in the hostel as a hostel master, coaching cricket, being in charge of athletics and being a Head of Barak House for two years, all bear testament to the full on involvement Jed has had in the school. But Jed will be best remembered after his contribution to teaching, for his efforts in the rugby world. A winger himself of some note in Taranaki rugby, he soon got himself involved coaching school-boy teams. In 1989 he was assistant to Dave Moore with the 1st XV and then became the coach from 1990 until 1993. This culminated in his 1992 team winning the World Secondary School's Championship held in Whakatane. Players from this team to go on further and play at least NPC 1st Division have been Reuben Thorne, Michael Collins, Daryl Lilley, Campbell Feather and Mark Urwin.

We wish Jed, Julie and family all the best with this new venture. The applause from the boys in assembly given to Jed at the announcement of his selection as the Blues coach, certainly showed the esteem that Jed is held in at school for his teaching, his guidance role and for his coaching abilities.



The Mathematics Department lost another very able teacher during the year in John Baker. Teaching for over five years at NPBHS, John soon made his mark, running mathematics competitions, and being in charge of Form 3 maths. John is a keen golfer and contributed willingly in school soccer. We wish John well in his new position of assistant head of department in Mathematics at St Peter's College in Palmerston North.





Two young and very able maths teachers have decided to widen their experience overseas. Andrew Slyfield is an expert maths teacher who has contributed to the wider school through being assistant dean of form 4. During his five years here Andrew took the school sailing team and coached rugby. It was certainly in the rugby area where his greatest interests lay. He was able to balance his own playing responsibilities with coaching a number of well-performed junior teams over the years. Andrew was also the inspiration behind the staff rugby "Dream Team" in the annual foray against the students. Nigel Hunter leaves us after three years and we will miss his enthusiasm, his expert teaching and his misguided enthusiasm for Otago rugby. A rugby and cricket coach of some note, he certainly had his successes with school teams and was well-respected by his players. Nigel must be commended for playing in the 1998 staff/students rugby match after breaking a collar-bone in the previous years fixture.

Chris Pollock and Paul Veric have been very important members of our Physical Education Department over the last two years. Once again it is disappointing for the school to be losing two young and very promising teachers who have already made their mark on the school. Chris is going overseas after two and a half years with us to further his promising rugby refereeing career. He made a large impact especially as a capable hostel master and with the volleyball and junior rugby teams. His input will be sorely missed.

Paul Veric has been with us for two years after leaving the school in 1991 as Head Boy. Paul's interests lie in kayaking and surf life saving and it is with kayaking that he has decided to make a full commitment to making the New Zealand team. This means training in Gisborne. We are sorry to see him go as he had made a large impact in the classroom and gymnasium and with soccer teams. He managed the 1st XI Soccer squad this year.

Kirsty Hazeldine has taught at the school part time for seven years. She is leaving to live in Wellington where her husband has been transferred. Kirsty has worked hard with her English classes, originated the writing programme and leaves as our first Cultural Coordinator. The inaugural Arts Festival and the general raising of the cultural profile of the school have been due to a large part through her efforts. We wish her well in her move.

Jill Krueger left us after nearly two years working in the Special Needs Department. The boys she assisted readily appreciated her teaching skill and they responded readily to the demands she placed on them. She has returned with her husband to be, to the United States to live - we hope to see her back in the future. Tryfan Ephraim is returning to the United Kingdom after teaching Technology for the year. We appreciated his contribution in the classroom and his efforts in areas as diverse as the Wearable Art competition, the Eco Club and Surfing.

Relieving staff who leave include Catherine Eaddy and Svetlana Mitrovic. We wish them well in their futures.

The office has not been the same since Judy Frankham retired during the year to complete nine years of service. Judy was a very hard worker, was always pleasant and never flustered. Her mind for figures and her knowledge of the school's finances was immense.

The staff as is normal took all sorts of risks over the year. The staff/students rugby match brought a convincing win to the staff with, rather unusually, the students collecting the injuries. Still playing senior grade sport were Geoff Hall managing to collect another Taranaki rugby championship with Old Boys, and Rick Knight and Kirsty Grieve attaining high standards in hockey. Chris Pollock continues to develop rapidly as a rugby referee and Paul Veric is headed towards the top in his chosen sport of kayaking. Overseas travel featured high in the priorities of several staff. Hugh Russell and Chris Pollock took a group of Geography students to Thailand and Christine French was accompanied by two students on her regular sojourn to Japan. Kevin Gledhill accompanied his

son to Chicago for the World Cardboard America's Cup.

Other staff were more sensible. Additions arrived for the Maihi, Tullett and Fenton families and our congratulations go to them. The rest of the staff seemed to keep themselves remarkably well through the combined ministrations of influenza jabs and the occasional run, game of golf or tennis for the more enthusiastic. Unfortunately the Headmaster Mr French-Wright was forced through ill health to take five weeks off in the middle of term three. It was great to see him back at work and again playing very competitive tennis and golf after a very rapid recovery.

The staff certainly play their part in the community, across a wide range of activities. Jed Rowland's coaching of the highly successful Taranaki rugby team was undoubtedly a huge highlight for the boys and the staff and certainly kept the staff room buzzing. Kevin Gledhill and Geoff Hall coached rugby for their respective clubs while John Howes and Mary Allan were especially prominent on the local music scene. Our Executive Officer Les Emslie took a starring role in a local repertory production. The Mid Week Mail reported that "Emslie, as the Bunny (the rabbit) did a fine job throughout". Stephen Fordyce managed to finish his latest book - "Long Water - Historical Aspects of the Northern Wairoa" - a fascinating read for those of us interested in New Zealand's history. Co-curricular activities have always received a great deal of energy from the staff. The inaugural Arts Festival was organised by Kirsty Hazeldine and her large band of willing helpers. The successes of the Pavement Art, Wearable Art and Rubbish Bin Painting competitions were evident for all to see. George Penlington's act in the Lip Synch competition should have been censored but was undoubtedly a highlight. Congratulations to George and everyone else who contributed to the huge success of the revue "Titanic Too" - these occasions only happen when there are staff and



students prepared to put in the extra work required. Across a wide range of activities as diverse as Pauline Crow's Young Enterprise students and Michael Fenton's Nexus Research group, the staff worked, cajoled, enjoyed and succeeded.

The major sporting teams all enjoyed considerable success. Graeme Yule and Paul Veric brought the soccer 1st XI through to a high standard while Rick Knight's hockey 1st XI showed the benefits of hard work, skill and the undoubted benefit of having the Devon Hotel Park as a training facility. Colin Driscoll and Terry Heaps had a very successful year with the basketball 1st V. Kevin Gledhill managed the national championship winning softball side while Gordon Giddy continues to invest a huge amount of time and effort into our very successful cricketers. The inaugural Super 8 rugby competition saw the 1st XV very ably coached by Gordon Giddy and Daryl Leath to a very creditable fourth place and Colin Maihi's 2nd XV winning their competition. The Super 8 is a wonderful concept but certainly takes a great deal of organisation and effort by the staff involved. It is unfair just to single out these flag bearing teams - many staff and outside coaches make significant contributions across a wide range of sports and activities.

So the end of the school year has arrived. We look forward to a new crop of third formers, next years fourth to seventh formers thirsting for knowledge and activity and the staff refreshed and invigorated after a wonderful summer holiday. The sun tans, the fish caught, the overseas holidays and the rounds of golf will pass. We will be able to venture into the new year confident in the knowledge that the preparation we have put into our lesson plans over the holidays will hold us all in good stead for the coming year! Well done staff - a great year's work!





REPORT FROM THE HOSTEL

This year the hostel opened with a roll of 217 and we were into it again for another year. Mr Yule was again fully operational and, with Mr Pollock on the staff, we were back up to our optimum staffing level of seven masters. The New Wing was completely finished and occupied by boys from Year 11 - 13 (45 in all with six Year 13 students in very comfortable individual rooms).

We started the year with a different format to the way that the groups were organised. All but one group had a hostel master as the group teacher - Hatherly 4 had Mr Hunter as its group teacher and of course he had worked in the hostel as a relieving master and had a regular involvement with boarders during the maths tutorials that he ran throughout the year. We were keen to improve the communication between the hostel and home with the hostel reporting more regularly and in more depth than in the past.

By the time school opened for 1998 we had the results from the previous years national examinations and while there was a lot to be pleased about we had not had the stars of the past. Alastair Blackler, 1997 Head Boarder, had a scholarship as part of his University Bursary, several others had gained an A or B Bursary and there was the usual large group who gained University Entrance. At School Certificate level we had some outstanding results from the group as a whole and a number of outstanding individual results 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. A survey done by the Headmaster, later in the year, clearly showed that the average performance of the boarders was better than that of day boys. I would like to believe that this is where the regular, well supervised, prep and the routines of the hostel pay dividends. This is a good time, too, to thank boarding staff who are generous with their time to assistance boys with the academic problems that they encounter.

The day before the new boys arrived into the hostel we had our, now customary, first serious training session for our prefects. This is a 'full-on' day which starts at 10am and continues without a break until about 5.30pm. This ensures that everyone is fully briefed for the arrival of the new boys and ready to do their bit to see that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Ben Schurr is Head Boarder, and Head of Carrington House for 1998 and he has been assisted by the Deputy Head Boarder and Head of Moyes House - Joseph Lawn. The full list of prefects for the year is as follows: Carrington - Ria Rauputu (dorm 1 - F5), Cameron Gordon for terms 1 & 2 and then Bevin Washer (dorm 2 - F4), Jody Hann (dorm 3 - F4), Sheldon Keech (dorm 4 - F4), and James Topless (dorm 5 - F3). In Moyes - Ashley Kite (dorm 1 - F4), Joel MacLeod (dorm 2 - F5), Aaron Wall (dorm 3 - F3/4), Aaron Mancewicz (dorm 4 - F3) and Keith Muller (dorm 5 - F4). In the New Wing - Aaron Murdoch (dorm 1 - F6), Andrew Gillbanks and Daniel Kull (dorm 2 - F5). Niger House (F6/7) - Alastair Honeyfield, Peter Ash and Nathan Russell. And in the Annex (F7) Ben Thompson. It is only those who have spent some time in boarding who appreciate the effort and dedication that good prefects put into their role. We can be very proud of the performance of our prefects they have great pride in their hostel and work very hard with and for the boys under their care.

As soon as the year was underway the 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, one session at the home of Mrs Watkins, the other at Mr Geraghty's home. I have no doubt that this training and the ongoing support of prefects by Board and staff contributes to the success of prefect in the hostel at NPBHS when so many other hostels have had to abandon the use of senior students in leadership and supervisory roles.



After a very convincing Hatherly win in the interhouse competition in 1997 it was hoped that the day boys might sit back and allow us to ease off the pressure but right from the first event that was not the case. Four and a half weeks into the new school year we had the swimming sports and we came a very convincing last! The athletics put us back on track and from then on we went well but so too did Donnelly House and whenever we were not first in a competition Donnelly was the house in front of us but by the time we reached the last event, interhouse singing. We needed to win by two places over Donnelly to take out the years competition but that wasn't to be they were second to Syme in this event and we found ourselves last again and second to Donnelly overall. Singing is to be a regular event in the competition now and we will need to be better organised next year.

This is just the second time that the boarders have had to settle for second place since boarding once again became a separate house within the day school in 1986.

More and more seems to get squeezed into each year and if I am feeling it so too are the boys and none more than the prefects yet they continue to do an outstanding job as supervisors, rolemodels and mentors to the other boys in the hostel. They care passionately about the hostel and work hard for it.

Each year the hostel is well represented in the senior teams of all sports codes and cultural activities and 1998 was no exception. The school has a very healthy student involvement in sport and the very good thing about this is that the vast majority is coached, managed and controlled within the school and that ensures that there is a high standard of supervision at all levels. It is worth noting that the boarders make up about a third of all participants in our sports teams - double their percentage within the school. Details of sporting involvement in senior teams 1998 is as follows: 1st XV Rugby - Joseph Lawn (Captain), Mark Davis, Jody Hann, Daniel Kull, Joel Macleod, Ria Rauputu, Nicole Ruchti, Andrew Stairmand, Tama Sweetman, Bevan Washer, Richard Wheeler and Aaron Murdoch (Student Manager).



1st XI Soccer - Oliver Mortensen, Kapua Kapua and Foster Walker.

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

1st XIII League - Ramond Asigau, David Burton, Lance Christensen, Michael Gigmai, Jody Hann, Elias Kale, Kapua Kapua, Taitus Maima and Tim Morgan.

1st XI Cricket - Keith Muller and Ben Schurr.

1st V Basketball - Peter Ash, Rupert Laka, France Nuku and Nathan Russell,

At regional level boarders represented Taranaki in the following sports:

Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Team - Joseph Lawn (Captain), Joel MacLeod and Richard Wheeler.

Taranaki Small-bore Shooting Team - Donald Kuriger.

Taranaki U16 Rugby Team - Adam Fleming, Aiden Lawn, Chris McLean, Nicole Ruchti and Nathan Wolfe.

Taranaki U16 Soccer Team - Oliver Mortensen

Taranaki U16 Hockey Team - Shaan Caskey, Mack Gulliver and Corey Walden

Taranaki 16 Rugby League Team - Taitus Maima

Taranaki U16 Basketball - Jamie Russell

Taranaki and Central Districts U16 Tennis Teams - Elliot Campbell.

Taranaki U15 Rugby League Team - James Annabell, Cole Baldwin, Jimmy Gopperth and Haaretua O'Brien.

Taranaki U15 Hockey Team - Chris Ashcroft and Kellam Bayley.

Taranaki U14 Tennis Team - Thomas Luxton

Taranaki F3 Cricket Team - Ben Mackintosh and Tom Schurr.

Nationally Shaun Maaka gained recognition by being in 2nd place in both the Moto-cross Quads and NZ Junior Speedway.

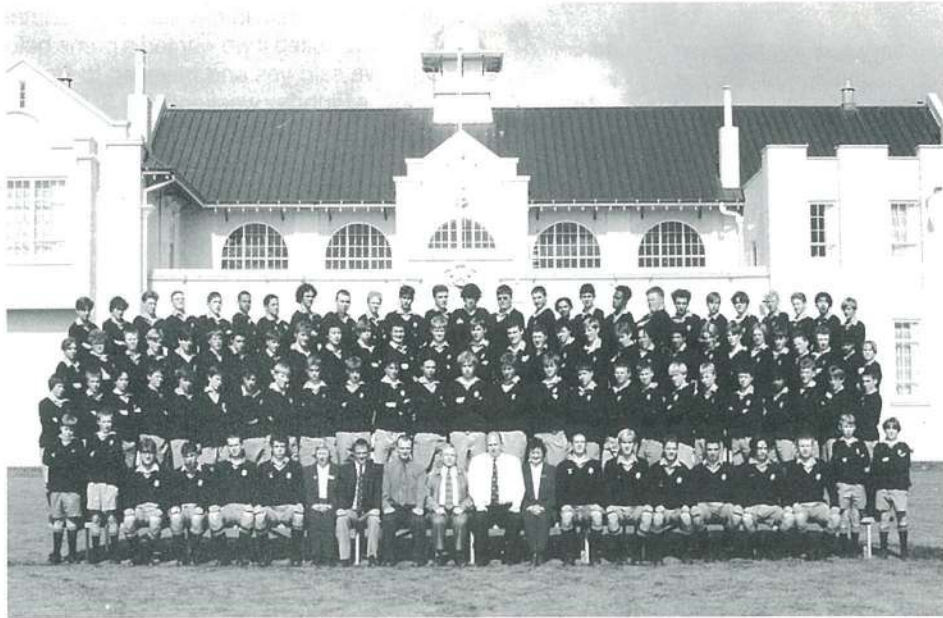
Queen's Birthday is a big weekend in the hostel for the third form boarders who have their traditional rugby game against College House (Palmerston North Boys' High School). This was the 44th game for this competition and a home game for us. This year we had a very light team and although many of them were very skilled it was likely to be difficult for us if the opposition was strong. A couple of months before the big game we were contacted by Matt Andrew, Old Boy Boarder who has been teaching part-time at St Paul's, Hamilton while he completes his Master's degree in Law, who asked if we wanted a game before the Palmerston North one. We said yes and travelled to Hamilton the Saturday before Queen's Birthday weekend, the St Paul's pack was huge with three of them over 100kg and 1.8m (6ft) tall. When we took to the field the following morning it was in front of a very strong group of parent supporters but that was not enough to make up for the difference in size and our boys, gallantly, went down 70 nil. When Palmerston North arrived here the following Sunday it could have been 'Ground Hog Day', they too were a much bigger side than ours and on the Monday we went down 89 nil. With scores such as these it would be easy to think that the boys gave up but that certainly was not the case and they played their hearts out until the end. It is always dangerous to name players because there is always the chance that someone will be missed but two very special players must be given their dues: the captain, Daniel Williams and James Annabell who was our biggest and strongest player who played like a man possessed and when he moved from the forwards to second five, to try to stop two very strong College House backs he had a very significant effect on the game. Our team had very spirited support from the remainder of our third form who performed numerous hakas to spur their team on but even that won't combat such a serious mis-match.

BOARDING PREFECTS

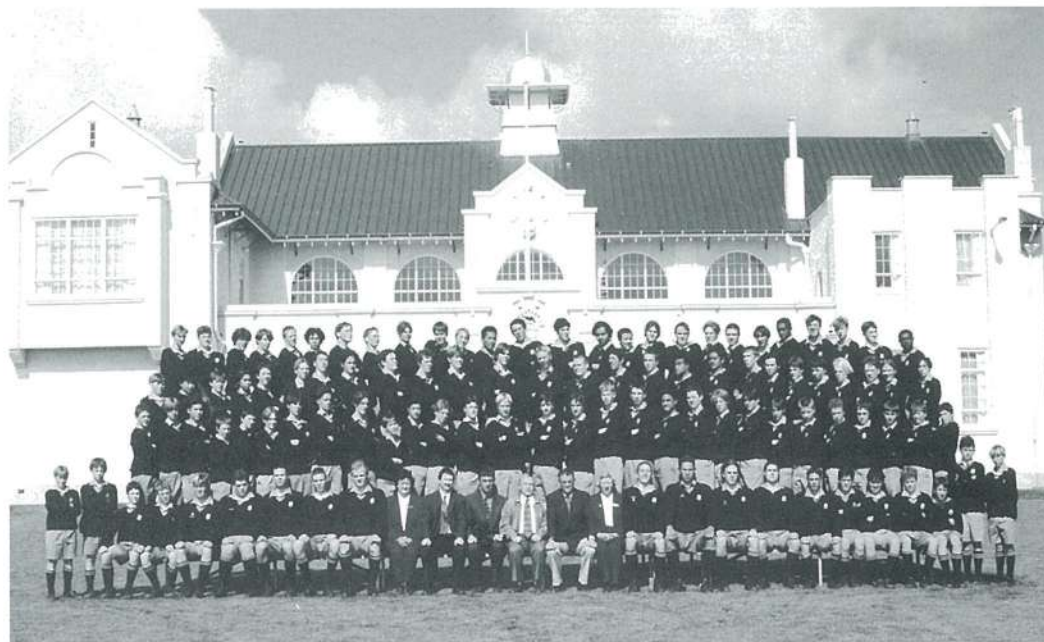




MOYES HOUSE



CARRINGTON HOUSE



BUSH HUNT

In the bush it is nearly silent, as death walks through the wilderness. My gumboots make a "crackle clomp" as I casually walk through the decaying autumn leaves and tread the dark brown earth.

Sue is a frenzy of excitement, crashing through the leaves in a mad flurry, her tail a blur. The hunted, soft grey fur with long ears and silent feet, lies listening and looking as the hunters, Sue and I, edge closer in an erratic bee line.

Sue is a compact bundle of black and white, muscle with needle teeth, nose and ear tracking devices and four stumpy legs and a helicopter tail for propulsion. I am Ray the brains and eyes of this elite hunting package.

Sue's red hot nose is on the rabbit's trail and her frantic scampering about leads to the inevitable flushing the rabbit out. She yelps her war cry "Yip Yiipe, lik lik, Yike!" and sprints after the rabbit which gratefully prances through the undergrowth. The rabbit flies gracefully. Sue pursues persistently, and I'm a pig stumbling, crashing and pushing my way clumsily through the trees, supple-jack, ferns and evil tree roots. Sue is still in hot pursuit, the rabbit pulls off a 90° turn and throws Sue off.

This is where I come in. Sue is an unguided nuclear warhead that doesn't turn easily. I am her GRPS - Global Rabbit Positioning System. I call her back onto the rabbits whereabouts, a thick jumble of supple-jack, gorse and fern. The rabbit is in the middle, feeling safe, secure, and rather sneaky because we can't get in. But this isn't quite the case, I can't get in but Sue can. My adrenaline rushes as I hear the rabbit shriek when Sue grabs its back, knowing its life is about to end. The frantic rustling subsides and Sue's panting grips the bush with death.

Bedraggled and exhausted Sue drags the rabbit out, its face frozen in the last moment of terror. The excitement of the kill is subsiding in our blood as we walk home. I feel triumphant and influential in this successful hunt. I ponder what Sue is thinking as she carries her trophy.

BY Roy McDowall

WHEN WILL IT STOP?

I began to think, and to dream, and it all came flooding back to me. All the memories. All at once. I had been sent to Bosnia as a UN Peacekeeper nine months ago, and I had been back at home now for six weeks. But the memories would be there for eternity.

As I think now, I can remember the scenes, the terror, the steel nature of the conflict. I had seen more dead people than the Grim Reaper himself. Families running from an invisible enemy hiding in buildings and in forests. The whine of mortar shells as they curve toward their self-destruction. The staccato crackling of machine guns and the thud of metal hitting flesh. The boy.

I figured he must have only been seven or eight, but bullets don't discriminate. He ran with his paper plane in his hand, leaping and dancing, an angel amongst the ruins of hell. I can still remember the sparkle in his eye, his vigor for life, his enthusiasm, his murder. A lone rifle cracked once, and the boy fell, his plane crumpling at his side. How I wanted to run out and hold him, to feel the pain he was no longer feeling, but I could not.

The next day, during a lull in the fighting, I returned to the same spot. The small body still lay as he had fallen, the plane at his side. I saw a million hopes and dreams reflected in the pool of blood around his head. I left him there, as a symbol of the unspeakable tragedy, and tried to leave my rage with him. He died for somebody else's cause. For somebody else's war. A part of him lives on, through his death. This plane, the last object he touched, remains on my mantle, testimony to the thousands of others who did not need to die. When will it stop?

Ashton Peters Form 5

As has been the pattern for a number of years now, we again joined with Girls' High School to promote the hostels of our two schools at field days in Feilding and Hamilton. At Feilding we had our new canopy tent for the first time. It had arrived just two days before the field days and, because of wet weather, I hadn't had a chance to have a trial with it and so when we tried to get it erected in the wind at Feilding, without instructions - they had been left out of the kit, it is hardly surprising that we had some difficulty but once up it looked great and certainly advertises the school from some distance off. Mr Hugh Russell did a two day stint at Mystery Creek this year and, from the messages received, did a fine job. Not only does our presence give us a chance to meet new and prospective boarders and their parents, it allows us to catch up on Old Boys and others with a long association with the school. Open Weekend this year was Friday 19 June through to Sunday 21st and saw a large group of boarding parents visit to speak to their son's teachers, meet with hostel staff, spend time with their son's and catch up with old friends. We have tried to make it easier for parents who have family at both schools to have interviews and socialise at both schools and while that has proved convenient for them it has, to some extent, cut back on the numbers attending our functions - particularly the formal meeting and cocktail hour.

We hosted the Island Night this year and although we didn't have the numbers of Island students that we have had in the past the 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. It would be a sad day indeed if we ever get to the point where we don't have these fine young men as part of our school community.

The theme for this year's Ball was that of Ancient Rome with Ryder Hall columns, lights, drapes, wall panels and lighting to create that right atmosphere. It looked great and the very large group who were there looked magnificent and certainly enjoyed themselves.

By the time the Day Boys V Boarders game arrived the boarders had several players who were not available because of injury and we always thought that this would be a tough one and that proved to be the case. As usual this was a very hotly contested game with some outstanding rugby from both sides but on the day the Day Boys proved to be too strong and ran out the winners 17 - 7. As always the boarders have been active in every aspect of school life and beyond. Juniors have assisted with six house to house appeals, always in uniform to give the school a high profile in the community. Assisting with the Rest Home Games and being the 'victims' of a Civil Defence disaster have also given valuable service to the community. Eight seniors are prefects in the day school as well as boarding prefects and their experience and dedication is certainly very valuable.

The hostel is a very busy place with something always happening but I am lucky to have an excellent staff team - , terrific prefects and seniors and the boys, in the main go out of their way to be helpful. Thank you to everyone who has made life easier for me or the boys - especially the Board of Trustees and members of the Hostel Committee.

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



STUDENT PREFECTS 1998

Back Row: Jauhans Marriner, Steven Bennett, Andrew Moore, Jarred Kyle, Ria Rauputu, Tom Hazeldine, Chris Newing, Alastair Honeyfield, Ian Luxmoore, Andrew O'Keefe, Tim Parsons

Third Row: Aaron Mancewicz, Daniel Kull, Daniel Prebble, Hamish Kirk, Jason Lyes, Michael Fraser, Bryce Robins, Kris McIssac, James Webb, Shannon Crow, Owen Edmonds

Second Row: David Peters, Chris Booth, Simon Robinson, Jade Bellringer, Bryce Williams, Keith Muller, Toby Robins, Jonathan Taylor, Hayden Corkin, James Topless, Sayuj Harandranath

Front Row: Andrew Grimwood, Reid Archer (Head of Donnelly), Mark Stewart (Head of Syme), Tim Simpson (Head Boy), Mr L French-Wright (Headmaster), Ben Schurr (Head of Hatherley), Hamish Mitchell (Head of Barak), Joe Lawn, Tony Bullen



SCHOOL COUNCIL 1998

Back Row: H Roper, W Poh, J McGlashan, M Stewart, G Surgenor, H Corkin, J Topless, D Hammen

Middle Row: B Hermann, T Willing, H Mitchell, Mr C Maihi, Mr N Duckmanton, Mr T Heaps, K Roycroft, J Hansman

Front Row: Mr M Grimwood, R Archer, J Lawn, T Simpson, Mr L French-Wright, B Schurr, J Taylor, C Newing, Mr K Gledhill





TIM SIMPSON (Head Boy 1998)

HEAD BOY REPORT

In its 117th year, NPBHS is still as successful and vibrant as it has ever been. We are a school of both traditional and contemporary character. From our past, we take pride and for our future, we seek success.

It has been both an honour and privilege to have the responsibility this year as Head Boy. This school has given me great learning opportunities. It is an experience from which I will benefit for a long time. This year hasn't been easy but it certainly has been a success.

NPBHS and success go hand in hand. Why? Because we desire to succeed. We practice, sweat and train endlessly in order to achieve our goals. Success is a journey. It is only through hours of hard work, we achieve these goals. In 1998, NPBHS has performed well in all its endeavours.

This school has a notable record in the sporting arena and 1998 has been an outstanding year for our sportsmen. We have had many New Zealand representatives, who have been ambassadors for the country and the school.

Callum Gifford, Andrew Jackson and Tim McIndoe competed in the World BMX Championships in Australia in July. Also in July, Isaac Peterson took part in the International Scholastic Surfing Champs in Bali.

James Webb fought for New Zealand in Australia at tae kwon do and this was in the men's section. Also competing in Australia was Juhans Marriner who made the New Zealand Under 18 Basketball squad. Paul Gledhill managed third place in the International Cardboard Cup regatta in Chicago after winning the national title.

Brothers Brendon and Colin White were both representatives in the New Zealand Archery team that won the Trans-Tasman Trophy in Tasmania, and brothers Sasho and James Stosic both made New Zealand league teams. Sasho made the NZ Secondary Schools side and James made the Under 18 team.

Ben Alchin was named in the junior roller skating team that attended the world champs in Europe in August. Also in Europe,

Carl Barnes achieved sixth place in the Junior World Wildwater Kayak Championships in Austria. Alexander Scott has progressed amazingly in his sport of fencing to achieve the honour of representing New Zealand in the Commonwealth Games team that competed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he took on some of the world's best fencers.

Josh Kearns' talent in golf is set to take him a long way, after winning the Taranaki Under 21 title. He is a member of the Taranaki Men's Golf Team and is in the New Zealand Titelist Academy of Golf squad.

Sean Sansom took the South Island Under 15 squash title after tough competition at the tournament in Timaru in July.

We have much individual sporting talent in this school however teamwork is the key feature of our sports. The school has over 100 different sporting teams that compete at all levels. It is easy to have good players, getting them to play well together is the hard part.

Our Softballers have managed incredible success by winning the National Secondary School Softball title in Christchurch in March. Along with this, seven players were named in the Tournament Team with Shaun Merino awarded top pitcher and Haizley Martin named the tournament's most valuable player and top batter.

The First XI Cricket team had a good run of wins at the start of this year making it through to the final rounds of the Gillette Cup. Top Bowler Regan West left school to take up a position at the New Zealand Cricket Academy.

The First XV had a very busy season with good results making it through to the final eight of the Nike national knockout competition. They also managed fourth place in the new Super 8 competition. The Second XV had a great year winning its division of the Super 8 and proving that NPBHS Rugby has a lot of depth. Also testament to this, is the Under 15 team who came second at the New Zealand Under 15 Rugby Championships at Mt Maunganui.

Our Snowboarding team finished second at the North Island Champs held at Turoa, with a win in the giant slalom to Karl Lapwood. NPBHS had two junior teams in the annual secondary schools Round the Lake Relay at Wanganui with the A and B teams both winning their sections.

The First XI Hockey and Soccer both finished a respectable 11th at their national secondary schools tournaments in August while the Basketball First V took out 15th place at their tournament and were placed first equal in their Super 8 competition.

Others teams who performed well and managed to win their Taranaki Champs included golf, league, ten-pin bowling, touch, surfing and skiing.

Success for our school is not only found on the sports field. "Things have changed at New Plymouth Boys' High School..." read The Daily News paper on the third of August this year. This was in regard to the increasing focus of cultural events and participation at our school. This year has seen the school as a whole really get involved, with the introduction of Interhouse music and singing, and the school's three day Arts festival held in early August. We saw everything from outlandish Aliens to Rock Star Wannabes, subjective speakers to pavement portraits. It was three days of madness that brought great enthusiasm to the school. It was finished off by the Titanic Too revue, which was a creative masterpiece of comedy, drama, dance and music, directed by Mr Penlington. It displayed the school's dramatic talent and was well received by the audience.

In other cultural events, the combined Concert Band won a silver award at the National Concert Band Awards in Auckland. The school choir was one of only a few male choirs that performed at the Smokefree Choral Festival in Palmerston North. The Stage Band performed well at the Taranaki Jazz Festival and is next year aiming for entrance into the Tauranga Jazz Festival.

The School's rock band, "Dammit", made it through to the second round of the Smokefree Rock Quest and also won the Taranaki Secondary Schools Battle of the Bands contest. The Cultural



talents of our Pacific Island students were on display during the Annual Island Night our school hosted. The school also hosted the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival, which saw Reece Meuli win the Junior Prepared Speech, and NPBHS came second in the senior drama.

Our school speech champion Andrew Gilkison made it through to the national finals of the Jaycees Speech competition held in Wellington over Labour weekend. Andrew has performed well at public speaking and he making this level of competition shows his oratory skill.

There is no doubt that NPBHS is full of talented sportsmen and performing artists. However, we must also recognise those who make them into champions. For us to achieve such a high standard, many hours of hard work are put in by the teachers, coaches, conductors, managers and directors. We owe to them a great deal of thanks, for making our performances at NPBHS at the highest of sporting and cultural endeavour.

In 1998, NPBHS has continued the journey of success. As a school, we have much to be proud of. May our success continue into the future years of the school.

All of the achievements of the school are only possible because of the strong support base of parents and staff.

The outgoing Board and the new Board of Trustees, appointed this year, has seen the completion of our new technology suite and the construction of a new graphics room. The new hostel was also opened by Sir Jim Bolger at the start of this year. Tremayne Willing did a great job representing the students, on the Board, but we're still waiting for our \$1.20 pies.

Mrs. Sutton and her PTA team put a great deal of work in and around the school. From organising the huge Renovation Day to providing cups of tea at report evenings and the huge amounts of sewing required for the ball. The PTA is always there to support and their contribution to school life is greatly appreciated.

Grimmy, Booth, Surgi, Trem, Bastin, Parsons, Jono, Thom, Lauzza, Nic, James, Kirky, Newing, Shazza, Simon, Demian,

Schurr, Mitch and Reid - This was the bunch of guys who pulled off the most spectacular ball in history. Hours of tedious work were put in by the ball committee, but it definitely paid off. We took a step back in time to Ancient Rome and the experience was called 'OCCASIO ROMANA'. It was a great night and will be long remembered by those who attended. All the time and effort was worth seeing everyone having a good time.

Other dances with NPGHS were really successful and built up our brother-sister school relationship. The Seventh Form had many other enjoyable interactions with NPGHS including, the Fashion Show, lunch exchanges and, Volleyball and Indoor Hockey challenges, which, of course, NPBHS both won. Thanks to Sina, Luci and Sarah (NPGHS Head Girls) for their cooperation in organising events.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me and influenced my life while at NPBHS. To my teachers who have shown a great deal of patience with me and have inspired my planned career, especially, Mr Lockhart, Mrs Allan, Mr Knight, Miss Casey, Mrs Hazledine, Mr Penlington and Mr Tullett. To Mr Emslie and the office staff, thanks for helping me out with all my administrative problems. To Mr Bayley, Mr Duckmanton and Mr French-Wright for your leadership and guidance and for making sure I was on top of things.

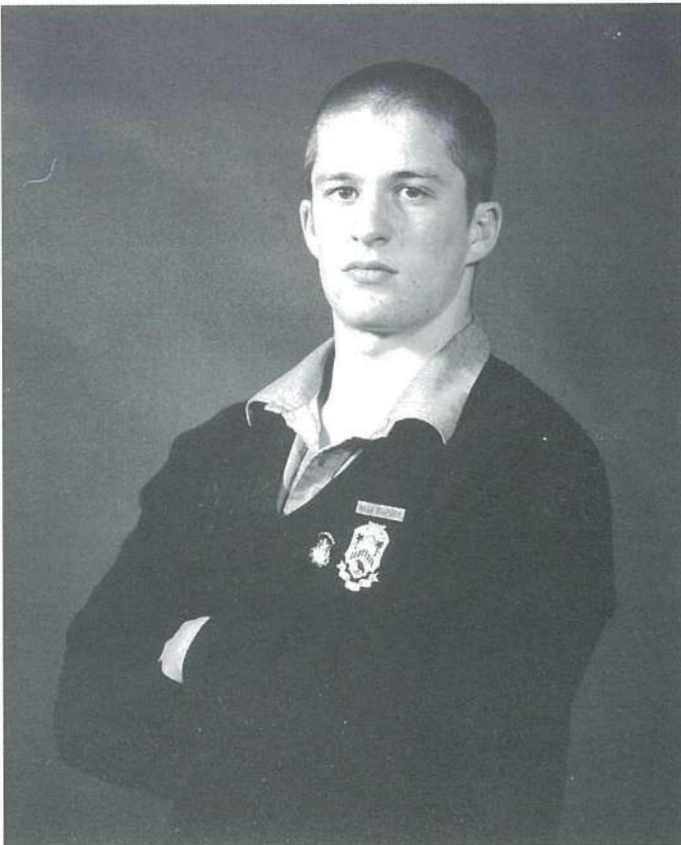
To the Heads of Houses, Reid, Ben, Stew and Mitch, thanks for the support. Congratulations to Reid and the Donnelly crew for their victory. To the Prefects who maintained standards and tidiness around the school and for encouraging school spirit, well done. Thanks to the Sevens of 1998 for making it a great year all round.

I am proud to have been a student at NPBHS for the past five years. I do not know what life holds for me from here, but I know I'm going to be a proud old boy of this school.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA.

Timothy Simpson.





Head Boarder's Report

What a year it has been. 1998 was for the hostel the year of sweet success, but at the same time bitter failure.

From the beginning of the year the boarders took an aggressive approach to the house competition and knew the only way to beat the dayboys was to take it to them. The dayboys, through a bit of good old hostel firing up responded to the challenge and definitely came to the party.

It all began with the swimming sports where the boarders got it all off to a great start with their provocative entry. It was all in fun and the rest of the school realised that and got on to the real action of the day. Hatherly, lacking the multiplier and in great need of a swimming champ, struggled all day and finished a tight fourth. Athletics like usual, came and were won, with credit to the stars of the day, in particular Tama Sweetman the 100m sprint champ. The big shock came in the cross country- for what must be the first time, we came second. This was through a higher involvement and effort level on the dayboys part, because at the end of the day a lot of the boarders had given it their all and that is all you can ask.

The boarders played the rest of the competition hard and fair, but it was just not enough. As the stats will show, the dayboys were too good for a hostel, which struggled to perform off the field, ala debating and Singing. This year saw the debut of the house music competition. Led in this by Mr. Grimwood the hostel failed to fire, even with his inspiring solos.

Thanks has to go out from the men of the hostel to the masters for their full hearted support during the year. Best luck to those leaving us, Mr. Knight and Mr. Pollock.

The Form Three Boarders this year were a talented bunch, but lacked the size when they came up against their opposition of Palmy Boys' and St Pauls. These teams both featured boys of huge size and our boys; coached by Daniel Kull, Ria Rauputu, Jody Hann, Joel Macleod and Ben Schurr, were up against it from the start even with some brave performances.

Boarders once again dominated in the first teams of the school, and the wide spread of sports demonstrates the diversity in the hostel. The major codes of rugby, cricket, hockey, soccer, league and basketball all had Hatherly boys involved and that has to be good for the hostel and the school. Special mention goes to Joe Lawn, captain of the First XV and NZ Under-19 trialist as well as Northern Regions rep. All the best for the future Chook. The big clash of the year once again was to be the Dayboys versus Boarders rugby. This year for the first time in a while, the Boarders XV were the underdogs. This was through the obvious strength of the dayboy's team as well as the loss of Jag Davis, Red-Dog Corlett and Barnze Robins to the opposition. A few injuries and suspensions also worked against the team. There was no way the XV, captained by Ben Schurr, were going out lying down and they took it to the dayboys right from the start. The boarders dominated up front for most of the game, but the talent of the dayboy backline came through in the end. The boarders went down 17-7.

Special thanks goes to the hostel prefects who rode through a year of ups and downs. They were; Joe Lawn (HOM), Ashley Kite, Joel Macleod, Keith Muller, Aaron Wall, Aaron Mancewicz, Ben Thompson, Daniel Kull, Andrew Gillbanks, Aaron Murdoch, Peter Ash, Al Honeyfield, Nathan Russell, James Topless, Ria Rauputu, Jody Hann, Bevan Washer and Sheldon Keech. It is a pity only eight are recognised as day school prefects, for they are all quality prefects and great to have around.

To Tim, Stu, Mitch and especially Reid, you were an awesome bunch of guys who were great to work with. It was not the hostel which lost, but the day school which won. Full Credit.

To the men of the hostel, look back on this year and any others you have had, and think of just what this great hostel has given you.

Be proud, stand tall- for you are the heart of the school.

Ben Schurr.



TREES

Jeremy Booth D3

The silent landscape soldier, the tree
He's feeling the winter's lot
But treasure each spring, be all and free
Next winter his branches may rot.



DONNELLY HOUSE REPORT

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."

Vincent van Gough must have had Donnelly in mind when he wrote this. Not only has Donnelly House achieved first place through plain brilliance, but also through courage, determination, discipline and consistency.

I believe our success has stemmed from the committed attitudes and demonstration of outstanding leadership skills from our prefects and senior students. This has generated huge house spirit - epitomized in the final event - the house singing.

We 'kicked off' with a victory in the swimming sports after being literally 'bombed' by the Hatherly lads, but boy it was close! Another big effort by the House in the Athletics saw us grab the second possie behind the fully committed Hatherly House.

Moving into the Cross-Country the Boarders were justifiably confident having settled for nothing less than first place in the competitions history, whilst Barak's enthusiasm and gusto this year made for tough opposition. However, this was to be Donnelly's day, winning every section of the event. I must make a special mention of the seniors. Huge attendance and commitment from you guys saw us blast the opposition by a staggering amount. It was then on to the always difficult haka competition. Having grabbed the 'wooden spoon' on every occasion during my entire time at Boys' High, we were determined not to settle for fourth place this year. And we didn't! We achieved third equal with Syme! A special thank you to Bryce, Eps and Mr Maihi for their efforts in preparing us for this event.

The inaugural music competition was the last of the major events. An excellent and vital cultural addition to the competition. Our congratulations to Syme for their amazing 'ensemble' and version of "When The Saints Go Marching In." As for our performance the ferocious and definitely not harmonious singing typified the Donnelly spirit. A hundred per cent participation ensured success - making this moment an unforgettable experience. It made the seniors proud to see the junior guys swallow their individual embarrassment and showed the unified motivation of our house. For many of the Donnelly seniors and myself, this was the highlight of our year. This is what the house competition is really about!

In the so called 'minor' events Donnelly showed its true class coming through with big performances in the rugby, volleyball, golf, badminton and debating. I believe its worth noting that of the twenty events only in one did Donelley House achieve a fourth position. We discovered a lack of depth in the senior ranks of Hockey, but we battled on, had heaps of fun and earned valuable points for the house.

All in all, our united and not always 'flashy' approach saw us compete with pride and commitment. Two years ago Syme ousted the mighty Hatherly from the top for the first time and 1998 was our year!

My sincere thanks go to Donnelly's Deputy and great friend Hayden Corkin. Corks - your leadership, organisation and attitude has channelled us to success, and it's about time you took some of the credit. You have been a tower of strength and we wouldn't have done it without you!

To the greatest bunch of prefects ever; Owes, Chris, Jade, Grimmy, Steve, Bryce, Bully, Shaz and Michael (Chris) - your attitude and ability as leaders has been proven this year. Something you can be proud of and remember forever.

To Tim, Frazz, Barnesy, Ander, Brent, Dog, Davo, Ben, Colin, Jeremy, Bridgers, Nilan, Ryan, Sam, Matt, Eps, John, David, Ryan G. and all the other un-sung heroes of Donnelly House. Thank you for your continued support and willingness to get the job done. Your efforts at keeping us on track have ensured our success.

Last but not least a message to all members of Donnelly House. Thank you for an outstanding year. You all deserve special recognition for your commitment, your enthusiasm and your loyalty.

When we made the calls for special and inspired efforts you all responded. Be proud of what we've achieved, but be humble and gracious in victory.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Watts, My Slyfield and the group teachers for their help and guidance in running our house. Special thanks to Ms Van der Linden and Mr Melville for your constant support and wisdom throughout the year.

To Tim especially, Ben, Stew, Mitch and Trem thanks for a great year. I wish you all the best of luck for whatever the future holds. Finally, to the future leaders of our great school: It is worth remembering that to listen well is as powerful a means of influence as is the ability to talk well!

Reid Archer

TEACHA-SOROUS-REX

Patrick Langrigan B10

Come and meet the Teacha-sorous-rex
Her nose is long and so's her neck

Her eyes are square and a bloodshot red
Her hair's so long it covers her head

Teacha-sorous-rex gives homework every day
She eats lots of chocolate and bales of hay

Her feet are webbed like a duck in a pond
Her legs are hairy and her hair is blonde

She has frizzy hair and a pinocchio nose
In malting seasons, her feathers she must dispose

She has long sharp fans and horns like a deer
She likes to mark - and to wear ballet gear

She has large glasses with polka dots on
And in the shower she sing songs

So watch out kiddies when Teacha-sorous-rex is near
Hide from her - be full of fear

THE SONG STORY

Scott Rasmussen Syme 9

The man walks slowly around the lagoon. He has a blank expression on his face as his mind starts to wander. The man stared deeply as the lagoon began to freeze over and a life form emits itself from the depths of the lagoon. The life form begins to glow as it moves itself into the man's view. The man stares deeply as the spirits move themselves closer. The spirits descend down to the level of the water and began to skate over the ice. The spirits worked together in sync as the man stood in amazement.

The man twitched as the spirits began to increase their speed and then seemed to glide instead of skate over the ice.

The man blinked and when his eyes reopened the lagoon had returned to its past state and the sprites had disappeared. The man felt a sense of enjoyment as he continued his journey around the lagoon.



Although not winning all the time Barak was always there or thereabouts with the highlights being second place in the school haka and individually Andrew Moore and Hamish Kirk winning senior titles in swimming and athletics respectively. A special mention must go to Chief (Mr Maihi) who with a hard nosed attitude and the killer instinct was able to gain the best out of Barak house and was an integral part to our success.

I would like to thank the other heads of houses whose competitive nature has produced a new aspect to the house competition and I wish Reido, Stewy, Whip, Trem and Tim, our inspirational Head Boy, all the best. I'm sure that N.P.B.H.S. has provided you with the required skills to achieve any of your future ambitions.

To Mr French-Wright it has been both an honour and a privilege to work alongside you in 1998 and I am sure that in the future years you will be a huge asset to this great school. Finally to the next year's Head of Barak take the opportunity to give back to a school which has given so much and cherish the memories which you will take from your schooling years at N.P.B.H.S.

Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom

Hamish Mitchell

P.S. Go the First XV

SYME HOUSE REPORT

New Plymouth Boys' High School, in my eyes, the best and only school I would ever be apart of. 1998 has been a solid year with a lot of hard work ahead but also a rewarding year, not necessarily on the scoreboard but in other ways indescribable.

A special thanks must go to all my fellow prefects, especially Tim, and also Titch, he showed a stern but enthusiastic attitude and didn't quit or back down when times were tough. A big thanks must also go to Mr French-Wright as this year could not be possible without you.

A lot of controversy happened through the year with Syme getting the raw end of the deal especially in the Haka and Swimming Sports where the points were added incorrectly, but Syme didn't dwell, we got up and battled on. I'd also like to thank the Syme house guys on the council, they showed responsibility and a keenness for a higher role in the school for next year.

I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of guys to work with this year, Whip, Mitch (Robert Rakete), Reido and Tim. It's been magic guys and I wish you all the best for what ever the future holds. Last of all I'd like to thank the school as a whole for what they've done for me, they've opened up new doors and helped me through arguably the best 5 years of my life. Syme house is where my heart lies along with it the school. Finally I'd just like to wish head of Syme for 1999 all the best. Make the most of the opportunities and for heavens sake get us off the bottom!!!!

ET COMITATE ET VIRUTE ET SAPIETIA

Mark Stewart

BARAK HOUSE

N.P.B.H.S. well what can I say. One of the finest educational institutions in New Zealand and for me it has opened paths to which I thought I would never venture. One of those was to be appointed head of Barak house for 1998, which I accepted with pride and tradition. Barak have achieved great results this year and have raised a few eyebrows in doing so. Written off at the start of the year Barak has defied all odds and climbed off the bottom of the Inter-house table. Much of this credit is to be taken by the House prefects who set about developing a house, which performed with heart and passion creating the will to win. This has reflected in our efforts.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

My year began on a high when four weeks into the year I was elected for student rep for 1998. The experience of being able to sit on a business executive such as the NPBHS B.O.T with such important people was a big thrill for me and gave me an important position in the school after not being wanted as a hostel or school prefect.

My first meeting was like a first day of school. I didn't know where to sit, I didn't know hardly anyone and I could barely keep up with what was going on for the first hour. The first thing on the agenda I was going to investigate was CHEAPER PIES. I had done my research and now elected was even more confident of success. The end result was the tuck shop would rather make money than provide cheaper pies. Another thing I was learning was that as student rep, you do have exactly equal rights to other board members but you can't exactly override them on issues such as pies. With about a dozen others on the board one person can make a lot of noise but unless the others are interested it won't be bought.

Ultimately the worst part of the job was the drug hearings where several boys came before the board. Of the people who came before the board I knew most of them very well with one person sitting next to me in lunch and two others had played next to me in various rugby teams. After the first hearing I had little sleep, and the other hearings were little better.

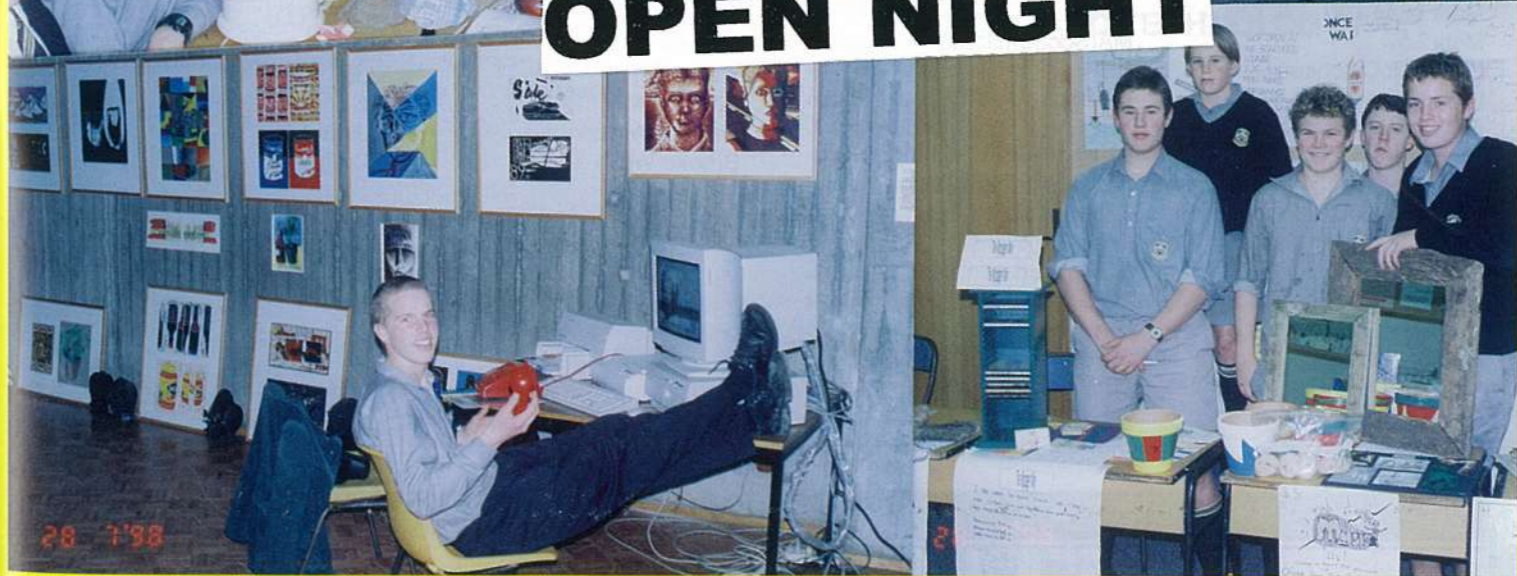
The year has been an eye opener to me and skills I have picked up on the board will be invaluable as I get older. I would like to thank board members John Warner, Jeff Ward and John Eagles for their help when I first came onto the board. To all the board members good luck and thank you.

My time at Boys High has been a mixed bag over the last five years. I will remember for all the right reasons and other events which will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. My year on the board has been awesome and I recommend everyone who wants to be student rep to give it a shot, that's what I did.

Tremayne Willing



OPEN NIGHT





1997 GRADUATES

Auckland University

Rob Aerts BAS
 Shane Grant BA/Bcom
 Andrew Gray BA
 David Lash BArch
 William Marsh DipHith (CMgt)
 Grant Pearce MBA
 Anthony Ruakere LLB
 Matthew Ruakere BA
 Kent Skinner BSc (Hon)
 Wade Watkins BSc (Hon)
 Steven Bunyan BCom
 Michael Musgrove BA

Lincoln University

Kalley Simpson BEng (Nat Resources)

Massey University

Mark Armstrong BBS
 Ian Bennie PhD (SocSc)
 Roger Birch BA (SocSc)
 Jeremy Brown BA (Hum)
 Michael Bryant BAppSc
 Peter Cayzer Mtech (Hons)
 Graeme Collins DipBusStuds
 David Cook BA (SocSc)
 Ian Cooper Dip Banking
 Shaun Crofsky BAppSc
 Nigel Dasler BTech
 Shane Davis BA (Hum)
 Troy Donovan DipDairySc & Tech
 Matthew Fawkner BMLS
 Andrew Fergusson BAppSc
 Mark Finnigan BA(SocSc)
 Grant Galy DipBusStuds
 Matthew Gibbs BBS, DipRurStuds
 Graham Goodson BBS
 Karl Gorringer BA(Hum)
 Stephen Harding BHort
 Alastair Hunt BA(Hons) Hum
 David Irving BA(SocSc)
 Rae James DipBusStuds
 Mark Lash BBS
 Mark Low MA(SocSc)(Hons)
 Phillip McCutcheon BRP
 Brett Murray DipSocSc
 Johnson Naviti BRP
 Michael Parker BB
 John Revell Dip Humanities
 Warren Ritson BA(Hum)
 Blair Robinson BAppSc
 Craig Rooks BTech(Hons)
 David Sampson BEd
 Neil Simons BEd
 Bill Teo BA(SocSc)
 Brian Trott BBS
 Christopher Tubby DipSc
 Anthony Vincent DipBusStuds

Regan Washer BAppSc
 Richard Willan BSc, DipSc. Distinction
 Matthew Wood DipBusAdmin
 Regan Yarrow BRP(Hons)

Waikato University

Jason Avery BMS(Hons)
 Simon Berndt BSc(Tech)
 Richard Brabant BSc(Tech)
 Paul Busing BSc
 John Coulthard DipT
 Julian Dimond BSocSc
 Jason Elder BEd
 Gary Fa'aitoa-Gale (prev Tarlo) LLB, IPLS
 Aaron Hine BL
 Mark Hunter BMS(Hons)
 Kylie Le-Bas BEd
 Paul Nielsen BSocSc
 Christopher Plowright BMS
 Kyle Ramsay BMS(Hons)
 Grant Reeve BCMS
 Martin Robinson BMS(Hons)
 David Rogers PGDipRep
 Paul Veric BEd/BLS, DipT
 Jason Watson BSc

Victoria University

Christopher Lee BSc

Canterbury University

Jeffrey Crombie BE(Hons)
 Alastair Duff BSc
 Michael Frampton BA
 Dinesh Kathriarachchi BE(Hons)
 Michael Kinnell BA
 Michael Muschamp DipFor
 Daryl Robinson BE(Hons)
 Kalley Simpson BE(Hons)
 Nicholas Thorpe DipMgt
 John Waki BE(Hons)
 Jon Wallace ME(Civil)
 Greig Wilson BE(Hons)

Otago University

David Antunovic DipCid
 Richard Bromley BSurv
 Neil Copeland BD, DipGrad, Dip Grad
 Robert Mills BCom, LLB
 Grant Rawlinson DipSci
 James Smith LLB
 Andrew Wall MSc
 Hamish Wilson LLB Bcom
 Brooke Wolfe BCom



1998 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(marks 50+)

6 Subjects

J. Ahn, A. Bishell, S. Bremer, J. Brown, A. Burgess, F. Campbell, L. Castell, T. Cleaver, A. Cross, P. Duncan, Q. Elstone, K. Feaver (7), C. Flay, R. Geraghty, R. Gordon, D. Herman, N. Hight, B. Hinton, B. Holyoake, J. Horne, N. Hudson, L. Jackson, R. Janata, S. Jenkin, T. Kingsley-Jones, A. Lawn, L. Lepper, S. Lonsdale, D. Maclean, R. Managh, J. McCullough, B. McGlashan, L. McLean, T. Newsome, T. Norris, K. Nyssen, S. Pope, M. Quin, J. Ravji, B. Schrider, J. Scott, B. Singleton, C. Smith, N. Smith, A. Stewart, M. Taylor, J. Theobald, S. Thornhill, B. Wallis, J. Walsh

5 Subjects

B. Alchin, M. Balsom, D. Burton, M. Cleaver, R. Creery, C. Dowman, B. Flay, D. Harvie, P. Hoskin, C. Howse, D. Hunger, L. Langridge, J. Laugesen, S. Low, B. McMillan, N. Paton, B. Phear, M. Quayle, J. Smart, E. Smith, W. Snowden, D. Steyn, M. Turner, S. Walsh, B. Williams, J. Wright

4 Subjects

R. Asigau, D. Baylis, B. Braggins, L. Drew, H. Dryden, G. Godfrey, D. Gurnick, M. Hardy, K. Jordan, D. Krugier, C. Leathley, S. Lile, B. MacPhail, S. Maw, S. Mayo, F. McKenzie-Johnson, T. Morgan, P. Needham, B. Petkovski, C. Prestidge, A. Radford, B. Taylor, C. Watts, D. Wilson

3 Subjects

J. Allen, S. Ashcroft, A. Aston, D. Baumann, S. Beriner, K. Bosson, S. Bridger, D. Clarke, J. Dravitzki, K. Fisher, L. Gibson, D. Green, N. Greenbank, M. Gulliver, A. Hall, B. Hart, B. Jeffrey, A. Johansen, James Murphy, R. Pelham, M. Sampson, D. Smith, K. Sole, R. Srisawas, K. Stockman, H. Stokell, B. Toole, S. Venkataraman, G. Wilson, M. Wood

2 Subjects

B. Andrews, L. Baker, R. Broadmore, A. Capper, M. Cleaver, B. Coles, D. Collingwood, B. Corbett, M. Davis, L. Fabish, P. Herlihy, J. Inch, B. Keller, D. Lock, P. Lucas, R. MacRae, C. McKay, John Murphy, A. Oakenfull, A. Olsen, M. Phillips, J. Philp, L. Robson, T. Steedman, G. Surgenor, T. Sweetman, J. Vigeant, M. Weir, C. Welch, N. Wilson

1 Subject

K. Adams, A. Andreianov, G. Ballintine, R. Beg, R. Bisson, M. Blackburn, T. Burbidge, W. Callender, N. Campbell, H. Chalmers, J. Colligan, M. Colligan, D. Coxhead, S. Crawford, B. Davis, J. Eparaima, D. Gilbert, D. Hamann, R. Hay, M. Hedley, M. Herlihy, M. Hope, D. Isaac, M. Lyes, W. MacDonald, J. Mack, J. MacLeod, M. Marsh, H. Marshall, J. Mason, S. McAnaney, R. McCarten, A. McGregor, K. McIsaac, C. Newland, J. Northcott, J. O'Donnell, M. Proffit, D. Ratford, G. Ross, J. Russell, D. sarten, J. Spanhake, C. Sparks, A. Thom, A. Visser, N. Wells, L. Whitehead, C. Whitwell, B. Williams, K. Young



BURSARY 1998

A Bursary

T. Anagnostou, D. Bellini, A. Blackler, M. Brennan, G. Brunton, P. Cochrane, H. Cotton, M. Crawford, P. Gibbs, D. Hay, H. Herbert, K. Laird, S. Pierce, B. Pollard, J. Silby, M. Thompson, J. Ward, G. Worthington

B Bursary

B. Adams, J. Ameriks, M. Beccard, J. Bissett, L. Blair, B. Corlett, N. Creery, A. Dawson, D. Drnasin, R. Eagles, M. Ellis, D. Gibson, S. Gleeson, T. Goudie, B. Greenstreet, S. James, B. Lilley, C. Lucas, B. Monaghan, D. Papps, B. Plimmer, C. Reed, C. Ruyters, M. Soh, B. Spice, I. Steele, S. Theobald, M. Tomono, K. Tong, W. Van Gelderen, S. Venkataraman, T. Wong, C. Wylie

Scholarships 1997

David Bellini Graphics
 Alastair Blackler Biology
 Geography
 Matt Brennan Physical Education
 Andrew Dawson Physical Education
 David Gibson Physical Education
 Karl Laird Physics
 Statistics
 Simon Pierce Geography
 Martin Soh Accounting
 Calculus
 Japanese

KIWI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR RESULTS

PRIZE WINNERS:
 Jeremy Severinson - 2nd in Experimental Investigation (Forms 3-4) with his entry 'Cheesed Off'.
 Jared Broad - merit award in Experimental Investigation (Forms 3-4) with his entry 'Batteries - is there a better way?'
 Nathan Moore, Steve May and Stewart Mason - 1st= in Scientific Journalism (Forms 3-4).
 Levi Turner - merit award in Scientific Photography.
 Excellent assistance in setting up and helping to run the fair over the 3 days was given by a staunch band of 4th formers including: Matthew Buttimore, Rowan Longman, Jonathan Lee, Matthew Nicholls and Nick Roughan. Well done boys!
Mrs Bublitz



SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST - 1997

FIFTH FORM PRIZES SUBJECT PRIZES

Art James Brown
 Economics Shem Low
 English (Daily News Prize) Bradley McGlashan
 French (French Embassy Prize) Alan Stewart
 Fifth Form English Certificate (PTA Prize) Kenny Roycroft
 Geography Robert Gordon
 History Scott Bremer
 Home Economics Mark Armstrong
 Horticulture Kees Nyssen
 Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Kane Feaver
 Latin Shane Thornhill
 Maori Phillip Hoskin
 Mathematics Applied I (PTA Prize) John Northcott
 Music and Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Michael Taylor
 John Murphy
 Taranaki Science (PTA Prize)
 Workshop Technology (Metal)(Best Student)
 and Workshop Technology (Metal)(Practical) (Olex Cables Prize)
 and Workshop Technology (Metal)(Best Design)
 (General Machinery Prize) Foster Walker
 Workshop Technology (Wood) (Best Student)
 and Workshop Technology (Practical)
 (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize) Nicholas Hight

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Trent Newsome (London Bookshop Prize)
 Simon Jenkin (London Bookshop Prize)
 Zygi Zurakowski (London Bookshop Prize)
 Richard Managh (London Bookshop Prize)
 Boyd Rutherford (PTA Prize)
 Baden Martin (PTA Prize)
 Brendon Silby (PTA Prize)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize Scott Bremer

ESSAY

1st Prize Shane Pope

MUSIC

Most Improved Woodwind Player
 Boyd Trophy Nicholas Paton

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) Brendon Silby

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Mathematics and 1st = in Graphics) Bryan Holyoake
 2nd Aggregate Daryl MacLean
 1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting, 1st = in Graphics, and 1st in Science) Shane Pope



SIXTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Tabor Prize) Ben Schurr
 and Business Studies (Tabor Prize)
 Biology (Tabor Prize) Jonathan Taylor
 and French (French Embassy Prize) Sayuj H-Nath
 Chemistry (Tabor Prize)
 Computer Studies Jesse Baker
 (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) Aaron Schuppan
 Creative Thinking (Tabor Prize)
 Design Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Design Technology (Metal) (Best Machinist) (Olex Cables Trophy) and Design Technology (Metal) (Best Design and Application) David Phillips
 (Paykel Engineering Prize) Design Technology (Wood)(Best Student)(Tabor Prize) and Design Technology (Wood)(Best Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize) Joseph Jones
 Economics (Tabor Prize) Christopher Newing
 Geography (Tabor Prize) Jarrod Keegan



Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) Nicholas Jones
 Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize) Daniel Hill
 Home Economics (Tabor Prize) Jared Philp
 Horticulture (Best Student)(Tabor Prize) and Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize) Alastair Honeyfield
 Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) Vijay Rajagopal
 Legal Studies (Tabor Prize) Nilan Ekanayake
 Maori (Tabor Prize) Rangi Bisson
 Mathematics (Tabor Prize) and Best Polynesian or Melanesian Student (Maori and Island Affairs Prize) Tusialofa Finikaso
 Mathematics (Highest mark in School Certificate) Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) Brontain Sullivan and Mark Honnor
 Mathematics Applied II (Tabor Prize) Jason Crowe
 Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize) Kane McCollum
 Music (Tabor Prize) Toby Robins
 Photography (Tabor Prize) Sam Crawford
 Physical Education (Tabor Prize) Carl Barnes
 Physics (Most Improved Student)(Hurle Cup) Bruce Chadwick
 Practical Art (Tabor Prize) Arama Davis
 Science (Tabor Prize) Corey Hayter
 Self Management (Tabor Prize) Ashley Bowers



EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Tim Simpson (London Bookshop Prize)
 Michael Gigmai (London Bookshop Prize)
 Dale Horner (London Bookshop Prize)
 Andrei Andreianov (London Bookshop Prize)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) Tim Simpson

ESSAY

1st Prize Aaron Schuppan

SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup & Prize) Rangi Trinder
 Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 5 or 6 Maori student (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) Ria Rauputu

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) Jared Kyle
 2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in History) Rowan McCaffery
 1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in English and 1st in Physics, and Highest Aggregate for a 1997 Sixth Former in 1996 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize) Martin Soh

SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize) and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) and Mathematics with Calculus Martin Soh
 Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize) and Geography (Kash Prize) Alastair Blackler
 Classical Studies Mark Beccard
 Design and Photography Mirai Tomono
 English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize) Matthew Crawford
 Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) and Science David Croy
 History (Brian Bellringer Prize) Christopher Wylie
 History of Art Kristopher Tong
 Horticulture Paul Gibbs
 Maori Blair Corlett
 Music and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup & Prize) Paul Cochrane
 Painting and Sculpture Ben Lilley
 Physical Education Matthew Brennan
 Printmaking Sam James

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

Steven Kingsley-Jones (London Bookshop Prize)
 Nicholas Ferris (London Bookshop Prize)
 Peter Sampson (London Bookshop Prize)

MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faul Challenge Cup) Michael Feigler

SPECIAL PRIZES

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) Brian Williams
 Head Boarder (Eggleston Cup & Prize) Alastair Blackler
 Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) Matthew Crawford



Outstanding record of service to the School (PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize) Bryan Weir
 To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees - and who promotes and communicates reliably the needs and views of students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the school in his year of service.

(R J Goodare Memorial Trophy and Prize) Kristopher Larkin
 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) and Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles' Trophy and Prize) Paul Gibbs

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) Hugh Cotton

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) Jason Silby
 Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) Murray Thompson

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1st in Economics, 1st in English (White Memorial Prize), 1st in Mathematics with Statistics (Harrop Prize) and 1st in Physics) Karl Laird
 Best Sportsman (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) Regan West
 Best All-Round Sportsman (Wolfe Cup and Prize) David Gibson
 All-Round Sportsman, with good sportsmanship and performance in cricket (Donnelly Cup and Prize) Kane Rowson

Love

*Love is like a bundle of red roses,
 Love tastes like a red plum,
 Love smells like fresh flowers,
 And sounds like my turn on the phone.
 Love feels like money.*

Hate

*Hate is like a storm in the night,
 It tastes like silver beet,
 Hate smells like pig poos
 And looks like a black eye.
 Hate sounds like finger nails scratching a blackboard.
 Hate feels like a porcupine
 Luke Roberts 3rd Form*



JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 1997

THIRD FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Roy McDowall
Band	Hadley Smith
Economics (1st =)	Patrick Landrigan
Graphics	Scott Green/Kurt Parry
Home Economics	Karl Neilson
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	David Malcolm
Latin	Henry Talbot
Maori	
Keepa Po-Ching	
Metalwork	Michael Erb
Music	Blake Robinson
Science	Robert Jenkin
Woodwork (Best Student)	
Glen McIntyre	
Woodwork (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award)	
Jason Hofmans	

EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES (7)

Brent Dawson	(PTA Prize)
Joseph Morris	(PTA Prize)
Jonathan Colligan	(PTA Prize)
Alex Harvey	(PTA Prize)
Christian Moratti	(PTA Prize)
Shanon Pasili	(PTA Prize)
Christopher Keech	(PTA Prize)

CERTIFICATES

Anthony Ander	Social Studies, Graphic, French
Alexander Asi	English, Social Studies
Brian Atkinson	Science, Social Studies
Cole Baldwin	English, Social Studies, Woodwork, Economics
Daniel Bason	Japanese, Mathematics
Christian Bonnevie	Japanese, Music
Timothy Brown	Mathematics, Graphics
Valentine Cameron	English, Mathematics
Jacob Dagger	Art, Japanese
David Drew	Art, Social Studies
Joseph Faulkner	Social Studies, French
Timothy Fitzpatrick	Mathematics, Metalwork, English, Art
Sheldon Goodin	Mathematics, Home Economics, English, Science

James Gopperth	Science, English
Desai Gupwell	English, Mathematics, Art
Moriz Hartmann	English, Science, Latin
Grant Honeyfield	Graphics, Social Studies
Logan Hutchings	English, Graphics, Band
Mark Jackson	Social Studies, French
Christopher Jury	Graphics, English
James Keer-Keer	Mathematics, Science, Economics
Matthew Logan	Science, Maori, Mathematics
Richard Mahood	Science, Woodwork, Social Studies
Shaun Martin	Home Economics, Social Studies
Reece Meuli	Social Studies, Economics
Ben Miller	Woodwork, English
Ryan Ogle	Mathematics, Science
Matthew Pickering	Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Latin
Stewart Pollock	Graphics, Art, English
Daniel Radcliffe	French, Social Studies
Nicholas Roughan	Mathematics, English, Graphics
Richard Slater	Science, Latin, Band
Russel Smillie	Social Studies, Mathematics
Neil Spierling	Mathematics, Home Economics, Metalwork



Edwin Sutton	English, Mathematics
Brendon Wesley	English, Mathematics, Social Studies

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd =	Tim Fitzpatrick / Richard Burkitt
2nd	Hadleigh Beals
1st Prize	Jonathan Colligan

ESSAY

3rd	Roy McDowall
2nd	Campbell Mattson
1st Prize	Harendra Wijesekera

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a F3
 Maori student (PTA Prize) Desai Gupwell
 Best junior cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize) Craig Wisnewski
 Best Aptitude and training in a cadet (NZ Army Association Shield) Jacob Dagger

MUSIC

Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup) Graeme Macphail

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Mathematics) Harendra Wijesekera
 2nd Aggregate (including 1st = Economics) Hadleigh Beals
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize) and 1st in English) Christopher Walker



FOURTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Kane McMillan
Graphics	Isaac Petersen
Home Economics	Andrew Gleeson
Horticulture	Andrew Peat
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Blair Hermann
Latin	Paul Stanbridge
Maori	Ramapo Hori
Mathematics	Nathan Schuppan
Mathematics (Most Progress)	Nigel Stevenson
(Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) Metalwork	Simon Bluck
Music	Darcy McLeod
Social Studies	Warren Poh
Woodwork	Cameron Murray

EFFORT AND PROGRESS PRIZES (4)

Andrew Ramsay	(PTA Prize)
Nicholas Lawn	(PTA Prize)
Kent Sulzberger	(PTA Prize)
Michael Somers	(PTA Prize)

CERTIFICATES

Shanon Barnett	Social Studies, Economics, Science
Scott Batchelor	Horticulture, Science, Woodwork
Scott Burnside	Science, Mathematics
Benjamin Clare	English, Science
Tony Clow	English, Social Studies
Jaykes Coffey	Home Economics, English, Physical Education
Hayden Cook	Enterprise Studies, Social Studies, Physical Education

Zico Coronel	Science, Home Economics
Peter Crawford	Science, Home Economics
Richard Doherty	Science, Mathematics, English
Ryan Evetts	Mathematics, Japanese, Science
John Ferris	Economics, Physical Education, Science
Adam Fleming	Art, Science
Reuben Herbert	Social Studies, Woodwork
David Hill	Graphics, Mathematics
Timothy Hope	Economics, Social Studies
Damian Irving	Mathematics, Woodwork
Roger Joe	Latin, Mathematics
Christopher Keen	Mathematics, Science
Shane Kemsley	English, Social Studies
Matthew Lay	Social Studies, Mathematics
Jeffrey McGlashan	Economics, English, Social Studies
Peter Mole	Science, Mathematics
Daniel Morrison	Mathematics, English
Oliver Mortensen	Mathematics, Economics, English
Justin Price	Mathematics, Science, Enterprise Studies
Hamish Roper	Mathematics, Enterprise Studies, English
Marc Saunders	Social Studies, Woodwork
Joshua Smeaton	Music, Enterprise Studies
Leighton Smith	Enterprise Studies, Science, English
Dion Sole	Japanese, Graphics
Dean Stewart	Social Studies, English
Monty Tamati	Horticulture, Physical Education
Stuart Thomas	Graphics, Mathematics, Physical Education
Brent Thompson	Mathematics, English
David Traylor	Mathematics, Science
Jade Vellinga	Science, English
Allister Watson	Home Economics, English
Tim Weston	Enterprise Studies, Social Studies, Science
Benjamin White	Social Studies, Mathematics
Stephen White	Maori, Physical Education
Heath Wilms	Mathematics, Graphics, Science
Steve Zavos	Science, Social Studies



PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd	Michael Peebles
2nd and 2nd in Essay	Liam O'Connor
1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize)	Hamish Roper

ESSAY

3rd	Justin Price
1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)	Ashton Peters

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best perseverance and school spirit demonstrated in a Form 4 Maori Student (PTA Prize) Monty Tamati

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate	Colin White
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize) and 1st Economics)	René Le Prou
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in English, 1st in Enterprise Studies and 1st in Science)	Ashton Peters

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Form 3	Hadleigh Beals
For Academic, and Sporting Excellence in Form 4	Ashton Peters



1997 SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS	INTERMEDIATE	BECKBESSINGER CUP	HAMISH KIRK
	INTERMEDIATE	KELLER CUP	JOUHANS MARRINER
	INTERMEDIATE	BOTHAMELY CUP	HAMISH KIRK
	INTERMEDIATE	GILMOUR CUP	RIA RAUPUTU
	INTERMEDIATE	EDMONDS TROPHY	LEWIS STONNELL
	INTERMEDIATE	GARY FOWLER CUP	
	INTERMEDIATE		
	INTERMEDIATE	CHALLENGE CUP	HAMISH KIRK
	INTERMEDIATE	CARTWRIGHT CUP	HAMISH KIRK
	JUNIOR	BENNETT CUP	JOUHANS MARRINER
	JUNIOR	GRIEVE CUP	COOPER AMAI
	JUNIOR	HOUSTON CUP	JESSE MARSHALL
	JUNIOR	GARLIC CUP	DANIEL MORRISON
	JUNIOR	HERMON CUP	COOPER AMAI
	SENIOR	OLD BOYS CUP	JESSIE MARSHALL
	SENIOR	OLD BOYS SHIELD	DAVID GIBSON
	SENIOR	MASON MEMORIAL CUP	GRANT COMMERFORD
	SENIOR	HERBERT SMITH CUP	PAUL GIBBS
	SENIOR	FOOKE CUP	DAVID GIBSON
BASKETBALL	SENIOR	PETER LAY TROPHY	PAUL GIBBS
CRICKET	JUNIOR	GIDDY SHIELD	CAMERON KISSICK
	SENIOR	PARKINSON CUP	TIM WESTON
	SENIOR	MEULI CUP	MARK STEWART
	SENIOR	ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP	KANE ROWSON
			KANE ROWSON
CROSS COUNTRY			
	INTERMEDIATE	HERBERT SMITH	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
	JUNIOR	NOAKES CUP	JUNIOR CHAMPION
	SENIOR	1911 CUP	SENIOR CHAMPION
CYCLING		ANZ CYCLING CUP	MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER
GOLF	SENIOR	SHEARER CUP	SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION
HOCKEY	JUNIOR	THE GEURSEN STICK	MOST PROMISING JUNIOR
	SENIOR	DION JORDAN MEMORIAL	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
	SENIOR	SIMONSON CUP	MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
RUGBY	JUNIOR	JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL	RUGBY LEADERSHIP IN F3
	JUNIOR	MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL	CONTRIBUTING THE MOST AT F4
	SENIOR	WATTS CUP	MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV
	SENIOR	LEUTHART CUP	CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV
	SENIOR	COACHES CUP	MOST CONSCIENTIOUS 2ND XV PLAYER
	SENIOR	TAYLOR CUP	1ST XV PLAYERS PLAYER
SKIING	SENIOR	MARIE WILLIAMS	TEAM EVENT
	SENIOR	OLD BOYS' OHAKUNE CUP	SENIOR CHAMPION
SOCCER	SENIOR	BURMESTER TROPHY	MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
	SENIOR	COACHES CUP	CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM
	SENIOR	RUSSELL HOOPER CUP	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
SQUASH	SENIOR	DOW ELANCO CUP	
SWIMMING	SENIOR	SKYES MEMORIAL CUP	SENIOR CHAMPION
	INTERMEDIATE	CHALLENGE CUP	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
	JUNIOR	FOX CUP	JUNIOR CHAMPION
TENNIS	JUNIOR	HERBERT SMITH CUP	JUNIOR CHAMP
	INTERMEDIATE	CANDY CUP	INTERMEDIATE CHAMP
	SENIOR	HERBERT SMITH CUP	MOST IMPROVED
	SENIOR	BURGESS CUP	SENIOR CHAMP
BADMINTON	SENIOR		SENIOR CHAMP
VOLLEYBALL	SENIOR	SOPER CUP	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

JUNIOR CHAMPION

JUNIOR FIELD CHAMPION

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER IN THE 2ND XI
 1ST XI BOWLING
 1ST XI BATTING
 CONTRIBUTED MOST TO 1ST XI

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
 JUNIOR CHAMPION
 SENIOR CHAMPION
 MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER
 SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION
 MOST PROMISING JUNIOR
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 RUGBY LEADERSHIP IN F3
 CONTRIBUTING THE MOST AT F4
 MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV
 CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV
 MOST CONSCIENTIOUS 2ND XV PLAYER
 1ST XV PLAYERS PLAYER
 TEAM EVENT
 SENIOR CHAMPION
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

SENIOR CHAMPION
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DONNELLY CUP

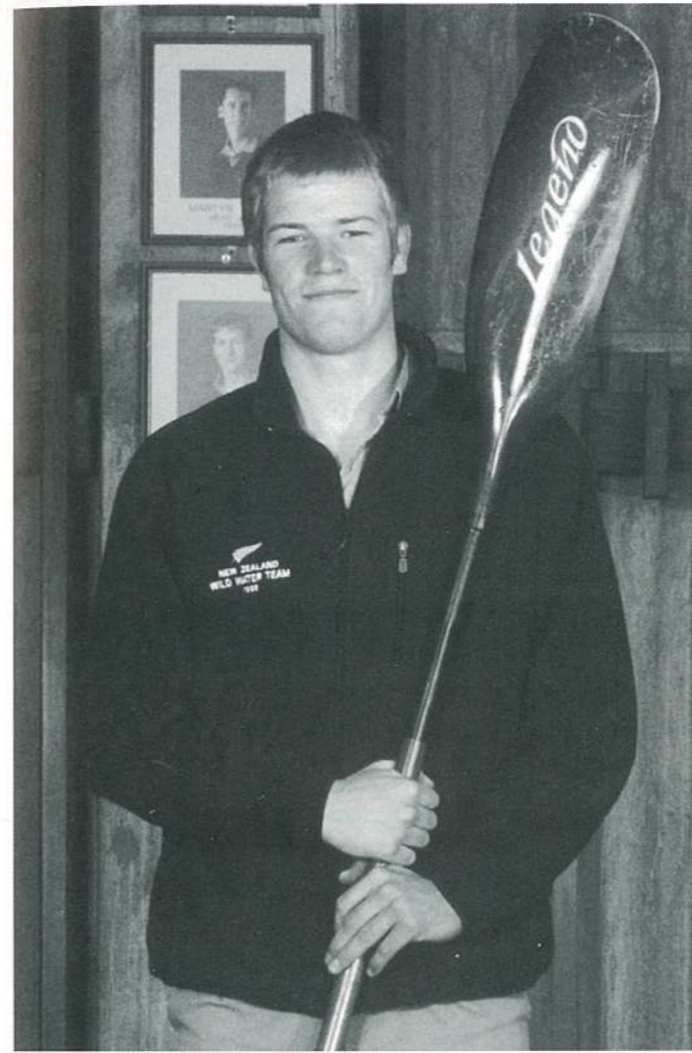
EXCELLENCE IN CRICKET
 AND A WINTER SPORT

KANE ROWSON
 1ST XI CRICKET
 DAVID GIBSON
 REGAN WEST

ANZ TEAM OF THE YEAR

WOLFE CUP
 COLLEGE CUP

BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN
 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Sportsman of the Year
 Wolfe Cup Winner
 Carl Barnes



Performing Artist of the Year
 Toby Robins

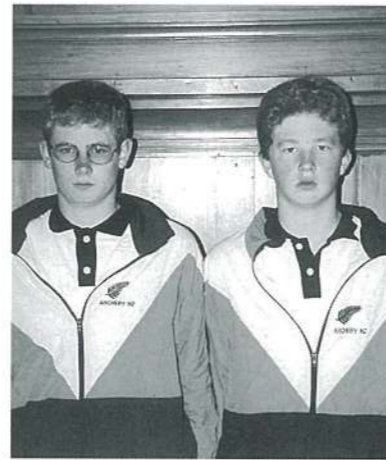


ANZ TEAM OF THE YEAR
 Softball

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES



Andrew Jackson, Callum Gifford, Tim McIndoe
BMX Racing



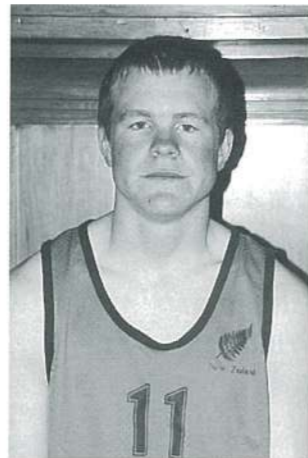
Colin White, Brendan White
Archery



Toby Robins
Secondary Schools Orchestra



James Webb
Tae Kwon Do



Ben Jeffrey
Basketball



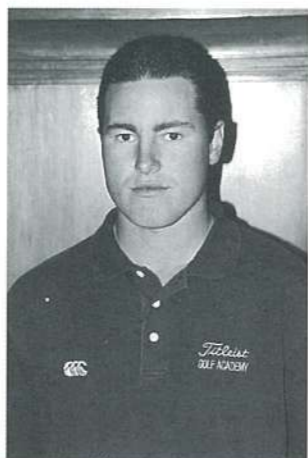
Jouhans Marriner
Basketball



Alex Scott
Fencing



Isaac Petersen
Surfing

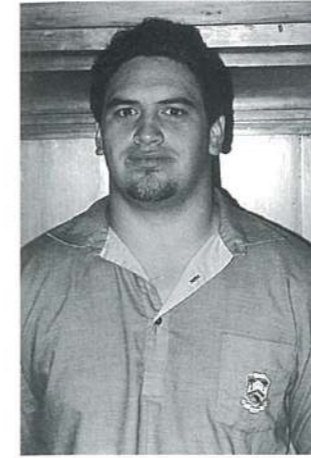


Joshua Kearns
Golf



Carl Barnes
White Water Rafting

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES



Colin Edwin
Softball



Hayden Corkin
Surf Lifesaving

1998 TIGER JACKETS

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Jonathon Allen | Badminton |
| Andre Alvarino | Soccer |
| Reid Archer | Head of House |
| Peter Ash | Basketball |
| Gareth Ballintine | Tennis |
| Carl Barnes | Rugby |
| Carl Beaurepaire | Cricket |
| Jade Bellringer | Squash |
| Brendan Bloemen | Cricket |
| Matt Cleaver | Cricket, Basketball |
| Tim Cleaver | Tennis |
| David Collingwood | Cricket |
| Hayden Corkin | Swimming |
| Duncan Corlett | Rugby |
| Colin Edwin | Rugby, Softball |
| Nilan Ekanayke | Debating |
| Ryan Geraghty | Choir, Concert Band, Stage Band |
| Lane Gibson | Rugby |
| Eric Goodwin | Hockey |
| David Green | Music |
| Mack Gulliver | Hockey |
| Jody Hann | Rugby |
| Tom Hazledine | Drama |
| Daniel Herman | Soccer |
| Nicholas Hight | Concert Band, Stage Band |
| Bryan Holyoake | Soccer |
| Adrian Humphries | Choir, Stage Band, Debating, Drama |
| Darren Hunger | Golf |
| Lindon Jackson | Concert Band, Stage Band |
| Ben Jeffrey | Basketball |
| Kent Jordan | Cricket |
| Kapua Kapua | Soccer |
| Joshua Kearns | Golf |
| Cheyne Kettle | Rugby, Softball |
| Cameron Kissick | Basketball |
| Rupert Laka | Basketball |
| Joe Lawn | Rugby |
| Craig Leathley | Badminton |
| Lachlan Lepper | Badminton |
| Shane Lile | Basketball |
| Jason Lyes | Hockey |
| Mark Lyes | Hockey |
| Brendon MacPhail | Concert Band, Stage Band |

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Regan MacRae | Golf |
| Shaun Marino | Softball |
| Jouhans Marriner | Basketball |
| Haizley Martin | Basketball, Softball |
| Hayden Mattson | Squash |
| Jeff Mercer | Debating |
| Hamish Mitchell | Head of House, Cricket, Rugby |
| Andrew Moore | Swimming |
| Keith Muller | Cricket |
| Laurie Neville | Choir, Drama |
| Chris Newing | Squash |
| Nicholas Paton | Concert Band |
| Shane Pope | Concert Band |
| Mark Proffitt | Cricket |
| Matt Roberts | Rugby |
| Bryce Robins | Rugby |
| Toby Robins | Drama, Music |
| Simon Robinson | Soccer |
| Nathan Russell | Basketball |
| Ben Schurr | Head of House, Cricket, Rugby |
| Tim Simpson | Head Boy, Choir, Hockey, Drama |
| Andrew Stairmand | Rugby |
| Mark Stewart | Head of House, Cricket, Rugby |
| Kent Stockman | Soccer |
| Glen Surgenor | Hockey |
| Tama Sweetman | Rugby |
| Jonathon Taylor | Hockey |
| Michael Taylor | Concert Band, Stage Band |
| Shane Thornhill | Hockey |
| James Topless | Hockey |
| Corey Walden | Hockey |
| Foster Walker | Soccer |
| Bevan Washer | Rugby |
| James Webb | Concert Band, Stage Band |
| Richard Wheeler | Rugby |
| Bryce Williams | Cricket |
| Tremayne Willing | Student Representative |
| Jeremy Wright | Swimming |
| Zygi Zurakowski | Soccer |

*Gutteral rip,
Music to my ears.
Silver tape,
Shutting out the screams.
No distractions,
So I may carve,
In peace.*

*Struggling body,
All for me.
Tight ropes,
Holding down my prey.
No distractions,
So I may carve
In peace.*

*Splattering blood,
What a vision to behold.
Boundless pleasure,
Shutting out the world.
No distractions,
So I may carve,
In peace.*



RUGBY 1998



1ST XV RUGBY 1998

Back Row: Hamish Kirk, Richard Wheeler, Andrew Stairmand, Bevan Washer, Mike Parker, Mark Stewart, Michael Barnes, Nicol Ruchti, Cheyne Kettle, Matt Roberts
Middle Row: Mr. G Giddy, Jody Hann, Ben Schurr, Owen Edmonds, Colin Edwin, Heydon Healey, Daniel Kull, Tyler Raven, Mark Davis, Mr. D Leath
Front Row: Lane Gibson, Joel MacLeod, Hamish Mitchell, Bryce Robins, Joe Lawn (Capt.), Carl Barnes, Duncan Corlett, Tama Sweetman, Aaron Murdoch

1ST XV RUGBY 1998

The 1998 season saw the introduction of Mr. Giddy as coach with Mr. Leath as his assistant coach and manager. Aaron Murdoch was selected as the student manager. After four successful years, Mr. Atkins, with assistance from Mr. Geange, Mr. Hall, Mr. Watts and Mr. Harvey, had handed over a strong base with which to build on. Our thanks go to Mr. Atkins and his team for their efforts. The change in coach also coincided with a number of other changes. The U21 competition was disbanded at the end of the 97 season, giving the 1st XV the opportunity to play in the Senior Reserve A competition. There was the introduction of the Super Eight Competition, which involved eight of the strongest central North Island rugby schools, and also the reintroduction of a 1st group system. All in all a very new look to the season in every respect.

The 1st group system involved combining the 1st and 2nd XV sides for at least one practice a week. This enabled strong, physical team trainings as well as ensuring all players knew similar moves and calls. As the season progressed this proved to be important, as the players called up, were able to slot immediately into the team. Thank you to those 2nd XV players who filled in when required. The success of this season owes a lot to your desire to push for positions in the 1st XV and to cover when there were injuries.

The Club Rugby scene underwent some changes at the end of the 97 season which meant that the 1st XV were to play in the Senior Reserve A competition. Although often outsized by older and far more experienced players, this competition provided the hard, physical build up required for such a hectic season. Developing skills, fitness and physical strength, the team gained the respect of many teams and went through the first round of this competition with only one loss to Spotswood United. At the completion of the round the 1st XV withdrew to concentrate on traditional and super eight games.

Super Eight was a concept devised at the end of the 97 season to ensure a strong competition for those traditional Central North Island Rugby and Cricket schools. As such it was able to attract sizable sponsorship from Canterbury International in terms of cheap apparel. It also enabled a competition for the 2nd XV, which for many years had been battling other 1st XV sides within Taranaki. Although the competition involved a large amount of travel, (who will forget the ten hour bus trip to Gisborne), it proved to be a success with the 1st XV finishing fourth and the 2nd XV finishing first. Although it was disappointing that we were to finish behind Hamilton, who we had beaten earlier, it was a very credible performance.



The traditional season is always important to the 1st XV with a lot of pride being played for. With such a large number of games this season, it was pleasing that the players realized early in the season, the major focus was still on these traditions. The influence of senior team members in helping to install this focus can not be underestimated. Winning five out of the seven traditional games is a very good result but also a little disappointing given that we were later to beat PNBHS in the Nike Knockout, and also knowing that we did not play as well as we were capable of against Auckland Grammar.

With such a long season, it was put to the players to decide if they wished to continue and represent Taranaki in the Nike Knockout. With the pressure of academic studies it was not an easy decision for some. However no player, management, or parent could deny that the decision to continue was worth it when the side was to beat PNBHS at Palmerston North. This win put the team into the top eight of Secondary School Rugby sides in New Zealand and a game against Rotorua Boys'.

Highlights in such a team are many. The players, the trips away, the support and the games, are some of many. One such game was the early season match against Rongotai College as the curtain raiser to the Hurricanes vs. Auckland Blues. Travelling to Wellington, the team were billed as under-dogs against the large and experienced Rongotai side. An 8 - 8 draw was a surprise result for many (but not the team) and showed early on just what this side was capable of. The game also preempted the support we were to receive throughout the remainder of the season from a very devoted group of parents.

The team thanks all parents for their support in terms of time, travel and finance. Especially to Bev and others who always helped with aftermatch preparations and the contacting of parents after long trips away. Sincere thanks also to our sponsors - AUTOLODGE MOTOR INN, Coca Cola Bottlers, Caltex Eliot Street, Stirling Sports, and the many other sponsors who helped individual players. Thanks also to the school and staff for their support. No one will ever forget the stirring Hakas during the Hamilton game. The pride shown that day is something that will always make this school very special.



Finally to all the players who have been part of this year's 1st XV. You have served the school with immense pride. The undoubted respect you have shown for your jersey, and the tradition of the 1st XV, has helped to prove that we are one of the best sides in the country. As individuals you have all developed and have been a great side to be part of. For those leaving we wish you all the best for your future. For those returning, the promise is there to work again in 99 to maintain the tradition you have left.

Team Statistics 1998

Results:	Played 26	Won 19	Drawn 1	Lost 6
	Points for:	730		
	Points against:	418		
Leading Scorers:	Bryce Robins	132		
	Cheyne Kettle	120		
	Lane Gibson	77		

Representative Honours:

Taranaki Secondary Schools Representative
 Hamish Mitchell, Colin Edwin, Richard Wheeler, Joe Lawn,
 Michael Barnes, Lane Gibson, Bryce Robins, Joel MacLeod
 Taranaki U16 Representative
 Michael Barnes, Nicol Ruchti, Tyler Raven
 Northern Regions B Representative
 Joe Lawn, Bryce Robins

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

1. Versus St. Pat's Silverstream at Silverstream, 3 June 1998

Score:	15 - 13
Scorers:	Cheyne Kettle - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 1 try, 1 conversion
	- 1 penalty

The first traditional of the year had the team defending the McDonald Shield against a very good St. Pats team. The battle up front was closely contested for the entire game with both sides fielding large forwards. The difference in the game was the determined defence shown by the NPBHS team. As a first up game, it was good to get a win away from home and learn which areas needed improving for the remaining traditionals.



2. Versus Wanganui Collegiate at Wanganui, 16 June 1998

Score:	37 - 19
Scorers:	Joe Lawn - 2 tries
	Cheyne Kettle - 1 try
	Mark Stewart - 1 try
	Tama Sweetman - 1 try
	Colin Edwin - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 2 conversions, 1 penalty

It was important for the team, following St. Pats, that we were able to improve and put together a strong 80-minute game. Although there were some lapses in concentration, which let Collegiate back into the game, this was a much more consistent performance. The work rate of the loose forwards complimented a determined back line and allowed a lot of quality inter-play leading to the five tries. Having suffered a big loss the year before Collegiate were determined to turn around the score but did not count on the speed of prop Colin Edwin who ran forty meters, side-stepped the fullback and scored under the posts!!!

3. Versus Hamilton Boys' High at New Plymouth, 22 June 1998

Score:	20 - 17
Scorers:	Cheyne Kettle - 2 tries
	Hamish Kirk - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 1 conversion, 1 penalty

This was the first home game of the season and one the team were never to forget. Playing at home is always something special for the 1st XV, but the atmosphere at this game made it more so, with the school repeatedly challenging Hamilton with a barrage of Hakas. The fact that the tries were scored by the wings showed the style of game that was played and it was pleasing to see the team put a game plan in place. However a lack of concentration in the second half saw a 12 - 0 lead closed by a determined Hamilton team. Thankfully Richard Wheeler pulled off a miracle tackle in the corner to save a last second try and the win.

4. Versus Palmerston North Boys' High School at New Plymouth, 29 July 1998

Score:	12 - 22
Scorers:	Joel MacLeod - 1 try
	Duncan Corlett - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 1 conversion

This was always going to be a difficult game, not only because of the quality of the opposition, but also due to the timing of the game. A number of key players had arrived back in New Plymouth at 5:00am that Monday morning after a two-week tour of Australia with the Taranaki Secondary Schools side. Despite this tiredness the game was a closely fought match, particularly amongst the forwards, but PNBHS were quick to punish any mistakes. The first loss of the season is always difficult, especially at home on the Gully. PNBHS deserved their victory.

5. Versus Te Aute at Te Aute, 8 August 1998

Score:	24 - 6
Scorers:	Nicol Ruchti - 1 try
	Joe Lawn - 1 try
	Hamish Mitchell - 1 try
	Colin Edwin - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 2 conversions

Playing Te Aute at home has reputedly been one of the hardest fixtures in the tradition of 1st XV rugby. However both players and management were surprised at the lack of support and traditional challenges shown by the local supporters. As it turned out, our supporters clearly outnumbered the home parental support. This disappointment was carried onto the field in what was a flat game which saw the team down 6 - 5 at half time. The second half saw a change in heart leading to a clear win. Joe Lawn as captain must be congratulated for this turn around, as his half time talk was inspirational and obviously successful.

6. Versus Auckland Grammar at Auckland 19 August 1998

Score:	0 - 17
Scorers:	

It is difficult to comment on this game. As both teams would agree, the standard of refereeing was such that neither team could gain any advantage in the game. With some "interesting" rulings, the 1st XV were unable to construct any pattern and as such the game pondered along with Grammar capitalizing on any errors in ball retention. This was to be the lowest moment in the season as the entire team felt the frustration of the loss.

7. Versus Francis Douglas Memorial College at Francis Douglas 26 August 1998

Score:	38 - 6
Scorers:	Cheyne Kettle - 3 tries
	Haydon Healy - 1 try
	Colin Edwin - 1 try
	Hamish Mitchell - 1 try
	Mark Davis - 4 conversions

After playing FDMC for the past three years this game has now been placed as an official interschool. For the second years in the team, this game held some frightening memories from 1997 when they managed a last minute win. This memory made sure that all players were suitably focussed for the game and it was pleasing to see a strong performance where the blindside was well used.

SUPER EIGHT GAMES

The traditional games against Hamilton and PNBHS also doubled as Super Eight games.

1. Versus Tauranga Boys' High School at Tauranga 27 July 1998

Score:	19 - 17
Scorers:	Cheyne Kettle - 1 try
	Bryce Robins - 1 try, 2 conversions
	Lane Gibson - 1 try

This was the second Super Eight game after Hamilton Boys'. It was important that the team aimed at concentrating for the entire game and avoided letting the opposition back into the match. Unfortunately this was not to be and again the result was closer than it needed to be. However it was a win away from home and this was always going to be important in this competition where there was a lot of travel.

2. Versus Gisborne Boys' High School at Gisborne 1 August 1998

Score:	5 - 15
Scorers:	Lane Gibson - 1 try

This game completed a very hectic week. The game against PNBHS on Wednesday took a lot out of the players and this was followed up by the ten-hour bus trip to Gisborne. The tiredness of the players showed in this game when 5 - 0 up at half time they were unable to stop a very determined and open running Gisborne team in the second half.

3. Versus Hastings Boys' College at Hastings 10 August 1998

Score:	22 - 11
Scorers:	Lane Gibson - 1 try
	Cheyne Kettle - 1 try
	Mark Davis - 1 try, 1 conversion
	Jody Hann - 1 try

Having to travel was by now becoming second nature and this was shown in how quickly the team was able to recover for the game. This was one of the most complete performances against a team that were confident of a win. By building quality platform ball, the loose forwards and backs were able to open up the game. The defence by all loose forwards was also outstanding and maintained the pressure on the opposition.



4. Versus Napier Boys' High School at New Plymouth 15 August 1998

Score: 20 - 16
 Scorers: Lane Gibson - 2 tries
 Nicol Ruchti - 1 try
 Mark Davis - 1 conversion
 Bryce Robins - 1 penalty

Other than the traditional games, this was the first Super Eight game played at home. It was pleasing to see the large support for this Saturday game, which helped lift the team. Both teams were close on the point's table hence there was a lot riding on this game. As a consequence, the game was very evenly fought. Again the tight forwards complemented the back line defence and enabled the team to wear down the opposition.

5. Versus Rotorua Boys' High School at New Plymouth 22 August 1998

Score: 3 - 26
 Scorers: Mark Davis - 1 penalty

This was the last game of the Super Eight and Rotorua were to finish ahead in the game and also in the competition. The very large Rotorua loose forwards harassed the ball carrier all day, consistently putting the team under pressure. However there were patches of the game when the pressure was reversed, and although Rotorua deserved the win, the score line was maybe not a true reflection of the closeness of the exchange.

NIKE KNOCKOUT GAMES

1. Versus Wanganui Collegiate

Score: won by default

2. Versus PNBHS at Palmerston North 12 September 1998

Score: 15 - 11
 Scorers: Lane Gibson - 1 try
 Joel MacLeod - 1 try
 Mark Davis - 1 conversion, 1 penalty

This game was the highlight of the season. Having lost earlier, the side was determined to turn around the result and show just what they were capable of. Putting together the best performance of the season, the tight forwards, lead by Hamish Mitchell, hit rucks with commitment and intimidated the opposition. This allowed the loose forwards and backs time and space to work the blind and score two very good tries. The emotion shown at the end of the game was testament to its importance to the players and just how hard they had fought to secure the win and a place in the top eight.

3. Versus Rotorua Boys' High School at Rotorua 19 September 1998

Score: 12 - 44
 Scorers: Bryce Robins - 1 try
 Joel MacLeod - 1 try
 Mark Davis - 1 conversion

The difficulty with knockout tournaments is that your last game of the season will always be a loss. This was disappointing for the team as the season had been very successful and to finish on this note did not do the players justice. The Rotorua side deserved their win but the team would agree that they did not play to their potential on the day. However to be competing in the top eight for the first time in the schools history is something that all the team should be proud of.



NPBHS 2ND XV REPORT 1998

1998 saw the re-introduction of the "First Group" squad, that is the grouping of the 1st and 2nd XV's as one unit. At the start of the year, we trained closely together, but as our individual team competitions and team goals evolved, we split into our separate teams. As the season progressed however, this system proved to be beneficial to both teams as players quite regularly swapped from one team to the other. It was indeed a very proud 2nd XV when our players were called upon to play for the 1st XV.

The 2nd XV, this year was a mixture of youth and experience, this is illustrated by the six Taranaki Under 16 representatives in our team and the ten 7th formers in the squad.

We were entered into the local Under 20 Taranaki competition and the Super 8 Central Regions Secondary Schools 2nd XV Competition.

In all the 2nd XV played 10 College matches. In the local Under 20 competition, we were a bit late getting started, and other teams probably got the jump on us in preparation. This competition and its brand of Rugby suited our team, as it toughened us up mentally and physically. Although we had a small forward pack, we soon learned that to survive we had to be fitter than the other teams. It was not unusual for us to be behind at half time, and then go on to win the game in the last quarter when the opposition teams started to tire. We were unlucky not to make the top four in this competition as we finished in sixth place, with a couple of defaulted games due to our inclusion in the Super 8. Local playing record: Played 13 Won 7 Drew 1 Lost 6 Points For: 298 Points Against: 214



College Match Statistics:

Non Super 8 College Matches:

vs Wanganui Collegiate: Lost 5-6

Nicol Ruchti (Try)

Player of the Day: Nicol Ruchti

Some dubious refereeing decisions. Failure to finish off.

vs Palmerston North Boys' High School: Won 8-6

Jason Eparaima (Try) Mark Davis (Penalty)

Player of the Day: Jason Eparaima

We used the wind to our advantage in the second half. Disciplined forward play.

vs Te Aute College: Won 22-11

Steven Bridger (2), Mark Davis, Neil Meyer (Tries) Mark Davis (Conv.)

Player of the day: Jason Eparaima

Our speed of play defeated this team and they were scared of J-Hard.

Super 8 Competition Games:

vs Hamilton Boys' High School: Won 16-13

Chris Fenwick, Barry Meyer (Tries) Mark Proffitt (Penalty) Mark Davis (Drop Goal).

Player of the day: Barry Meyer

Memorable for Mark Davis' drop goal to win this one in the dying seconds.

vs Tauranga Boys' College: Won 18-3

Tyler Raven, Al Honeyfield (Tries) Mark David (Conversion/2 Penalties)

Player of the Day: Al Honeyfield

Memorable for Al Honeyfields' 30 metre try against the run of play.

vs Gisborne Boys' High School: Lost 7-10

Jason Eparaima (Try) Mark Davis (Conversion)

Player of the Day: Jason Eparaima

The team's worst game, played badly and deserved to lose to an average team.

vs Hastings Boys' High School: Won 10-0

Steven Bridger, Steven Morrison (Tries)

Player of the Day: Steven Bridger

Some strong running from our midfielders on this day. Life after Davo.

vs Napier Boys' High School: Won 33-10

Daniel Issac (2), Hamish Kirk (2), Mark Proffitt (Tries), Tyler Raven (Conversions 3) Mark Proffitt (Conversion)

Player of the Day: Hamish Kirk

Big day for Tylers' big fends. Kirky on the charge. Duck in charge.

vs Rotorua Boys' High School: Won 14-3

Mark Proffitt (Try, Penalties 3)

Player of the Day: Mark Proffitt

Proff breaks some hearts, ensures Rotorua don't win everything. Although we lost to Gisborne we won the inaugural Super 8 Trophy for the school.

Playing Record: Played 6 Won 5 Lost 1

Points for: 98 Points Against: 39

A few special mentions, Sheldon Keech: (Keechy) "Mr Fix It" A dedicated student manager, who worked hard all year for the team. He often took care of many of the team's off field problems. Loyalty to the team always came first. Thanks for the season mate!

From the Chief.





The biggest thank you to Tony Earl: (Chesty) The black line Maestro, who kept Proffs' skills up with their competitive little games. He quickly summed up the back line strengths and planned accordingly. A very calm head when Maihi got himself flustered.

Congratulations Chesty on your appointment onto the teaching staff!

Others to play for the 2nd XV during the year were Quin Elstone, Brendan Bloemen, Shaun Marino, Chris McLean and James Ingram. All very fine footballers, thanks guys!

In conclusion, I would like to wish those team members in their final year at NPBHS, all the best for their rugby years after school life. It pleases me that we were able to make your last game on the Gully memorable by winning the Super 8 Competition against Rotorua BHS.

For those boys returning next year, hit the roads and keep fit. Next year will be harder as we have a trophy to defend and reputations count for nothing in the 1st XV.

An awesome group of guys, an awesome team, and an awesome year.

Mr T.T.M.C. Maihi (Chief)
2nd XV Coach



UNDER 15 RUGBY 1998

The main purpose of having an Under 15 team in the school is to identify future first XV players. They represent the school at junior level in College matches and in two tournaments which are annually played at different venues each year.

The National Tournament for Under 15 teams took place this year in Tauranga during the first week of the July break. Fourteen teams took part in this tournament where a total of six matches per team are played over a period of three days. To play two games a day and knowing that better and better opposition awaits you as the tournament progresses certainly tests any player's mental and physical abilities. We won both matches against Wesley College and Cambridge High School on the first day but lost to Tauranga Boys' High the next morning, ending second in our pool. We then beat Gisborne Boys' High in the quarter finals to meet Rotorua Boys' High in the semi finals. We were ahead with 5 points in the match with Rotorua pressing hard for another try. With less than two minutes to go we were awarded a penalty 45 metres out. Corey Niwa took the kick and slotted the goal putting us eight points ahead. The boys were ecstatic with our 15 points to 7 win. We lost in the final to Kelston Boys' High who were superior in size and skill. We therefore ended second in this tournament and were awarded the trophy for the best team in regards to consistent performance and sportsmanship.



The second tournament we attended was hosted by Napier Boys' High this year and was held from the 24th to the 28th of August. Teams taking part are invited and are regarded as the cream of New Zealand's traditional Rugby schools. The format of this tournament is very much the same as the first tournament. Six matches have to be played over a period of five days, starting with two matches on the opening day. History repeated itself when we won our first two games against Christchurch Boys' High and St. Stephens College but we lost to Napier Boys' High ending second in our pool. We also lost our game against Mt. Albert Grammar in the quarter finals. Being out of contention for top four placing our next target was fifth place in the tournament. We accomplished that by beating Rotorua more convincingly by 23 points to 15 and on the final day we beat Hamilton Boys' High by 18 points to 7. It was sweet revenge for the beating they inflicted on us when we played them in our first College match this year. Auckland Grammar took top honours in the tournament with a lucky 14 to 13 victory over Mt. Albert Grammar in the final. Taking fifth place out of sixteen of the top teams in New Zealand is a very pleasing result. We showed that NPBHS deserves to be counted amongst the best and a bright future regarding rugby lies ahead for the school.

We also played two College matches against Hamilton Boys' High and Palmerston North Boys' High this year. Our loss to Hamilton was mainly attributed to too many injuries incurred by players in the week before the match. Our preparation for that match was severely disrupted. In our second College match we were able to show our metal and did so in fine style by beating Palmy Boys by 33 points to 19.

In the local competition the Under 15 team played in the B1 division. Many of the teams we played consisted of players much older than our boys. It is therefore very tough and demanding for boys in this age group to compete at this level. Amongst the scalps we claimed were: Stratford High School 2nd XV, NPBHS 5th XV, Francis Douglas College 3rd and 4th XV, Spotswood College 2nd XV and Hawera High School 3rd XV.

We ended runners up in the competition by losing in the final to Okato College First XV by 18 points to 14. Although we lost the boys showed their metal once again. We returned from the Napier tournament that Friday prior to the final match to be played the very next day. I don't know of many teams who played six matches in one week and be expected to play a final in the same week.

A large number of boys showed that they have the ability to play at first XV level when the call will come in a few years time. The successful season we had is mainly contributed to the consistent team effort of everybody. All the players are congratulated with their performance on and off the field.

As coach of the Under 15 Rugby team, I would like to convey a special thank you to Mr Chris Pollock who assisted me in coaching the team. His knowledge of the rules and general play was conveyed with enthusiasm and is appreciated by the boys and myself. Mr Neville Hagenson managed the team at both our tournaments and Mrs Irene Quay and her husband Colin were our "Camp Parents" where they supplied us with good meals and attended to our daily washing of gear and general needs. They played a large part in our successful season.

Mr French-Wright's presence on the sideline and the support of parents is greatly appreciated.

Jan Meyer (Coach)

3RD XV

The 3rd XV had an up and down season in 1998. We started off on the wrong foot with more first round losses than wins. We lost to the teams we should have beaten with close matches against the to-be-finalists Francis Douglas 2nd XV and Opunake 1st XV and wins against Inglewood 1st XV and the Boys High 4ths.

In the 2nd round, again close losses, this time to Inglewood after being 24 - 0 down at half time, we came back to lose 29 - 24. Also a loss to Francis Douglas. A draw against Opunake 24 - 24 and a win against Hawera on McNaught Field.

Our team had a lot of potential from the beginning but were disadvantaged due to our size, being easily the smallest in our grade. We were filtered of our stronger players after our first game leaving us lacking confidence while playing other schools 1st and 2nd XV's.

Solid performances from the two props Rhys 'Slater' Morgan and Aidan Lawn and also lock Tim Morgan. Strong defence and aggression from the loose duo of Nathan Wolfe and Jonathan White. A consistent and impressive season from our ever-present Captain and half-back, Tim Weston. Paul Harold, Elliot Campbell and Lewis Stonnell were all regular performers feeding ball to our dynamic back three of Steven Ashcroft, Jarrad Bone and Ben Thomson, scoring the bulk of our points.

A big thank you is extended to our regular parental (and grand-parental) support who turned up weekly. Also to our dedicated coach Mr Atkins. Even though it was a disappointing season the men have come out with a quicker and more knowledgeable rugby mind.



**4th XV****Coach - Mr Nigel Hunter**

Captain - Dwight Harvie

The 4th XV were the players who were unfortunate not to make the 3rd XV squad. But willing to play the game they love and a group that wanted winning results. The team was lead astray at the beginning of the season setting dreams not goals. Inglewood 1st XV and Opunake 1st XV were the reasons why the 4th XV needed and got put into a much easier and better grade. Meeting teams like the Under Fifteens and the Boarders.

The team played a very young and weak Spotswood team. The team not knowing how to score tries were not able to get revenge. Finally we came out of the game as winners. Next, the team from Stratford were much bigger and a team that gets results. The 4th XV was helped a lot by the 1st XI goalie and the let down by an inexperienced captain. Not taking the ball off a member of the team, you wanted a try instead of going for a penalty shot right on full time, right in front. The player knocked the ball on, full time was up. we lost 10-7!

The Okato 1st XV team were much bigger and more skilled and putting the team behind the post for much of the game. Being right under the mountain it was one of the coldest games the team had played in. Okato ended up winning the grade. The team were now only wanting to beat the Under Fifteens. The forwards played a huge game overpowering the opposition.

The boarders were next from New Plymouth Boys' High. They had three Islanders who were just too powerful for the side. Again losing to a much better team. The play off for bottom 3 and drawing with Francis Douglas meant we came 5th in B grade Division 1. Highlight of our last game would be Dwight Harvie playing at first five eight. Keep on propping Dwight.

The team has players with huge potential. Everyone enjoyed the year a lot and would also like to thank Mr Hunter for supporting and coaching the side. And also people who supported and supplied transport, thank-you.

**B2 GOLD RUGBY**

It was a slow season to start with but then along came John, no I mean Daniel, and it all started to change. His first game coincided with a 70 point demolition job – something that amazed everyone in the team. With our new found confidence we were on target for a great season. We played a lot of great games at home when numbers were not a problem. Unfortunately whenever we played away we struggled because of numbers. Our first full practice also came a little too late – the week before the finals. We did have a great year with our coach Muzza Watts who finally decided yelling at us was getting him no where. We did make the finals and we did play (although some of the boys seemed more interested in the girl's game on the next field) and unfortunately we did lose - just ! All in all the season was one of 2 halves and we did manage to play well in most. We all had an enjoyable season so thanks to the coaches and supporters. Full credit to the captain.

Aaron Stephens**BOARDERS' B DIVISION**

The Boarders' B division team this year was effectively the 5th or 6th XV, depending on their game with Mr Watts' dayboys' team. It was soon clear that they were the 5ths as they demolished the dayboys to go through to the top six teams in B 1.

The team was captained by Cameron Gordon, who led well from first five. Plenty of bulk up front with Arama Davis, Jonathon Dravitzki, Laurie Mclean – who proved a great impact player and Simon Bluck who was the most improved of the props. There was never anything at hooker between Mark Laursen and Brad Cunningham. Brad was one of four 5th formers who along with Reuben Herbert, Taitus Maima and Simon Bluck, showed that the young guys could compete with the seniors.

The loss of Hadley Dryden and Keith Muller meant pressure on Ashley Kite on the flank, but he did well along with Reuben Herbert and Scott Mayo. At number eight, Tama Williams had some outstanding games – if a little short of match fitness at times. The engine room was led by Ben Friedlander, whose fitness and 100% effort earns him my player of the year. He got great support from Fletcher Campbell who worked until injured each game and Tony Purdie – whose tight shorts will be a lasting memory.

'Bob' Burton led the backs by example. He got better as the season went on and controlled the backline. Tremayne Willing showed some great sidesteps, while Cameron's boot was usually very reliable. The three PNG league boys provided much of the firepower in the backs. Mike Gigmai's tackling was solid, Taitus linked well and Elias Kale kept scoring tries – 14 in all. Aaron Wall was solid at fullback or wing and although our wingers lacked real gas, Richard Managh and Andrew Grimwood (the honorary boarder) showed plenty of courage at times in defence.

The high points of the year were the wins against the under 15s, the revenge match against FDC and getting into the top four. The low points were three loses to Stratford, a demolition by Okato and the final loss to the under 15s which ended our season.

This was a team that showed lots of potential, but had a habit of going to sleep for periods of the game. As they got this under control and as they began to work together and support each other, the team began to show what it was capable of.

Thanks to the supporting parents who came from far and near: the Gordons, especially Mr Gordon's animated support against Stratford, the Willings – a special thanks to Mr Willing who coached the team to a great victory, the Friedlanders - again, the Mcleans, the Laursens, Mr Williams, the Purdies, the Campbells and any others who came along at times. The support was tremendous and appreciated by the boys.

A. Elgar. Coach.**C GOLD**

The 1998 season has been both an enjoyable and successful one. The team began the season with high expectations and the goal of improving both as a team and as individuals. In the end I believe this was achieved.

The team highlights of the season were beating the Border 'Under 20' side, scoring some scorching tries and winning the final against the old foe FDC. The individual highlights were: Jonah Hickman's flair and try in the final, Stephen's improved play, Paul's big step, Jarid's early try scoring feats and big hits, Matt's in and away, David's reliability, Johnny Suter's balanced running, Danny's distribution skills and conversion in the final, Dion's 'bobcat', Mad Dog's improved passing, Paul's aggression, Jimmy Gargan's 'Kronfeld' like play, Merv's scrumming power, Desai's jumping and workrate, Jayhan's length of the field gallops, Kurt's honesty and workrate, Muzz's after match speech, James for being a classic prop, Daniel's early season form, Gareth's patience and effort, Michael's tape and enthusiasm, Andrew's patience and willingness to learn and Sio's willingness to help out at the end of the season.

I would like to thank all the supporters we had this year. With all the travel it was great to see so many on the sidelines each week. A big thanks to the Somers family for supplying the tape and drink bottles. Cheers for the season fellas it was a lot of fun. And remember the old saying "rugga, rugga, rugga, rugga, rugga!!!!!"

Geoff Hall**Coach****RUGBY C1 BLACK**

The season had many highlights and a few low points as we expect in sport. The emphasis was on developing skills and involving the whole squad in a very expansive game. This high-risk approach certainly made for some great attacks, but also left some defensive holes from time to time. Often the thought patterns were right, but the fitness was not what it should have been for all players - even the substitution bench could not hide this. The boys exceeded expectation at the start of the season and after grading games were put in the top C1 grade. From then on we played against some excellent opposition teams and could be proud of the way we never gave an inch (apart from Hawera!).

Too often success in sport is defined as the number of wins, rather than the pleasure and enjoyment of doing one's best and being satisfied with this. This side had its share of wins, but certainly enjoyed themselves in the main. Highlights would be the very close game with our Top C1 side and an excellent final game against Opunake when everything came together.

There are many players in this side who are the equal of anybody of their age and size at Boys' High School. In the forwards - Jacob Dagger showed the benefits of fitness and commitment with John Ferris and McKenzie Rowe always prepared to lay their bodies in front of the opposition. Nathan Gold and Craig Wisniewski were big improvers. The backs were not afraid to run the ball from anywhere and were given a good start from halfback Blair Herman and 1st and 2nd 5/8 Joshua Horton. Sio Tiavolo made some crunching tackles in the mid-field, which stopped many promising attacks and John Suter, at full back, was the most penetrative back and a first-class defender as well. The captain, Ryan Gulbransen, led the team well and directed play very ably.

This was a very enjoyable group of young men to be involved with.

L R French-Wright

Coach**C2 WHITE**

With a seven loss, one draw and a five win record it may have appeared that this team had an indifferent season. Quite the contrary - the boys played hard, showed good skill and made progress.

The early part of the season was difficult as the forwards struggled to gain ball for what appeared to be a promising backline. Going backwards in scrums and failing to secure even a little loose ball, meant the backs had to run whatever ball they gained. On occasions they were able to score some excellent tries from very deep positions. This situation began to change after the grades were sorted out and the forwards began to knit into a reasonable combination. We found we were able to compete with sides that had beaten us earlier and began to pick up wins. It gave the coach great pleasure to see the forwards besting their opposition over the last five games and the backs being able to capitalise on this ball.

Unfortunately we narrowly missed out on the finals. The final round robin for the top four sides saw us beat Hawera High in a rousing match 17-12 and lose narrowly to Spotswood College 19-25. While we struggled against the top team Francis Douglas, we were relying on Hawera to beat Spotswood to give us a chance at a finals position. It was not to be.

All of the backs had a good season. We especially relied on Rhys Meuli's kicking skills – his drop goal in very wet conditions to beat FDC Blue 3-0 was very timely. Nick Lawn ran and tackled with determination all season and our Thai wingers, Marc Soonthornswad and "Tong" Lertrunjakorn, scored tries and tackled hard. Richard Cook, Nathan Sweetman, Ben Campbell, Bradley Craig and Hemi Rauputu were all strong on the tackle and played with courage.

The forwards developed into a formidable unit. They were well led by Logan Hutchings. Maveigh Makatoa, Shaun Martin, Jaeger Burke and Quinton Beatty excelled in the loose. Todd Sarten, Lys Cruickshank and Grant Honeyfield were three locks who worked extremely hard. The front row of James Fawcner, Ian McFarlane, Janick Ruchti and Michael Needham took the ball up well and were tireless workers for the cause.

A season the boys can be proud of.

Mr NM Duckmanton**Coach**



D GOLD RUGBY REPORT

The first part of the season involved grading games. We lost our first game to an Opunake Under 15 side who were later shifted up a grade due to over weight players. We went through the remaining games unbeaten including a 111-0 win over a Francis Douglas side. This meant that we were placed in the D1 grade. It was obvious at this stage that Francis Douglas Gold and ourselves were the stronger teams in this grade.

The draw meant that we didn't play Francis Douglas until the last round. Which we managed to get through to unbeaten. Unfortunately it turned out to be a shocker of a day, being both wet and windy. These conditions suited our harder forwards. However they managed to score first after a chip through which wasn't tidied up and they pounced on the loose ball. We had the majority of the territory and possession for the remainder of the first half and were rewarded with a try to Geoff Newton. The remainder of the game was scoreless, ending up as a 5-all draw. Unfortunately we had to play again 43 hours later against Okato and we couldn't recover and lost 12-10. This was disappointing but was a reminder that we needed to keep improving.

For the remainder of the second round we concentrated on the key areas of our team game plan. Again in the final round we met Francis Douglas in a game which meant nothing, as we were already the top two qualifiers. If anything it was a last chance for each team to check each other out. After the first half it was 5 all and due to the fierceness of the game we replaced some of our key players due to the fear of injury. They scored in the last five minutes to run out winners 10-5.

The scene was set for the final at Rugby Park the following week. We were looking to play a complete game using both our forwards and backs. Trying to create space and holes in their defence. We too worked on our defence, looking to spread and turn over ball. Unfortunately they scored first with a try. We then hit back with a penalty into the wind to Corey Peters (not our regular kicker). At half time the linesman reported that we had only 7 substitutions available according to domestic law. This was not correct, as under the competition rules substitutions were unlimited. This was a poor call from the officials as it meant that we lost one of our teams' major strengths, our bench. Our team of 26 had got us to the final and had all played their part. It also meant that some players would not get onto the field, which wasn't fair considering the effort that they had put in. They scored again soon after half time with a penalty. Making the score 8-3. It was fitting that Regan Langridge our top try scorer should score after chipping over their defence and diving on the loose ball. The try was unconverted. Tied at 8 all each team waited for the other to make a mistake but we were on a roll and it wasn't long before we were awarded a penalty and our leading points scorer Michael Erb slotted it from in front. The two penalties we scored in the final were the only two for the season and highlighted the teams' style of play. We held them out for the remainder of the match. To win 11-8. It was great to see the whole team celebrate after the match and all deserved the win.

Thanks must go out to all the parents as without their support and transport we couldn't have done it. Also to Shannon Boxer for his help as assistant coach.

Well done to the team on a fine achievement and great season.

Mr Andrew Slyfield
Coach

RUGBY D2 BLACK

The season of 1998 was an extremely rewarding, enjoyable and successful one for the boys of the D2 Black Rugby side. The team won the D2 championship defeating the NPBHS (White) side 14-5 in the final, playing a total of 11 competition matches: winning 9 and losing 2. And achieving a total of 284 points for and 132 points against.

Our early season grading matches, (of which there were 5) were character builders in that the team suffered some heavy losses, but the spirit and resolve that arose from these matches was to carry it through, improving with each game into the vital competition matches.

A close defeat by Waitara (10-17) in our first competition match was a sign that the team was gaining in confidence and skill. It was this confidence and belief in themselves that saw the side convincingly win all remaining matches, except the very close encounters with the NPBHS (White) side.

Our first game with the competitive NPBHS White side saw the team win 17-12, but the following game saw the White side deservedly win 32-12, and provide the necessary wake-up call one week prior to finals day.

There were many fine performances throughout the season with all players improving their skill levels and confidence and each making their own contribution.

The players who performed consistently throughout the season and are therefore need special mention were:

Forwards Scott Green - an aggressive, skilled go forward loosie, Chris Putt - excellent ball skills and evasive running, Jimmy Webley - rangy runner with the ball, Lawrence Gibbs - aggressive ball winner and strong runner, Ben Cash - aggressive go forward and hard runner, Nathan Moore - always on the ball, Paul Gledhill - loves the pick 'n go and tackling, Hadley Campbell - most improved forward, Adam Pedersen and William Bourke - robust, mobile and aggressive props.

Backs Murray Symons - aggressive, thinking 1/2 back who varied his play well, Ben Souness - strong 5/8, good runner with the ball, Darren Troy - aggressive centre and strong defender. Daniel Fischer - skilful attacker, Scott Martin - useful utility with an eye for a break, Jamie Phillips - quick and elusive winger, Paul Prouse - good finisher and support play, Aaron Harwood - attacking flair from fullback. Andrew Nankervis and Shaun Mischeski - committed and skilful with ball in hand.

A special thanks to Mr Greg Prouse, who made a valuable contribution in assisting the development of the team, especially the forward effort, and for providing his home for the end of season function.

Finally, a special thanks to the many parents who supported and encouraged the team, to ensure the boys enjoyed their rugby in 1998. Thanks to you all for a rewarding and enjoyable season.

Team members

Murray Symons (Captain), Adam Pedersen, William Bourke, Nathan Moore, Michael Climo, Leighton Craig, Lawrence Gibbs, Ben Cash, Jimmy Webley, Paul Gledhill, Chris Putt, Hadley Campbell, Scott Green, Ben Souness, Scott Martin, Darren Troy, Andrew Nankervis, Shaun Mischeski, Paul Prouse, Jamie Phillips, Aaron Harwood, Daniel Fischer.

Kevin Gledhill
Coach



E-Grade

The season for E-grade white was an extremely frustrating one for all involved. Far too often there were poor numbers at trainings, which was reflected by inconsistent performances on Saturdays. Although we only won one game there were many close games that we could have won if we'd been able to practice as a team more often.

The season highlight for the team was their only win, which came at the expense of the other school E-grade team. However it was against this team that the season's low point was felt as well. A demoralising loss in the last minute of play in our final game of the season.

One thing for the team to think about in between this season and next is that you only get out of life what you put into it.

Finally I would like to publicly thank Mr Evan Mita for his huge assistance in coaching this team. It was most grateful and I know the boys really enjoyed your input. Thanks Evan.

E BLACK

With NPBHS having two E Grade Teams the decision was made to stick to the policy of selecting two even teams.

The results between the Boys' High Black and White Teams proved that Mr Pollock (the White Team Coach) and Mr Geange did end up with two very even teams with the scores against each other being very close. The Black Team narrowly won two out of the three fixtures.

There were only six teams in the 'E' Grade - NPBHS Black finished fourth.

Although the team played well on occasions, consistency in performance was lacking and too often missed tackles cost the team dearly. Team spirit remained high despite a number of losses and the players definitely enjoyed their rugby.

I wish all players well for their rugby fixtures.

The team's special thanks go to Mr Holdt who helped Mr Geange coach the team. A very positive person, Mr Holdt made sure the players always enjoyed practice and learnt new skills which he was able to impart through his own current playing of the sport. The help given by First Fifteen team member, Bevan Washer, was also much appreciated by all team members.

Our thanks also to the parents who provided transport to the away games. Your support and encouragement were essential to the successful running of the team.

Mr W Geange
Coach



RUGBY LEAGUE 1998

The short but spectacular history of rugby league at school gained another chapter this year. The most outstanding achievement was the selection of first thirteen captain Sasho Stosic in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' side for two tests against the touring Australians.

Reaching the quarter finals, or last eight schools, in New Zealand was a fine achievement and overshadowed the disappointment of our traditional games against Grammar and Gisborne being cancelled at their end.

Taranaki champions at both 17's and 15's grade level with the 'firsts' being given the honour of presenting Taranaki in the national playoffs sees rugby league flourishing within the school's sporting curriculum.

Thanks must go to our team management, John Devonshire and Mike Gibson for the senior school and Kevin Gupwell and Val Cameron in the junior school for their time and effort. To the teacher in charge Mr Pollock and a special thanks to Mr Russell also.

With the opportunity to play rugby league, many of our pupils are experiencing the true value of sportsmanship and enhancing their own personal mana within the school system. This traditional esteem so readily associated with our rugby sides is now also present in our rugby league sides and to this end I thank on behalf of all the players our principal Mr French-Wright.

The outstanding achievements are testimony to the number of players we had selected into the various representative and national sides. The roll of honour includes:

Taranaki 16's Lewis Stonnell Shaun Marino Jamie Taingahue	Taranaki 18's James Stosic Sasho Stosic Chris Fenwick Haisley Kete	Taranaki Sharks Sash Stosic Jason Epairama
Development	Mike Parker Chris Cassidy	James Stosic Shaun Marino Ata Falaniko
	Jody Hann Damian Te Awa	
NZ 18's Mike Gibson - Manager		NZ Secondary Schools' James Stosic Sasho Stosic

Well done everyone
Special thanks to our PNG boys and boarders David Burton and Tim Morgan for their enthusiasm and humour. Regards and best wishes to next years teams.





RUGBY LEAGUE 1ST XIII 1998

Back Row: Chris Cassidy, Nick Morgan, James Stosic, Mike Parker, Phillip Hoskins, Shaun Marino, Taitus Maima
Middle Row: Jamie Taingahue, Lewis Stonnell, Jason Eparaima, Chris Fenwick, Ata Falaniko, Lance Christensen, Raymond Niu, Mr. J Devonshire
Front Row: Steven White, Robert Burton, Raymond Asigau, Sasho Stosic (Capt.), Michael Gigimai, Kapua Kapua, Daiman Te Awa, Elias Kale



RUGBY TEAMS 1998





CRICKET 1998



1ST XI CRICKET 1998
 Back Row: Mr. A Jordan, David Collingwood, Mark Stewart, Tim Weston, Hamish Mitchell, Kent Jordan, Mr. G Giddy
 Front Row: Keith Muller, Mark Proffitt, Matt Cleaver (Capt.), Ben Schurr

CRICKET 1ST XI REPORT 1998

A very good season for the 1st XI under captain Matthew Cleaver. In club cricket the team finished 6th in the Men's Premier Competition after being one of the leaders earlier on. The highlight being the outright defeat of Avis OB, who went on to win the competition. The tour to Australia was an excellent experience both on and off the field. The low point of the season was the poor showing in the inaugural Canterbury Super 8 Competition in Hastings. Some hard lessons were learnt. An excellent College season saw victories over Wellington College, Auckland Grammar and Rotorua BHS. In the Gillette Cup the side won Zone 4 and now plays the winner of Zone 3 to see who advances to the finals in December.

The 1st XI thanks all their supporters and especially Mr. Ali Jordan and Mr. Brian Richards for their assistance with coaching.

Leading players :

Batsmen	Mark Stewart	1023 runs
	Hamish Mitchell	525 runs
	Tim Weston	506 runs
Bowlers	Matt Cleaver	37 wickets
	Mark Stewart	35 wickets
	Mark Proffitt	31 wickets
Catches	Tim Weston	36 (plus 1 stumping)

Canterbury Super 8 :

The inaugural Canterbury Super 8 Competition, Central Zone took place in Hastings in late January. The 50 over games resulted in three losses which was very disappointing but really showed what was required to compete at this level. It proved an invaluable lesson for the later part of the season.

Results :

Hamilton BHS	253	Cleaver 4 – 27
BHS	182	Muller 42, Jordan 28
BHS	100	
Palmerston BHS	102 – 2	
Napier BHS	201	
BHS	192	Bloeman 33, Muller 68

Gillette Cup:

With victories over FDC and Wanganui Collegiate the 1st XI won Zone 4 and is through to the final 8 in New Zealand. They are due to play St. Pauls Collegiate (Hamilton) to see who qualifies for the Top 4 Finals.

Results :

BHS	291	West 80, Weston 39, Stewart 68,
defeated		Collingwood 43
FDC	130	
BHS defeated	158	Mitchell 37, Stewart 36, Cleaver 25
WCS	149	Beaurepaire 3 – 36, West 3 – 18



COLLEGE FIXTURES :

This proved a very good season defeating Wellington College, Auckland Grammar, Rotorua BHS, drawing with Wanganui Collegiate and being washed out against Hamilton BHS.

Results :

VS. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Top Ground

Played as a 50 over game due to the 1st XI tour of Australia and exams. BHS batted first and scored 211 mainly due to West (81) and Rowson (30) combining for a partnership of 90 runs. Wellington always struggled and were all out for 72 with Stewart taking 5 wickets.

Out right win to NPBHS by 139 runs.

BHS:	1 st Innings
T. Weston	c.b Isaako 21
K. Jordan	b Bowden 26
B. Corlett	c.b Winspear 6
M. Stewart	c.b Bowden 1
K. Rowson	c.b Isaako 30
R. West	c.b Bowden 81
H. Mitchell	c.b Winspear 13
B. Bloeman	c.b Winspear 3
M. Cleaver	c.b Bowden 0
M. Proffitt	c.b Bowden 0
D. Collingwood	not out 0
Extras	30
TOTAL	211

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Isaako	8	44	2
Pickering	8	31	0
Winspear	9	47	3
Bowden	9	28	5
Beckett	7	28	0
Cuttriss	7	30	0

Wellington:	1 st Innings
A. Harder	c.b Collingwood 7
J. McDonald	lbw Stewart 2
D. Bowden	b Mitchell 7
M. Forton	c.b Mitchell 6
M. Atkin	c.b Stewart 2
M. Harrison	lbw Stewart 1
A. Cuttriss	run out 1
S. Winspear	lbw Stewart 4
R. Beckett	c.b Rowson 10
T. Pickering	b Stewart 0
S. Isaako	not out 8
Extras	24
TOTAL	72

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Collingwood	4	15	1
West	4	3	0
Stewart	9	16	5
Mitchell	5	10	2
Rowson	3.1	2	1

VS. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Top Ground

BHS batted first scoring 231. In reply AGS were dismissed for 148. BHS declared their second innings closed at 144 - 9. This left AGS 228 to win in 62 overs. They were dismissed well short but with only 2 overs remaining.

Outright win to NPBHS by 59 runs.

BHS:	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	b Macky 13	c.b Cairns 13
Bloeman	c.b Cairns 31	b Macky 12
K. Muller	b Sewell 7	c.b Macky 8
H. Mitchell	run out 12	c. b Lindeburg 16
M. Stewart	c.b Yonge 52	c.b Yonge 28
R. West	c.b Lindeburg 50	c. b Yonge 20
T. Weston	c.b Yonge 8	lbw Yonge 0

M. Cleaver	c.b Lindeburg 27	c.b Yonge 22
M. Proffitt	c.b Lindeburg 3	c.b Yonge 1
D. Collingwood	not out 9	not out 3
B. Schurr	b Cairns 0	not out 0
Extras	29	14
TOTAL	231	144 for 9

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Runs	Wkts
Macky	15	37	1	13	15	2
T. Fagg	4	15	0	4	10	0
Sewell	10	22	0	3	9	0
M. Lindeburg	27	60	3	10	36	1
M. Cairns	11	27	2	14	33	1
H. Yonge	13	32	2	9	32	5
R. Hill	5	1	0			

AGS:	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
Fletcher	c.b West 4	c.b Collingwood 1
Andrews	c.b West 3	c.b Jordan 28
Hill	lbw Cleaver 20	b Cleaver 40
Yonge	c.b Jordan 17	run out 9
Cairns	c.b Schurr 15	c.b Jordan 36
Todd	c.b Schurr 23	b West 11
Lindeburg	c.b Schurr 3	c. b Jordan 4
Macky	c.b West 38	c.b Cleaver 24
Fagg	c.b West 6	b West 3
Sewell	not out 4	lbw West 2
Kilgour	b West 0	not out 0
Extras	14	12
TOTAL	148	169

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Runs	Wkts
R. West	19	20	5	21	21	3
M. Proffitt	7	27	0	2	0	0
Collingwood	5	19	0	4	13	1
K. Jordan	6	27	1	17	54	3
B. Schurr	5	24	3	9	46	0
M. Cleaver	4	15	1	10	22	2
K. Muller	1	2	0	1	8	0

VS. ROTORUA BHS

Smallbone Park, Rotorua

BHS won the toss and batted. At one stage we were 2 for 8 but Tim Weston 43 and Hamish Mitchell 31 got the innings back on track. Mark Stewart provided the highlight with 130 not out including 24 fours. BHS declared at 310. Rotorua always struggled against the medium pacers to be dismissed for 146, some 164 runs behind. The follow on was enforced but Rotorua played a lot better in their second innings. It was the off spinner Mark Proffitt with 7 for 71 who provided the pressure to dismiss the side for 251 - a lead of 88. After an early hiccup the side cruised through to a comfortable victory.

Outright win by 6 wickets.



BHS:	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	c.b Hammond 0	c.b Gough 25
B. Bloeman	b Cheater 8	lbw Hammond 0
T. Weston	c.b Weedon 43	Did not bat
H. Mitchell	b Gough 31	c & b Hammond 1
M. Stewart	not out 134	not out 33
R. West	c & b Weedon 49	not out 20
K. Muller	c.b Lennard 22	Did not bat
M. Cleaver	not out 15	Did not bat
M. Proffitt	Did not bat	Did not bat
B. Schurr	Did not bat	Did not bat
C. Beaufaire	Did not bat	Did not bat
Extras	12	7
TOTAL	310 for 6	89 for 4

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Runs	Wkts
L. Hammond	25	60	1	8	11	2
D. Cheater	14	63	1	7	10	1
S. Hooper	7	40	0	3	15	0
A. Gough	17	48	1	41	8	1
P. Weedon	16	72	2	2	12	0
B. Lennard	8	22	1	5	18	0

Rotorua BHS:

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
S. Crean	b Beaufaire 0	lbw Cleaver 26
P. Weedon	run out 2	c.b Proffitt 36
S. Gosai	b Cleaver 13	c.b Schurr 24
B. Lennard	lbw West 10	c.b Proffitt 7
L. Hammond	c.b West 26	c.b Proffitt 20
C. Sweeney	c.b West 0	c & b Proffitt 45
D. Newby	b Beaufaire 1	b Proffitt 3
E. Cheater	c.b Schurr 5	c.b Proffitt 19
M. Delany	b Schurr 31	run out 22
A. Gough	c.b Stewart 0	not out 17
S. Hooper	not out 0	c.b Proffitt 0
Extras	30	31
TOTAL	146	251

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Runs	Wkts
R. West	15	22	4	16	38	0
C. Beaufaire	14	49	2	13	35	0
B. Schurr	7	16	2	11	37	1
M. Proffitt				31	71	7
M. Cleaver	5	12	1	10	15	1
K. Jordan	1	0	0	5	25	0
M. Stewart	1	4	0			

VS WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

Western Park, New Plymouth

BHS won the toss and batted. With the exception of Mark Stewart and Matt Cleaver all the batsmen played poorly and were dismissed for 115. Collegiate batted steadily to be all out for 216 just before stumps. BHS showed a lot more application in the 2nd innings to be 258 for 8 when the game was called off.

Drawn match.

BHS:	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	c.b Glesen 1	b Kemp 63
B. Bloeman	c.b Hooper-Smith 7	c.b Frazer 21
T. Weston	c.b Glesen 3	run out 26
H. Mitchell	b Glesen 14	c.b Frazer 28
M. Stewart	b Glesen 34	c.b Mackie 24
R. West	c.b Glesen 13	c.b Gibson 41
K. Muller	c & b Frazer 8	c.b Frazer 15
M. Cleaver	not out 21	c.b Mackie 2
M. Proffitt	b Frazer 0	c.b Frazer 6
B. Schurr	lbw Frazer 0	not out 3
C. Beaufaire	c.b Hooper-Smith 6	not out 0
Extras	13	27
TOTAL	115	258 for 9

Bowling:	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Runs	Wkts
Hooper-Smith	14	20	2	6	6	0
A. Amon	2	3	0	11	39	0
Glesen	22	59	5	29	41	0
M. Frazer	15	28	3	58	79	4
T. Gibson				9	24	1
D. Speedy				15	17	0





Wanganui Collegiate: 1st Innings

M. Haynes	un out	3
J. Hooper-Smith	c.b Schurr	29
P. Simmons	b Beaurepaire	50
T. Gibson	c.b Schurr	0
C. Glesen	c.b West	33
M. Frazer	b West	5
M. Pease	b Cleaver	39
D. Speedy	c.b Proffitt	28
J. Mackie	not out	10
H. Kemp	c.b West	5
A. Amon	b West	0
Extras		16
TOTAL		216

Bowling:

Overs	Runs	Wkts	
R. West	16	55	4
C. Beaurepaire	9	31	1
B. Schurr	13	43	2
M. Stewart	9	21	0
M. Proffitt	9	54	1
M. Cleaver	5	3	1

VS HAMILTON BHS
Hamilton
Result : Washed out due to rain.



1997 AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR
 During December 1997 a group of 16 players, 13 parents and 2 staff attended the International Youth Cricket Youth Festival at The Kings School in Parramatta. Prior to going the team fundraised by such means as selling firewood, sponsorship, cleanups at Rugby Park, and Car rallies to name a few. The team departed on December 4th at 5.30am by bus to Hamilton and on to Sydney later that day. Prior to the tournament the team toured the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sydney Football Stadium and arranged a fixture against Knox Grammar School where they were billeted. We arrived at the tournament on Sunday 7th December where we settled into our accommodation and played games against Central Southland College (NZ), Ipswich Grammar School (AUST), Northern Invitation XI (South Africa), Nelson College (NZ) and unfortunately had a game against Parramatta rained off. We departed from the tournament on Saturday 13th December and travelled back to Sydney where we watched the Australia

versus Australia A game at the SCG. From there the team went to Penrith where they played the Penrith Cricket Club visited the Panthers League Club and spent a day at Wonderland. Another highlight was the visit to the Olympic Athletics and Aquatic Centre at Homebush. The team then returned to Sydney for the final evening and returned to New Zealand on Thursday 18th of December. Many thanks must go to the coaches Mr Jordan and Mr Giddy and to the tour organiser and Manager Mr Yule. Also parents who were great supporters especially Mr Schurr who controlled the finance, Mrs Weston for her raffles, Mrs Barraclough for her work with the tour uniform, Mrs Jordan who helped organise the itinerary, the Proffitts and Barracloughs for their help with firewood and the numerous other parents who helped with other fundraising ventures. A big thank you must also go to our sponsors without whom the tour could not have taken place.

2nd XI CRICKET
 Overall the 1997/98 season for the 2nd XI was successful with a lot of young players showing their ability against a mature, talented league of players. With coaching and help from Mr Jordan, Mr Giddy and Mr Dominikovich the side developed during the year into a more experienced group of boys. As Captain I found it easy to get on with the boys, and was very proud to have had this chance. The highlights of the season were two close victories against Inglewood and Westown, in which the team stuck at it when defeat looked inevitable. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the players for their efforts throughout the season, and I hope that they go on in cricket to achieve greater heights.
Bryce Williams

3rd XI CRICKET
 This season was one of the most successful in recent times. The team was a mixture of youth and experience led by the able James Topless. The top order contributed most of the season's runs. Players who achieved notable scores were Jason Lyes and Jayden Ravji. These two batsmen were the most consistent throughout the season. The bowling attack was lead by opening bowlers Danny Morrison and Mr. Colin Maihi with assistance from Aaron Wall, Mr. Nige Hunter and James Topless. The team combined well to produce some very good displays of cricket. Proving that there is depth at this school. The team won more than half of the games that they played. Lastly we would like to thank Mr. Nige Hunter and Mr. Colin Maihi for the time put in coaching and playing with the team throughout the season.
James Topless
 Captain

MORNING GRADE CRICKET 1998
 Morning grade cricket again proved to be popular especially among the juniors of the school. We had 8 teams playing in 1998. Many thanks must go to those teachers who gave up their time to coach and manage these teams. It is a huge commitment that is really appreciated.
G. Giddy
 TIC Cricket



CRICKET TEAMS 1998





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ACCIDENTS

BASKETBALL 1998



1ST V BASKETBALL 1998

Back Row: Mr. C Driscoll, Shane Lile, Nathan Russell, Cameron Kissick, Peter Ash, Haizley Martin, Mr. T Heaps
Front Row: Jon Collins, Ben Jeffrey, Jauhans Marriner (Capt.), Matt Cleaver, Rupert Laka, Adam Porter

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
1ST V BASKETBALL 1998

At the beginning of the 1998 season the coach of the 1st V, Colin Driscoll, chose the following squad of twelve : Jauhans Marriner (Capt), Cameron Kissick (Vice-Capt), Matthew Cleaver, Haizley Martin, Peter Ash, Ben Jeffrey, Nathan Russell, Shane Lile, Rupert Laka, Jon Collins, Adam Porter and France Nuku (withdrew later in season).

Local Competition

The staple diet for any school team is the local competition which for our team was a regular mid-week game at the TSB Stadium. The team started off the season in the Premier Men's Division which contained some very strong teams some of who had regular members of the Oilers among their players. By the time this initial competition finished, Boys' High were 8th, and as such moved to the Premier Reserve Division for the remainder of the season's competition. We faced Spotswood United, Tigers, Ufala FGC, Fear This and Mavericks, and ended this competition in 3rd place after some closely fought games.

Taranaki Secondary Regional Qualifying Tournament

This tournament, played at TSB Stadium, marked a departure from previous years. A reorganisation of the regions for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships meant that the top two teams from the Taranaki region would go to the NZSSC without having to play in a further qualifying tournament.

Boys' High were in the group for pool play with Opunake HS, Inglewood HS and Francis Douglas. The tournament started very well for us when at 9.00 am on Sunday, June 9 we defeated Francis Douglas in a very close, hard fought game 62 - 59. This victory

meant that achieving our goal of qualifying for the NZSSC was made much easier. The two remaining pool games were relatively straightforward games with victories over Opunake 59 - 21 and Inglewood 77 - 28. This resulted in us playing a semi-final against the 2nd placed team in the other pool, Hawera HS, which we won 72 - 41.

So, late on the Monday afternoon we again faced Francis Douglas in the final. Naturally, the team were keen to cement their superiority over our traditional rivals, but such was not to be, as on this occasion Francis Douglas proved the better, winning 71 - 63. However, despite this the major goal of the tournament, qualifying for the NZSSC, had been achieved.

Interschool/Super 8 Fixtures

1998 promised to be a very busy season as for the first time a new sporting competition was inaugurated. This was the Super 8 for 1st and 2nd XV Rugby and 1st V Basketball from eight boys' schools in the Central North Island : Hamilton BHS, Palmerston North BHS, Tauranga Boys', Rotorua BHS, Gisborne BHS, Napier BHS, Hastings BHS, and us. We also had our traditional fixture against Wellington College as well, although in the end they did not travel to New Plymouth.

The fixtures began in late June with games against Hamilton in the school gym and Tauranga at Tauranga both of which we won, the former 68 - 54, and the latter 76 - 46. The third term saw us come up against one of our traditionally strongest opponents. Having beaten Palmerston North BHS on their home court in 1997, we knew they would be keen to return the favour in 1998. The game, played in our gymnasium in the evening before a capacity crowd, was indeed close with the scores tied at the end of normal time. However, in overtime our team took a firm hold on the game



winning 78 - 74. This win came at a cost, however, as Matt Cleaver fell heavily during the overtime with his resulting injury putting him out of all play until just before the NZSSC.

Having been successful three times, we now had to travel to the other side of the island. First up was Gisborne, played before a big audience in the local city stadium, and for the local television channel. Whilst Gisborne played with a good deal of passion they could not match the skill of our team and we won 86 - 56. Hastings was, however, quite a different matter. This time we were up against a skillful, tall team who had been together as a unit for some time and we could not match them losing 56 - 87. Unfortunately the last two games against Napier and Rotorua were defaulted by our opposition.

Consequently we ended this inaugural Super 8 competition in 1st equal place with Napier, a very creditable performance.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

In late August the Boys' High basketball team made their first appearance for some time at the NZSSC held at the North Shore Events Centre.

Our first section contained Rosehill College and Church College of NZ, with Rosehill being first up. It was vitally important to win this game as that would ensure that we were not relegated to the group 17 - 24 for post-section play. The team realised this game's significance winning handsomely 79 - 67. The second game against Church College was not quite so successful. Church would eventually come 6th, and against us they showed the skills that would achieve that, defeating us 67 - 89.

As a consequence of these results our team was now in a section with Hastings BHS, Nelson College and Francis Douglas to decide on 1 - 16 placings. We started well by defeating Francis Douglas 76 - 68, but could not maintain that form in the next two losing 48 - 61 to Hastings, a considerable improvement on our previous meeting, and then 56 - 86 to Nelson, who would eventually come third.

Then came two heart-breaking games. In the first of the crossovers we came up against Rotorua BHS, and after a game which saw us sawed throughout, when the whistle went at full-time we found ourselves down 75 - 76. The second crossover was virtually a repeat of the first - another very tight, even, hard-fought game which we again lost by one point, 66 - 67.

That all brought us to Saturday morning for our final game against Waimea College from Nelson to decide 15th and 16th. In this last game, Boys' High came out determined to win, and in one of our best displays of the week defeated Waimea 72 - 57 thereby coming 15th which was a commendable placing for a team's first outing at this level for some time.

Honours

The following players were awarded Tiger Coats this year : Jauhans Marriner, Cameron Kissick, Matthew Cleaver, Ben Jeffrey, Haizley Martin, Nathan Russell, Shane Lile, Rupert Laka and Peter Ash.

The award for the most improved player in the 1st V (Peter Lay Trophy) was awarded to Rupert Laka.

Provincial Representation

Taranaki Under 18 : Jon Collins, Matthew Cleaver (Capt), Jauhans Marriner, Ben Jeffrey, Cameron Kissick, Haizley Martin, France Nuku.

National Representation

The Captain of the 1st V, Jauhans Marriner, was selected for the NZ Under 18 Development Squad to go to Australia in January, and the NZ Under 18 team to go to Australia in July.

When we look back at the season we can do so with some satisfaction. 1st equal in the Super 8, runner-up in the Taranaki SS and 15th in the NZSSC are a commendable set of results which form a good foundation for further development in 1999.



Contributing to this was the effort and commitment of the team, together with coaching skills of Mr Colin Driscoll. We were also lucky to have the support of Mrs Norah Collins - Puketapu for game stats. Added to this must go our thanks to all those parents who supported the team at the weekly games, and who also made the special effort to travel to the North Shore Events Centre to support us during the nationals. Thanks to all.

Terry Heaps
Manager

NPBHS BASKETBALL 1998 SUMMARY

Age Groups

Locally the Warriors in the Under18 grade, coached by Colin Tilley, went through the season undefeated. Winning the final against another BHS team. The Hornets which was made up of some of our more promising Under 16, with guidance from Matt Cleaver and Jauhans Marriner, the beaten finalists did very well to make the finals this year. Three 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 both our teams, Lions and Blazers made it to the semi - finals. The Lions ably coached by Ryan Gulbransen after a wonderful season, felt the loss of one of their better players and went down to a strong FDC side while the Blazers managed to advance to the final only to come second in a very close encounter. Next year both these teams should show the benefit of playing at a higher level, as the Hornets did this year.

The under 16B grade saw NPBHS fielding 4 teams this year. After the regular season, 2 teams made the semi finals. Spurs who went undefeated were the favoured side to take out the semi and final. Our second team Hornets finished in fourth position and ended up in the same semi as Spurs. In what turned out to be Hornets best game of the season caused an upset to beat Spurs and advanced to the finals where Hornets were well beaten by FDC.

Tournaments

Two teams represented BHS in the 3rd and 4th Form Taranaki Championship. Things were looking very promising when our 3rd form team managed to surprise everyone beating FDC 1st team but then went on to lose to Waitara and Spotswood. In the other section our 4th form team went through to the semi finals with relative ease. In the semi final Waitara playing well above themselves managed to be ahead at the buzzer to advance to the final. BHS then had a comfortable win to finish 3rd.

New Plymouth Honours

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

In the Under 18 squad Matthew Cleaver, Joughans Marriner, Ben Jeffery, Cameron Kissick, Haizley Martin and Jon Collins, which finished a creditable third at the nationals this year.

Marriner, Martin, Collins, were joined with France Nuku and Adam Porter to be members of the Taranaki Maori team which went undefeated on a Tour of the top North Island.

The Taranaki Under 16 appointed Luke Garnero captain, with Remi Bint, Rion Cooper, Brent Raven, and Jamie Russell. Injury and timing meant that some other players were very unfortunate to miss out.

In the under 14 Remi Bint, Jesse Smith, and Tony Kemp were all part of the team that took out the Central Zone Tournament.

National Honours

The year started in January for Joughans Marriner and Luke Garnero touring Australia with the New Zealand Development Teams. Marriner the under 18 and Garnero in the under 16. Marriner again was in Australia in July this time, with the National Under 18 Team. The end of the year was greeted with the news that Ben Jeffery had been honoured with his selection to the New Zealand Under 18 Development Team.

3rd & 4th Form Basketball Team

This team is selected from trials and this year sorted it self out fairly easily. They trained for the Taranaki Secondary School Junior Championships held over one day at the TSB Stadium. The games are short 10 minutes running clock games and never allowed all our players to show their talents. After winning all our section games convincingly played Waitara in the cross over. Waitara shot extremely well and narrowly won. In the playoff for 3rd or 4th we again struck form to be relatively unchallenged placing us 3rd in Taranaki.

We then went on to the central Zone 3rd & 4th Form Tournament where we played Wanganui College and St Pats (Wellington) in Section Play. We narrowly lost to St Pats and beat Wanganui which put us up against last years winners, Hutt Valley. In a game that could have gone either way Hutt Valley were in front at the end. All players were now learning what it was like to play for 40 minutes, stop clock. Games generally went for one and a half hours, meaning discipline and team patterns are essential.

We improved throughout the tournament and we won our last two games comfortably ending in a very creditable 5th placing. Our thanks to Mr Bayly the coach and especially to Mr Bint our manager. Players in this team now move on next year to higher levels knowing they have the skills, confidence and self discipline required to make an impact in the game.

The team was Luke Garnero (captain), Rion Cooper, Jamie Russell, Jason Watts, Brent Raven, Remi Bint, Hayden Nichols, Joseph Faulkner, Tauria Phillips, Hayden Goodrick, Jackson Cassidy and Desai Gupwell.

SWIMMING

NPBHS PUPILS - NATIONAL SWIMMING RESULTS
Division II - Papatoetoe, February 1998

John Cade 16 years	10m backstroke	6th	1.12.86
	50m freestyle	8th	28.28
	100m butterfly	8th	1.16.81
	200m Individual Medley	8th	2.42.79
	50m backstroke	3rd	32.55
	50m butterfly	4th	30.56

Division 1 Christchurch, March 1998

Jeremy Wright 15yrs	100m freestyle	18th	59.61
	200m freestyle	11th	2.07.43
	400m freestyle	9th	4.27.76
	400m Individual Medley	12th	5.20.65
Robert Veitch 14yrs	100m butterfly	17th	1.09.97
	200m butterfly	10th	2.32.50
	50m butterfly	12th	31.94
Adam Jaidin 13yrs	400m freestyle	5th	4.45.25
	200m breaststroke	6th	2.53.92
	200m freestyle	6th	2.15.35
	400m Individual Medley	10th	5.32.46

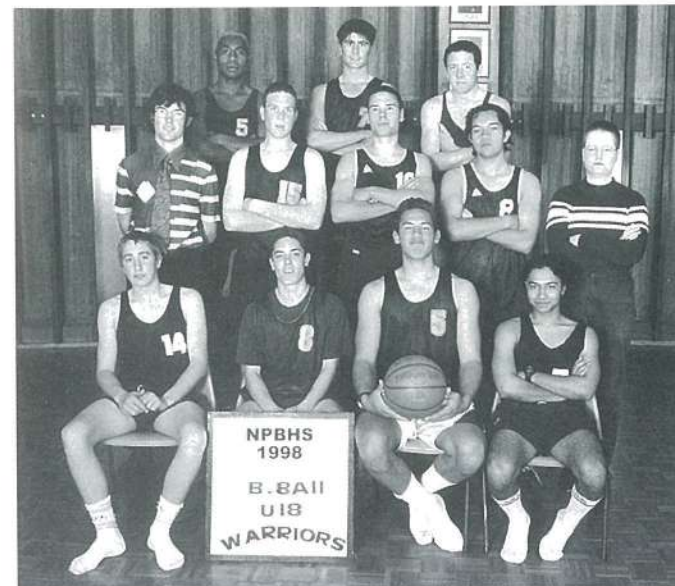
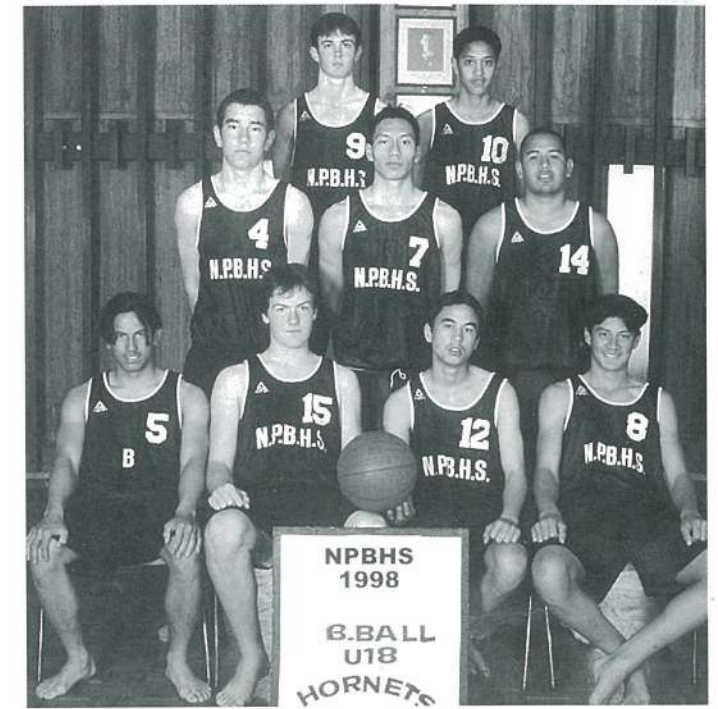
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David Riley 13yrs	100m butterfly	1st	1.06.28
	200m individual medley	3rd	2.30.13
	100m backstroke	2nd	1.07.13
	50m freestyle	3rd	27.37
	200m freestyle	7th	2.17.24
	50m backstroke	2nd	30.94
	400m Individual Medley	3rd	5.18.82
	100m freestyle	6th	1.04.79
	50m butterfly	2nd	29.45
	200m backstroke	3rd	2.27.77

K Gledhill



BASKETBALL TEAMS 1998





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VOLLEYBALL 1998



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VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row: Mr. C. Pollock, Craig Leathley, Mr. D. Atkins,
Lachlan Lepper, Mr. E. Poh
Front Row: Tim Cleaver, Zygi Zurakowski, Chris Newing,
Tim Parsons, Warren Poh

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL:

The 1998 season began during week two of the first term - a shock to the system after a long holiday. After a little smooth talking by a few of the players, we convinced Mr. Dale Atkins to coach the team after finding we had lost our previous coach. Mr. Atkins took control of a somewhat inexperienced team to have us ready to compete at Regional Qualifying for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships held in Tauranga this year.

We met our only match against Spotswood who finished first to represent Taranaki in Division One. NPBHS took out the second place gaining us a position in the Division Two Nationals for the fourth consecutive year.

The team which travelled to Tauranga was Chris Newing (captain), Tim Parsons, Ryan Pelham, Tim Cleaver, Lachlan Lepper, Zig Zurakuski, Craig Leathly and Matt Weir.

Pool Play

Vs Kamo High School (Northland) won 3-0 (15-8, 16-14, 15-4)
Vs Otumoetia College (Bay of Plenty) lost 1-3

(15-13, 10-15, 1-15, 13-15)
Vs Nelson College (Tasman) won 3-0 (15-3, 15-7, 15-7)

This left us second in our pool gaining a place in post section with the top three going through.

Post Section

Vs Palmerston North Boys' High School (Central Districts) lost 1-3

Vs KeriKeri High School (Northland) lost 1-3
Vs Gisborne Boys' High School (Hawkes Bay) won 3-1

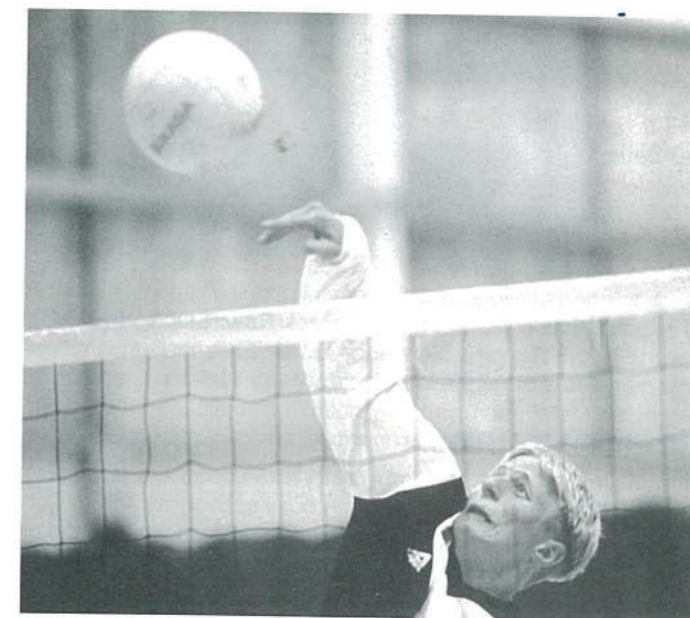
After some very close games in post section play it was a disappointment to the team to be playing off for 9th and 10th having had at one stage the chance to make the top four.

Play Off for 9th and 10th

Vs Whangaroa College (Northland) won 2-1
Although the overall results were disappointing, we were awarded the Fair Play Award, winning a new Volleyball net for the school. Injury played its way into the team when away. Tim "Spud" Parsons rolled his ankle early in the week and one of the outstanding performers, Tim Cleaver, did the same in the closing days. Both Lachlan and Zygi benefited from the experience, improving markedly over the tournament. Craig picked up the name "Killer Whale" from the other teams.

Once again we played a college match against Hamilton Boys' High School this year, having ties with a former coach. This game was a white wash to us and we left taking away a victory 4-0. Next year looks to be very promising with Tim C., Lachlan, Zygi and Craig all returning to make up a much more experienced attack and we will hopefully either knock over Spotswood or make the semi-finals at Division Two Nationals which has eluded us in the past few years.

A big thank you must go out to Mr. Atkins who is making a huge impact on the quality of volleyball produced at NPBHS and Mr. Chris Pollock, the team manager, who provided organisation, support and enthusiasm to all of us throughout the year, THANKS. Christopher Newing (captain).



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HOCKEY 1998



1ST XI HOCKEY 1998

Back Row: Eric Goodwin, Jason Lyes, Corey Walden, Mark Lyes

Middle Row: Mr. Simpson, James Topless, Duncan Kissick, Mack Gulliver, Rowan Jamieson, Tim Simpson, Mr. R Knight

Front Row: Kellam Bayley, Barry Watson, Glen Surgenor, Jonathan Taylor (Capt.), Shane Thornhill, Shaan Caskey

1XI HOCKEY 1998.

With 10 returning players from last years squad the team was focussed for a successful season. A busy season lay ahead with the team playing in the top Taranaki men's division. This on top of rep commitments, interschool fixtures and Rankin cup meant a very demanding year for a number of players.

Taranaki Senior Men's Competition.

This was an extremely tough league for the 1XI. Playing against the leading sides in Taranaki was a daunting task but one which the boys relished. In the six team competition, we were ranked last but were determined to upset a few of the more fancied opposition we faced. Being exposed to this level of hockey would give a good grounding for the future intercollegiate games and tournament at a later date. As a team we were placed under pressure by more skillful and experienced competitors. This enabled us to develop a strong defensive unit, this being our strength. With three round robins being played we targeted several games as being there for us to win. We managed to frighten a number of leading teams plus record two wins against Hawera and New Plymouth Combined. We generally had a hard fought match against these two clubs losing by one goal several times. However this grade was used to allow the players to be exposed and placed in pressure situations, an aspect that served us well in the later matches.

Interschool Fixtures.

Vs Wanganui Collegiate: Win 3-0.

Our first traditional match was played in Wanganui against a physical Collegiate side. A very open game where possession was swapped at an alarming rate during the first half. New Plymouth appeared to be able to use their possession more effectively enabling our forwards to place substantial pressure on their defense. Unfortunately we tended to turn the ball over before this pressure was converted into goals. However in the second half Glen Surgenor scored very early from a penalty corner. This lifted the spirits of the team eventually allowing Shane Thornhill to score two goals within 5 minutes. This effectively shutting the opposition out of the game. This was a great start to the intercollegiate fixtures.

Vs Hamilton Boys High: Win 7-2.

Our first fixture on our home ground, a waterbased artificial surface. A reasonably open game in the first half turned into a thrashing on the scoreboard. With superior individual skills and teamwork we ended up dominating the game. Through Corey Walden and Eric Goodwin we led 2 -1 at half time. After half time the team started to use their distribution skills to place people into space. This allowed our forwards to place pressure on their goalie to which he could not respond. A further two goals to Eric Goodwin from penalty corners along with one field goal from Shane Thornhill and two from Jason Lyes extended the scoreline to a 7-2 victory.



Vs Palmerston North Boys High: Loss 0-5

A very well drilled Palmerston team ventured to New Plymouth to seek revenge for their defeat last year. They showed excellent skills as a unit and as individuals. They played the game at speed, something which to our team by surprise. While adjusting to this pace the team conceded two quick goals, one against the run of play. The team showed excellent perseverance and character to regroup and show their skills. They placed Palmerston under a fear amount of pressure but were not able to convert this into goals. They were still in the hunt for a victory but conceded a goal 30 seconds before the end of the first half. Now down 3-0 with one half to go we fought back to dominate the first 10 minutes of the second half. Unfortunately the Palmerston side lifted the tempo and used their superior speed and skills to put two more goals in to win 5-0. This was the closest game this team Palmerston team



had and showed our team what they were capable of and what they could aspire to. Palmerston eventually won the top secondary school tournament by a margin of 5-0. An outstanding achievement by our team who could hold their heads high.

Vs Wellington College: Loss 0-1.

In a lacklustre game at home we found our team was too stagnant. This allowed the Wellington side to place pressure on the ball carrier effectively cutting our options out. The Wellington side placed our defense under tremendous pressure during the first half through nine penalty corners. This pressure led to the only goal of the game in the 33 minute from a penalty corner. We also lost our centre half Jonothan Taylor during this game, which meant our pattern was upset slightly. A rather disappointing result against a team we should have beaten.

Vs Hastings Boys': Win 2-1.

A 5-hour trip to Hastings was a first for this team. It may turn out to be the start of a regular exchange. The game was a rather disappointing affair in terms of the standard of hockey. It became a match where people were determined to dribble rather than using the fine distribution skills that the team can produce. It was left up to new team member Rowan Jamieson to score two fine goals, after a strong game to allow the team to sneak to a 2-1 win over a rather weak opposition.

We also played several touring Australian sides. In a very physical and torrid game against a Collie under 17 team we recorded a 1-1 draw. The other game was against Trinity College from Melbourne. After a slow start, which allowed the touring side to score, we managed to get on top of the opposition in the later

stages of the first half. In a very open and mistake ridden second half we drew level with a Eric Goodwin goal. It appeared a draw would be a fair result but with a goal 30 seconds before the end we had to settle for a 2-1 loss

Rankin Cup 1998.

This year Rankin Cup was to be played in sunny Nelson. We were in an extremely tough pool with last year's runners up Auckland Grammar, A strong Christchurch Boys' and Marlborough Boys' making up the pool.

Our first match against Christchurch Boys' was an opportunity to record a win. We started well shutting down the opposition's options, which resulted in a number of turnovers to which we benefited from. We should have scored from this pressure which would have put us in a position of strength. This was not the case but through excellent defensive work from Jason Lyes we managed to secure a 0-0 draw, just about an ideal start for the team. Young Barry Watson, a third former, took the field during this game showing excellent skills and control from someone so young. A person with a big future in the sport was on display.

Auckland Grammar were next. With Grammar playing a strong press system we were placed under extreme pressure when we had possession. As a result we produced too many turnovers to which Grammar capitalised. They were up 2-0 after 15 minutes but through excellent defensive work from Mack Gulliver in goal and Jason Lyes saw no further addition to Grammar's score. We did convert a penalty goal through Mark Lyes 10 minutes into the second half but could not add to this. Even though the team lacked control at times they again showed good spirit and perseverance to keep their chances alive. We now had to beat our next opponent and score at least 4 goals to have a chance of making the top 8. Against Marlborough boys' we did exactly that through 2 Eric Goodwin and 2 Shaan Caskey goals. We know awaited the Auckland Grammar and Christchurch Boys' game to see whether we went through. Unfortunately Christchurch Boy s' won sealing our fate with the best possible finish being 9th.

Pool cross over matches took place now with the team playing Kuranui College. We dominated this very physical and verbally intimidating side Through a wealth of possession we managed to create numerous chances we a Kellam Bayley and Eric Goodwin goal sealing a 2-0 victory for the team. Our next assignment was against Kings College to which we were completely outplayed allowing their frontrunners too much space. This along with a look of complacency meant an 8-1 loss with Duncan Kissick slotting one for us. Our next game was against Marlborough Boys' for 11th and 12th position. Having completely outplayed them in our earlier game we were determined to get on top of them early. We did through a Kellam Bayley goal followed by Glen Surgenor finishing of a set play from a penalty corner. Our lead was extended from Shane Thornhill them Jonothan Taylor converted a penalty stroke to lead us to a 4-1 victory and an 11th place at the top secondary schools hockey tournament.

A very satisfying tournament knowing we played some attractive hockey whilst pushing several top teams such as Auckland Grammar and Christchurch Boys' which finished 3rd and 4th. The finish of the season allowed the team to reflect on a successful year for a team which will lose the likes of Jason Lyes, Tim Simpson, Jonothan Taylor, Glen Surgenor after a number of years being associated with this team. James Topless and Eric Goodwin (Canadian import!!) will also be lost after proving to be very solid and supportive team members. However there is an excellent base to work from next year with the emergence of Barry Watson, Duncan Kissick, Rowan Jamieson, Kellam Bayley and Shaan Caskey as future standouts.



Representative Honours.

Taranaki U18

Mark Lyes
Corey Walden
Eric Goodwin
Mack Gulliver
Rowan Jamieson
Player Profiles.

Taranaki U15

Kellam Bayley
Duncan Kissick
Barry Watson

Jonathon Taylor (captain). A fine distributor who took the key role of centre half. He took this challenge well managing to control games and make opponents with big reputations look rather silly at times. Excellent defender who matured as a player and lead by example.

Glen Surgenor (vice captain). A real workhorse who plays with a big heart. Big improver again this year showing fine little touches and ball control when confident.

Jason Lyes A very determined and skillful player who provided a strong backbone to our defense. Our standout player for the year who showed he is equally apt attacking or defending

Tim Simpson. Moving back to fullback allowed Tim to initiate a number of attacks for us. A passionate player who sets high standards of commitment and expects others to follow. Gutsy and focussed player who can turn a game.

James Topless. A new member to team. Another determined player who showed good dedication and enthusiasm. His all round skills improved earning the respect of his team members and opponents. Committed team member who showed tremendous support towards his fellow team mates

Eric Goodwin. Our Canadian ice hockey player who added a lot of spark to our forward line. He used his tremendous speed to his advantage along with his competitive nature to place a number of teams under pressure. Excellent turning ability along with good balance.

Mark Lyes. A quality player who possess excellent ball control and distribution skills. Along with an awareness about the game he will be a big asset next year if he improves his fitness and option taking.

Corey Walden. Corey showed some good versatility this year slotting into several different types of positions. Another determined player who showed glimpses of his potential throughout the year. With improved concentration and vision Corey will play a leading role next year.

Shane Thornhill. Shane showed his potential as an attacking half who possess excellent dribbling skills and an awesome hit. Self-belief and fitness are the key to Shane developing into an excellent attacking weapon utilising his distribution skills.

Mack Gulliver. Mack performed well during the year in the goal. Mental and physical preparation need to be improved to allow greater consistency in his game. A player who kept the team in several games through sheer brilliance at times

Kellam Bayley. Kellam has some of the best distribution skills within the team. He needs to utilise these and increase his workrate to allow him to have the impact on the team that he should have. A very talented individual with good ball control.

Shaan Caskey. Shaan showed some lovely touches around the goal circle during the later part of the year. Excellent pace and fitness should hold him in good stead for the future. Improved ball control and vision will assist him next year.

Rowan Jamieson. A new member to the team. His assets being speed, determination and a willingness to develop his skills. This aspects will be utilised next year along with the ability to pressure oppositions through his presence.

Barry Watson A very skillful player who shows superb distribution and ball handling skills. Player of enormous potential if he has the right attitude and determination. Special player of the future

Duncan Kissick Being a young member, Duncan has fitted in well. A new learning curve for him, which will allow him to add depth and distribution skills to, this team in the future. Speed, ball control and game awareness can be his biggest assets.

Shem Lowe has acted as student manager during the year. His organisation and perceptive comments have been invaluable. Mr Rob Simpson has assisted in the coaching of the team this year. He has brought a refreshing attitude to the team showing excellent innovation in his approach to the sport along with an excellent commitment to the team. The team appreciates this assistance and wish him well in the future along with those who are departing New Plymouth Boys' High this year.



2ND XI HOCKEY REPORT

With a relatively young team, that included four 3rd formers, we were always going to lack the vital ingredient of experience. Playing in the Boys' A Grade division, we were competing against other schools' 1st XI's. We started with two tough matches against the always-strong Hawera and Stratford teams. While we did not deserve to win either of the matches, the score-lines of 4-0 and 5-1 definitely do not reflect closeness of the games. Our attack was excellent, consistently carving through the opposition with slick passing and dribbling, particularly from James Brown, Clint Smith and Chris Watts. The problem was with our finishing. Once in the circle we were quick to give away possession, or to just miss the goal altogether.

The disappointing thing was that this was the story of the first half of the season. Our attacking was always strong, our finishing shocking. It was disappointing that our forwards could not give our backs, namely Tusi Finikaso and Andrew Gillbanks, more support. Throughout the season, these two shone in defense.

Their play was not, however, enough to prevent us from being relegated to Boys' B Grade where we had to play our 3rd and 4th XI's. It was disappointing due to the fact that, while we were winless in the A Grade, we still remained competitive. In the B Grade, we were always a cut above, comfortably winning the competition.

One of the highlights of the season was the vast improvement of many of the players, including Tusi, Clint, Mark McKenzie, Chris Ashcroft, Daniel Wilson and Duncan Baker, our top goal scorer. Even though we were relegated to B Grade, we still enjoyed ourselves immensely, always playing with sportsmanship even when things did not go our way. I would like to congratulate the team on a well-earned win in the B Grade. Hopefully, next year we can remain in the A Grade for the entire season.

George Penlington



SOFTBALL 1998

Achievements this season

NZ Secondary Schools' champions 1998

7 players selected for NZ Secondary Schools' Tournament squad. Colin Edwin (Jnr); Tyler Raven; Rob Neil; Haizley Martin, Shaun Marion, James Jenkins, Cheyne Kettle.

Colin Edwin (Snr) selected as Coach of the NZ Secondary Schools' Tournament team.

-**Top Batter** of tournament – Haizley Martin

-**Most Valuable player** (MVP) of Tournament – Haizley Martin

-**Top Pitcher** of Tournament – Shaun Marino

-**NZ U-19 representation** – Colin Edwin (Jnr)

-**NZ U-17 Development selection** – Haizley Martin, Tyler Raven

-Central Regional Secondary Schools' champions 1998

Taranaki Secondary Schools champions 1998

The NPBHS Senior softball squad has enjoyed a very successful season in 1998. The team, coached by Mr Colin Edwin (senior), assisted as required by Mr Murray Martin and managed by Mr Kevin Gledhill. They began their quest for national success by competing in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' competition at Bell Block on Wednesday 25 February beating Waitara High School (The 1997 NZ Secondary Schools champions) 14-4.

As winners of the Taranaki Secondary Schools' title the team was now eligible to compete as Taranaki representatives in the Central Regionals competition, held at Akina Park Hastings, on Sunday 8 March. The side defeated Te Aute College 15-0 and 10-0, to earn the right to attend the NZ Secondary Schools' tournament, which was held in Christchurch, March 28-30 1998.

There was now less than three weeks before the New Zealand tournament to prepare, and to raise the necessary funds, and to secure travel/accommodation arrangements. Fund-raising swung into full gear, trainings were stepped up, new uniforms provided and budgets and bookings put in place.

The NPBHS Softball side was now ready to contest its first ever New Zealand Secondary Schools tournament. The side played first rate softball over the three days to become New Zealand Secondary Schools' champions in an emotional final that saw the team feeding off high fives, more bars and encouragement to convincingly defeat St Peter's (Auckland) 12-3. The delight in the faces of the team at winning the final was evident for all to see and the stirring haka on the diamond prior to the presentations was an emotional and proud moment for all team members and management. The announcement of the tournament team and trophy winners was a fitting finale to the season.

As manager of the side, I learnt a lot about this game of softball, and even came to mildly enjoy the rap music in our travels back to camp at the completion of each day's matches. Each player made a huge contribution to the success of the season, and represented with distinction and pride.

NZ Secondary School Results

Saturday 28 March

vs Greymouth High School	win	16-1
vs James Cook High School	win	16-2
vs Timaru Boys' High School	win	3-0

Sunday 29 March

vs Waiopahu College (Levin)	win	11-0
vs Bayfield College (Dunedin)	win	16-1

Monday 30 March

vs Hutt Valley High School	win	12-0
vs St Peter's College (Auckland)	Final win	12-3

Team members

Colin Edwin (Jnr), Captain, Tyler Raven, Jason Eparaima, Phillip Hoskin, Dwayne Pine, Cheyne Kettle, Shaun Marino, Chris Cassidy, Shannon Pasilli, Lewis Stonnell, James Jenkins, Haizley Martin, Rob Neil.

Upon the teams return to New Plymouth, a special Assembly was arranged to honour the team as New Zealand Secondary Schools' champions for 1998.

A special thank you to Mr Colin Edwin (Snr) and Mr Murray Martin, and to the parental support and encouragement that allowed this opportunity to take place, and to Mr French-Wright for his support and encouragement.

To become New Zealand Secondary Schools' champions at their first attempt is testimony to the talent of the boys who play softball at NPBHS. Well done fellas.

K Gledhill
Manager





SWIMMING SPORTS 1998

Once again 1998 proved to be a very successful swimming sports with some close racing in all age groups. With the weather turning on a scorcher everyone managed to spend their fair share of time in the water, especially when it came to the non championship events.

There were some outstanding performances in the championship events with the following records being broken.

- Andrew Moore Open 50m butterfly
- Adam Jaidin Junior 50m backstroke
- Adam Jaidin Junior 50m breaststroke
- James Riley Intermediate 50m breaststroke
- Barak House Interhouse medley relay

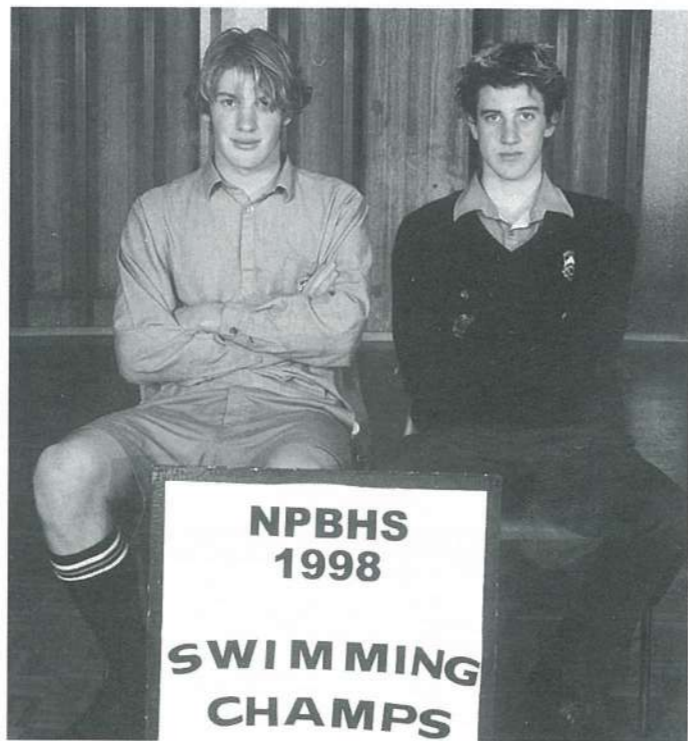
The individual champions were

Senior	Intermediate	Junior
1 st Andrew Moore	James Riley	Adam Jaidin
2 nd John Cade	Jeremy Wright	Luke Dumbleton

3rd Hayden Corkin Robert Veitch Paul Gledhill
 In the house competition the points were very close, with Donnelly managing to come out on top. With only 68 points separating the four houses the interest and competition was high all day.

The final house placings were as follows:

- 1st Donnelley
- 2nd Barak
- 3rd Syme
- 4th Hatherly



SWIMMING CHAMPS
 James Riley (Intermediate Champion)
 Andrew Moore (Senior Champion)
 Adam Jaidin (Junior Champion - absent)



TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

These championships were held at Stratford on Wednesday March 10, 1998 and were notable for the four records achieved - two individual and two team - and the complete dominance by our Intermediate and Senior boys' teams who won each individual title, as well as both relays (a total of 12 of the available 18 titles). Two individual records were broken:

- Jeremy Wright - Intermediate boys' 50 m backstroke 32.24 sec
- Andrew Moore: - Senior boys' 50 m breaststroke 33.03 sec.

Relay Records:

- Intermediate boys' medley relay 59.74 secs
- Intermediate boys' freestyle relay 52.28 sec



SOCCER 1998



SOCCER 1ST XI 1998
Back Row: Michael Gordon, Hayden Goodrick, Matthew Weir, Ashton Peters, Andre Alvarino
Middle Row: Mr. G Yule, Foster Walker, Zygi Zurakowski, Kapua Kapua, Warren Poh, Oliver Mortensen, Mr. P Veric
Front Row: Hadleigh Beals, Daniel Herman, Simon Robinson, Kent Stockman (Capt.), Bryan Holyoake, Robin Janata

1st XI SOCCER 1998 LEAGUE

The season started with a round of grading games to see which teams qualified to play in the Premier grade. We managed to beat and lose to each side and ended up narrowly missing out on a Premier league place.

Division 1 Results

- Kaponga lost 3-1, drew 2-2
- Moturoa lost 4-3, drew 2-2
- Waitara won 5-1, lost 5-2
- Rangers won 5-0, won 4-2
- Hawera drew 3-3, lost 3-2
- Inglewood won 2-1, won 3-1
- Woodleigh won 5-4, won 2-1

The team started the season slowly expecting the games to be easy and paid the price, other first round results were scratchy with a highlight being a fine performance against Rangers. Zygi Zurakowski scored a hat-trick against Waitara. Prior to tournament, the match we drew with Kaponga was one of the best league matches we played.

DUFF ROSE BOWL RESULTS

- Waitara Div 2 won 9-0
- Eltham Premier won 3-2
- Inglewood Premiers lost 2-0

An easy victory against Waitara in which Daniel Herman scored a hat-trick led us into a difficult home fixture against Eltham, a match the players looked forward to after missing out on a Premier spot. A very good victory ensued with the boys thoroughly deserving a fine win, with 2 goals to Hayden Goodrick and one to Michael Gordon. The quarter final against Inglewood was always going to be a challenge, but we performed well and dominated much of the match, failing to put away our chances, the score not reflecting how well we played, a game we could have easily won.

TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING

Eight teams from our region were vying for the 2 available places, teams were split into 2 pools and played off for each spot. Our first match was against Freyberg High School at home, played in atrocious conditions. We got off to a dream start with Michael Gordon scoring early from a free kick. We dominated the game and led 1-0 at half time. Our inability to put another goal away, despite numerous chances, were punished late in the game when Freyberg equalised with a late goal through a piece of sloppy defending. Final score: drew 1-1.





Our second game was against Wanganui High School away. It was always going to be a tough game as they had been doing well at Central League. They scored early through a powerful shot from outside the box and we came close to equalising when Zygi Zurakowski was denied by a fine save. A penalty from a reckless challenge gave them a well deserved 2-0 half-time lead. The second half was a much closer affair with NPBHS dominating spells but not being able to score. A late goal gave Wanganui a 3-0 victory.

These results meant we failed to qualify for the National Tournament in Dunedin and instead played in the Jim Wishart tournament in Wanganui. It should be noted that both qualifiers from our region finished in the top 8 at nationals.

COLLEGE MATCHES

St Patricks Silverstream (A)

A depleted team travelled to St Pats for this fixture. The conditions were fine but cool and both sides were evenly matched. St Pats dominated the first half and were unlucky not to be ahead at half time although Bryan Holyoake was closest to scoring for us when he hit a powerful volley just wide of the post. The second half was a different matter as NPBHS lifted its game and dominated the match, controlling the midfield but not really creating clear scoring opportunities. A scrumbly goal right on full time to St Pats gave them a 1-0 win in a forgettable match.



Wanganui Collegiate (A)

We started poorly in this match and poor marking conceded a goal after 7 minutes, Andre Alvarino scored a fine individual goal immediately to reply before we again defended poorly to find ourselves 2-1 down at half time despite dominating the match and failing to put away numerous easy chances. A fired up team dominated the second half equalising early through a Michael Gordon goal but then relaxed and again failed to put away more easy chances. Collegiate continued to counter attack and were rewarded with a third goal. Final score: a 3-2 loss.



Hamilton Boys' High School (H)

Our team had performed well at home all season and it was unfortunate that we had to transfer this game to Te Mete Park. We put on one of our better performances and started strongly, controlling the ball for long periods and defending well against Hamilton's shoot on sight policy. A dreadful defensive lapse saw us undeservedly go 1 goal down mid way through the first half when the keeper misjudged a cross only to push it into his own net. We continued to defend well and create chances but found ourselves 1-0 down at half time. We continued to play well in the second half and missed two open goals before Andre Alvarino scored with a header and finished a deserved win with a well taken penalty. Final result a 2-1 win.

Wellington College (H)

A tough three days started against a very polished Wellington College side which dominated the match early and scored after 20 minutes through a defensive error. Although they continued to dominate, we held on and as the game progressed we lifted our game and competed well. The final result was a 2-0 loss.

Palmerston North Boys' High School (H)

Two days later we had another tough match against PNBHS. This was a game they dominated from the start, as they forced us into errors through pressure. Our cause wasn't helped by losing Bryan Holyoake to an injury early in the first half. The final result: a 4-0 loss.

It should be noted that both Wellington and Palmerston made the semi-finals at the National Tournament.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

We had a horror lead up to tournament when two players broke limbs the week prior to the tournament and thus we took an inexperienced line up to Wanganui. It was, however, the highlight of our year where we played well and had a successful tournament. An indication of the strength of our qualifying zone was that both qualifiers from our zone finished in the top eight at the premier tournament and also it should be noted that Hamilton Boys' won their regional tournament.

Match 1 v's Awatapu College

This was a scrappy match that neither team played well in but a goal to Kent Stockman early in the second half gave us a 1-0 win.

Match 2 v's Horowhenua College

After a good start we took the lead from an early goal from Zygi Zurakowski. The game was even and a scrumbly goal gave Horowhenua a 3-2 victory in the final minutes.

Match 3 v's Avondale College

Avondale were undefeated at this point but we played our best game of the tournament taking the lead three times before a penalty in the last minute deprived us of a well earned victory. Final result: a 3-3 draw.

Match 4 v's Hastings BHS

We dominated this match from the start and were deserved winners by 5-0.

Match 5 v's Wanganui City College

This was a scrappy match that we dominated and won comfortably 4-2.

We missed qualifying for the top eight by one point and as third qualifier in the pool played off for positions 9-12.



Match 6 v's Onslow College

This was an exciting match between two even teams, we led the game three times only to see a late goal lead to a 3-3 draw and a 4-3 loss on penalties.

Match 7 v's Sacred Heart College

We started poorly and were 2-0 down playing into a strong wind but showed a lot of character to claw our way back to 2-2 at half-time and dominate the second half with Ken Stockman scoring a dramatic winning goal for a 3-2 victory and a final placing of 11th.

Season summary:

Goal Scorers

- Zygi Zurakowski 27
- Ken Stockman 21
- Daniel Herman 12
- Michael Gordon 11
- Andre Alvarino 10

A young and inexperienced side has come a long way through 1998 and with only two players leaving from this year's squad next year should be one of much promise, the talent is there and tournament finally showed the character necessary to succeed. The challenge for next year is for the team to be fitter, hungrier and harder and to continue this improvement. If they do they will be a force to be reckoned with.



UNITED SOCCER

The Boys' High United soccer team had a great season in 1998. Brought together as a team of individuals we managed to, under the watchful eyes of coaches Mr Dominokovich and Mr Hewlett, develop into a highly competitive unit. After an average beginning to the season we were placed in Division 3. We managed to finish somewhere in the top 3 and this gave us high hopes of doing well in Division 2. It was in these last few matches that we put in our best efforts and had the most fun. This earned us some fantastic results and we ended up 2nd in the division. It was a fantastic season and we look forward to even higher achievements in the years to come.

Mr Dominokovich



BADMINTON



BADMINTON TEAM

Back Row: Daniel Reason, Craig Leathley, Jonathon Allen, Mrs. R. Bublitz
Front Row: Shane Meuli, Lachlan Lepper, Bernard Hudson

1998 was a season of mixed fortunes for the badminton team. With a mixture of youth and experience the team was unsure as to how they would go.

The team that played throughout the season was: Lachlan Lepper, Jonathon Allen, Craig Leathley, Bernard Hudson, Daniel Reason and Shane Meuli.

Our first game of the season was against Hamilton BHS at home. We started the season with a 8-1 defeat but the team did not give up and showed they were prepared to fight to the last point. The next event was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition. Lachlan Lepper and Jonathon Allen played in the seniors and Bernard Hudson and Daniel Reason in the juniors. Jonathon made the semi finals of the senior competition while Lachlan was the runner-up in a closely fought final 21-18. They both combined to easily win the doubles. Daniel won the junior final easily 21-4 while Bernard made the semi finals. They combined to win the junior doubles final. These results meant that the team qualified for the Regionals in Wanganui.

The next inter-school game was against Wanganui College, which was won 6-3 with the losses all being within 6 points. This was a huge improvement on the earlier Hamilton fixture. Our next exchange was 3 days later against Palmerston North BHS. This proved to be our best performance of the season even though we lost 4-2 as Palmerston are ranked nationally.

Our final exchange was against Hastings BHS. After a long trip we again won 6-3 against lesser opposition. That left us with the final tournament of the year, Regionals at Wanganui. The results from the tournament reflected our underdog status with losses to Wanganui High School 6-0, Palmerston North BHS 6-0 and Fielding Agricultural College 5-1. The results were disappointing but the team did try their hardest. The final event of the year were the school champs which were won by Lachlan Lepper. He defeated Craig Leathley 21-6 in the final.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Wendy Leathley for the tremendous support and coaching, and Mrs Bublitz who managed the team superbly and provided a lot of vocal support. With most of the team returning next year the season looks reasonably promising.



TENNIS REPORT

SQUASH REPORT



SQUASH TEAM

Back Row: Mr. J. Sim, Tremayne Willing, Darryl Kemp, Haydon Mattson, David Bird, Justin Price
Front Row: Nicholas Roughan, Shaun Sansom, Jade Bellringer, Ben Campbell, Nathan Schuppan

This year we have been rebuilding in squash with the 3rd formers after school on Monday afternoons and along with help from the Central Districts coach, Graeme Randolf, there has been a strong interest in the game again at school. With the generosity of the Kawarua Squash Club we have been able to use the club on Thursday afternoons for U.P. and the generous help of Peter Roughan, Gregg Prouse and Sylvia Aim the level of squash has really improved. We have competed well in the local schools tournament, winning overall. In our matches against our traditional schools we were beaten but were still very competitive. We did not travel to Dunedin for the Secondary School Champs the upside of this is that the Champs are coming to New Plymouth next year and this should really place squash at the forefront next year. We are looking forward to seeing up to 50+ teams of 5 players each arriving in the city.

The latest goods news is that Shaun Sansom has won his age group at the junior nationals. He is now the New Zealand champ for the under 15 age group. Congratulations Shaun. To all those who played this year we look forward to seeing you again on court soon.

Coach



TENNIS TEAM

Back Row: Tim Cleaver, Mr. J. Sim, Tom Rumball
Front Row: Andrew Ramsay, Lachlan Lepper, Gareth Ballintine

An interesting year for tennis at the school. All New Zealand schools compete in a nation wide competition. We started this year's competition by playing a round robin competition against; Francis Douglas Memorial College, Inglewood H.S., Spotswood College. We came out on top only after a countback on sets against Francis Douglas Memorial College. This meant we went on to play the winner of the Wanganui Region, Wanganui H.S.

We beat the High School 5-1 on their brand new astro courts on a very windy day. This meant a play off against our old friends Palmerston North Boys, they travelled up to us and we played the tie at the very pleasant surroundings at the Rotokare courts.

Some very powerful games saw Gareth Ballantine beat his opposite number in the singles and then combine well with Elliot Campbell to win the doubles. Tim Cleaver only just lost his singles to a very strong player. I was really impressed with his game. Andrew Ramsay a 5th former played a 7th former and would not give in, he only just lost this match.

In their doubles, Ramsay and Cleaver combined well to only just lose their doubles game in 3 sets. This meant that Elliot Campbell had to win his match for us to win and win he did in one of his best games of the season. This meant we won on a countback of sets, that vital set that Ramsay and Cleaver won, won us the rubber against Palmerston North Boys' High School.

We went on to play against Wellington regional winner, St Pats Town College. This match was played at the Renouf Centre. We played the games on the indoor courts. St Pats Town beat us 4-2. We won the top singles and doubles otherwise we did not fire as we had against Palmerston North Boys High. We had reached the semis and been placed 5th in New Zealand with a young side, our sights are on improving next year.



In our college games we beat Hamilton Boys' 15-3 this result includes the juniors matches an excellent result. We then toured away and played against P.N.B.H.S and Wanganui Collegiate. Palmerston North had too much depth and beat us, in the seniors and in the juniors. Our matches against Wanganui Collegiate never eventuated due to the bad weather. This only meant that our top 4 qualified for the Tiger Jackets.

A special thanks must go to Jenny Cleaver who provided her car for travel to Wellington, Mr Geange who coached the juniors and for his support. Also to Gareth Ballantine our very able Captain and to all the parents.

Our Senior Six	Junior Six
1 G Ballantine	R Waite
2 Elliot Campbell	B Atkinson
3 Tim Cleaver	T Luxton
4 Andrew Ramsay	J Gopperth
5 Lochlan Lepper	M Gordon
6 Tom Rumball	M Hartman
Coach J Sims	Coach W Geange



JUNIOR TENNIS

The Junior Tennis Team experienced mixed results this season. Hamilton Boys' High School was our first Inter School Fixture and we easily defeated them 7-2 (7 matches to 2).

Palmerston North Boys' High School once again proved too strong winning 6-3 (6 matches to 3). However, two three set matches could easily have gone our way - which would have given us the tie 5-4.

Unfortunately rain caused the cancellation of the Wanganui Collegiate Fixture - a match which we usually win comfortably.

The Top Six Team Members this season were: Ryan Waite, Thomas Luxton, Brian Atkinson, James Gopperth, Thomas McLeod and Michael Gordon. There players were selected according to the Junior Tennis Ladder which Mr Geange establishes at the conclusion of the Junior Championships at the beginning of the year.

In the semi finals of the Junior Championships Ryan Waite defeated James Gopperth and Thomas Luxton defeated Brian Atkinson. In the final Ryan Waite proved too strong for Thomas Luxton winning in two straight sets 6-3, 6-2.

At the end of the season the Junior Tennis Ladder was as follows:

1 Ryan Waite	2 Thomas Luxton
3 Brian Atkinson	4 James Gopperth
5 Thomas McLeod	6 Michael Gordon
7 Moritz Hartmann	8 Jamie Russell
9 Adrian Stanley	10 William Davidson

With more promising players enrolling at NPBHS for next year, our Junior Tennis Team should remain very competitive again in 1999.

Congratulations to Ryan Waite and Thomas Luxton who this season have continued to represent Taranaki in age group provincial tennis.

My thanks to parents who are always supportive of the team and who help the PTA organise the catering for the home inter-school fixtures.

Mr W J Geange
Selector/Coach

KAYAKING REPORT

This year has been particular full on. Competition began in mid-January at the New Zealand Sprint Nationals in which Jake Scott and I competed. Jake raced exceptionally well in the U16 age group, winning gold in the K7 500 m and silver in the K1 1000 m (K1 meaning 1 man kayak). I raced in the U19 age group winning gold in the K1 1000 m and K2 500 m (teaming up in the K2 with Old Boy Ben Scott) and silver in the K2 1000 m, K4 1000m and K4 500 m. At the conclusion of the meet both Jake and I were selected for the New Zealand Flatwater Development Squad.

After the spring champs I competed in the New Zealand White Water Kayaking Selection races. In which I was successful in gaining selection for the Junior World Championships which I departed for on June 10. For build up I raced in the Senior World Cup (a six race series held in Haly, Austria and the final in Austria on the same course as Junior World's). My final ranking was 35th with a best placing of 31st in this series.

I then turned my focus to Junior Worlds in Austria gaining 6th place 10 seconds down on gold and 5 seconds down on bronze. I then teamed with my other team mates (including Old Boy Troy Burbidge who placed 26th in the individual to gain 8th in the teams race.

All in all the trip was quite an eye opener, especially the size of Europe and also the size of the other team's funding compared to our self-funded trip of which we camped four of the five weeks. I would like to convey a huge thank you to the school for their donation and academic support of my teachers. And a final thanks to my major sponsors Denis Curson's Nag 'n' Nugin, Dave Lean, 'Flicks Café and Bar', TSB Community Trust and Fletcher Challenge Energy.

Carl Barnes



ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY 1998

Webster field was the venue for the 1998 Athletics Sports Day. The weather was fine and clear and Hatherly made the most of the weather and won the House competition scoring 1443 points, with Donnelly second on 1167 points, Barak finished with 1080 points while Syme was a distant 4th on 886 points.

Standout performances included: Tyler Raven performing well and gaining maximum points from his 6 events in the Intermediate Championship. The Contest between Jonas Marriner and Hamish Kirk in the Senior events saw a close battle with Hamish impressive on the track while Johans excelled in the jumping events. Gordon Davenport performed well in a range of events and displays good potential as an athlete.

Athletic Champions 1998

JUNIOR

1. Gordon Davenport	96 points
2. VJ Cameron	88 points
3. Alex Asi	60 points

INTERMEDIATE

1. Tyler Raven	120 points
2. James Riley	66 points
3. Nicol Ruchti	52 points

SENIOR

1. Hamish Kirk	86 points
2. Johans Marriner	76 points
3. Matthew Cleaver	66 points



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Inglewood, Saturday 14th March 1998.

We had a large team of some thirty athletes representing the School at these annual championships.

The following athletes are **Taranaki Champions** in their respective events:

Alex Asi	Junior 100m	12.6secs
Logan Hutchings	Junior Steeplechase	3min 38.5secs
Jarrad Bone	Intermediate 100m	11.7sec
Marcel Visser	Intermediate 3000m	10mins 32secs
Tyler Raven	Intermediate Long Jump	6.27m
Johans Marriner	Senior Triple Jump	11.76m

Apart from these excellent individual performances, our three relay teams conducted themselves with distinction:

Our Junior 4x100m team (Alex Asi, Gordon Davenport, Stephen Eichstaedt, V.J. Cameron) won in the smart time of 52.5 secs.

The Intermediate 4 x 100m team (Jarrad Bone, Nicol Ruchti, Raymond Niu, Tyler Raven) was narrowly beaten into second place.

Our Senior 4x100m team (Tama Sweetman, Hamish Kirk, Harvey Marshall, Cheyne Kettle) won in an outstanding time of 47secs flat, leaving the second placegetters 30 metres back.

A very encouraging aspect of the day was the pleasing number of boys from our School who took part.

S.R. Fordyce.

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ROAD RELAYS

Held at Brooklands Park on Sunday 14th June 1998.

We entered one four-man team in the Intermediate grade (i.e. 3rd and 4th formers) and two four-man teams in the Senior grade (i.e. 5th, 6th and 7th formers).

The conditions, wet and windy, were unpleasant for the large number of spectators, but quite to the liking of the runners.

Our Senior Gold team, comprising Aaron Klenner, James Webb, Mark Proffit and Ben Alchin finished a creditable second to Francis Douglas' top team.

All four runners completed the 2.5km circuit within nine seconds of each other, with the ever-improving Mark Proffit fastest on the day at 8mins 05secs.

Our Senior Black team finished fourth in the same race. Team members were Danny Morrison, Chris Booth, Adam Axten and Travis Young.

In the Intermediate race we were able to field our strongest possible team. That is, those athletes picked to run were able to run.

Jacob Dagger (who won our Junior Cross-Country and was placed third in the recent Taranaki Cross-Country Champs) ran the first leg and handed over to Logan Hutchings (the current Taranaki Junior Steeplechase Champion). Our third runner was Frank Galley and it was Frank who made the crucial break over the Francis Douglas runner who was leading until that time.

Marcel Visser ran the final leg and was able to extend the lead to 200 metres at the finish. Fourth former Marcel, winner of our Intermediate Cross-Country a few weeks back, ran the distance in a very fast 7mins 59secs. That is a kilometre rate of 3mins 12 secs...

Try it yourself sometime!

The New Plymouth Harrier Club official who presented the trophies acknowledged that the NPBHS victory was a big surprise and that Francis Douglas had almost considered that the trophy belonged permanently to them.

Mr Fordyce



CROSS COUNTRY 98

1998 was another successful cross country year for the school. Over 900 students completed the respective courses of Junior 4km, Intermediate 5km and Senior 8.5km. There were many outstanding efforts on the day by both students and staff. Most notable were the two new records set by Jacob Dagger and Marcel Visser.

An excellent attendance coupled with high achievement made it an enjoyable and successful sporting occasion unique to Boys' High. The most important aspect contributing to the days success was a positive spirit and attitude from the students this is the essential ingredient to its continuation.

RESULTS	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR
	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
	Jacob Dagger (19:16)	Marcel Visser (21.46)	Ben Alchin (27.59)
	Mark Sarten Logan Hutchings	Ian Hickman Aaron Klenner	Joe Lawn Eric Goodin

HOUSE POINTS	JNR	INT	SNR	TOTAL	
DONELLY	2444	2136	2169	6749	SECOND
BARAK	1600	1801	999	4400	FORTH
HATHERLY	1897	1810	2120	5827	SECOND
SYME	1583	1634	1205	4422	THIRD



N.Z. SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY 1998

Three of our boys elected to run in this annual event which was conducted in Christchurch this year. Saturday 20th June was the appointed day and the course was constructed over relatively flat ground in Hagley Park.

Aaron Klenner, Logan Hutchings and Mark Sarten all ran in the Junior 4000m event in which 276 runners finished. Aaron ran a pleasing time of 13mins 30secs to finish in 59th place overall. Logan came in twenty-two seconds later in 88th place and Mark gained some useful experience in his 15mins 7secs of running, which placed him in 208th place. The team placing was 23rd.

Mr S. Fordyce



THE WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE RELAYS



WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKES RELAY TEAM

Junior A - winner 1998

Aaron Klenner, Marcel Visser, Mr. SR Fordyce, Adam Axten, Robert Veitch

7th September 1998

Boys' High had three four-man teams travel to Wanganui to contest this major cross-country event on the athletics' calendar - two junior teams (under 16 years) and one senior team.

The unusual decision to take two junior teams was a direct result of the competition for places and the increasingly able group of runners in this age group. Entry to the Junior A team was based upon the results of several time trials used as preparation for the event.

The composition of the teams was as follows:

Senior: Brad Andrews, James Webb, Mark Proffit and Matt Cleaver
Junior B: Ian Hickman, Jacob Dagger, Frank Galley and Logan Hutchings

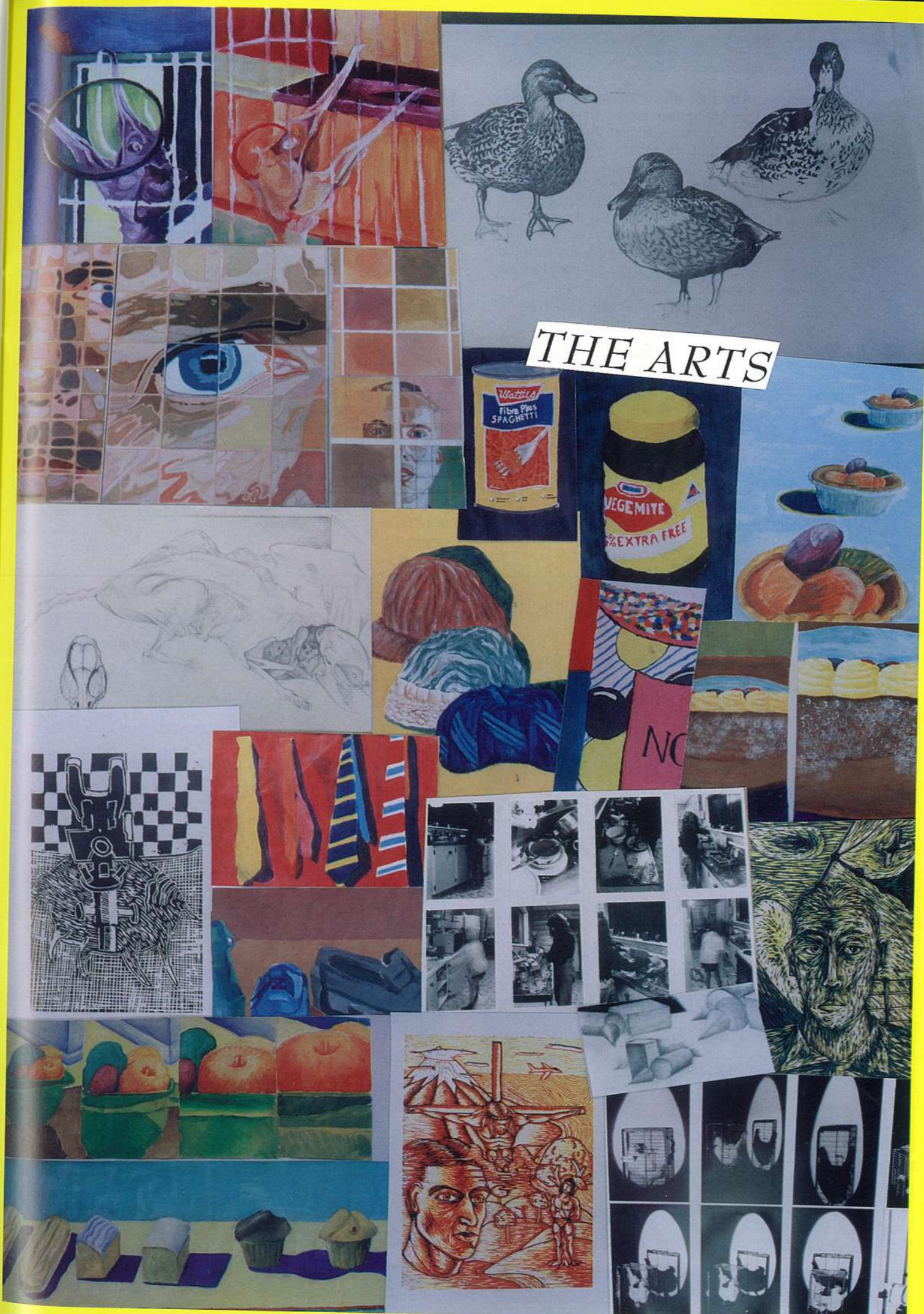
Junior A: Marcel Visser, Robert Veitch, Adam Axten and Aaron Klenner

The Senior team, made up of fit young men specialising in other sports, acquitted itself well and finished in the middle of the pack, in a time of 30mins 01 sec.

The rules of the meeting permitted only one team per school in the Junior A race. The consequence of this was that our Junior B team ran in a separate race from the A team and recorded a most emphatic win, finishing nearly one minute ahead of Wellington College, with Wanganui Collegiate in third place.

For a reason known only to the organisers, a decision was made to run both the Junior A and Senior A races simultaneously over the same course. In effect, this meant that juniors were running with and against seniors.

Marcel Visser ran the first leg for Boys' High in a very fast 7mins 13secs which placed NPBHS in first place. In fact, his run was so good that only nine seniors ran round the lake faster than this fourth former. Robert Veitch and Adam Axten ran the next two legs and constantly traded places with runners from Palmerston North and Napier Boys', King's College, Wellington College and Auckland Grammar. Aaron Klenner took over from Adam Axten to run the final exciting leg. With two competitors ahead of him, and the Auckland Grammar athlete immediately behind him, Aaron needed to run a powerful but tactical race.



THE ARTS



There is one brief point in the race where spectators at the start-finish line can see the race in progress around the lake. At this point, it was apparent that Aaron had overtaken the Napier Boys' and King's College runners, with the Grammar runner now in second place.

Approximately four minutes later, Aaron came under the banner 8secs ahead of Grammar and the team had produced a notable victory for NPBHS in this prestigious event - the biggest cross country race outside the Nationals. To have won both the Junior A and B races was an outstanding achievement and means that the squad can look forward with confidence to next year's National Cross-Country Championship in Te Aroha.

Thanks to Chris Booth and Travis Young for their support for the teams on the day.

Mr S R Fordyce



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Francis Douglas Memorial College, Wednesday 3rd June 1998.

The NPBHS results were as follows:

JUNIORS

Jacob Dagger	3rd
Logan Hutchings	6th
Mark Sarten	13th
Tim Hall	32nd
Daniel Williams	35th
Carey Duggan	41st
Leighton Dearden	56th
Team Place:	THIRD

INTERMEDIATES

Marcel Visser	6th
Aaron Klenner	10th
Ian Hickman	17th
Adam Axten	22nd
Daniel Morrison	26th
Frank Galley	35th
Travis Young	41st
Chris Ashcroft	55th
Team Place:	THIRD

SENIORS

Ben Alchin	5th
Mark Proffit	9th
James Webb	12th
Eric Goodwin	13th
Hayden Corkin	14th
Chris Ander	23rd
Duncan Baker	26th
tim Cleaver	31st
Team Place:	SECOND

HIGHLIGHTS

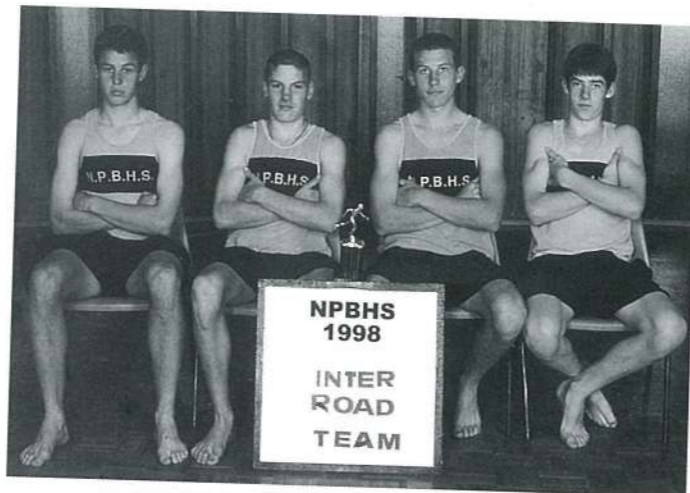
The championships were run in brilliant conditions both overhead and underfoot.

Standout performances by **JACOB DAGGER** who finished less than half-a-minute behind the winner in the Junior race and **MARCEL VISSER** and **AARON KLENNER** who, as first-year Intermediates, performed well to finish in the first ten.

The Senior team, affected somewhat by First Fifteen and First Eleven commitments, put up a strong effort and finished close behind Francis Douglas. Our Senior Champion, **BEN ALCHIN**, ran well as usual.

Our most improved runner, on the day, was **MARK PROFFITT**. Mark finished a meritorious ninth in the Senior event.

S.Fordyce



SURFING

In the first week of March trials were held at Fitzroy Beach to select the school surfing team for the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Surfing Champs. Surf conditions were challenging and competition keen for the few places available. Eventually the team was selected. It consisted of:

U18 Surfing : K. Fisher, J. Curd, R. Brien

U16 Surfing : I. Petersen, S. Ryan, H. Christophers

U14 Surfing : H. Brien, W. Norris, M. Barnes

U18 Bodyboarding : J. O'Keeffe, A. Aston

U14 Bodyboarding : L. Turner, A. Blythe

The team successfully defended the Whittaker Memorial Trophy for the best team at the Taranaki Champs. There were strong performances from Isaac Petersen (2nd U16 Surf), Kodie Fisher (2nd U18 Surf) and Levi Turner (1st U14 Bodyboard).

From this event and subsequent trials the Taranaki team for the NZ Scholastics was named. Isaac, Kodie, Anthony Aston, Levi and Alex Blythe gained selection in the team and competed for places in the NZ team to surf in the World Grommet Championships in Bali. Isaac gained 2nd place in the U16 Surf and was chosen as part of the NZ team. Alex finished 1st in the U14 Bodyboard division.

A team of 8 surfers and bodyboarders travelled to raglan for the annual summer exchange with Hamilton BHS. Strong performances from all of the surfers saw BHS convincingly beat Hamilton. In 4 years the school is yet to lose a contest.

Mr. R. Turner

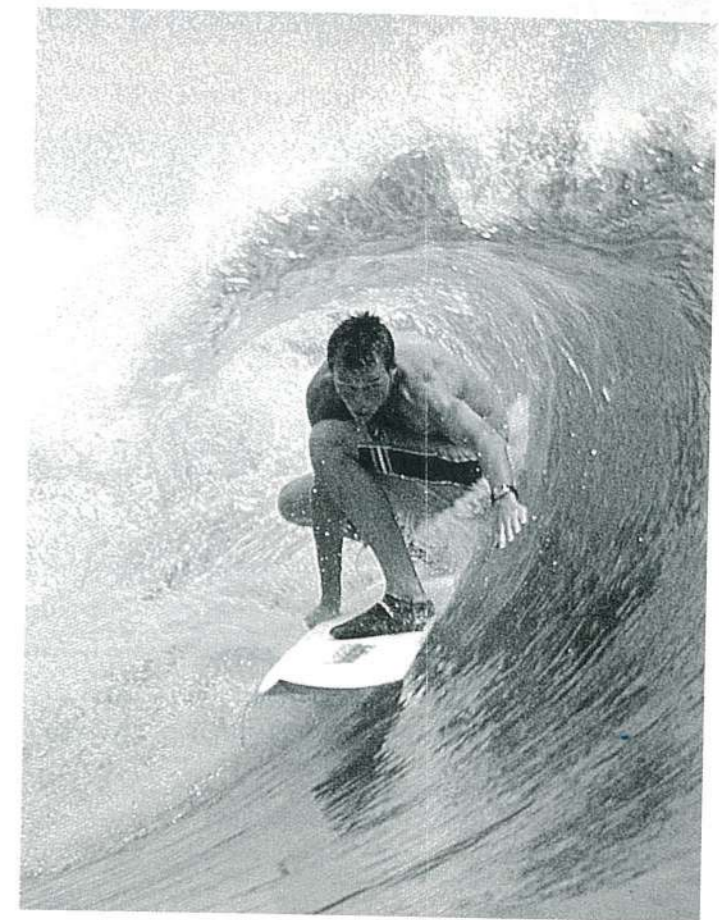


SURFING TEAM

Back Row: Jason O'Keeffe, Anthony Aston, Sam Ryan, Hamish Christophers

Middle Row: Isaac Petersen, Kodie Fisher, Regan Brien, Jeremy Curd

Front Row: Hadleigh Brien, Simon Sadgrove, William Norris, Levi Turner, Alex Blythe



The World Grommet (U18) Surfing Championships held at Kuta Beach, Bali

as reported by Isaac Petersen.

When I got off the plane the warm hit me. I was in Bali as part of the NZ Secondary Schools Surfing team to compete in the World Secondary Schools' Competition.

The competition was held over 6 days. It was a competitive event with everyone wanting to their best. I ended up being placed 13th overall which I was very proud of.

The stand-outs in the competition were 2 Aussies Mick Fanning and Joel Parkinson. Joel eventually came out on top after some great surfing.

Once the competition was over we went to G-Land to surf and relax on one of the best breaks in the world.

Overall it was a great experience to be amongst the best in the world.





SKIING / SNOWBOARDING 1998



SKIING & SNOWBOARDING TEAM

Back Row: Karl Lapwood, Andrew Gilkison, Tom Hazledine, Shannon Crow, Ryan Bolton

Front Row: Karl Zimmerman, Neville Lapwood, Alex Blythe, Levi Turner, Jesse Smith

1998 will go down in history as one of the worst New Zealand has experienced. However, despite the conditions the School's ski / snowboard teams did manage to compete in two major events this year.

The first, the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Schools Championships, took place at the Manganui Skifield on August 31. Nine schools competed for the Marie Williams Memorial Trophy for the best team as well as individuals competing for top places in their respective categories. The school team of : Andrew Gilkison, Tom Hazledine, Kyle Adams, Alex Blythe, Levi Turner, Neville Lapwood, Karl Lapwood, Shannon Crow, Karl Zimmerman, Jesse Smith and Ryan Bolton skied consistently throughout the event. In the senior boys skiing division Kyle Adams placed 2nd with Tom Hazledine 3rd while Alex Blythe and Levi Turner placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the junior boys division. In the snowboarding Karl Lapwood placed 1st in the senior boys with Neville Lapwood 2nd and Karl Zimmerman 3rd in the junior boys. These excellent results combined with strong performances by the rest of the team meant that the school retained the teams trophy for the 14th year in a row.

Unfortunately the poor season saw the cancellation of the School Skiing Champs and the North Island Inter-Secondary Schools Skiing Championships but on a more positive note organisers decided to push ahead with the North Island Snowboarding Champs during the last week of term 3. This bold decision paid dividends for the organisers with good weather conditions and a more adequate snow cover for the event which was held on Turoa Skifield. Karl and Neville Lapwood and Shannon Crow showed that Taranaki is a strong region for snowboarding.

Results :

Boardercross 8th place Karl Lapwood
12th place Neville Lapwood
13th place Shannon Crow
BHS 4th place

Slope Style 3rd place Neville Lapwood
BHS 4th place

Giant Slalom 2nd place Karl Lapwood
5th place Neville Lapwood
27th place Shannon Crow
BHS 1st place

Combined team result BHS 2nd place.
An excellent result from the team. The team who won the event were greatly assisted by a Swiss exchange student who has an international ranking in snowboarding.

R. Turner
Manager

TOUCH RUGBY 1998

This year again proved to be successful – probably more in terms of the increasing numbers involved in the sport and the progress made by a number of the junior players. Sponsorship was secured for the 5th year running from Smokefree. The Group Touch Rugby Competition was played at the start of the year. This involves in excess of 50 % of the school and is a very successful way of groups getting to know each other. The Senior Smokefree team competed in the NP Touch Rugby module finishing 3rd in the Men's Open grade. The team was also runner up in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition. The junior team won their Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition at the end of 1997. An encouraging feature for touch rugby at NPBHS is that we have 5 serious teams registered in the local competition.

Geoff Hall
TIC Touch Rugby



MULTI-SPORT 1998

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Multi-Sport Championships 1998

Three students from NPBHS participated in the NZ Secondary Schools' multi-sport championships, which were held at the Blue Lake, Rotorua on May 24.

Carl Barnes competed in the senior boys U19 division (3km canoe, 18 km cycle and 4 km run) performing exceptionally well with limited cycle/run training to finish in 3rd place. He collected the bronze medal for his efforts. Carl led the canoe stage, but was finally gathered in during the difficult undulating cycle and run stages.

Chris Ander competed in the intermediate U17 division (2km canoe, 12 km cycle and 3 km run) and he performed very well to come home in 5th place out of 13 competitors.

Paul Gledhill competed in the junior boys U-15 category (2 km canoe, 12 km cycle and 3 km run), and although being the youngest competitor, performed creditably to come home in 10th place against 15 good competitors.

The event attracted over 60 athletes from various schools throughout NZ in both male and female categories, and for our students it was a memorable experience.

K Gledhill
Manager

TRIATHLON

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Triathlon Championships were held this year on Saturday February 28 at Ngamotu Beach and NPBHS were represented by four individual competitors and one 3-man team.

The event comprises a 250 m swim, 10 km cycle and a 3 km run for all competitors in both senior and junior divisions. Team entrants perform one discipline only.

There was keen competition amongst the schools, and NPBHS performed creditably.



SURF LIFESAVING 1998

Surf lifesaving is a very popular summer sporting and community service activity for many boys of NPBHS who compete for East End, Fitzroy and New Plymouth Old Boys' Surf Lifesaving Clubs. Local carnivals and regional carnivals are keenly contested as preparation for the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving championships, which this year were held at Midway Beach, Gisborne, in March. Although surf conditions were relatively calm, several boys from NPBHS were successful in making it through to the finals. Surf

lifesaving is particularly strong in Taranaki, with the province finishing for the second year in succession as the top province, with 205 points overall well clear of the second placegetter, with Canterbury, 168 points.

South Brighton emerged as the top club with 132 points, with Fitzroy and NPOB tied for second place with 78 points each. East End came in fifth place overall, securing 43 points. Many of these points were gained by NPBHS students.

Mr Paul Veric (staff) also competed with distinction to make the finals of the extremely competitive Open Ski Race, which, once again, was contested by "world class kayak paddlers". Well done, Mr Veric.

Mr Veric was also the Captain of the Taranaki team for the National Ironman Surf League, which included Hayden Corkin in the junior division, at Mt Maunganui.

Top individual performances were recorded in the New Zealand championships by the following boys:

- Carl Barnes 1st U 19 double ski in association with recent old boy of the school, Ben Scott.
- 1st U19 ski relay
- 1st U19 canoe race
- 1st U19 canoe rescue
- Andrew Moore 3rd U19 board rescue
- Kieran Mattson 2nd U16 beach flags
- Lane Gibson 1st U19 beach relay
- Jake Scott 3rd U16 ski race
- Hayden Corkin 1st U19 board rescue in association with recent old boy of the school
- Luke Peacock 1st U19 4-man R & R
- 3rd U19 ski relay

A recent Old Boy of the school, Ben Scott, was selected to represent New Zealand in the Tri-Series coming up in February 1999.

Ben Scott, Jamie Booth & Mark Bell, all recent old boys, as well as current student Hayden Corkin, were also selected in the New Zealand Development Squad.

The placings and titles of boys from this school at the Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Championships and Northern – Central Regionals are too numerous to recognise here, but it is worthy to note that the strength of Taranaki Surf Lifesaving is clearly in the junior ranks, with most of these competitors from NPBHS.

Reid Archer of the Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club deserves recognition as a management committee member, for he received the club's Management Special Award Trophy for outstanding services to all club activities.

K Gledhill





GOLF REPORT



GOLF TEAM

Back Row: Mr. D. Mossop, Darren Hunger, Jarrod Keegan, Mr. M. Dobson
Front Row: Regan MacRae, Hayden Stokell, Josh Kearns, Simon Robinson

The season started with the Taranaki District Intersecondary Schools Tournament at Te Ngutu Gold course, Hawera, in mid March. We had strong opposition from Hawera High School this year and we won by only 3 shots over the best 3 gross scores. Individual scores were Joshua Kearns 75, Hayden Stokell 81, Regan MacRae 78 and Simon Robinson 82. The Regional finals were held at Fielding GC between Paraparaumu College, Wanganui High School and ourselves. Our team practices well but on the day did not play well and we finished 8 shots behind Paraparaumu College and 10 shots ahead of Wanganui High School.

The school golf championship was won this year by Regan MacRae who beat Joshua Kearns by one shot when Josh's eagle putt on the 18th sat on the edge of the hole.

Our top players have been exposed to pennant matchplay with their clubs and this reflected in their performance in the college matches.

Hamilton BHS
 We drew with a strong team from Hamilton, 2-2, played at New Plymouth GC.

Wellington College
 Won 5-3, played at New Plymouth GC
 Palmerston North BHS
 Won 3-1, played at New Plymouth BHS

Auckland Grammar
 Played on the best 3 gross scores, we beat the Auckland Grammar A Team by 9 shots. At the same we participated in a quadrangular tournament with two Auckland Grammar sides and a team from St Pauls, Hamilton. We came first equal in that competition with Auckland Grammar B Team. This was played at Remuera GC.

D Mossop



ARCHERY

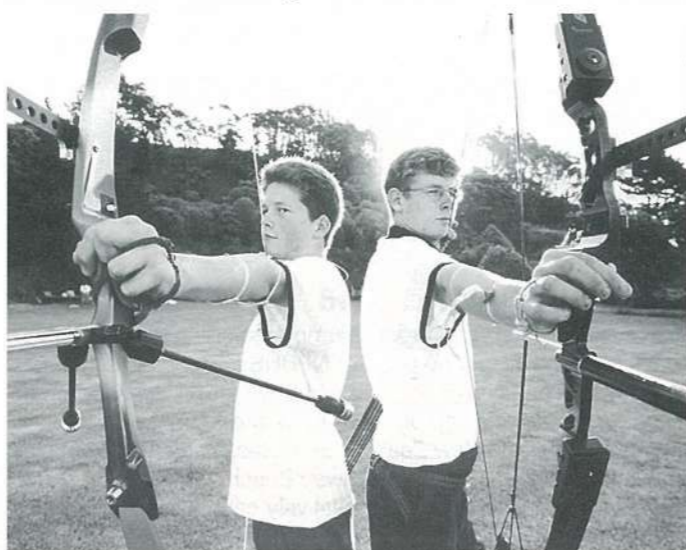
Two students at NPBHS were recently selected in the Taranaki Medlab New Zealand Junior Archery team. The team went to Launceston in Tasmania to contest the Radio Taranaki Trophy which is the trophy for the Trans Tasman test between the 2 countries.

Colin White competed in the Boys U16 Compound Bow division and came third. Brendan White competed in the Boys U14 division. Brendan shot over 140 points better than his personal best and came fourth.

Both boys have put a lot of effort into their training and given up a lot of free time to get selected in the team. The NZ team had 17 members in all.

The next tournament the boys will be competing in is the Greenwood Archers Gold Star Tournament at Pukekura Park in November.

Alison Hutton
 NZ Team Assistant Manager



SPEED SKATING

World Junior Speed Skating Championships

This year the Worlds were held in Piambina, Italy. Ben Alchin represented New Zealand at these champs for the second time. He competed in the Banked Track 10000 points Elimination Race finishing 6th, in the 15000 points Elimination Race finishing 7th and in the 5000 points Elimination Race finishing 7th. Ben also competed in the Road 10000 points Elimination Race finishing 7th, the 5000 points finishing 7th and in the Marathon finishing 5th. Ben spent 3 weeks in Italy. The experience was an awesome one. He met a lot of friendly people and visited a number of famous cities and attractions.



10-PIN BOWLING

In August the school 10-pin bowling team (Aaron Stephens, David Hill, Bret Johns, Cameron Elgar and Colin Fagg) attempted to retain the Taranaki Secondary Schools title. In a tight afternoon of bowling we succeeded. David Hill bowled a game high of 195 points and was well supported by the other bowls. It was a true team effort with the team totalling 1472 pins over 3 games each. The team retained the title by 90 pins.

Mr Melville.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

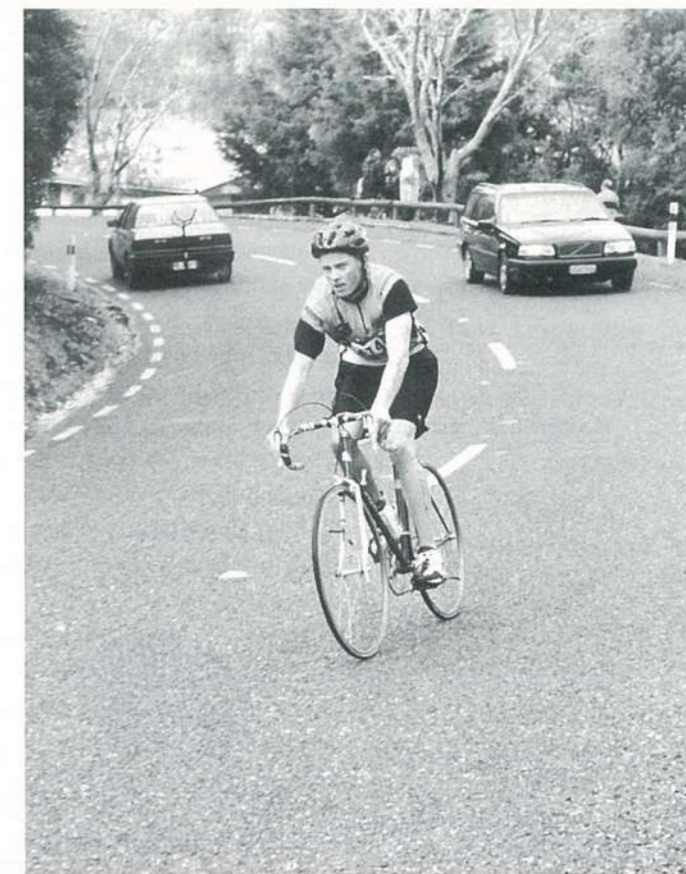
A small but positive group of students were involved in mountain biking this year. The highlight of the year was the NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships held in Levin.

Four students made the trip and the results were as follows:

Tim Brown - finished 65th in the intermediate cross country.
 Mark Armstrong - finished 81st in the intermediate downhill.
 Bryan Holyoake - finished 18th in the senior cross country.
 Stephen Eichstaedt - finished 23rd in the cross country, 6th in the hill climb and 1st in the downhill. His combined points meant he finished 4th overall. An excellent achievement.

Special thanks to Mr Grant Eichstaedt who managed the team superbly. We hope that this sport continues to grow in popularity at NPBHS and we can take an even bigger team to the nationals next year.

Mr Melville.





Creative Writing

Tomato

The tomato was rotten. As the long rumble of chatter echoed around the hot cauldron of an assembly hall, he stared at his poor dejected tomato that he had intended having for his lunch. "Come on school. All quiet please", pleaded the anxious headboy to no result.



The school stood. The tomato seemed to be slowly and steadily melting into his quivering hand leaving a wet, slimy gleam of moisture on his dry skin. It stunk. The affected people around him started to sniff and look around trying to find the culprit. "Who farted?" queried one. A little snigger went up which attracted the frown of the head boy as he waited patiently for the staff to file onstage.

Suddenly he was angry. Angry that the only treasured morsel that his parents could spare him was now nothing but slime. Stinking filthy slime! He gazed at the people around him, his enemies. All with their perfect uniforms and huge lunches, how he hated them for being capitalists. They hated him in return and he knew it. They thought he was a thief, vandal and a bully. He just called it communism.



The principal shuffled onto the stage. His huge black cloak

flowed round him like a flag in the breeze. The principal was a leader. A greater one than he. In his perfect there was no leader, it would be a Utopia where no one could tell him what to do and no person would be greater than the rest.



His hate radiated in a solid beam towards the cheery cheeked principal. The tomato was also becoming extremely uncomfortable in his slippery hand. He screamed out his frustration. Heads turned to him in total astonishment as his hand flew into space sending the tomato catapulting straight towards the astonished principal. Spray flicked off the fast rotating tomato and sprayed the faces of watching pupils with rotten tomato pulp.



The congregation in the hall gasped as the remainder of the tomato hit the principal full in the chest.

As Joseph Stalin walked confidently towards the principal's office he thought to himself "I have achieved my first steps to world revolution. From there he went far.



Rain

A soft rain begins to fall. It makes no sound, but falls like a dew on the streets. Small streams form in the gutters. One stream stops at a shoe, then pressure from behind forces it up and over the obstacle.

The shoe does not move. Nor do the shabby jeans that rise up from its tattered remains. Nor does the old shirt, on a skinny back. Nor does the dreadlocked hair on a cold head. The only movement is the chilly water down the man's back, and the weak beating of his heart.

Still the rain falls, swirling and eddying like a living mist. A mist that oozes life. But the man does not.

Bloodshot eyes open, and a wasted mind realizes that the chill has his body shivering uncontrollably. But he does not care. His heavy head rises a few degrees, and he sees the bridge railing, rusty and decrepit. A tired mind sparks.

The man stiffly stands, struggling to keep his balance as the head-rush hits. He swaggers over to the railing, and steadies himself on it's cold surface.

The ground below seems to be swirling, or is it just the rain? Who cares? Not the man. One tattered trainer grips the first rail. The other shoe mimics the action. And again. Soon both feet are precariously perched on the rusty rail. All is ready.

With a final momentous effort, the man steadies himself for the 'descent'. A small conscience stirs, tells it's precautionary tale, then falls quiet.

His legs grow taut, then push.

The rain stops.

Ashton Peters

In my mind all I see is you
But now it is no longer true

Love was made for me and you
But I left and you did not know

And you sat and wondered how
this could be

When love was made for you and
me

You ran to the cliff edge
that is where you ended
your
life

I did not know what to do
Now that I did not have you

Everyone blamed your death on me

I felt your death was all my fault
and it should be me and
not you

So there was only one
thing I could do

I ran to your grave, told
you of my grief

I had no reason to live,
took the knife

And ended my life,

Just for you.



Creative Writing

RELIEVER

He walked in without a sound, put his briefcase on the desk, rapidly opened it and shuffled some papers. "Lets get to work" he said enthusiastically, his words echoing around the silent room, all eyes fixed on him.

"Great" I thought. I hadn't even had a chance to talk to my old friends from last year and already we were into work. He walked hurriedly to the front of the room not creating a noise as he went. He grabbed the marker and wrote his name on the whiteboard, Mr McDonald. "Who can throw a paper aeroplane the furthest?" he asked.

The class looked around at each other, totally bewildered. "Bet I can beat you all" he called out and ran to his briefcase, quickly folded a plan with the hands of an origami expert, then rushed to the window where he threw it. "Made it to the fountain. Any challenges?"

It didn't take long before the whole class had assembled at the windows, throwing darts and aeroplanes with the westerly breeze which plagued our city. At the end of the day, the best school day of my life, he walked out just as he had entered, solemnly and calm, not like the teacher we just had.

After catching the bus the next morning I couldn't wait to start school. "This year is going to be the greatest" I said to my friend who had old Mrs Caster next door. I pitied him, I had the best teacher in the world.

As I walked in the door, I looked over at the desk where Mr McDonald had sat the day before. In it sat our Headmaster,

Mr Wright, the grumpiest man alive 'Where's Mr McDonald today' I called.

He had been a reliever.

Rene Le Prou



THE COLOUR MAN

Man in black! Or a darkish blue. Most of the time you will find my Dad in a suit and tie but when he's around the house he wears the scruffiest shorts and tops.

When out on the town he dresses casually but smart. When we are walking in town my Dad, Wayne Benton will stop to talk to everyone. He's always friendly, loud and quick with a joke. He has broad shoulders, strong tree trunk legs, huge feet, dark curly hair, a loud voice and a big tummy. My Dad has a very unique way of behaving. His mind changes to that of the people around him, for example if he is around naughty school children he acts like a naughty school boy. Mr Dad is always having fun. Sometimes he reminds me of a cackling hyena. He has the great quality of when people are around him they always walk away feeling happy.

I guess you could say he's kind of like jolly old Saint Nick. He's great as a Dad because he will always help you and cheer you up when you're down. He'll go out of his way just to do something nice for you. He is everything you could ask for in a Dad and I'm lucky enough to have him as my Dad.

Matthew Benton 3FD

THE RITE

The teenagers gathered around the flickering campfire. Tonight was perfect; the storm made it just right. They formed a circle, the best they could with five, and Brian led the cabal in prayer. "Oh Lucifer, Prince of the Pit, Lord of Lies and Patron of the unholy arts. Watch over our enemies and grant them eternal frustration and pain, gift us with evil and deliver us from good! And especially, we ask of your aid this night as we perform the accursed ritual of Nyarlathotep! NemA!"

Their opening request done, the five amateur Satanists donned their robes of black plastic, formed of rubbish bags, covered in lopsided pentagrams, arcane symbols and runes. Terry and Robert brought forth the squawking chicken and tied it hastily down. The chicken had been stolen from a neighbouring farm and then spent the last few hours in a sack, it was not pleased and bit Terry's hand. While Terry cursed, Brian began the chant.

Robert threw nightshade buds into the circle and joined Brian's voice. Each in turn put in a piece, something nasty, and something that caused pain. A bullet, some poison, a cigarette and a student loan contract were all placed down and everyone joined in the ceremony.

As the fives' incantation reached its peak, a lightning bolt split the sky and the chicken's protesting head in two. The crooked pentagram carved into the earth

shimmered with an eldritch flame and a figure as dark as purest pitch materialised. William had never seen such a sight, even in his photocopied grimores. It was majestic, yet at the same time so foul. Its head was a live shadow, a shape formed around two crimson fires perched on the muscular body every schoolboy dreams of possessing. It had pincers, in the style of crabs for hands and a tail of a scorpion. It almost seemed to leer as it spoke.

The campfire fizzled; William fell backwards into a thorny bush. He heard sounds of violence and turned to run away from the cacophony of agony that filled his ears. But a sharp pincer grasped his shoulder and threw him into the clearing. The campfire flared back into life, burning with a silver flame.

The full horror of the last few moments was revealed to William, his friends were dead. Torn limb from plastic-clad limb now laying in pieces beside him. Their violent deaths the fault of the abyssal spectre that loomed over him now. It laughed a hollow sound that echoed in the boy's head. Staring at him it spoke once more.

"No, I won't kill you my pretty. I have plans for you, sweet, sweet plans for you, William Clinton!"

Chris Walker

Form 4





Creative Writing

THE CHRISTMAS REVOLT

In the heart of the seemingly constant dusk at the North Pole lies a medium-sized shack. Pale yellow light makes a valiant attempt to break out of the small window, but is thrust back by the black icy darkness. As the shack is approached, feverish sounds of activity can be heard seeping into the surrounding wilderness. Through a grimy window, small figures can be seen, some hunched over working on unrecognisable forms, others walking in and out of a small wooden door to the right.

The small figures are elves, gaily dressed in red, green and white suits. The elves smile and happy chatter adds to the warm atmosphere of the room. The forms over which they toil are in fact toys of all varieties. There are dolls' houses, prams and tea sets for the good little girls, and push bikes, toy guns and anonymous action figures for the good little boys.

The still air is suddenly disrupted. Quiet at first, then louder. A raucous cacophony of disorganised sound approaches. Soon the source is revealed. Emerging out of the darkness is a small, battered sleigh, pulled by eight reindeer. The sleigh jerkily descends, and finally lands with a noisy thump. It is recognisable through the dusk that one of the reindeer has a nose of different appearance to the rest. It is dull and battered, but a weak red glow still manages to struggle through. A short, obese figure flops off the front of the sleigh and waddles to the front of the reindeer. The fat figure is carrying an ominous-looking whip, and he can be heard yelling gruffly at the reindeer. He raises the instrument of cruelty, and the resounding crack as it makes contact with furry hide resounds into the night. Shortly after, and with much effort on his part, the man detaches the sleigh

from the reindeer and heaves it into a shed adjoining the elves' shack. The reindeer are left to shiver in the arctic chill, but are happy just to be free of their master's wrath. Through the window, a completely different scene is now revealed. The happy elves have now fallen silent, and their only focus is work. Their eyes seem dull now, and looking close enough, small trembles can be seen amongst many. Suddenly, the small door leading into the workshop bursts open, and a bulging frame fills the doorway. It seems as though even the small bulbs hanging from the ceiling have dimmed in fear. The man wears a red coat trimmed in white. The coat is dirty, and several tears scar its surface, more than one due to overindulgence at the dinner table. The man's beard is ragged and gray. His eyes are bloodshot, and the cause is revealed in the form of a brown paper bag with a protruding bottleneck in his right hand.

'What the hell is going on here?' A loud, boisterous voice shatters the silence. 'I thought I told you little bastards to have all the toys ready before I came back!' Veins begin to break out on his sweaty forehead.

'But sir, we are nearly.....' 'Shut up!' The man points a pudgy finger at the brave elf that dared to speak. 'How dare you challenge me!' The man steps over to the offending elf, and raises his hand. With a movement faster than expected of a man in his condition, the bottle is brought down upon the little elf's head. The bottle smashes, as does the small figure's skull. His lifeless figure crumples to the floor. A million hopes and dreams can be seen reflected in the pool of warm blood around his head. This action is the last straw for the elves. They have been oppressed under this monster for years, and it is time to take action. Through the window, rage can be seen boiling up inside their trembling little frames. However, they will remain calm, as they have prepared for too long now to get violent, and lose it all.

The man storms out of the door, and into the shed. He roughly throws the neatly wrapped presents into the back of the sleigh, muttering obscenities as he works. When the sleigh is satisfactorily overloaded, he opens the doors and barks for his reindeer. They reluctantly appear out of the darkness, and are harnessed up to the sleigh.

Inside, the remaining elves quietly attend to their dead comrade. The blood is wiped up, and the body wrapped in blankets in preparation for the funeral. The elves have come to their decision. One of the elves makes his way to the small window. Through it, a thin beam of light plays out across the snow. It flashes across the lead reindeer's eyes once, twice, three times. His nose begins to glow with an increased lustre almost immediately.

The old man mounts the sleigh, and a crack of his whip sets the reindeer in motion. They gently rise into the sky, and are soon swallowed up by the darkness. Almost before the last trace of the sleigh has disappeared, the elves set to work. They know they must hurry. They gather their meager possessions and sit them in the sleigh shed. The remaining toys, many in a half-completed state, are also packed up maybe for completion some day.

Meanwhile, the reindeer are also contemplating their task, as they fly around the world, delivering gifts for the coming day. At each house, the sleigh is roughly guided down on to the rooftop. The old man dismounts his perch, and grudgingly snatches the gifts for that location. He then squeezes down the chimney, and emerges a few minutes later, looking decidedly decrepit, cursing and swearing. Each house seems like a further annoyance to him, and the reindeer begin to fear for their own safety. It is only when he begins to angrily whip them that the reindeer decide to take action.

The next house has a smaller chimney than the others. It had always been a problem for the old man, as year after year the fit became tighter. This year was no different. As he lowered his body into the top of the opening, he became stuck.

This had happened before, and he usually managed to free himself, take off his coat and try again. The reindeer saw their chance, and took it. Led by the red-nosed one, they sped off the roof and into the night. The fat man was led to swear himself to sleep, and would probably be arrested the following morning.

The reindeer were ecstatic. They had finally rid themselves of their lifelong tormentor. They could now enjoy life. They flew as they had never flew before, performing daring loops and low-level passes. By the time they reached the North Pole, they were exhausted, but overjoyed that they had completed their task.

The elves had also completed their task, and were ready for transportation to happiness. With the arrival of the sleigh and reindeer, the elves once again set to work. They quickly and efficiently packed the sleigh, and maneuvered it and the reindeer out into the open. With this complete, there was only one more thing that had to be done. One of the 'not so good' little boys had asked for a flame-thrower for Christmas, but it had understandably not been delivered. The elf lit it up, and with a few sweeping motions, set the workshop ablaze. A few quiet words were said for the elf still inside. Then the elves cheered. Now they were free of all the bad memories, and were in control of their own destinies.

The small figures all piled up onto the sleigh. It was full to overloading, but the reindeer could handle any load. The sleigh, reindeer and elves lifted off into the misty darkness, and steered toward the rising sun. On board, the mood was of joy and happiness. Everyone thought the growing roar must have been from one of the large drilling platforms stationed below in the frozen wilderness. But it wasn't.

The small thump signified the impact was "just a spot of turbulence", the 747 pilot explained to his passengers before returning to his controls, and his mug of Christmas tea.

Ashton Peters



AMERICA'S CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA'S 1998

'Teenager triumphs in the America's Cardboard Cup'

OUTWARD BOUND

I was quietly working at my painting in the art room period one on a pleasant March, Wednesday morning when the Headmaster came in and asked me if I would like to go to Outward Bound. I had no idea what Outward Bound was and asked if I could have until the next morning to think about it - he said yes.

At home I talked it over with everyone I came in contact with and they all said, "Go for it. It will be a great experience." With just two days to get the huge list of gear together things were frantic at home. I went to Wellington by bus on Saturday and at 10 o'clock Sunday morning I was on the Cook Strait Ferry - a first for me. I was met at the Picton wharf and after a roll call for the seventy of us, who had arrived by ferry, we were off to Outward Bound by launch. After about half an hour there were 70 of us - all strangers to one another who would be together for the next three weeks. At 'Anakiwa' (that's the official name of Outward Bound) there was a powhiri to welcome us before we signed into the 'Outward Bound' course. We were put into groups of ten and 'boy' did I have some hard cases in my group! Four were druggies, two were from South Auckland and were sponsored by the Department of Corrections, who were hoping that this experience might help these guys keep out of trouble. These were to be my companions for the next three weeks. Our guide met us and immediately took us for a four 'k' run - and we hadn't even unpacked!

We were taken into the hall where we were given the details or our programme: each day started at 6.15am with a 4km run and a swim in the sea - with our clothes on. We were later to discover that many days didn't finish until 11pm and even then one of the guys in our group still had the energy to tell jokes for, what seemed like, hours. During the day we had a very busy programme with a wide range of activities that included: abseiling, rock-climbing, canoeing and the most grueling of all sailing.

The second day was a team building exercise where we learned to trust one another and have faith in ourselves. We had to go up 25m trees with harnesses tied on wires and did obstacle course activities such as walking across a log with our eyes closed.

One of the major activities is a three day tramp and to prepare for that the third day and the following night were given up for a practice tramp. This was to teach us to read maps and to work as a team.

On the fifth day we were shown how to sail a sailing craft - that took the whole day because none of us had any idea what we were doing. The sailing craft was an olden day cutter which was very hard to manoeuvre in anything but perfect conditions and even then it was possible to swim faster. When it came to our turn to go out in this beast and do the real sailing exercise (including a two night stay over), conditions were anything but perfect and we had to row a great deal of the time - really hard work! One night we didn't make it to our destination and had to sleep on the boat. Of course there was no toilet and we certainly got a real laugh out of one of the team when nature called (big time) in the middle of the night and he was trying to position himself comfortably in the bow but got all embarrassed when he realized that everyone else was watching him - nature had to wait until we made landfall next day. It was when we got home that night that we were told to get ready for our 'solo'.

On the solo camp you get dropped off at various points in the hills behind Anakiwa to 'survive' on our own (without contact with anyone) for three days with limited rations and just a tent fly for shelter. I was so exhausted after all the rowing that I just crawled up the steep slippery hill and went off to sleep to be woken a couple of hours later by steady rain. By the time I got the fly up my gear was wet and then the fly leaked. I spent the next day and a half trying to keep dry and plug up the leaks with sticks leaves and mud - not very successful.

A week of individual activities followed before the three day tramp. This included rock climbing on a 25m wall of rock. Each of us had to go up the rock wall four times - the last blindfolded, before we abseiled down.

On the 'big' tramp we climbed five significant mountains, the highest point being over 2000m. Each tramp day started at 6am and finished at dusk with just 30 minutes for lunch. At the top of the mountains we could see magnificent views of Blenheim, Nelson and when it was really fine we could just make out Mount Taranaki. We got back to Anakiwa at 4pm on the third day and were then told to get prepared for our half marathon which was to start after our light, 5am, breakfast. We were driven to the start line to start the run at 6.30am. The gun went and we were off on our 22km run. Even though I was quite sore from the tramp, I managed to run for most of the distance and finished in 2 hours 53min - I was chuffed about that.

When I arrived home I wasn't quite sure how I felt about this experience but now I feel that this has been a great experience that will be with me for the rest of my life. I have learned to work with a group of strangers, become part of that team, become good friends and learn to trust them. I would recommend this to anyone who is given the opportunity.

Andrew Grimwood.





CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF 1998



"Culture" is clearly alive and well and growing at NPBHS. Once again we have had a year of activity and fun, meeting our goal of providing even more opportunities for boys to participate in cultural activities and discover their own (often) hidden talents.

There have been many cultural events which are reported on separately but the Arts Festival was the event that really highlighted to us how many boys have an enthusiasm, a creativity and a sense of fun that just needed an opportunity to emerge.

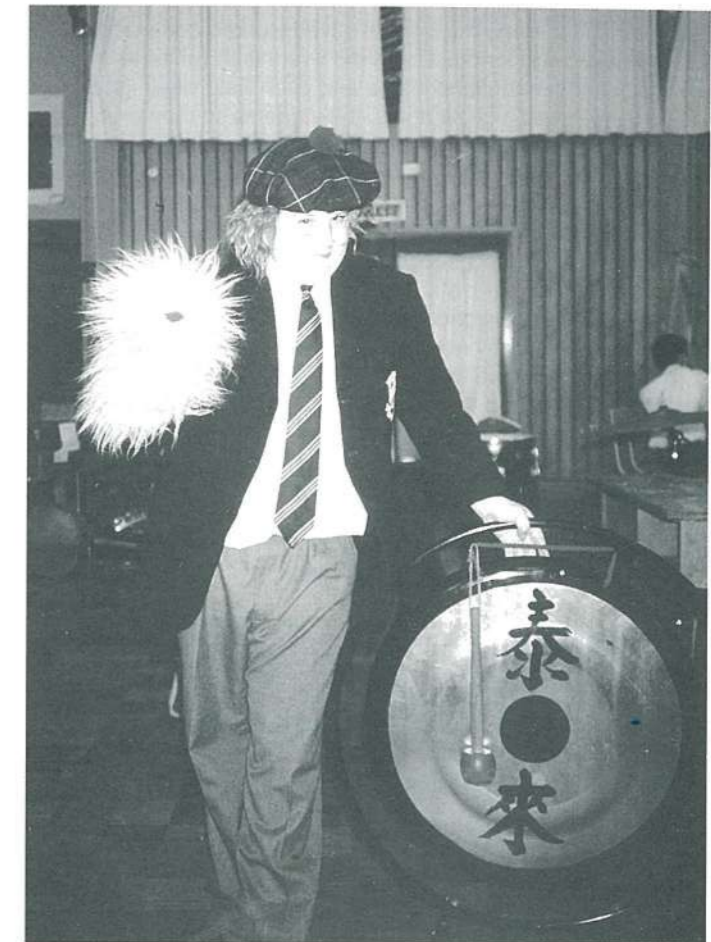
As evidence that the interest in cultural activities is growing we just need to look at the House Debating Contest. Last year we inaugurated the competition. Each House had one team and for some it was not easy to get this team together. This year however, each House had two teams and a selection process had to take place such as the interest and eagerness to take part. Not only were boys keen to take part, they were keen to watch and support their House team and audiences were large and often vocal. The competition was closely fought and ended up with a three-way tie between Syme, Donnelly and Barak. At the end of last year we introduced inter-class debating between the 3rd and 4th Forms and clearly this opportunity encouraged involvement and we now have far more boys who are keen to give it a go.

This year the House Music Contest was introduced. Again this was something quite new and was met by some with a fair amount of trepidation, not to mention a certain reluctance from some boys who did not see themselves as singers. However Mrs Allan carefully selected a set song that would not require too much learning of words or tune - When the Saints Go Marching In- and every House entered into the spirit with great enthusiasm and originality.

Next year it is planned to introduce a House Drama Contest. With these three cultural activities added into the House points, an opportunity is provided for a much wider cross-section of boys to contribute to their House points.

The position of Cultural-Co-ordinator has now existed for two years and over that time there has been a noticeable increase in cultural activities in the school. But more important than this has been the growing interest, enthusiasm and a fostering of confidence and talent. When Mrs French held a Kareoke lunchtime as a fundraiser, there was no shortage of boys who were prepared to get up on the stage and perform in front of their peers. The comment was made - would this have happened a couple of years ago? Things are changing and for me personally, as I leave this job which I have enjoyed so much, I feel very pleased that the creative and expressive talents of so many of our students are being given the opportunity to develop and entertain us all.

Mrs Kirsty Hazledine



TARANAKI SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

Once again the Pukekura Lions Speech and Drama Festival was held at Boys' High. This is always an excellent day with more than 300 students from 10 schools gathering from all over Taranaki to participate in a day of debating, public and impromptu speaking, drama and theatre sports. As an added bonus this year Spotswood College's Shakespeare Group put on a superb guest performance of their prize-winning production of "Twelfth Night".

To show their continuing support of the Festival and to further endorse its value, the Pukekura Lions increased their sponsorship of the event and this year generous prizes were awarded. Boys' High participants did well with Reece Meuli winning the Junior Prepared Speech with his amusing speech entitled "Effort". Andrew Gilkison came second in the Senior Prepared Speech and was also chosen as best speaker in the Senior Debate (which was narrowly lost to NPGHS). The Junior Debating team won their debate against NPGHS with Matthew Rogers being named Best Speaker.

Our Junior Drama group came 3rd equal in their section, performing the world premier of Ms Milner's Cinderella and the senior boys came second with an adapted version of several skits from the Revue "Titanic Too".

The accent of the day was on participation and it was excellent to have so many boys keen to be involved in all activities and backstage as well.

Mrs Kirsty Hazledine

Blindness

Blindness is coal black,
It tastes like dirt,
And smells like an old storage room.
But it sounds like everyone has a microphone.
It feels like I don't have control



DRAMA

Sheila Winn.

This lofty title refers to the Shakespeare Festival held at the very end of the first term. The boys involved worked consistently over the six-seven weeks preceding the event with rehearsals before school, after school, lunchtimes and even Saturday night.

The text itself was a challenge to the students so they even had to endure an English lesson so that they understood what they were saying. The day of the performance saw us rehearsing during school time and after the school day finished. We finally broke up for tea at 5.30 and were due back by 7pm.

The show as a grand success and a credit to the school. The boys and Sarah put on a fine performance with Laurie a feisty Beatrice and Toby a world weary Benadick. Paul and James made a fine fools full of "hey nonny nonny" and Adrian became Claudio ... a fool for love. The two brothers (Nilan and Sam and Antonio and Leonato) added the voices of reason while the extra-added that little bit of shine. Personal thanks to Jared Philip (Assistant Director) for keeping me sane.

Miss S Milner, Director.

Students involved:

Nilan, Sam Fenney, Adrian Humphrey, Laurie Neville, Toby Robins, Paul Nicholson, Sayuj and James Riley.



Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival - Junior Drama

The juniors involved in this piece went boldly where no student has gone before. In three days these young performers learnt their lines and stage directions to a tragic piece by ours truly called "The Epic Adventures of Cinderfella". On the day the boys donned dresses and false hair .. they sashayed across the stage with cries of "dahling!" ... they even boogied to the beat of "The Shoop Shoop Song" (It's in his Kiss) before a crowd of their peers. They were a pleasure to direct and a sign that the real talent in this school is only just beginning.

Students involved: Tim Fitzpatrick, Matthew Lagan, Robert Jenkin, Michael Papps, Luke Millard, Matthew Benton, Paul Gledhill and

Miss S Milner

Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival - Senior Drama

The students coupled with senior drama entry with the Revue this year with additional text added in. They took a real hands on approach with this piece and put together a unique piece. While in terms of time this had the least commitment it did achieve critical acclaim (??) winning second place.

Students involved:

Paul Nicholson, Tom Hazeldine, Nilan, Sam Fenney, Adrian Humphrey, Laurie Neville, Toby Robins and Tim Simpson.



"TITANIC TOO"

In my directorial debut I realised early that putting on a production is not the proverbial doddle that it pretends to be. This lack of 'doddility' was doubled due to our production being almost completely original and therefore not written (some would contend that the show was not written minutes before the performance, but this is just a semi-substantiated rumour). I would not be deterred, though, and lucky that I wasn't, for whom else would put themselves in charge of this sinking ship (ba-dum-schshsh). We had our first meeting on May 18. The turnout was excellent. About 45 students crammed themselves into Room 7 vying for roles in the "Production of the Year" - not a prestigious award considering it was the only one. As it turned out, not everyone was there for that reason. Some had accidentally come thinking it was a rugby league meeting; others saw people eating their lunch and assumed there was free food; and some did not know what a revue was and ran quickly when finding out that they would have to put themselves on stage in front of about 900 people. And so the turnout, while not being the original 'excellent', was still heartwarming. The key was that our cast and crew were keen. They realised what had to be done, and so combined to be a well-oiled piece of machinery. Well, maybe a semi-lubricated-but-still-rusting tricycle.



After a quick brainstorm of ideas for the sketches, having first wrestled the whiteboard pen from James Riley's hands, we were on our way. Almost right from the first banana we were writing and rehearsing. A core writing/brainstorming/shooting things with a BB gun group was formed, featuring the four MCs (Nilan Ekanayake, Laurie Neville, Tom Hazeldine and James), Tim Simpson, Toby Robins and myself. Successfully we managed to waste away a couple of Sunday afternoons speaking a lot of gobbledygook and acting the fool. Perfect preparation for the revue.

Along with original material, we also performed three sketches by Smith and Jones ("I Spy"), Abbott and Costello ("Who's on First?"), and Rowan Atkinson ("Fatal Beatings"). The students involved in these (Laurie, Toby, Adrian Humphrey and Fraser Bremner) were all passionate about the material, and it showed on the night. By doing these pieces it also gave us some stability. We knew that if we didn't get around to writing the rest of the revue, we could just perform these over and over.

But it didn't come to that. In fact everything went relatively swimmingly (after we'd ascertained everyone's work and social timetables and figured out when to have rehearsals). We rehearsed regularly after school and during weekends, polishing each act till it gleamed. Everything was falling into place (except for James' pretend body on the night).

And on the night all of our work paid off. Performing to an audience of over 800, the cast and crew wowed them with humour, dance and song. With only two minor hitches - occasionally the sound, and a-line-mix-up-but-brilliant-recovery-from-Tim-Tom-and-Laurie - we could only feel ecstatic about the night. Every sketch was a success (whether the audience understood my sense of humour was another matter entirely) especially "Titanic", "The News" and "Batman". The four MCs were superb, filling in the gaps with unbridled hilarity, as was Tim Simpson with his rendition of "We won't Cry for You, Sean Fitzpatrick" and the prefects with "Happy Feet". One of the best things was the huge input and participation from the juniors, especially Robert Jenkin and Luke Millard, ensuring a lot of depth for future years.

Special congratulations must go to the crew, who is so often overshadowed by the performers. However in this performance this was not the case. Lead by the amazingly talented, organised and superbly helpful Sarah Milner, the backstage was nothing less than a brand new Ferrari that's just been filled with top grade Castrol. Jared Philip and Patrick Landrigan were always on their toes organising the scene changes, while Mark Dawson and David Green showed what expertise is required to successfully undertake the lighting and sound.

Huge thanks need to go to Catherine Eaddy, Ruth Pfister and Kirsty Hazledine who all helped, even strained, to make this production the success it was. To the seventh formers, I wish you all the best, and hope that you always consider a career in the theatre, or at the least, the circus.

For the rest, could you please start getting organised for next year?

George Penlington



THE ARTS FESTIVAL

The highlight of the year's cultural activities would have to be the first ever NPBHS Festival which was held towards the beginning of Term III. The festivities began with some confusing role reversal on the Monday morning. Tim Simpson resplendent in grey cardigan and bright tie did an excellent Mr Heaps impersonation and then on stage and wearing school uniform appeared Mr George Penlington alias Tim Simpson to carry out the Head Boy's role. The boys were suitably confused - this was obviously going to be a bit of a different week! A surprise guest appearance from Sam Hunt (alias James Riley) who recited a pretty dreadful Arts Festival poem got things under way and then the "real" culture began with Mr John Howes and Toby Robins playing a fast and furious violin duet and the Concert Band entertaining the Assembly.

And from there things buzzed along. On the first lunchtime we had an Alien Body Art Contest in Pridham Hall. Teams of boys (and one team of Mrs Allan and Mrs Crowe) worked together to transform one team member into a stylish alien using tin foil, rubbish bags, balloons and all sorts of junk. At the same time a Lip Synching Competition was going on in Ryder Hall with the Head Boy, Mr Hall and Mr Penlington amongst others doing their stuff to an enthusiastic audience. That evening Speech Finals night was held.

On Tuesday lunchtime the sun shone for the Pavement Art. After a slightly reticent start things really got underway with every designated "plot" being taken. All sorts of hidden talent emerged and for a short time the pavement outside the Boarders' Lounge was dazzling with abstract designs, scenes of Papua-New Guinea, smart cars and Taranaki scenes. While this was happening a theatre sports team from NPGHS competed against our team in an entertaining contest.



Wednesday morning began with a spirited musical performance from Mr Colin Maihi and the Maori language students. They were awesome. For many this was the first time they had seen this group perform and the school was impressed. At lunchtime the finals of the Inter-House Debating Contest was held and at night the Revue - the highlight of the whole week.

This will be reported on separately but I would like to comment that I am sure that the full house that the Revue played to (queues down Coronation Ave at starting time), an audience that included a large number of our students, was largely due to the enthusiasm and sense of fun that had been generated through the week. Everyone was in the mood and ready to enjoy what was to be a wonderfully entertaining evening.

Wednesday night's Revue was to be the end of the Festival but boys were continually coming up and asking what was going to happen next lunchtime so to take advantage of this enthusiasm we hurriedly got together the Resene Rubbish Bin Painting Competition. Resene very generously gave us paint and brushes and the boys (and several staff teams) transformed our neat and tidy "socks up shirts in" black and yellow bins into works of art - scenes from the Titanic, the Welsh flag, French and Japanese themes, army camouflage and some great abstract designs. When I asked Mr Ian Evans, the caretaker, if he was happy about the bin being painted, he said fine, as long as you paint them yellow and black. Well, we didn't but I sure even he would agree that the end results were great.

Other lasting reminders of the Arts Festival are the murals. During the week the art students, under the direction of Ms Kirsty Grieve, planned and began painting the murals in the back of Ryder Hall. Obviously this was a lot of work and was not completed during the week but when they are hung round the school - in the Phys Ed, Science and Geography Departments they will be a permanent reminder of an exciting and creative week.

The week could not have happened without the enthusiasm of the staff and financial support from the community. Fletcher Challenge Energy, Hookers, Good Vibrations and London Bookshop gave us generous grants while many businesses in town helped us with prizes. Many thanks to Neville Duckmanton, Pauline Crowe, Kirsty Grieve, John Tullet, Jill Krueger, Tryphan Ephraim, Sarah Milner, George Penlington, Terry Heaps, Mary Allan, Julie Rowlands and Colin Maihi for your bright ideas and hard work. It was an excellent Arts Festival. We all had fun and were so delighted with the level of involvement of the boys and the wonderful spirit with which they entered into things. Building on this success, I am sure 1999 Arts Festival will be even bigger, brighter and better.

Mrs Kirsty Hazledine

Success

Success is blue,
It tastes like sweet chocolate,
The smell is like perfumed roses,
Success looks like the view from the top of
Mt Everest.
It sounds like lots of laughter,
And feels like hitting the jackpot
Scott Ferguson 3rd Form



"I'm Cat!"
"And I'm Dog"
"And together..."
"WE'RE CAT & DOG!!"

Now if you think that sounded weird then you have found the exact word that described the New Plymouth Boys' High School Musical Roadshow. With Tom Hazledine and myself as the two idiotic MC's, Car & Dog, the kids at Bell Block were not able to stop laughing.

The Musical Roadshow was jam-packed with entertainment ranging from the choir singing "Come to the Boys' Roadshow", an arrangement by our hard work working Head of Music, Mary Allan, to the Concert Band playing the "Muppet Show Theme", and MacKenzie giving us a wee tune on the old bag pipes. At each school, the pupils sang along to the choir's rendition of "Hakuna Matata", and they played along on the percussion instruments in the Stage Bands talented performance of "Tequila", conducted by Stewart Maunder or Mary Allan, whoever got the baton first.

All in all, both audience and performers had a great time, and if this year's success and response to the Musical Roadshow was anything to go by, it will be happening again next year. I encourage both seniors and juniors of 1999, with any musical inclination, to be part of it. You will not be disappointed

Laurie Neville



MUSICAL NOTES

STAGE BAND

In past years the stage band has been a credit to NPBHS and 1998 was no exception. The young men produced a sound of Jazz, which can only be described as beautiful!

The start of the year brought about the same difficulties as the previous one. The biggest of these is the introduction of new players. Nick Smith made a change from Alto Sax to Tenor; Matthew Lagan took the solo and extra percussionist, while Richard Slater filled the empty spot of the bass player. Meanwhile, over in the brass section, Nick Hight and a very tall Tom Hazledine took 4th trumpet.

After these initial troubles we were well underway with items at assemblies and the exchange with Taradale. However, the highlight of the year for us had to have been performing at the New Plymouth Jazz Club.

This was where the real talents emerged, and they came in the form of Michael Taylor on trumpet, Lindon Jackson on Alto Sax and David Green on guitar. These students deserve a huge amount of credit as they played with style and confidence, which displayed their true talent. Solos also came from Jonathan Taylor and his trombone, James Webb in his debut solo on the Tenor Sax, Frazer Bremner on the Drums and Brendon McPhail also playing the trumpet.

Of course we cannot forget the preparation put in by the organisers, Mrs Allan as HOD Music, but especially to the band director, Mr Stewart Maunder who devoted much of his time to us. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and we truly thank you. Finally, I would like to give the band my best wishes for the future and I know you will continue the standard of Jazz which we have had in the past.

Thank you for a great year.

James Webb

Concert Band

A characteristic of this year's band that sets it apart from other years is the numerous occasions that we combined with NPGHS concert band. Firstly, for our hugely successful Auckland trip for the national concert band competition where we gained a prestigious silver award. This was a commendable effort considering that we were pitted against 48 other North Island concert bands, and it was a step up from our last year's bronze award. This was a time of real growth for the band and generally fun and games were had by all on the ice skating rink, in the Great Hall and the Aotea Centre. We also played together in the revue, Titanic Too, and in the NPGHS Spring Festival.

This year the band saw a new range of percussion from the glockenspiel played by James Riley to the exotic eastern gong played by Matt 'barrel' Lagan. Both of these added to the band's special flavour.

Recognition has to go to Mrs. Allan for her originality this year. Everything from her fab Starwars costumes to her groovy antics on the road show. She made the band's performance more than just another musical concert. Music is not for squares at Boy's High and I am sure that under her guidance the band will continue to entertain and perform with smashingness for years to come.
Tom Hazledine



NPBHS JUNIOR BAND

The Junior Band is made up of 3rd and 4th formers and has a great deal of talent. We practice once a week and learn a variety of music, from "Crocodile Rock" to "Malaguena". The songs aren't hard but prove a challenge.

This year we were involved in a few music performances. These included the Taranaki Secondary Schools Music Festival, and the 3rd form dean's assembly. At the festival we joined forces with other bands from around Taranaki to produce a marvellous concert for parents and public.

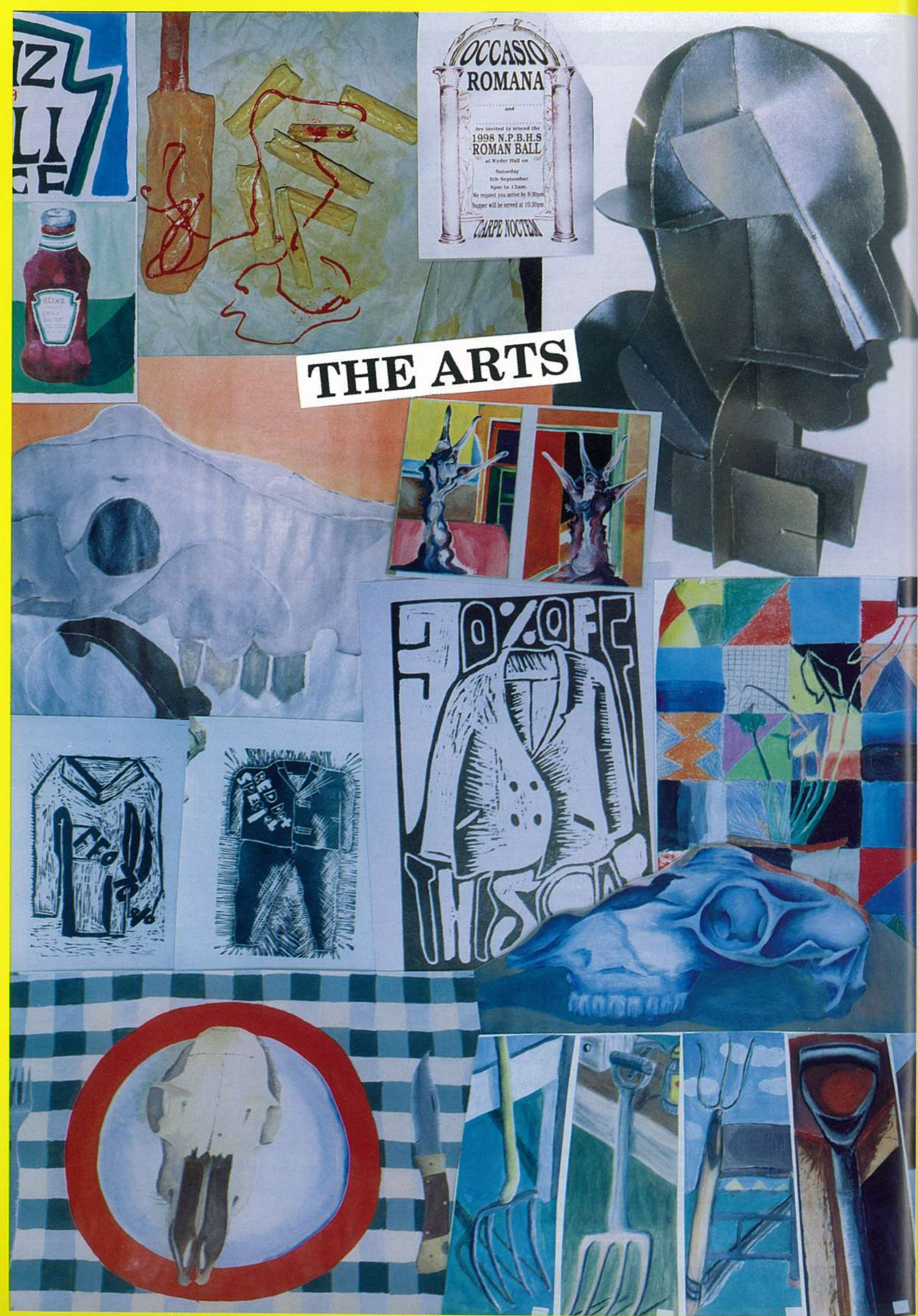
The bands sound has progressed well under the control of conductor Miss Casey and from the tuition of the schools itinerant teachers. Although a large part of the band will be leaving at the end of this year there will still be a strong core of players to carry on the great sound.

Alex Walton

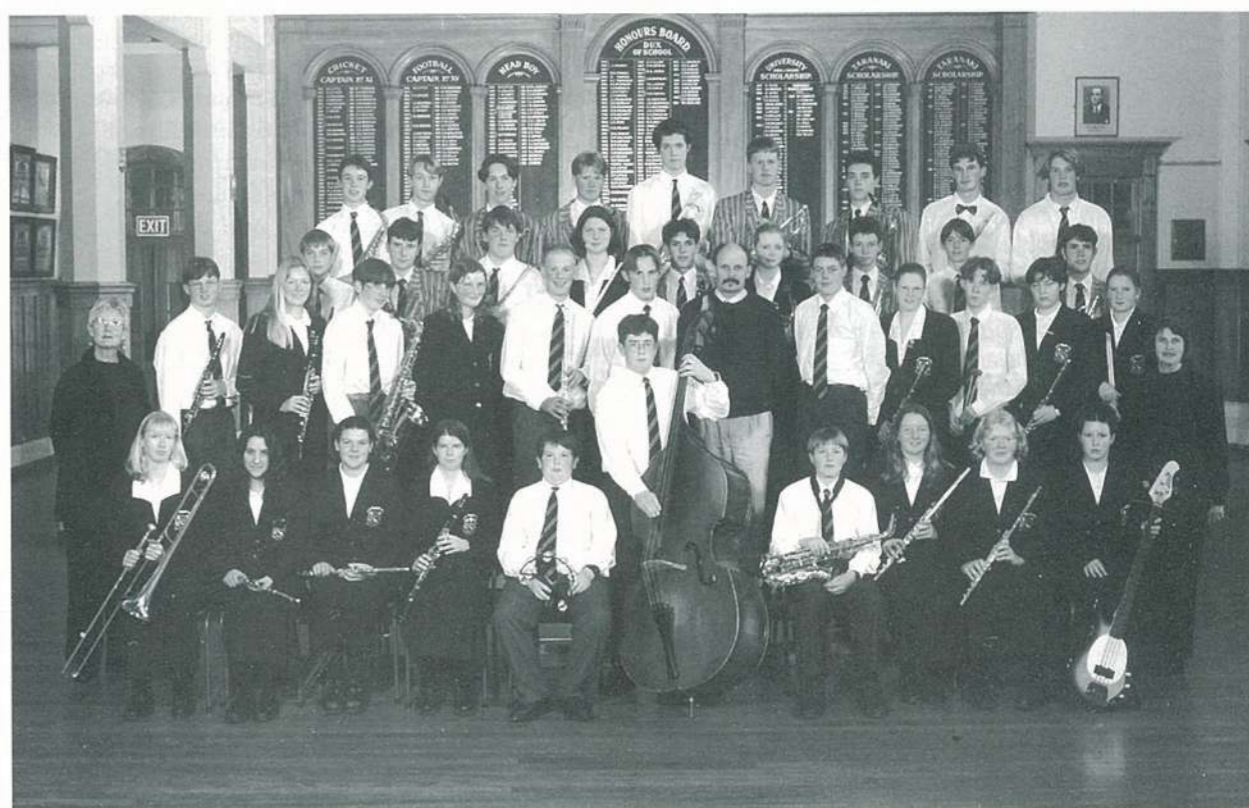


Laughter

Laughter is greeny orange,
And tastes like the first bite of a Big Mac.
It smells like a roast coming out of the oven,
And looks like a big smiley face.
It sounds like an echo
And feels as soft as a sponge
David Fraser 3rd Form



CONCERT BAND



LEAF POEM

Michael Climo H6

The car was very old and very crusty, rusting in the sun
 The tree was covered in brown leafy moss
 The dried molten lava turned into a hard black rock
 The crusty old sandwich was covered in mould, so we threw it out
 The sick man was so green he looked like a tree
 The old man stumbled into a path of a truck
 The man felt the shark's rough scales before he was devoured
 The desert is so dry nothing can survive for more than half an hour
 The basket ball player was so tall he always hit his head

FAT LADY

Henry Talbot

Fat lady lives her life to the fullest,
 Never pessimistic, always happy,
 The chocolate sauce is never half empty,
 Always half full.

Fat lady loves to dance,
 She swings her hips in the moonlight,
 Oblivious to the stares she receives,
 She's having fun.

Fat lady loves to eat,
 She gobbles three mains, and four desserts at restaurants,
 She doesn't care that people are watching,
 She's having fun.

Fat lady loves to dance,
 Fat lady loves to eat,
 Fat lady lives her life to the fullest.



CHOIR

If you think Mrs Allan has been looking older recently, it's hardly surprising, with the scale and diversity of the musical ventures in 1998.

1998 has by no means been a quiet year for the choir. Kicking off with the Taranaki Secondary Schools Music Festival, the Boys' High choir really separated the men from the boys when we taught FDC a thing or two about the fine art of singing. We added finesse to our singing with such finishing touches as intonation, timing and the ability to be heard. The Music Festival saw us combine with schools from throughout Taranaki, and the female influence was a welcome addition - particularly for James Riley, who was able to break from singing soprano.

The second event for the choir this year was the exchange with Taradale High School, which saw an enlarged choir croon out melodies such as Mirabile Mysterium.

Next was our big OE to the tropical paradise of Palmerston North for the NZ Choral Federation Festival. The choir received some favourable comments from the judges. There we competed with choirs from all over the North Island including our sister school and the other one who wears the red jerseys. Getting up and singing in front of an audience is difficult at the best of times, but especially so when you're standing next to Nathan Schuppaan and trying to imitate a pirate. Our contribution included Dance of the One-legged Sailor and Tim Finn's Parihaka, for which we had the lovely and multi talented Tim Simpson scratching out a few chords on the guitar.

A first for Boys' High was the 'Boys' High Road Show' in which NPBHS flaunted some of its musical talent to primary schools around New Plymouth. On this occasion the choir, seemingly unable to take themselves seriously and clad in distasteful head garments, rattled off an Elton John number from the movie 'The Lion King'.

A big thanks to Mrs Allan for the work and energy she puts into all the musical activities and students at Boys' High. The school's music culture would be lost without her. Thanks must also go to Miss Casey.

Toby Robins



MAGGOT MONSTER

Roy McDowall B9

Maggot monster started off small
 His pale body like a ping pong ball
 His life began with a wriggle and a grunt
 He was a measly maggot, a bit of a runt
 A luge fell from above, it was green and yellow
 Warm and sticky, easy to swallow
 Maggot monster devoured and digested, guzzled and gulped
 Getting considerably colossal with each mammoth mouthful
 Hog, Horse and Human went down the hatch
 Even my sisters were no match
 Maggot monster's insatiable appetite grew and grew
 His sweaty hulk consuming my room
 Maggot monster had to die
 All we needed was a special guy
 That was me, Roy McDowall
 I knew what to do, I knew how
 Shoving a pin in his side, Maggot monster let out a gurgle
 It wasn't a pop, more of a glop
 White ooze consumed my lungs
 Its smell was silage, an acidic gunge
 I was elated
 Maggot monster was deflated.

ENTERPRISE STUDIES

A group of F4 students has recently been awarded a regional Award for the NZ wide B.P. Community Project. The four boys are Andrew Bedford, Neville Lapwood, Thomas McLeod and Kurt Parry. The group presented a business plan for the project to produce outdoor wooden furniture for patients and their families at the Te Rangimarie Hospice. At a ceremony in late November, the boys won the award for the Taranaki / Wanganui / Manawatu and Horowhenua region.

66 entries were judged nation wide and 10 regional winners were named.

Mrs. P Crow



DEBATING

This year was the busiest year in Boys' High history. Not only were there more students involved but there were more competitions at both the junior and senior levels.

At the senior level Toby Robins, Adrian Humphrey and James Riley competed against Okato College in the Jaycees Competition. Then, in June, Jeff Mercer, Adrian Humphrey and Nilan Ekanayake competed in the Shell NZ Debating Competition. The team competed against Palmerston North Boys' and Girls', and Wanganui Collegiate all in the space of a long day. A young and relatively inexperienced team represented the school superbly. Toby, James and Andrew Gilkison also competed against Wellington College, annihilating the opposition effectively. At the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival, Andrew, Nilan and James narrowly lost to NPGHS. This result was also repeated in the debate for Mensa.

At third form level, Adam Jaidin, Matthew Rogers, Ryan Cowley and Peter Wilms performed exceptionally well in a total of 7 inter-school debates. Adam and Matthew were consistently awarded best speakers. The fourth form team of Matt Lagan, Campbell Mattson, Neville Lapwood, Ian Hickman and Tim Fitzpatrick did not have quite as much success but still competed to a very high standard.

All in all, a successful year for everyone involved and a huge learning curve for some. A huge, heartfelt thanks to Mr Warner for his incredible intellect and prolific patience.

Ms K Garcia.



SPEECH WINNERS

James Riley (F5), Andrew Gilkison (senior winner), Reece Meuli (F4),



PUBLIC SPEAKING

The finals of the Speech competition were held this year during Arts Festival Week. We were delighted that Mrs Margaret Crawford agreed to adjudicate. This was the first year for five years that her son Matthew was not in the competition (Matthew having left school last year) so at last we were able to call upon her considerable experience. Once again it was a most entertaining evening with a wide range of topics from "Genetic Engineering" to "Us Oldies" with many very entertaining speeches.

3rd Form: Finalists were Daniel Hight, Luke Millard, Daniel Willis and the winner was Adam Jaidin who spoke, using his own first hand experience, about "What's wrong with Egyptians".

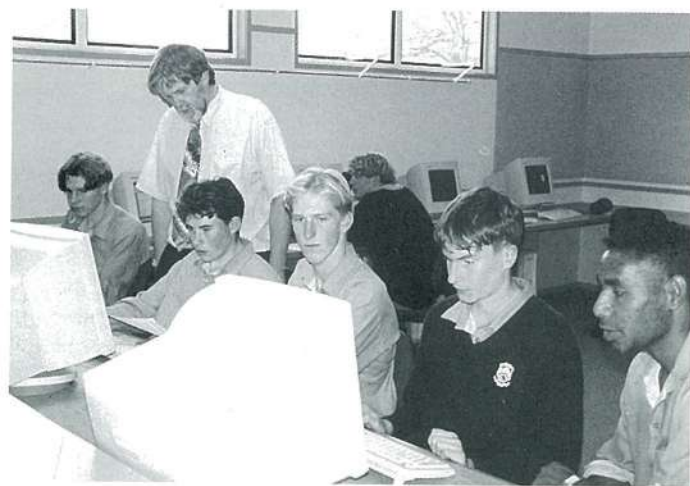
4th Form: Finalists were Richard Burkitt, Sam Lynskey, Nick Roughan and the contest was won by Reece Meuli with a very witty speech on "Effort"

5th Form: Finalists were Ben Clare, Fraser Smith, David Traylor and the winner was James Riley who gave an interesting twist to "Nursery Rhymes".

6th and 7th Form: Finalists were Scott Bremer, Sinclair Lonsdale, Brad McGlashan and Daryl McLean and the contest was won by 7th former Andrew Gilkison who was also awarded Best Speaker for his original views on "The Problem with Dogs".

Andrew has had great success with Public Speaking this year in the two terms he has been at school (For the first two terms of the year he was at Lawrenceville School in USA). He has progressed through the local and regional competitions of the Jaycees Speech Competition to win the Central Region competition and at the time of going to press he was due to speak in the national finals in Wellington over Labour Weekend. This is a superb effort from a talented young man.

Mrs Kirsty Hazledine



LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTRE

This year was again a very busy one for the Library Information Centre reflected by the number of classes using the Library for research and reading. The Library was also a popular meeting venue for groups from both within and outside the School. The number of books purchased and borrowed from the Library during the year also showed an increase over the previous year.

As part of the School's Information Technology plan, and in conjunction with the completion of the new ComputerLand Computer suites above the Library, the Library's computers were all upgraded and several other upgraded computers given to the Library. This has meant that there are now four multi-media computers allowing students access to the Library's over 30 CD's and three computers that are connected to the network providing access to all the programmes on the Server including the Internet. In order to ensure that students entering the School have the necessary skills to carry out research in the Library using the wide variety of information sources now available, a new course, Information Literacy, was introduced and run by the Library Information Centre. This involved all 3rd Form classes working in the Library and in the computer room on a ten week course on research procedure, including accessing information from computer databases.

We would like to thank the Library staff for the work that they have put in this year to ensure that the Library is efficiently run and that students always receive support and guidance when they come to the Library. Mrs Jean van Beers' control of the Library has again been thorough and efficient and she has been assisted by Mrs Doreen Baylee who continues to keep the Vertical File up-to-date as well as providing an ongoing variety of interesting and informative displays throughout the year. Mrs Terri Hay has continued to help out on a voluntary basis two or three days a week and has stood in during Mrs van Beers' illness. Her willingness to spend a considerable amount of time and effort in the Library for over two years is very much appreciated. The Library Monitors, under the very capable leadership of Brian Williams, have provided an invaluable service to the Library. They were: Brian Williams, Colin White, Stephen Maw, Brendan White, Bevan Brooking, Colin Fagg, Matthew Fenney, Ben Frost, Paul Sylvester and Stewart Marsh.



CADETS CORPS 1998

The year of 1998 was another reasonable year for the City of New Plymouth Cadet Unit. With the Unit having seen new promotions and having one of our cadets topping the junior N.C.O. course for the 5th time in 4 years. At the start of the year 8 cadets, 1 senior N.C.O. and 1 platoon commander went to Waiouru on A.F.E. with the Territorial force and spent 4 days running the extreme conditions of Waiouru desert. They spent the rest of the time on base, experiencing army life. The exercise went well and the Unit still maintains good ties with the territorials.

In this year's shooting competition the Unit shooting team managed to hold on to the trophy, the Gunson Cup, keeping it out of reach of the other teams in the running for it.

Also for the first time in Unit history, a newly promoted Officer by the name of Steve Muir. He is the first cadet in this unit to have started at the bottom as a cadet and worked his way up through the ranks to be promoted to an officer as a 2nd Lieutenant then to a Lieutenant and he was shortly followed by 2nd Lieutenant Jack Brand.

The Unit commander Captain Craig Luxmoore has been recently promoted to the well distinguished rank of Major Luxmoore. Which is one of the highest ranks you can go to in cadet force and to do it in 10 years is a great accomplishment.

For those of you who would like to see the Cadet Unit in action in the future you will have the opportunity to see the Cadet Unit at the Search Light Tattoo 1999 where the Cadets compete against the A.T.C. (Air Training Corps) in a competition of speed and agility. The Cadets won the last time, on both nights, by a VERY VERY large margin.

The Unit continues to offer its core activities to cadets e.g., bushcraft, first aid, field craft, weapon training, citizenship, drill (marching). Some of the things cadets also teaches you is self-discipline, pride, self-confidence, team work, leadership such as learning how to adapt, improve and overcome in problem situations and an over all desire to achieve and to be all that you can be. It is constantly developing a more comprehensive range of activities.

But to do this we need the on-going support of parents and cadets alike. It's a WIN WIN situation. We need cadets to keep up and running and cadets can benefit in life from the things we teach them.

The Unit had its tenth birthday this year and invite all ex-members of the City of New Plymouth Cadet Unit to attend the fall out parade on the 2nd Thursday of December.



THE NEXUS RESEARCH GROUP

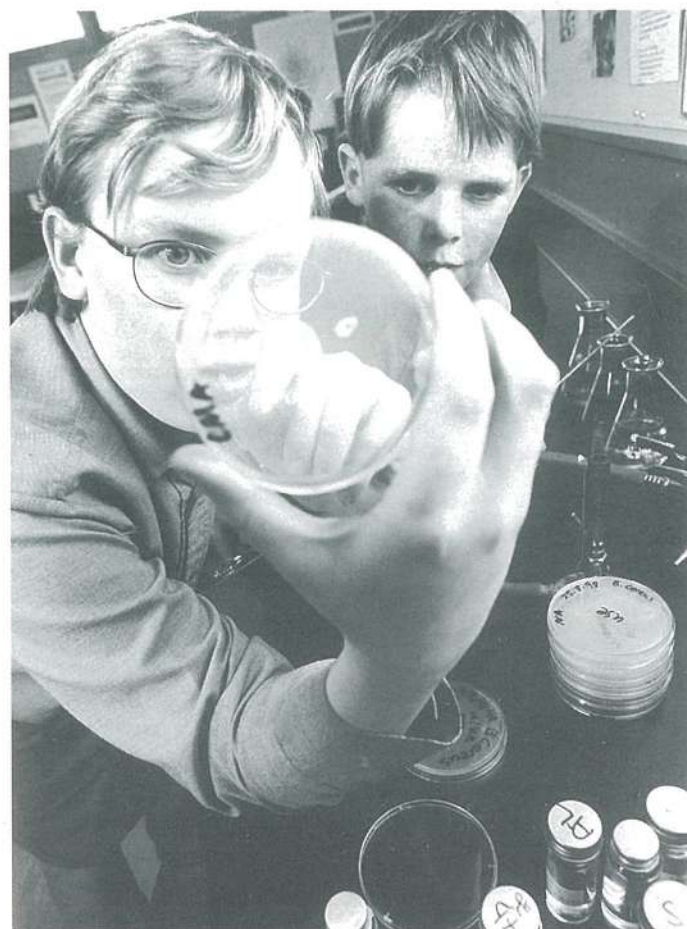
Question everything. Do lasers have recoil? Does an electronic toy really need batteries? Do our waterways spread antibiotic resistance genes? Was the AIDS virus man-made? Is there a hidden code in the Bible?

Find out more at <http://tipnet.taranaki.ac.nz/~mfenton>
This is the home page of the Nexus Research Group, New Zealand's first High School based research lab. Staffed by 60 volunteers who must work in their spare time, students become part of real on-going scientific investigations as a researcher, programmer or technician. There are opportunities to make public presentations, construct models or equipment, develop computer games, and visit industrial, medical or research labs.

Since becoming established in 1997 the lab has had a successful first year. Jared Broad was recognised for his work involving chemistry, robotics and biology by receiving their years *Kiwi Dairies Nexus Research Prize for Scientific Excellence*. Much of the gear that has been donated is now fully operational, the goal being to use similar equipment and processes to that of the workplace or Universities.

Being part of the group involves signing a code of conduct agreement and receiving a photo-identification access card. This is to ensure that projects do not interfere with other school work, experiments are carried out safely, and that procedures meet the standards required by the international scientific community. In return students choose their own project and gain access to a network of advisers from various educational, research and government agencies both nationally and overseas. The network is always expanding and includes Christine Fenton (NZ's authority on *Caulobacter*) and Alvin Smith (a world authority on Caliciviruses).

If you are interested in becoming part of the group contact Mr Fenton in Lab 9.



TRANSITION 1998

1998 has seen the STAR programme expand to involve 331 boys in various programmes including Automotive, Catering, Farming, Computer Programming, Welding and Panelbeating, Electrotechnology, Hairdressing, Self Management and Driver Education. We have requested that the Driving course, which is very highly rated by NZQA, be considered for a reduction in time to granting of full licence status similar to the arrangement with Defensive Driving. Harry Duynhoven is supporting us in this, and the issue is currently under discussion at Government level.

Next year we have requested First Aid, Aviation, Catering, Automotive, Driver Education and Self Management. We have sent one boy for pilot training in the past but having Aviation for a whole class is a groundbreaker for us and promises to be very exciting if we can get it through.

This year Mrs Carter was made Health Co-ordinator and NPBHS was selected to be one of a small number of schools to trial units from the draft curriculum which include Health, Physical Education and Home Economics. In return for trialling new units of work NPBHS has received a great deal of free teacher training and we are in an excellent position to implement the new curriculum when it is finalised.

Lunchtime sessions have been run in Transition this year as follows:

- Monday Peer sexuality advice and education from Glen McIntyre who attended a training programme on this.
- Tuesday Study skills, time management, goal setting, brain function, creativity, positive thinking, exam techniques and accelerated learning.
- Wednesday The Mindpower programme to maximise the performance of participants.
- Friday Smoke stop.

The MACRO group was started this year to extend our very able third and fourth form boys. We have run speedreading, memory training, braingym, scuba diving, Mindpower, study skills, chaos theory, and boys have been given career information and contacts for interests of their own choice from the very large selection of activities available in New Plymouth including an invitation to try out for MENSA. The Auckland University holiday seminars were also made available. Other boys opted into these activities, and also children from other schools. We are fortunate in having many teachers in school who extend students in their own field, and some subjects run extension courses of their own. Several of the MACRO boys have joined Mr Fenton's NEXUS research group. Form 5 Lifeskills has rocketed by at its usual pace. How does one teach a young man all the important new skills he will need over the next ten years in one hour a week? Very quickly!

The sixth and seventh form Self Management programme goes at a more leisurely pace and the boys have been able to earn 22 credits on the National Framework to form the foundation of their National Certificate in the subject of their choice.

We always back our activities with a confidential counselling service, so students and their parents can receive information, support, guidance or whatever they may need so they can move on to their next stage, which is what Transition is all about.

Mrs. Rosemary Carter



MĀORI CULTURE REPORT

1998 has been a quiet year for the Māori Performing Group. Early in Term 1, the school was visited by a talented group of young Māori actors and singers. This group is trained by Jim Moriarty, and always perform with confidence and skill. The name of the group was Te Rakau Hua o te Wao Tapu. Their humour was especially appreciated by the school.

Although the boys' were initially rusty, by the time of the Powhiri, they were more than prepared. In the Powhiri the boys did two haka and a very long waiata-a-ringa for us; He Pikinga Poupou. The Whanau Waiora or School Whanau Support Group has been reinstigated this year and meetings have been running since April. This has proved to be a very fine asset for the school. The group is made up of interested parents, staff and students. The group addresses issues that can foster continued Māori Development in our school. A major undertaking was the very successful Hangi that we put down for two visiting Rugby 1st XV's from Napier Boys' High and Rotorua Boys' High. We were able to make a profit of approximately \$2,000.00, this was raised to pay for a bus to Rotorua in November to collect piupiu. Through a kind grant from the school, we have managed to purchase 30 piupiu from a marae based workshop in Rotorua. I am sure that when the boys eventually don their new piupiu, their performances will be lifted. In October, 30 boys attended a 5 day Wananga on Māori Weaponry arranged by the Rangiatea Māori Department of the Taranaki Polytechnic. This proved to be very rewarding for those students, and I must say amazing to see them learning about Taiaha, Patu, Tititorea, Kemu Matimati, Haka, Pukana, and waiata composition. I'm sure that the course has triggered some of those students to continue further.

In conclusion, the school has much to offer Māori students, and I direct them to take note of the following two whakatauki-

"Whaia te Iti Kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe. Me he maunga teitei!"
 "Seek that which you desire, and if you fail. Let it be to a lofty mountain!"

"Tama tu, tama ora, Tama noho, tama mate!"
 "The boy who busies himself, lives, the lazy boy dies!"

No reira, e ngā hau e wha, noho mai i te Rangimarie.
 Tēnā koutou Katoa

T.T.M.C. Maihi
 HOD Te Reo Māori



TOPEC



FORM 3 CAMPS

BAY OF ISLANDS

We travelled nearly all day in a nice bus. The day was very, very hot. We arrived at the campsite with panting tongues and jelly legs. We pitched our tents while the teachers relaxed in their luxurious, water-proof cabins. Then I was introduced to my staple camp meal - BBQ steak with sauce and a drink of water. Next morning after some water bombing we went sailing and kayaking. We were in 2 man cats and with a good breeze blowing avoiding capsizing proved to be difficult. Some of the other wallys crashed into each other causing one of the cats to sink. Luckily they were rescued. The kayaking was great to start with but after 4 hours it became very tiring and rather tedious.

On Wednesday we went on a 20 metre catamaran to an island where we went snorkelling in refreshing, clear water. This was a major highlight of the camp. On the way back we were constantly sea sprayed and Mr Bayly lost his hat which meant one burnt head by the end of the journey. We spent some time in Russell and ferried back to our bus. We awoke the next day to rain which had got into our tents and soaked our gear - this was a drag. We packed in the rain and moved onto Orewa. We had our staple lunch of the camp (coleslaw cooked in a bun) and then went into town to venture up the Sky Tower. That evening we spent at Waiwera Hot Pools. We had to leave after Mr Bayly splashed out all of the water in the gutbuster competition. Friday morning we packed up and left for Waitomo where we went caving. I was concerned Matt Lagan might get stuck but luckily this did not happen. The remainder of the journey was again rather tiring but we all arrived back in New Plymouth in one piece after a week of great fun.

Roy McDowall



WELLINGTON

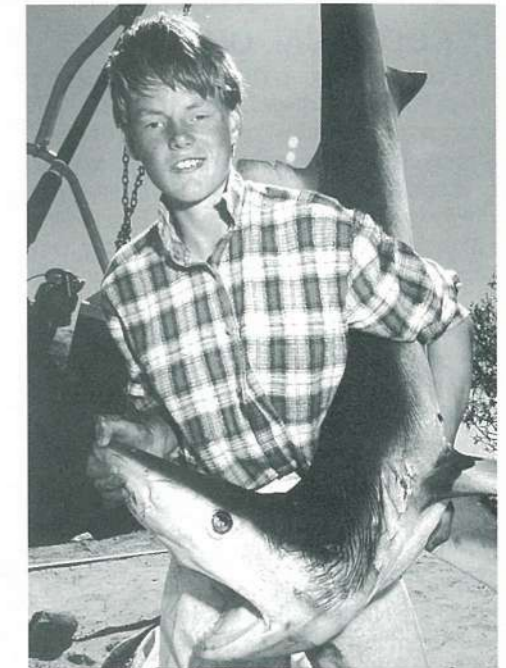
We drove down on Monday - 6 hours in a van (we took the scenic route). On the Tuesday we went mountain biking, 30km over the Rimataka Ranges. It was great fun but very tiring. We did experience some problems. On the way down there was a fork in the path. Mr Melville wanted to go left. The students wanted right. We went left. However, after 15 minutes into riding along this path we realised that we had taken the wrong one. Whoever said Geographers have an incredible sense of direction was wrong! Wednesday was a trip to Picton. In Picton we went for a swim. At the beach there were a lot of jelly fish which were used to throw at people. This proved to be a lot of fun especially considering the water was so cold. On Tuesday night we were allowed into town to do whatever we wished to do. The only thing was we had to be back by 7.00pm (no one abused this).

Richard Slater

FISHING

I went on the fishing camp to Mokau with the two weird scientists Mr Harland and Mr Lockhart. It was an awesome camp with no rules except that you had to attend every meal. No exceptions or excuses! Accommodation came in the form of 3 man tents or a sleep-out, that consisted pretty much of bunk beds. Water bomb fights were an important part of the camp. A highlight of the camp was the taking down and moving of Stewart Pollock's tent. This meant that he had to get out of bed at 1.00am every morning to find his missing belongings. Matthew Nicholls and Courtney Chalman were the clowns of the camp; their idea of a good time was stealing everyone's sneakers and hiding them. Sneakers are an essential part of successful fishing ventures. Overall it was an excellent camp, with a bit of everything for everyone. I would recommend it highly.

Moriz Hartmann



TONGARIRO

I was lucky enough to attend the Tongariro camp. I had heard a lot of information about this camp and I admit I was a little sceptical, but just after the first day my mind had changed completely. If you relish the thought of white water rafting one day and the Rotorua luge the next then this is the camp for you. The amazing outdoor activities kept me occupied and excited for the entire camp. The Sleeping/eating/playing facilities were top class. Great lunches were provided for our action packed days and the evening dinners were simply superb. Mr Hewlett is surely a great asset to the camp with his extensive knowledge of Tongariro. This is definitely the best camp I have ever been on.





NPBHS ECOLOGICAL GROUP 1998

The NPBHS Ecological Group (ECO Group for short) got off the ground in Term Two. Mr Andrew Thomson and Mr Tryfan Ephraim were keen to explore avenues for students who were interested in the environment. The original turnout was very encouraging then numbers settled down to a regular 3-4 keen students. Steven Bates, Andrew Hamilton, Nicky Joyce and Peter Wilmur were the mainstays of the group. The group usually met once a week and discussed options for action. Two projects were undertaken during the year.

The first project was to have recycling bins placed in the IT suite and the staffroom for paper recycling. This was done with the help and cooperation of Waste Management who provided bins, stickers and pickup. This project should be ongoing with room for bins in other areas of the school as students or teachers request them.

The other project was a planting of native trees by the Te Henui stream to the south of the cemetery. With the help of Paul Radich and Nicola McCrouther of the Taranaki Regional Council a likely site was identified. A proposal to adopt a stretch of the stream was then put to the NPDC Parks Department who gladly agreed. Paul Jamieson from the Parks Department was extremely helpful in providing 200 plants, getting them on site and giving the boys a valuable lesson in planting and plant types and their needs. Many boarders gave up their Sunday morning on that day to help in the planting and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

With the small number of students involved in the group the problems of time coordination little else was achieved this year. However a valuable start has been made and hopefully next year we can take it further, get the group bigger and carry on with more good work.

Andrew Thomson
Teacher In Charge



GEOGRAPHY

Over a weekend in February 1998, sixth form geography students were invited to participate in a summit climb of Mt Ruapehu. The purpose of the climb was for the students to enjoy themselves and to be able to study a glacier firsthand - as glaciers were the topic being studied at the time.

The group that were about to undertake the task included about 10 students accompanied by two teachers (Mr Russell and Mr Hewlett) and the gap student Mr Appleford. This group assembled outside Pridham Hall at around 5.00pm on the Friday night. After the stragglers arrived the luggage was packed and we were on the road, with Mr Russell behind the wheel.

The trip to Raetihi was a long one with our small bus having a hard time struggling up the hills. We passed our time listening to music and eating lollies before arriving in Wanganui in the early evening for dinner at McDonalds. With dinner out of the way, we sat back for the windy two hour trip in the dark to our destination - the old nursing home converted to a hostel in Raetihi.

Once we had pulled into the skinny metal driveway of the hostel at about 9.50, we all piled out, chose rooms and stowed our packs along with other luggage. Then it was a few games of pool and table tennis in the flickering lights of the lounge before heading off to our rooms for a good nights sleep, as we would have to get up at 5.00am the next day.

Mr Hewlett was the one who came around and gave us all the wake-up call on Saturday morning. Bleary eyed, we all stumbled out of bed and pulled on polyprops and beanies for the long climb ahead. Water bottles were then filled as we all scrambled around the kitchen trying to eat breakfast as none of us were hungry. Then it was on the bus again - this time with two more in our party, a couple of backpackers from Holland who decided to join us in our pursuit. The trip through Ohakune up to the Turoa skifield was a quick, yet cold one in the early hours of the morning and in no time we were in the deserted carpark of the skifield.

We started our ascent at breakneck speed, however, we steadily began to slow until we came to the place where we would have the first of many rests to come. We had completed about a quarter to a third of the ascent in only about fifty minutes, but we had to keep in mind it was the easiest part of the course completed and it was only going to get tougher. The lower third of Ruapehu is solid rock formations surrounded by slopes of scoria up which we scrambled.



As we climbed, the rock became more solid and we began to feel the crunch of snow and ice underfoot. Rests became more frequent as the slopes became quite steep. By now we had made it to a rocky ridge with a valley on one side and the glacier on the other. It was at this time, at this altitude, that one student became breathless and weak, Mr Hewlett made the decision to send the student back down and Mr Russell accompanied him. The rest of us pushed on.

At the top of the ridge it was a pure scramble of 70 metres to the base of yet another ridge which led straight to the summit. The top ridge was quite flat and exposed and we all had to crouch down and walk carefully under the force of strong winds. Finally we made it to the summit.

Lunch was eaten on the summit while photos were being taken. The summit provided brilliant views of the crater lake and surrounding crater, as well as Ruapehu's landscape. There were great views of the desert road area and the forested areas hugging



the base of the Turoa Skifield. However, we were not on the summit long and soon we were underway on the descent.

Half-way down the just-as-slow descent, we stopped and sidled onto the glacier - the object of our fieldtrip. Those without good climbing shoes were issued with an ice-axe as we explored the deep crevasses and icy slopes. Mr Hewlett gave us an explanation of different features - a kind of on site lecture, before we headed back to the rocky ridge and continued our descent.

The descent took longer than most people expected with legs turning to jelly. People split into groups of 2 or 3 which became strewn across the mountain. A couple of groups got lost and ended up taking the long way though eventually everyone turned up at the bus in the carpark. Then it was back to the hostel to get changed before piling back into our confined accommodations on the bus for the long ride back to school. This trip was only broken by a short stop at the Caltex station in Wanganui so that when everybody stepped out of the bus in New Plymouth, we all grabbed luggage and waited for rides in silence, dog-tired.

WORLD SCHOOL 97

In November 1997, Ms French, our Japanese teacher and Andrew Ramsay, then a Form 4 student and Vijay Rajagopal, then in 6th Form, attended a 9 day conference of high school students and teachers in Toyko. World School brought together representatives from 16 countries to discuss school life and their countries. The events were hosted by Kanto International Senior High School in Shibuya, Tokyo. Seminars were held at their campus at Katsura, 2 hours from Tokyo, with students coming into Shibuya to meet families with whom they spent 3 nights experiencing Japanese home life.

Andrew Ramsay spoke to participants and visitors from various embassies and media groups about his life in New Zealand. All were impressed as he listed the huge array of outdoor activities available within minutes of New Plymouth. Vijay Rajagopal spoke about life at New Plymouth Boys' High School. Andrew Ramsay appeared briefly on Japanese National Television as he said "Kia Ora" to the nation of 125 million people. NHK, the Japanese Television Network, and Asahi Shimbun, the large newspaper company, were the main sponsors of the event, so the media coverage was excellent.

During their stay the group visited Disneyland, which was conveniently situated between the two venues. There were cultural events and performances, with the New Plymouth Boys' High School Haka being very favourably received. All countries set up a National Display so that visitors could learn more about the different countries.

New Plymouth Boys' High School is again sending 2 students as New Zealand Ambassadors to Japan in November 1998. This year the theme for the conference will be "Discipline" - at school, in the home and in the community. This year there will be more than 25 countries participating in 9 days of activities.





PTA REPORT

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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, has 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, Hostel and the new IT Centre. We thank Lyal for his time and support, wishing him continued good health after his 'warning bell' went off!

FUNDRAISING:

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 Noticeboard for the Bottom Field, with the balance being invested for the IT Centre. The Golf Tournament held on December 7th, 1997 at New Plymouth Golf Club was extremely successful, with \$9,500 being raised to purchase a video projector for the Information Technology Centre. We are grateful to our major sponsor Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd, all the other Taranaki Business Houses for their generous support and to all those that participated. The Clear & Telecom Commissions continue to come in with funds being allocated to many different areas. A Hypnotist Show was held, eliciting a small but enthusiastic audience. A new initiative of a Calf Rearing Scheme was instigated this year with about 12 calves being offered this year, we are hoping to increase this next year. Gifts are often hard to find so the PTA had 100 Barbecue aprons made and printed which are available at the School Office for \$15.00

GUEST SPEAKERS:

We have had the following guests speak at our monthly PTA meetings; John Eagles & Robyn Watkins on the role of a Board of Trustee member, Bill Geange & Neville Duckmanton on the School discipline plan "Steps", Allan Elgar & Kirsty Hazeldine on 3rd & 4th Form reading & writing programme, Michael Fenton on the Nexus Research Group, Christine French and students on the World School in Japan, Geoff Ward, Murray Greenwood and Jan Morris (Matron) on the Boarding Hostel. We thank them all for so willingly coming to share with us their part in the life of the school.

CLOTHING:

Megan has again had an extremely busy year, outfitting boys, keeping tabs on the hired uniforms and co-ordinating the Canterbury tracksuit orders.

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. We were sorry to have Marilyn resign during the year and as yet have not had any offers to fill her shoes. We thank you for your tireless work at hosting many functions over the years.

GROUNDS:

Tony Bird kept his team busy throughout the year with a major effort down in the Prefab area, with painting, cleaning and the clearing of gardens brightening the whole area. On October 31st Spring Renovation Day was held to carry out a large number of maintenance and development tasks. This is the second year we have held this and thanks must go to Neville Duckmanton, Ivan Evans & his Grounds staff, teaching staff and the many parent helpers who make this day successful.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS:

The PTA was pleased to host a meet the Candidate night, and we wish the new Board well over the next 3 year term.

OPEN DAY/NIGHT:

The positive feedback for the new format of the prospective 3rd Formers information evening was great and showed that parents want to see the School in action.

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 1999.

Alison Sutton

President



OLD BOYS' NEWS 1998

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Sport

Old Boys again were again prominent on the national and international stage. Paul Tito, Tama Tuirirangi, Greg Feek, Gordon Slater, Reuben Thorne, Darryl Lilley, Brendan McGlashan, Michael Collins and Johnny Weston all represented different New Zealand teams in 1998. Stephen Miln, an Old Boy from the early 1980s, captained the All Japan team. A large number also played in the recent National Provincial Competition. The Taranaki team, who played with so much passion this year, had 10 Old Boys in their squad and were coached by Jed Rowlands and managed by Derek Sampson who are both Old Boys. A total of 9 other Old Boys played for various teams throughout the country. Ryan Wheeler and Michael Collins both played in the 1st Division final for Waikato. Graham Mourie also coached the Wellington Lions. This surely must be close to a New Zealand record. Good news for two Old Boys going into the 1999 season: Jed Rowlands is to coach the Auckland Blues and Reuben Thorne has been selected in a 40 strong World Cup training squad. Good luck to you both. On the cricket scene Old Boys continue to be prominent within the local Taranaki competition and a number played for the Taranaki A team. Regan West played for the New Zealand Youth team and obviously has a big future in the game. Gary Bell's (a past teacher at the school) son Matthew has just been selected for the Black Caps. Warren Wisnewski continues to play with success for the Canterbury A team while Matt Walker played for the Central District Stags.

Martin Donnelly celebrated his 80th birthday this and way he looks I am sure he could still do the damage on the cricket field. Maybe he is whom the Black Caps could do with.

John Honor became a life member of the World Surf LifeSaving Federation. Ben Scott won the Junior Ironman in 1998 and has been competing with success against some more illustrious seniors.





Troy Burbidge represented New Zealand at this year's Junior World White Water Kayaking Champs in Austria.

Brent Humphreys, Nathan Bennett, Grant Moorhead and Jonathon Cane continues to do well on the golf courses throughout the country and in some cases the world.

Aaron Bayliss made the Junior Kiwi rugby league team and would appear to have a big future in the game.

The Arts

The Bremner brothers, Steven, Mark and David, continue to make headlines on the NZ musical stage. For the 1st time in the history of the NZSO three brothers played together – the Bremner boys. David was awarded a United States \$120 000 two year scholarship to study for a masters degree in performance trombone. Dr. Timothy Deighton a world class viola player returned to NZ from the States to perform with his wife at the Govett Brewster. Tim is a lecturer in music at Pennsylvania State University.

Politics

Bruce Macdonald Brown was awarded the QSO in the New Year's Honours list.

1998 was the year of the local body elections and a large number of Old Boys are now helping make decisions in local governments. Central government representatives Harry Dynhoven, Roger Maxwell and Shane Ardern all have connections with the school. Brian Bellringer a long standing local body politician in New Plymouth finished his political career by not standing for the past elections. Brian has done a lot for the NP community in his time as a councillor.

Academic / Business

Murray Cox was accepted onto the Surgeon's Advanced Training Scheme mid way through 1998. Jack Shaw, the man who established the NPBHS Cadet Corp, retired from the Cadet Corp. the NPBHS Cadet Corp is still a very strong unit. Old Boys have established very good reputations in NZ Armed Forces. There is group of recent ones who are starting to move up the ranks included in this group are Peter Donovan, Paddy Crowskey, Brad Cave and Paul Mohi.

Jim Tucker has returned to NP after a very distinguished career in journalism and is currently the head of the Polytech's journalism course.

Todd Burbidge is currently installing gas pipelines in war torn Georgia. We hope that he is safe.



AUCKLAND BRANCH

This branch is still very active, on a formal and informal basis. This year a number of functions were held.

1. After the AGS rugby match, an informal function was held, for the 30 or so Old Boys in attendance at the game. Mr. Neville Duckmanton attended and spoke about the school.
2. Three Old Boys' golf tournaments have been held – these have been organised by Old Boys from the 1940s – Peter Baddely, Alan Stormont and Doug Morris. This has involved both the Auckland and Waikato branches.
3. Three teams were entered in an inter-collegiate golf tournament that was a great occasion.
4. The branch has made donations of \$2 000 to the Headmaster for the presentation of trophies, cups and other important school memorabilia.
5. A combined function for spouses and Old Boys of the New Plymouth Boys' and Old Girls of New Plymouth Girls' High Schools was held.

John Symes

BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

1999 will see the setting up of an Old Boys' Association in the BOP region. A great number of Old Boys now reside in Paradise ! Further details of the setting up will be forwarded to the parent body in due course.

Doug Harvie has purchased a Super Liquor outlet in Tauranga. Sons Andrew is an ANZ Mobile Business Manager in Auckland, Brendon is in his 3rd year of a bricklaying apprenticeship and is currently in the Taranaki A cricket team.

'Crafty' Crow now lives in the Mount savouring the delights of the area. Son Matthew was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the NZ Army and has just returned from Bougainville.

Murray Pease has moved to the Mount from Otorohonga. Son Clint has just completed his fabric engineering apprenticeship. Tony Mills has an orchard / farm at Te Puke. Sons Allan has completed an Ag. Sci. Degree from Massey and Richard is currently at Waikato University studying Film / TV.

Kevin Crossman along with his brother Graeme are joint owners of the Valintines Restaurant in Tauranga.

Barry O'Dowda the former Taranaki rugby rep lives at Papamoa. Paul Vyver is currently overseas as a rep for Carter Industries.

Ian Carmichael is self-employed as an insurance assessor. Ian Stockwell is making a name for himself in BOP bowls.

Neil Brown is working for State Insurance as an assessor. Alan Crowskey is working as an assessor for NZI.

Bob Fowler owns an ice cream parlour on the Mount. Dave Barton a former house master of Carrington is now in his 87th year and resides at Somerwater Rest Home. The major shock is that he has given up smoking.

Cam Neilson resides in Tauranga.

Geoff Crammond a past Headmaster suffered the loss of his wife recently. I am sure all who knew Geoff well share in his loss.

Gerry Monaghan a former school dux has retired from being a judge and resides in Rotorua.

There are a good number of Old Boys living in the BOP area and I feel that we will have a very progressive association up and running in the new year.

Ross ' Crafty ' Crow



WELLINGTON BRANCH

The visit of the 1st XV and 1st XI Soccer team to Silverstream

Sparks some life into our branch and once again a successful function was held at the Malthouse on the evening after the games. Lyl french-Wright was our guest of honour and he gave us an overview of the current state of NPBHS. Those in attendance at this function were : Warren Allen, Warwick Blundell, John Bremner, Malcolm Chapman, Dick Carter, Ken Comber, John Davies, Graeme Duff, Robin Fenwick, Phil Hogg, Bob Hamilton, Paul Holswick, Fred Hutchings, David Lash, Ian Launder, David McCrone, Derek McCorkindale, Lance McEldowney. Malcolm McCaw, Norm Payne, Phil Phillips, Gordon Page, Philip Ross, Colin Sarten, Neil Tuffery, Denis Tuffery, John Tannahill, Paul Tannahill, Hylton Tuckett, Alan Thompson, Barry Waite, Jeff Weston, Ian Webster, Alick Wilson. Note : I may have missed a couple so please excuse me.

A regular who was not there was Barry Boon who was overseas visiting family. Barry continues to work for the Police Complaints Authority. We also missed the valuable assistance of Chris Hogg who we understand is working in London.

The recent Local Body elections saw some familiar faces in the greater Wellington area :

John Ferris was returned as Mayor of Lower Hutt.

John Morrison was elected to the Wellington City Council.

Neville Beach was re-elected to the Makara-Ohauriu Community Board.

Murray Jensen was re-elected to the Kapiti Coast District Council.

On the sporting scene :

Graham Mourie coached the Wellington Lions to a reasonable result in the NPC even though they didn't make the semi finals.

An interesting note that at the Wellington College Rugby Club's Centenary celebrations the guest speakers were John Morrison and Graham Mourie.

Best wishes to all fellow Old Boys.

L.J.S Davies





My Great Grandfather

Every morning waking up From the world of dreams, And going to the cave To see the new world was Like a drop of water that drops Everyday but never ends. Sitting in his back yard Watching children playing, Shouting and enjoying themselves Reminding him of his good old days. Cracking down my memories I can remember when he taught me How to make an arrow when I was At an age of not knowing The answers to 1 + 1 Waiting For the grave to take him away had Given him thoughts About what it would be to live in Another world again. Though he had heard many good things, Things that would calm him down And help him forget about Everything from me Didn't change His life

He thought I was only eleven And these were superstitious Stories that I learned from The western culture, But he still Believed in his traditional way

Taitus Maima

Sinking

Sinking down down down to the bottom like an anchor waiting to hit the ground with a 'thud' looking towards the surface getting the last glimpse of sunshine because I was sinking, sinking down under the big blue sea like a rock in a river, like a foot print in the sand I could feel every last piece of air leaving my lungs but I could feel or see no more: I had drowned

Brady Kaye

TO THOSE LEAVING

As you draw near to the end of this wonderful publication we call the Taranakian, and start to reflect and draw conclusions on your school life, one can't help wondering "What if". "What if" I'd only been that yard faster, "What if" I had got around that corner in time not to be seen. "What if" I made this or that decision. Whether you made, on reflection, the right decision or not, is now history and you can put down the consequences to gaining experience. This is, in the end, what school does for you, and gives you.

It gives you experiences and right from the first day as a third form student, you started down the path of decision-making. What made this decision-making easy or hard, in terms of the consequences, was the fact that along the way you had support. Where did that support come from? First of all it came from your mates, your peers. They were always there, giving you direction, whether right or wrong. The teachers, they laid down the ground rules and often came in when the consequences were occurring. But encompassing this, was the school itself. What it stands for and what it expects of you. The messages are everywhere. The tradition, the buildings, the way we do things.

This was giving you the lead. The expectation to succeed to the best of your ability and to do unto others what you would do unto yourself. So what has it done for you?

That's for you to answer, but hopefully, when you go out into the world of work, or further educational endeavour, you will feel that its had a part in shaping you as a person. School days, when looking back, often bring the fondest memories and the further in time you move from these events, the larger in life are the stories that surround school.

Cherish these memories and the memorabilia you have. One of your proudest moments will have come from these days, not only in what you achieved but equally important what was achieved by a group you were in. Whether it be the concert band, a first group team or the Under 16B team which won its first game, the companionship and camaraderie are feelings that are hard to beat.

As you leave NPBHS remember you now enter into a wider community and you have responsibilities in it. Do have a sense of civic pride and promote yourself, and your community, in the best possible way. One might not want to be reminded, but learning is one life long journey. Add to your experiences and apply the skills and values you have picked up while here at NPBHS.

To you all I wish the very best of success in whichever endeavours you undertake. This is a school which actively follows your future with interest. We look forward to seeing you when you make your return visits to the school and would hope you actively participate in the Old Boy networks throughout the country.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA

B L Bayly Form 7 Dean Senior Master



Table listing names and year levels for groups B01 through B08. Includes names like HARKNESS, Alan, MARSH, Daniel, HENDERSON, Andrew, etc.



BREMNER, Fraser	YR11	GROUP D07	GADSBY, Andrew	4	HAY, Roger	YR13	LAURSEN, Mark	YR13	
BRIDGEMAN, Kyle	YR11	ADAMS, Scott	302	GARNERO, Luke	4	HICKMAN, Ian	4	RAUPUTU, Ria	YR13
BRIEN, Regan	YR11	APPLEBY, James	302	GLENNIE, Callum	4	BATCHELOR, Scott	YR11	WASHER, Bevan	YR13
BURNSIDE, Scott	YR11	AWAHOUI, Tyrone	302	EPPING, Paul	YR11	HICKMAN, Ian	4	GROUP H03	
BURY, Samuel	YR11	ARMSTRONG-FORBES,		EVETTS, Ryan	YR11	BATCHELOR, Scott	YR11	REEVE, Jay	YR11
CHADWICK, Timothy	YR11	Wade	304	FABISH, Richard	YR11	BROADMORE, Kurt	YR11	SMITH, Nicholas	YR11
ALLISON, Ben	YR12	ARBUCKLE, Simon	306	FARRELL, Logan	YR11	HAMMERSLEY, Cain	YR11	SOONTHORNSWAD, Marc	
CASTELL, Luke	YR12	ADAMS, Rhys	307	FEAVER, David	YR11	HARPER, Gareth	YR11	YR11	
CLEAVER, Tim	YR12	ADAMS, Terry	308	GARGAN, James	YR11	HARVEY, Nicholas	YR11	STANBRIDGE, Paul	YR11
DUPAS, Steven	YR12	ALDOUS, Jason	310	FALANIKO, Ata	YR12	HERBERT, Andrew	YR11	TAMATI, Monty	YR11
BENNETT, Steve	YR13	DOWMAN, Paul	4	FLAY, Conall	YR12	HERMANN, Blair	YR11	BERNIER, Sam	YR12
CARTER, Ben	YR13	DREW, David	4	FLETCHER, Scott	YR12	HICKEY, Brent	YR11	DAVIS, Mark	YR12
EDWIN, Colin	YR13	DUGGAN, Carey	4	FISHER, Kodie	YR13	BROADMORE, Rhys	YR13	BAKER, Duncan	YR13
FENWICK, Chris	YR13	EICHSTAEDT, Stephen	4	ROBINS, Bryce	YR13	DREW, Lee	YR12	FRIEDLANDER, Ben	YR13
GROUP D05		ERB, Michael	4	TANAKA, Junsho	YR12	MILLS, Thomas	YR12	MULLER, Keith	YR13
BROWN, Johnathan	302	FAIRHURST, Shay	4	ANDREIANOV, Andrei	YR13	NEEDHAM, Michael	4	SHIVAZ, Ahmed	YR13
BLACK, B J	303	FARRELL, Lee	4	BURTON, Reece	YR13	O'BRIEN, Haaretau	4	WILLIAMS, Tama	YR13
GARRETT, Lance	306	CORONEL, Zico	YR11	CAMERON, Matthew	302	COLEMAN, Darren	YR13	OGLE, Ryan	4
GIBBS, Laurence	306	COWLEY, Mark	YR11	BROOKING, Bevan	303	CROW, Shannan	YR13	GROUP H06	
CANTLON, Ryan	307	COWLEY, Matthew	YR11	CAMPBELL, Hadlee	303	FENNEY, Sam	YR13	COOK, Dale	301
GOULD, Damian	308	CROFSKEY, Luke	YR11	CLEMENT, Peter	303	HAY, Roger	YR13	HARRIS, Blair	305
GAU, Tim	309	CROWE, Richard	YR11	BROSAN, Luke	305	GROUP H01		BOURKE, William	308
GLDHY, Aaron	310	CULPAN, Tristan	YR11	CAMERON, Brady	306	YOUNG, Kieran	302	BEDFORD, Andrew	4
CLARKE, Alexander	4	CURD, Jeremy	YR11	CASKEY, Hayden	307	HALL, Tim	303	CLIMO, Michael	4
CLOKE, Nathan	4	CREERY, Reuben	YR12	CARGO, Justin	309	HANN, Chase	305	GREEN, Scott	4
CLOUSTON, Reade	4	DENT, Michael	YR12	GREEN, Julian	306	STANLEY, Adrian	305	NEWTON, Geoffrey	4
COLMAN, Isaac	4	FIELD, Cameron	YR12	GOODRICK, Hayden	4	HORROCKS, Sam	306	BETHELL, Daniel	YR11
COLSON, Brendan	4	FLAY, Brian	YR12	GORDON, Michael	4	ESPINER, Michael	4	COOK, Hayden	YR11
COOPER, Rion	4	BRIDGER, Steven	YR13	GOVENOR, Raymond	4	FOX, Anthony	4	LE PROU, Rene	YR11
CRUICKSHANK, Lys	4	FRASER, Michael	YR13	GREIG, Coddie	4	GOPPERTH, Jimmy	4	MCGLASHAN, Jeffrey	YR13
CANTLON, Jarrod	YR11	GUPWELL, Desai	4	GUNNELL, Scott	4	KEECH, Christopher	4	PEAT, Andrew	YR11
CASH, Jason	YR11	GROUP D08		RUSSELL, Jamie	4	RADCLIFFE, Daniel	4	ROSS, James	YR11
CHURCHILL, Matthew	YR11	BATCHELOR, Damian	301	DIMOCK, Nik	4	WELSH, Jonathan	YR11	WELSH, Jonathan	YR11
CLARE, Ben	YR11	BENTON, Matthew	310	GORDON, William	303	ASIGAU, Raymond	YR12	ASIGAU, Raymond	YR12
CLOW, Tony	YR11	BERRY, Deon	304	SCHURR, Tom	309	CROSS, Andrew	YR12	GORDON, William	YR12
COLES, Gillan	YR11	BINT, Remi	302	BRAGGINS, Michael	4	KURIGER, Donald	YR12	DRAVITZKI, Jonathan	YR12
CLARKE, Daniel	YR12	BIRD, Karl	308	DONALDSON, James	4	CAIRNS, Reuben	YR13	KURIGER, Donald	YR12
CLEAVER, Matthew	YR12	BISHOP, Robert	304	HILLS, Denbigh	YR11	GIGMAL, Michael	YR13	CAIRNS, Reuben	YR13
COLES, Bryce	YR12	BLAND, Mark	303	LAGAN, Matthew	4	GILLBANKS, Andrew	YR13	GIGMAL, Michael	YR13
COLLINGWOOD, David	YR12	EDMONDS, Kerry	309	MOFFITT, Terry	4	HONEYFIELD, Al	YR13	GILLBANKS, Andrew	YR13
YR12		AHMED, John	4	PARRY, Kurt	4	SWITZER, Mark	YR13	HONEYFIELD, Al	YR13
CONEGLAN, Sean	YR12	BURTON, Simon	4	PEDERSEN, Adam	4	GROUP H07		SWITZER, Mark	YR13
COLES, Sam	YR13	CHAPMAN, Callum	4	RUCHTI, Janick	4	KING, Tioma	301	THOMPSON, James	YR11
CORKIN, Hayden	YR13	DAWSON, Brent	4	CHRISTENSEN, Lance	YR12	QUAY, Graeme	303	THOMPSON, James	YR11
COUCHMAN, Jeremy	YR13	FAULKNER, Joseph	4	YR11		NEWLAND, Scott	305	YR11	
GROUP D06		COOPER, Raymond	304	SCHRIDER, Brent	YR12	FERRIS, John	YR11	YR11	
ADAMS, Patrick	301	HANN, Jody	305	SINGLETON, Bevan	YR12	FLEMING, Adam	YR11	YR11	
GULLLIVER, Richard	303	CORLETT, Jared	4	HOOVER, John	YR11	GORDON, Graeme	306	YR11	
COXHEAD, Matthew	306	GOLD, Nathan	4	CASH, Benn	308	HOOPER, John	306	YR11	
HALE, Vaughan	306	AGNEW, Myles	308	HERBERT, Glen	4	CASH, Benn	308	YR11	
HAMILTON, Andre	309	CASTLE, Daniel	308	HERBERT, Keith	4	HERBERT, Glen	4	YR11	
GREIG, Joshua	310	CLEARY, David	308	HONEYFIELD, Grant	4	HERBERT, Keith	4	YR11	
GRIFFIN, Marcus	310	COWLEY, Ryan	309	LE PROU, Cole	4	HERBERT, Keith	4	YR11	
HACON, Jonathan	310	FENNEY, Matthew	310	MACLEOD, Thomas	4	HONEYFIELD, Grant	4	YR11	
CROZIER, Paul	4	GOODIN, Sheldon	4	PAPPS, Michael	4	LE PROU, Cole	4	YR11	
DAGGER, Jacob	4	GURRY, Bernard	4	COOK, Richard	YR13	MACLEOD, Thomas	4	YR11	
DAVIES, Jonathan	4	HADDON, Desmond	4	CUNNINGHAM, Brad	YR11	PAPPS, Michael	4	YR11	
DEARDEN, Leighton	4	HALES, Ben	4	FLAVELL, James	YR13	COOK, Richard	YR11	YR11	
DEE, Sam	4	HANSMAN, Jared	4	GULBRANSEN, Ryan	YR11	CUNNINGHAM, Brad	YR11	YR11	
DELLOW, Morehu	4	HARTMANN, Moriz	4	HUNTER, Robert	YR11	FLAVELL, James	YR11	YR11	
DX, Lee	4	HARTVEY, Alex	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	GULBRANSEN, Ryan	YR11	YR11	
TUILETUFUGA, Des	4	HEALEY, James	4	GORDON, Robert	YR12	HUNTER, Robert	YR11	YR11	
CHRISTOPHERS,		HICKMAN, Ian	4	GULLIVER, Mack	YR12	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
Hamish	YR11	BATCHELOR, Scott	YR11	LAKA, Rupert	YR12	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
COCHRANE, Euan	YR11	BROADMORE, Kurt	YR11	MCGLASHAN, Bradley	YR12	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
COLEMAN, Mark	YR11	HAMMERSLEY, Cain	YR11	ROGERS, Matthew	309	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
COLLINS, Jon	YR11	HARPER, Gareth	YR11	WILSON, Daniel	310	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
CONEGLAN, Aaron	YR11	HARVEY, Nicholas	YR11	WILSON, Daniel	310	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
ASTON, Anthony	YR12	HERBERT, Andrew	YR11	BALDWIN, Cole	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
BLACK, Leif	YR12	HERMANN, Blair	YR11	BEATTY, Quinton	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
CLAASSENS, Riaan	YR12	HICKEY, Brent	YR11	BURKE, Jaeger	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
CORBETT, Bruce	YR12	BROADMORE, Rhys	YR12	INGRAM, James	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
BOOTH, Chris	YR13	DREW, Lee	YR12	MARSHALL, Jesse	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
DAVISON, Tristan	YR13	TANAKA, Junsho	YR12	MCFARLANE, Ian	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
		ANDREIANOV, Andrei	YR13	SHIFAZ, Mohamed	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
		COLEMAN, Darren	YR13	SMILLIE, Russel	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
		CROW, Shannan	YR13	SMITH, Warrick	4	MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	
		FENNEY, Sam	YR13			MORTENSEN, Oliver	YR11	YR11	



COPLESTONE, Chris	305	TAYLOR, Michael	YR12	PETKOVSKI, Mario	310	ROLLO, Paul	YR11	WEBLEY, Jimi	4
ANNABELL, James	301	TURNER, Matthew	YR12	THOMSON, Robbie	310	SCHRODER, Haydn	YR11	WILSON, Scott	4
FERNANDO, Marcel	4	WALSH, Stephen	YR12	QUEREA, Timothy	4	SIMON, Dion	YR11	QUAY, James	YR11
HAGENSON, Paul	4	WATTS, Christopher	YR12	ROELANDS, Jock	4	SOLE, Dion	YR11	RAMSAY, Andrew	YR11
HERLIHY, Craig	4	MERCER, Jeff	YR13	SCHRODER, Danny	4	TAYLOR, Anton	YR11	SCHUPPAN, Nathan	YR11
HONEYFIELD, Craig	4	PREBBLE, Daniel	YR13	WONG, Kelvin	4	WILSON, Dillon	YR11	SNOWDON, Jason	YR11
HUTCHINGS, Logan	4	PROFFIT, Mark	YR13	YOUNG, Travis	4	WOODWARD, Jay	YR11	TRAYLOR, David	YR11
SWEETMAN, Nathan	4	SCOTT, Alexander	YR13	QUILTER, Jason	YR11	SMITH, Nicholas	YR12	WATSON, Allister	YR11
ENRIGHT, Nicholas	YR11	SULLIVAN, Brontain	YR13	ROWE, Mike	YR11	STOCKMAN, Kent	YR12	QUIN, Mathew	YR12
LAWN, Nick	YR11			SMEATON, Joshua	YR11	TRIVEDI, Setu	YR12	THORNHILL, Shane	YR12
LERTRUNJAKORN, Tong	YR11	GROUP S03		SULZBERGER, Kent	YR11	WRIGHT, Jeremy	YR12	WELLS, Nigel	YR12
WALLACE, Jarid	YR11	WATSON, Barry	301	TOIA, Caleb	302	ZURAKOWSKI, Zygi	YR12	WOOD, Mark	YR12
MANAGH, Richard	YR12	RILEY, David	302	VILE, Scott	303	POWER, Haden	YR13	WEBB, James	YR13
MCLEAN, Laurie	YR12	WELCH, Hamish	303	WOOD, Rodney	306	SIMPSON, Tim	YR11		
SWEETMAN, Tamati	YR12	WATSON, Matthew	310	ZAVOS, Steve	YR11			GROUP S10	
LAWN, Joseph	YR13	WILLIS, Daniel	310	SAMPSON, Michael	YR12			TIAVOLO, Fred	304
MURDOCH, Aaron	YR13	RAVEN, Brent	4	SINGH, Jithen	YR12			SENG, Kim	301
PURDIE, Tony	YR13	ROUGHAN, Nicholas	4	TE AWA, Damian	YR12			SHUTE, Jason	301
WALL, Aaron	YR13	SARTEN, Llewellyn	4	WILLIAMS, Sam	YR12			SANDS, Brook	302
WHEELER, Richard	YR14	SPIERLING, Neil	4	ROBINS, Toby	YR13			STEPHENS, Glen	305
		WAITE, Ryan	4	SOH, Martin	YR13			SCOLLER, Jared	307
		WHITING, Hayden	4	YOUNG, Keung	YR13			SEVERINSEN, Jeremy	309
		ZIMMERMAN, Aaron	4					RIDDICK, Jarrod	4
GROUP S01				GROUP S06				ROBERTS, Shane	4
MCKAY, Matthew	302	PETERSEN, Isaac	YR11	PUTT, Chris	301	WALTON, Alex	4	SYLVESTER, Paul	310
WILSON, Brent	302	ROPER, Hamish	YR11	RASMUSSEN, Michael	303	WILSON, Daniel	4	TURNER, Levi	310
MILES, Ray	303	ROSS, James Tama	YR11	RANSFIELD, Nathan	305	YANDLE, Hamish	4	ROBERTSON, Andrew	4
VAN LAAR, Thomas	303	RYAN, Samuel	YR11	PRESTIDGE, Jordan	308	ROBERTS, Matthew	YR11	ROWE, William	4
MCKENZIE, Mark	307	SOMERS, Michael	YR11	WILMS, Peter	309	SMITH, Caleb	YR11	SUTER, John	4
MCLEROY, Cameron	308	WALES, Mark	YR11	PROUSE, Paul	310	SPEAK, Ainsley	YR11	TALO, Philip	4
MCINDOE, Tim	308	WILSON, Vaughan	YR11	QUINLAN, Jeffrey	310	TILLEY, Michael	YR11	TIAVOLO, Sio	4
MEULI, Shane	308	NEIL, David	YR12	WHITE, Brendan	310	VICKERS, Tim	YR11	HARRIS, Jonathan	YR11
MILLARD, Luke	310	RAVJI, Jayden	YR12	THOM, Alan	4	WANSBROUGH,	4	PETERSEN, Lyle	YR11
ROEBUCK, Matthew	4	THOM, Alan	YR12	WHITEHEAD, Logan	4	Aaron	YR11	POAD, Berwyck	YR11
SARTEN, Todd	4	PILLAY, Eugene	YR13	RAJAGOPAL, Vijay	4	OGASAWARA, Taka	YR12	ROWE, Mack	YR11
TROY, Darren	4	RAJAGOPAL, Vijay	YR13	WELLINGTON, Dean	4	ROYCROFT, Kenny	YR12	RYKEN, Uriah	YR11
VEITCH, Ricky	4	WELLINGTON, Dean	YR13	TURNER, Sam	4	TAYLOR-SMITH,	4	SMITH, Nick	YR11
VOSSLER, Henry	4	WILLIAMS, Bryce	YR13	SMITH, Fraser	YR11	Andrew	YR12	TEMATA, Riki	YR11
WISNEWSKI, Craig	YR11			SMITH, Leighton	YR11	TOOLE, Brendan	YR12	VELLINGA, Jade	YR11
ISHIMOTO, Shuya	YR11			STREET, Adam	YR11	PHILP, Jared	YR13	QUAYLE, Mark	YR12
RAVEN, Tyler	YR11	GROUP S04		THOMPSON, Brent	YR11	RUMBALL, Tom	YR13	ROSS, Gregory	YR12
REID, Aaron	YR11	TAMAPUA, Sila	301	VEITCH, Robert	302	SMITH, Craig	YR13	SMITH, Clinton	YR12
STONNELL, Lewis	YR11	O'BRIEN, Darcy	303	WHITE, Colin	305	STEPHENS, Aaron	YR11	THOMAS, Stuart	YR12
THOMPSON, James	YR11	NICHOLLS, Hayden	303	WILMS, Heath	305	STEWART, Mark	YR13	WYLDE, Jade	YR12
WESTON, Tim	YR11	SEXTON, Sean	306	SCOTT, Jacob	306		YR13	ROBINSON, Simon	YR13
RATFORD, Daniel	YR12	NORRIS, William	307	SMITH, Bradford	307	GROUP S09		SPANHAKE, Jeremy	YR13
SMITH, Dayne	YR12	NAUS, Phillip	307	SMITH, Alan	YR12	SMITH, Aaron	301		
URWIN, Paul	YR12	O'NEIL, Chris	309	STEYN, Douw	YR12	SOLE, Haydyn	301	GROUP S11	
WALLIS, Brendon	YR12	NANA, Eli	309	THEOBALD, Joshua	YR12	SOLE, Zac	302	ZIMMERMAN, Karl	302
WHITWELL, Chris	YR12	RAUMATI, Jeb	4	VISSER, Andre	YR12	SMEATON, Bennet	303	VISSER, Brayden	303
PETERS, David	YR13	SUBRAMANIAM, Joshua	4	O'KEEFE, Andrew	YR13	SOLE, Matthew	303	WU, Darren	303
PINTOR, Ricardo	YR13	TALBOT, Henry	4	STEPHENS, Allen	YR13	STEWART-JACKS, Sam	306	VEDDER, Stephen	304
SARTEN, Dion	YR13	TATE, Richard	4	WILLIAMS, Brian	YR13	SILVER, Scott	308	VAN WINKEL, Dylan	305
VITANACHY, Chanuka	YR13	TONG, Simon	4	VISSER, Marcel	4	SMITH, Dean	308	WILSON, Mark	306
		VISSER, Marcel	4	WOODWARD, Jake	4	SMITH, Jesse	308	ROBINSON, Blake	4



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