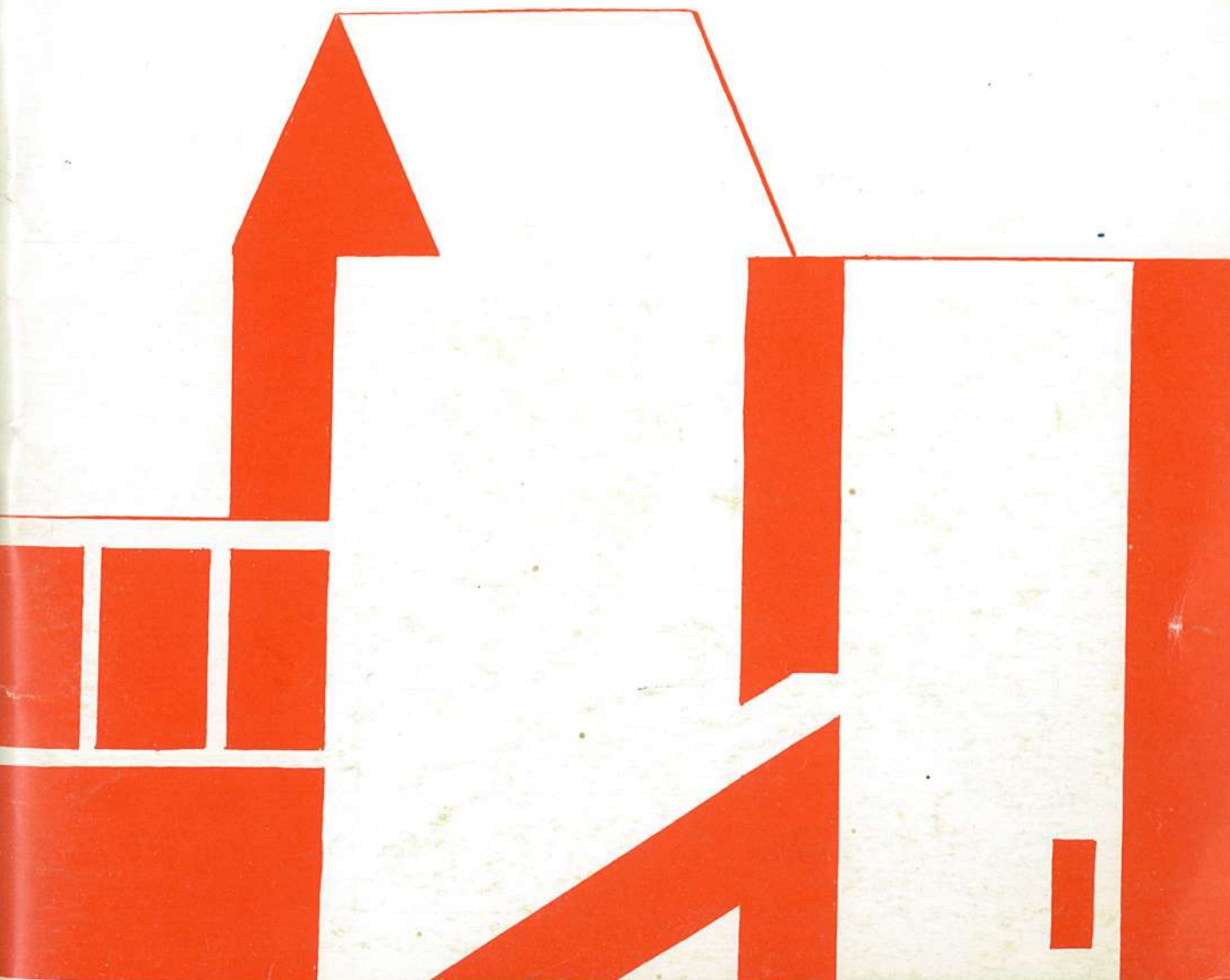


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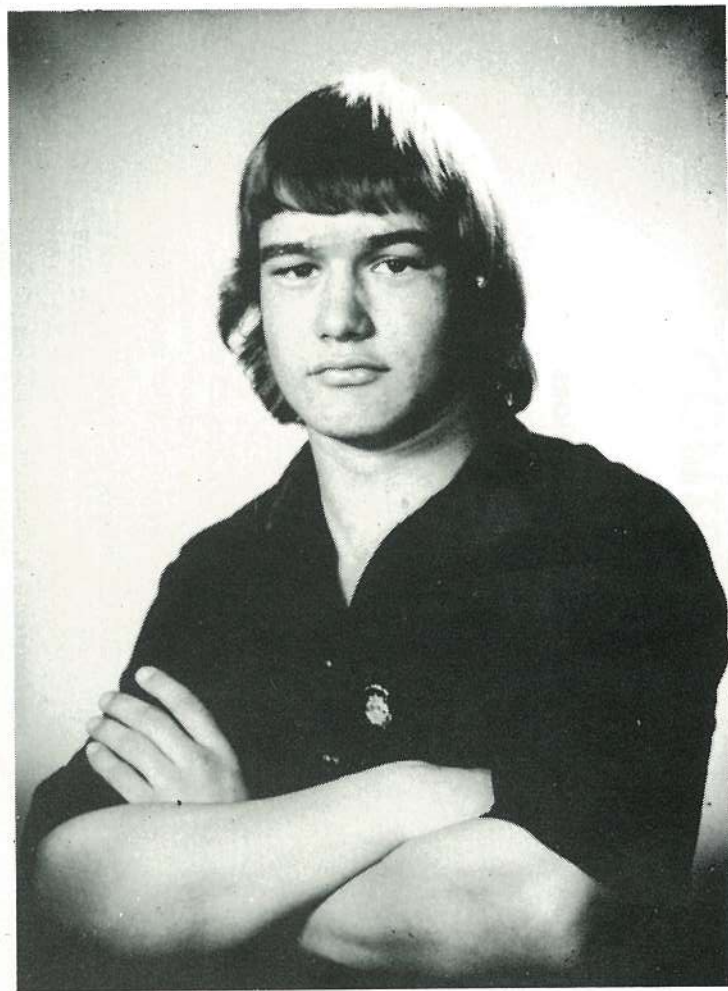
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BLUE HOUSE: Housemaster: Mr R. E. Brine. **Deputy Housemaster:** Mr D. H. Bennett. **Group Teachers:** Messrs A. L. Anker; N. A. Coup; B. H. Barnitt; P. G. Lay; D. H. Bennett; D. K. D. Collier; H. Groves; K. J. Crawford; M. E. Dobson.

Head Boy: R. Beaven. **Councillors:** R. Beaven; P. Boekhorst; R. Adlam.

GREEN HOUSE: Housemaster: Mr. L. V. Giddy. **Deputy Housemaster:** Mr B. Hurle. **Group Teachers:** Messrs. I. D. Francis; J. A. Fulcher; K. J. Gledhill; W. K. Grant; R. L. Harris; B. F. La Franchie; B. J. Hurle; T. G. Heaps; D. F. H. Gush.

Head Boy: M. Gray. **Councillors:** M. Gray; P. Hurley; C. Howan.

MAROON HOUSE: Housemaster: Mr M. C. Carroll. **Deputy Housemaster:** Mr D. G. Mossop. **Group Teachers:** Messrs. W. J. Morton; J. A. Joyce; E. J. Jennings; Mrs I. S. W. Gallon; P. N. McCaskill; A. Dewar; D. J. Mossop; J. Krook; O. J. Oats; T. P. Kreisler.

Head Boy: J. Mildenhall. **Councillors:** J. Mildenhall, A. Percival, R. Mills.

WHITE HOUSE: Housemaster: Mr E. J. Abraham. **Deputy Housemaster:** Mr E. Picton. **Group Teachers:** Messrs. E. Picton; R. T. Rowlands; D. R. Ranger; R. W. Stocks; N. G. Wright; R. Turner; P. Rangitaawa; A. B. Watson; J. D. Whelan.

Head Boy: M. Smith. **Councillors:** P. Van Praagh (Head Boy of School); M. Smith; W. Wilson; T. Wilson.

BOARDING HOSTELS

Warden: Mr E. Picton

Senior Tutors: Moyes/Annexe: Mr. L. Denton. Carrington: Mr I. Francis.

Master-In-Charge Dining Room: Mr J. Hatherly.

Tutors: Moyes/Annexe: Mr. W. Grant; Mr. T. Heaps; Mr. R. Rowlands (Term 1); Mr J. Morton. **Carrington:** Mr. D. Collier; Mr. J. Joyce; Mr. R. Stocks.

Head Boarder: P. Hurley.

Moyes/Annexe: Head-boy: J. Mildenhall; **Prefects:** N. Andrew; A. Percival; B. Proctor, M. Smith; T. Wilson; W. Wilson.

Carrington: Head-boy: R. Mills. **Prefects:** C. Allañ; G. Hill; B. Hine; S. Rowe; J. Steeghs.

ACTIVITIES AND MASTERS-IN-CHARGE

Astronomy: Mr Whelan.

Athletics: Mr Watson, Mr La Franchie.

Badminton: Mr Heaps.

Basketball: Mr Lay.

Cadets: Mr Carroll.

Careers: Mr Dobson.

Chapel: Mr Hatherly.

Chess: Mr Fulcher.

Cricket: Mr Denton.

Debating: Mr Crawford.

Drama: Mrs Gallon; Mr Crawford.

Films: Mr Oats.

Hockey: Mr Grant.

Interact: M. Smith.

Library: Mr Heaps.

Life-Saving: Mr Dobson.

Music: Mr Joyce.

Old Boys' Notes: Mr Denton.

Outdoor Recreation: Mr Carroll.

Parent-Teacher Association: Mr Heaps (Secretary)

Philately: Mr Fulcher.

Photography: Mr McCaskill.

Rowing: Mr Stocks.

Rugby: Mr Bennett.

Sailing: Mr Ranger.

S.C.M.: Mr Barnitt.

Shooting: Mr Oats.

Soccer: Mr Picton.

Softball: Mr Denton.

Squash: Mr Mossop.

Stationery: Mr Anker.

Steeplechase: Mr Stocks.

Surf Riding: Mr Gledhill, Mr Turner.

Swimming: Mr Gledhill.

"Taranakian": Mr Crawford; Mr Coup.

Tennis: Mr Heaps.

Text Books: Mr Allison.

Tramping: Mr Collier.

Volleyball: Mr Stocks.

Visual and Audio Systems: Mr Oats.

Staff changes

Mr W. R. Halliburton. Although there have been several staff changes during 1976 perhaps most notable has been Mr W. R. Halliburton's resignation from Boys' High to take up a position as Senior Tutor in English and General Studies at Taranaki Polytechnic. His resignation was effective from the end of Term 1.

Mr Halliburton, who came to the school in 1955 directly from the Primary Service, served the school for twenty-one years, during which time he did much for the development of the school, not only in the narrow academic sense, but in the way in which the school saw itself, as a learning community. Initially serving in the English Department under Mr Alexander, he became in turn Head of English offering invaluable service to both staff and boys in the English area. Further to this, the whole school benefitted from his deep and perceptive interest in the social aspects of education. To this effect, liberal studies and general studies courses were developed and supported by Mr Halliburton.

In 1974, he served as N.Z. President of the Post-Primary Teachers' Association, becoming Senior-Master upon his return to the school. The latter position was a reflection on the high regard with which he was held within the staff, both for his sympathetic understanding of the needs of younger staff and for his competent advice on professional matters.

Among the many other contributions made by Mr Halliburton are the production of school dramatics under the rather more difficult conditions of days gone by when the gymnasium provided the only "theatrical venue" of the school, support for oratory and debating within the school and production over many years of The Taranakian.

We wish Mr Halliburton well in his new position, and hope that he finds it as enjoyable as his time with Boys' High for the many services he had done the school. We thank him.

Other changes

Other members of staff to resign this year include Mr N. Stone who left teaching to take up a position in the business world at the end of Term 1. Mr Picton and Mr Dewar leave the staff at the end of the year, Mr Picton returning to England and Mr Dewar taking over a department at Taihape High School. We wish all these members well.

This year saw many additions to our staff. Mr Morton returned from his sojourn overseas, while new faces include Mr Coup, (English), Mr Turner and Mr McCaskill (Biology/Science), Mr Lay (Chemistry), Mr La Franchie (Commerce), Mr Rangitaawa (Technical) and Mr Watson (Phys. Ed).

An unfortunate omission in last year's Taranakian concerns Mr "Ted" Meuli and Mr B. Rattray who left the staff at the end of 1974.

Mr Meuli left to take a position as H.O.D. English at Palmerston North Boys' High School after having served NPBHS for over 20 years.

Mr Rattray took a position in his city of origin, Christchurch, as H.O.D. Phys. Ed. at Cashmere High School. We wish both of them well in their new positions.

Head Boy's Column

The effects of the new house system which was introduced three years ago are now evident. There has developed a new house spirit among the boys, similar to that of the previous house system. The major object of the new system was to encourage day boys and boarders to integrate and to share activities and responsibilities. This had been achieved and is very evident throughout the school. Although some senior boys may not agree with the new system, having experienced the keen and robust spirit of the previous boarder-day boy houses, one must admit that the new system has already created healthy competition without negating school spirit.

Over the past two years there has been a fall in the performances of the school swimming and athletic teams which reflects the lack of personal effort made by many boys of the school. However we now have an extremely wide range of sports with, for example, the introduction of softball, which is very strong and volleyball also at the top of the Taranaki secondary schools. Rugby is again on the increase after a drop in the number of teams last year. Plenty of talent can be seen in the lower grades which looks promising for future First XV's. Thanks must go to staff and outside coaches for their concentrated efforts in all aspects of sporting activities.

The Council is now firmly established after three years. Many major decisions have passed through the Council this year including the introduction of a travel subsidy because of high costs for teams travelling on annual fixtures. A mufti week and work day were held to raise funds for the Council's use.

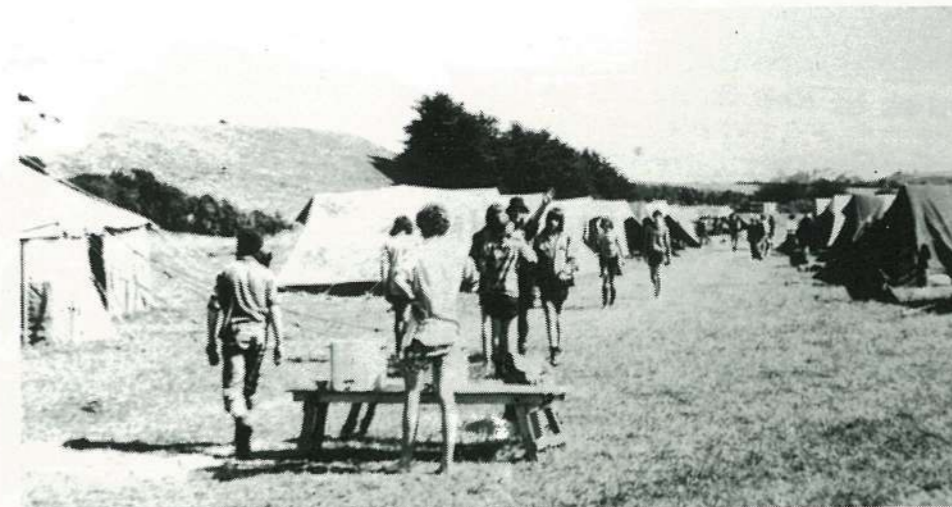
I feel that more emphasis has been placed on the academic side of schooling over the past three years which has shown favourable results in the end-of-year external examinations. Cultural activities have broadened with an involvement of more boys in the major drama productions of last year's Tom Sawyer and this year's Zigger Zagger.

The first Gala day for seven years was held this year and it turned out to be highly successful, raising in excess of \$7000. A major contributor to the total amount raised was the bedathon around the mountain which brought in eight hundred and fifty dollars. This involved fifty fifth year boys who all contributed to the tremendous effort.

I personally think that tradition is something the school must cherish. The drastic drop in boarding numbers has contributed to some fall in school spirit and the performances of sporting teams. All the boys in their last year of school would agree that the boarding establishment has a tremendous effect on the character of New Plymouth Boys' High. It is hoped that the boarding roll will increase and that the boys will continue both individually and as a team to maintain the spirit and tradition of their school which has been so evident in the past.

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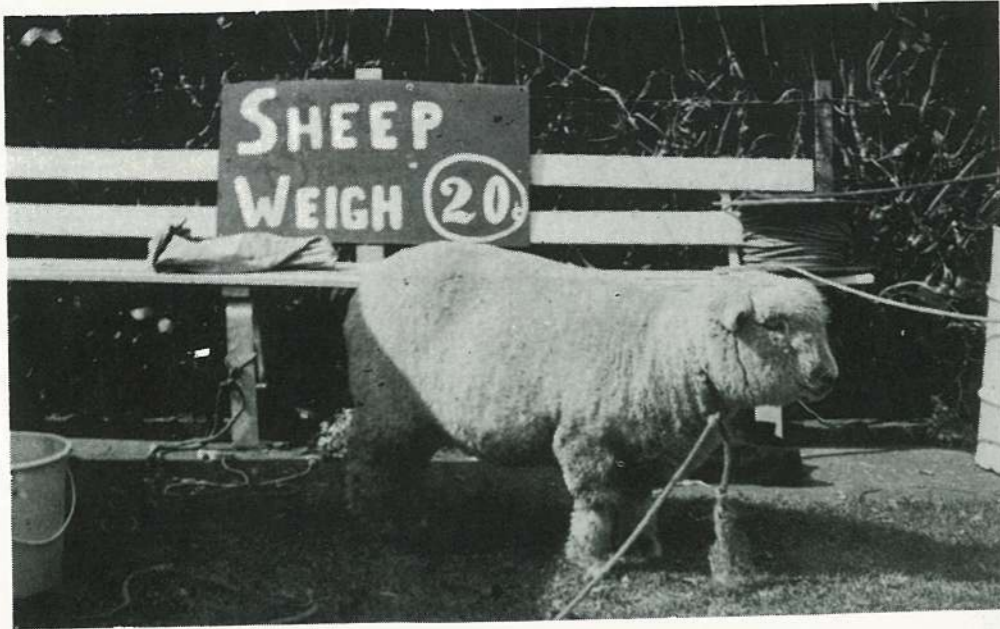
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SWIMMING

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Intermediate Championship (Challenge Cup) I. W. Webster.
Senior Championship (Sykes Memorial Cup) R. A. Beaven.

ATHLETICS

Junior 100 metres (Bennett Cup) M. G. Collins.
Junior 400 metres (Harman Cup) R. S. Smillie.
Junior 800 metres (Houston Cup) P. Belworthy.
Intermediate 100 metres (Beckbessinger & Bothamley Cups) D. I. McKenzie.
Intermediate 200 metres (Challenge Cup) P. J. Jury.
Senior 100 metres (Old Boys' Cup) S. A. Hartley.
Senior 200 metres (Herbert Smith Cup) S. A. Hartley.
Senior 1500 metres (Fookes Cup) D. M. Antunovic.
Open 2000 metres Steeples (Antunovic Cup) D. M. Antunovic.

Senior 110 metres Hurdles (Noakes Cup) J. Rowlands.
Senior High Jump (Moran Cup) J. Rowlands.
Senior 5000 metres (Crocker Challenge Cup) M. J. Middlebrook.
Open Pole Vault (Jack Duddington Wills Cup) M. R. Gregory.

Intermediate Cross Country (Herbert Smith Cup) K. J. Death.

Athlete of the Year (Towler Cup) S. A. Hartley.

TENNIS

Junior Championship (Herbert Smith Cup) R. Lawson.
Intermediate Championship (McKeon Cup) S. Wood.
Senior Championship (Candy Cup) K. I. Burgess.

BADMINTON

Junior Championship (Isaacs Cup) P. Belworthy.
Senior Championship (Cook & Lister Cup) J. R. Mells.

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Championship (Noakes Cup) G. A. Pearce.
Senior Cross Country (1911 Cup) M. J. Middlebrook.
Senior Cross Country (Bryce Cup) G. J. Miln.

GYMNASTICS

Open Championship (Hoskin Cup) K. C. Burton.

CRICKET

'Best Bowler' 1st XI (Parkinson Memorial Cup) A. W. Hewitt.

'Best Batsman' 1st XI (Meuli Cup) S. M. Harrop.

ROWING

For Contribution to Enjoyment of Rowing (John Deere Cup), S. G. Harkness.

HOCKEY

'Most Improved Junior Player' (Simonsen Cup) N. P. Green.

SHOOTING

Senior 303 Short Range (Searle Cup) D. J. Frederickson.

LIFE-SAVING

(Smith & Easton Cup) R. S. White & A. L. Wood.

SURFING

Inter-Secondary Success: (Del Surfboard Trophy) T. Ruwitiu.

CADETS

'Best Cadet' (Sole Cup) S. J. Morgan.

TEAM COMPETITIONS

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

Swimming (Dempsey Shield) Boarders.
Rugby (Pease Cup) Day Boys.
Cricket (Birch Cup) Day Boys.
Tennis (Beetham Cup) Day Boys.

INTER-HOUSE

Soccer (Holder Cup) Blue.
Athletics (Hansard Cup) Maroon.
Swimming (Burnbank Cup) White.
Rugby (Kerr Cup) Green.
Tennis (Stevenson Cup) Green.
Cricket (Bates Cup) Green.

ACADEMIC PRIZES

THIRD FORM: GENERAL EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES—

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3D: J. M. Gordon, G. P. Harkness, R. M. Lawson, R. A. McKee, B. H. Ruby, M. D. Symon, R. G. Williams.

3E: M. M. Cole, P. E. Hansen, S. G. Hine, M. A. Lepper, C. J. May, M. S. Meuli, P. J. Taylor, R. H. Van Den Bos.

3F: R. Dirksen, I. P. Leonard, M. J. Lind, B. M. Sarten, L. D. Shute, L. A. Wright.

3G: R. J. Armstrong, G. J. Dickie, W. L. Glendenning, C. N. Harrop, R. J. Hogg, M. J. Hopkins, L. R. Krook, G. D. Lonsdale, C. L. Martin, T. W. Masters, A. G. Meads, E. R. Morgan, T. M. Ryder, T. N. Urbahn, B. H. Waite.

3H: H. E. Davidson, J. K. Ellis, J. R. Greenway, G. M. Loveridge, M. S. Smith, I. J. Tanner.

FOURTH FORM:

4A: D. C. Brewster, K. C. Burton, P. J. Gibbs, L. B. Hill, J. G. Holden, D. S. Hone, G. W. S. McAuliffe, C. C. Mace, D. F. Marsh, M. J. Miers, G. A. Pearce, T. Ploeger, N. R. Poole, B. W. Scott, G. W. Trevillion, J. R. Watson, T. J. Webster, G. A. Williams.

4B: F. L. Barrack, M. I. F. Blance, P. Burrowes, A. F. Cowley, S. F. Greig, D. A. Lockhart, D. B. McPherson, J. S. Moffat, J. Sutherland, M. A. Te Ruki, L. D. Trye, G. W. Van Passen, M. R. Whitehead, R. Wood.

4C: P. J. Jury, M. G. Mansfield, R. I. Murray, A. P. Nicholls, D. J. Rowe, J. J. Watson.

4D: N. B. Andrews, J. De Graaf, H. I. Floyd, D. A. Heyes, R. P. McIsaac, J. B. Rayner, P. F. Simpson, G. I. Smith, C. J. Southern.

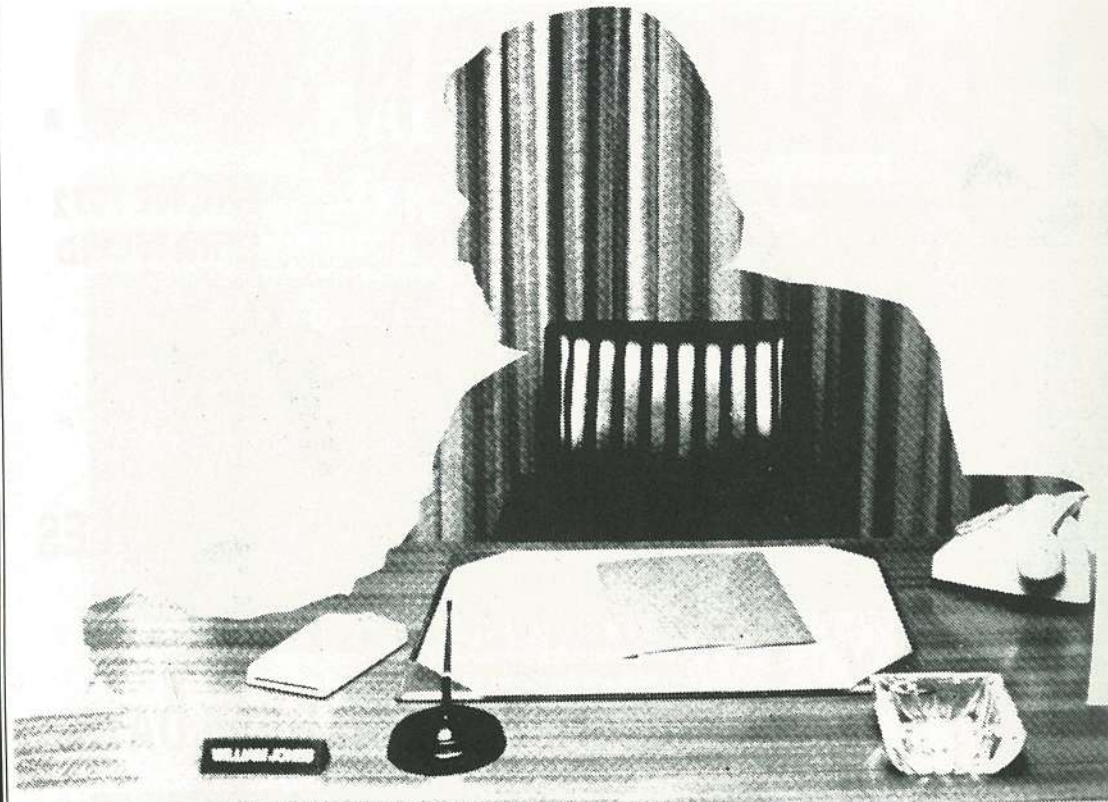
4E: P. J. Bayly, J. A. Berge, N. R. Florence, P. R. Howan, A. H. Mills, R. J. Rix, G. E. Sawtell, S. A. Shaw.

4F: S. K. Allan, G. M. Burr, J. N. Dobson, P. A. Dravitsky, S. J. Lye.

4G: J. A. Caldwell, M. J. Fitzpatrick, D. R. Manu, N. A. Prince, I. L. Sarten.

4H: P. B. Hone, W. R. Judd, A. J. Larsen, B. McAsey, W. B. Sutton.

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French: D. A. Frengley.
Mathematics: R. D. Blyth.
History: P. G. McCall.
Geography: D. G. Arthur.
Bookkeeping: I. D. Hollins.
Commerce: C. T. Verry.
Art: S. S. MacDonald.
Technical Drawing: S. G. Tubby.
Engineering (Kidd Garrett Prize): L. G. Sarten.
Woodwork (Spear & Jackson Prize): K. R. Dixon.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

5A: B. J. Fraser; S. F. Girvan; G. J. Putt; S. F. Read; J. W. Steeghs; C. A. Young.
5B: M. F. Gesterkamp; G. I. Hill; A. S. McCallum.
5C: G. R. Daniels; K. J. Death; P. B. Goldsworthy; P. Hall; A. T. Moore; J. D. Smit; C. Trenwith.
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5H: J. Cooke; A. Hogg.

SIXTH FORM

English (Tabor Scholarship) T. W. Ward.
Languages (Tabor Scholarship) M. J. Dravitzki.
History (Tabor Scholarship) J. M. Green.
Geography (Tabor Scholarship) R. W. Elliott.
Chemistry (Tabor Scholarship) M. D. Chivers.
Physics (Tabor Scholarship) R. J. M. Mills.
Biology (Tabor Scholarship) E. R. Herbert.
Mathematics (Tabor Scholarship) R. A. Beaven.
Accounting (Tabor Scholarship) W. H. Wilson.
Technical Drawing (Tabor Scholarship) J. R. Larsen.
Art (Devon Footwear Prize) R. M. Mason.
Economics (Thos. Borthwick & Sons Prize) T. H. Wilson.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

6A: N. L. Andrew; M. T. Gowing; M. S. James; R. S. White.
6B: P. J. Boekhorst.
6C: W. I. Brown; P. J. Hurley; D. N. Lethbridge.
6D: A. C. R. Cramond; M. D. Gordon.
6E: G. B. Besley; S. R. Gatenby; G. W. Leathley; A. D. Wickramasinghe.
6F: A. T. Brewster; B. E. Cotterill; C. J. Halton; B. Lala; A. M. Wahhab.

SEVENTH FORM:

Accounting: J. J. Arthur.
History: (Bendall Memorial) G. N. Buxton.
English Language: (John Brodie Memorial) O. S. Winter.
Languages: R. M. Oliver.
Chemistry: (P. O. Veale Memorial) M. Allen.
Art: M. Allen.
Physics: (Devon Footwear Prize) S. G. Harkness.
Pure Mathematics: S. G. Harkness.
Applied Mathematics: S. G. Harkness.
English Literature: (White Memorial) S. M. Harrop.
Geography: (David Bennett Prize) S. M. Harrop.
Economics: (Thos. Borthwick & Sons Prize) S. M. Harrop.
Biology: (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial) S. M. Harrop.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Junior Essay (Rex Dowling Memorial Cup) A. Nicholls.
Junior Oratory (Mass Cup) M. Cameron.
Junior Reading P. Burrowes.
Wattie Wilkie Memorial Mathematics Prize P. Soffe.
Chess Prize D. Clinton.
Special Prize for Maori Student (Dpt. Maori Aff.) M. R. Gregory.
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize) P. D. Fitzpatrick.
General Excellence (Dr Fookes Cup & Prize); L. A. Woolsey.
Head Boy (Brookman Cup & Prize); S. A. Hartley.
Dux (Equal) (Buick Cup & Prize) S. G. Harkness.
Dux (Equal) (Buick Cup & Prize) S. M. Harrop.

REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS 1976

Swimming: R. Beaven, I. Webster.

Rowing: S. Gatenby, R. Mills.

Tennis: S. Wood.

Hockey: S. Hughes, A. Underwood.

Soccer: P. Davidson.

Basketball: S. Fleming, M. Gesterkamp, M. Smith, R. Parsons, M. Snowden, N. Wood, S. Young.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1975

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Adlam R. M., 2; Allen J. R., 1; Arthur D. G., 6; Batchelor D. C., 5; Batten K. D., 3; Barleyman W. J., 1; Bennett G. 2; Besley B. A., 1; Binnie P. J., 4; Bish D. R., 2; Blyth R. D., 6; Bower K. F., 1; Bower R. H., 4; Bowkett S., 5; Bowler M. R., 5; Bullick R. G., 3; Bunyan R. D. D., 2; Burmester P. R., 2; Burton W. L., 3; Butler P. A., 4; Butt P. A., 4; Chadwick D. M., 1; Chamberlain M. P., 4; Clarke T. S., 1; Coplestone M. A., 5; Cramer G. S., 1; Croad M. E., 5; Cummings W. B., 3; Dampney P. E., 2; Daniels G. R., 5; Davidson P., 3; Darrah N. K., 1; Death K. J., 5; Dennis S. E., 4; Dixon K. R., 4; Dobson G. B., 1; Dolan P., 2; Dow C. R., 4; Drnasin S., 3; Eady A. J., 1; Evans S. J., 2; Ewing A. J., 4; Fahey D. R., 1; Fleming S. G., 2; Florence P. M., 4; Fordyce C. J., 1; Foreman G. K., 5; Fowler W. P., 2; Fraser B. J., 5; Frederikson D. J., 1; Frengley D. A., 6; Gall R. L., 4; Gesterkamp M. F., 5; Giddy M. R., 4; Gibson G. R., 3; Girvan S. F., 5; Goldsworthy P. B., 5; Goldsworthy P. F., 5; Goodwin K. D., 2; Gray C. J., 2; Gunson M. R., 2; Hall P., 6; Hellewell S. K., 2; Handley T. M., 4; Harper L. W., 4; Harison B. M., 5; Harrison W. R., 1; Hayward D. J., 3; Hepworth S. W., 1; Hickling A. W., 5; Hill G. I., 5; Hogg A. W., 1; Hollins I. D., 5; Horrocks F. L., 2; Hurley P. J., 1; Hutchinson R. J., 5; Lander M. R., 3; Langman V., 5; Langridge P. D., 5; Larsen C. J., 3; Laughton D. M., 5; Lethbridge D. N., 1; Lonsdale P. T., 2; Lowe K. R., 2; McCall P. G., 5; McCallum A. S., 5; MacDonald S. S., 5; McEldowney K. G., 4; McGiven N. L., 5; Mackenzie D. I., 2; McLaughlin R. J., 2; McMillen R., 1; Manu K. L., 5; Marshall C. C., 5; Martin P. G., 5; May A. D., 3; May P. M., 4; Messenger G., 5; Middlebrook M. J., 6; Middleton R. B., 3; Milliken E. A., 2; Mitchell J. T., 2; Mitchell S. P., 4; Monk W. G., 2; Moore A. T., 5; Morgan S. J., 1; Mulraney P. B., 1; Muschamp B. A., 5; Neal L. J., 2; Newland J. S., 4; Nicholls J. C., 1; O'Keefe E. M., 4; Palmer R. D., 2; Paris G. W., 3; Parsons R. J., 3; Percival S. C., 5; Phillips N. C., 5; Pipson M. J., 5; Puke D. G., 3; Purcell B. B., 5; Putt G. J., 5; Read R. S., 2; Read S. P., 5; Reiten N. E., 1; Revell W. J., 5; Roberts S. J., 1; Robinson P. E., 2; Rudd C. B., 5; Salisbury A. O., 5; Sarten L. O., 4; Shaw P. C., 3; Simkin N. C., 5; Sirett P. E., 6; Smaill W. F., 1; Smart J. K., 1; Smit J. D., 5; Smith M. J., 1; Smith P. G., 3; Snowdon M., 5; Spiers D. O., 2; Steeghs J. W., 4; Stevenson T. A., 5; Streeter B. J., 4; Tatham C. J., 3; Thomas R. K., 1; Thorby M. J., 1; Torrens J. L., 2; Trenwith C. M., 3; Tubby P. O., 3; Tubby S. G., 2; Turner I. J., 5; Underwood A., 4; Verry C. T., 5; Wagener W. E., 3; Waite M. J., 5; Wallace K. E., 1; Watson D., 5; Webster I. W., 5; Whittaker G. A., 2; Wildon S. S., 2; Wilson P. W., 3; Wilson R. L., 4; Wood A. R., 1; Wood G. A., 2; Wood S. M., 3; Woolsey A. K., 3; Young C. A., 5; Young S. V., 5; Zaloum P., 5; Zeier R. D., 1; Cooke D. J., 1.

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Adds, P.; Allan, G. J. E.; Andrew, N. L.; Beaven, R. A.; Besley, B. G.; Boekhorst, P. J.; Bremer, P. A.; Brewster, A. T.; Brown, P. A.; Brown, W. I.; Burgess K. I.; Carroll, J. G.; Chivers, G.; Chivers, M. D.; Cotterill, B. E.; Cramond, A. C. R.; Cran, D. J.; Day, M. E.; Dravitski, M. J.; Elliott, R. W.; Frederikson, D. J.; Gatenby, S. R.; Gordon, M. D.; Gowing, M. T.; Grant, C. R.; Gray, M. A.; Green, J. M.; Greiner, A. R.; Hales, T. R.; Hatton, C. J.; Hartley, C. M.; Herbert, E. R.; Hewson, G. T.; Hodson, S. C.; Hopkins, B. J.; Horrocks, M. L.; Hudson, D.; Hurley, P. J.; James, M. S.; Jenvey, K. M.; Jones, R. B.; Kerrisk, K. W.; Kjestrup, L. T.; Lala, B.; Larsen, J. R.; Leathley, G. W.; Lethbridge, D. N.; Lightbourne, I.; Lillioja, V.; Mackenzie, G. C.; Maclean, G. L.; Mason, R.; Meads, C. M.; Mellis, J. R.; Mildenhall, R. J.; Mills, R. J. M.; Percival, A. H.; Pritchard, P. O. R.; Ranger, W. K.; Reiten, N. E.; Roberts, P. N. A.; Roberts, S. J.; Ryan, S. J.; Sim, A. M.; Smaill, W. F.; Smith, A. J.; Smith, C. G.; Stevenson, M. V.; Tate, S. D.; Wagener, G. A.; Wahhab, A. M. A.; Ward, T. W.; White, R. S.; Wickramasinghe, A. C.; Williamson, M.; Wilson, T. H.; Wilson, W. H.; Wood, A. L.

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SPORTS

ATHLETICS TEAM 1976



Back: M. Gesterkamp, K. Dixon, E. Rienks, G. Harkness, P. Webb, R. Adlam, L. Hill, M. Hook.
Middle: R. Lloyd, S. Percival, C. Howan, T. Feaver, J. Mildenhall, M. Smith, K. Betteridge, B. Sarten, K. Death.
Front: P. McKenzie, D. Treeby, R. Parson, C. Marshall, S. Fleming, W. Harrison, I. Wright, M. Middlebrook.

Athletics

The School Athletic Sports were held this year on Webster field in early March in fine weather and were organised to cater for a wide selection of boys. Each house was required to hold selection trials and to select their entrants for each event at each level — junior, intermediate and senior. This was designed to encourage greater participation and, with the introduction of 'A' and 'B' divisions in all track events, group relays, and a cycle race as new innovations, this aim was achieved. A major highlight of the day was the group relays. Each boy in the school was required to front up for this event and to run 100 metres for his group against the other groups of his house. The four winning house groups contested a spirited final, although no results can be recorded due to the inevitable bouts of cheating which did occur in such an event. However, this event did involve the whole school and was a successful innovation, in that it promoted total participation and keen rivalry amongst all boys.

A novelty sedan chair relay involving the transportation of the senior house boy around the track, by his own group leaders, provided a few laughs for the spectators, as they had to be carried aloft with the aid of a hastily constructed "chariot", and several of the chariots found the going rather interesting. White House co-ordinated their movements rather better than other houses and came home a clear winner in the event.

Blue House dominated the Senior 4 x 100m and Open 3000m relays, winning both events comfortably, while Maroon reigned supreme in the Intermediate and Junior 4 x 100m relays. The relay section of this year's sports proved to be highly competitive and a good spectacle.

Some fine performances and keen competition were witnessed in the individual events, and the standard in the 'B' division was high, in some cases higher than the 'A' level competition, such as the impact of greater participation. Performances of note included S. Fleming's in the Senior 800m, the double victory of M. Middlebrook in the Senior 1500m and Open 5000m, the close fight in the 100m and 200m where K. Dixon, W. Harrison and C. Marshall were fierce rivals, the duel in the Open pole-vault between H. Kam and J. Mildenhall, the fine victory of G. Flynn in the 2000 metre steeplechase, over more-favoured K. Death, and the convincing display of walking style by I. Wright in winning the 1600m walk. L. Hill (200 metres shot-put) and P. Belworthy (javelin, discus) completed double victories in the intermediate section, and G. Harkness (javelin, shot-put) had double wins in the junior section. The standard of the 'B' division was of a high order and some very fine performances were noted from J. Crichton, W. Sutton, P. Webb, B. Pirakahu and B. Sarten, all taking out two titles in this division.

The cycle events were won by competent cyclists in senior, intermediate and junior events (D. Shaw, M. Te Ruki and H. Van der Bos respectively) and their style was evident in their victories.

Although no records were broken, the standard of competition was high and it was obvious that many boys had worked hard in training for this year's sports. The ex-

ample of the senior boys in their participation was notable and it is hoped that this example will be followed by the boys of the school in subsequent years.

A school athletics club has been started and during the third term, training sessions have been held, with interest amongst the members high, and this augurs well for the future of athletics within the school. Two staff members, Mr Watson and Mr La Franchie are the masters-in-charge of athletics and it is to be hoped will be well patronised next year.



High Jump

Taranaki Secondary Athletic Champs

This year School sent a large contingent of athletes to the Taranaki Secondary School Athletic Champs. Forty-seven athletes from this school competed in the champs which were held at Stratford High School on Saturday March 20.

It was a good fine day but extremely hot making top performances difficult. Despite this difficulty many records were broken.

This school achieved only nominal success in gaining three seconds and three thirds. However, with the number of young athletes coming up through the school we can look forward to good success in the years ahead.

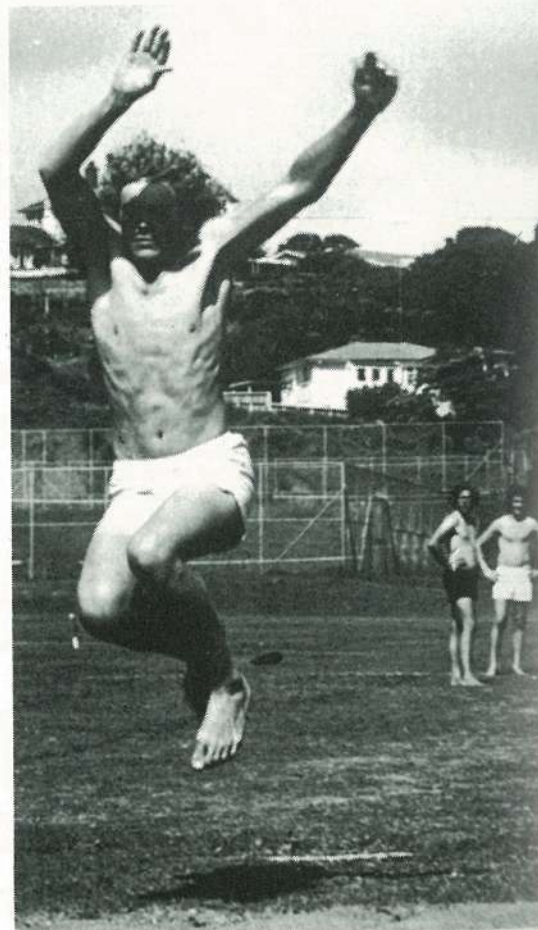
The standard of competition set by School was high but unfortunately many of our athletes were outclassed by the very high standards presented by the other schools in the Taranaki area. However recognition must be given for some fine efforts and very good competition spirit. Special note should be given to G. Pearce, G. Harkness, I. Meuli, L. Hill, K. Dixon and S. Percival who gained places in their events. A very fine effort from these boys and all those who participated.

From the Taranaki Champs a team to travel to Hamilton for the North Island Secondary School Athletic Champs was selected. From this school seven athletes were chosen to represent Taranaki at this meeting. This was a good number and one of which School can be justly proud.

From the encouraging results seen this year it is obvious that this school does indeed have a bright future in regard to athletics.



Junior Contestants



Simon Young Touches Down

North Island Secondary School Athletic Champs

This meeting was held at Porritt Park, Hamilton on Saturday April 3. It was a fine day with wind conditions good for the recording of fast times, of which there were many.

In the Taranaki Team this school was represented by seven boys in a variety of events. Each of these boys performed well in the midst of very stiff competition.

At this meeting were the top secondary school athletes from the whole of the North Island and so, as expected, a very high standard of athletics was seen.

Some difficulty was experienced by many athletes with regard to the synthetic track as they had never run on one of that type. This could well account for the slower times recorded in the heats. However this in no way affected the finals which were run in record times.

Congratulations should be given to those from this school who in the midst of such strong competition performed admirably and in so doing showed that Taranaki and this school are and will be forces to be reckoned with in the field of athletics.

Those from School to attend the N. I. Champs were: K. Dixon (100m, 200m), S. Fleming (800m), G. Harkness (shot-put), W. Harrison (100m), M. Middlebrook (1500m, 3000m, walk), S. Percival (javelin) and I. Wright (3000m walk).

Congratulations to M. Middlebrook who achieved a fifth placing and S. Percival who achieved a seventh.

The Athletics Club

The Athletics Club is a new club in the school, beginning in the Third Term. The first season has been tremendously successful, and next year athletics promises to be a very popular summer sport.

The programme for the season was and is crammed with challenging fixtures. As a club, inter-school fixtures are arranged. As part of the N.P. Athletics Club, boys compete on Tuesday night at Pukekura Park, and on Saturday in the Taranaki Interclub competitions. Exciting, additional fixtures include the Taranaki Championships, the NZ Junior Championships (Hawera) and the N.Z. Inter-Secondary Championships.

The club meets on Monday and Thursday after school. We aim to develop the ability of each boy in events he is naturally suited for. The sessions are demanding, as they must be to develop the necessary strength, stamina and skill.



Sprint to the Finish



Cycle Racing

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS - 1976

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	PERFORMANCE
Senior					
'A' Division					
100 metres	K. Dixon	W. Harrison	C. Marshall	K. Wallace	11.7 sec
200 metres	W. Harrison	K. Dixon	C. Marshall	D. Fregley	24.1 sec
400 Metres	C. Marshall	C. Howan	J. Mildenhall	K. Death	53.8 sec
800 metres	S. Fleming	M. Middlebrook	R. McNair	K. Death	2 min 11.1
1500 metres	M. Middlebrook	R. McNair	K. Death	I. Wright	4 min 36.9
Long jump	R. Adlam	A. Moore	J. Crichton	I. Hollis	5.40 metres
Triple jump	G. Messenger	R. Adlam	B. Purcell		10.95 metres
High jump	A. Moore	K. McEldowney	R. Adlam	S. Wildon	1.64 metres
Javelin	S. Percival	R. Palmer	M. Smith	D. Fairey	43.20 metres
Shot put	C. Howan	M. Smith	I. Hollins	S. McDonald	10.50 metres
Discus	M. Smith	R. Parsons	G. Messenger	P. Van Praagh	29.80 metres
110m hurdles	D. Treeby				
Cycle race	D. Shaw	P. Tubby	S. Gatenby	J. Mildenhall	3 min 3.8
Relay (4 x 100m)	Blue	Green	White	Maroon	48.0 sec.
'B' division					
100 metres	M. Pipson	B. Purcell	R. Mills	D. Lethbridge	12.6 sec
200 metres	J. Crichton	P. Boekhorst	K. Wooley	A. Underwood	24.6 sec.
400 metres	R. McNair	P. Hurley	S. Gatenby	C. Hartley	56.3 sec
800 metres	J. Crichton	P. Roberts	I. Webster	S. Allan	2 min 23.9
1500 metres	G. Allan	B. Besley	R. Zeier	S. Bowkett	4 min 47.8
Intermediate					
'A' division					
100 metres	B. McAsey	L. Hill	T. Neal	G. Dixon	12.2 sec
200 metres	L. Hill	T. Neal	P. Adams	G. Dixon	25.6 sec
400 metres	G. Dixon	L. Hill	B. Adams	E. Rienks	56.5 sec
800 metres	I. Meuli	G. Flynn	P. Belworthy	E. Rienks	2 min 26.0
1500 metres	M. Gesterkamp	G. Flynn	I. Patterson	M. Urselmann	5 min 0.5
Long jump	S. Elliot	P. Hansen	M. Gesterkamp	D. Lambert	4.93 metres
Triple jump	W. Stewart	A. Cowley	I. Sarten	R. Sanderson	9.45 metres
High jump	G. Pearce	P. Hansen	J. Shewry	T. Stonnell	
Javelin	P. Belworthy	S. King	N. Prince	T. Coplestone	35.90 metres
Shot put	L. Hill	N. Prince	F. Barrack	W. Ryan	11.94 metres
Discus	P. Belworthy	S. Elliot	S. King	P. Soffe	34.90 metres
100m hurdles					
Cycle race	M. Te Ruki	P. Hansen	D. Tubby		2 min 59.6
Relay (4 x 100m)	Maroon	Blue	White	Green	50.6 sec
'B' division					
100 metres	W. Sutton	K. Haskell	R. Cole	W. Crozier	12.5 sec
200 metres	W. Sutton	R. Cole	K. Haskell	D. Falconer	25.8 sec
400 metres	G. Pearce	W. Sutton	P. McCall	W. Crozier	58.6 sec
800 metre	B. Scott equal P.	Webb	G. Owen	M. Megaw	2min 25.0
1500 metres	P. Webb	B. Scott	E. Reinks	S. Greig	4 min 55.1
Junior					
'A' Division					
100 metres	K. Betteridge	R. Lloyd	P. Poletti	J. Honeyfield	12.7 sec
200 metres	R. Lloyd	T. Feaver	G. Moore	K. Betteridge	25.6 sec
400 metres	P. Poletti	R. Lloyd	T. Feaver	K. Betteridge	59.4 sec
800 metres	C. Mills	M. Hook	S. Dravitski	S. Allan	2 min 28.0
1500 metres	D. Moses	G. Lonsdale	R. Gillespie	S. Dravitski	5min 8.2 sec
Long jump	T. Feaver	P. Young	R. Johns	C. Merson	4.71 metres
Triple jump	A. Messenger	A. Gordon	A. Brown	W. Anderson	8.91 metres
High jump	G. Moore	R. Johns	C. Megan	S. Carter	1.42 metres
Javelin	G. Harkness	G. Raven	P. McKenzie	J. Larsen	26.30 metres
Shot put	G. Harkness	A. Fregley	S. Allan	L. Krook	10.18 metres
Discus	B. Lilley	J. Larsen	C. Kinzett	A. Gordon	31.30 metres
100m hurdles					
Cycle race	H. Van Der Bos	I. Reilly	D. Peattie	D. Farrelly	2 min 50.3
Relay 4x100	Maroon	Green	White	Blue	53.5 sec
'B' division					
100 metres	B. Pirakahu	B. Vile	D. Lundt	D. Mischewski	13.3sec
200 metres	B. Pirakahu	S. Kisby	D. Lundt	C. Mills	27.1 sec
400 metres	S. Allan	R. Jory	R. Johns	S. Dravitski	77.0 sec
800 metres	B. Sarten	R. Gillespie	J. Sanders	B. McAuliffe	2 min 28.0
1500 metres	B. Sarten	R. Johns	R. Miln	M. Galvin	5 min 7.2
OPEN					
5000 metres	M. Middlebrook	K. Death	S. Bowkett		16 min 24.0 sec
Steeplechase (2000m)					
1600m walk	G. Flynn	K. Death	S. Bowkett	R. White	7 min 7.0
Pole vault	I. Wright	M. Gesterkamp	D. Arthur	G. Fitzpatrick	8 min 49.0
3000m relay	H. Kam	J. Mildenhall	S. Percival	A. Percival	2.41 metres
Sedan Chair relay	Blue	Maroon	Green	White	7 min 20.0
Day Boys v	White	Blue	Maroon	Green	1 min 26.0
Boarders relay	Boarders	Dayboys			
House Points (overall)	Maroon (463)	Green (450)	Blue (354)	White (250)	
Hansard Cup					

SCHOOL BADMINTON TEAM



Back: G. Blyth, I. Sarten, R. Powell, B. Meuli.
Front: D. Sceats, R. Lawson, M. Chivers, W. Crozier, G. Putt.

Badminton

The club this year played in the gym on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m.

A school squad was formed for the annual matches. The squad was P. Belworthy (Captain), B. Meuli, R. Powell, R. Lawson, I. Sarten, W. Crozier, R. McDonald, G. Blyth, G. Putt, D. Sceats, M. Chivers and B. Dix. Initially the squad practised on Wednesday evenings in the gym.

In the event, a team of six played Hamilton Boys' High School in New Plymouth in July. The team of P. Belworthy (captain), B. Meuli, R. Lawson, I. Sarten, W. Crozier and R. McDonald played very well. The doubles went our way 4-2, but Hamilton, by winning the singles 8-4, won the tie 10-8. It was a close result right to the end, with half of the matches going to three games.

Again this year, a squad of third and fourth form boarders, fourteen in number, is taking badminton as part of their Duke of Edinburgh programme for either bronze or silver awards. Besides playing on club afternoons they have been participating in a coaching programme each Wednesday evening.

The school championships were held at the beginning of the third term, and were keenly contested by nearly thirty boys. The results were:

- Senior Singles** (Cook & Lister Cup): R. Lawson.
 - Senior Doubles**: G. Blyth and R. McDonald.
 - Junior Singles** (Isaacs Cup): R. Lawson.
 - Junior Doubles**: G. Blyth and R. McDonald.
- P. Belworthy and I Meuli were successful in the Taranaki C-grade Doubles Championship. Congratulations.

Thanks to Mr Groves and Mr McCaskill for their help with club afternoons.

Basketball

A Team

This year the 'A' Team was quite strong with six previous 'A' team members; (M. Smith, R. Parsons, S. Young, M. Snowdon, N. Wood, M. Gesterkamp) plus a previously St. Pats 'A' team player; (S. Weydon).

There was only one new member, S. Wildon, who showed promise at the beginning of the year and proved of great value towards the end of season when he found confidence. M. Smith was elected captain of the team and his experience was evident especially under pressure. The starting five for most of the season was: S. Young, R. Parsons (forwards), N. Wood (centre), M. Snowdon, and M. Smith (guards). However talent was distributed evenly throughout the team. Although the team was shorter than in previous years, it was still able to dominate the boards on many occasions. A pleasing aspect of the season was the vigorous determination shown by the rebounders, R. Parsons, S. Young, N. Wood and S. Weydon. R. Parsons, S. Young, M. Smith and S. Fleming were selected for the N.P. Colts, but the latter two were later unavailable. The guards were able to support the consistent performances of the forwards with some fine outside shooting. M. Smith and M. Snowdon particularly excelled at this and M. Gesterkamp provided us with a handy back-up man.

The team was aided throughout the year by the able coaching of Mr R. Stocks and helpful assistance of Mr P. Lay. Many thanks to both of them, and to S. Fleming who filled in on many occasions.

Overall the season was successful. However we did suffer several losses, but quite often the results weren't a fair indication of the game.

"A" BASKETBALL TEAM



Back: S. Burmester, G. Whittaker, J. Moffat, P. Young.
Front: T. Farrance, Mr Lay, G. Kaitoa.

Much determination was shown throughout the season. This was especially evident in the qualifying tournament for the nationals played at Hawera. The team played its best basketball of the year, but only managed fifth place, an unlucky draw preventing a better ranking.

With a number of 'A' team players returning next year, we hope to have another successful season with our ultimate goal being a place in the nationals.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

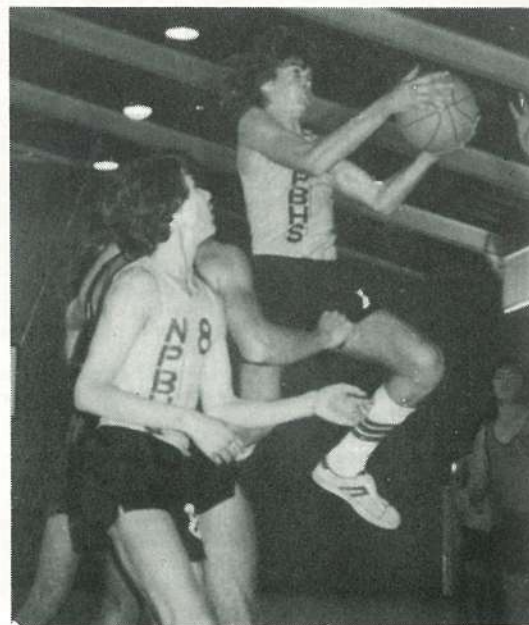
N.P.B.H.S. had five teams represented in the Junior League Basketball this year: two third form teams, a fourth form team, a fifth form boarder's team and a senior social team, with most of the players in each team coming from boarding.

Third Form White composed of: N. McManus, M. Coombes, R. Nelson, J. Wetere, R. Neal, D. Snowden, S. Fisher, and M. Tatham showed a lot of enthusiasm and played well winning five out of seven games played. They were somewhat over-shadowed by the Third Form Black Team, who, with the advantage of T. Feaver dominating around the basket, managed to win all their games. The other players in this team were: S. Allan, P. MacKenzie, S. Coplestone, L. Holden, R. Neal, J. Coleman, R. Jory.

The fourth form team did not do as well, winning one game, drawing one and being defeated in the rest.

The team of B. Jones, C. Kinzett, C. Mills, A. Lane, A. Frengley, J. Hanniford, I. Ormiston, B. Ussher, C. May, M. Urselmann, and B. Meuli tried hard but failed to work as a team and lacked the skills of the other teams in their division. Playing in the senior division the odds were well against them but they never gave up, particularly B. Ussher who worked hard for the duration of every game right through to the final whistle.

The Senior Social team of: P. Binnie, M. Watson, A. Underwood, R. Palmer, S. Percival, B. Purcell, D. Mackenzie, S. Hughes, M. Woods, K. Woolsey, J. Newland and C. Rudd, though well coached by M. Snowden, had difficulty in overcoming their lack of skill but managed to win three games — losing five.



FIRST CRICKET XI



Back: S. Hughes, G. Sawtell, B. Lilley, C. Trenwith, W. Smaill.
Front: S. V. Young, K. Williams, J. Carroll, D. Fairey, R. Parsons, G. Robinson.

Cricket

Up to 10 teams were fielded in various grades and although no championships were won, excellent talent is seen to be developing through the ranks. At third and fourth form level we are particularly strong and the benefits of local primary school organisation are being clearly seen. Needless to say, a lack of coaching is the biggest hurdle while the price of sports gear continues to rise.

The inclusion of Mr Bert Robson, a member of the ground staff and Wayne Burt, a C.D., and Canterbury Plunket Shield player on our coaching panel will assist greatly.

The inclusion now of an annual fixture between Palmerston North BHS and N.P. at both 2nd XI level and 3rd form level is a stimulant that has been very well received.

INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET 1976

v Hawera High School (won by 7 wickets)

N.P. reversed its previous year's defeat by Hawera with an overwhelming victory. Rain interfered with the match throughout and conditions for cricket were far from good. Hawera batted first and managed only 42 with Robertson and Carroll spearheading the attack. N.P. went in and when rain finally stopped play N.P. were 106 for 3 and in complete control.

v Palmerston North BHS (drawn)

In a challenge match for the Heathcote William Cup, the team just failed to snatch a well-earned victory, Palmerston batted first and were soon in trouble being 75 for 8 but unfortunately School were unable to breach the tail-enders. Thanks to good knocks by D. Stirling (44) and P. Davidson (41) Palmerston reached 164. John Carroll (4 for 38) and Gary Robertson (2 for 45) received excellent support from Campbell Trenwith (3 for 11).

New Plymouth began well and Robert Parsons (35) and John Carroll (51) featured in a 82 run, 2nd wicket partnership and this was consolidated later with seven batsmen reaching the double figures against an accurate and pacy attack. N.P. finally reached 216, a lead of 52 runs. In their 2nd knock Palmerston struggled throughout except for their captain J. McNaught (40) and against lively bowling could muster only 140 leaving N.P. to get 89 runs in 18 overs. John Carroll finished with 6 for 52 in the 2nd innings thus getting 10 wickets in the match.

In an exciting finish N.P. were 70 for 7 at stumps failing to get a good start against some tight and accurate bowling. However for the young team, it was a fine effort.

v Wellington College (lost by an innings and 1 run)

Probably suffering from their hard game over the previous two days, New Plymouth were always struggling against Wellington and could only muster 151 when, after winning the toss, they batted. John Carroll (30), David Fairey (30) and Simon Young (27) were the batsmen who topped the batting. No batsmen really got going although 6 reached double figures.

Wellington College got going early, with R. Donald (108) and D. McLeod (60) scoring forcefully against the N.P. attack which lacked purpose and penetration. Gary Robertson finished with 4 for 92 and Bill Smaill 3 for 44.

Wellington finished with 245 for 7 giving them a lead of 94 runs. N.P. never settled in its second knock and obviously showed the effects of four days' solid cricket and apart from Young (16) and Smaille (13) never settled and were dismissed for 93.

The side's fielding usually a strong point did not assist its bowlers but generally the lack of concentration of the batsmen made it difficult.

v Wanganui Collegiate (drawn)

Playing at home for the first time, N.P. settled down quickly and dismissed Wanganui Collegiate for 86 with once again John Carroll 3 for 21 and Gary Robertson 3 for 13 highlighting the effort. The side attacked strongly with the fielding and bowling a lot more dedicated.

Unfortunately N.P. when batting also did not get going and at 14 for 5 things looked grim. However, Carroll (54) and Robertson (39) rallied with a fine 96 run partnership that enabled them to reach 132, a lead of 46 runs.

Wanganui then set the game alight with some brisk and forceful batting in an effort to force a decision. Led by captain D. Donald (71) they reached 177 for 7 wickets declared giving N.P. a target of 130 runs to get in 90 minutes. Best of the N.P. bowlers were Robertson 3 for 60, Trenwith 2 for 33 and Brian Lilley 2 for 26.

Unfortunately rain interrupted play and only 17 overs were possible with N.P. being 93 for 6 at stumps. Carroll, another fine effort of 45, did everything possible to get the scoreboard turning but the task was just a little too much. Against the strong Wanganui team, it was an excellent effort.

2nd XI

With a rather young and inexperienced team under Mr B. Bellringer, the side began to gain confidence as the season proceeded. The team finally finished in seventh position. This team is used as a grooming place for future 1st XI players and it does mean considerable experience. Players like Nigel Prince, Peter Hall, Graham Prestney and Colin Woodward were players with futures in front of them.

Perhaps the big highlight was the effort of Woodward in scoring two centuries in this grade and this was highlighted by a presentation by Cook and Lister Ltd in recognition of this fine effort. With more youngsters coming into the team it should continue to be a worthwhile team. It plays its annual fixture against Palmerston North early November. Many thanks to Mr Bellringer for his efforts over the past few seasons and his replacement will be Mr Robson for the second half of the year.

Third Grade Black

This team contained senior boys who played more on a social basis, and, particularly in the second half of the season, the team is very strong. However it is not an easy team to be able to fill up each week in the Nov-Dec period as exams cause problems. Ian Wright did a fine job in generally organising this side and keen players like Mike Watson, Mark Snowden and Philip Binnie performed creditably.

Third Grade White

Under the control of Mr Robson this team went extremely well with players like P and H. Davidson, G. Moore, P. Young, B. Cox and S. Burmeister all turning in some fine performances. This team began slowly but in each game, the side went better with Mr Robson's experience being more than useful in the team. The holidays weakened the team but numbers enabled the team to be filled every week.

Fourth Grade

Comprising mostly fourth formers with a mixture of fifth formers, three teams were fielded in this area. Some interesting games were held and although the standard was not high, it does cater for many of those who are not tied up in sport and want to play for enjoyment.

Special mention to Craig Jannett for his organisation of one team. Players like K. Jones, Blyth and Sones could go well in higher grades with experience.

Third Form

Three teams participated in the area and Mr Picton and several parents greatly assisted in this difficult job. Members of the 1st XI assisted in coaching and it certainly meant much in the promotion. Mr Lloyd Edwards is taking over in this area and again with assistance from senior boys, this area should be covered. There are several good youngsters like Moffit, Feaver, Johns, and Powell who had good games.

Cross Country

This year's cross country championships were held under dull conditions, with occasional drizzle on September 22.

The courses this year were basically the same as those of last year, however so as to start and finish at the same Webster field, some slight modifications to all the finishing routes were made. This proved to be more popular with the senior runners as their course was shortened by some 200m and eliminated an uphill run to the former finish. These modifications left the courses just as competitive as in previous years.

The junior race was first to be run and after a mass of small bodies sorted themselves out across Webster field the leaders soon established a brisk pace. First to reappear on Webster field were G. Lonsdale and T. Moses, with Lonsdale taking the title and M. Hook filling third position.

The intermediate race was next with G. Flynn taking the title from K. Conaglen and M. Gesterkamp.

The senior race was a one man affair once the field left Webster field with M. Middlebrook winning the excellent time of 19 min 02 sec. S. Bowkett filled second place and K. Death was third.

This year the house competition continued with the first 50 runners scoring points for their house in each respective grade. The house competition results were:

Junior: Green 395, Blue 335, Maroon 281, White 264.

Int.: Blue 478, White 308, Maroon 256, Green 230.

Senior: Blue 451, White 408, Maroon 298, Green 118.

The overall results being: Blue 1264, White 980, Maroon 835, Green 743.

To increase the challenge to the whole school a further competition was decided during the race. A group competition was held to find the group with the best overall result. To do this all placings for all events were taken and the group with the best fifteen placings was declared the winner. The winner of this was Blue 4 with White 4 second and Maroon 4 third.

Following the school championships teams were selected to represent the school in the Taranaki Inter-school Championships, this year held at Francis Douglas College. The teams were:

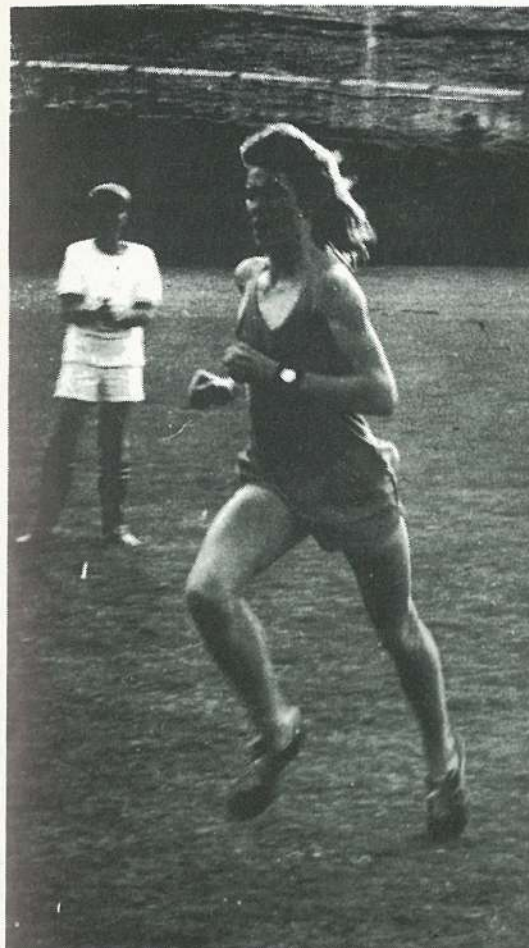
Junior: G. Lonsdale, T. Moses, S. Allan, A. Withers, B. Sarten, M. Hook, K. Jones, C. Haywood.

Intermediate: G. Flynn, G. Pearce, M. Gesterkamp, K. Conaglen, T. Urbahn, P. Bish, K. Monk, B. Adams.

Senior: M. Middlebrook, S. Bowkett, I. Webster, D. Treeby, D. Shaw, K. Death, A. Smith, D. Sceats.

Competition was very strong at these championships and no individual placings were awarded to our team. However our teams proved their quality by registering three team titles. The junior team was second to a strong Francis Douglas team with T. Moses, reversing the school loss to G. Lonsdale, taking 5th place and Lonsdale 13th.

The intermediate also bowed to Francis Douglas and filled second place. Again our school title holder filled the second school placing. G. Pearce took 9th and G. Flynn the 10th place.



M. Middlebrook in Action

The most meritorious performance was kept till last with our senior team taking the Taranaki title. This time leaving second to the hosts. Once again our school champ was beaten by a team vote. S. Bowkett just pipped Middlebrook on the line and took 4th and Middlebrook 5th. A mighty performance from I. Webster put him in 6th place by 2 seconds and Treeby filled 9th, Shaw 12th, Death 21st, Smith 24th and Sceats 26th.

Each team and all team members are to be congratulated on their fine showing.

Cycling

This year, for the first time, a cycle race was included in the school athletic sports and judging from the interest shown, it would seem there is indeed a following for this sport amongst the pupils of the school. Each year in Levin there are held the NZ secondary schools cycling championships — a teams event for 5 riders over a 10 miles road race and it was hoped to enter a team this year. However, the unavailability of several of the Schools top cyclists necessitated our withdrawal from the event, although it is hoped that next year we can enter a team. Mr Ernie Scott has offered to help in this respect and we are indeed fortunate in being able to call on a noted cycling authority to assist with the growth of this sport within the School.

Rowing

This year was not a year to be remembered for the School's rowers, however it is a year that will be significant in the School's rowing history. This was the year that school rowing went into recess.

The school rowing year started off quite optimistically with much enthusiasm from the juniors and considerable support from the seniors. Unfortunately this enthusiasm had to be dampened for a number of reasons. After a considerable number of years of support from Mr H. Speck in lending the club his bus at cheap rates, he was not able this year to continue the support. He took on a new bus run and had no spare bus. To compound this problem the Waitara River was not at its best this year. Quite severe tidal conditions made rowing hazardous and severely hampered training during the weeks. The school first eight did however train as often as possible, travelling by private transport during the week. On the weekends the seniors' time was mostly spent helping get juniors on the water to help maintain their enthusiasm.

The seniors travelled to their first regatta at Lake Ngaroto in early March. However, intermittent training and the lack of full preparation had taken its toll and the school performed poorly, quite below its best. All was not lost however, as the squad were billeted at Steegh's residence and their hospitality made the weekend very enjoyable.

Attempts were made to travel to the Wanganui Regatta and the N.Z. secondary schools championships at Lake Karapiro, but transport difficulties thwarted these attempts.

Following this rather dismal season it was decided that a full appraisal be made of the school rowing club by the boys' committee, the masters-in-charge, and the headmaster.

Factors arising from this appraisal were:

1. Increased transport costs (eighteen dollars for one return charter trip to Waitara) were making training uneconomic.

2. The decline in the standard of the Waitara River was not making it an ideal proposition.

With these factors in mind the school made an approach to the city council to obtain the use of Lake Mangamahoe for a training venue. There, training conditions are consistently good and the closer proximity makes transport costs considerably lower, and even running to the lake on weekends was a possibility. The council was sympathetic to our application but forwarded it to the Wild Life Division in Wellington. This body was not as sympathetic and our application was declined.

With this setback a reappraisal of the situation was made and the committee decided the club go into recess, the reasons being:

1. Prohibitive costs of transport to maintain an effective training programme. Thus the school falls further and further behind other schools.

2. Lack of a suitable facility to carry out an effective training programme.

3. Boarding played a major role in the previous success of school rowing but an overall increase in the standard of secondary school rowing has meant that to compete with other schools it is essential that training continue throughout the school holidays. This is impractical in our situation.

4. The rapidly increasing cost of replacement craft vitally essential to continue rowing.

Following the decision to go into recess it was decided that because of the extreme unlikelihood that a suitable training venue would be established locally and because of the amount of money involved and invested in our present plant that it should be put to practical use.

The committee decided that all the plant be sold and the money raised be channelled into the development of



Eight in Action

further aquatic sports. It was decided that the first developments be in yachting and canoeing.

These decisions were not easy to make and much time and thought went into these decisions by all those concerned.

Following this unfortunate and eventful season there are still thankyou's to be made.

Jack Steegh's parents for their hospitality, the boys' committee for their thoughts and efforts, especially Robert Mills and Blair Purcell for another successful dance and Mr Grant and Mr Stocks for the time and contributions they made.

Hockey

1st XI

1976 season prospects seemed bright with School entering two teams in the local competition, Senior B and 3rd Grade.

The senior team with eight players returning from 1975 got off to a bad start, with three consecutive losses in the preliminary round but came right after this and went through the remainder of the season undefeated; emerging competition winners. (Played 8 games of which won 7, and drew one) 33 goals were scored by us with 15 against.

Top goal scorer in the competition was S. Hughes, scoring 9 goals.

Congratulations to B. Adams for being selected for the Taranaki Colts and to S. Hughes, S. King and M. Woods for being selected for the Taranaki Senior B team.

College game prospects seemed good but all three games were very disappointing. School lost to Hamilton 4-1 after scoring first; again, against Wanganui Collegiate, School scored first only to lose 5-2. Wanganui Boys' College game was very disappointing; playing in muddy conditions, again school lost 5-1, after missing many goal attempts.

This year the 1st XI travelled to Whangarei for its annual tournament. The team played quite well, but not to full potential and came 7th out of the 12 teams competing. Out of the six games played, School won 1, drew 1, and lost 4. Total goals scored during the tournament were 9, with 12 scored against.

Congratulations to P. Binnie for being selected for the tournament representative team.

Through the assistance of Phoenix Hockey Club, two School teams were entered in the largest five-a-side tournament in New Zealand, held in Wanganui. The A team were unbeaten through section play but were eliminated in their second post-section game.

To round-off the season the 1st XI played an Old Boys XI. School lost 5-1. It is intended that this game become an annual fixture. All things considered, it was a successful season and prospects for next year seem good. The team thanks Mr Grant for his support and coaching and also those who assisted the team with transport.

Third Grade

Unfortunately School was outclassed in this section, having to compete against the first elevens of other schools, other teams proving generally superior. Problems with transport also marred the season, as some games were defaulted in consequence. Despite these setbacks, School persevered, and the end result was an enjoyable season. The team thanks Mr Krook for his coaching and for providing transport.

FIRST HOCKEY XI



Back: D. Arthur, P. Binnie, S. Allan, M. Woods, T. Stonnell, R. Palmer, B. Adams.
Front: G. Hughes, A. Lane, S. Hughes, A. Underwood (Capt), S. King, G. Gardner.

Rugby

The 1976 season was one of the most successful ever. School fielded 13 teams in local competitions. Outstanding achievements were recorded by the 7th Grade Gold and 6th Grade Black teams, both of which went through the season unbeaten to win their respective North Taranaki Championships. 8th Grade Gold also had a successful year in finishing 2nd equal in a highly competitive grade.

Overall though the success of the season was in the resurgence of interest and strength in the lower grades which augurs well for future years. Many players won selection in four representative sides while others went on to higher honours in under 16, under 18 and Taranaki Secondary Schools teams. Congratulations are especially due to Paul Van Praagh and Peter Bishop who were chosen in the Northern Region Secondary Schools representative side.

Thanks must be extended to our willing band of non-staff coaches — Neil Wolfe, Barry Darney, Brian Bellingher and Roger Urbahn — without whose assistance Rugby could not proceed.

First XV

The first squad was selected after Queen's Birthday weekend and consisted of 21 players: J. Crichton, C. Howan, D. MacKenzie, W. Harrison, K. Wallace, J. Fleming, R. Adlam, P. Bishop, D. Fairey, W. Smaill, J. Mildenhall (vice-captain) P. Roberts, C. Marshall, S. Hep-

worth, G. Allen, M. Gray (captain) P. Van Praagh, P. Hurley, S. MacDonald, A. Perival, and J. Carroll.

Again the 1st XV played in the local Senior 3rd competition, playing for points in the first round. In the first round School was placed third. They also played the Taranaki Trojans in their annual match with School just winning the game. This was a very open game played in high spirits and School just managed to hold these more experienced players.

A great deal of the Firsts' strength lay within the forward pack which had five forwards from last year's team and the very experienced front row of Gray, Van Praagh, Hurley. There was also a strong base in the backs, four having returned and good combination between halfback P. Bishop and first five eighth R. Adlam.

K. Wallace played against Brisbane Grammar but left soon after, his place at second-five-eighth being taken by S. Fleming from the 2nd XV.

This season, 9 members gained selection into the Taranaki Secondary Schools team, P. Van Praagh and P. Bishop making the Northern Region Secondary School side. Five members were selected for the Taranaki under-18 team which finished third in the Northern Zone tournament.

Many people in the background contributed to our team effort and deserve a special thought. The friends and parents who billeted players both at home and away; the Rugby administrators, the referees (especially George Lock, Ian Lobb and Brian Duffy), the Trojans for their game and helpful hints, the parents who entertained us so well in their homes both in New Plymouth

FIRST RUGBY XV



Back: D. Fairey, C. Marshall, W. Harrison, G. Allan, A. Percival, W. Smail, J. Carroll.
Middle: J. Crichton, R. Adlam, P. Hurley, C. Howan, P. Roberts, S. Fleming.
Front: P. Van Praagh, S. MacDonald, J. Mildenhall (v. capt), M. Gray (capt.), S. Hepworth, D. Mackenzie, P. Bishop.

and away and the ladies who served the afternoon tea in the Boarders' lounge.

And finally the members of the seconds who continually gave us solid opposition in practice on those late wintery afternoons on the gully.

To all of you the 1st XV say thank you for your help and support.

Without Mr Carroll we would have been just Rugby players. The team again says thanks for your time and effort in moulding us into a worthwhile side. The effort must be more rewarding when one sees so many ex-N.P.B.H.S. players in the top provincial sides and two players in the side to Argentina, namely the New Zealand captain Graham Mourie and John McEldowney.

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (gully 4th May)

The first inter-college game was against our Queensland hosts of the Australian tour. It was evident from the start of the game that the team was unsettled in the backline and the close marking by the Grammar backs compounded these first match jitters causing a breakdown of basic skills.

The forward pack was vastly superior in scrums and rucking but the tall second row from Brisbane had domination of the lineouts in the first spell and good mauling gave Brisbane some good second-phase ball to set their speedy back alright. However the match was won by the tight play of the forwards where time and again the New Plymouth pack pushed the opposition easily back.

John Middenhall opened the scoring when from a ruck close to Brisbane's line he came away and charged

across to score close to the posts. Ray Adlam converted. Midway through the first half Grammars' M. Brusasco finally kicked one of several attempts at goal to make the score 6-3 until halftime.

Just after the spell Mildenhall scored his second try when the school pack applied all its weight to take a tight head and push the Grammar forwards back 5 metres. R. Adlam converted and at 12-3 it appeared that school were going to coast to an easy victory but Grammar came back into the game when a backline fumble allowed the Brisbane winger to scoop up the ball and score wide out.

The game took on an air of excitement with the score of 12-7 but a penalty by R. Adlam sealed the match at 15-7 to school.

Scoring —
 N.P.B.H.S. J. Mildenhall 2 tries, R. Adlam 2 conversions and 1 penalty.
 B.G.S. A. Pickering try; M. Brusasco 1 penalty.

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (Gully 26th June)

The regular inter-college Rugby fixtures opened with a hard fought match against Hamilton Boys' High School on a firm school gully.

Both teams looked to have potential and many good backline moves were cancelled out by orthodox cover defence and good tackling.

The dominance of the School pack was a little slow to assert itself in the first half but with good ball from the lineouts and Adlam placing tactical kicks Hamilton were confined to their own territory to defend for a greater portion of the match.

The half-time score was 13-3 to N.P.B.H.S. This was achieved by a score in the first five minutes when W. Harrison went across after good lineout possession five metres from the Hamilton line. R. Adlam converted. A quick blindside move by P. Bishop put winger Howan in for a corner try. Adlam missed the conversion but later notched three more points with a penalty goal.

D. Ross, the Hamilton fullback kicked a penalty goal. After the half-time Hamilton tried placing some of their very tall outside backs into the lineout to counteract New Plymouth's dominance but to no avail.

D. Ross was desperately trying to stem the New Plymouth power and he placed another penalty goal then scored and converted his own try to narrow the gap to 13-12 but School came back with a good try by J. Mildenhall which Adlam converted.

Mildenhall scored after pressure by the School pack in driving Hamilton backwards from a set scrum close to the Hamilton line. Final score 19-12.

J. Mildenhall, M. Gray and P. Van Praagh were the pick of the hardworking pack. J. Crichton was outstanding at fullback with good positional play and catching. Both C. Howan and W. Harrison showed speed in the backline and always looked dangerous.

N.P.B.H.S: tries J. Mildenhall, C. Howan, W. Harrison; R. Adlam two conversions and 1 penalty.

Hamilton BHS: D. Ross converted try and two penalties.

ST PATRICK'S SILVERSTREAM

(Silverstream 10th July)

On only the second occasion that this match has been actually played at St Patrick's College it resulted in a win to the home side 10-0.

As the teams prepared for the match a southerly front with forty knot winds, hail and drenching rain swept up the Hutt Valley. School lost the toss and were faced with playing into the face of the gale.

Such were the atrocious conditions that the cold and wet made handling particularly difficult yet both sides were determined to try to work their back lines.

In the first five minutes of the game School backs with the still comparatively dry ball made several penetrating runs but with the ball becoming heavier St Pats kicked frequently and with the aid of the wind pinned School in their own half where only sound defence stopped St Pats scoring.

Half-time came at nil-all and with the change of ends the atrocious conditions stopped completely.

Up to the spell New Plymouth always looked as though they would gain forward control but after only ten minutes into the second half the St Pats first five eighth wrong-footed the New Plymouth team to cut through and score a try from a movement close to the School line.

The St Pats forwards then rallied and School under pressure made costly mistakes resulting in two penalty goals being kicked by D. Richardson. Final score 10-0.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE (Wanganui 15th July)

School took charge in the final quarter to beat Collegiate 38-12 in a fine demonstration of running Rugby.

Playing into a slight breeze School was rewarded with a try by J. Mildenhall five minutes into the first half. Mildenhall scored from a quick ruck near the Collegiate line. Adlam converted. Collegiate came back to score from a penalty goal. School scored again when Adlam slipped through the defence from a five yard scrum. From another penalty Collegiate scored to make the half-time score 10-6.

With the aid of the breeze School kicked deep and from here School made most of its opportunities. The heavier and more mobile School pack gained dominance in the forwards and took charge of the lineouts and tight play especially the scrums.

Halfback P. Bishop and R. Adlam at first five were a deadly combination with P. Bishop making some fine runs and putting Adlam in for two tries. The forward tries came from good tight play and sound backing up with both Marshall and Mildenhall scoring.

Collegiate did come back slightly to score a converted try from a movement near the halfway but School's margin was too great for this late comeback.

N.P.B.H.S: tries, J. Mildenhall (2), C. Marshall, R. Adlam (3) R. Adlam 2 penalties and 4 conversions.

Wanganui Collegiate: Converted try and two penalties.

PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

(Gully 29th July)

Palmerston North Boys' High School fought its way through the mud to beat School 12-9 in the annual school Rugby match at the Gully. This was the first win at New Plymouth.

School was down 6-3 at halftime. School made costly mistakes which Palmerston capitalised on. Palmerston scored its first try by kicking the ball along the ground behind School's backline. School failed to force the slippery ball over the try line and Palmerston centre N. Parkinson scored. B. Craw converted. School scored its points from a penalty try by R. Adlam.

To begin the second half School kicked deep using the wind. The game see-sawed with both sides electing to kick and toe the ball instead of passing it through the backline. From a dropped pass from a scrum on School's line Palmerston scored and converted.

School went into attack and was rewarded with a converted try by R. Adlam which brought the score to 12-9. In the last fifteen minutes School nearly scored but the Palmerston defence was too good and did not make the mistakes School desperately needed. Final score 12-9.

N.P.B.H.S: Converted try and penalty R. Adlam.
 Palmerston North BHS: tries: A. Josephs, N. Parkinson conversions B. Craw (2).

TE AUTE (Gully 31st July)

School completely dominated all aspects of play to defeat Te Aute 86-0 on the school Gully. School's forwards denied Te Aute much of the ball, enabling the backs to run in several tries.

Te Aute was very small and light in the forwards and their backs didn't show the pace of previous Te Aute sides. Due to the reduction in the Te Aute school roll which consists of only 180 boarders the side consisted of some very young players.

With solid play from all forwards especially Allen, Van Praagh and Hurley, School out-played its opponents giving Howan and Crichton many scoring opportunities.

It must be noted that the Te Aute side never threw in the game at any stage and several times made some good inter-passing rushes with both forwards and backs linking up.

N.P.B.H.S: Tries C. Marshall, P. Bishop, J. Crichton (4), C. Howan (5), W. Harrison (2), P. Van Praagh, J. Carroll, R. Adlam (2); penalties Adlam (2), Conversions Adlam (2).

Te Aute: Nil.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR (Eden Park 26th August)

This match was played on Eden Park at the request of the Auckland Rugby Union and was curtain-raiser to the Auckland-Manuwatu Ranfurly Shield challenge. The last time both schools played curtain-raiser to a shield game was in 1952 when the present Grammar Headmaster, Mr John Graham, captained the New Plymouth team.

Auckland Grammar had gone through their local secondary school competition without loss and had held the Moascar Cup through the season. This was their last inter-college game and School were desperate for a win and to lift the Moascar Cup. Before a large crowd the promise of this game was nearly fulfilled with School just losing 6-3.

The teams were evenly matched with School having the more dominant forwards and Grammar the more dangerous backs. In the first half, by playing a tight forward game and with Ray Adlam placing his kicks to advantage, School held Grammar within their own territory.

The backline tackled and played extremely well against their more seasonal opponents.

The pack took a number of tight heads from Grammar and as in previous school fixtures, this year pushed their opponents backwards in set scrums and rucks.

School were unlucky not to score on many occasions. J. Mildenhall almost scored off the back of a scrum after a great shove by the School forwards. Peter Bishop playing extremely well, harrying his opponent half-back and he also went close to scoring but the moment that brought the crowds in the stands to their feet was the intercept by Craig Howan which resulted in a 60 yard dash for the Grammar line. A certain try close to the posts was nullified by a great chase by Gary Henly-Smith, the Grammar fullback, when he tackled Howan a mere body length away from the line.

R. Adlam had kicked a penalty goal after 20 minutes in the first half, and, at 3-0 to School at half-time School looked to be in control.

A great try by Grammar winger Peter Beagly after the initial start of the move inside Grammar's twenty-five area changed to score to 6-3 when Henly-Smith converted from in front. School tried desperately to close the gap in the last fifteen minutes of the game but the defence of Grammar was too strong.

Two tired teams left the field with Rugby the winner of the day.

N.P.B.H.S: Penalty goal R. Adlam.

Grammar: Try P. Beagly, conversion G. Henly-Smith.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The second XV this year had a season of ups and downs but eventually emerged on top and combined well to finish a good season for the side. The team was changed frequently due to injury but always managed to overcome the troubles and get a combination on the field which played well.

Much credit must go to the outside coaches who trained and managed the team for most of the season. These two men, B. Darney and N. Wolfe were both well-known Rugby players in their own day, and this season showed their skills as coaches. N. Wolfe represented N.Z. in the All Black team for eight years (1961-1968) as a backline player and coached the backs of the 2nd XV. B. Darney also was a Taranaki representative for many years and shared much of his knowledge of forward play with the forwards. The combination of these two men helped the team improve from game to game, eventually to equal the skills of the top team of the grade the Hawera 1st XV. I would like to congratulate them on behalf of the team and hope that they continue coaching in the future.

The match of the season was as always against Hamilton Boys' High School. This year we travelled to Hamilton and were billeted with the boys of the school. The game was a clear cut win for our school. The team played very well with the backs covering and combining well throughout the game. The forwards also combined well many times to gain much ground and put the team into a scoring position. The hospitality of the Hamilton families was much appreciated by everybody.

The team was hit hard by injuries and loss of players. Firstly one of the members of the back line was promoted to the 1st XV after K. Wallace left school. Shortly after this G. Robertson broke a bone in his foot and this put

him out for quite some time. This left us with very few backs and almost every week we had to recruit players from lower grade teams to fill in a position or act as reserves. The forwards also had their worries. J. Steeghs broke his arm against Opunake and G. Hill had to end the season early with a recurring knee injury. The result of all this was a team with many of the members playing out of position and usually very few reserves on the side-line. It became a rare occurrence to field our original team.

Congratulations must go to M. Watson for gaining a place in the Taranaki Secondary School B team. Once again thanks go out to all those involved in the organisation, managing and coaching of the teams activities throughout the season.

THIRD FIFTEEN

This year, unlike the previous years, a Third Fifteen Rugby team had to be selected. In previous years, 4th Grade was considered as the Third Fifteen of the school. However, this year, due to the change in the age and weight of 4th Grade, the school withdrew from this grade, and also from the Inter-secondary school grade and replaced these grades, with a 5th Grade. Thus, three 5th Grade Rugby teams were formed, to compensate the loss of the other Rugby grades.

This year's Third Fifteen, captained by D. Cooke, had a narrow victory over Wanganui Boys' High Third Fifteen, by winning 8 points to 7. The game was played on the Gully ground, in very wet and muddy conditions.

An unusual aspect of this fixture was that this team was only selected a week before the Rugby match, and in the same week it had its first practice on the Monday, before the Wednesday match.

This Rugby fixture and other sports, has been traditionally held every year, between Wanganui Boys' High

and New Plymouth Boys' High Schools.

The success of this team was largely contributed by our coach, Mr Joyce. With his coaching knowledge, skills and Irish wit, he was able to boost this team to victory and down our defeats. The team was captained by D. Cooke, and were runners-up in the 'A' division of the North Taranaki 5th Grade.

Originally, this team was called the Social Rugby Team, and many problems arose during the Rugby season, due to the word "social". Some of the members of this team, took the word "social" too casually and this was shown through the lack of full attendance at both practice nights.

In the first round, the team played as a team, and many great talents were demonstrated. We were able to capitalise on the opportunities that were given to us, which gave us the lead in the competition.

However, the second round was changed, as the top five teams were put into the 'A' division and the rest into the 'B' division. In this round, our opportunity to become the winners of the competition was lost through the lack of practices and full attendance, plus the great number of injuries throughout the season.

Many players had misfortunes with injuries, for example, D. Hine at the beginning of the season was selected for the North Taranaki 5th Grade Rep. Trials and was later unable to attend these, because of his knee injury. A total of eight players from this team was selected for these Rep. trials, but many of them were unable to attend because of injuries. These players were: P. Boekhorst, D. Treeby, L. Harper, R. Parsons, D. Cooke, D. Hine, and T. Wilson.

Throughout the whole season, several players excelled themselves, demonstrating great talent and skill. Among these players were P. Boekhorst, D. Treeby, L. Harper, D. Cooke, W. Wilson and M. Smith.

The thanks of the whole team go to Mr Joyce for his time and effort and a whole season's coaching.



MAROON HOUSE SENIOR TEAM

DAY BOYS RUGBY TEAM



Back: J. Crichton, S. Gatenby, M. Gray, S. Hepworth, C. Howan, G. Bennett.
Middle: W. Smail, P. Boekhorst, C. Marshall, P. Roberts, G. Robinson, S. Fleming.
Front: R. Beaven, M. Watson, P. Van Praagh, P. Bishop, D. Fairey, S. Hodson.

5TH GRADE WHITE

This year, because of the changed grading, the lack of experienced players at this level caused a long settling-down period. However, after the pressure was eased through the team's being positioned in the 'B' division, all the players lifted their games well above their previous standards and managed to win every game thereafter. The team managed through the much appreciated efforts of Mr B. Bellringer in coaching, to win the 'B Division'. We finished with a fine record of 9 wins and 1 draw out of 14 games.

The team was captained by K. Woolsey and had 4 players represent Taranaki (J. Newland, M. Pipson, S. Percival and G. Passau). Playing outstanding games were T. Coplestone, I. Webster and K. Williams, with B. Knapman looking well throughout the season. There were many greatly improved players, including N. Prince, P. Poletti and N. Florence.

The experience of this year's players should be promising for this grade next year.

SIXTH GRADE

The School entered two sixth grade teams this year, with the black team entering the 'A' division and the gold team the 'B' division. The black team was very successful, winning the division and going through the season unbeaten. In addition the team won the Taranaki seven-a-side sixth grade tournament played at Hawera. This success was due to a large extent to the enthusiastic and knowledgeable coaching of Mr R. J. Urbahn.

Full-back Peter Bayley was the leading scorer with 64 points. While centre Brent McAsey scored a total of 15 tries, followed by captain Ken Monk with 10 tries. In 10

competition matches the team had the fine record of 282 points for and 46 against. The only close games played were against F.D.C and resulted in victories by 10-4 and 6-4.

The gold team had rather a mixed season but was always enthusiastic, even in the face of heavy defeats. The final record was two wins, 1 draw and 5 defeats from 8 matches. In the backs, K. Burton, M. Whitehead and G. Flynn gave sterling service, while in the forwards, W. Phillips, C. Kinzett and B. Sarten all played consistently well. Sarten proved to be the team's top try scorer while Flynn distinguished himself with some fine kicking.

7TH GRADE GOLD

This team, which comprised most of last year's 8th Grade champions, had an outstanding year in remaining unbeaten to win the North Taranaki competition by a decisive 4 points. The side displayed teamwork and skills not often seen at this level and their many second half recoveries were a feature of their games.

Barry Cox again proved a skilled captain and player and he was well supported in the forwards by Rodney Johns and Brian Boulton. These latter two possess a high degree of natural ability and Rugby sense and should serve the school well in future.

Backs to impress consistently were high scoring threequarters Greg Moore and Jeff Honeyfield who along with Kelvin Gifford and Peter Young generally had too much pace and skill for their opposition.

Overall however it was a team effort and in this respect practice attendance, dedication, determination were firstclass. A very willing band of parents accompanied the team and provided transport and this was very much appreciated.

7th GRADE GOLD



8TH GRADE GOLD

This team performed admirably during the season to finish second in the 'A' division of their grade. Their very high standard of play was due to several reasons, the main one being their meritorious standard of discipline on and off the field. All players gave of their best at all times. K. Fraser was a very capable and inspiring leader.

Congratulations go to several members of the team who combined to win the seven-a-side 9th grade Rugby tournament.

8TH GRADE WHITE

This was a good season in that all members developed their play and were working well as a team at the end. Several players deserve mention, particularly McCartain and George who established an excellent combination which made the backline a good unit. Miln, with his sure handling and impressive sidestep, performed well as did Rushbrook who, as well as proving an outstanding leader, scored many of the side's points. The whole team displayed determination and sportsmanship that made for a very successful season.

9TH GRADE

This team was formed from the lighter boys in the 8th Grade area and, after a settling down period, performed very well indeed. Over the final few weeks the team produced some most attractive Rugby in beating more favoured sides. The keenness and enthusiasm was outstanding and full credit to the boys for their spirit and dedication. Prominent for his consistently good displays was Shane Everleigh.

HOUSE RUGBY

Results:

Junior: 1st round Blue beat White, Maroon beat Green. Final Blue 15, Maroon 11.

Senior: 1st round Blue beat White, Maroon beat Green. Final, Maroon 19, Blue 15.

Senior final: The game was played on McNaught field in very warm conditions Maroon opened the scoring and at halftime appeared to have the upper hand, however, Blue took the initiative in the second half and attacked almost constantly. Right on full time Blue scored to level the scores at 15 all.

It was then decided to play an extra 5 minutes each way with the first points to decide the winner. Blue kicked off to start the extra time giving Maroon the first chance to attack. Maroon threw the ball about immediately catching many Blue players unaware and allowing T. Neal to cross the line for the winning try.

Softball

TEAM: P. Hurley, M. Smith, (capt) R. Adlam, (v. capt) W. Wilson, T. Wilson, B. Harrison, B. Hine, S. Fleming, B. Procter, P. Van Praagh, G. Allan and S. Wildon.

This year the school fielded a senior softball team that played in the local secondary school competition. Unfortunately the competition amongst the secondary schools was not of a high standard, so the boys entered the senior mens 'B' grade division in the 3rd term. So far the team has done very well with two good wins. These scores were 17-1 and 13-3. The team has improved considerably since the first term although lacking one of its finest players, K. Wallace who has left school. There have been a few alterations to the team with new players such as Bruce Hine and Stewart Wildon who both provide the strong arms in the outfield. The team has also been lucky enough to have the head boy, Paul Van Praagh playing at short stop when Steve Fleming is resting. Ray Adlam has now converted to catcher and does a fine job whilst Peter Hurley plays a competent first base. Another new member to the side is Bill Harrison whose batting ability is a great asset to the team. Grant Allan and Brent Procter have both fielded magnificently this year and have both taken vital catches that either win or lose the game. Infield there has been a great combination between both Tommy and Willie Wilson who are both alert at all times. The team would like to express their thanks to Mr L. K. Denton for his help in starting softball this season and to the council for financing softball equipment. Thanks are also due to the Taranaki Softball Association, and in particular, to Andy Elliot for encouraging softball among us, and supporting the team in many ways.

Soccer

FIRST XI

This year we were under the guidance of Mr Picton who did a great job in coaching the squad who were all new to first eleven status except two.

A squad of eighteen was chosen and the team for competition and college games was selected from this squad. The team was entered in the junior competition because of the overall size of the team.

After a month of hard training and competition games we were in the top three of the league and stayed in contention until the end of the season when we were narrowly defeated by the leaders. We eventually came third. The final record in the competition was: Played 15; won 9; drawn 4; lost 2. Goals for: 51, goals against: 17.

The college season, considering our age and size, was excellent with two wins, a draw and two losses. Our first college game was against Hamilton Boys High School on June 26. This game was played as a curtainraiser at Western Park to the Taranaki United and Palmerston North Boys' High School match. The knowledge that during the previous week Palmerston had defeated Hamilton 2-0 didn't do much for our morale.

We went on the field clearly the underdogs but the taller and supposedly better skilled Hamilton side found we were better than they thought.

They started off at a fast pace and they had most of the play until we decided to play them at their own game and some promising attacks were launched, only to be well saved by their North Island representative goalkeeper.

The pace was still kept until halftime came with there still being no score. The second half saw the effort being continued although Hamilton's experience was showing out. Hamilton drew first blood when D. Leong scored a good goal which set us back a little. When School did look like getting through the tall, tough defence they were subject to heavy tackles which destroyed any hope of scoring. The game was put beyond doubt near the end when our goalkeeper misjudged a high oncoming ball by C. Stewart to make the final score 2-0 to a rather over-confident Hamilton team. This was the best game the team played, of all the college games.

Ian Hollins, Dallas Chadwick and Peter Conquest were the three who stood out the most and it was an enjoyable encounter on and off the field.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

This was the first time the two schools had met in soccer and knowing that Hamilton had beaten Collegiate 4-0, a slightly over confident school team took the field in cold, windy conditions at Wembley Park, Wanganui. The opposition were not very skilled but they were prepared to chase and hustle for the full ninety minutes which restricted our play greatly. After a relatively lack-lustre first half the score was nil all and we received a good talk from Mr Picton. The School took to the second half with a more positive attitude and after 15 minutes Ian Hollins headed a corner which would have gone in, but a quick thinking defender tipped it over the bar with his hand and a penalty was awarded. It was put into the net by Paul Davidson to make the score 1-0. Jeff Watson netted a good ball from out on the right wing but one of our strikers was ruled offside by the referee who did an excellent job at controlling the game.

FIRST SOCCER XI



Back: J. Sutherland, S. Tubby, K. Newell, P. Hansen, B. Murray, I. Sarten, S. Burmester, P. Conquest.
Front: S. Dennis, D. McPherson, D. Chadwick, P. Davidson (capt) I. Hollins, B. Cotterill, R. Rix.

The game started to liven up as full time drew nearer and some opportunities just went wide at both ends, the game ending with School being the some-what lucky victors. We all look forward to meeting Collegiate again next year.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE (21 July)

This year Wellington had a very strong team with nine seventh formers, three of these playing in the same league as Taranaki United.

In this game we were well beaten but although outplayed we never gave up. After fifteen minutes the score was 0-0 but soon after the tall Wellington winger, Warwick McLeod, leapt above everyone to head in a cross and he repeated this five minutes later.

At the other end our forwards were trying to get past the taller well skilled Wellington defenders.

They scored again when our goalkeeper did not come out quickly enough and Michael Munro had no trouble in beating the goalie and scoring.

School were awarded a penalty when a Wellington defender stopped a certain goal with his hand and Paul Davidson put home the penalty. Wellington scored again, near halftime, when Bob Mansfield hit a low hard shot which just went past the goalie's outstretched arms.

With the halftime score being 4-1 in the visitor's favour we received a good talk which obviously paid off as they only scored once more and our own play lifted. Their fifth goal was a good hand shot by John Burnett and minutes later at the other end a shot just went wide.

The final score was 5-1 to Wellington who never really looked in doubt about winning.

WANGANUI BOYS' COLLEGE (4 August)

This game was played on Webster Field with a light wind blowing in overcast conditions. Wanganui kicked off and started to dominate play for the first fifteen minutes and scored when their forward cracked home a mis-kicked goal-kick which had the goalie out of position.

School than started playing good soccer and missed some near goals and some others were well saved by their goalkeeper. We still kept the pressure up but the elusive equaliser did not come and we were 1-0 down at the break.

The play continued in the same manner but more pressure was being applied by both sides and we finally equalised when Brett Murray hit a low cross into the net. Spurred on from this goal we threw everything into attack and we nearly scored again when Dallas Chadwick fired a good shot which was again well saved by the keeper.

Five minutes from the end P. Conquest scored the winner when his cross had beaten the goalie and deflected off an unsuspecting defender.

The remainder of the half was very tense as Wanganui attacked strongly but the score stayed at 2-1 in School's favour and we were all well pleased with our effort.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE (12 August)

This fixture is intended to be a regular one each year as the two schools are both well catered for in soccer.

Spotswood selected their team mainly from players who attend the school but play for outside clubs which is not the way that our team is selected. Consequently their team is a lot stronger than our team which plays in our Saturday morning competition.

The game was played in very wet conditions at Webster Field. School started playing well right from the start and had the opposing defence in a lot of trouble.

Spotswood scored completely against the run of play when a school defender failed to pass back to the goalie properly and their winger, P. Sagar, was on hand to score.

The second half was much the same and later Spotswood increased their lead when W. Gould scored from a narrow angled shot. School kept pressuring and reduced the deficit when a low cross from Peter Conquest was hit into the net by Russell Rix and minutes later Peter Conquest himself scored the equaliser from close range.

Chances went missing at both ends but the score remained at 2-2 and it was a fitting end to a good college game.

The last game of the season was against the Old Boys with the 1st XI just winning 5-4. A new face to the 1st XI for this game was coach Mr Picton who adapted well to many different positions on the field.

I would like to thank Mr Picton for the great job he did this season and he will be missed on the soccer fields next year.

I would also like to thank the referees, parents who helped with transport and the ladies who helped with the after match functions.

The prospects for next year look bright with most of this year's squad coming back and we will go all out to make a good impression in the senior competition.

HOUSE SOCCER

Junior

This year Green and White were automatically finalists when Blue and Maroon could not field teams.

White dominated the first half to be 2-1 up at halftime but Green fought back brilliantly to win 6-2.

SENIOR

Blue met Green in the first semi-final with Blue emerging the winners 4-2. In the other semi-final Maroon defeated White 4-1 on penalties as the score was 2-2 after extra time.

In the final Maroon deservedly defeated Blue 2-0, with a goal in each half, although both were against the run of play

P. Davidson

THIRD GRADE SOCCER

This year we fielded a Second XI team, under coach Mr Harris, in the local 3rd. Grade competition. The team was fairly strong and there was a good team spirit as most of the squad had played together last season. We got off to a good start by beating Moturoa Red and ended the season with 7 wins, 4 defeats and 1 draw. The team put up its best performances at home. We lost away to the eventual league winners, Eltham, but beat them quite easily on Webster Field. The team also lost at Hawera after being two goals up at half time. In the end we finished in the top five of the league table.

This season we played two inter-college games: against Kelston Boys' High and Wanganui B.H. The first match against Wanganui, we won 4-1, which was very pleasing. Against Kelston, whom we defeated last year, we were outclassed and beaten 1-5.

It is difficult to name individual players without being unfair to some but, in defence, our most valuable player would be Grant McAuliffe, he saved goals many times. Centre-half Paul Schultz played strongly and encouraged the team. Forwards Steven Mace, Craig Rowlands, Paul Nelson and David Lockhart worked very smoothly together. David Lockhart was top goal scorer followed closely by Paul Nelson. Steven Mace captained the team for most of the season and did the job very well showing skill in his play as a winger and setting a good example of sportmanship.

The whole squad were a credit to the School in their loyalty to the team and in the high standard of sportmanship and courtesy and sometimes sadly lacking in the adult supporters of the other teams. Mr Harris was always at our games and deserves thanks for giving up so much of his time to coaching us at practices. The players and all those connected with the game in the School owe a great debt to Mr Picton for all that he has done to encourage and develop soccer. We wish him and his family well as they go off to England next year. We hope that he will return with all the latest techniques of the game to pass on to us.

Squash

The squash club continued to provide excellent opportunities for boys not involved in the traditional team sports. The standard of squash playing in the school is high, as evidenced by the classic tussle with the strong Hamilton B.H.S. team. The club organised an Inter-house squash tournament which Blue house won. Members of the club become full members of the Y.M.C.A. squash club and have full playing rights. Although the club meets on two days each week, members can book courts for other times.

Surfing

The school surf-riding championships were held this year in consistent 4' surf at Fitzroy beach on the morning of Monday March 15, and attracted 30 surfers. All competitors assembled at Fitzroy Beach at 7.30 a.m., and the first heat was underway by 8.30 a.m. The standard of surfing was high, with competitors being judged on their fine best waves in their heat of ½ hour.

The nine 'highest points' qualifiers from the four heats were then given a 40-minute final in which points gained in the heats were added to points gained in the final, to decide our winner. Mr Jay Whittaker from Cape Boardriders Club assisted with the judging and the school wishes to express its sincere thanks for his services. Some long rides were seen and many riders showed consistent ability in all their waves, with especially good performances coming from Fabian Bunyan, Nigel Wood, Daryl Blake, A. May, T. Smith, M. Smith and T. McLennan. The younger surfers had some difficulty in coping with the conditions and it was only their lack of experience that cost them high placings. The depth of talent within the school in this sport is evident and all surfers wish to thank the school for the time given off school, to hold these championships in ideal surf conditions.

Placings:

1. F. Bunyan 145 points
2. N. Wood 141 points
3. D. Blake 130 points
4. A. May 126 points
5. T. Smith 120 points
6. M. Smith/T. McLennan 111 points.

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL SURFING CHAMPS

New Plymouth Boys' High were once again responsible for staging the inter-secondary surfing championships. These were held at Weld Road, on Saturday 6th November, in variable 3-4' surf and attracted entrants from NPBHS, Spotswood College, Francis Douglas College, and Opunake High School.

Our team of A. May, N. Wood, T. Smith and M. Smith won the teams event, with A. May, T. Smith and M. Smith



Surf Champs Action

gaining 2nd, 3rd and 4th placings respectively in the individual event.

Surfers were judged on their five best waves in the ½-hour heats, and the standard of surfing was of a high order. P. Gallagher (Opunake High School) surfed consistently well to take out the individual title.

New Plymouth Boys' High have now won the Dennis Whittaker memorial trophy for team competition five years in succession since its inception in 1972, and both the school and the boys can be justly proud of this achievement.

Thanks are extended to the judges for their assistance and continued support of inter-school surfing.

Results

Team event (Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy)

1. NPBHS 171
2. Opunake HS 119
3. Francis Douglas 111
4. Spotswood 76.

Individual event

1. P. Gallagher (Opunake H.S.)
2. A. May (NPBHS)
3. T. Smith (NPBHS)
4. M. Smith (NPBHS)
5. S. Bayly (Spotswood)

K. Gledhill

SURF LIFE-SAVING

This year saw several boys from the school compete at the NZ Surf life-saving championships held at Paekakariki beach in Wellington in late February.

Those to gain placings were:

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| S. Mace (East End) | 3rd Jnr 6-man R and R |
| | 1st Jnr march past |
| M. Te Ruki (East End) | 1st Jnr march past |
| G. MacLean (Old Boys) | 1st Jnr Surf ski race |
| | 2nd Jnr Malibu board |
| | 3rd Jnr Iron man |
| R. White (Old Boys) | 1st Jnr 6-man R and R |
| | 1st Jnr 4-man R and R |
| R. Beaven (Old Boys) | 1st Jnr 6-man R and R |
| | 1st Jnr 4-man R and R |

Two members of staff, Mr Stocks (stroke) and Mr Gledhill (sweep) were members of the Old Boys' boat crew, although they were eliminated before the finals.

SWIMMING TEAM 1976



Back: T. Urbahn, G. Aylward, D. Lockhart, K. Adams, A. Frengley, P. Clout, B. Webster.
Front: M. Gesterkamp, S. Weydon, I. Webster, G. Whittaker, T. Webster.

Swimming

The school swimming sports this year were organised on a house basis and this, coupled with the inclusion of novelty and relay events, ensured greater participation from a wider section of boys than previously. Each house was required to select its representatives for each event and these house-selection trials were held during school hours in the first week of the school year. Competition was keen for junior, intermediate and senior championship-event selections with the fastest two qualifiers becoming automatic house selection at each level and in each event. House relays, apart from the pure freestyle relay events, and novelty events were open to those who had been unsuccessful in gaining house selection in championship events.

The junior, intermediate and senior individual champions were decided on total points gained from the five available championship events at each level. Points in all events were allocated in this manner: 1st — 7 points; 2nd — 5 points, 3rd — 3 points; 4th — 1 point.

The sports were held on Wednesday 18th February in fine weather, having been postponed from an earlier date due to inclement weather after ten events had been held. Championship events at the senior level were keenly contested between R. Beaven and I. Webster, and some close finishes were seen. K. Adams and A. Frengley dominated the intermediate and junior championships respectively being clear winners of the individual championships trophies.

Day boys showed superiority over boarders in winning the traditional relay, and the staff came from behind

in a close duel to touch equal first in the staff-students relay. Former Old Boys of the school turned up in force to narrowly defeat the students in their relay. Great depth of swimming talent was shown by White House which won the intermediate and senior house relays, the 'A' house relay, the inter-house group relay, the senior house breaststroke relay, the senior, intermediate and junior medley and backstroke relays.

SWIMMING RESULTS — 1976

Senior championship

- 33½yd Freestyle: 1. S. Weydon (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. M. Chivers (B), 4. M. Gray (G) (17.3sec)
66½yd Backstroke: 1. I. Webster (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. G. MacLean (M), 4. R. Adlam (B) (47.6 sec)
66½yd Breaststroke: 1. I. Webster (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. C. Marshall (M), 4. M. Gray (G) (50.8 sec)
33½yd Butterfly: 1. I. Webster (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. G. MacLean (M), 4. C. Marshall (M) (19.6 sec)
100yd Freestyle: 1. R. Beaven (B), 2. I. Webster (W), 3. M. Gray (G), 4. G. Whittaker (W) (58.6 sec)

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 33½yd Freestyle: 1. K. Adams (B), 2. B. McAsey (M), 3. D. Lockhart (G), 4. B. Scott (W) (17.5 sec)
33½yd Backstroke: 1. T. Webster (W), 2. M. Gesterkamp (G), 3. M. Smith (W), 4. B. McAsey (M) (22.3 sec)
33½yd Breaststroke: 1. K. Adams (B), 2. T. Urbahn (W), 3. S. Mace (M), 4. D. Greensill (G) (22.3 sec)
33½yd Butterfly: 1. K. Adams (B), 2. J. Moffat (M), 3. T. Webster (W), 4. B. Scott (W) (20.3 sec)
100yd Freestyle: 1. K. Adams (B), 2. D. Lockhart (G), 3. D. Greensill (G), 4. T. Webster (W) (62.9 sec)

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

33½yd Freestyle: 1. A. Frengley (B), 2. P. Clout (B), 3. G. Kaitoa (G), 4. G. Webster (W) (17.8 sec)
33½yd Backstroke: 1. A. Frengley (B), 2. D. Lundt (G), G. Webster (W), 4. T. Webb (W) (23.0 sec)
33½yd Breaststroke: 1. A. Frengley (B), 2. M. Webley (W), T. Masters (M), 4. R. Van Dyke (W). (25.3 sec)
33½yd Butterfly: 1. T. Webb (W), 2. G. Kaitoa (G), 3. J. Aylward (B), 4. D. Wilson (W). (27.3 sec)
100yd Freestyle: 1. A. Frengley (B), 2. P. Clout (B), 3. G. Webster (W), 4. G. Kaitoa (G). (67.4 sec)

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Life-saving: 1. R. White/P. Van Praagh (W), 2. R. Bryant/G. Coleman (B), 3. M. Gray/S. Hepworth (G), 4. J. Mildenhall/C. Marshall (M).
Medley (133½yd) 1. I. Webster (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. K. Adams (B), 4. M. Gray, (G). (1.35.9)
Dive: 1. B. Flynn (B), 2. G. Leathley (G), 3. K. Burton (B), 4. B. Moller (M). (18.5 points)
200yds Freestyle: 1. I. Webster (W), 2. R. Beaven (B), 3. K. Adams (B), 4. T. Webster (W) (2.09.8)

NON CHAMPIONSHIP (Repechage)

Junior 33½yd Freestyle: 1. B. Bolton (B), 2. S. Coplestone (B), 3. D. Moses (M), 4. S. Wilson (W), (19.5 sec)
Int 33½yd Freestyle: 1. M. Smith (W), 2. G. Parker (M), 3. T. Webster (W), 4. K. Francis (B) (19.2 sec)
Int 100yd Freestyle: 1. M. Te Ruki (W), 2. J. Sutherland (W), 3. J. Moffat (M), 4. J. Brown (B) (1.16.4 sec)
Senior 33½yd Freestyle: 1. G. Whittaker (W), 2. I. Webster (W), 3. R. Parsons (M), 4. P. Binnie (B) (17.7 sec)
Senior 100yd Freestyle: 1. P. Van Praagh (W), 2. C. Rudd (W), 3. M. Chivers (B), 4. R. Parsons (M) (1.06.4 sec)

RELAYS

Day boys v. Boarders: Day boys.
Staff v. Students (winning junior house relay team). Staff 1 equal Students.
Old Boys v. Students (winning Day boys v. boarders relay) Old Boys.
Junior house relay: 1. Green, 2. White, 3. Maroon, 4. Blue. (2min 40.2)
Int. house relay: 1. White, 2. Blue, 3. Maroon, 4. Green. (2 min 34.7)
Senior house relay: 1. White, 2. Maroon, 3. Blue, 4. Green (2 min 24.7)
'A' house relay: 1. White, 2. Blue, 3. Maroon, 4. Green. (2 min 24.9)

INTER-HOUSE GROUP RELAY

1. White-Group 8, 2. White-Group 2, 3. Maroon-Group 1, 4. Blue-Group 1.
Junior house breaststroke relay: 1. Green, 2. Blue, 3. White, 4. Maroon (3 min 12.5)
Intermediate house breaststroke relay: 1. Maroon, 2. White, 3. Blue, 4. Green (2 min 44.9)
Senior house breaststroke relay: 1. White, 2. Maroon, 3. Blue, 4. Green (2 min 39.3)
Junior house backstroke relay: 1. White, 2. Green, 3. Blue, 4. Maroon (2 min 41.2)
Intermediate house backstroke relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green (2 min 33.4)
Senior house backstroke relay: 1. White, 2. Maroon, 3. Blue, 4. Green (2 min 27.8)
Junior house medley relay: 1. White, 2. Blue, 3. Green, 4. Maroon (5 min 27.1)
Intermediate house medley relay: 1. White, 2. Blue, 3. Maroon, 4. Green (4 min 54.5)
Senior house medley relay: 1. White, 2. Maroon, 3. Green, 4. Blue. (4 min 34.3)

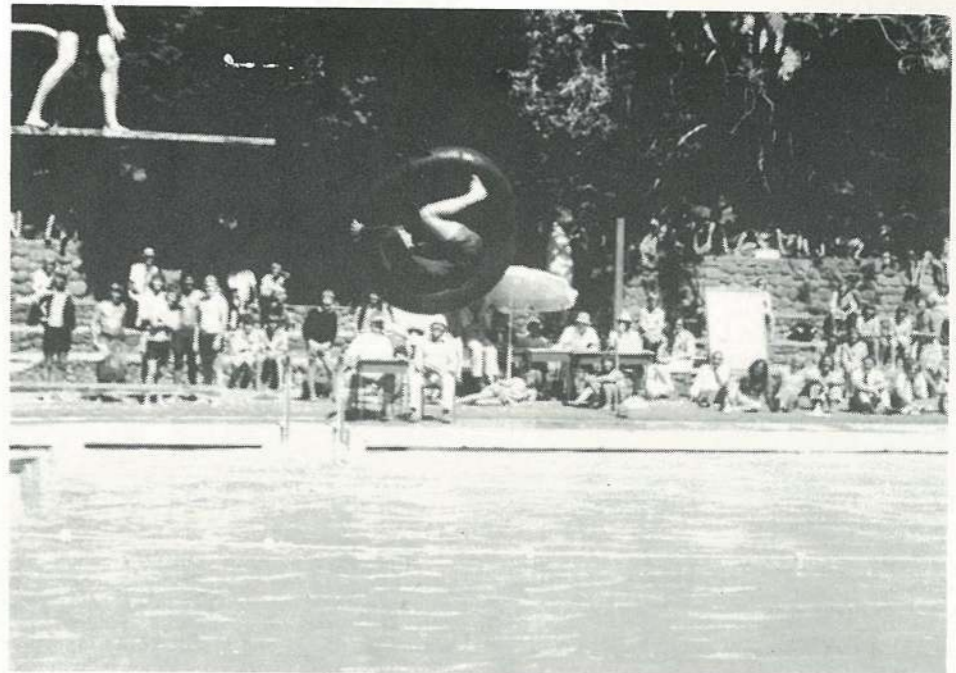
NOVELTY EVENTS

Junior house obstacle relay: 1. Green, 2. White, 3. Blue, 4. Maroon (2 min 36.1)
Int. house obstacle relay: 1. Maroon, 2. Blue, 3. White 4. Green (2 min 16.3)
Senior house obstacle relay: 1. White, 2. Green, 3. Blue, 4. Maroon (2 min 15.3)

Junior house tube swim: 1. Maroon, 2. Green, 3. Blue, 4. White (3 min 47.0)
Int. house tube swim: 1. Blue, 2. Maroon, 3. Green, 4. White (3 min 21.7)
Senior house tube swim: 1. Blue, 2. White, 3. Green, 4. Maroon. (3 min 36.4)
Junior house cork retriever: 1. White, 2. Green, 3. Maroon 4. Blue. (66 corks).
Int. house cork retriever: 1. Blue, 2. White, 3. Green, 4. Maroon. (70 corks)
Senior house cork retriever: 1. White, 2. Blue, 3. equal Maroon, Green. (55 corks)
Junior house target jump: 1. B. Robb (M), 2. B. Bolton, 3. A. Frengley (B), 4. A. Withers (W).
Int. house target jump: 1. G. Pearce (M), 2. P. Burrowes (B), 3. J. Holden (G).
Senior house target jump: 1. K. Dixon (B), 2. M. James (G), 3. P. Roberts (M)
Junior house novelty dive: 1. G. McManus (M), 2. R. Powell (M), 3. A. Withers (W), 4. B. Flynn (B).
Int. house novelty dive: 1. W. Sutton (W), 2. C. Janett (G), 3. W. Phillips (M), 4. P. Le Seur (G).
Senior house novelty dive: 1. A. Underwood (W), 2. B. Hine (G), 3. M. Gesterkamp (G), 4. R. Palmer (M)

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Senior: 1. R. Beaven (27 pts), 2. I. Webster (26 pts) 3. S. Weydon (7 pts).
Intermediate: 1. K. Adams (28 pts), 2. T. Webster (11 points), 3. D. Lockhart (8 points)
Junior: 1. A. Frengley (28 pts), 2. P. Clout (10 pts), 3. G. Kaitoa (9 pts)
House champions: 1. White 311 pts, 2. Blue 263 pts, 3. Maroon 162 pts, 4. Green 135 pts.
Representative awards were granted to R. Beaven and I. Webster for their service and consistent high standards of performance in swimming over the last three years.



Novelty Dive!



Cork Retrieving Competition

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS

The Taranaki Inter-secondary swimming sports were held on the 28th February at the New Plymouth Boys' High pool. The swimming was held in fine weather.

The standard of swimming displayed at the sports was very high and Boys' High gave its usual high standard of swimming, although Boys' High was lacking some of its top swimmers because of the National Surf Champs being held at Paekakariki on the same weekend.

Boys' High was represented by the following eighteen swimmers: I. Webster, T. Webster, G. Webster, K. Adams, T. Urbahn, M. Webley, D. Lockhart, S. Weydon, G. Whittaker, A. Frengley, M. Gesterkamp, S. MacDonald, C. Marshall, D. Lundt, J. Moffat, P. Clout, G. Aylward and T. Webb.

Boys' High came away with eight titles. These going to I. Webster (2), K. Adams (1), A. Frengley (1), T. Webster (1), and the relay teams (3).

NOTABLE RESULTS

Senior:

Ian Webster:

- 1st 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Butterfly
- 1st 200yds Freestyle
- 2nd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Individual Medley

Chris Marshall:

- 3rd 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Breaststroke

Relay team:

- 2nd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Individual Medley
- 3rd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Freestyle
- 1st 8 x 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Freestyle
- 1st Flying Squadron 6 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Freestyle.

Intermediate

T. Webster:

- 1st 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Backstroke

K. Adams:

- 1st 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Breaststroke
- 3rd 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Freestyle

Relay team:

- 1st 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Individual Medley
- 3rd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Freestyle

Junior

David Lundt

- 2nd 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Backstroke

Andrew Frengley:

- 1st 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds Freestyle
- 3rd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yds Individual Medley

Paul Clout:

- 3rd 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yd Freestyle

Relay Team:

- 3rd 4 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yd Freestyle
- 3rd 2 x 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yd Medley.

NORTH ISLAND INTER-SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS

These were held in the Lido pool in Palmerston North on the 27th March in cold, windy weather.

The school was represented by three swimmers: Ian Webster, Tony Webster and Kerry Adams. Ian and Tony were swimming in the over fifteen age group and Kerry in the under fifteen age group.

Ian swam in the 100 and 400 metres Freestyle and the 200 metres Individual Medley.

Tony swam in the 100 and 200 metres Backstroke.

Kerry swam in the 100 metres Freestyle and the 100 and 200 metres Breaststroke.

All swimmers swam well and both Ian and Tony managed to gain personal best times. Kerry was still recovering from the 'flu' and although he made the final of the 200 metres Breaststroke he could not manage to get anywhere near his best times and was placed sixth. Overall they swam well and had a very enjoyable weekend.

Tennis

First term

The school team faced opposition twice at the beginning of the year. First, we had a visit from Hamilton Boys' High School, who beat our team of S. Wood (capt), R. Lawson, G. Pearce, W. Crozier, I. Sarten and C. Meads 10-2. It is interesting to note that the two matches we won were the two top singles. When Wanganui Collegiate visited in early April, G. Bennett, B. Besley, S. Allen, R. Bennie, S. Gatenby and T. Wilson were added to the team who had played Hamilton. In a very close series of games Collegiate won 17-12. We hope to reverse that result in the third term.

The boarder's team of W. Crozier, I. Sarten, R. Pateron, R. Bennie, S. Allen, P. Bayly and H. Kam, combining with Girls' High School, played in the Northern Division Taranaki Lawn Tennis Association's C Grade competition. The team played well coming fourth in the competition. Good work!

Competitions played in the first term were:

Third form tournament: W. Dunn.

Intermediate Singles (McKeon Cup): W. Crozier.

Third Term

The return match against Wanganui Collegiate was to be played in Wanganui in late October. The team of S. Wood (capt), R. Lawson, W. Crozier, M. Watson, G. Bennett, G. Pearce, B. Besley, S. Wildon, D. Arthur, T. Wilson, P. Hurley and S. Allen unfortunately struck bad weather and the match was not played.

Then came Palmerston North Boys' High School two days later. Their team was very strong and our team of S. Wood, R. Lawson, W. Crozier, M. Watson, I. Sarten, G. Pearce and G. Bennett (reserve) could not match them. The final result: P.N.B.H.S. 8 N.P.B.H.S. 1.

In early November the school will be represented in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships by S. Wood and R. Lawson in the singles and W. Crozier and I. Sarten in the doubles. Best of luck to them.

We again entered in the local C Grade competition. This season we had three teams, again in conjunction with Girls' High School. One team made up of Moyes House boys, the other drawn from Carrington House. It will be interesting to see how they fare.

Competitions played in the Third term:

Senior championships (Candy Cup): S. Wood.

House competition (Stevenson Cup): White.

Our thanks to Mr Groves for helping with intermediate tennis and Mr. Grant for junior tennis and especially for his giving up Saturday morning to supervise the inter club team.

Our thanks also to Kevin Burgess for presenting a cup for the most improved player. It is a very generous gesture.

The winner of the cup for 1976 is Ross Lawson.

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM



Back: I. Sarten, P. Bayly, R. Bennie, W. Crozier, S. Allen, G. Pearce.
Front: P. Boekhorst, G. Bennet, S. Wood, R. Lawson, T. Wilson, B. Besley.

Volleyball

This year volleyball continued its development in the school. The overall standard of play was better than previous years, and the numbers participating also increased. Because of the increasing interest, further playing facilities were established on the old gully courts. These are being used during class time, lunch times, and for some school practices.

This year teams were chosen to represent the school in the junior and senior sections of the Taranaki Inter-secondary competition at Spotswood College. The junior team were unopposed in the junior section and were then entered in the senior grade. This was a completely new team from last year and performed creditably to finish fourth in the competition, securing an outright win over the Stratford senior team and taking sets off Spotswood

College and the Boys' High A Team. The team played a better team game than most other teams in the competition and only lost through lack of tall players. All members showed they are players to be reckoned with in the future.

The A team was down in strength this year through loss of all but one of last year's team. However, the team moulded itself into an effective unit and retained the Taranaki Inter-secondary title, dropping only two sets, one to Opunake and the other to our B team. Team members were:-

Seniors: P. Hall, C. Burr, N. Wood, A. Walker, M. Joseph, H. Kam, P. Belworthy, B. McAsey, P. Doorbar.

Juniors: A. Frengley, T. Tukaroa, D. Shute, G. Harkness, P. Young, G. Rutherford, P. Clout, G. Pritchard, P. Poletti.

TOMORROW'S INTELLECTUALS



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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TIME

Past

It does not move.

Future

Gathers remnants of that happening.

Present

Passes in between the casual workings of human beings.

Time

What is this imaginative word?

One cannot say

Past

(As it has gone);

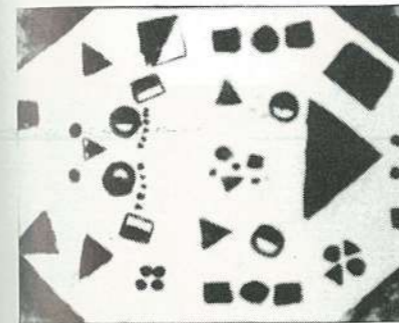
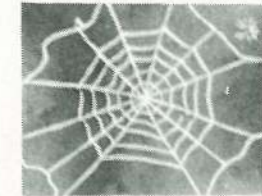
Future

(As it becomes present);

Present

(as it will be the past).

THIRD FORMER



THE UNEXPLAINED

How can I explain it?
Why should you explain it,
or is the answer because,
you don't want to explain it?
No, I say not. It's all there,
But so hard to explain!
So pull yourself together,
I hate it this way
All worry, sorry and sobby,
So down with it, and
Let's get into it.

J. COOKE 5CR

THE MERCENARIES

At the border the men fought.

They fought for land that wasn't really theirs.

Still they fought, wearing heavy armour, great guns,
many grenades and strings of bullets.

The physical strain was enormous on all of them. Sweat
pouring off their foreheads and from under their
arms.

The clothes under the heavy armour clung to their bodies
like limpets.

Was it worth their time, their energy, a paltry reward,
Or even sacrifice of their lives for a land that wasn't real-
ly theirs?

SIMON GEORGE 3WE

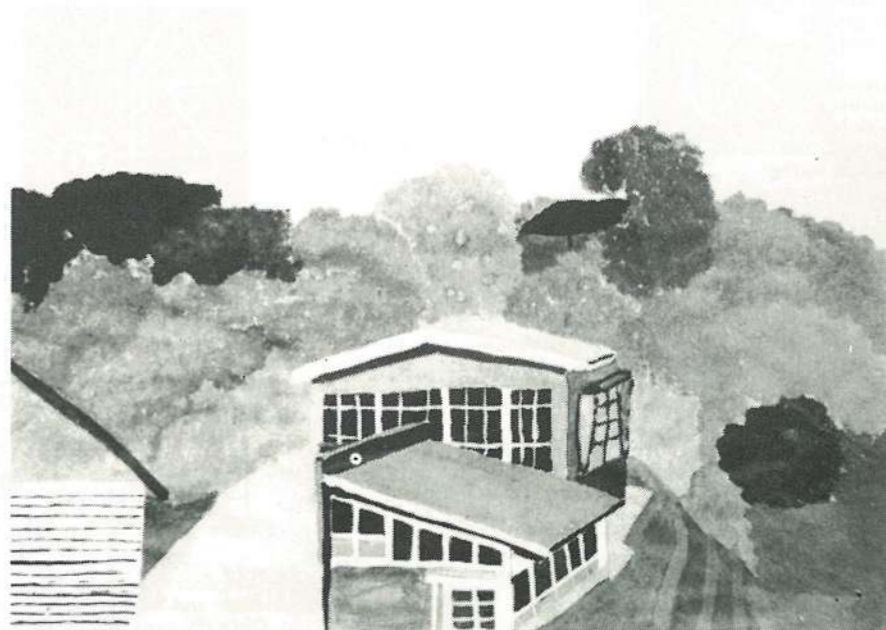




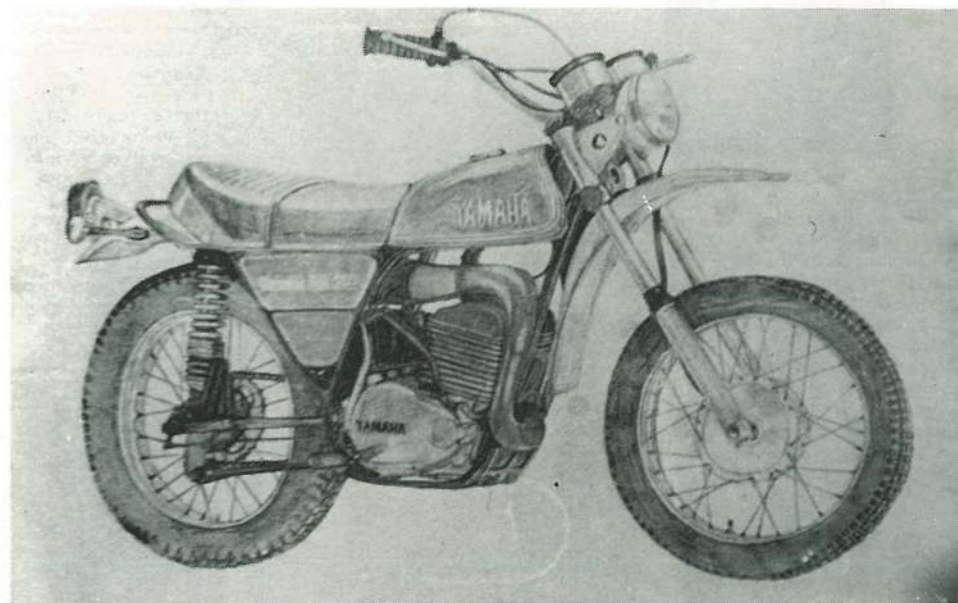
MUGS: Third Form.



CARVING: S. MacDonald.



MUSIC ROOM (water): S. Garner, 3A.

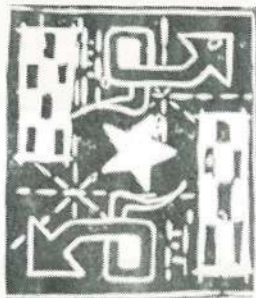
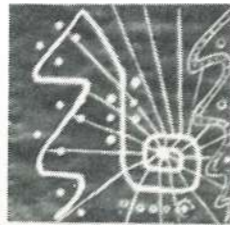


DRAWING (pencil): P. Butt.

PIONEER SURVEYER

Waves lapped gently in the bay,
 The dismal fog and drizzle depressed me,
 Soft, damp undergrowth,
 Darkness and decay.
 We tramped on . . .
 The virgin bush thins,
 comes to an end,
 Blue-grey scree slopes, chilling breeze.
 Wind-burned tussock, and marshy valleys.
 And on further . . .
 Dead silence but for the squalling wind.
 White, white capped mountains
 steep grades,
 icy bouldered babbling brooks.

R. RIX 5CR



THE ROOM

I flung open the door, and stepped cautiously into the room. The darkness and musty odour of the place was overpowering. Once my eyes had become accustomed to the dark I became aware of what poor condition the room was in. There were entire walls eaten away by borer, and spiders' traps for the unwary insects were in every corner, nook and cranny. I decided that life could not go on this way. I stepped outside, placed my hat on my head, and ordered the bulldozers to begin.

G. STEWART

FARMING THOUGHTS

Farming . . . that's the life for me!
 Goats and pigs wild and free,
 The 'possums roaming up on the hill,
 Waiting for me to make the kill.
 I could be over the back, shearing sheep,
 Bundling the wool into a heap,
 Or out in the streaming rain
 Trying to unblock a flooded drain,
 Or straining up the old broken fence,
 Making sure the wires are tense,
 Or stirring the milk in that vat,
 Only to be pestered by the cat,
 Or blasting away with my .243
 Putting scars into the old puriri tree.
 Then there is the wife . . .
 But all that comes under "Life".

S. LYE 5CR



THE SEA

Such massive power has the sea.
 A great stretching vastness.
 So quiet in its midst
 Yet so violent at its edges.
 Breaker after breaker,
 Smashing, thundering in its grasp,
 Such tremendous power, over the world.

STEVEN WOOD



THE TWISTER

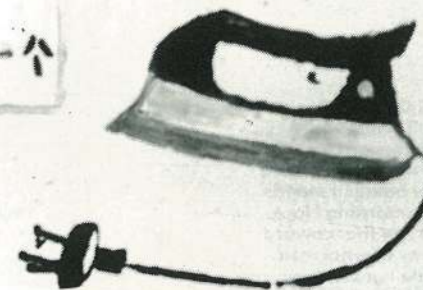
Many thoughts within my brain,
 Like canyon river running,
 Swift and deep,
 Whipped and churned,
 To white and foaming spray cascading.
 Down through prison walls confining,
 Chilled stone walls no comfort offer,
 Weary traveller.
 Soul limp lifeless tossed on sand, warm
 Sifts through toes, what of problem
 Long forgotten? Calm before storm,
 Storm before calm.

K. DIXON 6B2

THE INVITING TERROR

The city is an inferno of horror,
 It will bring you into its grasping hands.
 You think the city is your home.
 But is it not your death-master
 Who watches you in a lonely street?
 You see the bottle and feel your head.
 The pain is emerging in you —
 Are you dizzy or are you drunk?
 Or is it the bottle?
 You have the inspiration to cry,
 But you have to "face reality."
 The blood continues to flow,
 The never-ending flow.
 City-is-Satisfied.

R. MARTIN 3CP





GRIFFIN: C. Howan.

THE HUM OF THE CITY

The big concrete sky-scrapers tower high into the darkness and down below small negro children play in the grey and dirty streets. Big limousines and old cars sweep and rattle past, swirling newspaper and other rubbish into the air, only to be beaten back down to the ground by the driving rain. Music drifts through the abyss of concrete from the dilapidated ice-cream parlour on the corner, with hookers and pushers under awnings selling their wares. Brightly painted graffiti adds life to the dull grey walls. A siren can be heard off into the night but the hum of the city drones on regardless — limousines and old cars speed hastily past as people hurry home to the warmth and security of their apartments.

PETER DOORBAR 5WE

NIGHT FALL

Slowly the sun sinks below the horizon.
Darker and darker it gets.
The shadows grow eerie
The sky begins to turn black.
Then the clouds get a touch of red
As the sun falls.
Night is on its way
The birds have stopped singing
Everything gets quieter and quieter
Then night falls.

S. COPLESTONE 3CP

MENU FOR SHARKS

If you are suffering from iron deficiencies, try some beercans or bicycle frames. These can be found near Back Beach. Anchor chains are a little tough this year. Lobsters and crayfish are free for the taking at the Breakwater, but watch out for the metal pots they're in. Dieting supplies are readily available by Newton King Wharf, but do watch out for the hooks.

Surfboards are definitely out this season — they're said to be bad for the health.

For those of you with false teeth we suggest the humans in the shallows of the port. The young fresh ones are soft and juicy but avoid the large one which tend to be tougher and may cause stomach upsets.

A. NICHOLLS

THE COWARD

The Tui has white feathers on its throat, the note of a coward. How boldly it stands. Each morning I look and see that coward on my kowhai tree. While I gaze at my tree the coward works carefully.

K. JARMAN



BOTTLES AND A MIRROR (oils): S. MacDonald.

ALONE ONCE AGAIN

Oh the South
So beautiful, warm and tender,
Once again this has to happen to us.
It's farewell to liberty and ale,
For a time
And, it's
Goodbye to you my love,
See you again.
Hello the North once again,
So cold, harsh and demanding.
Why am I back, God only knows.
No pleasure or happiness,
Only strain, competition, work,
And personal fantasies.
But here I am,
Right in the middle.
Just the changing of the gears,
The chatter of the passengers
And the real life sailing by.
What a dilemma.
But this is life,
And everyone can carry on except for we two.
Why can't it be simple like the horses in the fields?
Why can't we be like them?
Instead
We are all just clocks.
Nothing.

6TH FORMER

THE STALLION

Facing into the wild wind,
The white stallion stands alone,
His body streamlined,
His mane and tail
Whipped around by the wind.
His hair matted with mud
(Which lies all around him)
His eyes brown,
Flashing and shining in the darkness.
He knows only of the wind and of the rain
Which slashes at his body.
As wild as the wind, the merciless wind,
He is.

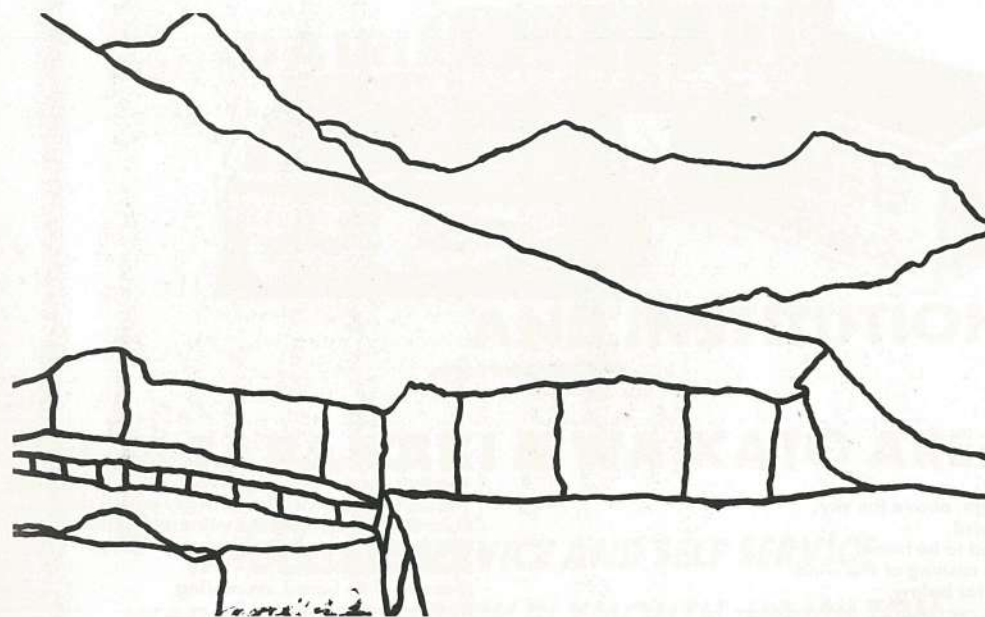
R. MCKEE 3CP

'FORGOTTEN'

(Reflections on the Commando Statue in the Scottish Highlands.)

Three forgotten heroes from many days gone by,
Standing straight in solitude looking at the sky.
Three great fighting men each brandishing his gun,
But there's no enemy now, just them and the sun.
The helmets that they used to wear,
Have rusted with the rains,
Their World War Two equipment,
No longer kills or maims.

G. McMANUS

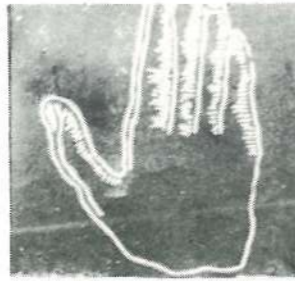


LANDSCAPE (tempera): R. Boon, 3B.

A BLIND MAN'S FAIR

The unseeing blindness is cruel.
Not being able to see is unfair,
And yet the noises around are drastically louder.
The local fair takes on a new meaning
When one can only hear it.
The gay merry-go-round music,
Harmonising to attract the young,
Who carry on shouting for more money, more money.
The slow endless advertising by the men
Of the small, extravagant sideshows.
I move inside to the sound of the farming section,
The endless cackle of hens.
What sort of communication is this?
What's this. . . a cow!
Lord help me, he's licking my hand.
I wonder if there is something here for me.
When I cannot see.

J. RAYNER 5CR



THE ICE-CAP

A blanket of white,
Is all you can see.
Just pressure-peaks and ice-cracks
with nary a tree.
The sun is reflected
With a dazzling glare,
And this snowy white ice-cap
Shines bright as a flare.
Then the sun disappears,
The white turns to grey.
Clouds plague the sky,
There's a storm on the way.
The cold wind grows fierce.
The snow lashes down.
So its back to the igloo,
Till it all settles down.

B. MURRAY 5M6



BOXES: Third Form.

GLIDING

Soaring high, above the sky,
Free as a bird.
Not a sound to be heard,
Except the rushing of the wind.
The sea is far below,
The waves reach up, to pull me down.
Down I go.
Swooping over the ocean, then,
back onto the land.
Finally I settle on the sandy beach.
And I'm ready to climb the hill again.
For another flight.

S. WAGSTAFF 4CR

THE RIVER

The water runs slowly, drip by drip.
The moss and dense green foliage encloses all,
The dark volcanic rocks form gruesome shapes,
Guarding, protecting the vulnerable stream
Which runs through the mighty gorge.
Product of patience,
Massive cliffs bared, crumbling,
Boulders moss-covered lie
Beside the bubbling highway of water.
Silence is appressive, taunting,
A roaring silence,
A bird call.
Silence.
Peace.

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Astronomy club

The introduction of daylight saving considerably restricted our viewing during the first term but we managed to get some favourable evenings for planetary observation around mid-year.

In the period August/September, the return of Comet D'Arrest, a faint periodic comet, helped to provide valuable experience for the juniors as they plotted its orbit across the southern skies.

Unfortunately, the occasion of a solar eclipse on October 23 was marred by cloud.

The Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand is arranging for an astronomical camp to be held at Lower Hutt in mid-December and it is to be hoped that some of our members will accept the invitation to participate.

Cadets

This year the cadet battalion consisted of four companies and an A.T.C. squadron. Barrack week this year was held at the end of March.

There were a number of changes associated with this year's cadet week, including incorporation of a communications platoon, a Civil Defence unit and an N.C.O.T.U. These helped diversify the activities within the battalion and will be a permanent feature of cadet week.

The Battalion was once again commanded by Lt. Col. M. C. Carroll with Lt. A. L. Anker as his Adjutant. W. O. I. Wilson was the R. S. M., Lt. Oats was Range Officer. Cpl. A. Wood the Chief Clerk and Sgt. G. Maclean the Quartermaster.

Promotions during the year were- Under-officers: A. Larsen, M. Te Ruki and F. Riley., Sergeants: G. Inns, M. Waswo, N. Green, G. Boulton; Corporals: P. Poletti, N. Jones, D. Cargo, A. Frengley, K. Gifford, K. Jones, M. Kivell, P. Hansen, J. Honeyfield, A. Davis, C. Pilbrow, S. Hughes, D. Leuthard, J. Moeller, S. Withers, C. Syme.

The Battalion extends its congratulations to the boys promoted.

A Company

As these cadets have reached their third year training, a wide range of activities is now in their programme.

This year the company spent two nights in the bush. Exercises involved search-and-rescue and survival exercises. First aid and water skills were also taught to the boys.

This trip is always welcomed by the boys, giving them a taste of "camping out". With the emphasis once again on practical exercises much interest was shown. The week proved for the seniors to be a great success and thanks are due to Lt. Mossop, C.O. of A. Coy, Lt. Dobson, 2nd Lt. Stocks, Mr Turner and Mr McCaskill for their able assistance.

B Company

This is stage two in cadet training and consists of third year boys. The major activity again this year was community work, this year carried out in Brooklands Park. They worked well in cleaning and repairing tracks through the park. Other activities included orienteering, which was set up by Mr Lay, .303 shooting at the Rewa Rewa range, small boat handling at the port and some drill. This year was very successful in all respects and our thanks must go to all those associated in the year's programme.

'B' company was commanded again this year by Lt Crawford, who was assisted by Lt. Francis, Mr Lay and Mr Picton.



Lt-Col Carroll

Two platoons attached to B company were the Communications platoon under the leadership of Lt. Oats and Mr Hurlie, and the Civil Defence Unit under Mr Collier. Both had a wide and varied programme in their respective fields and it is good to see that these platoons have now established themselves. The Civil Defence unit wound up their week's training with a rescue demonstration from the racecourse pavilion.

C & D Companies

Once again these companies consisted of Stage 1 cadets who were instructed in weapon training, drill, field-craft, first-aid, map-reading, compass work and orienteering. The boys throughout their week proved to be extremely enthusiastic.

An N.C.O. training platoon was this year attached to D. Coy. under the command of the Under-Officer J. G. Carroll. The regular force played an important role in training this platoon, carrying out various exercises with small boats, and the cadet force will greatly benefit from this additional training.

Our thanks to Major Brine and Lieutenant Grant who commanded C and D company respectively. Thanks also to Mr Harris, Mr Rowlands, Lt. Gledhill and Mr La Franchie. Mr Joyce, who commanded the Band Platoon, must be congratulated on the fine performances of the band during the parade on the last day of cadets.

A. T. C.

The A.T.C. activities were very successful with outside help again available from the regular force personnel.

As in previous years, junior flights had Stage 1 instruction which included drill, weapon training, and a trip to the range to use the .22. Much more emphasis is placed on community work in the junior flights. The cadets in senior flights carry out bush exercises very similar to the army bush exercise, with emphasis being placed on survival and search-and-rescue.

The squadron was lucky to have the services of: Flt. Lt. R. Brown who commands the town A.T.C. squadron. We offer our thanks to these men and also to P.O. N. Stone.

Shooting

The Officer-in-charge, Lt. Oats, carried out a very thorough training programme at Rewa Rewa, in the shooting of the .303 rifle. B. Company platoons spent a day at the range with orienteering being carried out also. Our thanks go also to other members of the range staff.

Chess ladder

There has not been this year quite the enthusiasm of the last two years, but during the first two terms particularly, there was quite a keen interest. David Clinton has remained unshaken at the top of the ladder.

Mr La Franchie and Mr Krook have expressed an interest in looking after this activity next year.

Christian Youth Group

Zigger Zagger became one of the great contributions to school life this year. In school-boy idiom and in vivid portrayal of a punch-drunk world, it incessantly asked the question, what is life? As scene followed scene, a mirror was being held up to the communities of the world. In that mirror we heard the relentless question, What is life? Where is it found? When drama can debunk the phoney and launch us into a search for real, with the certainty of goals being there to find, that is the beginning of religion.

That is all we try to do together in the Christian Youth Group. Whether with tapes — Malcolm Muggeridge, Martin Luther King, with films — the Leprosy Mission, Bible Society, Seventh Day Adventist or with visitors, that one goal of life is Jesus Christ.

Mr. Brian McAuley who left school four years ago shared his discovery. Captain Kilgour once worked in the Social Welfare. He saw how greatly the Salvation Army helped people and he joined them. His training included four months living with drug addicts in Sydney.

Rev. John Wilton of the Baptist Church spoke of Life Line and how it developed from further training in America. One of his Youth workers, Mr. Murray Elliot, had become a Yamaha enthusiast. He was trained in

Japan for the distribution of their products all over N.Z. When an apprentice he had some humorous experiences as a Christian with his engineering mates.

Mr. John Pritchard and Gus Rowe have both strengthened ties with Youth For Christ. Mr. Stephen McIntyre spoke with quiet power of his former life with a bikie gang, when he was involved with violence, theft and drugs, until he cracked. Greater than the healing of the body is the building of a new life. He said Christ did both for him.

Much of what we attempt would be immeasurably strengthened if boys joined with others at the Summer Camps held throughout the country, as also in the May and August holidays. They are run by the Inter School Christian Fellowship. There is no finer or more enjoyable experience.

We commend the Youth work of the various churches. A most grateful thank you to all the visitors, to the masters, Mr. Coup, Mr. Harris, Mr. La Franchie and Mr. Barnitt, and especially to Anuran Wickramasinghe who has helped with posters and in so many other ways. We wish him well at University.

Civil Defence Rescue Unit

The Civil Defence Rescue Unit is run within the framework of the school's cadet system. Twenty five boys belong to the unit, drawn from fourths through to sevenths. This year saw the setting up of the unit and the slow acquisition of equipment. The unit's main function is to act as a backup to all existing emergency services within the city and to be able, in any major emergency, to act independently in rescuing those trapped in buildings, or in the city's environs. Most of the training this year consisted of lectures and demonstrations from the fire services and other local government authorities, but the unit has since assumed responsibility for its own training programme.

In the course of training this year the Unit has successfully carried out practice searches in both bush and buildings, as well as developing a sound C.B. radio experience. Its involvement in the Major Civil Defence exercise for New Plymouth this year was most creditable. In the cause of this exercise "Operation Earthshake", held on the 19th Sept., the unit was required to rescue casualties from a very dilapidated building downtown, coping with blocked accessways, smoke canisters and many other problems of a similar nature. The efficiency of the unit was very clearly shown.

As a formative year the unit has achieved a pleasing standard of training. With more and more equipment being accumulated the unit will be able to provide considerable assistance if called upon. Hopefully there may never be a real need for its services but each year will see its continued involvement in exercises of a wide variety of kinds.

Debating club

What is debating? Basically, it is coming together of two groups to have an argument over a given topic, obeying certain strict conventions, trying to win the hearts and minds of the audience. Debating offers a unique opportunity for the participants to express themselves. It also gives the opportunity for one to gain self-confidence and to learn the fine art of public speaking.

The debating club was revived by several enthusiastic senior pupils of the school this year namely, C. Meads, A. C. Wickramasinghe, G. H. Yeo, M. D. Chivers, M. Wahhab, T. Ward, A. Greiner, S. Girvan and several others. However, junior support was lacking. Though the membership of the club was limited, it was quite successful in its activities. The school team comprising A. C. Wickramasinghe, G. H. Yeo and M. D. Chivers did well to reach the Taranaki Regional Finals of the Jaycees NAC-Secondary Schools Debating Contest which was held on a nationwide basis. They managed to convince the audiences to the negative point of view on issues such as "That youth today have too much freedom," and "That a University Education is worth acquiring."

The debating club is one of the few competitive school activities outside the field of sport. It was unfortunate however that all the inter-college debates were held in external venues. This deprived most pupils of the school the opportunity of witnessing this interesting activity.

The club would like to offer their appreciation to the Master-in-charge, Mr Crawford for his invaluable assistance and also to the Headmaster for the encouragement he has given to the club. It is hoped that pupils of the school will come out in support of the club to ensure the continuance of this activity in school.

Drama

A small but enthusiastic number of boys met regularly in the first term on Wednesdays to participate in various activities concerned with drama. The meetings were quite informal and we concentrated mainly on improvised scenes, movement and characterisation. Unfortunately when rehearsals for Ziggar-Zagger began, these drama sessions had to be discontinued.

In July a group of 4th formers presented a scene from Johnny Salter by Aidan Chambers at a festival at the New Plymouth Repertory Theatre. The festival was non-competitive and five secondary schools from Taranaki took part in what proved to be a very entertaining and instructive evening. Mrs Cydie Strang made some very useful criticisms after the performances and said that the N.P.B.H.S. group, although inexperienced, performed very naturally. For many of them, this was the first time that they had appeared on stage and very creditable performances were given by all, particularly Greg Dickie and Brian Lilley. The play was also shown to the 3rd and 4th formers in the Memorial Theatre, together with a play reading of selections from Macbeth by another group of 4th formers.

MAIN PRODUCTION

The years 1975 and 1976 saw a revival of dramatic activity in the school. This was the result of the combined efforts of the members of the staff responsible for the drama club and a large number of boys, from within and outside the club. The major production of this year was 'Ziggar Zaggar' by Peter Terson.

This musical production centres around a young man Harry Philton. He is a rebel and drop-out at school. As is often the case, the troubles in Harry's life resulted from a troubled domestic background. His mother is a solo parent. Although she appears to care for Harry, her affection is not genuine enough from his point of view. Furthermore, he is confronted with the countless 'uncles' that his mother frequently entertains at home. Optimistic about an independent life Harry tries the employment-office and the army to get a job, but he cannot find any work above the level of unskilled labouring. In the meantime, he becomes involved with the lifestyle of a typical British football supporter. For him, Ziggar Zaggar, the leader of the crowd, was someone like a prophet. The advice of this anarchist becomes more meaningful for Harry than the establishment-type advice of his brother-in-law, Les, to 'get-a-trade' and 'settle-down'. In the whirlwind of events he even gets picked-up by the police for hooliganism. At one stage he falls in love with a charming girl, Sandra and considers settling down. His last hope is lost when Sandra leaves him favouring the City centre-forward, Vincent. Desperate in the pursuit for a 'good' life, he even tries the church, only to be disappointed once again. Eventually, he finds that the only solution to his problem lies in what Les suggests — 'get-a-trade' and 'settle-down'.

Although the setting of the play may have been rather exotic to the average New Zealander, it presented a good theme and did so very effectively. It was not at all boring, with its light-hearted songs and scenes like the medical check-up. Excellent performances came from Marcel Gesterkamp as Harry, Paul Burrows as Ziggar Zaggar, Kevin Dixon as Les, Barry Russell as Harry's mother, Liz Tinnent as Edna and Sally Brown as Sandra. Competent and mature acting style was demonstrated by Anuran Wickramasinghe as the Youth Careers Officer and great natural wit and ebullience by Arno Percival as Medical officer.

In general, the performance by the cast of 36 and the chorus of 48 was commendable. Finally, the efforts of the Producer Mr. Ken Crawford, his Assistant Mrs Sandra Gallon, the Musical Director Mr. Joe Joyce and all the others involved behind the scenes made the show a success.

Lack of stage equipment led to some draw-backs. The frequent change of scenes made the show a little 'slow'. This could have been overcome by a 'complex stage' coupled with a more effective lighting system. However, with the present trend in the development of drama in the school and with more support and enthusiasm from boys of all levels, it is hoped that future productions will be much better. A profit of about \$200 was made from the show, which may be invested in better lighting equipment for the stage.

A programme of activities for 1977 is already being drawn. Two productions, a musical and a straight drama have been proposed. The Drama Club appreciates the co-operation of the N.P. Girls' High School in this year's production. Continued and more close co-operation in the field of drama would undoubtedly benefit the two schools.

—Majid A. Wahhab—

Interact Club

The club this year completed its thirteenth year. The year was not an outstanding one for the club as far as individual club activities are concerned. Lack of communication with Rotary Directors and generally, the whole school, has affected the club greatly this year. Support from pupils for Interact tended to vary depending on the project.

As an individual club Interact held a dance in the school hall, receiving a profit of \$100 for club funds, and also a car-wash. Interact this year successfully sponsored a school child in Samoa for \$25. This will enable the child to have a satisfactory educational background.

Our committee has co-operated successfully with the Girls' High Committee this year, while retaining our individual identities. A combined badge presentation evening was held at the beginning of the year to initiate the Interact year and to allow members to meet each committee.

The New Plymouth Combined Interact Committee has been busy this year and thanks are due to Pieter Boekhorst of our club for the time and effort he has contributed as secretary of this committee. Since this year was New Plymouth's centenary year, the combined committee decided to put forward a centenary project. This was to be the painting of the Bowl of Brooklands seats. The council had supplied the paint and Interact supplied the labour and brushes. Secondly, the combined committee arranged a guest speaker, Mr Paul Major, from the New Plymouth C.I.B. to talk on "Drug Use and Abuse." This evening was held at Sacred Heart Girls' College and was well attended by fellow Interact members. The combined Interact ball was held at Girls' High this year, however numbers to attend were down on usual. This, though, did not detract from the enjoyment derived by those who attended. The outcome was a \$200 loss but each individual club compensated for this.

The highlight of the year for eleven Taranaki Interactors was the Conference held in Napier from August 30th to September 3rd. Delegates from our club to go to the conference were Maurice Smith and Pieter Boekhorst. We found that our club compares reasonably well with the success of other New Zealand clubs, and we hope next year's club will benefit from the many questions answered in that week. The theme of the Conference was "Human Relationships" and it can be said that many new friendships were made during and after hours.

The speakers at the Conference were very interesting although not of the same calibre as those of the previous year. A well organised dance on the final night ended an unforgettable experience with great atmosphere.

Membership this year has not been impressive although a small core of twenty-five, mostly boarders, managed to attend most meetings and projects. The executive elected were: Maurice Smith (president), Willy Wilson (vice-president), Tom Wilson (secretary) and Arno Percival (treasurer). Six further committee members elected were: R. Jones, B. Hine, N. Andrews, P. Hall, D. Lethbridge and M. Chivers.

Hopefully, many boys will overcome the general apathy of the school and join Interact next year, helping to realise its goals within and outside the school.

As my year as President ends, I feel that I have gained much through this organisation, particularly in the responsibility and the experience it has given to me.

We are most thankful for the continued support of our sponsoring Rotary Club, Fitzroy. Particular thanks to Mr B. Newland for his services and encouragement and Mr Chris Tempest and our new liaison officer.

Also on behalf of fellow Interact Clubs I wish to thank Mr Cramond for the availability of the hall for Interact functions, as his co-operation has facilitated Interacts' ability to continue with these dances which are a very important part of the Interact Club's function in the school.

M. J. Smith (President).

Library

Teacher Librarian: T. G. Heaps

Library Assistant: Mrs J. Van Beers

Assistants: G. Arthur, R. Blyth, M. Bowler, C. Butler, R. Connor, M. Coombes, G. Daniels, G. Edwards, K. English, D. Farrelly, S. Girvan, W. Glendenning, P. F. Goldsworthy, G. Harrison, C. Jans, P. Lamb, A. Larsen, G. McManus, M. Manu, D. Mischewski, E. Morgan, A. Murray, C. Murray, E. Proffitt, D. Putt, M. Rogers, C. St. George, G. Syme, S. Wagstaff, B. Waite, P. Webb, T. Webb, A. Withers, L. Wright.

This year has been one of consolidation for the library. Having gone through a period of considerable reorganisation, the library has settled down to a recognisable pattern.

As far as curriculum work is concerned, all third and fourth formers worked from library assignment books to give them the technical competence in handling the library so they can extend their study and reading. To increase the library consciousness of the boys all third formers worked for half a day in the library assisting the library assistant in issues, returns and shelving. This system appears to have worked well, and if it is continued, in a few years time all pupils in the school will have gone through so and hopefully will have used this experience to their benefit in their library use.

For some boys the experience of that half-day encouraged them to offer their services as pupil assistants. These boys were responsible for desk issues and returns, book shelving, the stamping, spine-marking and covering of books the periodicals and the vertical file. The routines have been changed from time to time so that boarders could use the facilities in the weekend. To all these boys go my thanks, as you share the responsibility for the smooth running of the library.

We have been able to accession 582 new books during 1976.

We would, of course, like to bring in more, but the combination of the rise in the prices of books and the disinclination of the Government to significantly increase the incidentals grant, means that we must limit our buying. This is unfortunately when changes in curricula are making great demands upon book resources.

We have begun to turn our attention to providing a greater range of services for the school — displays on certain subjects, accession lists every two or three months so people know what we are bringing in, subject booklists so people who are interested in certain areas like crime or science-fiction can follow their interest more easily, and a better reservation system; better advertised, and supplemented from school library service. We hope to expand these areas next year. We have been rewarded by seeing a rise in circulation over 1975 by 20%, so that on an average every boy in the school reads about fourteen books a year, which, even though good, we hoped to see rise even more. We hope that those boys who are not so considerate in their library use take note of those who so obviously use the library well.

This year we have a new library assistant, Mrs J. Van Beers, who came to our library new to this kind of work. However, Mrs Van Beers has proved a considerable asset to the library with her friendly and efficient day-to-day management. I am extremely grateful to her for her hard work on behalf of the library. We must also thank Mrs Coombes for her voluntary help in re-typing the catalogue — a repetitive, but very necessary task. It is very pleasing to see interested parents so willing to help. Thanks go to the Parent-Teacher Association for donating the new Encyclopaedia Britannica valued at \$480. It is a great asset, especially for senior reference.

It is pleasing to hear our library receive compliments, not only from members of our school communi-

LIBRARIANS



Back: C. St George, D. Mischewski, G. Harrison, D. Putt, M. Rogers, E. Morgan.
Middle: G. McManus, C. Murray, M. Manu, M. Coombes, G. Arthur.
Front: A. Withers, P. F. Goldsworthy, G. Daniels, M. Bowler, R. Blyth, A. Larsen.

ty, but also from outsiders. At a recent library conference, there were people from all areas of Taranaki. There were compliments from many people about the collection and general appearance of the library. We must now look to the expansion in our collection to include non-book material to ensure that everyone at Boys' High School has the best opportunity to use a wider variety of resources.

T. G. Heaps, Teacher-Librarian.

Lifesaving

Lifesaving this year got off to a good start with a number of boys passing their Bronze Medallion awards in conjunction with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

It was from this group of fourth form boys that a School team was formed for the annual inter-secondary school's Butcher Cup competition held at the Kawarua pool. The team of T. Tukuroa (captain), M. Urselman, C. Mills, G. Harkness, M. Bryant and C. Coleman acquitted themselves very well and went down to the Francis Douglas 'A' team by a very small margin. This augurs well for the future as this is a young team and they are sure to improve with experience.

Entries for the Smith and Easton Cup, held in conjunction with the school swimming sports, were organised on the house system instead of the individual basis of previous years, and judging by the standard of competition was a vast improvement on past years. Congratulations must go to P. Van Praagh and Rudd of White House

for their win in this event in the face of strong competition.

"Whomsoever you see in distress recognise in him a fellow man."

Outdoor education

This year has seen the introduction of an increased and modified Outdoor Education Programme. In March, while the senior school was in Barracks the third formers participated in a variety of outdoor pursuits. These activities included first aid, community service, river crossings, an all-day tramp, orienteering, living off the land, and safety with firearms.

For the more senior boys the content of the training during Cadets Week became more of an "Outward Bound" type training and had much less time devoted to military aspects.

Rising costs and the unavailability of the Stratford Mountain House forced a departure from the fourth form "Chalet Classroom" programme of previous years. During the week November 15 to 19 all 240 fourth formers were under canvas at the mouth of the Timaru River in the Oakura district. The Army supplied the tentage, the bulk of the rations, a field kitchen, and some of the instructors. Besides the experience of community camp life the boys received instruction in such activities as canoeing, surf life-saving, archery, first aid, bushcraft, geography, history, biology, and orienteering.

This new venture maintained many of the ideals of the Chalet Classroom, introduced a number of new experiences, and kept costs to the individual to a minimum.

Parent-Teacher Association

The following executive has represented the parents during 1976 — Principal: Mr G. R. Cramond, President: Mr D. Harrop, Vice-President: Mrs A. Larsen, Immediate Past-President: Mr G. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer: Mr T. Heaps, Convenor of catering: Mrs M. Harrop, Convenor of Clothing: Mrs M. Caldwell, Committee: Mrs P. Van Praagh, Messrs B. Batchelor, V. Blance, M. Gray, S. Green, J. Hall, J. Marinkovic, H. Mills and R. Moffat, Boys' Committee Representative: Mr B. Bellringer, Old Boys' Representative: Mr J. McIntyre, staff representatives: Messrs D. Collier, K. Crawford and J. Joyce.

1. General meetings: During the year the P.T.A. had six general meetings: "Tour of The School," a social gathering for parents and staff, "Extra-mural activities," "The Adolescent," with the guidance counsellor, Mrs P. Steven and counsellors from Spotswood College and Waitara High School; "Courses in the fifth form," with The Heads of Departments, and "Careers For Secondary Students," with the New Plymouth Rotarians.

As usual attendance was patchy. The executive often wonder what it has to do to get more parents along. Our thanks to all those people who were involved in the presentations at those meetings.

2. Fundraising: The P.T.A. were the co-ordinating body for the school gala. The executive made up the steering committee and were responsible for the stalls drawing on parent support. The boys, in their groups, were responsible for the numerous entertainments. The day was blessed with fine weather and the net figure of over \$7000 testifies to the hard work of parents, staff and boys — a remarkable effort, made really memorable by the way in which the whole school community came together to ensure the gala's success.

3. Board: Mr A. O. Masters, one of the parents' representatives resigned for business reasons and in an election, Mr M. Gray became the new parents' representative. Our congratulations to him. We are indebted to Mr Masters for his great work for, and support to, the school. We will miss him.

During the year, after several meetings to gain the opinion of all interested parties — parents, board, and staff, the P.T.A. made submissions to the Minister of Education, Through the Regional Superintendent, for a separate board to be created for Boys' High School. We are awaiting the decision of the Minister. If he agrees, legislation will be introduced into Parliament, and once passed, will enable the elections for the new board to take place.

4. Finance: We have had a good income this year in subscriptions \$335, in the catering levy \$416.50, and from clothing sales \$329.27. Because of this good financial position, the P.T.A., over a two-yearly period, donated the new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica worth \$480 to the school, and gave \$100 to the school amenities. They also sponsored publicity for the school production "Zigger Zagger".

5. Clothing and catering: The P.T.A. has again been sponsoring clothing sales of second-hand uniforms. These successful sales have been under the control of the convenor, Mrs. M. Caldwell, and our thanks go to her for all her work.

Our thanks are also due to Mrs M. Harrop for all her hard work as catering convenor. Over the year there are numerous functions from sports functions to drama functions, to parents evenings. Mrs Harrop has always ensured that visitors are treated most hospitably. The kitchen staff, under Mrs Brown, must also be thanked for all the assistance they have given.

Finally the P.T.A. wishes the Headmaster, the staff and boys a successful conclusion to the 1976 year.

T. G. Heaps (Hon Secretary)

Representatives on the Boys' Committee of the Board are: Mrs S. Wright, Mr R. Moffat, and Mr M. Gray. Mr D. Harrop replaced Mr Gray on his elections to the Board.

Photographic club

The school dark-room has had quite a few more improvements made this year. The room is now completely dark, due to the addition of black-out curtains across the door and the bench ventilators.

Other new equipment includes a guillotine to trim prints, and a set of trays and tongs. A print dryer, exposure calculator and a Durgh M30 enlarger are on loan and may be used by club members.

Membership of the club has been small with only eleven financial members, mostly from junior boarding.

Next year will hopefully see a greater participation on the part of day students, particularly seniors. It is envisaged next a school photographic competition will be arranged and some of the best works entered in the Ilford Shield — an intersecondary school competition.

Tramping Club 1976

Keen interest is still shown in the club as this year membership easily exceeded 150 boys, most of these being boarders. Many varied and interesting trips have been held as we have been able to get away from the immediate vicinity of Mt Egmont.

The first of these was an overnight for seniors to Mt Ruapehu followed by day tramps up the Stony and Waiwakaiho Rivers; a climb to Humphries Castle and an overnight for fourth formers. Then to end the first term there was a second trip up the Waiwakaiho.

The start of the second term saw the first falls of snow on the mountain and two snowcraft trips were accordingly arranged. Two overnights for senior pupils were also held in the Mt Messenger area as the club has been here little in the past. For juniors there was an overnight near the Waiwakaiho and for fourth formers at Mt Ruapehu.

The year's tramping is to be concluded with further trips to the Paranihi Cliffs, Mt Tongariro and a specialist canoeing trip to take place on a nearby river. Overall the club can be well pleased with what it has achieved, as it has completed over twenty trips. These have included outings for boarders and expeditions for those boys attempting their Duke of Edinburgh Award. At the beginning of the year the club had a special meeting for boys, parents, and those interested to give a better idea of what tramping is about and what the club has to offer. This included a film, demonstrations and talks by members of the Taranaki Alpine Club. The club also had a chance to display what equipment it had in a static display in conjunction with the P.T.A. meeting on the 8th of June.

Much of the success of the club can be attributed to the excellent work done by the committee elected at the beginning of the year. It included: P. Shaw (Club captain); J. Cooke (Deputy & Supplies); K. Phillips (equipment), M. Waswo (Secretary); R. Smillie (Treasurer). The role of the committee has changed from the past, as this year most of the organising and running of the club was their responsibility. The major advantage of this is that it has freed the Master-in-Charge from the routine tasks before a tramp and more time can be spent in other areas.

One of the club's biggest problems is that of finance. A lack of funds has meant that bus hire and other transport costs constitute a continual problem. It is hoped that in the future the club will be able to afford better radio equipment and also consider the possibility of constructing its own hut.

Trends in tramping are changing, overnights, in particular have become very popular, and I can see tramping becoming much more specialised in future, with branches of Rock climbing and Snowcraft for example. But much will depend on the number of staff willing and interested enough to come along and help as, at present, no party may leave the school without a master. This usually means that one master has to give up a lot of time to keep tramps going. I feel that the club has a lot of potential, particularly once problems such as transport, and finance are overcome. If selected responsible seniors were able to lead tramps this would help to make it an even more enjoyable sport.

Special thanks must go to Mr Collier as Master-in-Charge for his devotion and time to the club and also to Messrs Coup and Harris, Mrs Stevens and parents for helping to provide transport.

Peter Shaw (Club captain)



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First Term: Tuesday 1st February, to Friday 6 May.
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HOLIDAYS 1976:

Anniversary Day: 14 March.
Easter: 8 April to 12 April.
Anzac Day: 25th April.
Queen's Birthday: 6 June.
Exeat Weekend: 4 July.
Labour Day: 24 October.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting this year was held at La Scala on 22nd April 1976 after a buffet meal. A good attendance of Old Boys after the A. G. M. was addressed by Bruce Kohn, at School in the 1950's, a Parliamentary reporter, and for some years N.Z.P.A. overseas correspondent stationed in Washington, U.S.A. He spoke on his experiences as regards politics, trade, meetings, and interviewing people in the news scene.

We welcomed our new patron, Mr W. E. (Wit) Alexander, an Old Boy and former Headmaster. The Executive has met regularly and worked well.

The annual Golf Tournament for the Alexander Trophy was held on 15th February at Ngamotu links. It was a great success despite being postponed a week because of the weather. A reunion of ex-Presidents of the Old Boys' Association and their wives was held at Avalon, the farm of Mr J. V. McIntyre. It was a pleasant and most enjoyable afternoon and did a lot to rekindle interest in the School.

Discussion with the P.T.A. on forming a separate Board for Boys' High School has continued and we have made some progress, as next year could see its establishment.

A function for our 'old' Old Boys is planned for our 95th Anniversary in 1977. It will be at School, and we are looking forward to meeting you.

A Centenary Trust Fund has been set up to enable us to celebrate our Centenary in 1982 and give worthwhile assistance to a School project. Your support for the Fund is now solicited and we look forward to hearing from you.

Wit Alexander has consented to write our Centenary history and a start has already been made towards assisting him. Any news of interest from any Old Boys, wherever domiciled, would be appreciated.

Send your donations and information for the above to Laurie Denton, Secretary, P. O. Box 686, New Plymouth.

Local N.P. Old Boys' Club Soccer and Hockey teams played School teams at the end of the season. It was a highly successful occasion for all.

Of interest to Old Boys will be that the General Purpose's Fund started by President Jeff Insull (1960-61) provided the Headmaster, for whatever purpose he sees fit, the sum of over \$300 for the first time. The last seven years have averaged just over \$200. The recent reinvestment of our Fund should see this donation to School increase even further in the future.

All Old Boys, particularly boarders, will learn with interest that John S. (Fish) Hatherly has this year retired from being a boarding master after a period of some 35 years. He started as a boarder pupil in 1926 and thus has had an association with our School of over 50 years, firstly as a pupil and for over 35 years as a Master. He will continue to teach at least for another year before retiring to his home at 40 Fillis Street, New Plymouth. Thank you John from us all for your great service to School.

Members of the Executive and I have made visits to Old Boys' functions at Hawera, Wanganui, King Country and Auckland. It was good for us to meet Old Boys on all these occasions and bring them news of their Old School. Thank you all for your reception and hospitality; it has been greatly appreciated. Greetings and best wishes to you all.

John V. McIntyre (President)
'Avalon',
Inglewood.

REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES

AUCKLAND

The Association this year held a reunion after the Auckland Grammar game, but unfortunately attendance was the lowest for several years with only about twenty attending.

Numbers were much improved for the Combined Cabaret in early October with 130 Old Boys, Old Girls, wives and husbands enjoying the evening. Guests at the function included Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Cramond and Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre.

Branch officers for 1976: President, Warwick Lobb; Vice Pres., Brian Sykes; Secretary, John Syme; Committee, Jim Poynter, Ted Corkill, Gary Williamson, Alan Stormont, Allan Fowler, Graham McGlashan.

WANGANUI

The Branch held its Annual Get-together after the college game against Wanganui Collegiate. A good turnout attended with several from NPBHS and the New Plymouth branch visiting the informal get-together.

TE KUITI

Following a visit by the NPBHS to this area, several Old Boys had an informal get-together with about 40 attending. With so many boys from King Country, it is hoped that with the Centenary in 1982, more functions will be held.

SOUTH TARANAKI

The main function was the South Taranaki Golf Tournament in which about 80 players participated. It was a very successful tournament and it is to be hoped that this will continue to grow.

AUCKLAND

A cabaret was held with about 200 attending. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Cramond were guests and the evening proved to be an outstanding success.

MEMBERSHIP

It is pleasing to record indications of increased interest in our activities of late. However, some of our branch associations have not been as active as usual this year. Efforts are being made to remedy this and we would appreciate the support of all Old Boys, young, old or very old — please contact your branch secretary or the New Plymouth branch at P. O. Box 686.

BRANCH SECRETARIES

New Plymouth: Laurie Denton, P. O. Box 686, New Plymouth.

Auckland: J. Syme, 5a Moreland Rd, Mt Albert.

King Country, Te Kuiti, Pio Pio and Taumarunui: Rex Price.

South Taranaki: Ross Syme, Manutahi.

Wanganui: Jack Kurta, 18 Toro Street, Wanganui.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

John Banas, former Old Boy now an actor with Downstage. Attended Vic. University but after 2 years switched to acting.

Bruce Beetham (40), Leader of the Social Credit Party and recently elected Mayor of Hamilton.

R. P. Bowler. Has been appointed as Secretary of the N.P. High Schools Board. Became an ACA in 1955.

Paul Broederlow, former 1st XV captain, a member of the Manawatu Ranfurly Shield team.

Mark Donaldson, former 1st XV player and a member of the Manawatu Ranfurly Shield team.

Geoff Old, former 1st XV player and a member of the Manawatu Ranfurly Shield team.

R. J. Brokenshire, retired after 65 years service as a lawyer, possibly a record but unconfirmed. He had been with the same firm ever since he started practice.

K. J. Campbell, Taranaki's Collector of Customs for 3 years, has been transferred to London to be N.Z. Customs' official representative in Britain and will be stationed in N.Z. House.

William A. Connor, has retired after 16 years as NPBHS Board Secretary. He joined as assistant secretary in 1960 and 3 years later became secretary.

Dr. Laurie Croxson. Has been appointed as research epidemiologist for 1976 by the N.Z. Dental Research Foundation.

Dr. M. S. Croxson, has been appointed relieving Professor in Endocrinology at the University of Southern California.

Donald Lister, a former schoolboy baritone, now an experienced baritone opera singer, is featuring in the New Opera Company production of MADAME BUTTERFLY.

Len W. Lovell. Retired as secretary of the Egmont National Park Board's North Committee after 51 years service, an outstanding record.

John McEldowney, selected for the All Black tour of Argentina. Played for the North Island and was also a member of this year's successful Taranaki team.

Brian Marsden. Competed in the 1976 Montreal Olympics as a weightlifter. One of N.Z.'s top weightlifters and has competed at World Championships.

Graham Mourie, selected for the All Black tour of Argentina. Captain of Taranaki Rugby side which had its most successful ever season in rugby. Played also for the North Island.

Professor Jolyon Saunders has been appointed Head of the Auckland University Fine Arts Schools and Head of the Faculty. He attended the school before studying for his Diplomas in Auckland.

Kevin Sharpe, M.Sc. Ph.D., recently ordained at Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy.

Allan Shearer Won an award for N.Z. Craftsman Training Foundation in Building Construction. Will work and study in Australia for 2 years.

R. S. V. Simpson, C.B.E. LL.M. (NZ) Hon., LL.B. (Vic.) Degree of Doctor of Laws in April 1976 after 26 years at Vic. University. Trustee of Music Federation of N.Z. Foundation.

E. J. Slyfield, appointed Second Secretary (commercial), and assistant trade commissioner, Port of Spain, Trinidad. Joined Trade and Industry Department in 1973 after several years in advertising.

J. W. Syme. Retired as Timber Manager at the Tasman Pulp and Paper Co. after more than 22 years service.

Sir Ronald Syme. Had Order of Merit conferred. A professor of Ancient History at Oxford University and an expert on the Roman Empire.

Gavin A. White (23), was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court. He was a member of the 1st XV Rugby.

OBITUARIES

MRS. JEAN ANDREWS (67).

She served as Hospital Matron during the late 1960's.

ALAN CLEYRE BAXTER (64).

Former member of Labour Party and M.P. for Raglan. Played senior rugby and won two Distinguished Flying Crosses in World War II.

WAYNE CAPPER (25).

As a result of accident.

RALPH CLAYTON (67).

Former editor of the Southern Cross. He attended NPBHS in the mid-1920s and spent most of his lifetime as a journalist.

MRS. FLORENCE MILDRED DICKIE (93).

Joined staff in 1920 as Matron of Boarding at NPBHS and remained there for 20 years before retiring.

KENNETH H. GIBBONS (64).

A former member of school 1st XI's and XV's, he played for the 1st XV for three years, achieving captaincy in both codes in 1929. He captained Wanganui in 1930.

HAROLD W. KIRKBY (81).

A well-known N.P. lawyer. Despite being seriously injured at the age of 12, he had at one time a golf handicap of ten. Life-member of the N.P. Golf Club and Taranaki Jockey Club.

PETER KOMLOS (36).

Suddenly, in Hobart. A very prominent musician.

PHILIP WAYNE McCULLOUGH (16).

In New Plymouth, as a result of accident.

DR. JAMES O'DEA (67).

Educated at NPBHS, Canterbury and Otago Universities. Qualifying in 1932, he became a house surgeon, and served as Superintendent at Pukeora until 1941.

HAROLD LANCE THOMPSON (63). As result of accident.

A prominent farmer, he took an active part in many organisations, particularly Federated Farmers.

EDWARD CLIVE WEST (29).

He is remembered for his great good humour, despite suffering ill-health.

BRIAN WILLIS (29).

As a result of accident. Part of a strong family tradition of NPBHS 1st XV rugby, he graduated in and practised law.

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