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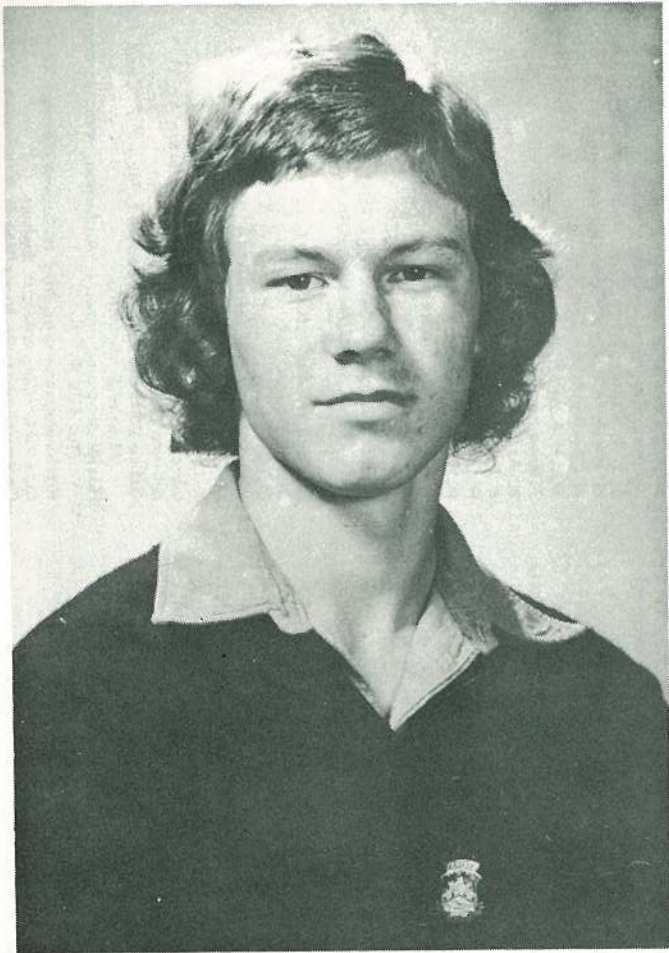
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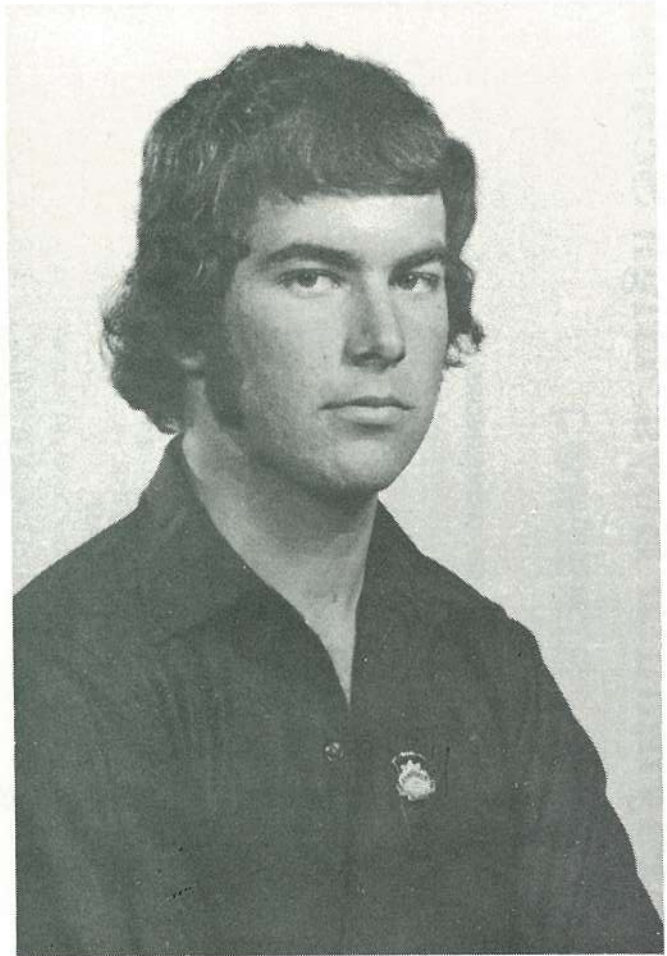
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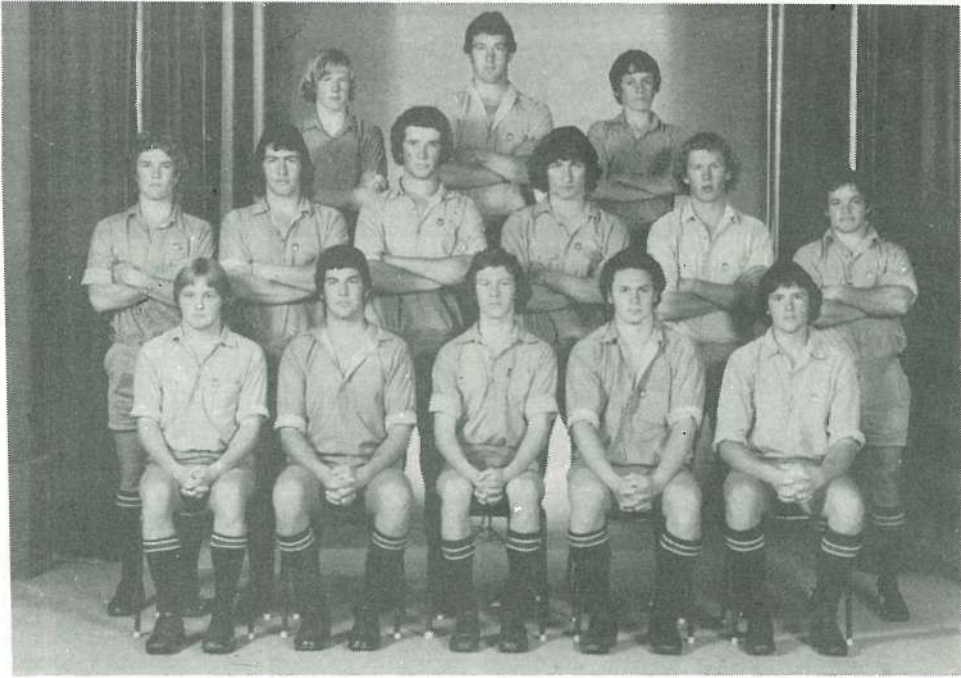


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M. Gesterkamp

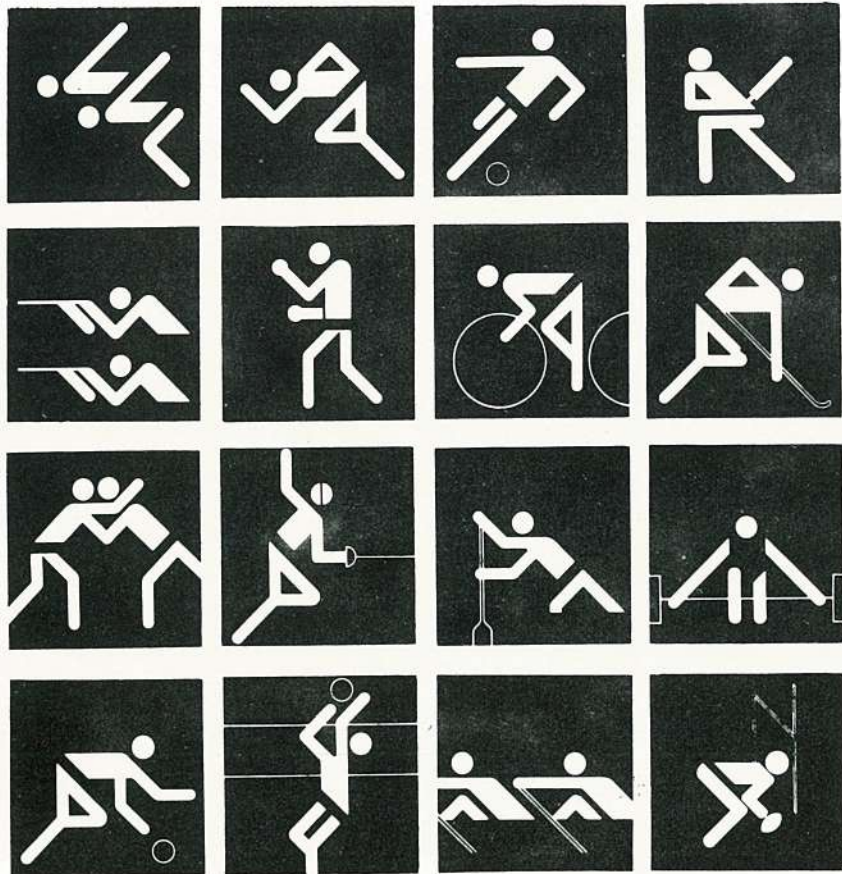


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Head Boys: D. Frengley. **Councillors:** D. Frengley, D. Arthur, P. Binnie.

GREEN HOUSE—Housemaster: Mr. L. V. Giddy. **Deputy Housemaster:** Mr. B. Hurlle. **Group Teachers:** Messrs. I. D. Francis, R. Green, K. Gledhill, W. K. Grant, B. F. La Franchie, B. J. Hurlle, T. G. Heaps, D. F. H. Gush.
Head Boy: G. Hill. **Councillors:** G. Hill, P. Hall, M. Gesterkamp, I. Hollins.

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Head Boy: C. Marshall. **Councillors:** C. Marshall, S. McDonald, I. Meuli.

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Head Boy: M. Snowdon. **Councillors:** M. Snowdon, J. Steeghs, M. Watson.

BOARDING HOSTELS

Warden: Mr. J. Morton.
Senior Tutors: Moyes—Mr. L. Denton.
Carrington—Mr. I. Francis.
Tutors: Moyes—Mr. D. K. D. Collier, Mr. T. Heaps, Mr. J. Joyce.
Carrington—Mr. W. Grant, Mr. K. Gledhill, Mr. R. Stocks.
Head Boarder: G. Hill.
Moyes Prefects: G. Hill (Head), S. McDonald, D. Mac Kenzie, S. Percival, B. Purcell, J. Steeghs, I. Turner, S. Young.
Carrington: D. Cooke (Head), D. Arthur, P. Binnie, T. Handley, P. Underwood, S. Wildon.

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.
Cricket: Mr. Brine.
Cycling: Mr. Gledhill.
Debating: Mr. Crawford.
Drama: Mrs. Gallon, Mr. Crawford.
Hockey: Mr. Grant.
Interact: P. Hall.
Library: Mr. Heaps.
Life-Saving: Mr. Dobson.
Lunch-time Activities: Mr. Gledhill.
Music: Mr. Joyce.
Old Boys' Notes: Mr. Denton.
Outdoor Recreation: Mr. Carroll.
Parent-Teacher Association: Mr. Heaps (Secretary).
Photography: Mr. McCaskill.
Rugby: Mr. Bennett.
Sailing/Canoeing: Mr. Ranger, Mr. Stocks.
Soccer: Mr. Collier.
Softball: Mr. Denton.
Squash: Mr. Heaps.
Stationery: Mr. La Franchie.
Steeplechase: Mr. Stocks.
Surf Riding: Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Turner.
Swimming: Mr. Gledhill.
"Taranakian": Mr. Crawford.
Tennis: Mr. Heaps.
Tramping: Mr. Collier.
Volleyball: Mr. Stocks.
Visual and Audio Systems: Mr. Hurlle, Mr. McCaskill.

Retirements and Staff Changes

Mr. J. S. Hatherly

The end of this year sees the retirement of Mr. John Hatherly after a long and illustrious career with Boys' High School. To say that his retirement is the "end of a tradition" is an inadequate description of the event, for the links Mr. Hatherly has with the school extend far beyond his association with present boys and staff to include a deep and lasting influence on the character of the school.

He came to the school as a boarder in 1926, and remained until 1933, spending some three years in the degree class while completing seven units of his B.A. During this period at school he achieved a great deal in all areas of school life; he played for the Second XV and XI, he gained a reputation as a fine musician, for three years he was the outstanding N.C.O. in the school battalion, and he was an exceptional leader as head boy in 1933. At the age of nineteen he left school and went to Victoria University, firstly to complete his B.A., and then to take his M.A. in French.

Mr. Hatherly returned to the school in 1940 after an absence of six years, some of which time had been spent teaching in South Africa, and some at London University completing a Diploma in Education.

At the invitation of the then headmaster, Bill Moyes, he returned to teach in the Languages Dept. and also to take control of School House (today known as Moyes Hostel). His talent for leadership, his love and concern for the boys, and his strong moral sense, all of which had been fostered by his own experiences as a boarder, served him well in his onerous task, for he remained in boarding until 1976. He held the position of Senior Boarding Master from 1956 to 1974. His time in boarding has left its mark on the many hundreds, even thousands of boys who came to know and respect him for his service and dedication in this sphere.

A strong sense of commitment and achievement has been the hallmark of Mr. Hatherly's career. His devotion to his own teaching subject, and private love, Latin, has been transmitted to the hundreds of boys who have passed through his hands enriched by the experience. His faith in the spirit and camaraderie present within the boarding establishment have remained undimmed despite the vicissitudes of recent years, and many boys have found uprightness and steadfastness in his example. The primary source of his faith and idealism, however, has been his Christianity which has illuminated and infused all he has done, whether in the realm of public affairs or in his personal life. He is a lay reader for the Anglican church, and during his time at school has helped develop and support scripture studies, chapel services and S.C.M. activities.

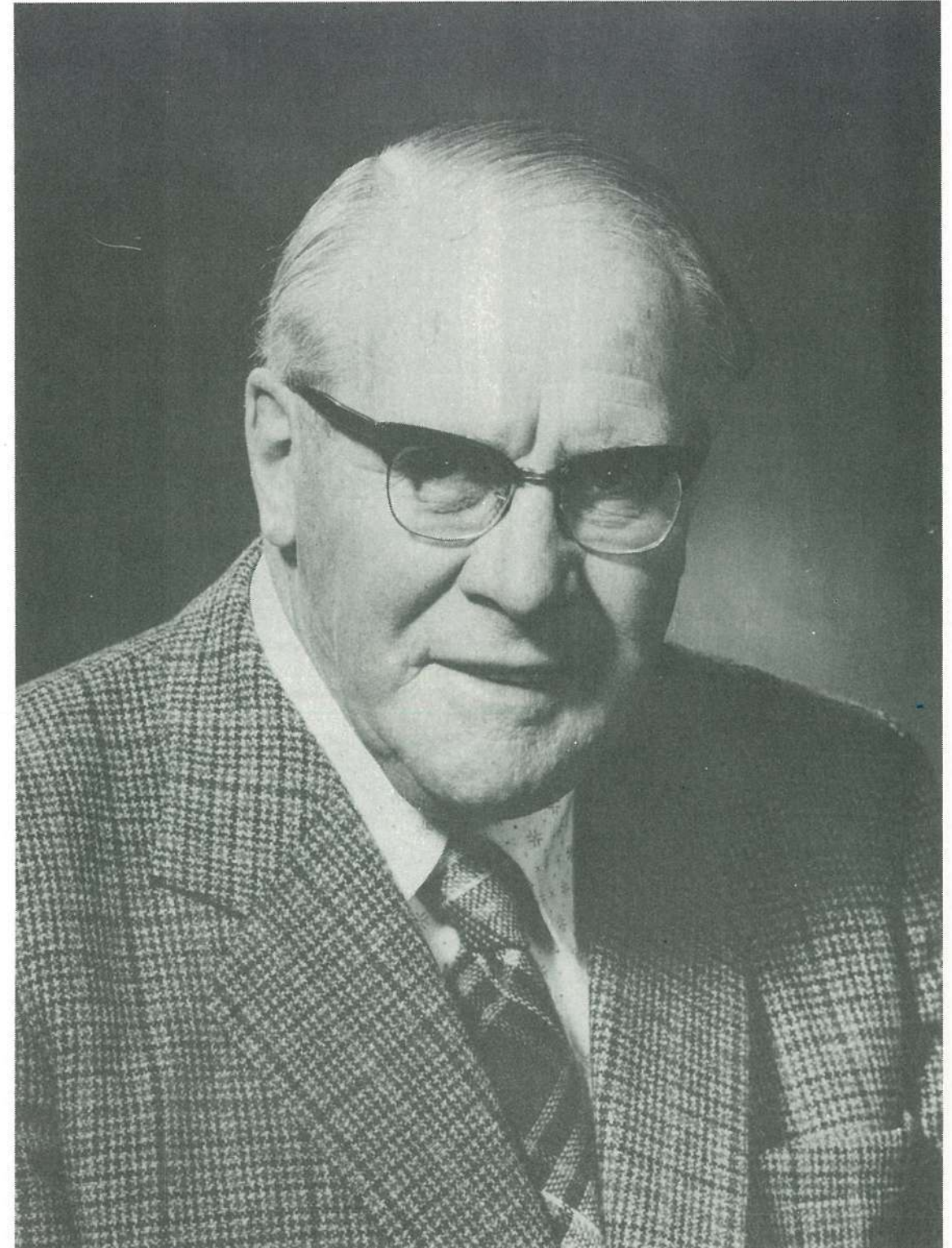
The mark of the gentleman is that others come to know themselves by the light of what he is. In an age that is increasingly secular, we farewell John Hatherley, confident in the example that he has set us: comradeship, valour and wisdom.

Staff Changes

This year saw a considerable number of changes in staff composition. Mr. Anker retired at the end of 1976 because of ill-health, and Mr. Fulcher left teaching to try his hand at market gardening. Both of these retirements took effect after the last edition of the magazine went to press.

At the beginning of 1977 we welcomed Mr. Gibbs (Technical), Mr. Jaques (Chemistry), and Mr. Green (Maths). Mr. Green had been with us previously and returned after university study.

Mr. Oats resigned at Easter after long service with the school, and is now applying his chemical skills and knowledge at New Plymouth Power Station. Mr. Harris left us to join the Polytech staff, Mr. Coup moved to Melville High School, and Mr. Edwards left teaching; all resignations taking effect at the end of Term 1, thus striking a severe blow at the English Department. The School was fortunate in obtaining replacements almost immediately, Mr. Patel coming to teach Chemistry and Mrs. Buxton and Mr. Boyd to teach English. Mr. Crossling came to the Technical Dept. and Mrs. Haskell has accepted a full-time position after some years of part-time teaching with us.



Mr. J. S. HATHERLY

SCHOOL SCENES



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PRIZEGIVING 1976

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Junior 100 metres (Bennett Cup): K. Betteridge.
Junior 400 metres (Harman Cup): P. Poletti.
Junior 800 metres (Houston Cup): C. Mills.
Junior Cross Country (Noakes Cup): E. Lonsdale.
Senior 100 metres (Old Boys' Cup): K. Dixon.
Senior 200 metres (Herbert Smith Cup): W. Harrison.
Senior 400 metres (Old Boys' Shield): C. Marshall.
Senior 800 metres (Mason Memorial Cup): S. Fleming.
Intermediate 100 metres (Beckbessinger Cup): B. McAsey.
Intermediate 200 metres (Challenge Cup): L. Hill.
Intermediate 800 metres (Gilmour Cup): I. Meuli.
Senior Hurdles (Noakes Cup): D. Treeby.
Senior High Jump (Moran Cup): A. Moore.
Intermediate High Jump (Keller Cup): G. Pearce.
Intermediate Long Jump (Cartwright Cup): S. Elliot.
Intermediate Discus (Edmonds Trophy): P. Belworthy.
Intermediate Cross Country (Herbert Smith Cup): G. Flynn.
Open 2000 metres (Antonovic Cup): G. Flynn.
Open Pole Vault (Willis Cup): H. Kam.
Senior 1500 metres (Fookes Cup): M. Middlebrook.
Open 5000 metres Steeples
Open 5000 metres Steeples (Crocker Challenge Cup): M.
Senior Cross Country (1911 Cup): M. Middlebrook.
Athlete of the Year (Towler Cup): M. Middlebrook.

SWIMMING

Junior Championship (Fox Cup): A. Frengley.
Intermediate Championship (Challenge Cup): K. Adams.
Senior Championship (Sykes Memorial Cup): R. Beaven.

TENNIS

Junior Singles Champion (Herbert Smith Cup): W. Dunn.
Most Improved Player (Burgess Cup): R. Lawson.
Intermediate Champion (McKeown Cup): W. Crozier.
Senior Champion (Candy Cup): S. Wood.

BADMINTON

Singles Championship (Cook & Lister Cup): R. Lawson.
Junior Singles Championship (Isaac Cup): R. McDonald.

LIFE SAVING

Smith & Easton Cup: P. Van Praagh and C. Rudd.

CRICKET

Best Bowler (Parkinson Memorial Cup): G. Robertson.
Best Batsman 1st XI (Meuli Cup): J. Carroll.

CADETS

Best Cadet (Sole Cup): J. Carroll.

ROWING

For Contribution to the Enjoyment of Rowing (John Deere Cup): R. Mills.

HOCKEY

Most Improved Junior Player (Simonsen Cup): G. P. Hughes.

TEAM COMPETITIONS

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS

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

INTER-HOUSE

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

ACADEMIC PRIZES

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Form Three: G. F. Arthur, B. A. Connert, C. M. Daly, S. R. George, P. Hall, G. P. Harrison, M. L. Hayward, L. T. Holden, R. J. Jory, K. P. Judd, M. J. Keast, D. G. Lankshear, P. J. Laurenson, G. W. McManus, B. A. Maechler, L. D. Marinkovic, A. Messenger, A. D. Mischewski, R. Molloy, M. S. Mulrooney, G. C. Prichard, B. A. Snowdon, G. W. Taylor, K. V. Trye, D. M. Watts, J. M. Wetere, G. A. Whelan, S. J. Wilson.

Form Four: R. J. Armstrong, A. A. Batchelor, G. J. Blyth, Q. T. Bright, M. M. Cole, R. Dirksen, A. J. Frengley, K. D. Gifford, J. M. Gordon, N. P. Greig, C. N. Harrop, M. J. Hopkins, R. J. Hogg, R. M. Lawson, I. P. Leonard, M. A. Lepper, G. D. Lonsdale, D. J. Lundt, A. G. Meads, M. Meuli, W. J. Pickett, P. G. Polletti, M. J. Roberts, M. Robertson, S. P. Rosser, T. M. Ryder, B. M. Sarten, L. D. Shute, M. D. Symon, T. A. Tukaroa, T. N. Urbahn, F. P. Webb, G. D. Webster, L. A. Wright, M. G. Wright.

FIFTH FORM PRIZES

English (Daily News Prize): P. Burrowes.

Science J. R. Watson.

Latin G. W. Van Paassen.

French R. Wood.

Mathematics: T. J. Webster.

History: M. R. Whitehead.

Geography: J. D. Sutherland.

Bookkeeping: S. F. Greig.

Commerce: C. M. Veld.

Art: D. C. Shaw.

Technical Drawing: A. J. Larsen.

Engineering (Kidd Garrett Prize): C. J. Dravitzki.

Woodwork (Spear & Jackson Prize): R. I. Murray.

Woodwork (Woodwork Department) (Special Prize for Outstanding Effort): J. L. Cooke.

Physical Education: N. A. Prince.

General Excellence Awards: F. L. Barrack, R. Bennie, J. A. Berge, D. C. Brewster, J. A. Caldwell, R. J. Cole, M. J. Fitzpatrick, P. J. Gibbs, P. R. Howan, W. R. Judd, S. P. King, G. W. McAuliffe, M. J. Miers, R. Rix, B. W. Scott, P. F. Simpson, R. B. Street, W. B. Sutton, G. A. Williams.

SIXTH FORM PRIZES

English (Tabor Scholarship): S. R. Girvan.
Languages (Tabor Scholarship): D. A. Frengley.
History (Tabor Scholarship): P. B. Goldsworthy.
Geography (Tabor Scholarship): P. Hall.
Chemistry (Tabor Scholarship): M. F. Gesterkamp.
Physics (Tabor Scholarship): D. G. Arthur.
Biology (Tabor Scholarship): D. M. Sceats.
Mathematics (Tabor Scholarship): R. D. Blyth.
Accounting (Tabor Scholarship): P. B. Zaloum.
Technical Drawing (Tabor Scholarship): A. J. Pipson.
Art (Tabor Scholarship): S. S. MacDonald.
Economics (Tabor Scholarship): P. F. Goldsworthy.

General Excellence Awards: S. S. Bowkett, D. J. Cooke, G. S. Cramer, K. R. Dixon, B. J. Fraser, A. W. Hickling, N. C. Phillips, B. D. Procter, G. J. Putt, P. E. Sirett, J. O. Smit, M. Snowdon, J. W. Steeghs, I. C. Wright.

SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

English Language (John Brodie Memorial): B. Lala.
Art: M. V. Stevenson.
English Literature (White Memorial): M. V. Stevenson.
History (Bendall Memorial): G. H. Yeo.
Geography (David Bennett Prize): G. H. Yeo.
Accounting T. H. Wilson.
Economics (Thos. Borthwick & Sons Prize): T. H. Wilson.
Chemistry P. O. Veale Memorial): R. J. M. Mills.
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial): R. J. M. Mills.
Physics: R. A. Beaven.
Pure Mathematics: R. A. Beaven.
Applied Mathematics: R. A. Beaven.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Wattie Wilkie Memorial Mathematics Prize: W. Sones.
Junior Essay (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup): R. Armstrong.
Junior Reading: G. McManus.
Junior Oratory (Moss Cup): G. Arthur.
General Excellence for Choir (Faull Challenge Cup): M. Gesterkamp.
Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup): P. Burrowes.
Special Prize for Maori Student (Dept. Maori Affairs): M. A. Te Ruki.
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup and Prize): P. J. Hurley.
Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize): P. J. Van Praagh.
Proxime Accessit (MacLeod Memorial): R. J. McN. Mills.
General Excellence (Dr. Fookes Cup): R. A. Beaven.
Dux (Buick Cup): R. A. Beaven.

REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

Rugby: I. Turner, S. Percival, S. Fleming, M. Watson, B. Purcell, M. Greig, J. Holden, N. Prince, C. Mills, D. MacKenzie, L. Hill, G. Robertson, G. Hill, S. MacDonald, C. Marshall, K. Monk, J. Holden.
Badminton: P. Belworthy.
Hockey: A. Underwood, P. Binnie, D. Arthur, S. Allen, G. Hughes, B. Ajams, A. Lane.
Soccer: I. Hollins, D. McPherson, R. Rix, I. Sarten, P. Davidson, B. Murray, S. Burmester, J. Watson.
Basketball: M. Snowdon, S. Wildon, S. Weydon, M. Gesterkamp, S. Young.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1976

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

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UNIVERSITY BURSARIES

Andrew, N. L., (B); Beaven, R. A., (A); Besley, B. G., (B); Brewster, A. T., (B); Chivers, M. D., (B); Cotterill, B. E., (A); Gatenby, S. R., (B); Gordon, M. D., (B); Gowing, M. T., (A); Hartley, C. A., (A); James, M. S., (B); Jones, R. B., (B); Lala, B., (B); Leathley, G. W., (B); Lethbridge, D. N., (B); Lightbourne, I. D., (B); Mills, R. J. M., (A); Sim, A. M., (B); Stevenson, M. V., (B); Wahhab, A. M. A., (B); Ward, T. W., (B); Wickramasinghe, A. C., (B); Wilson, T. H., (A); Wilson, W. H., (A); Yeo, G. H., (A).

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SPORTS

Athletics

The Athletic Sports were held this year on Webster field and McNaught field. Webster field was the venue for all the track events, McNaught field being used for the field events. The weather for the day got off to a doubtful start with heavy rain in the early hours of the morning, but on the advice of the weather office the sports carried on, the day becoming fine yet not too warm, to the advantage of spectators and competitors alike.

The format for the day remained the same as for the 1976 athletics, with 'A' and 'B' divisions in all track events, group relays and cycle events. Although the sedan chair relay was omitted due to lack of time, the hurdles, high jump, pole vault and the 5,000 metres were held after athletics day because of the time involved in running these events.

Some fine performances were put up in all grades. In the Senior events K. Dixon won both the 100m and 200m, R. McNair scored a double in the 800m and 1500m and G. Pearce won the senior hurdles and high jump. Double wins in the Intermediate section went to B. Pirakahu in the 100m and 200m, and T. Tukuroa in the hurdles and triple jump. S. Allen took out first place in the Junior 400m and 800m. A. Gordon in one of the best performances on the day took 3 first places

in Junior field events — javelin, shot put and discus. P. Laurensen achieved a fine win in the Junior 1500m and put in an extremely good effort to win the Open 5,000 metres.

The only record broken at this year's Athletics was achieved by D. Sceats in the 2000 metres steeplechase. White house took out the Junior 4 x 100m, Maroon won both the Intermediate and Senior 4 x 100m, but it was Green house, boosted by the performances of A. Gordon, that took the final honours on the day, winning the inter-house competition with 440 points, followed by Maroon (404), White (383), Blue (305).

Thanks must go to the boys and staff who helped make the day go as well as it did, especially to Mr. Bennett who as announcer had the ignoble position of sitting in a paddock all day.



N. PRINCE IN ACTION



JUNIOR LONG-JUMP



M. GESTERKAMP WALKS TO VICTORY!

Taranaki Secondary Athletics Championships

This year the Taranaki Secondary Athletic Champs were held at Opunake in fine, but not excessively hot weather. Although a large team was selected a certain amount of apathy from within the school meant that NPBHS sent a team of only 42 down to the meeting. All credit must go to the competitors who did turn up as NPBHS had one of its better performances for some years, obtaining one 1st, seven 2nds, five 3rds and four 4ths.

Compliments must go to Opunake High School for a very well run Championship.

Results were:-

Junior: A. Gordon, 1st javelin; P. Larerson, 2nd 1000m steeple, 3rd 1500m, 3rd 800m; T. Feaver, 2nd Triple Jump, 2nd Long Jump; A. Messenger, 3rd triple jump; D. Thompson, 3rd 200m; NPBHS, 2nd 4 x 100m.

Intermediate: P. Webb, 800m; C. Meyan, high jump; NPBHS, 4th 4 x 100m.

Senior: G. Pearce, 2nd 110m hurdles, 3rd high jump; S. King, 2nd javelin; L. Hill, 3rd shot put; R. McNair, 3rd 800m; P. Harrison, 4th Long Jump, 4th high jump.

Open: H. Kam, 2nd pole vault.

North Island Championships

From the results of the Inter Sec.'s at Opunake, four pupils were selected from NPBHS to go to Wellington for the North Island Champs. Although A. Gordon managed the best throw in the Junior Javelin, a change in age grouping meant that his win was disallowed. The team was: A. Gordon, P. Webb, S. King and R. McNair.



TOUCHDOWN!



SENIOR DISCUS



CYCLING ACTION



STAFF v. STUDENTS RELAY

ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1977

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE	RECORD
Senior 'A'					
100 metres	K. Dixon	I. Turner	D. Frengley	11.6 sec.	11.1 sec.
200 metres	K. Dixon	L. Hill	D. Frengley	24.3 sec.	22.8 sec.
400 metres	G. Marshall	I. Turner	R. McNair	58.6 sec.	51.2 sec.
800 metres	R. McNair	S. Fleming	D. Thompson	2 min 05.3	1 min. 59.4
1500 metres	R. McNair	D. Sceats	M. Gesterkamp	4 min. 24.6	4 min. 20.2
Long jump	P. Hansen	P. Bayly	I. Hollins	5.22 metres	6.60 metres
Triple jump	S. Percival	B. Purcell	P. Hansen	10.86 metres	13.38 metres
High jump	G. Pearce	P. Hansen	S. Percival	1.55 metres	1.73 metres
Javelin	S. King	M. Hook	G. Hill	42.1 metres	54.64 metres
Shot Put	L. Hill	N. Prince	S. Young	11.19 metres	13.75 metres
Discus	A. Underwood	S. Weydon	N. Prince	28.60 metres	48.16 metres
110m hurdles	G. Pearce	L. Holden	S. Young	16.2 sec.	14.5 sec.
Cycle race	D. Shaw	M. Te Ruki	P. Hansen	3 min. 06.1	
Relay (4 x 100m)	Maroon	Green	Blue	48.8 sec.	46.6 sec.
'B' Division					
100 metres	G. Sawtell	I. Hollins	B. Adams	12.1 sec.	
200 metres	T. Stonnell	I. Hollins	G. Pearce	26.1 sec.	
400 metres	P. Hansen	P. McCall	K. Newell	59.1 sec.	
800 metres	K. Ogden	A. Larsen	G. Putt	2 min. 27.0	
1500 metres	C. Brooky	D. Falconer	G. Putt	4 min 54.0	
Intermediate 'A'					
100 metres	B. Pirakahu	J. Honeyfield	A. Scott	12.2 sec.	11.3 sec.
200 metres	B. Pirakahu	N. Verry	A. Lane	25.6 sec.	23.5 sec.
400 metres	P. Webb	P. Poletti	E. Rienks	60 sec.	53.4 sec.
800 metres	K. Monk	M. Hook	P. Webb	2 min. 16.8	2 min. 06.2
1500 metres	P. Webb	D. Moses	A. Withers	4 min. 51.3	
Long jump	P. Clout	S. Dravitski	C. Rowlands	4.21 metres	6.31 metres
Triple jump	T. Tukarao	D. Lundt	W. Stewart	10.02 metres	12.33 metres
High jump	C. Megaw	G. Moore	R. Neal	1.51 metres	1.51 metres
Javelin	T. Tukarao	M. Hook	G. Harkness	34.41 metres	
Shot Put	B. Ryan	A. Frengley	W. Mason	11.80 metres	14.74 metres
Discus	M. Morris	M. May	W. Wood	25.73 metres	49.52 metres
100 m hurdles	T. Tukarao	K. Betteridge	B. Pirakahu	17.1 sec	15.0 sec.
Cycle race	H. Van den Boss	S. Wood	N. Poole	3 min. 07.8	
Relay (4 x 100m)	Maroon	Green	White	50.5 sec.	47.7 sec.
'B' Division					
100 metres	G. Mills	K. Betteridge	B. Meuli	12.6 sec.	
200 metres	E. Mills	K. Betteridge	T. Hopkins	26.7 sec.	
400 metres	K. Monk	R. Neal	B. Sarten	60.2 sec.	
800 metres	M. Hewitt	J. Honeyfield	L. Matthews	2 min. 37.1	
1500 metres	S. Dravitski	M. Hewitt	R. Miln	4 min. 57.2	
Junior 'A'					
100 metres	D. Mischewski	B. Vile	A. Gordon/ T. Feaver	12.6 sec. 27.2 sec.	
200 metres	D. Thompson	G. Lundt	S. Allen	27.2 sec.	24.0 sec.
400 metres	S. Allen	G. Lundt	R. Molloy	65.7 sec.	61.6 sec.
800 metres	S. Allen	P. Laurenson	T. Feaver	2 min. 23.7	2 min. 14.7
1500 metres	P. Laurenson	L. Mace	M. Gulliver	4 min. 55.5	4 min. 49.0
Long jump	K. Harrison	A. Menenger	M. Snowdon	4.71 metres	5.52 metres
Triple jump	A. Messenger	K. Harrison	A. Gordon	10.07 metres	
High jump	B. George	N. Cummings	R. Molloy/ M. Sceats	1.35 metres	1.52 metres
Javelin	A. Gordon	S. Stubbing	C. Veitch	27.83 metres	
Shot Put	A. Gordon	B. Korff	B. Dunn	9.65 metres	10.45 metres
Discus	A. Gordon	S. Stubbing	C. Daly	28.00 metres	
100 m hurdles	R. Mills	P. Kaitoa	B. Shaw	20.3 sec.	15.7 sec.
Cycle race	K. O'Keefe	I. Riley	W. Taylor	3 min. 09.4	
Relay (4 x 100m)	White	Blue	Green	52.6 sec.	50.6 sec.
'B' Division					
100 metres	I. Brooking	D. Watts	D. Vaulaire	13.13 sec.	
200 metres	S. Wilcoxson	M. Snowdon	A. Gordon	26.9 sec.	
400 metres	V. Daly	G. Hayward	G. Gibbs	65.7 sec.	
800 metres	J. Sanders	D. Cook	D. Farrelly		
1500 metres	J. Sanders	S. Shaw	C. Hoskins	5min. 02.0	
Open					
5000 metres	P. Laurenson	M. Gesterkamp	D. Sceats	17 min. 46.3	15 min. 59.0
Steeplechase (2000m)	D. Sceats	G. Lonsdale	D. Moses	6 min. 49.4	6 min. 49.4
Group relay	M5	G7	B8-W4		
1600 m Walk	M. Gesterkamp	D. Arthur	G. Aylwood	9 min. 08.2	
Hansard Cup	Green	Maroon	White		

SCHOOL BADMINTON TEAM



Rear: G. Chilcott, G. Putt, D. Sceats, B. Meuli.
Front: I. Meuli, P. Belworthy.

Badminton

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

In early June a team of six played Hamilton Boys' High School in Hamilton. The team was: P. Belworthy, I. Meuli, B. Meuli, G. Putt, D. Sceats, and G. Chilcott. This year Hamilton was much stronger and ran out the winners 14-1.

Early in the third term a team represented the school at the Taranaki Inter-secondary Schools Doubles Tournament at Stratford. The pairs were P. Belworthy and I. Meuli, and D. Sceats and G. Putt. P. Belworthy and I. Meuli were successful in winning the Boys' Doubles events.

In the third term the school championships were keenly contested. The results were:

Senior singles (Cook and Lister Cup): P. Belworthy.
Junior singles (Isaacs Cup): R. Powell.

Basketball

"A" Team

This year proved to be highly successful for the School "A" team. Not only did we enjoy considerable success in our annual college games and local competition, but we also highlighted the season by qualifying for the N.Z. Secondary Schools National Champs.

The team consisted of a core of experienced players who made up the starting five: M. Snowdon, M. Gesterkamp, S. Wildon, S. Weyden and S. Young; and four promising younger players, G. Kaitoa, J. Moffat, M. Hewitt and K. Cooper. It was again ably coached by Mr. Stocks.

This team was a well balanced one and the starting five, in particular, fitted in well together, often showing the opposition co-ordinated teamwork rather than individual skills. Mark Snowdon was the ball carrier, Marcel Gesterkamp the fast-break exponent, S. Weyden a link man and gutsy defender, and S. Wildon and S. Young provided the team with height and strength under the boards. We were lucky in that all these five had a steady outside shot, although Mark Snowdon was perhaps the ablest in this regard. The other four members on the bench were able to provide the team with plenty of enthusiasm and at any time during a game were adequate replacements. G. Kaitoa and J. Moffat were perhaps the most consistent of the four, while Hewitt and Cooper were hard workers.

The team was again entered in the New Plymouth "B" Grade and after some close early games found form and usually won its games with relative ease. However, four losses, including two to eventual winner, Waitara, and one defaulted game following a misunderstanding, meant that the best we could do was to be runner-up.

"A" BASKETBALL TEAM



Rear: G. Kaitoa, J. Moffatt, M. Ewart, K. Cooper.
Front: M. Gesterkamp, S. Weydon, S. Young, S. Wildon, M. Snowdon.

The season ended with an excellent college record for the team, winning five out of six games. Our first game against an inexperienced Hamilton Boys' High was a massacre and we ran out the winners 114-16. Although in our later games we were not so overwhelming, we did run out comfortable winners by 20 points against Wanganui Collegiate, by 30 points against Wanganui Boys College and Hawera High, and by 10 points against St. Patricks (Wellington). The only loss occurred against Wellington College whom we played only four hours after the St. Pat's game, and we lost by 30 points.

Thanks must go to Mr. Stocks for his fine coaching, to his wife for her keen support, and to Mr. Lay for his greatly appreciated organisational work.

THE NATIONALS

For the first time in many years the School team qualified for the Nationals, held this year in Christchurch. Travel expenses to Christchurch amounted to \$800. In order to cover these costs the team requested sponsorship on a points basis for our annual college game against Wanganui Boys College. This proved to be very successful and we thank all those who supported us so generously.

Having previously played encouraging games against some of the teams present, we were confident of at least moderate success.

The competition was played in sections and we were drawn against two tough teams, both of whom were eventually placed in the top six teams.

In our first game we came up against a more co-ordinated bustling team and were soundly beaten. To ensure that we finished in the top eight teams, we had to win our next game. Unfortunately we went down narrowly by 20 points to Mariehau, who eventually came third.

School was relegated to the 'B' division along with the other three section losers. Here we played all three teams and the standard of play was still high. Our only win came against Tauranga Boys' High. In this game we regained some of our better form and ran out the winners by 83-58. S. Young played a good game scoring 28 points, closely followed by M. Snowdon with 23 points. This placed us third in the 'B' Division and eleventh overall. Although we won only one game all the boys gained a wealth of experience from the high standard, and the whole trip was a thorough success.

FIRST CRICKET XI



Rear: B. Cox, G. Sawtell, P. Hall, M. Greig, G. Moore, D. Thompson.
Front: K. Williams, S. Young, C. Trenwith, G. Robertson, B. Lilley.

Cricket

Cricket at N.P.B.H.S. received a severe blow at the beginning of October when Mr. L. K. Denton resigned from the position of master-in-charge of cricket. Mr. Denton has worked hard for school cricket over a number of years and his coaching, administration and co-ordination will be sorely missed! Fortunately for cricket, Mr. Denton continues to serve as chairman of the Northern Division of the Taranaki Cricket Association.

Following Mr. Denton's resignation Mr. R. E. Brine assumed control of cricket in the school. The First XI, coached by Mr. Burt, has begun the new season impressively. They play in the 2nd division of the senior competition. The Second XI, with Mr. B. Robson as player-coach, is this season playing in the second grade (Country Division). The Third XI, which contains many young, promising players, is entered in the third grade competition. This team is coached by Messrs. P. Bishop and R. Brine. Two teams of 4th form players and one team of third form players are entered in the 4th and 5th grade competitions.

The School has been most fortunate in obtaining the services of Messrs. A. Johnson, N. Patel, J. Bishop, G. Bishop and N. Phillips to assist with the coaching of junior teams. The School is also indebted to the many parents who have, and hopefully will continue to assist with the transport of school teams.

FIRST XI INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET 1977

v. Hamilton Boys' High School (lost by 1 wicket)

Hamilton Boys, after winning the toss, sent School in to bat. School collapsed dramatically to the position of 6-29. The pitch was damp early on and showed plenty of life. However, G. Sawtell and S. Young came to the crease and with controlled batting soon got on top of the bowling as the pitch dried out. The 7th wicket fell with the score at 116 when G. Sawtell was dismissed for a well compiled 48. Simon Young went for 67 with the score at 153. School carried on to reach a respectable score of 208, with tail-enders C. Trenwith and P. Hall chiming in well with 43 and 24 respectively.

Hamilton went in to bat against a determined School side, collapsing to 112 all out, with the follow-on barely avoided. G. Robertson bowled well, mustering considerable pace and fire. He finished with the superb figures of 8-42, earning for the second time in two games, a place on the honours board. The day was completed with School batting again and at stumps they were 2 for 37, with Williams not out 16 and Thompson not out 4. The second day School went on to make 98 for 6 declared, with K. Williams (32), D. Thompson (21 n.o.) and S. Young (18) being the major contributors. Because the game had to end at 3 p.m. School made a sporting declaration leaving H.B.H.S. 195 to make in 107 minutes. The game ended in great suspense with Hamilton reaching their target 9 wickets down.

Taking nothing away from H.B.H.S.'s victory, it appeared certain that School would have won had play continued to the scheduled 6 o'clock finish.

v. Hawera High School (won by an innings and 119 runs)

Hawera won the toss and sent School in to bat on a good wicket. After a reasonable start, School advanced to 3-62 with K. Williams scoring 38. D. Thompson and G. Robertson came together and featured in a 172-run 4th wicket partnership, with G. Robertson compiling 141 including 9 sixes and D. Thompson scoring 57 in his first game for the School. School added a further 68 runs before declaring at 301-6, with B. Lilley getting 20 and G. Sawtell remaining 20 not out. School scored their 301 in only 180 minutes, with G. Robertson reaching his century in only 63 minutes.

Hawera went to bat, but facing fine bowling efforts from G. Moore (5-41) and M. Greig (3-22), they were dismissed for a meagre 90 runs. They batted again and again faced by fine bowling from G. Moore and G. Robertson, supported by tight fielding, Hawera were again dismissed for 97 runs, thus giving School the outright win. G. Moore was the star performer, taking 9 wickets in the match.

v. Wellington College (drawn)

School won the toss and sent Wellington College in to bat. School made a promising start when they dismissed one of Wellington's openers with the score at 4. Little assistance was obtained from the pitch, and Wellington College reached a respectable 157. Mathews for Wellington College scored a valuable 49, while G. Robertson (3 wickets), C. Trenwith (4 wickets), and M. Greig were the main wicket takers.

At bat, School collapsed early, but recovered slightly with good efforts from S. Young (49) and G. Robertson (26), but despite their commendable efforts, School were dismissed for 151, five runs short of Wellington College.

Wellington College commenced their second innings with a 1st wicket partnership of 50 runs. These efforts were marred, however, by a significant middle order collapse, rectified somewhat by a fine tail-enders' knock of 49 by G. Mayer. Wellington were finally dismissed for 156, with M. Greig taking 4-51. This left School 163 to win in one hour and fifteen overs. Despite a valuable 50 by B. Cox, School was unable to reach this score and at stumps were 127 for 8.

v. Palmerston North Boys' High (for the Heathcote Williams Challenge Shield)

Palmerston North lost the toss and were sent in to bat by School. It was obvious from the outset that Palmerston were playing for the draw as it took them nineteen overs to score their first seventeen runs. After five hours of tedious batting they reached the score of 191. Their captain, Grayson, scored a defiant 96, made in just under four hours. Their other main contributors were D. Sterling (31), and M. Freeman (21). School's best bowler was G. Robertson who took 5-61.

Realising the win required quick runs and an early declaration, School reached 91 for 7 with Simon Young scoring 16 and B. Lilley and G. Moore remaining 16 n.o. and 10 n.o. respectively. Palmerston, apparently unwilling to make a game of it, scored 130 all out, Grayson again proving the stumbling block with a determined 44. M. Greig was the best bowler of the day, taking 6-30, and earning a place on the Honours Board. This left School with the virtually impossible task of scoring 228 runs in 70 minutes and 15 overs. At the close of play School was defending at 116 for 8.

v. Wanganui Collegiate (outright win by 137 runs)

School won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a good batting wicket. After an early collapse, school found themselves at 3-15. This position was rectified by consistent batting by G. Sawtell (39), G. Robertson (29), D. Thompson (20), S. Young (14), and C. Trenwith (17). This put School in the position of being all out for the moderate total of 157.

Wanganui came to bat but confronted by the magnificent bowling of G. Robertson (7-41) and C. Trenwith

(3-26), were routed for the meagre score of 69. School were in the commanding position of an 88 run lead.

In the second innings School batted consistently with B. Cox, K. Williams, D. Thomson, G. Robertson, G. Moore and M. Greig all reaching double figures. The declaration came at 150-9, leaving Wanganui 239 to make in even time. However, School fired with determination, bowled and fielded superbly to dismiss the highly rated Wanganui side for 101 runs. This was Wanganui's first home defeat for many years, and School deserves full credit.

CLUB SEASON

School played in the senior second division and played consistently well all season to be drawn to play Manaia in the Taranaki grade final.

The first day of the match against Manaia was a dark one for School as Manaia made 178 and then bundled School out for a disappointing 56. Given this situation and forced to follow on, School rallied magnificently, with B. Cox making 189, P. Hall (34), G. Sawtell (31) G. Robertson (30), and K. Williams (21). The declaration was made at the very complimentary situation of 255-7, leaving Manaia 134 to make, and School with the apparently slim opportunity to bowl them out. G. Robertson, however, attacked with his usual flair, taking 5-33, and although the attempt to remove Manaia was unsuccessful, they were forced to defend desperately to be 119 for seven at close of play.

Thus Manaia took the title on a first innings decision over School.

This year's club performances, however, reflect great credit on the School team, as they hold the Northern Zone club title.

2nd XI

The season started with a college game against P.N.B.H.S. at N.P. School won the toss and put Palmerston in to bat. After two early losses Palmerston settled down to finally be out for 224. I. Ormiston took 4 for 34. When School batted they had little defence to pace and spin of the opposing attack and were dismissed for 87. P. Davidson top scored with 16 n.o. Following on School fared little better and were dismissed, this time for 89. The end result being a win to Palmerston by an innings and 48 runs.

During the game S. Burmester gained the illustrious "pair" but ironically he topped the batting averages at the end of the season, followed by C. Harrop. The bowling during the season was dominated by G. Syme and I. Ormiston. Against Fitzroy R.C., W. Revell clean bowled four batsmen in four consecutive deliveries.

Of the sixteen games played in the 3rd grade limited over competition, eight were won and eight lost, which was a considerable improvement on last season. Notable team batting performances were 306 for 8 against the professional Fitzroy Rugby Club, and 224 for 7 against Marist.

Thanks must go to Mr. B. Robson who as player/coach played a very important part in the team mainly in respect of experience.

The team for the season was: P. Davidson (capt.), Mr. B. Robson, C. Larson, M. Woods, W. Revell, H. Davidson, G. Syme, C. Harrop, I. Ormiston, S. Burmester, G. Prestney, K. Ogden.

Cross Country

The cross country championships were held during October in fine, dry conditions. The sunny weather, although welcomed by the spectators proved to be a burden to the 700 or so participants, the heat reducing times to a certain extent.

The junior race was run first, with the intermediates setting out some twenty minutes later, and the seniors twenty minutes later again.

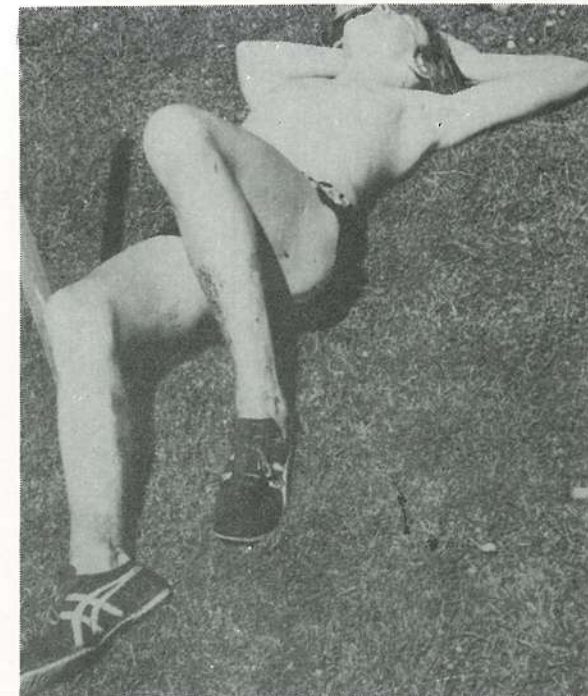
First home in the junior race was P. McKinlay, while D. Moses won the intermediate race. G. Pearce ran a very convincing race in taking the senior title.

Results—Junior: P. P. McKinlay (19 min. 55), S. Duckett, C. MacKinnon.

Intermediate: D. Moses (17 min. 51.1), G. Lonsdale, P. Laurenson.

Senior: G. Pearce (21 min. 11.2), P. Soffe, M. Gesterkamp.

House Totals: 1st Maroon (1430 points), 2nd Blue (1714 points), 3rd White (1823 points), 4th green (1849 points).



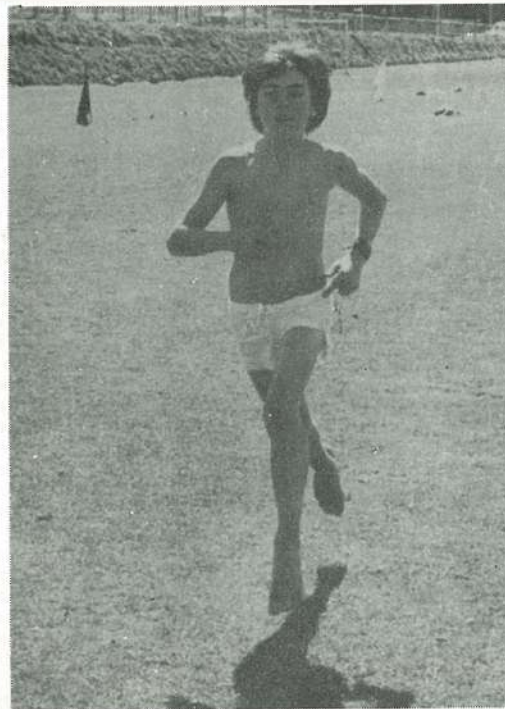
COST OF VICTORY — D. MOSES



CALM BEFORE THE STORM —



G. PEARCE — SENIOR WINNER



P. MCKINLEY — JUNIOR WINNER



IN THE RUCK

SCHOOL CYCLING TEAM



I. Riley, M. Te Ruki, K. O'Keeffe, D. Shaw, S. Wood.

Cycling

During the first weekend of the August holidays the school was represented in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Teams Time Trial. The race is competed for annually at Levin, and involves a team of five riders and one reserve. They race over a course of ten miles against the clock, with the final time taken on the fourth man across the line. In addition to the teams race there is also an individual time trial in which the reserve of each team ride. The eventual winner of each race is based on the team (and individual) with the shortest time over the course. The team selected to ride was: Ian Riley, Harley Vandeboss, Steven Woods, Mark Te Ruki, and Denis Shaw. Mr. P. Riley was manager. Kevin O'Keeffe was first reserve and rode the individual time trial, finishing in 6th place. Our event was scheduled to start at 11 a.m., but because of the five minute intervals between each team, we didn't actually start until 2 p.m. Our major opposition was expected to come from Auckland Grammar, who recently won their Regional Districts' race in a time of 22 minutes (an average speed of 28 mph over the ten mile course). The other threat was expected to come from Shirley Boys' High of Christchurch, who still retain the record for the fastest time over the course. This is the first time the School had ventured into the race for several years, but nevertheless we and our manager were confident of getting in the first three placings. At 2 p.m. we set off but within 500 metres we were plagued with the first

of many misfortunes. Our mistake was in going the wrong way around a roundabout, thus losing valuable seconds. Despite this we reached the turn (halfway mark) with the second fastest time recorded, being beaten only by the eventual winners (Shirley Boys' High) by eight seconds. On the homeward journey, Ian got dropped from the bunch because he lacked peak fitness after a recent bout of the flu'. Next Harley's rear wheel packed up and because the rules do not allow mechanical assistance, we lost a further two minutes in time. Despite our problems we finished the race. Our final time over the ten mile course was 24 minutes 40 seconds (which was only 2 minutes and 8 seconds down on the winning team; a pretty good effort considering our problems. Our time put us in 9th place overall out of the twenty-nine teams taking part. We also beat Auckland Grammar which was enough to make our defeat seem not so bad. Thanks must, however, go to Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Peter Riley and Mr. Frank Vandeboss for their support and organisation in regards to transport and accommodation during the weekend.

Hockey

First Eleven

Hockey prospects for the 1st XI looked good this season with 10 of last year's players returning giving the team the advantage of knowing one another's play and making it easier to form combinations.

The team knew their strength and hoped to win the first round and go up into the Senior Reserve Grade. But unfortunately they were inclined to relax when winning and this resulted in being placed 2nd in the first round and having to stay in the Senior 'B' grade.

The team then suffered the loss of three key players. Mark Woods and Steven King left school shortly after May and Brian Adams left later in the season.

The loss of these players left the forwards without combination and drive. As the season progressed the forwards slowly became more effective with players like G. Hughes, C. McMahon, G. Pearce and S. Allan to form hard offensive drives up the right wing but they lacked ability to finish the majority of these moves.

The halves were the backbone of the team, having played together for two seasons. They could cope with most situations and could control the majority of the opposition attacks.

The backs were also very experienced and the ability of L. Morgan to position himself to cover all play saved many goals.

The team played 8 games during the competition, won 6, drew 1 and lost 1, leaving them the runners-up in the Senior 'B' competition. This was a very good effort.

The most notable feature of the team this year was their spirit of play as players played well as a team, with no selfish individualism.

COLLEGE GAMES

v. Hamilton (Top Ground, June 25th)

School was considered the underdog before the game and Hamilton took the field a little too sure of themselves, expecting an easy win.

Hamilton applied pressure in the first ten minutes but found it difficult to combine and play stayed in centre field. School slowly took the offensive and in the last ten minutes of the first half S. Allan scored from the right wing after some fast and skilled passing with B. Adams as right inside. This was the only time in the game that School showed the potential it contains.

In the second half School fought to hold the 1-0 lead and Hamilton applied much pressure on the halves and backs and broke through the defence a few times but their forwards could not match the brilliance of T. Mertons in goal who played an outstanding game.

The game was well played and School emerged the winner at full time, 1-0.

v. Wellington College (Wellington, 14th July)

This college game was a new fixture and will be continued annually.

The first half opened with School driving down the right but the lack of Brian Adams and the inability of the forwards to combine and drive made it easy for the Wellington backs to hold any attacks. School did manage to force a penalty corner and P. Binnie scored.

Wellington counter attacked through our centre and were able to score twice in the first half by drawing the backs out of position. Half time score was 1-2 to Wellington.

The second half had School defending for the first 20 minutes in which Wellington scored from a stroke. For the rest of the half School was on attack but again the inability to finish moves let us down.

The final score was 3-1 to Wellington.

The game was hard and well played by both teams and it is hoped that future fixtures will be played with the same spirit.

v. Wanganui Collegiate (Top Ground, 21st July)

As usual Collegiate outclassed School with more skill and a better drilled team which had played together for years, but this did not deter School's determination to try and this game was the fastest and hardest game of the season.

The first half was played with both teams sharing the control of ball, the difference between the teams being Collegiate's ability to finish moves whereas School didn't. Half time score was 3-0 to Collegiate. By the end of the 2nd half Collegiate had taken complete control of the game and School was defending gallantly. The final score was 6-0 to Collegiate.

v. Wanganui Boys' College (Wanganui, August 4th)

This college game was very disappointing, in that the organisation was poor with only 10 minutes between arriving and playing, and the field was in atrocious condition and had gone for over a month without ground care, e.g. rolling.

The team also had its problems as players could not be mentally prepared before the game and this resulted in many being unable to concentrate.

The game opened with School attacking for 15 minutes, but Wanganui got a lucky break and scored. Half time score 0-1.

The second half saw School disheartened and no matter how hard they were coached they just couldn't click and Wanganui won the game 0-4.

This game can only be described as a disappointment.

Tournament

The annual tournament in May for the Founders Cup was held on local ground in Opunake with teams coming from as far as Christchurch and Auckland, giving home teams a chance to compete against other centres.

The tournament lasted four days beginning on Monday 2nd, and all teams played seven games.

School's first game was against Stratford and was disappointing as School did not play to full potential and this resulted in a 1-all draw.

The second game was against Wellington High School. School scored in the first ten minutes and half time score was 1-0.

In the second half Wellington scored twice in the first 15 minutes, but C. McMahon had a break up the centre and scored a minute after Wellington's second goal, making the score 2-2. In the dying moments of the game A. Underwood scored a stroke and School won 3-2.

This game was very dramatic and School played some of its best hockey for the season.

C. McMahon had an outstanding game as centre forward and scored both goals.

On the Tuesday School played Whangarei High School and Pukekohe College and unfortunately were unable to make the most of their abundant opportunities and drew both games 0-0 and 1-1.

On the Wednesday School played Opunake High School 'B' and after a scrappy game won 3-0.

This left School top of their section with 7 points and put them into the semi-finals to play Shirley College from Christchurch. The game was played on Wednesday afternoon and could be considered the most competitive game of the tournament.

Both teams were tired after the five previous games and this showed in the later stages of the game as players became slower.

The game began with both teams trying to use right wing attacks but play stayed in centre field with neither team getting inside the other's 25. Half time score: 0-0.

Ten minutes into the second half Shirley scored but C. McMahon scored minutes later to make the full time score 1-1.

The rules of the tournament allowed no draws in finals so the teams immediately began playing extra time of 10 minutes each half.

FIRST HOCKEY XI



Rear: L. Morgan, G. Pearce, T. Mehrterns, S. Allan, E. Morgan, A. Lane, G. Shaw.
Front: J. Larson, D. Arthur, P. Binnie, A. Underwood (Captain), G. Hughes, C. McMahon.



GOALMOUTH MEELE

But by the end of extra time the score was 2-2 as Shirley scored in the second 10-minute half and A. Underwood scored a stroke.

The game was then decided over a strokes competition in which each team chose its five best players to alternately take penalty strokes. This resulted in Shirley winning 3 strokes to 1.

This game also showed the spirit which existed within the team; players like G. Pearce gave everything for this game, and having already played five games they gave more than could be expected.

Shirley were lucky to win and went on to win the tournament, beating Opunake High School 'A' 2-1.

School then played a ranking game against Stratford High School and won 1-0. School was placed third in the tournament below Opunake and Shirley.

The tournament was a great success and was the highlight of the season. It was well organised, and for once we had good weather at a tournament.

Congratulations to G. Hughes, B. Adams and A. Underwood in being selected and playing for the Taranaki Colts, and to Taranaki Secondary School Representatives B. Adams, D. Arthur, G. Hughes and P. Binnie.

In all, this was the most successful hockey season the school has had for a number of years and prospects look good for future years with young players such as S. Mogao and P. Rogers showing much promise in the lower grades.

The team thanks Mr. Grant for his coaching and managing during the season.

Third Grade

The school this year entered two teams in the third grade competition and was fortunate in having the coaching services of both Mr. Krook and Mr. Green.

The teams had a most enjoyable season, in the early part of the season travelling as far afield as Patea. The competition was reorganised after a few weeks, however, in that two divisions were set up and our teams played 1st XI's from Inglewood, Spotswood and Waitara. In this competition we enjoyed a mixed success, being at times frustrated by an unfortunate number of defaults.

Nevertheless all games that were played were played in very good spirit and the teams would like to thank Mr. Green and Mr. Krook for the time and effort they devoted to us. We would also like to express our gratitude to all those who so generously assisted as regards travel.

Rugby

The 1977 season proved to be a most satisfactory one. School fielded 13 teams in local competitions. The outstanding achievement was recorded by the 6th grade Gold team which finished top equal in the North Taranaki Championship. Other sides finished well up in their respective competitions but perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season was the continued interest and determination of the 6th grade Green and 7th grade Black teams which failed to notch a win but never gave up trying.

There appears to be a depth of talent in the 6th and 7th grade areas which augurs well for the immediate future. Many players gained selection in Town and North Taranaki representative teams, while others went on to higher honours in under 16, under 18 and Taranaki Secondary Schools teams. Congratulations are especially due to Scott MacDonald and Michael Watson who were chosen in the Northern Region Secondary Schools team.

Thanks must be extended to our willing band of non-staff coaches — Brian Bellringer, Tom Woods, Roger Urbahn and Neil Leuthart — without whose assistance Rugby could not proceed.

FIRST XV

v. Mt. Albert Grammar (Palmerston Showgrounds, 4th June)

School started this year's College season by accepting an invitation to a quadrangular tournament held for P.N.B.H.S.'s 75th Jubilee.

The game was held as an early curtainraiser to the Manawatu v. Lions match. For most of the School players it was their first College game and it was approached with great eagerness.

The conditions were very wet and slippery underfoot. School attacked strongly and gained territory early in the game. Due to the conditions the game soon developed into a forward struggle. School forwards began to dominate in the loose play by getting to the loose ball faster, and rucking more vigorously and effectively.

Mt. Albert fullback I. Fisher opened the scoring with a penalty goal, which he followed shortly after with another to bring the score to 6-0.

Mt. Albert's backs made the most of their opportunities and ran strongly but could not successfully break School's strong defence. Shortly before halftime Mt. Albert's flanker, D. Mardon, scored from a lineout close to School's line. I. Fisher converted. School retaliated to this by pressing Mt. Albert into their half and G. Robertson was rewarded with a drop goal and the score remained 12-3 at half time.

The second half showed School more resolute, determined not to make costly mistakes, keeping play tight in the forwards and the backs running hard when the occasion arose. Mt. Albert had the advantage in the lineouts, gaining more ball, but at times allowing the School forwards to stream through on the greasy ball. Scrummaging went School's way, with the pack at times heaving Mt. Albert back. On two occasions, School was on defence in front of their posts but shoved Mt. Albert several yards back to gain the tighthead ball.

The only points in the second half came from a penalty by I. Fisher.

Playing strongly in the backs were S. Fleming and D. Mackenzie.

Scoring: School—Field goals, G. Robertson (1). Mt. Albert—Tries, P. Mardens; Penalties, I. Fisher (3), Conversion, I. Fisher (1).

FIRST RUGBY XV



Rear: P. Bayly, G. Robertson, B. Purcell, M. Greig, D. Mackenzie, D. Thomson, S. Fleming.
Middle: N. Prince, L. Hill, K. Mills, P. Hone, S. Percival, J. Steeghs.
Front: M. Watson, J. Holden, I. Turner, S. MacDonald (capt.), C. Marshall, G. Hill, K. Monk.

Napier Boys' High School (6 June, Palmerston Showgrounds)

This was the second game of the P.N.B.H.S. 75th Jubilee Tournament, and after losing to Mt. Albert, were determined not to be beaten again and take the wooden spoon. Napier on the other hand had also lost, beaten by P.N.B.H.S. 30-0 in the main game on Saturday, so they too were keen to win.

It was obvious from the start that School would have a battle on their hands as Napier had domination in the lineouts and parity in the scrums. However, from the moment G. Robertson dropkicked School's first points, Napier seemed to fade somewhat and eventually School's relentless pressure near their line turned into points.

Soon after G. Robertson's 'pot', School's halfback, M. Watson, scored a try from a scrum near the Napier line. From this moment on, School took complete command. A scrum in front of Napier's posts gave Robertson another opportunity to drop his second goal and School went further ahead to 10-0. Shortly before halftime L. Hill kicked a penalty and the score remained 13-0 at halftime.

The dominance continued into the next half. I. Turner, School's fullback, scored a try after running on the blindside and soon afterwards M. Greig, the N.P.B.H.S. lock, showed his great pace to score his try. This was an excellent example of backing up. From a lineout won by Napier, B. Purcell playing at the back intercepted a lofted pass from the Napier halfback and drove upfield. Confronted by their fullback he passed to the fast following-up M. Greig who barged his way across. L. Hill added his second penalty and the game ended with School winning 24-0. The game was noted for School's forward dominance which can only be described as the Taranaki way of playing. As a result all the forwards overshadowed their opposites, in particular B. Purcell, M. Greig and S. MacDonald.

In the backs S. Percival, at centre, showed out particularly well for his crash tackling; S. Fleming produced some of his previous form, and I. Turner was very safe at fullback.

Scoring—N.P.B.H.S. 24: Tries, M. Watson, M. Greig, I. Turner; Dropped Goals, G. Robertson (2); Penalties, L. Hill (2). N.B.H.S. 0.

Hamilton Boys' High (Hamilton, 25th June)

This year the game was played at Hamilton, the first of the annual college matches.

N.P.B.H.S. started strongly and from the kick-off began to attack. Although School lacked height in the lineouts the Hamilton jumpers got untidy ball which enabled the School forwards to stream through and spoil much of Hamilton's ball.

School was rewarded early in the half when L. Hill, coming in from the blind side close to the scrum, crashed across the line handy to the posts for S. Fleming to convert. From then on School never showed form again and shortly before halftime the Hamilton first-five kicked a field goal. Halftime score was N.P.B.H.S. 6, Hamilton 3.

Throughout the second half Hamilton attacked strongly and through a lack of variation in the backs were unable to break the very sound N.P.B.H.S. defence. Those who showed out in the forwards were C. Marshall and M. Greig, while I. Turner, S. Fleming and L. Hill in the backs were strong on defence. The final score was 6-3.

Scoring—N.P.B.H.S.: Try, L. Hill; Conversion, S. Fleming. Hamilton: Field Goal, G. Hodson.

St. Pats Silverstream (9th July, Gully)

School approached this match with a certain amount of trepidation, especially in view of the previous year's defeat. As this was the First XV's first appearance on the gully for the season, combined with St. Pat's strong reputation, a good showing by the School team became a necessity.

St. Pat's attacked strongly for the first fifteen minutes but could not penetrate School's stout defence. It was only after this time that School started to play more as a unit, and play was forced up to the opposite end of the paddock. From a missed drop-kick attempt by G. Robertson, a St. Pat's player knocked the ball on, and School put the ball in five yards from the line. From the resulting scrum, M. Watson dived through to score School's first points.

Shortly after this a misdirected kick by School inside their own 25 resulted in a snap 'drop' by N. Cutter, the St. Pats winger. St. Pats, urged on by this score, again attacked strongly but still could not penetrate. Play saw-sawed from either end and after School had produced some fine backing up and passing skills, only to be cut short, St. Pat's was penalised and S. Fleming kicked the penalty.

St. Pats shortly afterwards kicked another drop-goal and at halftime the score remained 7-6 in School's favour.

The second half belonged to School as they launched attack after attack on the St. Pats line only to be held back. School's two wingers, L. Hill and D. MacKenzie, were especially prominent in this facet of play which was characterised by much third phase possession.

However there was no change in the score and School came out victors in this the 47th match between the two schools, by seven points to six.

Scorers—School: Try, Watson; Penalty, Fleming. St. Pats.: Field Goals, Nihotee, Cutter.

Wanganui Collegiate (21st July, Gully)

The game was held in fine, sunny conditions with a hard ground, so the situation was set for a good, fast running game. School applied the pressure and forced Collegiate into its own half, where S. Fleming opened the scoring with a penalty. After this, School lapsed, somewhat and Collegiate went on to the attack and R. Donald was rewarded with a try after a fine break, going through several poor tackles. The try was converted and Collegiate went into the lead. During the rest of the first half the lead changed hands several times with L. Hill and C. Marshall scoring tries, and S. Fleming kicking a conversion for School. R. Donald kicked two penalties for Collegiate, bringing the score to 13-12 in School's favour at halftime.

The second half showed a more determined School team, getting to the breakdowns quickly, winning more 2nd and 3rd phase ball and supporting one another. This type of play was emphasised by a great team try, starting from 2nd phase ball, with I. Turner coming into the backline and making the break, resulting in K. Monk scoring. Those featuring in the move were G. Robertson, for his support; C. Marshall, who handled the ball twice, and K. Monk, who showed great speed in getting to the breakdown. S. Fleming converted and School led by 19-12. By this stage School looked like gaining a clear win, but Collegiate came back with a try in the corner by R. Everat. Final score favoured School 19-16.

Throughout the game School seemed to be in control but they lapsed at times which cost them points, resulting in a close and exciting game.

On the whole it was a good team effort with special credit going to the loose forwards for the way the disrupted Collegiate's backs and contained much of the loose ball.

Scoring—School: Tries, C. Marshall, K. Monk, L. Hill; Conversions, S. Fleming (2); Penalties, S. Fleming (2). Collegiate: Tries, R. Donald, R. Everat; Conversion, R. Donald; Penalties, R. Donald (2).

Palmerston North Boys' High School (Palmerston North, 28th July)

School travelled south with last year's unlucky defeat on the Gully still a bitter memory. School approached the game with great determination, eager to settle the score with Palmerston. Although the game looked as if it was going to end in a draw, Palmerston North's team scored from a break in the closing minutes and School was robbed of a draw.

The Palmerston North Boys' High field was in such atrocious condition that a change in ground was necessary. The overhead conditions were fine, unfortunately the ground did not complement the sunshine. This meant the game became a forward confrontation.

Both sides used the touch line to gain territory with G. Robertson kicking well for School. There were few

back movements with neither backline gaining superiority.

The Palmerston forwards were taller and heavier than School forwards. Palmerston dominated lineout possession with both schools having trouble throwing in the greasy ball.

The other phases of play School dominated; in rucks and mauls through superior determination, physical hardness, and the will to win, but Palmerston had the edge in the scrums.

S. Fleming opened the scoring with a fine penalty early in the game. A. Grayson equalised minutes later. Just before the halftime break, Fleming kicked another fine goal and G. Robertson was just astray with a drop goal attempt. At halftime School led 6-3. The score was not really an indication of the play. Palmerston had a territorial advantage but failed to convert this into points, with A. Grayson missing penalty kicks on a number of occasions.

In the second half it was School's turn to fail to convert territorial advantage and sustained pressure into points. L. Hill gave a fine performance just failing to score on one occasion after a great individual break. With eight minutes from time, Palmerston broke out of their twenty-five and forced a five metre scrum from which their halfback A. Josephs scored. School attacked and attacked but were held out.

Pick of the forwards was Chris Marshall who never faltered in his defensive play which kept the strong running Palmerston North backs wary, and M. Greig and K. Monk who never gave up in the tight. M. Watson played a great game at half, with speedy delivery of the ball and strong breaks.

Scoring—N.P.B.H.S.: Penalties, S. Fleming (2). P.N.B.H.S., Penalties, A. Grayson (2), Try, A. Josephs.

Te Aute (July 30, Te Aute)

School took the puggy Te Aute field wary of the opposition after last year's convincing victory over a young team and mindful of the highly regarded new Te Aute coach, Awi Riddel. School was also suffering the effects of the P.N.B.H.S. game only two days before.

Te Aute unfortunately took the field in a defensive frame of mind and the first half was lacklustre, with Te Aute prepared to play only six or seven forwards in order to negate School's obviously more skilled backs. Te Aute took the lead after twenty minutes when School was penalised for off-side play close to the posts, and School was down 3-0 at halftime.

In the second half, after a stirring team talk, School changed its usual open running tactics completely. Using the well judged kicking of M. Watson and G. Robertson, School kept play in close to the forwards who by this stage were completely dominating the far lighter Te Aute pack in all facets of play. M. Watson also showed out with his running from rucks and scrums linking well with the loose forwards, C. Marshall, C. Mills and B. Purcell.

C. Mills scored the first try after a fine push from a five-yard scrum and S. Fleming converted. The next try was also made by the forwards, with N. Prince taking a dropout 22 on the full and charging forward 15 yards through several tackles before passing to fellow prop J. Steeghs who burst strongly through more defenders to gain his try. Fleming again converted and at this stage of the game School had gained total control, winning ball almost at will.

The next try came after a series of quick rucks close to the Te Aute line, and School outstretched the defence with I. Turner entering the line will to put L. Hill over for a good try in the corner. Fleming converted once more, to bring the score to 18-3.

Only minutes later, S. Percival scored in an outstanding individualists try after entering the backline outside Robertson. He broke through the defence near the posts leaving Fleming an easy conversion.

The last try of the game was scored by C. Mills after N. Prince broke strongly from a maul 20 metres out from the Te Aute line. Fleming missed the conversion.

Thus the final score remained 28-3 after a fine second half display by the School team.

Scorers—N.P.B.H.S.: Tries, C. Mills (2), L. Hill, J. Steeghs, S. Percival; Conversions, Fleming (4). Te Aute: Penalty Goal, B. Tonariki.

Auckland Grammar

This game was expected to be a close encounter as was last year's fixture which was narrowly lost 6-3 by N.P.B.H.S.

However, the problems which had plagued the 1st XV throughout the season were brought to the fore against a talented Auckland line up. These problems of short forwards and not exceptionally fast backs, in comparison to Auckland, had caused problems in previous college matches and against A.G.S. they were fully exhibited. As a result, A.G.S. gained lineout ball at will through the use of their two tall locks. Allan and Whetton and their backs moved with exceptional pace. One of the most disturbing factors of the game was the poor tackling of the 1st XV, usually the strong point of the team. In fact in the first five college games only one try was scored by the opposition.

Grammar scored first from a penalty by C. Inder, but School was quick to reply with a penalty by S. Fleming. These points were scored after 25 minutes and before this both teams had had their share of attacking play. Grammar, however, scored the first try when bringing the fullback into the line. D. Beguely outpaced the defence to score in the corner. S. Fleming replied with another penalty shortly before halftime and at the interval the score was 7-6 in Grammar's favour. The second half opened with N.P.B.H.S. attacking well but on one occasion early on, the pass was intercepted and after what appeared a blatant knock-on, Beguely ran 30 yards uncontested to score Grammar's second try. School appeared to go into a lethargic mood after this and Grammar capitalised to score further tries in this period. Fifteen minutes from the end School suddenly started to



LINEOUT STRUGGLE



STRONG COVER DEFENCE

play Rugby and from a ruck near the Grammar line C. Marshal scored his first try. S. Fleming kicked a penalty from 30 metres out and again scored when M. Watson touched down near the posts. S. Fleming converted. The score was then 19-35 to Grammar and it looked as if School would further close the deficit. However, time ran out and the score remained the same.

This game was notable in that S. Fleming's total came to 186 points from only forty matches throughout the season. School's determined forward play in the rucks and mauls was also outstanding.

P. Hone coming on as a replacement played outstandingly, while M. Greig also gave an honest display in the forwards. The outstanding back was Allan Hill, both for his strong attacking and sound defence.

The final result favoured Grammar by 35 to 19.

Scorers—N.P.B.H.S.: Tries, Watson, Marshall; Penalties, S. Fleming (3); Conversions, S. Fleming (1). A.G.S.: Tries, D. Beguely (2), A. Whetton, R. Humphries; Penalties, C. Inder (1); Conversions, C. Inder (4).

FIFTH GRADE

After a trial towards the end of the first term, a squad of 20 players was selected by Mr. Bellringer as the 'Black' team (or as the boys preferred, the 3rd XV).

An unlucky draw at the beginning of the grading games saw School pitted against some well practiced, strong opposition and the team lost three very close games to Old Boys, Spotswood College and Okato. As a result School was placed in the 'B' division.

By now a good combination in both backs and forwards was developing and the result was several fine wins. However, due to injury and P. Poletti leaving the school, the squad was depleted and midway through the season saw the introduction of P. Hall to the forward pack.

We were now at the top of the competition and in peak form along with a highly rated Francis Douglas 2nd XV. The teams clashed on a waterlogged McNaught Field and after 70 minutes of exhausting, fast Rugby despite the atrocious conditions, the score remained an 8-8 draw.

The following week the squad travelled to Wanganui to play an annual game against a strong Wanganui Boys' College XV. The result was also a draw at 10-10. Our team was not cohesive in attack or defence and the game was very scrappy. There was a general lack of fire that had seen us through our good mid-season play.

Ending the season was a knockout competition for North Taranaki Fifth Grade and first up we met Tukapa at Sanders Park on a rock hard ground. The score ended in our favour and saw us through to the next round against a traditionally hard Inglewood team. We won a deserved victory by playing hard running Rugby. Our superior fitness was the deciding factor against the heavier Inglewood pack.

This put us through to the final against School White. School Black won comfortably and climaxed a season of good football.

Solid performances throughout the season came from J. Berge, R. Alexander, R. Smillie and K. Phillips in the forwards, and P. Young, B. Lilley, M. Roberts and G. Sawtell in the backs. The strength of the team is reflected in the selection of A. Cowley, P. Hall and C. Trenwith in the Taranaki Fifth Grade Rep. team by solid performances throughout the season, and P. Clout in the Taranaki Under-16 team. Another good performance was by G. Sawtell in scoring 18 tries for the season.

Finally we would like to thank K. Williams for captaining us well through the season, a good player and captain, and also to Mr. Bellringer for coaching us in his very limited spare time, which we greatly appreciated.

SIXTH GRADE GOLD

The team performed exceedingly well to come from behind and finish top equal in their competition. Barry Cox proved a most capable leader and he had outstanding support in the forwards from Rodney Johns, Max Wright, Roger Jory, Robert Moffat, Graham Elliot and Ian Colson. The backs showed more skills as a unit than their opponents, with Kelvin Gifford, Stuart Aller, Beamish Pirikahu and Jeff Honeyfield having particularly good seasons. This side contributed two thirds of the Town representative team and many of these players should make their mark in the higher levels of School Rugby in the next few years.

A strong contingent of parents provided support and transport throughout the year and to them we extend our sincere appreciation.

SIXTH GRADE GREEN

Although a win eluded them, this team stuck to their guns admirably and impressed with their dedication and continued application. Ian Simmons excelled as a leader and a loose forward and he had strong support up front from Grant Tatham and Brian Taylor.

The outstanding back was Robin Shaw. Many of the team were young third formers who were playing against older and stronger opponents and these players will come into their own in the future.

SIXTH GRADE BLACK

The team, captained by Warren Dunn, started in the 'B' division competition and won three out of four matches, including one by 101-0 against N.P.B.H.S. Green.

The team then played in the 'A' division for the second round but did not manage a win although it provided strong opposition. Warren Dunn was the leading scorer with 84 points including 11 tries, 14 conversions, three penalty goals and one dropped goal. Kevin Betteridge and Michael Dixon each scored 5 tries, while Brent Sole scored 4.

SIXTH GRADE WHITE

The 1977 season was not very successful for the sixth grade White team and the only three victories were achieved against School's sixth grade Green team. Each of these matches, however, was hard fought and the Green team deserve commendation for their fighting spirit. There were also some very hard fought encounters against F.D.C., Waitara H.S., and Okato College, and in nearly every case it was poor tackling which let the team down. Also, the team was often outweighed and this was particularly true of the Waitara matches.

The team was ably captained by Graeme Aylward and of the other backs Chris Jans impressed with the strong running which made him the team's top try scorer. In the forwards, Brian Cullen and Dean Cargo were tireless workers, but all the forwards deserve praise for the way they always stuck to their task. Finally, special thanks must be given to Paul Leuthart's father for the valuable coaching help he was able to give to the team. It was greatly appreciated.

SEVENTH GRADE GOLD

This year's team was made up mainly of players from last year's successful 8th grade gold team. The performance of the team this year was variable. All games played were closely fought encounters, but unfortunately we seemed to just lose out on many occasions.

A good feature of the team's play was their excellent teamwork. All players gave of their best at all times.

EIGHTH GRADE GOLD

This team, playing in the strong 'A' division played some very good team Rugby throughout the season, winning six, losing four, and drawing two, of the twelve games. The Francis Douglas team provided the sternest opposition and won comfortably on each of the three occasions. The driving and rucking of the forwards paved the way for some exciting back play, although it must be said the backs did not always put to good use the ball won by the hard working forwards. Handling and tackling lapses at crucial times let the team down, although the team can feel proud of their record in coming second in the competition.

Parental support at matches and in providing transport was well received and overall a very enjoyable season was had by all.

EIGHTH GRADE BLACK

This team contained many players who would have qualified for 9th grade and so, after grading games, it was placed in the 'B' division. The side was a most enthusiastic one, and despite its size disparity, finished in 3rd position. All other teams in the grade were defeated at least once except for the strong Manukorihi side. Parental support was encouraging and many remarked about the team's excellent development during the season. Team play was the side's strong point and the outstanding player was Colin Mackie who captained the team in most matches.

THIRD FORM RUGBY TEAM

This year, the school was host to the visiting Auckland Grammar 3rd form Rugby team, the match being played on the School Gully on Saturday, 20th August, with the visiting team convincingly winning 35-3. The Auckland side was having their fourth game together as a team, and completely dominated throughout the match. Auckland Grammar fielded a very talented backline to run in 8 tries, assisted by poor tackling and positional play of the School XV. The School team received few attacking opportunities, through the close marking of the inside backs and the continual pressure applied throughout the whole game. The forward exchanges were fairly even, although Grammar showed greater ability in setting up second phase ball. The School combination never really clicked together as a team, although individually some fine play was witnessed by both forwards and backs. School's points came from a penalty by S. Milliken.

Team members were: A. Chilcott, S. Milliken, S. Willcoxson, M. Barclay, G. Lundt, M. Young, K. Fisher, B. Broughton (Capt.), J. Bone, G. Gibbs, S. Shaw, I. Brown, P. Leuthart, C. Maihi, W. Callaghan. Reserves: I. Cox, C. Hoskin, T. Butler, F. Ngauhatu.

THIRD FORM RUGBY TEAM



Back Row: R. Cole, S. Willcoxson, S. Shaw, B. Shaw, N. Leuthart.
Middle Row: I. Cox, I. Brown, S. Milliken, A. Chilcott, J. Bone.
Front Row: C. Maihi, C. Kawana, M. Young, W. Broughton (Capt.), G. Gibbs, K. Fisher.
Absent: M. Denton, R. Butler, G. Lundt, M. Barclay, W. Callaghan.

HOUSE RUGBY

The Senior final was played between Maroon and Blue houses. This year's match was a somewhat one-sided affair with the strong Maroon team containing nine members of this year's 1st XV, for only one in the Blue team.

From the start Maroon showed its obvious domination, winning ball from all phases of play at will. They were however, embarrassed by their failure to mount constructive attacks against a strong Blue defence. This was reflected in the low halftime score.

In the second half Maroon changed tactics, making many forward rushes, feeding to the backs at the last moment. With Maroon attempting to vary play in the backs there was much loose ball which Marshall and Purcell dominated, building a strong attacking base for the team. S. Fleming spearheaded Blue's defence. The game was played in good spirit, the final score being 33-0, in favour of Maroon.

Soccer

FIRST XI

This year was very successful for the 1st XI in both competition and college games. Unbeaten at the end of the first round in the Senior 2nd Division, School were then promoted to the Senior 1st Division where they performed with credit. Notable performances in the first division were 7-0 and 6-1 victories over Central and N.P.O.B. respectively, and 0-0 draw with second placed United, and a 4-3 loss to the eventual winners Waitara.

The team was strengthened by Old Boy and player-coach Fin McDonald who concentrated on a set style of play all season. His persistent physical training and tactics paid off as the team performed admirably in most cases. During the season H. Davidson, K. Ogden and P. Davidson were selected for the Taranaki Under-18 side which eventually won the nationwide Provincial Youth Knockout Cup.

COLLEGE GAMES

Hamilton B.H.S. (June 25th)

This year the two teams were more evenly matched than the score of 3-0 to Hamilton indicated.

School did not motivate themselves enough in the early stages and after a series of corners G. Irving put Hamilton one up.

Play then flowed evenly until ten minutes from half time when D. Timmins capitalised on a mix-up between our goalkeeper and centre back to increase their lead to 2-0.

School started the second half very well. For the first ten minutes we applied a great deal of pressure and probably could have got back into the game. However a positional change was required after a replacement and Hamilton fought back before we had resettled.

The game was sown up for the opposition when they scored from a goalmouth scramble. In the closing stages of play they were dubiously awarded a penalty but goalkeeper H. Davidson made a brilliant save.

A video tape of the game was shown during the after-match function and it was evident from this that a score of 1-0 to Hamilton would have been a fairer result.

This year H.B.H.S. contained eight players from the 1976 Waikato Under-16 team.

Again it was an enjoyable encounter both on and off the field.

Wellington College (July 14th)

In the best college game played for a number of seasons by the first eleven, School defeated Wellington for the first time in eleven years.

In a fast exciting game of fluctuating dominance School attacked right from the outset. J. Watson headed us into a 1-0 lead and five minutes later K. Ogden made it 2-0.

Wellington then forced some attacks but were caught out when a long through ball found P. Davidson who pushed the ball past the oncoming keeper. With the score being 3-0 after only 15 minutes School then loosened its grip on the game and Wellington came back strongly with 2 goals from Laam Din and P. Papanicolaou. Play then continued evenly until half time.

The second half was played in much the same way but School were aided by a slight breeze which brought about our fourth goal in the 75th minute. A long goal kick from the keeper was passed on forward by K. Ogden. P. Davidson ran through on to the pass and tapped it over the on-coming keeper.

Play continued evenly but the score remained at 4-2 in our favour. For School I. Hollins and I. Sarten were outstanding in defence.

Wanganui Collegiate (July 21)

The second encounter between the two schools, played in fine conditions, proved to be, finally, very close and exciting. Two notable features of the game were (1) the number of attempts at goal by School that either hit the bar, went just wide, or were scrambled off the line, and (2) the fighting spirit shown by Collegiate.

School kicked off and went straight on to attack but could not score. S. Burmester's shot hit the bar and he later had one scrambled off the line. More attempts at goal by School met the same fate but by just before half time the goal drought came to an end when I. Hollins put a through ball to P. Davidson who chipped it over the stranded keeper and defenders.

In the second half Wanganui started to apply pressure and there were a few tense moments in School's penalty area.

School was on attack and I. Sarten was fouled in the area and P. Davidson scored from the resulting penalty to make the score 2-0. Our apparent bad luck continued with D. Lockhart and P. Davidson hitting the woodwork.

Wanganui then fought back strongly and after a period of sustained pressure C. Langmead scored for Wanganui. This spurred Wanganui on and attempts at goal went wide at both ends, but the final score was 2-1 to School.

Mr. D. Falconer did a fine job in controlling the match.

Wanganui Boys' College (August 3)

The game was played at Wembley Park, Wanganui, on a ground that could best be described as a paddock.

Under sunny and windy conditions, Wanganui kicked off but School asserted immediate pressure and in the 8th minute D. Lockhart scored with a low, hard shot. Wanganui then attacked very strongly and forced some errors in School's defence. They were aided by some questionable decision: by the referee.

FIRST SOCCER XI



Rear: Mr. F. McDonald, D. McPherson, K. Ogden, H. Davidson, P. Davidson, P. Nelson.
Front: G. McAuliffe, D. Lockhart, J. Watson, I. Hollins, I. Sarten, R. Rix, S. Burmester.

Against the run of play in the 27th minute P. Nelson made a strong run up the left wing and crossed to the far post to D. Lockhart who made no mistake.

Minutes later Wanganui reduced the deficit when their left wing intercepted a weak pass back which left the keeper stranded. The score at half time was 2-1 to School, and 20 minutes into the second half I. Sarten scored after their keeper failed to hold a shot.

Meanwhile many of the referee's decisions seemed absurd and they were unsettling our play. He then awarded Wanganui a penalty for a legal tackle on one of the opposing forwards. The penalty missed but the unsettled atmosphere remained.

Ten minutes from time Wanganui scored from a corner and the score should have stayed that way, but in the 93rd minute our keeper was illegally obstructed in his efforts to gather the ball and the final score was 3-3.

The standard of refereeing was poor and sometimes discouraging. The referee did little to keep the encounter friendly.

The Old Boys (September 25th)

The first half was a hard and fast tussle with the 1st XI twice coming from behind to level the scores. It was 2-2 at half time but the 1st XI played with more purpose and construction in the second half to score five more goals and finally win 7-2.

Scorers for the 1st XI were P. Nelson (2), B. Burray (2), K. Ogden, D. Lockhart, and P. Davidson. For the Old Boys Fin McDonald scored twice.

During the season an unofficial college game was played against Spotswood College with School easily winning 10-1. Scorers were D. Lockhart (4), P. Davidson (3), D. McPherson (2), and K. Ogden.

During the season, but more so to the end of it, there was a distinct lack of application and motivation by some of the younger members of the squad and this hampered the team's performances as the season drew to a close.

This year the ground was in excellent condition thanks mainly to the mowing and rolling it received and there were plenty of compliments from people who had played on it. Some regarded it as one of the best surfaces in the area.

Mr. Collier was responsible for the organisation of most of the soccer club's business as well as coaching the Second XI and accompanying the First XI on their away college matches. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Collier for his efforts, Fin McDonald for his knowledge and patience as coach, and to everyone else who made this season very enjoyable and successful.

The team's Senior 2nd Division record was: played 9, won 8, drawn 1, lost 0. Goals for, 47; against, 8. Points: 17. The Senior 1st Division record wasn't as impressive but the gap between the two grades is large. Played 8, won 2, drawn 1, lost 5. Goals for: 20, Against 17. Points: 5. In all games we scored 98 goals. The main goal scorers were P. Davidson 23, D. Lockhart 14 and B. Murray 10.

At the moment there is an overseas trip being planned for the 1st and 2nd elevens, probably next August. There are plenty of young players in the school who would be capable of making either of the two teams next year, but it would take a team effort on and off the field to make the trip possible.

Third XI

This year's 3rd XI 3rd grade soccer team started the season off with an impressive 10-0 win over Spotswood College 2nd XI. After this game the team began to drop in team spirit and morale. The departure of Mr. Edwards early in the season was a bit of a let down as he was the only person who kept the team going on the field. Mr. Jacques then took over but slowly the team began to lose and gradually the team broke up.

First to leave was R. Nelson, then C. Pritchard also left and this meant that less ball was being gathered in

midfield. Towards the end of the season M. Jansen left as well which meant that we had no fast forwards to chase the long ball.

The team for the season was P. Tubby, C. Hanlon, G. Parr, A. Wood, N. Sceats, C. Pritchard, N. O'Rielly, M. Harber, M. Jansen, R. Nelson (capt.), A. Newell (v.-capt.), S. Coleman, and D. Snowdon.

Top goal scorers were A. Newell 11, R. Nelson 8, and M. Jansen 8.

All in all the team really enjoyed themselves throughout the season, despite the disorganisation.

Fourth Grade Soccer

A great improvement in the number of junior soccer players in the school allowed School to field two fourth grade teams.

Both teams fought admirably, sometimes in the worst possible conditions, many times coming from behind to draw or win.

These young players promise much for the future of soccer in the school. As they mature there will be many capable players that move on from the junior ranks to 1st XI status.

The White team was: D. Brinsley, R. Foreman, M. Gulliver, S. Hickford, T. Hill, M. Holland, M. Jones, M. Lockhart, M. Newland, G. Priest, M. Schofield, J. Taylor, G. Tipping, S. Wilson (capt.).

The Black team for the season was: C. Burrowes, M. Commerer, E. Dix, M. Ellingham, K. Graham, A. Johnstone, A. Leonard, G. Lockley, P. Murphy, S. Rolls, R. Smith, D. Walker, P. Walker.

HOUSE SOCCER

Junior

Maroon and White were the finalists after defeating Green 4-3 and Blue 8-1 respectively.

The final was a very even game with White holding a slender 1-0 lead at halftime. Maroon hit back with two quick goals and held this lead for some time until the scores were levelled. Near full time White scored again to deservedly win 3-2.

Senior

Maroon easily defeated White 8-2 but the Green v. Blue game had to go to penalties to find the other finalist. Green won 3-2 on the penalty count after the full time score had been 1-1.

Maroon were very strong this year and were expected to win by a large margin. However, Green fought hard but in the long run Maroon's defence was far too strong and Maroon finally won 3-1 in a hard bruising encounter.

The overall standard of dress in the house games was very high as the teams had borrowed strips from outside clubs. This put extra flair into the house games.

Softball

The School's 'A' softball team has enjoyed moderate success in the Men's Senior 'B' Grade. This team follows in the shadow of last year's very good team and is somewhat outclassed by its predecessor. The team is shaping up well with T. Tukaroa pitching well and the fielding of a fairly high standard.

The team is comprised of fifth form boarders and is as follows: T. Tukaroa, C. Mills, P. Young, M. Urselmann, R. Mannaford, G. Harkness, C. Kinzett, R. Bryant, and G. Coleman.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Denton and Mrs. Kinzett for their support. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with transport to and from Bell Block Park.

Squash

The squash club continued this year. The club played on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the Y.M.C.A.

In June a team of four played Hamilton Boys' High School at Hamilton. The team was R. Powell, L. Powell, J. de Graaf and M. Fitzpatrick. The team was a very strong one, and defeated Hamilton Boys' High School 6-2. A very good win!

Hopefully next season may bring an increase in matches for the squash club.

Surfing

This year the School surfing championships were held at Fitzroy Beach during March in excellent three to five feet surf. Five heats were required and surfers were judged on their five best waves during the ½ hour heat. The six highest placegetters from the heats were entered in the final, with points gained from the heats added to points gained in the finals, to determine the winner. Competition was keen and some good surfing was seen. A kneeboard contest was also held, and this also produced a high standard. With more than thirty competitors for both the surfing and kneeboarding events, the popularity of surfing within the School is indeed high. Judging for both events was done by Messrs. G. Turner, C. Burr and T. Smith, and organisation of the championships was done by Mr. Turner, and Mr. Gledhill.

Placings: 1st T. McLennan, 2nd M. Smith, 3rd G. Boulton, 4th A. Frengley, 5th T. Urbahn.

Kneeboarding: 1st P. McLaughlin, 2nd H. Wright.

TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS SURFING CHAMPS

New Plymouth Boys' High were once again responsible for staging this inter-secondary event. Organisers, Mr. Gledhill and Mr. Turner, set the date for Saturday, 16th April, and with three schools entered — New

Plymouth Boys' High, Waitara, and Francis Douglas College — consistent 5 foot surf awaited the surfers at Fitzroy beach.

The fine showing by our team enabled us to retain the Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy for team competition for the 6th year in succession, since its inception in 1972. This is a proud achievement and the school can be justly proud of its record in this popular secondary schools contest.

Thanks are extended to the judges who gave of their time to ensure the successful running of the competition.

Results—Teams event (Dennis Whittaker Memorial Trophy): 1st N.P.B.H.S. (221), 2nd Waitara (181), 3rd Francis Douglas College (167).

Some fine surfing was seen, with members of the School team performing well to receive the following individual placings: T. McLennan and M. Smith 3rd equal, G. Boulton and T. Urbahn 6th equal, A. Frengley 9th.

Individual event:

- 1: F. Vissers (FDC), 61.
- 2: E. Korau (Waitara), 54.
- 3 equal: T. McLennan (NPBHS), M. Smith (NPBHS), 50.
- 5: J. Saunders (FDC), 46.
- 6: G. Boulton (NPBHS), T. Urbahn (NPBHS), 42.

Swimming

The School Swimming Sports were held this year in fine weather, in mid-February, and attracted keen competition in all events. House freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and medley relays, and the championship events were keenly contested, with the novelty dive, obstacle relay, tube swim, target jump and cork retriever providing all with plenty of laughter and enjoyment.

The staff v. students, day boys v. boarders, and old boys v. students' relays were fiercely contested with the staff, day boys and old boys being victorious in their respective events. The staff team showed surprising talent to head off the winning junior house relay team (White house) by a good half-length, the day boys had a close duel with the boarders before going ahead in the last two lengths, and the old boys showed marked superiority in overpowering the strong School team to provide the highlights of the day's competition. Some fine individual performances were witnessed with S. Weydon collecting the Senior 33½yd, 100yd freestyle double; the close competition between D. Lockhart and A. Frengley in the intermediate division, D. Lockhart taking three titles — 33½yd, 100yd freestyle, and 33½yd butterfly, as well as the open 200yd freestyle and life-saving events; and A. Frengley gaining one title (33½yd backstroke) and four seconds, from five starts in the intermediate championship. Some fine diving was shown by B. Flynn, and close competition between M. Rowe and C. Simonson in the junior championship events contributed to a very successful sports day.

The house competition was dominated, as in previous years, by White which showed great depth in its swimming talent, especially in its dominance in the relays.

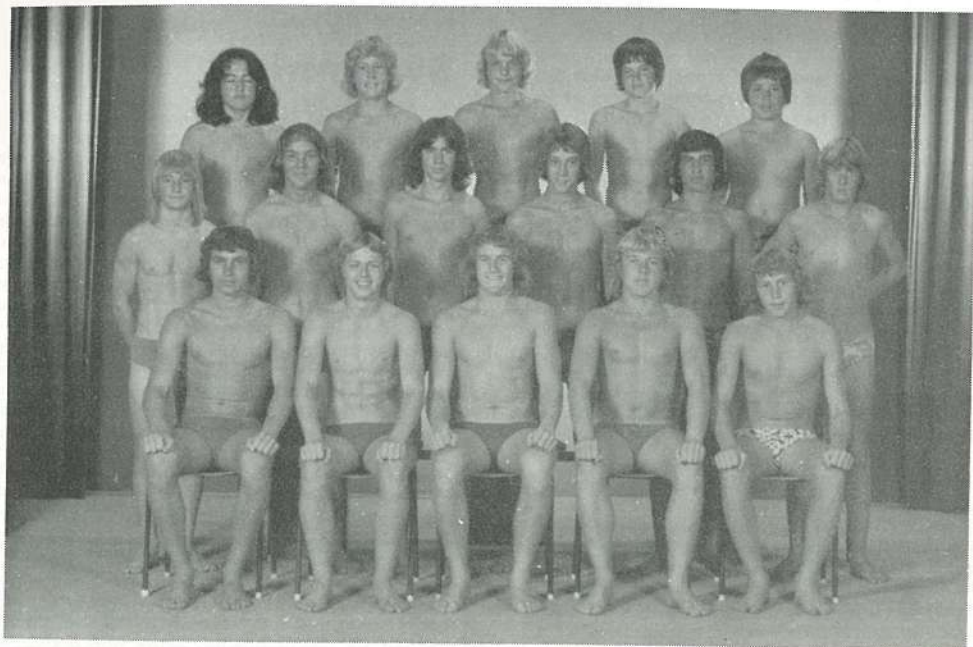
SCHOOL SURFING TEAM



M. Smith, T. McLennan, G. Bolton, T. Urbahn.

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SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM



Rear: M. Rowe, G. Lundt, C. Simonson, G. Hunt, P. Kahukare.
Middle: T. Urbahn, A. Frengley, C. Rowlands, M. Meuli, C. Esiah, G. Aylward.
Front: J. Moffat, B. Scott, C. Rudd, T. Webster, D. Lockhart.

SWIMMING RESULTS — 1977

SENIOR—Championship

33½yd Freestyle: S. Weydon (W), 2 B. Scott (W), 3 S. McDonald (M), 4 S. Mace (M). Time: 17.3 sec.
 100yd Freestyle: 1 S. Weydon (W), 2 T. Webster (W), 3 S. McDonald (M), 4 S. Mace (M). Time: 63.8 sec.
 66 two-thirds yd Backstroke: 1 T. Webster (W), 2 B. Scott (W), 3 P. Binnie (B), 4 G. Hill (G), 50.2 sec.
 66 two-thirds yd Breaststroke: 1 H. Wright (W), 2 A. Cowley (B), 3 C. Marshall (M), 4 S. Mace (M), 53.6 sec.
 33½yd Butterfly: 1 B. Scott (W), 2 J. Moffat (M), 3 C. Marshall (M), 4 T. Webster (W), 19.5 sec.

Non-Championship

33½yd Freestyle: 1 C. Marshall (M), 2 D. Thompson (W), 3 I. Hollins (G), 4 T. Coplestone (B), 17.8 sec.
 100yd Freestyle: 1 C. Rudd (W), 2 M. Te Ruki (W), 3 J. Holden (G), 4 N. Prince (M), 69.2 sec.

INTERMEDIATE—Championship

33½yd Freestyle: 1 D. Lockhart (G), 2 A. Frengley (B), 3 M. Meuli (M), 4 B. Meuli (M), 17.0 sec.
 100yd Freestyle: D. Lockhart (G), 2 A. Frengley (B), 3 T. Urbahn (W), 4 G. Webster (W), 62.6 sec.
 33½yd Backstroke: 1 A. Frengley (B), 2 M. Meuli (M), 3 D. Lockhart (G), 4 S. Withers (W), 22.9 sec.
 33½yd Breaststroke: 1 T. Urbahn (W), 2 A. Frengley (B), 3 C. Rowlands (W), 4 G. Kemp (G), 22.1 sec.
 33½yd Butterfly: D. Lockhart (G), 2 A. Frengley (B), 3 P. Young (W), 4 G. Kaitoa (G), 20.7 sec.

Non-Championship

33½yd Freestyle: 1 G. Kaitoa (G), 2 T. Tukaroa (W), 3 C. McMahon (M), 4 B. Flynn (B), 18.5 sec.
 100yd Freestyle: S. Coplestone (B), 2 P. Le Seur (G), 3 G. Kemp (G), 4 C. Sampson (W), 73.8 sec.

JUNIOR—Championship

33½yd Freestyle: 1 M. Rowe (W), 2 C. Simonson (W), 3 G. Lundt (G), 4 J. Bone (B), 18.0 sec.
 100yd Freestyle: 1 C. Simonson (W), 2 M. Rowe (W), 3 R. Montgomery (M), 4 G. Kitto (G), 70.8 sec.
 33½yd Backstroke: 1 G. Hunt (G), 2 M. Rowe (W), 3 G. Lundt (G), 4 S. Shannon (W), 24.0 sec.
 33½yd Breaststroke: 1 C. Esiah (B), 2 M. Rowe (W), 3 D. Robertson (M), 4 S. Carter (B), 28.3 sec.
 33½yd Butterfly: 1 M. Denton (B), 2 C. Simonson (W), 3 G. Lundt (G), 4 P. Kaitoa (G), 23.6 sec.

Non-Championship

33½yd Freestyle: 1 M. Snowden (W), 2 M. Denton (B), 3 R. Whittaker (W), 4 D. Gatenby (G), 19.3 sec.

OPEN

200yd Freestyle: 1 D. Lockhart (G), 2 T. Webster (W), 3 C. Rudd (W), 4 G. Aylward (B), 2 min. 27.1 sec.
 133½yd Medley: 1 T. Webster (W), 2 D. Lockhart (G), 3 B. Scott (W), 4 S. Mace (M), 1 min. 46.2 sec.
 Life-saving: 1 equal J. Holden (G), D. Lockhart (G).
 Dive: 1 B. Flynn (B), 2 M. Lawson (G), 3 K. Smith (W), 4 R. McCartain (M), 16.3 points.

RELAYS (Championship freestyle house teams)

Junior house relay: 1 White, 2 Blue, 3 Maroon. 2 min. 25.9.
Intermediate house relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 2 min. 25.0.
Senior house relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 2 min. 25.0.
'A' house relay (2 juniors, 2 intermediates, 2 seniors): 1 White, 2 Blue, 3 Maroon, 4 Green. 2 min. 26.1.
Staff v. Students (winning junior house relay—White): 1 Staff, 2 Students. 2 min. 53.1.

Day Boys v. Boarders: 1 Day Boys, 2 Boarders. 2 min. 22.2.

Old Boys v. Students (winning Day Boys v. Boarders team): 1 Old Boys, 2 Students (day boys).

House Group relay: 1 Green—Group 1, 2 Blue—Group 4, 3 White—Group 4, 4 Maroon—Group 9. 1 min. 55.1.

HOUSE RELAYS (backstroke, breaststroke, medley)

Junior house backstroke relay: 1 Blue, 2 White, 3 Green. 2 min. 45.6.
Intermediate house backstroke relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 2 min. 32.2.
Senior house backstroke relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 2 min. 26.7.
Junior house breaststroke relay: 1 Blue, 2 Green, 3 White, 4 Maroon. 3 min. 02.8.
Intermediate house breaststroke relay: 1 Maroon, 2 Green, 3 Blue, 4 White. 2 min. 48.7.
Senior house breaststroke relay: 1 White, 2 Blue, 3 Maroon, 4 Green. 2 min. 28.4.
Junior house medley relay: 1 White, 2 Blue, 3 Maroon, 4 Green. 5 min. 11.7.

NOVELTY EVENTS

Junior house obstacle relay: 1 Blue, 2 White, 3 Maroon (Green disqualified). 2 min. 22.9.
Intermediate house obstacle relay: 1 White, 2 Green, 3 Blue, 4 Maroon. 2 min. 20.1.
Senior house obstacle relay: 1 Maroon, 2 Blue, 3 Green, 4 White. 2 min. 11.8.
Intermediate house medley relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 4 min. 38.5.
Senior house medley relay: 1 White, 2 Maroon, 3 Blue, 4 Green. 4 min. 30.2.
Junior house tube swim relay: 1 Blue, 2 White, 3 Maroon, 4 Green. 3 min. 21.8.
Intermediate house tube swim relay: 1 Maroon, 2 Blue, 3 Green, 4 White. 3 min. 30.4.
Senior house tube swim relay: 1 Blue, 2 Maroon, 3 White, 4 Green. 3 min. 28.9.
Junior house cork retriever: 1 White, 2 Blue, 3 Green, 4 Maroon.
Intermediate house cork retriever: 1 Green/White, 3 Blue, 4 Maroon.
Senior house cork retriever: 1 White, 2 Green, 3 Blue, 4 Maroon.
Junior house novelty dive: 1 S. Palmer (M), 2 G. McManus (M), 3 G. Fitzpatrick (B). **Intermediate house novelty dive:** 1 A. Withers (W), 2 M. Lawson (G). **Senior house novelty dive:** 1 P. Goodman (G).
Junior house target jump: 1 A. Gordon (G), 2 G. Maddison (G), 3 G. Alliot (G), 4 D. Severson (W).
Intermediate house target jump: 1 P. Webb (W), R. Johns (G), 3 W. Stewart (W).
Senior house target jump: 1 D. Cooke (B), 2 H. Floyd (B), 3 M. Waswo (W), 4 T. Sarten (W).

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

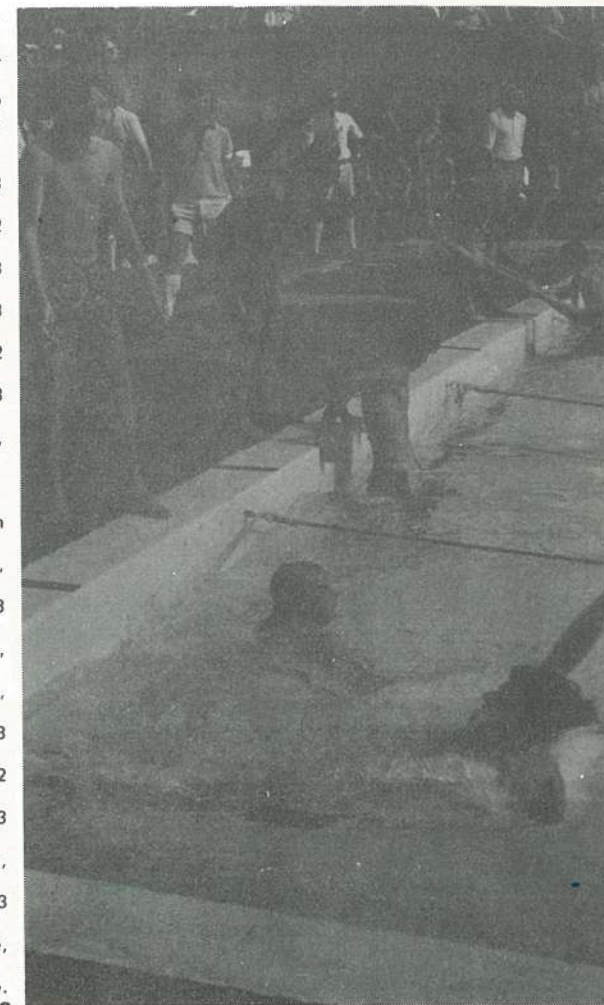
Senior:

1 B. Scott (17 points), 2 S. Weydon (14 points), 3 T. Webster (13 points).
Intermediate: 1 A. Frengley (27 points), 2 D. Lockhart (24 points), 3 T. Urbahn (10 points). **Junior:** 1 M. Rowe (22 points), 2 C. Simonson (17 points), 3 G. Lundt (9 points).

Intermediate: 1 A. Frengley (27 points), 2 D. Lockhart (24 points), 3 T. Urbahn (10 points).

Junior: 1 M. Rowe (22 points), 2 C. Simonson (17 points), 3 G. Lundt (9 points).

Final House Points: 1 White (313), 2 Blue (204), 3 Green (176), 4 Maroon (147).



RELAY

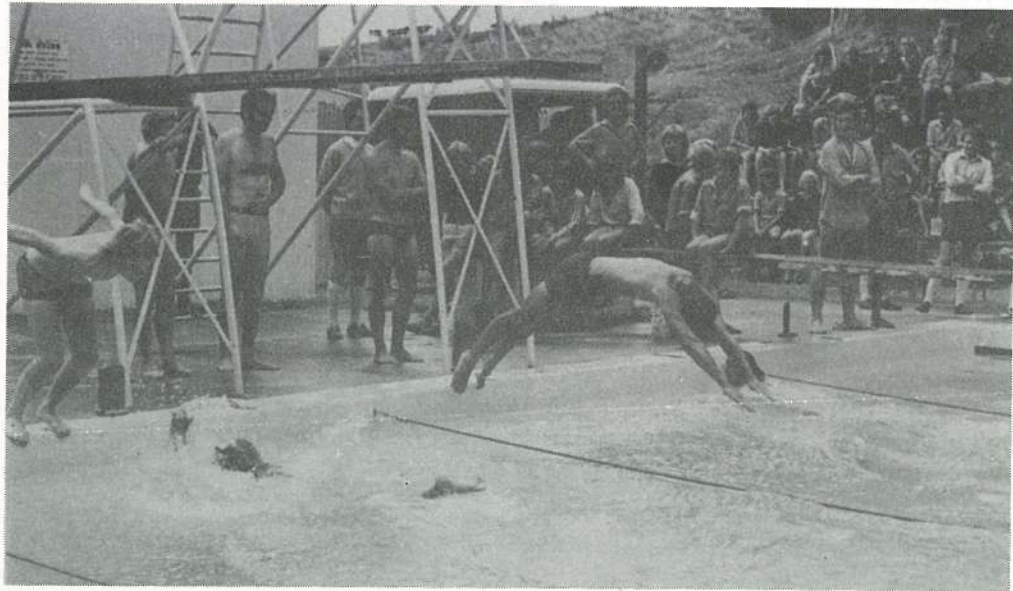
INTER-SECONDARY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championships were held at Hawera High School pool this year. The weather was excellent, with bright sunshine and no wind. However the water temperature left much to be desired, and one swimmer had to be removed from the water suffering from cramp.

School was represented by J. Webster, S. Weydon, B. Scott, H. Wright, J. Moffat, C. Rudd (Senior), G. Aylward, D. Lockhart, A. Frengley, T. Urbahn, C. Rowlands, M. Meuli (Intermediate), M. Rowe, C. Simonson, R. Kahukare, G. Hunt, C. Esiah.

Some fine results were achieved: T. Webster gained a first and a third placing; A. Frengley gained two firsts and a third; D. Lockhart gained two seconds.

In addition the relay results were very gratifying, with first placings in the open freestyle, senior medley, intermediate freestyle relays, second placings in senior freestyle and intermediate relays, and a third placing in the junior medley.



STAFF BEAT THE STUDENTS

NORTH ISLAND INTER-SECONDARY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the North Island Inter-Secondary School Swimming Championships, held in Palmerston North in March, New Plymouth Boys' High School were represented by Paul Kahukare in the 100m breaststroke and 200m freestyle events. Paul, aged only twelve at the time, swam creditably to gain 5th place in his breaststroke heat in a time of 1 min. 32.5, and swam a good time of 2 min. 39.6 in the 200m freestyle. The standard of swimming was very high and in light of the fact that Paul was competing against boys 2-3 years his senior, he can be justly proud of his efforts.



TARGET DIVE

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM



Rear: B. Ruby, B. Waite, R. Bennie, S. Allan, G. Pearce, D. Arthur.
Front: I. Sarten, M. Watson, R. Lawson, S. Wildon, C. Jury, W. Dunn.

Tennis

First term

The School team faced opposition twice at the beginning of the year. Against Hamilton Boys' High School at Hamilton, the team of R. Lawson, C. Jury, I. Sarten, S. Wildon, M. Watson and W. Dunn faced a strong Hamilton team. There were some very close games, half of them going to three sets, and so the score of 9-0 to Hamilton B.H.S. did not really reflect the type of tennis that was played.

When Wanganui Collegiate visited G. Pearce, B. Waite, D. Arthur, S. Allen, R. Bennie and B. Ruby were added to the 'A' team. As always the tie was extremely close with each side winning 12 matches.

The boarding hostel, with the Girls' High School, entered three teams in the Northern Division Taranaki Lawn Tennis Association's Junior Grade competition. Teams were:

- 'A': S. Allen, R. Bennie, F. Barrack, C. Brooky.
- 'B': T. Merhtens, J. Larsen, R. Neal, L. Holden, B. Rushbrook.
- 'C': T. Webb, R. van Dyk, S. Palmer, D. Snowdon.

The teams performed well to come about halfway in the competition.

Competitions played in the first term were:

- Third form tournament: R. Waite.
- Intermediate singles (McKeon Cup): R. Lawson.
- Senior singles (Candy Cup): R. Lawson.

Third term

The return match against Wanganui Collegiate was played in Wanganui in late October. The team was R. Lawson, C. Jury, W. Dunn, I. Sarten, S. Wildon, M. Watson, B. Waite, G. Pearce, D. Arthur, S. Allen, R. Bennie and G. Kaitoa. In a tie which had some very close matches, Wanganui Collegiate won 19-10.

The following day Palmerston North Boys' High School visited with six seniors and six juniors. Our senior team was R. Lawson, C. Jury, W. Dunn, I. Sarten, S. Wildon and B. Waite. The result was a win to Palmerston 8-1, despite the fact that three of the matches ended in tie breakers.

Our junior team was: R. Waite, S. Modgill, A. Erb, R. Ahmad, R. Foreman and M. Newland. All had good games, but they could not match Palmerston North and lost 9-0.

The hostel entered four teams in the local junior interclub competition.

- 'A': B. Rushbrook, T. Mehrstens, R. Neal, R. Jury.
- 'B': J. Larsen, R. Molloy, S. Carter, S. Coplestone.
- 'C': D. Kehely, G. Arthur, R. Corbett, L. Holden.
- 'D': D. Snowdon, G. Tipping, G. Tathan, T. Webb.

Good luck to them all.
Competitions played in the third term:
House competition (Stevenson Cup): White.
Day Boys v. Boarders (Beetham Cup):

There is also an award to the most improved player — the Burgess Cup. The 1977 winner is W. Dunn.

In the local competition held at Labour Weekend, the Northern Division Lawn Tennis Association Junior Championship, W. Dunn was runner-up in the under-16 singles, and won the under-16 boys' and combined doubles. A great effort!

Our thanks to Mr. Groves for helping with intermediate tennis, and Mr. Grant for junior tennis, especially for giving up Saturday morning to supervise the interclub teams.

Volleyball

School volleyball continued to grow in popularity and quality this year. Two firsts for volleyball this year were the entering of teams in the local league and having a school volleyball league.

The local Western Volleyball Club started up a volleyball league for clubs and business houses. The league was on Monday nights and was held at the Y.M.C.A. Stadium. School entered two teams. One team was mainly fifth formers and the other an assortment of seniors and others. The fifth form team had problems with illnesses and injuries and did not perform to their ability. However the senior team played quite well and almost made the playoffs in their section.

The school league was run during the lunch hour on Tuesdays. There were six teams and each team had a game each Tuesday. Most teams fulfilled their playing commitments, but some had problems with boys not

turning up. Final results were: 1st, Belworthy Giants; 2nd, Fongley's 5th formers; 3rd, Scott's; 4th, 5th formers; 5th, 3rd formers; 6th, 4th formers.

Inter-Sec. Volleyball

The School senior and junior teams again took part in the inter-sec volleyball champs which were held at Spotswood College on Friday, the 12th August. Both teams performed well in their grades but were not as successful as last year. Both finished second. The senior team lost to Spotswood, who were a vastly improved team this year (probably because of the local league), and the junior team lost a very close match to Hawera High.

Senior team: G. Pearce, B. Scott, P. Belworthy, N. Florence, G. Burr, M. Greig, B. Meuli, I. Meuli, Usher.

Junior team: B. Sole, G. Chilcott, P. Clout, R. Powell, G. Maddison, B. Robb, G. Elliot, C. Esiah, W. Dunn, De Ville, Moses.

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CINDERELLA'S SLIPPER

The king sent his messengers short and tall,
To find the broad that lost her slipper at the ball,
She'd run down the stairs fast as she could,
Nothing had stopped her and nothing would.
The orders of the messengers simply were,
Do anything they liked but they had to find her,
Search every hamlet and every village,
Search every house but please don't pillage.
Go to Lord Gattenbye's and Lady Bygold,
But don't go to Finewoods (too ugly I'm told),
Way into the night they ran and they walked,
Footsore, unhappy, tired and out-talked.
Back to the palace they went empty-handed,
Having no morals and lacking a high standard.
Will they ever find the girl?
Well your guess is as good as mine.

T. WITHERS, F.3

EYES

Green Brown and Blue
The eyes become black to you
The day into night
The bright into dark
Vision of dark.

A. SMITH, F.4

POEM ON GOLF (Putting in particular)

The little white pellet,
So hard to control.
Will always stop short, when you want it to roll,
And will always roll on when you wish it to stop.
But will never err in when you need it to drop.

P. PETERS, F.4

THE DRIVER

Driving on the road,
Watching all the signs,
Stopping at the signals,
Halting at the lines.
Watching out for cops,
Speeding very fast,
Slowing down at corners,
Now he's home at last.

M. FALCONER, F.4

The day has sprung,
A clear and warm day.

As I round the half mile bend,
I look to the right.
Huge pine trees shut out the brilliant sunlight,
Which tries to break through the fortification.
Every now and then a glimmer does break through,
But is always pushed back by the barrage of blackness.

Straight ahead, the sunlight dances,
Upon the farmhouse window.
The weatherboard creaks,
Drying out after a winter of saturation,
And is badly in need of painting.

The day has sprung.

SIXTH FORMER



POTTERY DISPLAY

THE WET NIGHT

The rain beats against the windows relentlessly.
 I snuggle further under the nice warm sheets.
 Still the rain goes on.
 The wind rips around the buildings, trying to force the
 people inside to come out.
 It whines at its failure.
 The windows rattle in their crates.
 The dorm is dark, black even.
 Shadows like the trees, waver along the dormitory
 wall.
 The foundations moan and groan as the wind pushes
 and pulls at the building.
 Sleep starts to take its toll.
 I give in.
 Everything is quiet and dark, not a whisper or sound
 can be heard.

K. OGDEN, F.6

THE HURRICANE

A last look at the tranquil scene
 Before the show begins. The breeze
 unmasking its sheep's clothing
 becomes an irresistible screaming gale
 driving walls of water to shatter
 against any resistance.
 Roofs forget gravity and take to the air.
 She carries them for a while
 Then drops them like well-aimed bombs.
 Water like bricks hurled at frail houses
 Battering them into twisted messy coffins.
 Now an attack from a new quarter
 debris wielded like scores of giant hammers.
 Then Silence. Not a sound to be heard.
 We wait . . .
 Now from the other side, a new attack.
 Two hours later glassy eyed dazed
 survivors emerge to count their dead.

P. HOWAN, F.6

GLIDING

Free as a bird
 Soaring through the sky.
 A feeling of peace, and solitude.
 A feeling of control, and power.
 A feeling of tranquility,
 Rising on warm air currents.
 Miles of endless space.
 World goes upside-down
 Then rights itself.
 Time stands still.
 Vastness of freedom,
 Free as a breeze.

S. BARLOW, F.3

LONELY

Wearily he plods on,
 No friends to go to,
 Just trudging along.
 All alone,
 Not even a friendly smile.

THIRD FORMER

POEM

Look at the beaten branches
 Swaying in the wind
 Soaking up their needed moisture
 From the driving rain
 Like a crowd waving to their Queen
 This, a sight to be seen.

R. COLE, F.6

PICTURE

Walking,
 Not fast, not slow,
 Steady.
 Toe, driven into a rock, unseen.
 Up, walking up, ascend
 Slowly.
 To the top.
 The first glimpse of Utopia.
 And then again, clear
 Water like glass, aquarium clear
 Cool reflection, the creation of an
 Artist, or reality . . .
 Grass, sand, water reflecting like
 Crystal in the morning sun.
 Cool breeze driving the heat from every limb.
 Euphoria
 Not painted by an artist.

SIXTH FORMER

BEERDOM

Big black carparks filled with cars,
 Bright modern buildings, spacious and clean.
 Thirst in extremities, to quench is to live.
 A place of gathering and dispensing with problems
 Only to find new ones, some worse than others.
 A time of needless waste and senseless mistakes
 The lack of priorities reigns.

J. de GRAAF, F.6

NATURAL WORLD

We moan of dense smoky air and polluted waterways,
 but look a little harder, see the native undergrowth
 harden.
 Just watch the maturing Rimu grow to supremacy,
 then feel the rough, natural texture of the evergreen
 fern.
 We moan of growing urban areas and increasing bird
 extinction,
 but take a walk some day or just sit and listen to their
 singing.
 The black tui with the white-bearded crop or just try
 and dance with a fantail at its best,
 And if you're lucky you may see a kiwi in its natural
 habitat.
 We moan of growing insanity,
 if so just take a car to a mountain resort.
 Just stand and smell the air or roll in the glittering
 powdered snow,
 if you are lucky take a ride on a ski lift and just look at
 the beautiful scenery.

G. ROBERTSON, F.6

THE FENCE

Looking down the street I see
 two houses,
 Separated by a fence
 as thin as paper.
 They are neighbours,
 hostile neighbours.
 A minor dispute
 could wreck
 the whole.
 of civilisation.
 Suddenly,
 it begins to rain.
 The fence,
 it is sagging.
 A confrontation
 could break out
 This could be it,
 the end
 of the world.

W. BROOKING, F.6

THE KILL

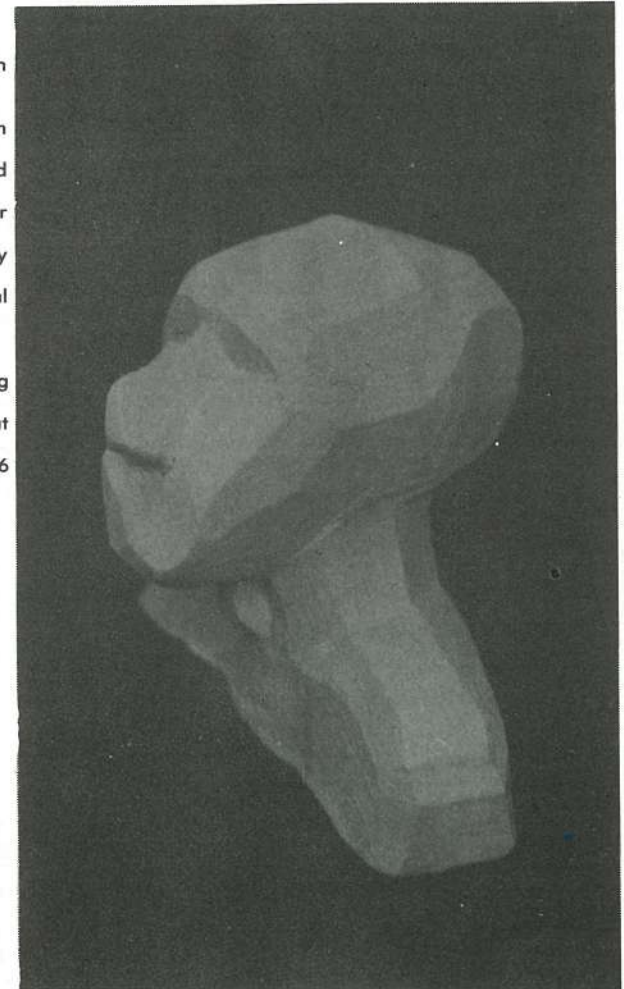
The cat was there,
 Waiting, anticipating.
 Ready to unleash all its pent up energy
 Upon the mouse which cowered in the corner,
 Shaking head behind quivering paws.
 As taut as a wound up spring
 The cat was still,
 Eyes gleaming, glaring at its frail prey.
 Pouncing, sailing through the air.
 Touchdown, a scuffle, a squeal
 Shrill and piercing and then a deadly silence.
 The cat walked away
 Leaving a limp, broken figure.
 A mouse.

D. WALKER, F.3

THE TANK

A lone warrior in a fighting village,
 Swings his sword to destroy a home,
 An avenging agent of wrath,
 As he tears the heavens asunder.
 Over the rolling waves of green,
 Which is his domain and his alone,
 He seeks, pries and searches,
 For the one who disputes it.
 But this is an outer skin,
 A mere covering of fact,
 For he has wheels,
 He is a mechanical death machine.

P. BUTLER, F.3



THE BLIND

His face was lined and worn, with blind unmoving blue eyes dominating over the pale features. It was outlined by hair which should have been white, but was dirty and grey, straggling thinly down his forehead and back to his hunched shoulders. Those eyes compelled, lessening the scrawny body and bowed legs.

He wore a thick, dirty old parka with a black singlet showing faded through its numerous tears. Baggy yellow corduroy trousers covered his short legs and he wore mud-caked shoes without socks.

His voice, when he spoke, was surprisingly soft. It was a musical contrast to his figure. Hands firm and finely moulded were the only thing about him that betrayed that he was well fed.

Sometimes he gave a rare blink, his eyes remaining closed for two or three seconds. With the hanging jaw, his face had a slightly vacant expression. Periodically he snapped his mouth shut as though he suddenly remembered it was open. He held his arms in front, crouched over lengthening his reach, to feel for obstacles. His slow shuffling steps were small and often he sidestepped to the right for no apparent reason.

K. JUDD, F.4

SUMMER

Green hillsides burn with fragrant fire.
Its flames mount high, but never higher.
And birds and bees make merry there
In the summer smelling flare.

These glowing torches will die down
Before the willow leaves are brown,
And myriad seeds from pods charred black
Will catapult with sudden crack.
Live sparks that will on later days,
Kindle another spreading blaze.
But noiseless now, and golden plumed,
This burning bush is not consumed.

B. TULLOCK, F.3

A TRY TO N.P.B.H.S.

Tense excitement hangs over the crowd,
Haka and cheers are shouted out loud,
A push and a heave in the ruck,
If we lose this game, well it's just bad luck.
Suddenly the crowd hushes,
As out of the ruck the ball rushes.
'Tis plucked from the air by skilful hands,
A fumble and on the ground it lands.
A boot, a kick, whatever you call it.
And the ball moves jerkily forward.
A couple of seconds, not a moment less
And it's a try to N.P.B.H.S.

S. SHAW, F.3

THE CITY

Once I saw a sparrow which looked quite the happiest
of beasts,
It was perched on a traffic light in dead centre of
Auckland.

The time was not far from five on a Friday late night.
It had escaped quietly through "No Nature Allowed"
and stolen a gas mask which did not fit well.

The small fellow was smiling with glee at the cars and
the smog, the people who ignored their mess.

He turned his head skyward where he usually saw light
but instead there was little except bricks, glass
and the failure of man.

He looked to the right and glanced to the left and he
laughed even louder at the tremendous mistake
which the advanced ape had made.

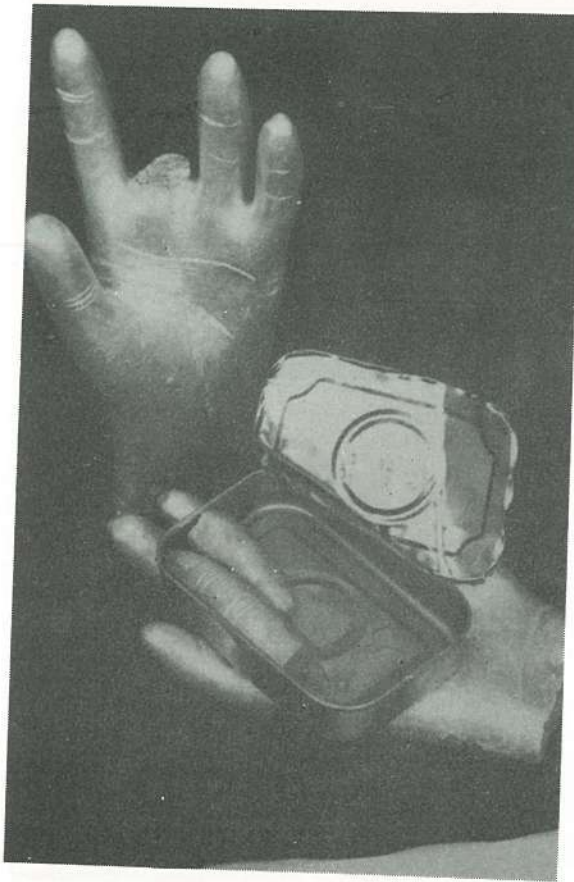
They had gone ahead anyway without consulting
mother and built a such technologically advanced,
architecturally magnificent, financially absurd
tremendous mess.

K. BURTON, F.6

LIFE

Life, like a cloud at daybreak
Emerges young and innocent;
And like the sun is radiant and energetic;
But life, like a rainy week,
Becomes boring and uninteresting,
And, like food, is broken down
and digested.

SIXTH FORMER.



UNTITLED

THE CHANGING ROOMS AFTER FOOTBALL

The loud joking after their glorious victory,
Obscene jokes startling passersby,
Shreds of clothing dangling from broken hooks,
The glistening bodies moist with sweat,
Piles of mudcaked on the cold concrete floor,
And a curse goes up as a player
falls down,
Your clothes wet from rubbing past weary players.

S. REED, F.4

RELATIVE IS TIME

Will time stand still, to fulfil content?
Just ask the man who wants to forget.
The ageing couple slow in thought, live lapsed
in memory place, while time's on the race.
Growing youngsters live freely time, while
committed careers find it such a bind.
Following such an orderly concept, it was made
for some to just forget.
Past, present future time measures recognition,
of life we hope to continue.
Man's sensible progress with time on mother earth,
should see us the new day, and not put
us all in the hard cold clay.

P. SIMPSON, F.6

THE RIVER

running river
rushes rapidly
over soft
and lazy
green moss.
rocks, grey
and dead
sit silently
on a black
and sandy
roughened bed.
the river
flows fluently
from mountain
down to sea,
blue and bubbling,
bright and
beautiful.

C. HARROP, F.5

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Astronomy

Jupiter and Saturn were favourably positioned early in the year and many planetary observations were made during the latter part of Term 1.

At the request of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, members attempted to record a grazing occultation from selected sites in association with the New Plymouth and Tikorangi astronomical groups. Unfortunately, our efforts on this occasion were frustrated by cloud. Several ordinary star occultations were successfully timed and the results forwarded overseas.

The year has been a poor one for visiting comets of any interesting magnitudes but several members operating under the guidance of Michael Bowler at Marsland Hill, gained valuable experience and success in the tracking and recording of Meteor swarms.

Mr. Crossling, a new boarding master and enthusiastic astronomer, has just completed the building of a 6" Newtonian Telescope. His experience will be a welcome addition to the club next year.

Athletic Club

The athletic club introduced the Five Star Award Scheme devised by the A.A.A. The scheme offers certificates as incentives to boys to improve their performances in a range of events. A boy can enter the pentathlon or decathlon. He must do one run, one throw and one jump event. The total points achieved from the events will qualify a boy to one of five awards. The highest award is the five star award.

The club meets on Monday and Thursday after school, and at lunchtime on Wednesdays. Boys can compete on Tuesday evening (6.30 - 8 p.m.) at Pukekura Park with the N.P. Athletic Club, and in the Taranaki Inter-club Competitions on Saturdays.

Cadets

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

The Battalion was once again commanded by Lt. Col. M. C. Carroll, with Lt. Grant as his adjutant. W.O.I Waswo was the R.S.M., Sgt. J. Steeghs the chief clerk.

Promotions during the year were to Senior N.C.O.: N. Jones, G. Pilbrow, A. Frengley, G. Hughes, S. Withers, K. Gifford, W. Morris, D. Leuthard, D. Cargo, G. Syme, P. Hansen.

To Junior N.C.O.: D. Farrelly, S. Rolston, J. Roberts, I. Gordon, E. Carr, M. Webley, S. Wilson, M.

Sattler, D. Wilson, M. Dixon, R. Powell, G. Fitzpatrick, K. Harrison, I. Bublitz, S. White, S. Stubbing, R. Veitch, G. Prichard, C. Esaiah.

The Battalion extends its congratulations to the boys promoted.

'A' Company

As these cadets reach their third year of 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 and bushcraft lessons which included lost procedure and river crossing. This trip out to the bush is usually welcomed by boys as a great chance to enjoy the advantages of "camping out". With the emphasis on practical exercises, much interest was shown and the whole week proved for the seniors to be a great success and all thanks are due to Captain Mossop, who was assisted by 2nd Lt. Stocks, Mr. Turner, Lt. Gledhill and Mr. McCaskill.

'B' Company

This is stage two in cadet training and consists of second year cadets. Each year the emphasis falls on covering as wide a range of skills and activities as possible in preparation for the more advanced senior year following.

The main activity this year was community work carried out in Brooklands Park, where the boys worked enthusiastically in cleaning, repairing and developing tracks for recreational walkways. Other activities included orienteering, .303 shooting at Rewa Rewa, small boat handling, and some drill. The year was more successful even than former years, and full credit must go to the staff who helped implement the year's programme.

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

'C' and 'D' Companies

Once again these companies consisted of stage 1 cadets who were instructed on weapon training, drill, fieldcraft, first aid, map reading, compass work and orienteering. The boys proved to be enthusiastic.

Our thanks to Major Brine and Lt. Dobson who commanded 'C' and 'D' companies respectively. Thanks also to Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Rowlands, and Mr. La Franchie. Mr. Boyce who commanded the Band Platoon is thanked by the Battalion for the fine performance of the band during the final Battalion Parade.

ATC

The ATC activities were very successful with help from regular force personnel.

As in previous years junior flights had Stage 1 instruction which included drill, weapon training and a trip down to East End reserve to use .22 weapons. Emphasis this year was on flight principles which was highlighted by a trip to the control tower. Talks were also given by W.O. Inkosole on the Apollo programme and on possible air force careers. The senior flights carried out exercises with the army in the bush. Next year the ATC plans to introduce Air Navigation using light aircraft and possibly hang gliders.

Commanding the ATC this year was P.O. P. Lay.



"A" COMPANY IN THE BUSH



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Chess Club

The club has not been well supported this year. David Clinton continues at the top of the club. A junior chess tournament was a successful event which attracted over twenty entrants. The winners were, 1st David Walker, 2nd Mark Taylor, 3rd Gary Feaver. A senior chess tournament is planned for the third term. We hope that the interest stimulated by these events will result in an increase in members.

Christian Youth Group

A person must be fairly dull not to marvel at the miracle of life. We are surrounded by human achievements. A couple of fistfuls of tissue, wrinkled like a walnut, forms a brain capable of incredible activities, whether on a surf board, organising a world computer system, or interchanging goods and ideas between nations. Yet discovering people is the most demanding of all.

This ever-changing, enlarging boundary offers all alike triumph and defeat. Many seek security or wealth if lucky. But to sit on the boundary fence is both cowardly and impossible. We have to choose and make decisions that will make or break whole communities, support or endure slavery.

The Christian Youth Group attempts to unravel this problem of living. It affirms that the Creator is still at work, that his son entered life where the need was greatest and has never abdicated. Visitors and masters have shared experiences. Leprosy and Bible Society films open new worlds. Easter studies from radio by Rev. Angus MacLeod of the National Council of Churches were striking. Cassettes of Rev. Stuart Morris, negro youth leader from Guyana, William Barclay and others from Faith and Works and Faith for Today showed pioneering at its best, with plenty to discuss. For adventure and challenge, we say join the many Christian youth groups with their activities and camps and discover for yourself. We were sorry to lose Mr. Ron Harris to the Polytechnic and Mr. Neil Coup. To all who have contributed, we thank you.

Debating

Again this year we attempted to enter a school team into the Jaycee/N.A.C. nationwide debating competition, but were disappointed as we were notified of the competition after the closing date, and, like other local schools, we consequently were unable to enter a team. A further disappointment has been the very weak support the club received, especially from senior boys.

The programme for the year evolved into a series of informal lunch time debates and speeches, carried out largely by a few stalwarts who included Ross Stewart, Wayne Brooking, David Clinton and David Marsh.

In the third term, however, events took a different turn with the introduction of House Debating Competitions. This was carried out at two levels, junior including third and fourth formers, and Senior from fifth to seventh forms. Each house was eligible to enter a senior and a junior team, and each house took advantage of the opportunity, with only Green unable to field a junior team.

In the senior heats, Blue House defeated Maroon House.

In the senior heats, Blue House defeated Maroon House in a fairly evenly fought competition, with only some twenty points the difference. Most effective speaker was Neville Andrews, who had good support from Brooking and Brewster. The topic was "That Sport Develops Sportsmanship", and adjudication followed the N.Z. Jaycees' format.

The other senior house debate, in which White affirmed "That Money is the Root of all Evil", against Green House, provided an adjudicator's nightmare. White, dressed in outlandish garb to suit the "festive" occasion, argued brilliantly and wittily to achieve a decisive lead over Green in the early stages. However, the tables were turned as the debate continued in that the White team's lack of knowledge of the rules and decorum of debate led them to incur many penalties. The debate was won by Green house by fewer than 20 points. Individual speaking honours however, went unequivocally to Michael Watson of the White house team.

In the junior heats, Blue won by default, and White house defeated Maroon, in a debate that showed considerable skill and enterprise, considering the relative inexperience of the speakers.

The junior final, won by Blue, was a closely fought contest on the theme of world poverty and N.Z.'s responsibilities. Outstanding speakers were Arthur for Blue and Taylor for White.

The senior final is yet to be contested.

Drama

This year the school has been quite active in the dramatic sphere. In the first term an old tradition was revived as we entered into partnership with Girls' High to produce a full-blown musical.

"Calamity Jane" was produced by Mrs. Joy Brown, and musically directed by Mr. Harry Brown and Mr. Joe Joyce. The cast featured strong support from both schools, and was able to draw upon reservoir of talent built up in previous years' productions. This was particularly true of the male cast: Joe Holden was Wild Bill Hickock, Bruce Waite was Lt. Davey Gilmartin, Greg Dickie was Henry Miller, Robert Gilliespie was Rattlesnake, and Greg McManus was Francis Fryer. The lead role, Calamity Jane, was taken by Joanne Murphy.

Performed in the Girls' High hall, the production was particularly notable for the quality of presentation. Sets and costume were colourful, interesting, and very effective visually, while the use of dance also underscored the visual quality. The highlight of performance was, however, in the singing: Joe Holden and Joanne Murphy both have voices of strength and quality and it was upon these two that the production depended for its success.

It was intended that we produce a major drama this year as well, but lack of support from the senior school, possibly because of work loads and sporting commitments, meant that plans did not come to fruition. Instead, a junior drama group has been formed and a play is to be performed by third formers for third formers, in mid-November.

The play, which is a dramatisation of two of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales involves a cast of about twelve and has provided a useful platform for imparting skills and interests to those who are most able to benefit. In future years the work of the junior group will be expanded, as boys move up through the school, so more demanding serious dramatic work may be attempted.

Interact Club

The first meeting of the Interact Club was held early in the year with the attendance of Rotary member Mr. D. Collins and staff member Mr. Collier. Officers elected were P. Hall, President; S. Percival, Vice-President; D. Sceats, Secretary; P. Zaloum, Treasurer; and a committee comprised of T. Ewing, L. Hill, P. Hone, and R. Binnie.

We had a moderately active year as an individual club, partaking in such activities as assisting in an I.H.C. bottle drive, organisation of a Combined Ball, running a paperback and magazine collection, and other activities. Activity was much greater in a combined committee of all New Plymouth Interact Clubs with the running of a very successful ball — making a profit of \$350 — and the running of a local conference.

Interest appears to be the major problem in the survival of the club. Poor attendances were a feature of the fortnightly meetings and with a lack of contact with Rotary in the 3rd term and the loss of our staff contact, Mr. Collier, activity was disappointing.

One member of the club attended the National Conference this year at Queenstown and he learnt much from his experience among other Interactors during the last week of the August holidays.

We wish to thank Mr. Collins, Fitzroy Rotary Club, Mr. Collier and Mr. Cramond for their support throughout the year, and we hope that the club will operate successfully next year.

Library

Teacher-Librarian: T. G. Heaps.
Library Assistant (terms I and III): Mrs. J. van Beers; (term II): Mrs. E. Le Roux.

Assistants: R. Blyth, C. Butler, P. Butler, G. Carr, G. Daniels, P. Demchy, K. English, D. Farrelly, G. Feaver, G. Harrison, M. Hopkins, S. Joe, P. Killen, D. Klenner, T. Klenner, P. Lambert, A. Larsen, A. Leonard, G. McManus, M. Manu, D. Mischewski, E. Morgan, L. Morgan, C. Murray, C. St. George, A. Sangster, M. Schofield, I. Snowdon, B. Waite, R. Waite, P. Webb, N. Williamson, T. Withers, L. Wright.

The library has continued to function well this year. Systems introduced in previous years — use of pupils as assistants, use of third formers during class time, reservation system and the instruction in library techniques in junior English classes are all working well. The proof of this is in the marked increase in the number of issues during the year. On an average issues have increased by about 250-300 a month over 1976.

It has also been encouraging to note that we have been able to increase our accessions, and in 1977 966 new books were accessioned. We have been able to do this because of an increase in our grant from incidentals and general purposes, and also because council granted us \$300 and parents and boys donated \$450 worth of new books. To all these people who supported us go our warmest thanks.

It is also pleasing to see boys making greater use of school library service loans. There is a good S.L.S. collection in New Plymouth and also channels for obtaining books from S.L.S. in Wellington if necessary. We hope to see this trend continue.

We have been able to buy new display equipment this year so pupils will be encouraged to read more, and it is hoped that when alterations are made to the desk to give us more floor space in the body of the library, more display equipment can be obtained.

We do, of course, wait for the time when a much-needed new library can be built. Charming though our present library is, it is inadequate for a large modern secondary school, especially when we should be moving toward non-book material.

My thanks go to Mrs. J. van Beers for all her hard work this year, and also to Mrs. E. Le Roux who relieved during Term II when Mrs. van Beers was overseas. Their efficiency has been the basis on which the library has run so well this year. My thanks also to the pupil assistants who gave us their free time to shelve, control the desk, spine-mark, cover and repair books. The library thrives on this voluntary help and I am grateful for their hard work. Also I wish to thank those mothers who gave up either a morning or an afternoon to type catalogue cards. It is heartening to receive this kind of voluntary help.

I hope that in 1978 the library continues to get the good use it deserves. By continued and increasing support the library will grow in strength.

T. G. Heaps, Teacher-Librarian.

Lifesaving

Lifesaving this year got away to a slow start, with no boys coming forward to attempt any awards. However the standard within the school is high as was demonstrated during the competition for the Smith and Easton Cup held in conjunction with the school swimming sports, and congratulations must go to Holden and Lockhart for their win in this event.

Two teams were entered from the school in the Butcher Cup inter-secondary school competition held at Kawarua, and the 'B' team captained by T. Tukuroa, was beaten by the Francis Douglas 'A' team by the smallest of margins.

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

Lunch Hour Activities

Lunch hour activities this year involved pool supervision in the summer months (February-Easter, mid October-December), and gymnasium-based activities during the winter months (Easter-mid October).

Senior boys were approached to assist with pool supervision and the issue of equipment for outdoor use. Gymnasium-organised activities were as follows: Monday, badminton, Mr. Stocks; Tuesday, volleyball, Mr. Stocks; Wednesday, basketball club practices, Mr. Lay; Thursday, volleyball, Mr. Gledhill; Friday, basketball club practices, Mr. Watson.

Music

Nineteen seventy-seven has been a busy year as far as musical activities are concerned. In the first week of Term I, rehearsals for the musical "Calamity Jane" began and continued throughout the term. This joint production with Girls' High School was presented early in June and was a great success; a fitting tribute to the work and effort of all those who took part.

Many of the boys who took part in Calamity Jane also gave their time to other musical activities in the school, particularly the choir and band. Both these groups performed at major festivals during the year. In

April, the Taranaki Secondary Schools Festival was held in our own assembly hall and despite the problems of having some 300 females descend on the school, the festival itself was most successful and enjoyable.

In September the school again joined with the Girls' High School, and Spotswood College, to present the "Three Schools Festival". This festival, first held in 1976, was designed to bring together the pupils of the three schools to present a musical concert of high standard. Each of the nine different groups, both instrumental and choral, was representative of all three schools and the high standard achieved is a reflection of the hard work put in by both teachers and pupils alike.

Two members of the school band achieved national honours during the year. At the National Brass Band Championships held in Wellington during the May holidays, Leigh Martin gained first place in the E Solo competition, and Philip Mulraney third place in Flugel Horn section. In addition, Leigh was later selected, from national auditions, for the National Junior Brass Band. We congratulate them both for the honour they have brought to themselves and to the school.

Parent-Teacher Association

The following executive has represented the parents during 1977 — Principal: Mr. G. R. Cramond; President: Mrs. A. Larsen; Vice-President: Mr. H. Mills; Immediate Past-President: Mr. D. Harrop; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. T. Heaps; Conveners of catering: Mrs. H. Brown and Mrs. J. Anderson; Convener of clothing: Mrs. S. Meads; Committee: Mesdames H. Armstrong and H. Gesterkamp; Messrs. J. Hall, B. Irvine, C. McKinlay, R. Moffat and C. Taylor; Boys' Committee representative: Mr. B. Bellringer; Old Boys' representative: Mr. J. McIntyre; Staff representatives: Messrs. D. Collier and K. Crawford.

1. General meetings: During the year the P.T.A. had three meetings on areas concerning the curriculum: "Technical education", "Careers Evening", and "Course alternatives for 5th, 6th and 7th formers for 1978".

There was also a wine and cheese social evening at the beginning of the year, and at the end of the year the parents of all new-entry thirdformers were invited to look around the school with their sons.

2. Finance: There was no major fund raising effort this year, but the P.T.A. did gain funds from a donation from Mr. M. Gray for his services in the clean-up of the annexe after the fire. The school was very grateful to Mr. Gray for that donation of \$311.00. The P.T.A. was also able to give \$400 to the school for its amenities.

The income this year has been good. There was \$381.00 in subscriptions, \$611.91 from the clothing sales, and with the increase of the catering levy from 50c to \$1.00 that income was \$756.00.

The P.T.A. also bought the jersey and badge given by the 1st XV to its adopted Lion, Mike Gibson.

3. Board: At the beginning of the year Mrs. A. Larsen, and Messrs. D. Harrop and R. Moffat were elected the P.T.A. representatives on the Boys' Committee of the Board.

However during the year, N.P.B.H.S. did finally get its own Board, and some of the P.T.A. executive were elected to the Board. They were Mrs. A. Larsen and Messrs. B. Irvine and D. Harrop. They were all parents' representatives and were joined by three others — Mr. G. H. Smith, Mr. M. Gray and Mr. J. Laursen. These six people were elected from a strong field of ten candidates. Congratulations to them all.

4. Clothing and catering: The P.T.A. has again been sponsoring clothing sales for second-hand uniforms. These successful sales have been under the control of the convener, Mrs. S. Meads. Our thanks go to her and her team for their work.

Mrs. H. Brown started the year as catering convener, but resigned at the end of the second term and was replaced by Mrs. J. Anderson. Our thanks go to both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Anderson for all their work.

Finally the P.T.A. wishes the Headmaster, the staff and boys a successful conclusion to the 1977 year.

T. G. Heaps, Hon. Secretary.

The Photographic Club

A greater interest has been shown in photography this year, especially among some of the seniors. It is hoped that this trend will continue.

This year the club's activities have included talks on film-processing and print-making. Several films were shown but these could have had greater attendances.

A Durst F30 enlarger and times have been purchased from a generous grant from last year's Gala Day.

Next year looks forward to even greater use of the dark room facilities by boys at all levels. It is hoped that photography may play a greater part in some of the Art courses offered at school.

Tramping Club

This year, there was not the keen interest in the club as was shown the previous year, and this was confirmed by the small number of boys turning up to the meetings. I feel that boys in the school have perhaps formed an opinion that the club has not much to offer in the way of excitement and achievement. If boys have this opinion it is a great pity as they are missing out in something that has got a lot to offer.

The tramping programme started with a combined tramp with the girls of Epsom Girls' Grammar from Auckland. All senior boys on this tramp thoroughly enjoyed themselves as both parties contributed their best to make it a success and many friendships resulted. This was the major achievement of this year's committee, having a combined tramp with another school from outside the Taranaki region. This tramp was held on Mt. Tongariro, a very enjoyable venue.

The first term tramping was followed by day tramps in the region of the Waiwakaiho and Kaiari Rivers, including the overnights of the preliminary senior survival course, and Mr. Collier's experiments on recovery from exposure. The first successful summit climb of Mt. Egmont was achieved, while a second attempt was ruined by bad weather, but the Humphries Castle area was utilized for basic rock climbing. A White Cliff tramp and an overnight tramp on the coastline before the region of the White Cliffs was also achieved. The end of the term was highlighted by the first combined tramp with New Plymouth Girls' High, which was sadly spoiled, yet again, by bad weather, but this did not dampen the spirits of both parties.

The second term was started by a trip to the Nelson Lakes National Park led by Mr. Collier; a Duke of Edinburgh Awards training tramp; Mr. Jaques first trip to the Tararua Ranges overnight trip, with the first snowcraft trip washed out due to bad weather, while the second snowcraft trip was more successful.

Due to the misfortune of Mr. Collier having an accident during the August holidays the tramping programme was delayed. The final test of the Survival Course was held before Labour Weekend.

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: D. Cooke (club captain), D. Arthur (secretary), P. Binnie (treasurer), T. Coplestone (gear officer), R. Hannaford (food supply), K. Philips (transport), R. Smillie and M. Waswo (training officers), and day boy representative A. Frengley. As in the previous year, the role of the committee has changed and it is responsible for the organising and running of the club. 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 finance has meant that bus hire and transport costs constitute a continual problem. It is hoped that in the future the club will be able to afford better equipment and also consider the possibility of constructing its own hut.

The success of this year's tramping programme was diminished due to some factors beyond our control. First of all, we only had two masters for tramping, which made it very difficult as it placed a lot of pressure on these masters. The loss of Mr. Collier before the beginning of the third term was very unfortunate; however we were helped out of the situation by the help of David Rawson, an active member of the Taranaki Alpine Club, who gave up one of his weekends to be Master-in-Charge for one of our overnight tramps. Another reason is the decline of active boarders, especially in the 3rd and 4th forms. However, it was good to see Mr. Jaques taking two trips to the Taranaki's, the first trip was ruined by the bad weather, but this didn't stop him taking another party to the same region later in the year.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Collier as Master-in-Charge for his devotion and time to the club, and also to Mr. Jaques, Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Barnitt and parents for helping to provide transport. Thanks are extended to David Rawson for his services and knowledge which were much appreciated.

Water Sports

Canoeing

Following the demise of rowing, other water sports were introduced. Canoeing was one of these and is beginning to flourish.

From the funds from the sale of rowing plant chemicals were purchased for the building of fibreglass canoes. The club purchased a canoe mould from Mr. G. Egarr and is indebted to him in helping us with canoe building instruction.

Once building began various groups of interested boys spent many smelly hours under the new technical block building canoes. Some have been for the school club and others have been purchased by the builders. The club now has a small fleet of canoes but is still looking for a trailer to redevelop into a club transport unit.

Club practices in the damp art of canoeing have been held at the school pool and at the Meeting of the Waters.

Masters in charge: Mr. Stocks and Mr. Watson.

Sailing Club

During the last season the sailing club purchased three new fibreglass boats. Two of these are 3.2 "Spectre" class and one is a 3.6 m Sunburst.

About 20 boys took part in the training programme consisting of capsizing practice in the baths, classroom lectures on rules and regulations, and practical work at the yacht club. Most of the boys passed their "proficiency test" in boat handling and were then permitted to use the boats at times other than when instruction was being given. Some entered the N.P.Y.C. races with a variety of success. Regular skippers have been appointed to all the boats for the 1977-78 season and all have undertaken to carry out minor maintenance on their craft and to race regularly.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to present the following report of your association's affairs and activities for the year ended 31 March, 1977.

The passing of Mr. A. J. Papps on 16th January, 1977, removes a link, both from the school and our Association. He was a teacher from 1921-1953 (32 years) and President of our Association in 1928, also a life member. His great contribution to the cultural and sporting activities of our School will ever be remembered by many Old Boys. His keen interest and support of the school, even to the very end meant much to our Association.

We also regret the passing of Mr. Colin Smart, another life member, who was treasurer in 1926-27 and President of our Association in 1934. His long personal interest and contribution to his old school will be remembered by many Old Boys too.

We regret to record the passing of other Old Boys many who have given long service to the communities in which they have lived.

You will remember last year I reported on the question of a separate Board of Governors for our School, as requested by the Parent-Teacher Association. The question of a Board of Governors of our own for the Boys' High School is now a reality and will come into being on the 1st July, 1977.

Our Association offered support for the move and is now invited to have two representatives from this Association on the new Board. I would like to congratulate all concerned and only trust that the move of having a separate Board has been made for the right reasons and meets with the success it deserves.

We extend our congratulations to all at School, Headmaster, Staff and boys on another very good academic year, which I am sure will give great satisfaction to all Old Boys.

During the year our N.P.O.B. Clubs played school teams at hockey, soccer and cricket. These occasions were enjoyed by us all.

The Old Boys Alexander Golf Tournament again held at Ngamotu Golf Links on 20 February, 1977, although not well supported by local Old Boys, received good entries from throughout the province and was enjoyed by all present.

All Old Boys, particularly boarders, will learn with interest that John Hatherly has this year retired from being a boarding Master, after a period of some 35 years. His long association of over 50 years with school, firstly as a pupil and later as a Master must be one of the highlights of our school's history. His devotion and selfless service to our school and Association over this period of time, has earned for him the Old Boys' Association's deep gratitude.

Our finances are soundly invested and membership has been maintained, although another membership drive is under way.

The Centennial Trust Fund is now firmly established and I am indeed very heartened and grateful to all those who have so generously supported the Fund. The General Purposes Fund, started in 1960-61, recently reinvested at higher interest rates, was able to provide the Headmaster with the sum of \$400 at the Annual Prizegiving last year.

It is now "40 years on" since my first association with School and I have been pleased to contribute whatever I could to support and maintain the great traditions of this great school in my years on the Executive. I have had two very happy and interesting years as President of the Parent Association. Let me record my thanks to my Executive for their help and support — to the Headmaster and staff for the courtesies extended my wife and myself and my pleasure at meeting so many Old Boys at Branch functions during these last few years.

I am sure you would wish me to make special mention of our Secretary, Laurie Denton, for his great contribution, and also on being appointed Manager of the New Zealand Secondary Schoolboys' cricket team to Australia earlier this year. This has brought great credit to him and to our School. Please accept our congratulations and grateful thanks for all you have done and are doing.

JOHN V. McINTYRE,
President.
"Avalon".

OFFICERS FOR 1977

PATRON: W. E. Alexander.
PRESIDENT: Cyril C. Henderson.
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Ian S. Jones.
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Lynn R. Bublitz.
SECRETARY: Laurie K. Denton.
TREASURER: Brian Bellringer.

HEADMASTER'S REPRESENTATIVE: Lynn R. Bublitz.
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: John V. McIntyre.

AUDITOR: Jim D. Ridland.
EXECUTIVE: John Law, Gavin White, Neil Wolfe, Arthur Bell, Peter Rich.

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.

Palmerston North: Ross Beaven, c/o Massey University, Palmerston North.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Dr. E. P. Allen has been awarded the M.B.E. for his services to medicine and the community.

H. H. P. Cook has become Chairman of the Stratford County Council. He has served on the Council for fifteen years.

Dr. Irwin Faris has been made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for Public Services (Q.S.O.).

Colonel Thomas Logan has retired after twenty-five years combined Army and Navy service. He held the post of Director-General of Defence Dental Services.

L. M. Moss and his wife have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Les Murray has retired from Taranaki Newspapers Ltd. where he was advertising manager. He has been associated with newspaper work for fifty-one years.

Ian Robertson has been appointed overseer of industrial chaplains in N. Taranaki, Manawatu-Rangitikei, Wellington and Porirua. He is also industrial chaplain to a larger firm in Wellington where he is based.

J. M. Rowe has been appointed executive director of the New Zealand Employers' Federation. Formerly he headed the economics department at Massey University.

1977 GRADUANDS

University of Auckland

Richard Rhys Masters, B.Comm., U.E. 1972
Ronald Paul Vink, B.Comm., U.E. 1971.
Peter John Rich, Dip. Obst., U.E. 1960.
Richard Neil Craig Gray, B.Sc., U.E. 1972.
Peter Hill, B.E. with Second Class Hons., U.E. 1970.
Graeme Sutherland Mackay, M.A. in Political Studies, U.E. 1967.
Robert Douglas Green, M.Phil. in Education.
Ian McLeon Urquhart, B.A., U.E. 1971.
Keith Alexander Denne, B.A., U.E. 1955.
Wayne Innes, Ph.D. in Psychology, U.E. 1959.
Graham George Jackson, Ph.D. in Anthropology, U.E. 1951.
Rodney Loveday Edwards, M.A. in Education, U.E. 1951.
Paul David Lister, B.A., U.E. 1968.
Stephen Alexander Ovens, M.Sc. with Second Class Hons. in Geology, U.E. 1967.
Kevin James Johnston, B.Comm., U.E. 1967.
Kevin James Johnston, M. Arch., U.E. 1967.
Allan Howat Kirk, Dip. T.P., U.E. 1951.

University of Canterbury

Christopher John Bromley, B.Sc., with Third Class Hons. in Physics, U.E. 1971.
Bruce William Everiss Binnie, B.E. (Mechanical), U.E. 1970.
Wayne George Kibby, B.A., U.E. 1968.
Stuart Alick Mace, B.Sc., U.E., 1970.

Massey University

Peter Mark Henderson, B. Agr. Sc., U.E. 1970.
Stephen Todd Morris, M. Agr. Sc., with Second Class Hons. (Div. 1) in Animal Science, U.E. 1968.
Paul Alexander Fraser, B.V.Sc., U.E. 1970.
Christopher Noel Pyke, B.V.Sc., U.E. 1970.
Brendan Maurice Vale, B.V.Sc., U.E. 1969.
Jeffrey Alexander Mulraney, B.Ed., U.E. 1972.
David Campbell Sharp, B.Ed., U.E. 1959.
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Robert James Murray, B.B.S., U.E. 1971.
Brian Lex Irvine, Dip. Hlth. Admin., U.E. 1955.
Steven John Haylock, B.Sc., with First Class Hons. in Chemistry, U.E. 1971, Massey Scholar.
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Ian Malcolm Morrison, Ph.D., U.E. 1967.
Vaughan Leslie Crow, Ph.D., U.E. 1966.

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Kevin Alec Morris, M.B., Ch.B., U.E. 1967.
Andrew Duncan Spiers, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., U.E. 1966.
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Geoffrey Wayne Bland, B.Sc., U.E. 1971.
Bruce Lawrence Geden, B.Sc., U.E. 1970.
Paul James Tracey, LL.B., U.E. 1970.

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Gilbert Stanley Elliott, B.Sc., U.E. 1961.
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Owen Wade Giles, B.Sc., U.E. 1972.
Peter James Winter, B.Sc., U.E. 1973.
Bruce Lawrence Geden B.Sc., Postgraduate Dip. in Geography, U.E. 1971.

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Paul Meredith Meuli, B.A. with Second Class (1st Div.) Hons. in History, U.E. 1971.
Adrian Neil Sutherland, B.A., U.E. 1970.
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Roger Lyndsay Papps, LL.B., U.E. 1967.
John Howard Sones, B.C.A., U.E. 1969.
Evan Murray Willis, M.A., in Sociology, U.E. 1968.
Jeffrey Frank Gamlin, B.A. with Second Class (1st Div.) Hons. in Political Science, U.E. 1962.
David Ross Buxton, B.A., U.E. 1971.
Gavin Alexander White, LL.B., U.E. 1969.

University of Waikato

Dennis Godfrey Howell, Dip. Ed. Studies, U.E. 1950.
Anthony Jonathon Parr, B.Soc.Sc., U.E. 1972.

OBITUARIES

CLAUDE BROWN (66).

A former member of the 1st XV he achieved distinction by being selected to play for Taranaki while still a schoolboy. His representative career spanned from 1928 to 1931, and 1934 to 1941, and he was renowned as a strong five-eighth who also excelled as halfback. He is survived by his wife.

RONALD EDWARD CAWTHRAY (60).

Ohakune-born, he was educated at New Plymouth Boys' High, and served as a pilot in the R.N.Z.A.F. during the Second World War. Following the war he worked first in Hawera, then in New Plymouth where he managed the family business. A keen sportsman, he was treasurer of the East End Bowling Club and a member of Westown Golf Club.

R. C. GREINER

Educated at New Plymouth Boys' High School and Victoria University, he graduated with a law degree and was admitted to the Bar in 1923. His entire legal career, spanning some fifty years, was spent in New Plymouth.

GEOFFREY ROBERT INSULL (64)

Manpowered during World War II to manage a dairy factory in the Thames Valley, he was one of the youngest men in the country to do so. After the war he became a farmer, then joined the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Plymouth for 18 years as a farm dairy instructor. He supported many clubs and organisations including the West End Bowling Club as treasurer, the Masonic Lodge, and the Welbourn School and New Plymouth Girls' High P.T.A.'s

BRYAN ANDREW KERR (20)

At Raurimu, as the result of an accident.

ARTHUR WRAY LANDER (61)

Educated at Boys' High School, he joined Newton King Ltd. as a clerk in 1933 at Inglewood. He became a stock agent soon after and, following war service overseas, continued as auctioneer. He became livestock manager and New Plymouth Branch Manager, then Taranaki district commissioner, before retiring in 1975. He was a member of the New Plymouth High Schools' Board for six years and was a past president of the Old Boys' Association.

TIMOTHY VALENTINE PENN (23)

A Flying Officer in the R.A.F. he was killed on exercise over West Germany. He learned to fly with the New Plymouth Aero Club and was accepted for the R.A.F. in 1972, training in Britain before being posted to Germany.

ARTHUR JAMES PAPPS (87)

An old boy and former head boy of Nelson College, he was a master at Boys' High from 1921 till 1954, specialising in senior Latin, but teaching English, History, Geography and Mathematics to junior forms.

Renowned as a Rugby coach he coached the 1st XV for fifteen years, giving it the reputation of the best in the country during that time. He also ran the debating club, led the cadet battalion, and coached and played cricket.

His services outside School were also unstinting: a representative Rugby referee; T.R.F.U. management committee; past president of the New Plymouth Bowling Club, former president Old Boys Association, and member of the Taranaki Jockey Club. He leaves a daughter and three sons.

THOMAS COLIN SMART (75)

Born in Stratford, he was educated at Boys' High and at Victoria University. After gaining his degree in accounting he then spent thirty years as accountant for the family plumbing business. When the firm closed about twelve years ago, he became a bank escort for the A.N.Z. Bank. He was appointed a J.P. in 1948 and was a life member of the Taranaki Justices of the Peace Association.

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