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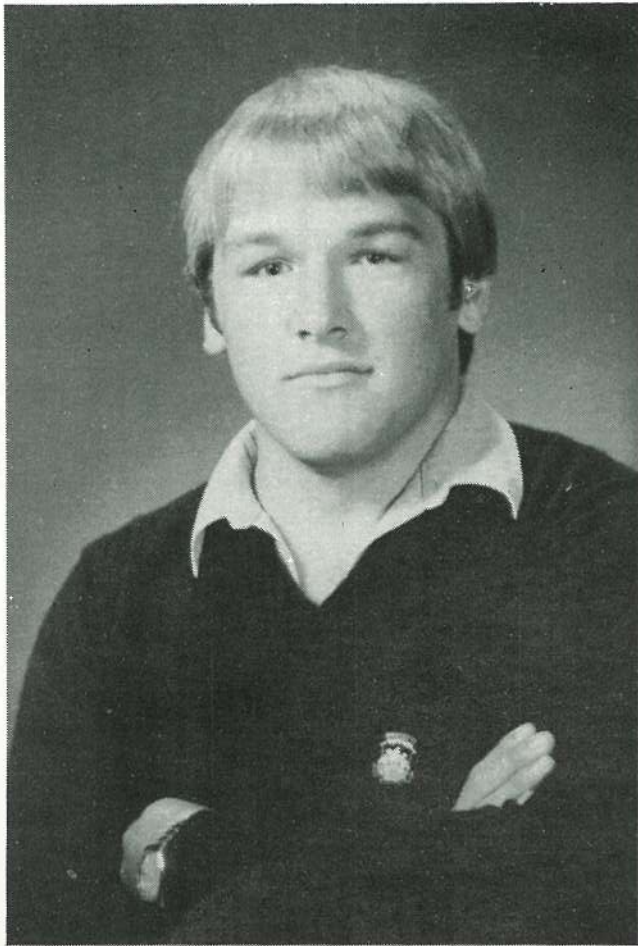
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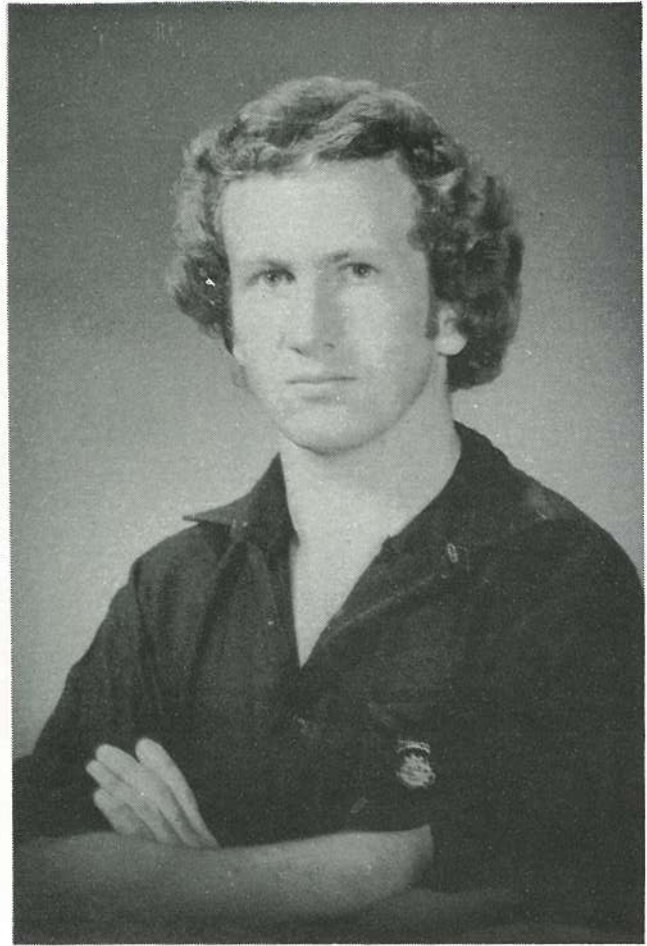
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BADMINTON: Mr. Watson  
BASKETBALL: Mr. Lay  
CADETS: Mr. Carroll  
CANOEING: Mr. Watson  
CAREERS: Mr. Dobson  
CHESS: Mr. Krook  
CRICKET: Mr. Brine  
DEBATING: Mr. Crawford  
DRAMA: Mrs. Gallon/Mr. Crawford  
FIDS: Mrs. Martin  
HOCKEY: Mr. Green  
INTERACT: R. McNair  
LIBRARY: Mrs. Haskell  
LIFE-SAVING: Mr. Dobson  
MUSIC: Mr. Joyce  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Mr. Carroll  
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION: Mr. Howes (Sec)  
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SAILING: Mr. Ranger  
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## RETIREMENTS

### MR G. R. CRAMOND

At the end of this year our headmaster Mr. G.R. Cramond retires from his position after seven years with the school. Although his tenure has been brief when compared with those of some of his predecessors, he has wrought many and far-reaching changes, and has done a great deal to move the school into the mainstream of modern educational practice.

Mr. Cramond's teaching career began at Te Puke where he taught English, Maths and Languages. He went from there to Waimate and a post as H.O.D. Languages. From Waimata he moved to Hamilton Boy's High School in 1961, initially in charge of Latin, but becoming Deputy-Principal in 1970. At Hamilton he had extensive boarding experience as well, inaugurating then managing the hostel for several years. He joined New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1972.

The school in 1972 was still a very traditional one, strongly oriented towards academic and sporting excellence, and very hierarchical in nature. Mr Cramond believes his major achievement to lie in the reshaped attitudes and redirected goals. The school is much less hierarchical in outlook, the day boy/boarder differences seem to be a thing of the past, there is widespread a concern for others and for property, and the general tone and atmosphere is much pleasanter for staff and boys alike.

This revision of attitude came about largely in three ways. Firstly, a new house system was created, which integrated day boys and boarders using the alphabet as the only means of distinction. Secondly, the boarding hostel was changed from a structure based on three "vertical" houses into one based on two hostels which separate senior from junior boys, recognizing their essential differences in outlook and interest. Thirdly, the vertical group system was introduced thus bringing together a cross-section of age groups from most senior to most junior. This development was even more significant in that the group/teacher relationship was seen as administrative and pastoral, not as an overtly educative one, so providing an important unstrained source of teacher/pupil contact.

While the emphasis on academic excellence over the past years has not abated, with a high standard of effort throughout the school, and results which are reasonable when compared with other schools, much has been done for the less able pupil through the development of alternative and remedial courses. Two which spring to mind immediately are the Work Exploration classes and the Taranaki Maths Course. The boys seem happier as a result and work well at their own goals. In addition, the introduction of block timetabling and the one hour period has given more flexibility so that pupils can be offered a wider choice. This flexibility will prove invaluable in providing further courses for "reluctant returners" in the future too.

Changes have affected staff as well as boys over the last years - the staff are very egalitarian in outlook, working as a team willing to derive benefit from one another's assistance and experience. There is greater emphasis on teacher support from the guidance network as well as from the senior members of each department, and this has done much to lift strain from new or inexperienced staff, as well as adding to the smoothness and efficiency of the day to day school.

Mr. Cramond's interest in the separate board concept has borne fruit, first with the creation of the Boys' High School Board itself, but also in terms of improvements that have been made for the school and grounds since the Board's inception. The South Block is in the process of being completely remodelled inside, the long awaited changing rooms are now fact, the hostel appointments have been further upgraded, the burnt-out Annexe is under repair, and the terracing on the Gully has been cut back and resown. For these substantial improvements the school owes a debt of gratitude to both Mr. Cramond and the Board.

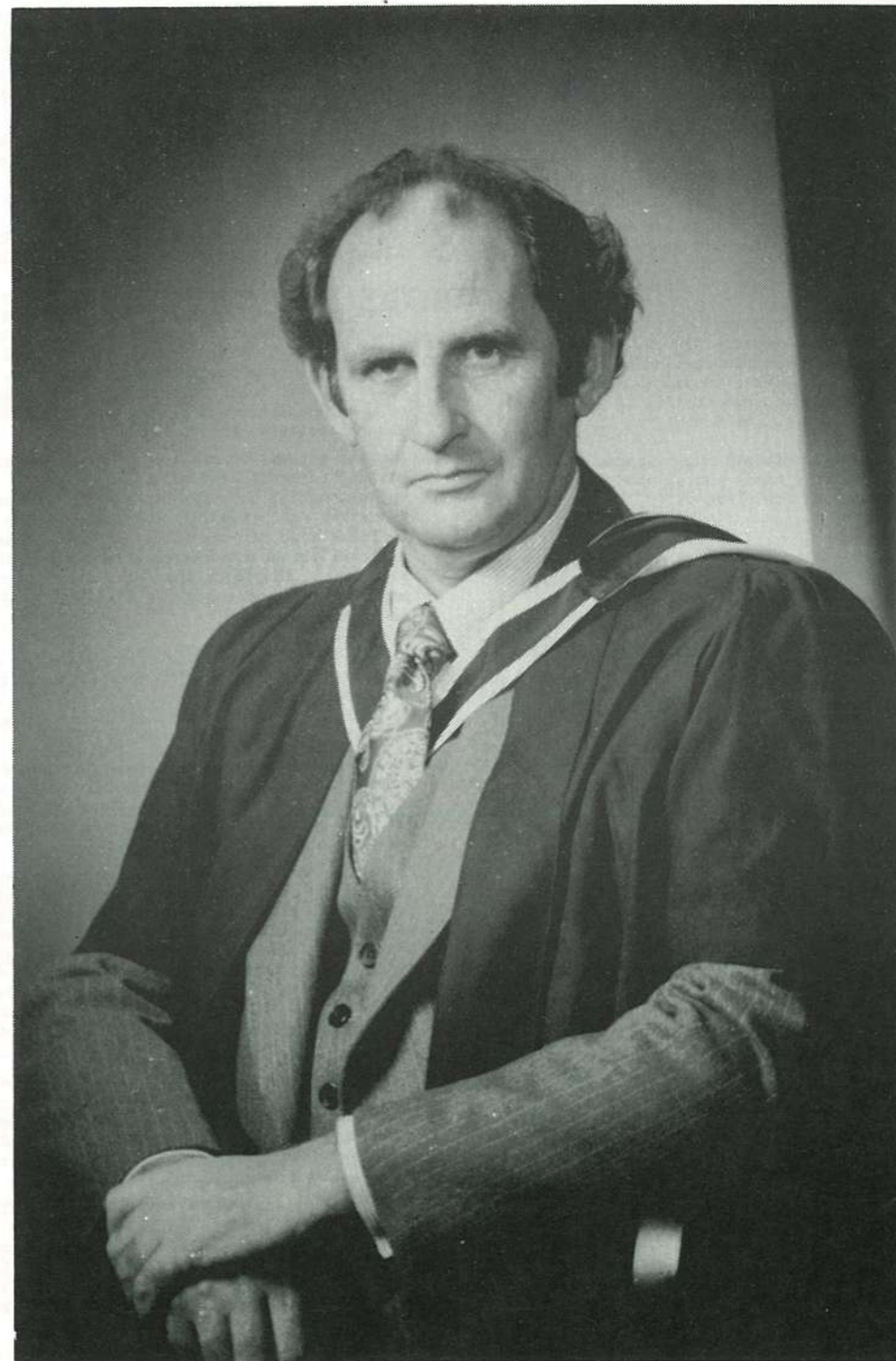
We of the school join in offering Mr. Cramond our sincerest best wishes, in thanking him for the many and important contributions he has made to our school, and in wishing him joy and success over the years ahead.

### MR B. BARNITT

This year will see the retirement of Mr Bruce Barnitt M.Sc (Hons). His family's association with Boys' High is a long one, reaching back to Mr Pridham's time as Headmaster when the school was co-educational. Amongst some of his more famous peers who attended the school when he did are - Ralph Dearnley, John Keeling, Dennis Allen, Allan Lomas, Crowley Weston and Wilf Wright who were all classmates to get Scholarships and leave their mark on New Zealand.

After leaving Boys' High, Mr Barnitt attended Auckland University and from there he went to the Methodist Theological College. As the world became embroiled in a second World War, his principles lead him before the Conscientious Appeal Board, and into internment. His appeal was allowed unconditionally following the war, and upon release, he took a teaching appointment at Wesley College, where he taught for ten years.

Debarred from obtaining a teaching post in the State sector he then accepted a position in Kuala Lumpur Methodist Boys' School, which had some 3500 pupils, all Chinese or Indian. The efforts of PPTA, Sir Walter Nash and the National Council of Churches to amend the law concerning state employment of conscientious objectors were successful so in 1960 Mr Barnitt came here under Mr Webster to teach Mathematics.



MR G. R. CRAMOND.

# New Plymouth Boys' High School

For many years he coached rugby and tennis with Mr Beetham. He assisted Mr Archibald and Mr Hatherly in raising the highest CORSO contribution in the North Island. For this honour the School was granted the display of a giant Union Jack from the Coronation in Westminster Abbey. It covered the whole Honours Board. A branch of the World Student Christian Movement, run by Mr Hatherly for many years, was taken over by him. There were many speakers, missionaries and films; SCM camps at North Egmont and Dawson Falls.

When boarding numbers were high and Ministers took them in the evening, Mr Barnitt shared all this with them too. And in lunch hours there were films from the NFL and Embassies most weeks of the year, before the days of TV.

Mr Barnitt had three wishes - to have had a better sense of humour, a better understanding of the infinite variety and ways of boys, and more time to enjoy the company and hospitality of all those associated with running the School.

He wishes to express his sincerest thanks to all for nineteen very happy years, and especially to Mr and Mrs Cramond.

## STAFF CHANGES

Several teachers moved to other positions at the end of last year, Mr Francis taking charge of biology at Hutt Valley High School, Mr Heape going to a position in English at Lytton High, Gisbourne, Mr Grant going to Putaruru, and Mr Boyd to Spotswood College.

At the end of Term I this year, Mr Whelan retired Mr Gledhill moved to Nelson, Mr Stocks went overseas, and Mr McGaskill returned to the South Island.

New members of staff this year include Mr Wilson Ms Breen and Mr Howes who joined the English department, Mr McIlhone (Physics), Mr Butler (Science), Mr Taberner (Art) and Mr Fletcher (Social Studies). At the end of Term I we welcomed the return of Mr Webster to the English Department. We were joined also by Mrs Belcher (English) and Mr Moore and Mr Watts (Phys.Ed.).

## HEAD BOY'S COLUMN

The 1978 year has been a very busy and active year.

The New House competition was suggested to Council to infuse more spirit into house competitions and to get greater involvement in School activities, and was introduced this year. Academic achievements were included in a list of competition which is to be reviewed annually.

A National raffle whose proceeds went jointly to "Spirit of Adventure" & School was held in the first term. This proved financially successful for the School so this fund raising took the place of the yearly workday which was decided against because the community had already been called upon once for funds.

An audio-visual unit was purchased and the balance used to subsidise travel by School teams.

In addition, a Council dance was held in the third term and proved lucrative for the Council, also being an outstanding success socially.

Unlike last years production of "Calamity Jane" which was a combined effort with Girls' High, this years cultural activities were limited to the Taranaki Combined Schools Music Festival and the School drama production of "The Long, The Short and the Tall". These were performances of a high calibre and were a credit to those who participated and to the School.

Another attempt to produce a School magazine called "Insight" started off with great enthusiasm but once again like its predecessor "Whistle" it lasted for only a few copies due to lack of pupils contributing the necessary articles to sustain the magazine, and also to poor sales. Maybe in the years ahead a greater pupil involvement could see a school magazine re-introduced.

In the sporting field many codes have had a greater participation with more pupils getting representative and national honours. The School 1st Cricket XI made a tour of Australia, winning all but one of their matches.

The first XI soccer team made a short tour of Australia and they were victorious in all of their games. Also nine members of the Schools 1st XV Rugby team toured Australia with the Taranaki Secondary School team.

There has been no final decision on the Centennial project but the School and Council have put forward the idea of a pavilion on the Gully ground. This has yet to be finalised by the Centennial Committee. One thing which has been finalised is that the Old Hall, which has recently been refurbished, will house the Honours Board and Photos of the First Hundred Years of the School. These items have been repaired and substantially improved.

I personally hope that the House competition will not take away the spirit in which Day Boy - Boarder relationship exists in some codes. Although numerically a minority the Boarding establishment is an essential part of the character of New Plymouth Boys' High School.

In respect of the year's activities, I would like to say that it isn't until a boy is in the senior forms that he appreciates what benefits there are in participation and involvement, and it is then and only then that he realises what he owes the School and not what the School owes him.

## SPORTS AWARDS

### Athletics

Senior 100 metres(Old Boys' Cup)	K. Dixon
Senior 200 metres(Herbert Smith Cup)	K. Dixon
Senior 400 metres(Old Boys' Shield)	C. Marshall
Senior 800 metres(Mason Memorial Cup)	R. McNair
Senior 1500 metres(Fookes Cup)	R. McNair
Senior 110 metres hurdles (Noakes Cup)	G. Pearce
Senior High Jump (Moran Cup)	G. Pearce
Open 2000 metre Steeples (Antunovic Cup)	D. Sceats
Open Pole Vault(J.D.Wills Cup)	H. Kam
Intermediate 400 metres (Bothamley Cup)	P. Webb
Intermediate 800 metres (Gilmour Cup)	K. Monk
Intermediate 100 metres hurdles(Marsh Cup)	T. Tukaroa
Intermediate High Jump(Keller Cup)	C. Megaw
Intermediate Discus (Edmonds Trophy)	G. Morris

### Swimming

Senior Champion(Sykes Memorial Cup)	B. Scott
Intermediate Champion(Challenge Cup)	A. Frengley
Lifesaving(Smith & Easton Cup)	J. Holden & D. Lockhart

### Cross Country

Senior Champion (1911 Cup)	G. Pearce
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### Tennis

Senior Champion (Candy Cup)	R. Lawson
Intermediate Champion (McKeon Cup)	R. Lawson

### Cricket

Best Batsman (Meuli Cup)	B. Cox
Best Bowler (Parkinson Memorial Cup)	G. Robertson

### Badminton

Senior Champion (Cook & Lister Cup)	P. Belworthy
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### Shooting

School Champion(McDiarmid Belt)	F. Riley
Senior Classification(Lady Godley Cup)	F. Riley

### Best Cadet (Sole Cup)

	M. Waswo
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### Music

Most outstanding brass player (Port Nicholson Cup)	L. Martin
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### DAY BOYS v BOARDERS

Swimming(Dempsey Shield)	Day Boys	M. Gesterkamp
Tennis(Beatham Cup)	Boarders	G. Hill
Rugby(Pease Cup)	Boarders	G. Hill

## PRIZEGIVING 1977

### INTERHOUSE

Athletics (Hansard Cup)	Green House	G. Hill
Swimming(Burnbank Cup)	White House	M. Snowden
Tennis (Stevenson Cup)		
Rugby (Kerr Cup)		
Soccer (Holder Cup)	Maroon House	C. Marshall
Cricket (Bates Cup)		

## ACADEMIC PRIZES

### FIFTH FORM PRIZES

English (Daily News Prize)	Q. Bright
Science	N.P. Grieg
Latin	C.N. Harrop
French	I.W. Ormiston
Mathematics	G.D. Webster
History	J.D. Parker
Geography	G.J. Blyth
Bookkeeping	W.J. Pickett
Economic Studies	E.M. Nattrass
Art	M.J. Roberts
Music	G.J. Dickie
Technical Drawing	M.D. Symon
Engineering (Kidd Garrett Prize)	H. Pimm
Woodwork (Spear & Jackson Prize)	I.P. Leonard
Physical Education	H.E. Davidson

### GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

W.J. ANDERSON	M.P. HOOK	M.D. ROBERTSON
R.J. ARMSTRONG	N.I. JONES	B.H. ROBY
F.A. CLARK	L.R. KRDOK	L.D. SHUTE
M.M. COLE	C.D. McMAHON	T.A. TUKAROA
B.K. DAWSON	C.L. MARTIN	T.N. URBahn
A.J. FRENGLEY	A.G. MEADS	R.G. WILLIAMS
M.J. GALVIN	S.J. MILLER	L.A. WRIGHT
M.W. GARDNER	D.R. MORGAN	M.C. WRIGHT

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O.C. BREWSTER	G.A. PEARCE
P. BURROWES	N.A. PRINCE
J. DE GRAAF	B.W. SCOTT
M.J. FITZPATRICK	G.W. VAN PAASSEN
S.F. GRIEG	T.J. WEBSTER
P.R. HOWAN	M.R. WHITEHEAD

### GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

F.L. BARRACK	R.J. RIX
R.J. COLE	M.A. SIMMONS
A.P. NICHOLLS	P.F. SIMPSON
K.M. OGDEN	S.S. WILDON



### SEVENTH FORM PRIZES:

English Language (John Brodie Memorial)	D.M. SCEATS
English Literature (White Memorial)	G.R. DANIELS
History (Bendall Memorial)	G.R. DANIELS
Economics (Thos.Borthwich & Sons Prize)	G.R. DANIELS
Accounting	P.B. ZALOOM
Geography (David Bennet Prize)	P.G. MCCALL
French	D.A. FRENGLEY
Art	M.R. BOWLER
Physics	R.D. BLYTH
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial)	R.D. BLYTH
Chemistry (P.D. Veale Memorial)	R.D. BLYTH
Mathematics	R.D. BLYTH
Applied Mathematics	R.D. BLYTH

### SPECIAL PRIZES:

Special Prize for Maori Student (Dept Maori Affairs)	P.G. HUGHES
Best original verse (Heurtley Memorial)	K.C. BURTON
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup and Prize)	G.I. HILL
Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize)	M.F. GESTERKAMP
General Excellence (Dr Fookes Cup)	M.F. GESTERKAMP S.S. MACDONALD P. HALL
Proxime Accessit (MacLeod Memorial)	D.G. ARTHUR
Dux (Buick Cup)	R.D. BLYTH

### JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

#### Athletics

##### Intermediate A Division

100 metres (Beckbessinger Cup)	B. Pirikahu
200 metres (Challenge Cup)	B. Pirikahu
Long Jump (Cartwright Cup)	P. Clout
Discus (Edmonds Trophy)	W. Morris

##### Junior A Division

100 metres (Bennett Cup)	D. Mischewski
200 metres	D. Thompson
400 metres (Harman Cup)	S. Allen
800 metres (Houston Cup)	S. Allen
100 metres Hurdles (Marsh Cup)	R. Mills
Long Jump	K. Harrison
High Jump	B. George
Triple Jump	A. Messenger
Javelin	A. Gordon
Shot Put	A. Gordon
Athlete of the year (Towler Cup)	A. Gordon
1500 metres	P. Laurenson
Open 5000 metres (Crocker Cup)	P. Laurenson

##### Junior B Division

100 metres	I. Brooking
200 metres	S. Wilcoxson
400 metres	C. Daly
800 metres	J. Sanders

#### Cross Country

Intermediate Champion (Herbert Smith Cup)	D. Moses
Junior Champion (Noakes Cup)	P. McKinlay

### Swimming

#### Junior

Target Jump	A. Gordon
Novelty Dive	S. Palmer
100 yds Freestyle	C. Simonson
33 1/3 yds Breaststroke	C. Esaiiah
33 1/3 yds Backstroke	G. Hunt
33 1/3 yds Butterfly	M. Denton
33 1/3 yds Freestyle	M. Rowe
Junior Swimming Champion (Fox Cup)	M. Rowe

#### Tennis

Junior Single Champion (Herbert Smith Cup)	S. Modgill
Most Improved Player (Burgess Cup)	W. Dunn

#### Badminton

Junior Singles Champion (Isaac Cup)	R. Powell
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#### Hockey

Most improved Junior (Simonson Cup)	L. Morgan
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#### Music

General Excellence Choir (Faull Challenge Cup)	M. Hayward
Most Improved Player (Gibbs Cup)	A. Stone
Best String Player (J.S. Hatherly A.Old prize)	A. Old

#### Special Prizes

Wattie Wilkie Memorial Mathematics Prize	R. Shaw
Junior Essay (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup)	D. Mischewski
Junior Reading	T. Withers
Junior Oratory (Moss Cup)	R. Molloy

### GENERAL EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

#### THIRD FORM

R. Ahmad	W. Hall
K. Aldam	J.A. Hill
C. Batchelor	M. Jones
J. Bone	I. Jury
A. Boniface	A. Leonard
I. Brown	M. Lockhart
S. Bryant	G. Lundt
P. Butler	A. McAllister
I. Chalk	M. Newland
J. Chivers	W. Russell
G. Cleland	I. Snowdon
S. Cooper	M. Taylor
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M. Ellingham	R. Symon
D. Esaiiah	B. Shaw
R. Foreman	T. Withers
R. Gesterkamp	R. Waite
R. Greenbank	D. Walker
	M. Young

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K. Black	G. McManus
A. Brown	B. Maechler
C. Daly	A. Messenger
M. De Abaffy	D. Mischewski
P. Dobson	P. Nickson
J. Evans	R. Shaw
S. George	A. Smith
P. Glendenning	R. Smith
G. Harrison	A. Van Passen
M. Hayward	J. Wetere
R. Jory	G. Whelan
S. Jury	D. Wilson
M. Keast	S. Wilson

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### UNIVERSITY BURSARIES

Arthur D.G. (A); Binnie P.J. (B); Daniels G.R. (B) Frengley D.A.(A); Gesterkamp M.F.(A); Girvan S.F.(A) Hickling A .W. (B); Hollins I.D.(A); Macdonald S.S. (b); Putt G.J. (B); Rudd C.B. (B); Sceats D.M.(A) Sirett P.E. (A); Van Paassen M. (B); Young S.V. (B); Zaloom P.B. (A)

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## SPORTS

### Athletics

The Athletic Sports were held this year on Webster and McNaught fields, Webster field being used for track events while McNaught was the venue for field events.

All track events, except the open events were divided into Senior, Intermediate and Junior 'A' and 'B' grade divisions. The field events were only divided into age groups, Senior, Intermediate, and Junior.

This year in an effort to make the running of the sports more efficient, House qualifying events were held for the track events a week before the sports. Also held before the sports was the 2000 metres steeplechase in which D.Moses broke the old record by two seconds after a fine run.

This preliminary result augured well for the coming sports. On the day six records were broken. They were: D.Moses, who in the 2000 metres broke the old record of 6.49 in a time of 6.473, B.Pirikahu, whose time in the Intermediate 200 m of 23.4 broke the previous best of 23.5, R.O'Keefe S.Wood and H.Van der Bos who in each of their respective cycle races broke the previous year's records. In the field events the only record broken was that of 34.41 m for the Intermediate Javelin with a throw of 38.28 by A.Gordon.

Some other fine performances were: M.Brough who won both Junior Shot-put and Junior Discus. A.Gordon who in addition to his Intermediate Javelin title won the Intermediate Shot put. B.Ryan who won both Senior Javelin and Shot put. In the track events R.McNair won Senior 'A' 800 and 1500 m while other double winners were J.France who won the Junior 'A' 1500 and Junior 800 m, B.Pirikahu the Intermediate 'A' 100 and 200m, T.Feaver Intermediate 'B' 800 m and Intermediate Triple jump and P.Hansen who won Senior 'A' 100 m and Senior long jump. But perhaps the most notable performance of the day was put up by D.Jones who won the Junior 'A' 100, 200 and 400 m, along with the Junior long jump.

In the House events, White won the 4 x 100 senior relay, Blue won the Junior relay and Maroon won both Intermediate 4 x 100 m and the open 2,400 m relays. It was Maroon house that won the inter-house competition on the day with a fine score of 418 points followed by Green 401, Blue 369 and White 305.



**Pole Vault**

Congratulations must go to Maroon house and the respective winners of the events. Thanks must go to the various staff members who gave their services, especially the starter, Mr. Carroll, and the overall organiser Mr. Watson.

About forty boys travelled to Opunake on 18 March to compete in the Taranaki Inter-secondary Schools Athletic championships. School's performance was vastly improved on last years with twenty 1st, 2nd or 3rd places being gained.

Most successful athlete was Junior David Jones with wins in the 100m, 200m, long jump and as a member of the Junior Relay team which was placed second but recorded the same time as the winner. T.Stevenson came third in the 100m while B.Feaver recorded 9.59 m to be second in the triple jump and 1.35 m for third in the high jump.

Beamish Pirikahu had two seconds - in the Intermediate 100m, and 200 m., Nick Verry was second in the 400 m, 0.2 secs behind the winner, after being the fastest qualifier by 0.8 secs. Leo Mace won the 1500 m steeplechase in grand style, by almost 10 seconds and then later in the hot afternoon came home third in the 1500m. A.Frengley was third in the Shot Put, A.Gordon second in the Javelin, and T.Feaver second in the Triple Jump.

Among the seniors, Paul Merrit won the Long Jump, an event in which Paul Hansen finished third. Second places were gained by R.McNair (800m), G.Fitzpatrick (1500m walk), N.Prince (Shot Put), while P.Webb finished third in the 800m, and T. Tukaroa came third in the Discus.



Shot Putter in Action



Organisational H.Q.

## ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES



**BACK:** P. Hansen, N. Verry, A. Gordon, P. Webb, T. Feaver, G. Fitzpatrick, B. Murray, R. McNair, A. Frengley.  
**MIDDLE:** D. Watts, G. Bradley, W. Sones, T. Tukaroa, S. Jury, K. Harrison, N. Prince, J. Holden, D. Mischewski.  
**FRONT:** M. Day, C. Mackinnon, C. Hayward, R. Ferguson, P. Laurenson, N. Sceats, B. Pirikahu, P. Merritt, G. Whelan.

## ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES



**BACK:** B. Lawrence, G. Cook, L. Mace, A. Sangster, K. Adlam, W. Broughton, M. Guilliver, S. Keegan, S. Bryant.  
**MIDDLE:** A. Phillips, S. Duckett, T. Stephenson, A. Riddick, R. Rice, D. Senior, G. Scouller, B. Hayward.  
**FRONT:** G. Crofskey, M. Sutherland.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1978

### EVENT

### PLACINGS

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE	RECORD
<b>Senior 'A'</b>					
100 metres	P.Hansen	T.Coplestone	P.Merritt	12.0 sec	11.1 sec
200 metres	P.Merritt	C.Rowlands	K.Gifford	25.5 sec	23.5 sec
400 metres	P.Webb	P.Hansen	W.Sones	56.8 sec	51.2 sec
800 metres	R.McNair	P.Webb	B.Murray	2.min.10.2	1 min.59.4
1500 metres	R.McNair	D.Moses	P.Webb	4.min.40.5	4 min.20.2
Long Jump	P.Hansen	P.Merritt	P.Clout	5.30metres	6.60 metres
Triple Jump	G.Hughes	C.Kinzett	B.Waire	10.40 metres	13.38 metres
High Jump	C.Megaw	P.Hansen	C.Sampson	1.60 metres	1.73 metres
Javelin	B.Ryan	J.Holden	G.Wood	33.11 metres	54.64 metres
Shot Put	B.Ryan	N.Prince	F.Barrack	11.30 metres	13.75 metres
Discus	T.Tukaroa	N.Prince	P.Belworthy	29.57 metres	48.16 metres
Cycle Race 1600m	H.VandenBos	D.Shaw	M.TeRuki	2min.51.7sec	2 min.51.7sec
4x100m Relay	White	Green	Maroon	48.6 sec	46.6 sec
<b>Senior 'B'</b>					
100 metres	J.Harland	D.Peterson	N.Campbell	12.7 sec	
200 metres	J.Harland	D.Peterson	W.Pickett	25.8 sec	
400 metres	K.Gifford	O.Lockhart	I.Gulbransen	1 min 0.6sec	
800 metres	K.Ogden	M.Rozendaal	G.Harkness	2min 25.0sec	
1500 metres	E.Rienks	L.Mathews	D.Lockhart	4min.52 sec	
<b>INTERMEDIATE "A"</b>					
100 metres	B. Pirikahu	M. Smart	A. Frøngley	12.1 sec	11.3sec
200 metres	B. Pirikahu	T. Feaver	R. Neal	23.4 sec	23.4sec
400 metres	N. Verry	R. Lloyd	R. Neal	57.3 sec	53.4sec
800 metres	N. Verry	M. Hook	C. Hayward	2 min.20.9 sec	2 min. 06.2 sec
1500 metres	L. Mace	C. Hayward	P. McKinlay	4 min.52.4 sec	4 min. 51.3 sec
Long Jump	R. Johns	K. Harrison	A. Gordon	5.5 metres	6.31 metres
Triple Jump	T. Feaver	A. Messenger	K. Harrison	11.87 metres	12.23 metres
High Jump	R. Neal	R.Johns/B.Rushbrook		1.5 metres	1.62 metres
Javelin	A. Gordon	M. Hook	K. Harrison	38.28 metres	38.28 metres
Shot Put	A. Gordon	A. Frøngley	R. Johns	12.12. metres	14.74 metres
Discus	C. Daly	C. Prichard	S. Stubbing	30.9 metres	49.52 metres
Cycle Race 1600 m	S. Wood	K.O'Keefe	W. Taylor	2 min 56.7 sec	2 min 56.7 sec
4 x 100 Relay	Maroon	Green	Blue	52.0 sec	47.7 sec
<b>INTERMEDIATE "B"</b>					
100 metres	D. Thompson	R. Jory	S. Milliken	12.3 sec	
200 metres	R. Jory	D. Watts/G. Whelan		25.1 sec	
400 metres	S. Coplestone	G. Bradley	G. Lonsdale	1 min 02.3 sec	
800 metres	T. Feaver	L. Mace	C. Hoskin	2 min 25.8 sec	
1500 metres	T. Feaver	R. Miln	C. Hanlon	4 min 57.2 sec	
<b>JUNIOR "A"</b>					
100 metres	D. Jones	T. Stevenson	D. Voullaire	12.2 sec	11.7 sec
200 metres	D. Jones	T. Stevenson	R. Waitere	28.2 sec	24.0 sec
400 metres	D. Jones	R. Ferguson	R. Waitere	1 min 4.0 sec	56.7 sec
800 metres	E. Newton	C. Adams	G. Campbell	2 min 35.8 sec	2 min 14.7 sec
1500 metres	J. France	E. Newton	M. Day	5 min 6.8 sec	4 min 49.0 sec
Long Jump	D. Jones	R. Ferguson	L. Te Huia	4.6 metres	5.52 metres
Triple Jump	B. Feaver	N. Myburg	M. Taylor	9.7 metres	10.07 metres
High Jump	J. Newson	B. Feaver	M. Brough	1.4 metres	1.52 metres
Javelin	A. Clark	G. Sklennars	B. Lovegrove	25.47 metres	27.83 metres
Shot Put	M. Brough	L. Powell	A. Sangster	8.71 metres	10.45 metres
Discus	M. Brough	L. Powell	A. Clark	23.52 metres	28.00 metres
Cycle race 1600 m	K. O'Keefe	B. Thompson	M. Day	3 min 4.9 sec	3 min 4.9 sec
4 x 100 Relay	Blue	White	Maroon	55.8 sec	50.6 sec
<b>JUNIOR "B"</b>					
100 metres	T. Adlam	R. Mack	G. Scoullar	13.7 sec	
200 metres	A. Riddick	R. Mack	A. Sangster	28.5 sec	
400 metres	M. Newland	B. Boocock	M. Parsons	1. min 07.5 sec	
800 metres	J. France	N. Myburgh	D. Jonkers	2 min 39.5 sec	
1500 metres	C. O'Connor	M. Day	J. Newson	5 min 19 sec	
<b>OPEN</b>					
Pole Vault	S. Coplestone	C. Mills	C. Kinzett	2.2 metres	2.86 metres
5000 metres	L. Mace	D. Moses	P. Blair	16 min 48.6 sec	15 min 59.0
2000 metre Steeplechase	D. Moses	L. Mace	C. Hayward	6 min 47.3 sec	6 min 47.3
1600 metre Walk	G. Fitzpatrick	G. Aylward	B. Shaw	9 min 07.1	9 min 07.1
Group Relay	Blue 8	Maroon	Blue 7		
2400 metre 9 man relay	Maroon	White	Blue	5 min 48.4 sec	

## "A" BASKETBALL TEAM



BACK: P. Lay, W. Anderson, A. Gordon, M. Thompson, C. Prichard.  
FRONT: P. Kaitoa, P. Merrit, J. Moffat.

## Basketball

With the arrival of the American Coach, Bill Simmonds many boys took the opportunity to improve their personal skills by attending coaching sessions. However boys committed to basketball teams found the experience worthwhile, while many others using the sport as an adjunct for improving skills for rugby etc found the time required for practice too onerous.

It was unfortunate that more 3rd formers were not prepared to offer themselves for junior teams. Fifth formers were poorly represented in all grades and it is hoped that next year more boys will indicate their readiness to play for school teams. Presumably, the Friday night games clashed with other activities and this prevented us having the success of previous years.

### School "A" team.

This year has been an uphill struggle for the "A" basketball team trying to hold on to some of the dignity last year's very successful team had gained. This year's team was rather inexperienced after losing most of last year's team, the whole starting five in fact. Three of the team returned, Kelvin Cooper, Greg Kaitoa and John Moffat.

The new players were Paul Merritt, Warren Anderson Mark Thomson, Tony Gordon, Craig Prichard and Peter Kaitoa (who replaced his brother Greg) and Robert Clarke Rodney Williams also played three College games for us.

## Badminton

The Badminton Club this year met in the School gymnasium on Mondays after School and on Wednesday evenings. Early in July a team comprised of W.M.Guinness, C.Hill, S.Hill and M.Hopkins, represented the school against Hamilton Boys' High, and were defeated by a much stronger team.

Early in Term 3 the school entered the Inter-secondary Doubles Tournament at Stratford. The School Championships were played early in October, the Senior title going to D. Suvanadat and the Junior title going to S.Hill.

Our Coach, Mr Lay, had a very big task in front of him to bring us up to standard. After a few weeks training the team started to show some promise. The younger players were really starting to show promise, especially Craig Prichard who displayed extreme strength and co-ordination under the boards. Once we got his progressing under control he became a very valuable player - later being selected for the New Plymouth U 20 team. Along with Warren Anderson and John Moffat to rebound we controlled the defensive ball extremely well.

Our major weakness was basic fundamentals like double dribbling, progress etc. Warren Anderson, the second of our big men very often found it difficult to put the rebound straight up, but this changed towards the end of the season when he started to sink everything he rebounded; Warren also had an extremely good outside shot.

John Moffat struggled to find form until the second half of the season when he played consistently well. Not only did he rebound exceptionally well but he also played a vital part as vice captain, controlling the flow of the game.

Kelvin Cooper probably was our best defensive player which must be attributed to his quick feet and hands. He could also take the occasional rebound, out-jumping much taller opponents. Kelvin was also a good team member and had a lot of influence on the rest of the team by boosting morale when we were down.

Mark Thomson was an import from St Paul's Hamilton, and was one of our outside shooters. It was not uncommon for him to hit a couple of twenty footers in a game.

Tony Gordon has a lot of potential as a ball carrier because of his good co-ordination. He is built like a front row prop which means he is also valuable around the boards. His aggressive and determined defensive play often got him in foul trouble, but he has been a valuable member of the starting five. As his skills develop he should be an asset for next year.

We had two fourth formers in the team, Robert Clarke who with more experience will develop into a good player and Peter Kaitoa who is one of our better ball carriers. He thinks basketball and shows a lot of promise.

Next year we hope for more success as six of this year's team will be back again.

We have not had a lot of success on the score sheet but the experience we have all gained and the enjoyment we have received from playing basketball has made the year very successful for us all.

We owe much to Mr Lay's dedication and perseverance to not only the "A" team but to every team in the school, and I'm sure every basketball player in the school thanks him for giving up his valuable time.

The season was of mixed success. We won our first college match against a weak Hamilton Boys' High team 45-25, then were beaten soundly by an extremely good Wellington College team. Narrow losses were recorded against Hawera, Spotswood and Francis Douglas. We were runners up in division 2 of the local B Grade competition - only losing one game in the second round.

We have just played New Plymouth Girls' High in a "Grudge" match. The game was played at GHS in the lunch hour which explained why the boys were not playing to form (untold distractions). The game started off very intensely with GHS scoring the first 2 baskets. We then got into gear and took the lead in the end, winning 58 - 40 (20 of their points were given to them as a handicap - real score 58-20)

### School "B" team

The Boys' High "B" basketball team had a very enjoyable, if not entirely successful, year in the local C grade competition.

Although competition was hard and fast the team was unlucky not to pull off far more wins than they did, on at least two occasions games were lost only after playing extra time.

It was some time before the combined coaching of Mr Lay, Mr Wilson and Mr Sims showed any real effect, as many of the team were comparatively new to competition basketball; however, after a number of games the team pulled together and began to play as a unit enabling a relaxed atmosphere and more enjoyable basketball.

The team showed considerable potential with players like T. Feaver, G. Fitzpatrick and P. Webb all over 6 foot. R. Williamson, R. Clarke and S. Hughes showed surprising agility when dribbling; combined with C. Kinzett as the main shooter.

Next year with much more talent emerging from the junior league the school should be able to field a fairly strong team.

### Inter-house Basketball

Competition was more even than in previous years, but Maroon with greater depth of experience never looked likely to lose their top rating.

In the first round, Maroon out-manoeuvred Green 40-19 and Blue had a height advantage over White to take the game 34-14. The final saw Maroon triumph 35-22 over Blue while White took the wooden spoon losing 20-26 against Green.

Green House Juniors show all-round superiority winning the final comfortably against a dimutive Maroon team 22-0. Blue House, the tallest team failed to co-ordinate their skills losing narrowly in the play off with White 12 - 14. It would be encouraging to see some of these players coming forward for next year's basketball team.

### Summer League

Seven teams entered the lunch time competition which was aimed at giving boys an opportunity to play social basketball. The initial rounds were played in good spirit, but as the competition proceeded, the closeness of the games has produced a keen, determined approach by teams. Spectator appeal has been good and refereeing by the boys has improved. At present John Moffat's team 1 and Craig Prichard's team 3 are top ranked followed closely by Clayton Veitch's 5th form team and Paul Hansen's Boarders' team.

We entered four teams in the Junior League competition. Our 3rd and 4th form boys did very well against very often older teams. Our 3rd form Black team finished fourth in the competition.

By looking at the standard of these young players we will possibly have a top class "A" team in a few years as these 3rd and 4th form boys are so keen they are down on the Gully courts every lunchtime and after school - it looks as though basketball is growing rapidly.

## FIRST CRICKET XI



BACK: I. Ormiston, M. Thomson, G. Moore, H. Davidson, C. Harrop.  
FRONT: B. Lilley, M. Greig, C. Trenwith, G. Robertson, B. Cox.

## Cricket

All New Plymouth B.H.S. teams performed very creditably during the 1977-78 season. The First XI secured outright wins over HamiltonBHS and Wellington College and drew with Wanganui Collegiate and Palmerston North B.H.S. in the College fixtures. The match against Palmerston North was for the Heathcote-Williams Trophy. In the club Competition the First XI would have most certainly won the Senior Second Division had not their tour to Australia interfered with two matches. The team was very capably led by Campbell Trenwith with Gary Robertson as his vice-captain. Gary had a wonderful season both with bat and ball and gained many representative honours, the most notable being selection for Central Districts B and for the New Zealand Secondary School team to tour Australia. The highlight of the season was a tour to Australia in January which helped build a fine team. The team also gained much benefit from a visit by National Coach Martin Horton and from the opportunity to practise with Geoff Boycott's England Team. The team was most fortunate in having the services of former Canterbury and Central Districts player Mr Wayne Burt as coach.

The Second XI coached by Mr Bert Robson and led by Chris Harrop did extremely well up until Christmas. They were well placed in a drawn match against a strong Palmerston North B.H.S. team and for a time led the Second Grade competition. After Christmas Chris Harrop, Ian Ormiston, Stephen Dravitski and Hugh Davidson were promoted to the First XI and Brett Jones took over the captaincy. The loss of Stephen Dravitski limited the bowling somewhat with

the result that a number of matches were lost outright after the team had gained a first innings lead. The highlight of the second half of the season was a fine century by Tony Gordon. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Bert Robson for all his help as player/coach.

The 3rd XI, ably coached by Mr G. Wilson contained a number of young but very promising players. The Boys found it hard playing in an open grade against adult players but there were many fine individual performances. The loss of Mark Barclay from this team was indeed a big blow. The hard competitive experience gained by the boys in this team will enable many of them to reach First XI status at an early age.

Two teams called Cavaliers and Centurions were entered in the Fourth Grade Competition and these teams enjoyed considerable success. Our thanks go to Mr McIlhorne for coaching the Centurions and to Mr A. Johnson for his coaching and managing of the Cavaliers and for his organisation of helpers from the Merrilands Club when things were difficult at the beginning of the season.

Two teams called Nomads and Wanderers were entered in the 5th Grade Competition. These two teams of enthusiastic third formers were coached by Mr Butler and Mr Crawford. The competition was won by the Wanderers whose only loss was to the Nomads. Both teams played good cricket and contained many promising players. Our thanks go to Mr Loveridge for his assistance in coaching managing and administrating at 5th grade level.

## FIRST XI

After a successful tour of Australia and a good club season, the School's 1st XI was fully prepared for the College season.

In the first College tie the School was keen to avenge their defeat at the hands of Hamilton Boys' High last year. Winning the toss, School sent Hamilton into bat and soon had them reeling; dismissed for 46. Main destroyers were Gary Robertson and Campbell Trenwith who in 16 overs between them collected 5 for 25 and 4 for 20 respectively. A feature of this effort was the excellent ground fielding which restricted the scoring considerably and produced such good figures for the bowlers. Donald McLeod was top scorer for Hamilton with 13. At their turn at bat School compiled 215; G. Robertson 85, C. Trenwith 44; G. Moore 24; S. Dravitski 19 n.o., C. Harrop 14 and B. Lilley 10. Bowling for Hamilton P. Kneebone took 4 for 92, showing his versatility as both a left-arm spinner and medium-pacer, and S. Dench took 4 for 53. By tea on the first day Hamilton were batting the second time, but did not fare much better than in the first innings. School, with their tails up, were unwilling to ease up and pressed home the advantage to dismiss them for 54 with Giles and Mallett being the only batsmen to reach double figures with 12 and 11 respectively. Again School's fielding and bowling were of a high standard - reflected in the figures of G. Robertson (5/31), C. Trenwith (3/14) and M. Greig (2/0). Still with just over a day left in this scheduled two-day match, N.P.B.H.S. had won by an innings and 115 runs.

Travelling to Wellington by public transport the team found the journey quite tiring, but fortunately unlike the previous trip to Wellington where we had to play the day after we had just finished playing Palmerston North B.H.S., we had time to rest before we played the following day. On our arrival at the ground, we were instantly struck by the number of pupils engaged in athletics, all uniformed. A quick inspection of the wicket and it was obvious that the winning of the toss was essential because the pitch, although quite hard, was going to crumble and powder quite quickly, meaning someone's spinners were in for a lot of work. Fortunately for us, although we lost the toss, Wellington sent us into field so we were spared from making the decision. Wellington were soon in trouble to the left-arm leg-spin of M. Greig who came through the innings with 5 for 21. Unfortunately for Wellington, they lost their captain, M. Coppersmith, after a ball from S. Dravitski rose off a good length and took him in the mouth, so he could no longer take any part in the match. Wellington were dismissed for 111; but they had us in some trouble when we went into bat, and we would have come off worse had it not been for knocks of 52 (B. Cox) and 56 (C. Trenwith) and a fourth wicket partnership of 84 which ensured that the total would reach 150. In fact we were all out for 154. By now the pitch had crumbled badly and through what our team considered some indifferent umpiring on the second day, Wellington could consider themselves lucky to reach 69 with all the NPBHS bowlers getting wickets: M. Greig 4/19, G. Robertson 3/9, C. Trenwith 2/24. Only Warner (17) and Miller (12) offered any resistance, with Warner hitting four boundaries. Set a total of 27, School lost only the wicket of B. Lilley before reaching their target shortly after tea. A win by nine wickets.

The match against Palmerston North Boys' High School for the Heathcote Williams Shield took place in Palmerston North on the 14 and 15 March and, in a game which seemed destined to be a draw from the start, a surprisingly exciting game developed as both sides struggled to obtain supremacy during the first and most of the second day. Palmerston naturally tried to build a large total, and this they did with the aid of some important factors. Firstly the pitch, a beautifully prepared wicket for batting as was reflected by the over 600 runs which were scored on it in two days. Secondly, the very fast outfield had a direct bearing on the scores - there was very little grass, and the ball accelerated off the ground and raced through to the fence. The third and most decisive factor was innings of Rohan Meuli an ex-pupil of NPBHS, whose 119 took 257 minutes, including 20 fours. Rohan seemed to thrive on the pressure exerted on him, and while his first six runs took an hour to accumulate, once he was sighting the ball he displayed some good shots with incredible timing. In hot conditions, Palmerston batted for almost all of their limited 4½ hours (due to challenge conditions) before they were dismissed for 277. Support for R. Meuli came from Barnett (3), B. Brougham (30), Stratford (22) and Gunning, also with 22. M. Greig took 5/37 off 15 overs. G. Robertson also toiled hard for 2/56 after his first eight overs had brought no wickets but had conceded only nine runs. Our innings got off to a bad start, losing G. Moore without scoring and G. Robertson (27) with the score at 45. Stumps were then drawn, and it was obvious that a long and hard fight was ahead. But on the second day we lost wickets in quick succession and at 7 for 81 there was a real possibility that we would have to follow on. However, there were three significant partnerships: B. Lilley and H. Davidson added 49 for the eighth wicket, B. Lilley and M. Thompson added 55 for the ninth wicket when Lilly was out for 73, an innings of real tenacity and courage. M. Thompson and M. Greig then added a further 16 runs. Bowling for Palmerston, Gunning took 3/30 and Barnett 2/30 in concerted spells of bowling. Aided by a change in Palmerston's batting order, School dismissed them in the second innings for 87, with G. Robertson and wicketkeeper B. Lilley proving a deadly combination on five occasions. Robertson taking 8/33 truly earned a place on the honours board with fiery, hostile bowling. Brian Lilley in achieving six dismissals in the innings must have set some new school record. This left School 164 runs to get in 55 minutes, and at the close we were 38/2. In easily the best match of the season for skill, tension and excitement, School performed with notable credit. This challenge for the Heathcote Williams Shield would not have been possible but for the co-operation of those parents who took cars to Palmerston at their own expense. The team says thank-you to them.

NPBHS were keen to repeat the performance of last year's team in beating Wanganui Collegiate at home by 137 runs, their first home defeat for many years. This year's match was played on the top ground at NPBHS on March 20 and 21. On a dampish wicket, School was sent in to bat and only through the efforts of tail-enders, S. Dravitski and M. Greig, who added 55 runs for the tenth wicket, did School reach the respectable score of 177, after the innings had been in ruin at 122/9. For Wanganui, Lawrence's figures were 4/23 and Powdrell 6/32 - just rewards for keeping the ball on the stumps. S. Pease was dismissed off the first ball of the Wanganui

innings, and at stumps on the first day they were struggling at 81/7. The next morning, however, proved fruitful for the visitors and B. B. Sheedy reached 76 no. (on 21 overnight) their total was 178 - one run more than ours. No-one was prepared for the dramatic collapse that followed in School's second innings - 45/9, with a slight recovery after tea to be dismissed for 80, leaving Wanganui a target of 79 runs to amass in 90 minutes. Wanganui, although subjected to some tight bowling and keen fielding never really went for the runs, and were 51/5 at the close. At least School had salvaged some honour from the second innings.

The first XI's season has been a most enjoyable and successful one. Special thanks must go to Mr Wayne Burt for his patience and dedication as Coach who seemed to be able to sort out the players' minor problems before they turned into major ones. We were very well supported by parents, mothers and fathers alike, who helped with teas, transport and organisation of fund-raising jaunts for the trip to Australia. It was a season in which we felt proud to wear the School 'tiger'.

## SECOND XI

The second XI this season had gone up a grade from the previous seasons league. It was playing second grade country cricket and started off the season very impressively. By the end of the first round of competition it remained on top of the table by a huge margin of 15 points.

During the first round of competition an official college game with P.N.B.H.S. was played and remarkably contrasted with the previous season's fixture with the same team. School got off to a poor start in the first innings but managed to scrape through to 112 all out. I. Ormiston top scored, P.N.B.H.S. batted impressively in the 1st Innings making 180. Then School attacked the diminishing bowling of P.N.B.H.S. and made 190 in the second innings. Hugh Davidson scored a fine half century. Bowling was not one of School's major strengths but S. Dravitzki bowled magnificently claiming many victims in P.N.B.H.S. second innings. At the close of play P.N.B.H.S. were 76 for 8 needing 47 runs to win. This was a fine performance by N.P.B.H.S. in Palmerston North.

After the Christmas break School lost the greatly appreciated services of S. Dravitzki, I. Ormiston, C. Harrop, M. Davidson and G. Syme who were promoted to the 1st XI. These losses were compensated for by fine performances from T. Gordon who scored a tremendous half century in the final match of the season, hitting five sixes. The bowling was dominated by B. Jones and T. Gordon.

## Wanderers Third Form Cricket Team — Shield Winners.



Other good performances came from D. Foreman, S. Robertson and G. Hughes.

School ended up around mid-table at the close of the season which was a reasonable effort.

On behalf of the team I wish to thank Mr Bert Robson for his knowledge, experience and patience as a player/coach.

Team for the season was:  
B. Jones (Capt), C. Harrop, I. Ormiston  
G. Syme, H. Davidson, C. May, G. Blyth,  
S. Robertson, K. Jones, D. Foreman,  
T. Gordon, G. Hughes, R. Balsom and  
Mr Bert Robson.

## Cross-country

The cross country this year was run over the same course as the last three years. The weather was fine without being too hot. The cross country was however marred this year because of the new age groupings which put nearly half of the school into the intermediate age group.

The most notable factor of this year's cross-country was the improvement of attitude of the Seniors with several competitors returning very respectable times.

The first three seniors home were :

E. Rienks 1st  
D. Shaw 2nd  
R. McNair 3rd

The Intermediate section was the toughest because of the large number of competitors. This was evident when C. Hayward overtook D. Russell on the line to get third place, providing the closest tustle all day.

The first three Intermediates home were:

L. Mace 1st  
G. Bradley 2nd  
C Hayward 3rd

Junior grade was also a keen competition but this was over-shadowed by the fine performance of M. Day who came in 1st nearly a full minute ahead of his next competitor.

The first three Juniors home were:

M. Day 1st  
K. Adams 2nd  
J. France 3rd

The House competition was won by Maroon for the second time in a row. The points which are obtained by adding together the lowest 50 places regardless of level were:  
Maroon: 1517 1st, White 1629 2nd; Blue 1720 3rd  
Green 1974, 4th

## 1978 Intersec Cross Country

N.P.B.H.S. did well again in the intersec cross country, getting two individual 2nd places: M. Day in the Juniors, and L. Mace in the Intermediate. The Junior Boys' team got 2nd in the teams event and the Intermediate boys 3rd in their teams event.

With the standard that the seniors showed in the school event there was every possibility of the team doing well in the senior competition. However as only one senior would give up his time for two hours on Saturday morning, no team was fielded.

The competition was held, as last year, at Waitara on a course that, although shorter than ours, is far more demanding. The turnout from the other Taranaki Schools was good and the competition high, so N.P.B.H.S. did well to get as many individual placings and team placings as we did.

### Teams:

Junior: M. Day, J. France, N. Myburgh  
C. Adams, B. Hayward, T. Maxwell

Intermediate: L. Mace, C. Hayward,  
G. Bradley, S. Martin, L. Mathews  
S. Duckett, D. Russell.

Senior: R. McNair

## Cycling

During the first weekend of the August holidays the school was represented in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships.

This event is held annually at Levin and invites five riders, who ride together as a team over a course of 16 km. The final time taken for team is based on the fourth man across the line. In addition to the teams time trial there is also an individual time trial in which the reserves of each team compete. The eventual winner in both the teams and individual time trials is based on the shortest time over the course. The team selected to ride comprised: Denis Shaw, Harley Van den Bos, Steven Wood, Kevin O'Keeffe, and Jeff Walker, with the reserves being Rodney O'Keeffe and Mark Peters. Entries this year were very much up to the standard of the previous year with 25 schools being represented from throughout the country. Much interest was taken in the Otorohanga College team of girls - who created history in being the first girls team to ever compete - and finish.

This year our squad was confident of taking the title, which only escaped us last year due to the mechanical troubles that plagued us. Conditions on the day were far from good with thunderstorms and hail falling overnight and snow falling on the

nearby ranges during the race. On top of this were the wind conditions which made the return journey extremely painful. Nevertheless, the time came when it was our turn to go out and tackle the elements. At 12.25 p.m. we set off on our errand of mercy, but within the first 3 miles the fast pace we set was starting to show. We were forced to chop down to  $\frac{1}{2}$  pace to enable Kevin O'Keeffe to keep contact with the bunch. Unfortunately Kevin was unable to settle down, which often happens to riders early in this type of event. So as we climbed over the summit of the only hill on the course we were down to four riders, and it was essential that we kept together as the time is taken on the fourth man in these events. Up until now things had looked promising but the worst was yet to come. At the turn Jeff Walker had the misfortune to crash - thus we lost valuable time getting him back on his machine. On the homeward journey the head wind began to show on Jeff after his spill, so he sat on the back, whilst Denis, Harley and Steven lapped it out in front. Over the final mile the four of us made an all out effort to pull back the 2 minutes deficit which we lost at the crash, but this wasn't enough to get the title.

The winning team was from Kawerau College (24 min 34 sec), second Christchurch Boys' High (25 min 12 sec) and third Queen Elizabeth College Palmerston North (25 min 59 sec). Our time of 26 min 40 sec put us 9th overall, which shows that if we hadn't lost time in the crash we could have been there.

Thanks must go to Mr Te Ruki who gave us some invaluable motor pacing for several weeks before the race and also to Tasman Hertz for their assistance in regard to transport.

## Hockey

### FIRST XI

Prospects for the team were not good this season with only four of last year's players returning which resulted in members of the team not knowing other members style of play.

In the first few games of the season it was apparent that the team lacked combination and so did poorly in the first round of the Senior B competition. In the second round, however, the team was beginning to combine and so gave other teams quite a fright.

As the season went on the forwards strengthened in their play although they were unable to finish many of their moves, this resulted in many possible goals being missed and the opposition then taking the offensive.

### v HAMILTON (Hamilton, June 29)

This game, School lost 2-5 though the score does not give a true indication of the game.

This game played in ideal conditions was very close as both teams were constantly attacking and defending. School lost many possible goals through an inability to complete their moves and many goal opportunities were lost.

### v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE (Wanganui July 20)

In this game played in terrible conditions, School was completely out-classed. The loss of L. Morgan in the first five minutes of play also had a direct bearing on play. By the end of the first half Collegiate had taken complete control of the game and all School could do was defend for the remainder of the game. The final score was 10-0 to Collegiate.

## FIRST HOCKEY XI



BACK: D. Orr, L. Morgan, E. Morgan, P. Nairn, P. Rogers, C. McMahon.  
FRONT: R. Cumming, M. Hayward, G. Hughes (capt.), J. Larsen (v. capt.), J. Gordon, B. Hayward.

v WELLINGTON (Top Ground July 24)

In this game School showed a lack of combination in the first half, this resulted in Wellington building up a good lead before the end of the first half. In the second half School gained more possession of the ball and so was able to attack more. On one of these attacks School was awarded a penalty stroke and so J. Larsen scored our only point of the game, the final score was 6-1 to Wellington.

v WANGANUI BOYS' COLLEGE (Top ground August 2)

This game was a disappointment for all involved with School. Many opportunities were lost due to a lack of combination and so many disappointments were felt. An important factor in this game was the loss of our goalie and so our defence was rather erratic with some lucky saves being made by goalie and defence. School was unlucky to lose only 6-2 in this game.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

This year the team travelled to Auckland to compete in the annual tournament. Most of the teams were from Auckland but some came from other main centres around the country with two from as far away as Christchurch.

In all School played 6 games and won 2, drew 1, and lost 3.

The tournament started on Monday 21 August and School played two games that day.

In the morning School played Otahuhu High School. The game was played with good spirit. Both teams were evenly matched and the final score was 3-all. In the afternoon School played Rosehill College and defeated them 2 - nil.

On Tuesday School played Christchurch Boys' High who were the expected winners and holders of the Hatch Cup. School was completely outclassed by Christchurch's skill and ability to control all play but school did not give up and fought back gallantly and just missed several attempts at goal. The final score was 8 - nil to Christchurch

On Wednesday School played Penrose High School in the morning and defeated them 3 - nil. All the goals were scored in the first ten minutes.

In the afternoon School played Hillmorton High School and lost 4-2. This game was about the hardest for School and we were unlucky several times not to score.

On Thursday School played St. Kentigerns and lost 3-1. Again School missed several attempts at scoring goals.

School finished in 12th place out of 16 teams. The overall winners were Christchurch Boys' High.

Congratulations to G.Hughes for being selected into the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team.

Thanks to Mr. Green for his managing and coaching and for providing transport for the team. Thanks also to all those other people who provided transport and other services for the team.

2ND AND 3RD TEAMS

The school this year entered two teams in the third grade competition. These teams travelled as far away as Hawera and Opunake, where, in Opunake especially, competition was found hard and the standard of play by both teams playing was exceptionally high. The Second Eleven had some convincing wins over the season with a fair overall comment of average.

Both teams had their ups and downs, with the Third Eleven having more downs than ups. Nevertheless, all team members and coaches had a very satisfying season.

The teams did not face any difficulty as they did last year, in the unavailability of transport. In that respect the teams would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the parents of the team-members and of course to the coaches, Mr. Krook and Ms. Breen, for all their time and support over the season.

## FIRST RUGBY XV



**BACK:** G. Harkness, P. Clout, T. Ryder, M. Greig, G. Moore, C. Mills, G. Coleman, T. Coplestone.  
**MIDDLE:** K. Gifford, R. Cole, P. McLaughlin, T. Tukaroa, M. Roberts, T. Webster, J. Holden.  
**FRONT:** B. Scott, B. Lilley, K. Monk, N. Prince, G. Robertson, B. Meuli, T. Urbahn, B. Pirikahu .

## Rugby

The 1978 season proved to be a most satisfactory one. The School fielded 12 teams in local competitions and the outstanding achievement was the performance of the 6th Grade Gold side which played very attractive rugby to win all but two of its matches. The 8th Grade Black team had a highly successful season too, finishing with the 'Top Dog' trophy.

Many school players gained selection in Taranaki representative teams at various levels and several members of the First XV went to Australia with the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team.

Thanks must be extended to our willing band of non-staff coaches - Neil Wolfe, Barry Darney, Brian Bellringer, Tom Woods, Roger Urbahn and Brian Bone - without whose assistance rugby could not proceed.

### FIRST XV

After a very successful training camp held during the second week of the May holidays, the first fifteen squad was selected and consisted of 22 players but this was increased to 24 after some unfortunate injuries very early in the season.

School again played in the local Senior 3rd competition, playing for points and amassing enough to warrant a position in the top six which showed that the team was combining well. However, owing to Collegiate commitments, we had to drop down to the Lower Division in this competition. The first game of the season was played against the Headmaster's XV. This was a very open game played in high spirits, but experience won the day with the Headmaster's XV winning 30-24.

With several forwards and one back from the previous year's team forming the foundation of this year's team the college games were faced with confidence. Although the record stands at having played six won 1, drawn 1, and lost 4, by no means was this team disgraced as their losing margin was never greater than 4 points, except for one which was 7 points.

The potential of this team was indicated when ten members gained selection in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' team to tour Australia and 5 in the Secondary Schools "B" team.

The majority of the younger members of this year's team who will be returning next year should benefit from the experience gained and stand them in good stead, particularly with an overseas tour in the offing.



Thanks go to parents who constantly encouraged the team, and also to the ladies who served the afternoon teas and the billetters of both home and away games.

We cannot forget to thank the 2nd XV for they helped immensely with their constant opposition at practices even when they had finished their own games.

Our special thanks go to Mr Carroll for all the time and effort he has devoted to coaching the First Fifteen and we wish him well for the future.

#### Vs Headmaster's XV (Gully)

A pre-season game which the 1st XV and coach Mr Max Carroll organised to raise funds for the proposed tour of North America in January 1980, and to re-introduce the Headmaster's XV fixture. The game was followed by a function in the Boarders' Lounge, which was attended by many Old Boys and ex-First Fifteeners - bringing back many happy memories.

The Headmaster's XV was composed of ex-first fifteeners, many now who are playing representative rugby. The team included All Black half-back, Mark Donaldson, and junior All Blacks, Bruce Middleton and Geoff Old. The atmosphere on the Gully was only matched by the fine day and the largest crowd seen on the terraces for many years.

The game was generally fast and open with strong defence and attacks from both sides. School was, not surprisingly out-gunned in lineouts and scrums but fought back strongly in the loose play and showed great determination and exuberance. One of the Headmaster's XV was heard to say - "Phew! These jokers are hitting the rucks bloody hard."

Hard 'tight' work was shown from N.Prince, C.Mills (who scored a good forward effort try) and M.Greig - who particularly showed out in a tussle with Geoff Old in the lineouts and was rewarded later with a crashing try. In the backs K.Gifford tackled determinedly while T.Urbahn and G.Robertson combined well with Urbahn scoring a fine individual chasing try. Robertson also made some deceptive up-field dashes from first-five while being constantly hounded by Bruce Middleton.

A feature of the Headmaster's XV was the quick and efficient delivery from the forwards to Mark Donaldson who then set a speedy and skilled back line into action with long, accurate passes.

At half-time the score was 10-9 to the Headmaster's XV which reflected the state of play. But in the second-half the Headmaster's XV put on the pressure to create what seemed an irrecoverable margin for school to close; only to be forced into mistakes from a final burst from School, who came back defiantly.



**School Haka**

The final score ran out at 30-24 with the Headmaster's XV showing too much experience and speed over the determined and promising school side.

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**Against Hamilton**

#### vs Hamilton Boy's High (New Plymouth 29th June)

N.P.B.H.S. went close to lifting Moascar Cup when it met the holder Hamilton B.H.S. in the first college match of the season on the Gully.

Hamilton led 9-3 at halftime slightly against the run of play but it had the better of the second spell apart from periods at the start and finish. In a clean-fought match, there were ten penalty shots at goal. H.B.H.S. did not have any attempts while N.P.B.H.S. missed twice, once from in front of the posts.

The forwards had a tremendous battle although the taller H.B.H.S. players won control at the lineouts. On the other hand, N.P.B.H.S. led powerfully by M.Greig, N.Prince and K.Monk, were more than a handful for their opponents in the mauls and rucks.

H.B.H.S. held a decided advantage in the backline and they used a series of planned moves which on occasions stretched the home team's defence. The N.P.B.H.S. backs tumbled badly on occasions and it was only through some individual breaks, with half-back T. Urbahn, 2nd first five-eighth G. Robertson, that attacking chances were created.

N.P.B.H.S., attacking strongly from the start, scored first when Urbahn passed from a free kick to Robertson who drop-kicked a goal. Harris levelled the score soon after with a dropped goal from a scrum.

N.P.B.H.S., winning possession from rucks, some lineouts through Greig, and a tighthead by Monk, launched a series of attacks and winger B. Pirikahu was just forced out in the corner. However, just before halftime, H.B.H.S. worked a switch from a scrum. No. 8 G. Harkness made a good covering tackle for N.P.B.H.S. but the Hamilton Captain, G. Mallet, raced in to take a pass and score. The conversion made it 9-3 to H.B.H.S. at halftime.

N.P.B.H.S. was close to scoring immediately into the second spell when its forwards gained the push at scrums. But later on, the Hamilton forwards dominated possession from lineouts and started a series of attacks which were only stopped by desperate defence. Hamilton's right winger R. Church was only just held at the corner by T. Coplestone on one occasion.

Five minutes from the end, N.P.B.H.S. again forced its way to the opposition goal-line and after several scrums on the line, Urbahn dived over to score. Coplestone's conversion hit the upright and bounced over the bar.

Scorers were:

N.P.B.H.S.: Try, T. Urbahn; conversion, T. Coplestone; dropped goal, G. Robertson.

Hamilton B.H.S.: try, G. Mallet, conversion A. Fatu, dropped goal, P. Harris.

#### vs St. Pat's, Silverstream (St. Pat's 8 July)

The first XV travelled for the second match. The weather was cloudy and wet on arrival and these conditions prevailed over the next day.

School went into the game looking for a win and was on the way to one when C. Mills went in for a try in the first five minutes. Silverstream fought back and were able to land a penalty to make it 4-3. The teams were very even with St. Pat's having an advantage in the lineouts. School's attack lost G. Robertson at first five-eighth and so the backline lost his experience.

The score was 4 - 3 at half-time. School fought hard in the second half and had the territorial advantage but each time St Pat's got near our line they were given a penalty. They did this twice but before the second T. Coplestone scored a penalty to make the score 7 - 6.

After their second penalty St. Pat's went into the lead by 9 - 7. School tried valiantly to gain more points but were unable to put points on the board

The game was played in high spirits and good performances were displayed by T. Coplestone and K. Gifford in the backs and T. Webster, C. Mills and M. Greig. The final score was 9 - 7 to St. Pat's.

#### vs Wanganui Collegiate (Wanganui 20 July)

This was School's third college match of the season Played at Wanganui in atrocious conditions, the rain which never ceased destroyed all attempts at constructive play. The mud reduced the game to a slow sluggish, forward-dominated match.

The two packs were evenly matched but the School forwards moved with great cohesion and on several occasions made bursting forward rushes down the field.

All back play was thwarted as with a good source of lineout ball the Collegiate team pressured school by kicking high and deep.

Both teams tried to run the ball while it was dry and on several occasions the Collegiate backline looked dangerous.

Once school had settled down things changed a little, School in some fine movements put pressure on the Collegiate line. The rain reduced the game to ten man rugby so it was a sorry sight to see Gary Robertson leave the field. School was to be affected further by the loss of Hooker K. Monk.

Lock forward Greig played an outstanding game, featuring in the tight play and tidying up loose ball. He scored School's only try which was converted by G. Robertson. T. Coplestone added a further three points from a penalty. Collegiate points came from a converted try and two penalty goals.

School, down 12-9, never gave up hope and right up until the final whistle gave a spirited display of Rugby. The final score was 12 -9 to Wanganui Collegiate.

#### vs Palmerston North (Gully 27 June)

Palmerston North Boys' High School played at the School Gully in a continual downpour.

Palmerston North came here with a big reputation, having won all its last eight College games by at least fifteen points and with two of their team having made the New Zealand Secondary School team. On the other hand School were yet to win a College game.

School kicked off towards the town end. It did not go ten metres and Palmerston from the scrum ran the blind and their huge forward pack steam-rolled school back towards our goal line. Palmerston gained a differential penalty. They tried a dropped goal but an alert G. Robertson was on hand to charge down the attempt. From the resulting run of play school gained a scrum on Palmerston's twenty-five. The ball was quickly passed along the backline with fullback T. Coplestone coming into the line and the try was scored. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. Palmerston were stunned.

School started to exert more pressure and were playing like demons. Palmerston started to wear down School and through poor tackling their centre was allowed in for a try. It was unconverted. Palmerston again were on attack and received a penalty with which they were successful. The half-time score was 7 - 4 to Palmerston North.

The second half saw school applying sustained pressure to the Palmerston line but a well drilled defence held us out. The final score remained seven-four.

#### vs Te Aute (Gully 5 August)

In a closely fought battle, in almost perfect conditions on the Gully, School battled through to a 6 - 3 victory over Te Aute.

On a firm ground the two forward packs fought all of a humid first half, each trying to gain dominance. The heavy forward pack of Te Aute proved an immovable wall at scrums but the faster more mobile School pack eventually tired Te Aute, Te Aute having props of 12 and 18 stone.

The Te Aute backs didn't show any of the pace of previous Te Aute sides but were solid on defence, as were the School backs. It was only with some fine kicks from School's first five-eighth G. Robertson that the pressure was relieved from the School line.

During one of Te Aute's attacks they were able to pick up points with a penalty goal. Te Aute's other attempts were stopped by some excellent defence. School's first points came from a fine sideline kick from T. Coplestone. This levelled the score at 3 - all. School was to add to its score a further 3 points from an indirect penalty G. Robertson dropkicked the goal, the ball shaving the upright and then bouncing in.

It was with score at 6 - 3 that the game tightened up and both teams were deprived of points by strong tackling and well placed kicks. Both teams were very determined and the game often flowed from one end of the field to the other.

The fact that there were no tries scored in the game indicates the closeness of the game. Gary Robertson kicked many long touch finders and it was his accurate kicking that gave School the advantage.

The game was played in fine spirit and at the after-match function the Te Aute players gave an impressive display of Maori skills.

#### vs Auckland Grammar (Grammar 19 August)

This, the last game of the College season, was played at Auckland Grammar in overcast conditions. The game was played in the spirit that hard vigorous Rugby should be played. An unfortunate aspect of the game was that the Referee who had taken the previous third formers game had to step in at the last moment.

Grammar backs kept our backs under constant pressure throughout the game, but once again our strength in the forwards showed, M. Greig featuring in a great amount of the play.

Eventually the strength of their backline broke through School's defences to score in the corner. Not long after Grammar first five R. Fox was given the opportunity to bring the half-time score to 7-0 with an easy penalty shot.

The second half saw our backs running with rather more purpose. A break initiated by T. Urbahn resulted in a try for loose forward C. Mills. Several times a try for School seemed inevitable but the defence was too strong.

Grammar lengthened their lead with another try only to have it cut back again with a fine long range penalty by T. Coplestone for School.

The match was finally sealed for Grammar with another penalty goal to R. Fox bringing the Aucklanders out eventual winners by 14 - 7.

## SECOND XV

Although the Seconds didn't have a very successful season by way of wins, in the Secondary Schools Competition, it managed to beat Hamilton 2nd XV by 6 - 0 in a game that didn't seem to really get going. The team also managed to win their other annual fixture by 46 - 0 against N.P.O.B. 4th Grade, for the Gordon-Roper Shield. The Seconds suffered a few set backs in losing Captain Brad Scott as well as Jeremy Harland to the First XV during the season, and also through injuries. The side was very young this year, and lacked experience at the beginning of the season, but improved as the season progressed. Next year's team may prove to be a good one, with many of the First XV returning, which means many of the Seconds may remain in the 2nd XV. The Seconds would like to extend their thanks to Mr B. Darney and Mr N. Wolfe for the time spent coaching us.



Urbahn in Action

### THIRD XV (Fifth Grade Black)

This team, coached by Mr Bellringer, got off to a bad start in that early grading games were lost by 1 or 2 points. This disappointing beginning resulted in the team being placed in the second division. However, with the thorough coaching of Mr Bellringer the team overcame its weaknesses in fundamentals such as tackling and ball-handling and settled down to a much improved second half to the season.

By defeating Francis Douglas College early in the second half of the season we gained the Star Challenge Cup and, not losing any more games, we held it till the end of the season. The annual fixture between the Third XV and W.H.S. 2nd XV was hard and fast, and we lost only in the closing minutes of play 10 - 9.

All in all, the team looked doomed from the start, but thanks to excellent coaching we were transformed into a well-knit team.

### SENIOR HOUSE RUGBY

This year's house rugby was again of a high standard. Blue met Maroon and White met Green in the first round. From these games Blue and White progressed to the final after Blue beat Maroon 7 - 0 and White beat Green 10 - 0. Both of these games were played in wet conditions which did not permit free flowing back movements.

However the final was played on a fine day and as a consequence some fast rugby was seen. In the first half White appeared to dominate and was up 10 - 3 at the change around. However in the second half Blue came back and soon scored points through some good following up and capitalising on the mistakes of White. Although White tried hard to regain the lead Blue eventually ran out the winners 17 - 10.

### JUNIOR HOUSE RUGBY

Results of first round: White beat Green 46-10 and Blue beat Maroon 30 - 0. After two very high scoring games in the first round the final looked very interesting. White opened the scoring and appeared to have the match well controlled until halfway through the game. Blue got on top and came close to reaching White's score. However White, through the good play of the forwards, eventually came out the winners 22 - 12.

### DAY BOYS' vs BOARDERS

On Thursday, September 21, the Annual Day Boy Boarder Rugby clash took place. Both teams knew the years of tradition behind this match and were out to win.

The teams were fairly even with the Day Boys having a slight advantage in the forwards. The match was played in fine hot conditions allowing a fast and flowing game.

The first spell was very even with both sets of backs unable to get penetration. Early on T. Coplestone put the Boarders into the lead with a penalty. The Day boys came back with a pushover try to T. Urbahn to make the score 4 - 3. Just before halftime W. Dunn landed a penalty to give the Day boys a lead at half-time of 7 - 3.

In the second spell the day boys didn't run the ball as much and played to their strength. Although the Boarders defence was solid it wasn't able to stop J. Holden from setting a fine try. This gave the Day boys a lead of 11-3 which would have been a fair indication of the game but this wasn't to be. In the final minute after some sustained pressure T. Webster scored a try by the posts which was converted by W. Dunn to give a full-time 17-3 win to the Day boys.

Scorers: Day-boys: J. Holden, T. Webster, (tries)  
W. Dunn, (conversion penalty)  
Boarders: T. Coplestone (penalty)

## Soccer

### FIRST XI

This year the squad was coached in conjunction with the 2nd XI by Finn McDonald and having six players back from last year this meant that the team should have been stronger than in preceding years. With the incentive of an overseas tour and the support given the team by all concerned with soccer in the school 1978 has been a pleasing year for this code.

In the local competition the team played in Division One of the Men's Senior Competition. Here the standard of competition is more intense and demanding and the degree of fitness maintained by team members was our major advantage against what was usually a more experienced and sometimes better skilled opposition. The 1st XI did well to finish 4th in the local competition with a final record of: Played 17, Won 9; drawn 3; lost 5. Goals for 46 Goals against 41. It was significant that the team played at its best in wet conditions and with a heavy ground. This was noticeable in College games and overseas as well.

### Hamilton Boys - 29 June

This was perhaps the most frustrating game of the season for our team in that we dominated many aspects of play but the attack moves never seemed to come off and the many shots at goal never resulted in success. Hamilton although lacking midfield possession or real control of the game managed, through individual attacks by players to produce some really powerful and magnificent shots to win 5 - 0 in the end. The game was played on Webster Field which was hard and fast and the weather was fine.

## FIRST SOCCER XI



**BACK:** G. McAuliffe, R. Hannaford, S. Wilson, B. Murray, K. Ogden, E. Brownlie, D. Neale.  
**FRONT:** S. Stubbing, M. Rozendaal, W. Sones, S. Burmester (capt.), H. Davidson, D. Lockhart, B. Jones.

### Wanganui Collegiate - 20 July

played at Collegiate under very wet conditions on a very heavy ground. Here the game was played in an excellent spirit and the teamwork of the 1st XI clearly gave our team a dominant edge throughout the game. By half time our team was clearly in control of the game and the second half saw a continual fine pressure brought against the Collegiate Team. The final score was 6 - 1 with goals by B. Murray, D. Foreman M. Rozendaal and K. Ogden (3)

### Wellington Boys - 24 July

This game was played on Webster Field under wet and windy conditions. The visit of Wellington was closely looked forward to by all players in both teams and a strong sporting link with this school is being forged. The game was very hard and close at all times with some sound teamwork by our players and some penetrating attacking drives by Wellington. Their long shots by their captain Papinicolau were very impressive and resulted in two good goals. Ogden in centre-forward position kept the score equal with hard work in the goal mouth skirmishes and with five minutes to play, Davidson clearing the ball from goal with a long kick down field, found Lockhart who ran on to it and placed it accurately in the back of their net. The final score remained 3 - 2.

### Wanganui Boys' College - 2 August

Our final college game and the third to be played at home this season was played during fair conditions. By this part of the season much of the team's effort was directed towards build up for overseas tour later this month. As a result the team play which was so much a feature of early games was rather scrappy. Our team was also suffering from the absence of players owing to injuries sustained during the season. It was not an outstanding game, although the wing play of Brownlie was exceptional and his hard runs and determined work helped Ogden to keep the score level at 2 - 2.

All the college games were refereed by Mr Malcolm Neale and all members of the team would like to express their thanks for his time. The school has been fortunate in having someone of his calibre to control these games. The team would also like to thank Finn McDonald for all his time and effort coaching and building a strong team. His experience and knowledge of the game made the season's success more certain and his work in fund raising and overseas was deeply appreciated.

### The Australian Tour - 21 August - 1 September.

This tour was undoubtedly the major highlight of the year. Although the team only played three games in Australia, the experience of travelling together, of meeting so many people and of the effort of fundraising and preparing for the tour should all have helped to build the code up to new strength in our school.

The tour was originally designed to be an opportunity for school players to achieve some definite benefit from their association with school football. It certainly achieved this aim and it brought a far stronger degree of comradeship to soccer than has been traditionally expected.

Briefly, the itinerary was that we flew from Auckland to Melbourne where we were billeted in Box Hill, a suburb city of Melbourne. On Tuesday the team played Box Hill Technical College at the Box Hill City Grounds - Wembley. The ground was extremely wet and waterlogged and the weather was windy and cold with hail showers. The game was very exciting, if only in that it added new dimensions to ball control. We won 4 - 1. The following day we played Syndal Technical College on the same grounds and beat them 5 - 1. This game was a tremendous morale booster to the team because the Syndal team was rated 4th in the Melbourne Schools Competition. On Thursday we took a tour to the Dandenong Ranges for a barbecue. On the way we visited the Adidas factory and a game reserve on the way back. That evening the team attended a Civic Reception held in their honour by the Mayor of Box Hill. Friday was spent in Melbourne - with a visit to the Melbourne Cricket Ground and culminating in a Chinese banquet at the Jade Inn in Melbourne's China Town. On Saturday we flew to Canberra for a day tour on our way to Sydney. Despite leaving our Manager and Coach behind we enjoyed our day and the opportunity to see a planned city.

In Sydney we had more tours planned as the entire team was staying together in the Manhattan Hotel. The games arranged had fallen through for a variety of reasons and with the New South Wales school holidays arranging fresh games was a difficulty. Days were allotted for shopping and the Sunday and Tuesday were spent touring New South Wales in the environs of Sydney. We played H.M.A.S. Nirimba on the Wednesday on a very hard and fast ground. This game was clearly the hardest encountered and we were fortunate to achieve a 1 - 0 victory. Again sound team play was the key to our win, although we could reasonably have expected a second goal late towards the end of second half but for an unfortunate confusion by our players.

We returned home on Friday encountering an unfortunate three hour delay in Auckland due to engine failure. The tour was, however, a tremendous success for the touring team, for the code, and for our school. The friendships made and the experiences gained by our team were very significant to all involved. As an exercise in goodwill the tour was also very successful and comments made about the team throughout the tour were very complimentary and pleasing.

Some comments on the tour -

"I enjoyed a lot of the things in Australia but I had the best time in Sydney. I liked going out to meals in different places, the ten pin bowling, the time we had to do shopping and meet the girls from Tasmania who were staying in the hotel."

"I personally really enjoyed the trip and it was worth all the effort the team put in before going to Australia. The best part was when we stayed together in pairs in Melbourne because we got to know Australian families and our teammates."

"In Sydney we stayed in a hotel just around the corner from King's Cross, which proved to be very interesting. We played one game in Sydney against the Navy which involved a long train trip out to the "sticks".

"Whilst the five days we spent together as a team in the Manhattan Hotel Sydney was the best part of the tour, Melbourne meant more to me really. Although we were billeted miles from each other it was a good experience to live in the home of an Australian family.. I was lucky in that my billets were such nice people and the treatment I received, and most us received, made my stay most enjoyable."

"The contrast between the rain and mud in Melbourne, the worst possible conditions, and the rock hard pitch in Sydney was unbelievable."

1st XI was: S. Burmester (Captain) H. Davidson, G. McAuliffe, W. Sones, D. Neale, B. Murray, E. Brownlie, D. Foreman, R. Hannaford, D. Lockhart, K. Ogden, S. Stubbing, S. Wilson, M. Rozendaal.  
Coach: F. McDonald

## SECOND XI

The 2nd XI this year took part in the Men's Senior C Division of the Taranaki Football Competition. As many of our opposing teams in this grade were social teams, the games were enjoyed by most in the spirit intended. As most of our opposition were heavier and larger than our team, initially the smaller players in the 2nd XI were reluctant to take on and tackle effectively their opponents. However, as the season progressed and with much encouragement from the rest of the team, the captain and coach, this was overcome. The team eventually finished the competition about midway through the points table.

All players performed well. Alan Mills as Captain was a determined and vocal defender as well as ably directing the teams play. Ian Ormiston in goal had a very good season. The fullbacks came together and formed a sound defence with consistent play. The halves played well, breaking up many attacks and managing to feed useful ball forward for attack. Fewer goals were scored from our attack than might have been expected but all the forwards made a useful contribution to the teams play.

vs WANGANUI BOYS' COLLEGE

Played on Webster II August 2nd. The game was played in overcast conditions on a field that was firm but rather on the small side. Here the team showed the benefit of a year's experience in the senior mens' competition. In their fitness and football technique the 2nd XI dominated play and won easily by 7 - 0. Our thanks to Brian Burgess for ably refereeing the game.

The team was:

A. Mills (Captain) G. Taylor, M. Hopkins, N. Sceats, B. Clarke, M. Lockhart, G. Parr, A. Newall, M. Holland, D. Brinsley, C. Rowlands, Y. Lal, R. Ahmad, Coach - D. Collier.

3RD XI

NPBHS 3RD XI had a good season playing a year above themselves in the Taranaki Junior Football Association's under 16 competition. This meant they had to face an older, more practised opposition who had been together longer than our team.

We started off badly with three straight losses but then settled in to win the next two games well. This, however, still relegated us to Division II for the second round. Here we did outstandingly well and only lost to two teams in ten games; St. Josephs and Burnside. The team ended the competition in third place.

The main strength of the team was in the back three of M. Little, D. Russell and R. Foreman. There were two useful link men in M. Jones and M. Taylor while there was a lively right flank attack in G. Shearer and M. Newland. All players, however, made a good contribution to what was a successful season and an excellent team spirit was developed. The team wishes to thank Mr. C. Taylor for his coaching and assistance and Mr. T. Butler for his time and concern.

The Team was: M. Little (Captain) S. Rolls, D. Russell, R. Foreman, M. Taylor, S. Wilson, G. Shearer, M. Jones, G. Johnson, N. Newland, C. Wilson.

## Ski-ing

This was the first year in the School's history that ski champs have been held. Mr Turner and Mr Sims were very interested and convened the events, with the help of S.M.C. members T. Waite and N. Dwyer. Thanks must go to them as without their help, no races could have been held.

Competition was fierce and of a very high standard. G. Lonsdale, (who is this year's North Island Under-17 champ) narrowly edged out G. Burr (a past holder of that title), with A. Frengley coming third. It should also be noted that some good skiers failed to have successful runs through a difficult course. The day was most successful, all those concerned feeling it was a worthwhile event, and it is hoped that it may become an annual fixture.

Results were:

Place	Name	Times
1.	G. Lonsdale	28.10 28.50
2.	G. Burr	28.50 29.00
3.	A. Frengley	29.70 30.00
4.	R. Molloy	30.50 32.30
5.	C. Boon	35.10 36.50
6.	G. Aylward	36.50 Dsq.
7.	N. Greig	37.70 41.50
8.	M. Meuli	39.00 Dsq.
9.	B. Valentine	45.00 51.50
10.	N. Jones	46.10 Dsq.
11.	(G. Rutherford	Dsq. Dsq.
	(J. Gundersen	Dsq. Dsq.

(Dsq. - disqualified)

## Surfing

After one postponement through lack of surf the school champ's were eventually held in late March at Fitzroy Beach. A large entry of 24 surfers was split into four heats each of which had half an hour in the water. Each surfer's five highest scoring waves were counted with the six highest scoring surfers going into the final.

The heats were held in reasonably clean and glassy 2 - 4 foot conditions. Mark Smith, Terry Urbahn and Nicho Greig, were the outstanding performers of the first round, clearly showing they were the men to beat. Points from the heats were carried into the final which was held at Wai-Wai's due to rapidly deteriorating conditions at Fitzroy. Finalists and their standings going into the final were: Smith 70; Urbahn 69; Greig 68; Frengley 61; Rutherford 51; Butler 48.

Conditions at Wai-Wai's were far from perfect and this limited the performance of the surfers. In spite of this, some good surfing was seen, especially from Terry Urbahn. Greig turned on another good session while Rutherford scored considerably better than in his heat. Smith suffered from lack of waves but still scored well. Frengley didn't surf up to his best and Butler had the misfortune to lose his board before he'd caught a wave. Scores from the final were: Urbahn 79; Greig 71; Rutherford 70; Smith 69; Frengley 53; Butler 6.

The combined score saw a clear and deserved win for Terry Urbahn. Once again the Champs' were run by Mr. Turner with help from Mr Gledhill and Robbie Walsh of Del Surfboards. These people put a lot of energy into the contest and their efforts are much appreciated.

Place	Name	Heat	Final	Total
1	T. Urbahn	69	79	148
2	M. Smith	70	69	139
2	N. Greig	68	71	139
4	G. Rutherford	51	70	121
5	A. Frengley	61	53	114
6	R. Butler	48	6	54

### INTER-SEC SURFING

The Taranaki Inter-Sec Surfing championships were held this year at Fitzroy Beach in good 4-5' surf. Three schools were entered, NPBHS, Spotswood and Waitara, each school entering a team of 5 surfers, and the standard of surfing was of a high order. NPBHS once again won the Dennis Whittaker Memorial trophy for team competition, this being the 7th year in succession that NPBHS has won this trophy - a tremendous achievement. Our team - N. Greig, G. Rutherford, A. Frengley, M. Smith, and T. Urbahn surfed consistently well, and showed the great depth of talent within the school in this sport by recording the following individual placings:

3rd	N. Greig	70 points
4th	G. Rutherford	69 points
5th	M. Smith	65 points
6th	A. Frengley	64 points
8th	T. Urbahn	54 points
Team Points		
1st	N.P.B.H.S.	322 points
2nd	Spotswood	265 points
3rd	Waitara	252 points

## SCHOOL SURFING TEAM



G. Rutherford, N. Greig, T. Urbahn, A. Frengley.

## Swimming

The school swimming sports were held this year on Thursday 10 February, in fine weather and were notable for the clear superiority in swimming style and speed of Peter van Niekerk, a newcomer to the school, from Western Province South Africa. He won every event selected for, in the Senior Championship as well as both open events, to become the Senior Champion. Michael Grey dominated the Intermediate Championship events and Paul Kahukare, the Junior Championship events, to become clear winners of the Intermediate and Junior titles respectively.

White house once again showed out in the house relays and convincingly won the House championship trophy from Green, Blue and Maroon house.

Other notable performances came from D. Lockhart A. Frengley and P. Rothwell who all filled 2nd placings in their respective events to the championship winners in close, exciting encounters.

D. Lockhart and J. Holden won the Open Life-saving for the 2nd year in succession, and the Old Boys showed that they had lost little of their skill in winning the traditional Day Boys v Boarders relay, to provide additional highlights of the day's sports. The staff repeated their achievement of the previous year in winning the Staff v Students' relay, and P.van Niekerk broke the school record in the Open 133 1/3 yard medley to complete a successful day.

### House Points

1st:	White House	307
2nd:	Green House	223
3rd:	Blue House	145
4th:	Maroon House	85

Results of the Individual Championship trophy, gained from points received in the five championship events (including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly) are as follows:

<u>Seniors</u>	1. P.van Niekerk	35 points
	2. D.Lockhart	12 points
	3. H.Wright	8 points
	4. B.Scott	6 points

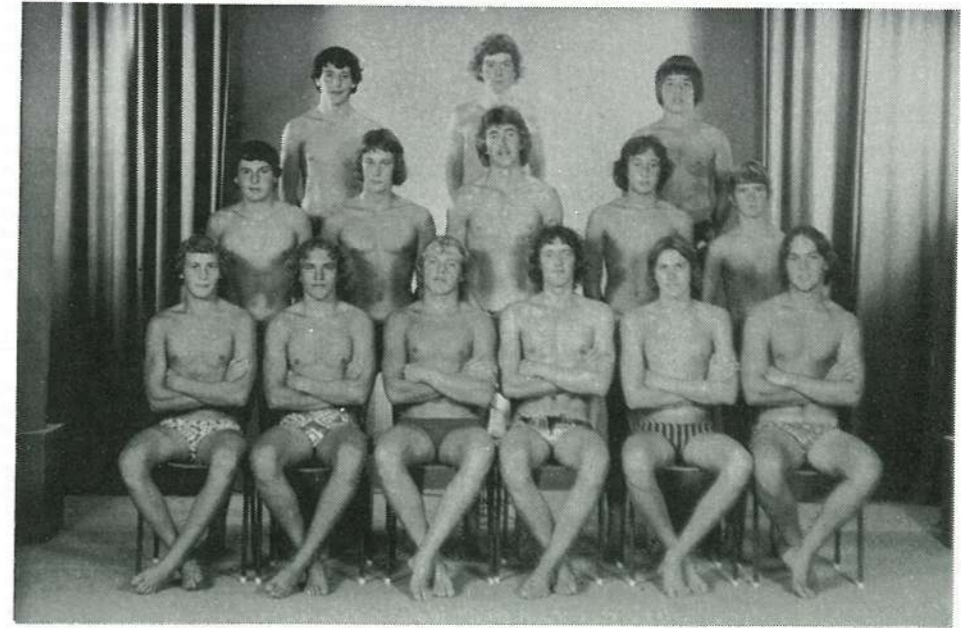
<u>Intermediate</u>	1. M.Grey	28 points
	2. A.Frengley	27 points
	3. C.Prichard	5 points
	4. P.Webb	4 points

<u>Juniors</u>	1. P.Kahukare	31 points
	2. P.Rothwell	23 points
	3. M.Denton	12 points

White House emerged overall winners in the competition with Green Second, Blue Third and Maroon Fourth.

Senior boys are to be congratulated on their helping in marshalling duties to ensure full participation by all houses - many thanks to all boys for their fine efforts.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM



BACK: P. Goodwin, G. Tatham, P. Kahukare.  
MIDDLE: M. Denton, M. Meuli, C. Prichard, M. Grey, D. Scott.  
FRONT: D. Lockhart, J. Gundeson, T. Webster, H. Wright, P. Van Niekerk, A. Frengley.

### NORTH ISLAND INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four boys (Peter van Niekerk, Michael Grey, Paul Kahukare and Peter Rothwell) attended the North Island Inter-secs at Palmerston North on the 1st April this year.

The events in which they took part were:

Peter van Niekerk:	Open 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley Senior 100m freestyle.
Michael Grey:	Junior 100 and 200m backstroke
Paul Kahukare:	Junior 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.
Peter Rothwell:	Junior 200m breastroke.

Peter van Niekerk and Michael Grey reached the finals. Peter Rothwell swam his personal best time and was a reserve for his race. Paul Kahukare did well to be named a reserve in the Junior Boys 100m breastroke. Michael Grey came 6th and 5th in the 100 and 200m backstroke respectively and did his best time in the former event. Peter van Niekerk gained a 2nd in the 100m butterfly and a 3rd in the 200m individual medley.

Everyone enjoyed the day which ended with an excellent disco. We would like to thank our Manager, Mr. Grey, and also Mr. Gledhill who organised the entries.

## SWIMMING SPORTS — 1978

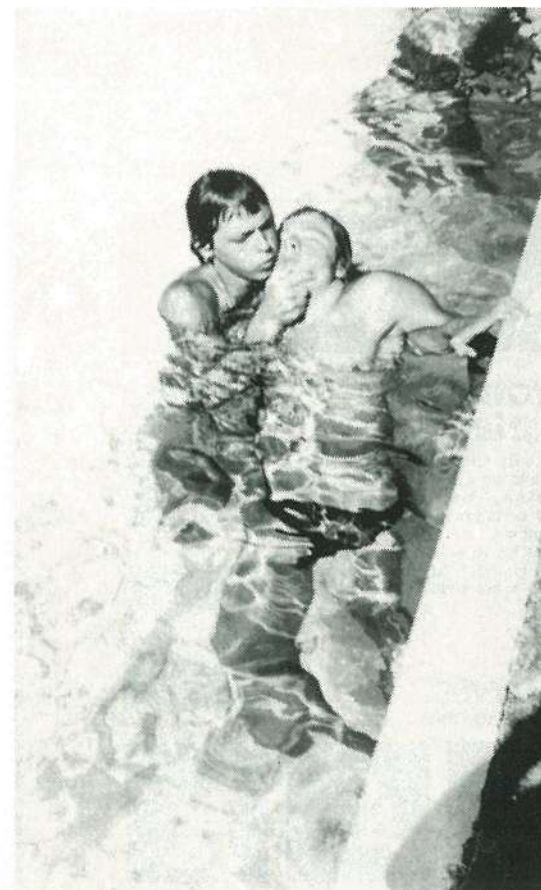
EVENT	PLACINGS				TIME
	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	
<u>Senior Championship</u>					
33 1/3yd Freestyle	P. van Niekerk	D. Lockhart	B. Scott	T. Coplestone	16.2
100yd Freestyle	P. van Niekerk	D. Lockhart	B. Scott	D. Greensill	57.5
66 2/3yd Backstroke	P. van Niekerk	T. Webster	G. Burr	J. Harland	44.7
66 2/3yd Breastroke	P. van Niekerk	H. Wright	M. Meuli	B. Murray	49.8
33 1/3yd Butterfly	P. van Niekerk	P. Clout	H. Wright	D. Lockhart	18.2
<u>Intermediate Championship</u>					
33 1/3yd Freestyle	A. Frengley	C. Pritchard	T. Webb	M. Snowden	17.3
100yd Freestyle	M. Grey	A. Frengley	R. Montgomery	G. Kitto	63.3
33 1/3yd Backstroke	M. Grey	A. Frengley	G. Hunt		21.1
33 1/3yd Breastroke	M. Grey	A. Frengley	B. Pirakahu	R. Armstrong	23.0
33 1/3yd Butterfly	M. Grey	A. Frengley	G. Tatham	T. Webb	19.5
<u>Junior Championship</u>					
33 1/3yd Freestyle	M. Denton	P. Rothwell	P. Kahukare	M. Hatfield	18.3
100yd Freestyle	P. Kahukare	P. Rothwell	M. Hatfield	M. Denton	65.6
33 1/3yd Backstroke	P. Kahukare	C. Wilson	M. Denton/ P. Rothwell		23.3
33 1/3yd Breastroke	P. Kahukare	P. Rothwell	D. Grey	J. Newson	23.5
33 1/3yd Butterfly	P. Kahukare	P. Rothwell	C. Wilson	M. Denton	21.3
<u>Open Events</u>					
Open Medley	P. van Niekerk	T. Webster	D. Greensill	G. Alyward	1.30.2
Open 200yd F/S	P. van Niekerk	D. Lockhart	B. Scott	D. Greensill	2.09.1
Open Lifesaving	J. Holden/ D. Lockhart	B. Scott/ T. Webster			
Open Diving	S. Carter	R. McCartain	B. Hayward	K. Smith	
Old Boys v Students	Old Boys	Students			2.50.5
Staff v Students	Staff	Students			4.21.3
<u>Non-Championship</u>					
Jnr 33 1/3yd F/S	C. Wilson	A. Chillcott	K. Snowden	J. Goodare	20.9
Int. 33 1/3yd F/S	K. Harrison	M. Snowden	D. Watts	M. Lockhart	19.1
Int. 100yd F/S	C. Simonsen	S. Coplestone	G. Kaitoa	T. Scott	68.8
Snr 33 1/3yd F/S	J. Bone/ H. Wright		J. Holden	W. Anderson	18.3
Snr. 100yd F/S	J. Moffat	T. Webster	B. Knapman	M. TeRuki	67.5
Jnr. Target Jump	M. Parsons R. Green B. Wheeler P. Darney				
Int. Target Jump	R. Johns K. Harrison		B. Rushbrook A. Messinger G. Elliot		
Snr. Target Jump	R. Bryant	P. Webb	G. Coleman		

### Championship Relays

Jnr. House Relay	White	Maroon	Green	Blue	2.42
Int. House Relay	White	Blue	Maroon/Green		2.30
Snr. House Relay	White	Green	Maroon	Blue	2.24.9
'A' House Relay	White	Blue	Green	Maroon	1.23.7
Inter-Gp Relay	White G9	Green G7	White G5	Blue G9	1.57.4
Jnr. House Medley	White	Maroon	Green	Blue	5.31.7
Int. House Medley	White	Maroon	Green	Blue	4.42.5
Snr. House Medley	White	Green	Blue	Maroon	4.34.5
Jnr. House Medley	White	Green	Blue	Maroon	2.41.8
Int. House Backstroke	White	Green	Blue	Maroon	2.26.1
Snr. House Backstroke	Green	Maroon	White	Blue	2.29.3
Jnr. House Backstroke	White	Maroon	Green	Blue	3.02
Int. House Breastroke	Maroon	Blue	White	Green	2.41.5
Snr. House Breastroke	White	Blue	Maroon	Green	2.35.4

### Novelty Events

Jnr. House Obstacle	White	Green	Blue	Maroon	2.37.3
Int. House Obstacle	Green	Blue	White	Maroon	2.15.2
Snr. House Obstacle	White	Green	Blue	Maroon	2.6.7
Jnr. Tube Swim	White	Blue	Green	Maroon	3.47.2
Int. Tube Swim	Green	White	Blue	Maroon	3.10.8
Snr. Tube Swim	Green	White	Blue	Maroon	3.12.1



**Lifesaving**

## Tennis

School tennis got off to an early start this season. Already two college matches have been played, with the promise, next year, of more trips away and local tennis fixtures.

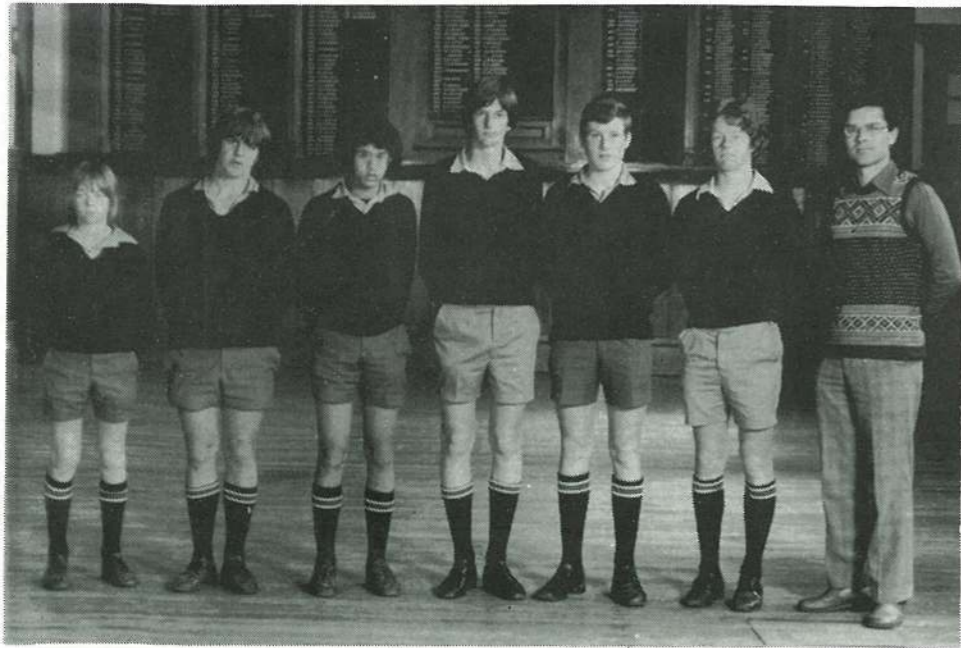
The first trip of the season came rather much sooner than expected and the school team was slightly unprepared when they travelled to Palmerston North. Competition from P.N. was expected to be very tough and as it turned out, the expectations were quite right. The team of W. Dunn, S. Modgill, B. Waite, L. Lawson, R. Ahmad and B. Maechler, faced a very strong Palmerston team. Although the result of 9-0 to P.N. seemed to spell out a one-sided match, some games were keenly contested. The loss was comparable to last year's defeat of 8-0 to P.N.

The second college match, saw Wanganui Collegiate come to New Plymouth. This fixture was a much more strongly contested clash. Our senior team of W. Dunn, S. Modgill, L. Lawson, B. Waite, R. Ahmad and B. Maechler, proved too good for the Wanganui opposition. The junior team was R. Waite, C. Kinzett, T. Mehrten, R. Foreman, M. Newlands and B. Maechler. They were not so successful and were narrowly defeated.

All in all the team looks very promising, and with the aid of a team coach, should do well in next year's intercollege matches.

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## FIRST TENNIS VI



L. Lawson, W. Dunn, S. Modgill, S. Allen, B. Waite, Lawson, Mr Jaques.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### THE GIRL

Standing, starving,  
Looking wistfully  
Through a shop window,  
Her eyes dark,  
Almost non-existent  
In their deep, dingy sockets.

Unwanted, uncared for,  
Representing today  
In our modern, ready-made  
Prepacked, throwaway world.

A. Sangster 4W4

### The Animal

Motionless,  
Staring,  
Muscles tense..  
Alert,  
Hungry,  
Eyes bright,  
A leap,  
A scream,  
Then Death.

Warren Russell 4W1

### DOWNHILL RUN (SKATEBOARD)

Life in the fast lane  
Laid back with grace  
Striving for speed,  
Wind in my face.

The wheels are roaring,  
Road is advancing,  
Speed is perplexing,  
Almost entrancing.

Velocity is greater,  
With danger increasing.  
Teeth clamped together,  
Aggression unleashing.

Heart in my mouth,  
Eyes are streaming.  
Nerves in knots,  
Everything's screaming.

The runoff is reached,  
But still a blur.  
Tension is gone,  
Life, more secure.

The slope is conquered,  
As wheels come to rest.  
Heart pumping madly  
In my aching chest.



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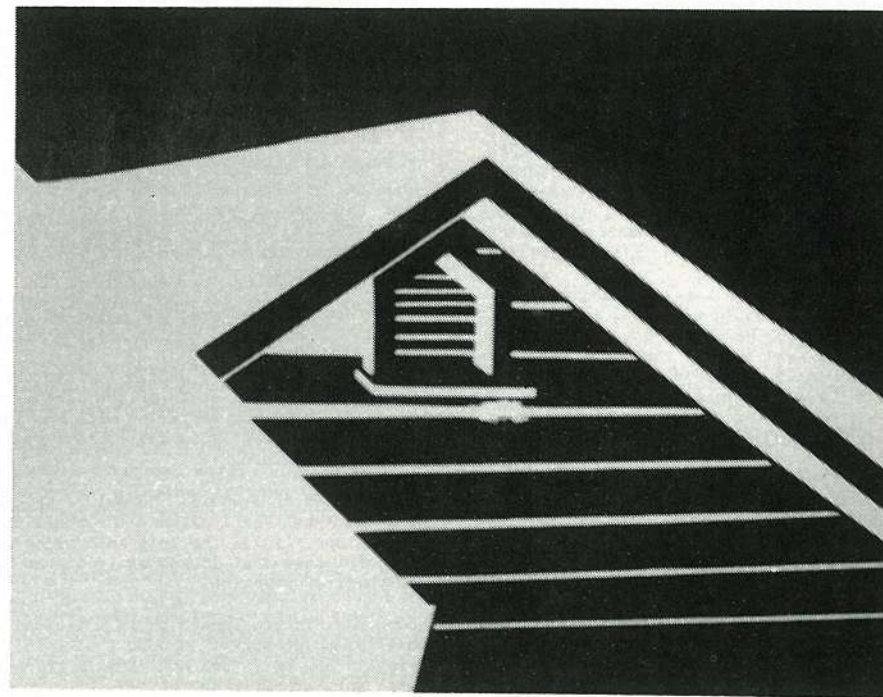








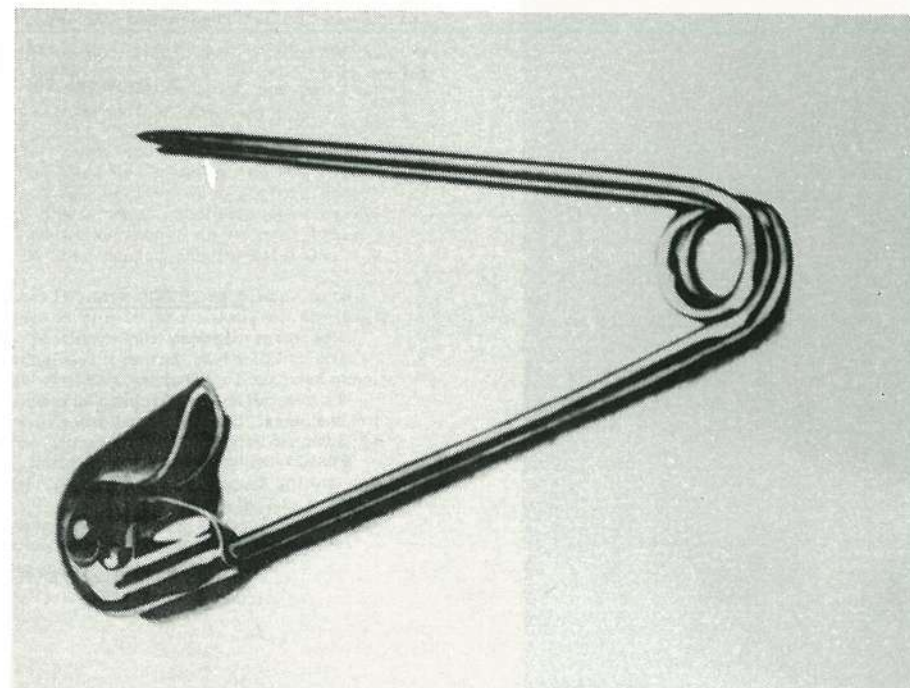
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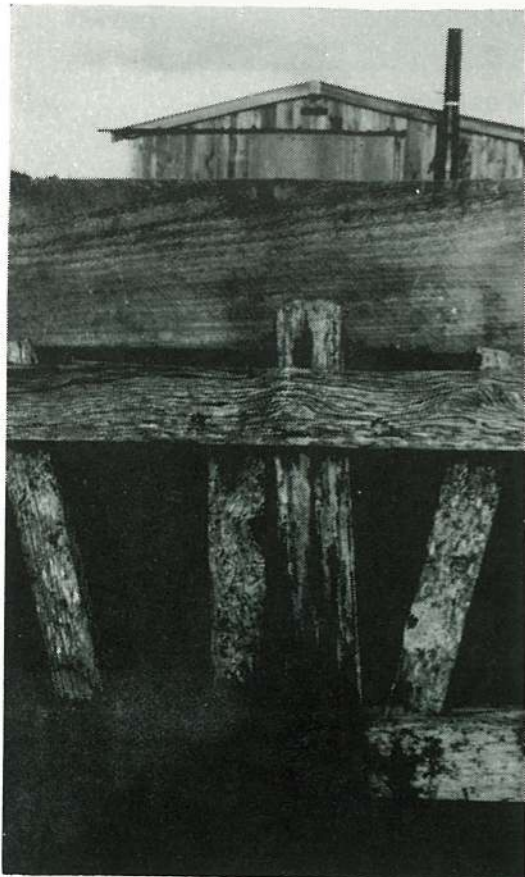
SANDY

Snow, slow and soft,  
Sifting, drifting, the land engrossed,  
Antelope sailing across a desert,  
Kicking white sand in its wake.  
Down in the swamp, a struggle,  
a flurry and up in a moment,  
Floundering onwards,  
To destiny unknown.

R.J. Foreman  
482

CROSS COUNTRY - T. Lloyd 3G7

Intense heat  
Beating against the saturated flesh  
Monotonous thud of feet  
Every second means another step  
Towards our destination  
Lub - Dup Lub - Dup  
The heart beats signify our precious existence.



PHOTOGRAPH — C. Smith.

DECISIONS AND DEATH

The opossum lay at the foot of the macrocarpa.  
How it could sleep with its left front paw caught  
in the steel jaws of that trap, I'll never know.  
The leg was badly lacerated - dried blood covered  
the trap and fresh blood still seeped from the  
wound - evidence of the possum's attempts at  
escape.

I'd carried the rifle down from the farm house,  
chatting continually with my two companions.  
Now, gathered at the foot of the tree, we were  
still talking - I can't remember what about but  
I recall trying to put on a brave front to cover  
my nervousness.

I'd fired a gun before, but never at anything living.  
I didn't know what a bullet slicing through flesh  
and bone did ....

...I wasn't sure if I wanted to find out.  
Seeing the pitiful state of the possum helped ease  
my conscience, now suffering with the idea of  
taking the life of this destructive yet seemingly  
harmless creature.

John passed me a shell. "Should I be doing this?"  
I asked myself as I slipped the shell into the open  
breach and flicked the bolt into place with a  
graceful ease that looked as if it had been acquired  
by years of practice.

John and Richard looked on in anticipation while I  
hesitated yet again. Should I do this? Was it  
right? How do I feel now? What's going to happen?  
Will this stop its suffering? My mind was flooded  
by a raging torrent of self-asked questions.

I reached my decision quickly, however, as I gently  
squeezed the trigger. Around me arose the noise of  
the Hiroshima bomb exploding and - as I watched,  
the possum's head disintegrated as the .22 magnum  
hollow head bullet channelled its way through.....

It was over and I felt unaffected by the bloody mess  
before me.

E. Natrass F6

CRY IN THE NIGHT

The shout pierces the night  
The child of my loins cries out  
All to do is offer my body  
As a mooring on which to anchor.  
the small body clings like ivy  
Sobs racking the still night,  
Finally submitting to the mist,  
Sinking back into the mists  
Of a child's limitless mind.

M. Robertson 6M4

BOX

She shuffled out to the front gate, and bent down  
to pick up the paper.  
"Damn paper boy," she muttered to herself wiping  
mud off one corner.  
A well-kept garden surrounded her, neat rows of  
herbaceous borders ran along each side of the path  
that led to the front door. Not a weed was to be  
seen anywhere, not even under the hedge that faced  
onto the narrow chalk lane.

Chickens, clucking contentedly wandered amongst  
the foxgloves at the end of the garden.

Warm smells of hot toast and honey wafted through  
the house, hiding in every nook and cranny; ready  
to leap out when the door was opened. Flames  
danced in a small hearth at the end of the room  
casting strange shadows on the wooden panels of the  
wall. A great dusty golden square of sunshine lay  
on the mantelpiece, where the brass pendulum of a  
clock at every swing blinked in sudden brilliance.  
A glass dome covering two of the shabbiest, stuffed  
birds sat on a small mahogany table. With lack-  
lustre eyes and hardly a feather between them they  
sat perched on an erection something like an Albert  
Memorial.

The huge leather armchair enveloped her as she sat  
down to read the paper. Nothing particular caught  
her eye, the town council were cutting down the  
old oak tree, Mrs Jones had had another baby, then  
there on the fourth in big bold letters was an  
advertisement for Adams Wonderful Television set  
available in four sizes.

She pondered over this for a while then suddenly  
got up. She was already behind with her chores.  
Slowly and methodically she fed the hens,  
washed the dishes, weeded the garden, and pruned  
the hedge until it was time for lunch.

After a brisk meal of fresh eggs and hot brown  
bread she got ready to go to the village with  
Mrs Braithwaite. Just before going she carefully  
cut out the advertisement on the T.V.

Mrs Braithwaite came, and together they left  
for the village. Mrs Braithwaite too had heard  
about the T.V. They arrived at the store and  
peered through the window. Standing on a small  
platform was the television. As soon as their  
eyes fell on it they wanted one immediately.

Two weeks later it came. It was placed with  
due pomp and splendour in the corner of the small  
sitting room. She switched it on, the screen  
burst into life, she sat down and watched and  
watched and watched ..... The lean hungry  
chickens scratched at the door, weeds swayed  
gently back and forth in the wind, no smoke rose  
from the chimney, no Mrs Braithwaite came up the  
lane as she was too busy seeing if John would  
marry Susan instead of Alice.

In the big leather armchair a frail skeleton sat  
watching with vacant eyes the black and white  
figures moving across the screen.

T. Withers  
4W7

THE LOST EXPERIENCE

A pitiful moan echoes in the silence. The  
blackness hangs heavy on my heart as I claw for  
reality. Time now seems an eternity as I wander  
through my dreams. Can that moaning be mine?  
Am I slowly driving myself crazy with fear? I  
reach for my white stick and feel security in  
its grasp. I move around with caution and rise  
off my bed, and a feeling of power surges through-  
out my system as I set my foot down. I swing my  
stick in a wide waving arc, too wide, and my hand  
shakes when it hits an object. My nerves pull  
themselves together and I start to move off,  
feeling my spirits lift as I move.

Carefully descending the stairs I enter the  
lounge. Is the whole place dead. Silence reigns  
supreme and my soft padded footfalls peter out  
into the distance. Then I hear Chuck. Chuck's  
rich heavy accent strikes out, trying to enliven  
the patients I know must be there. I feel my way  
to his voice, for Chuck serves out the midday  
meal.

Fingers twitching nervously as I reach for  
the knife, I feel alone and desolate, waiting  
for the reaction between flesh and steel. I move  
my fingers into position and grasp the knife,  
not wanting the knife to slip. As I reach out  
for my fork, my mind stops the movement, and  
my hand hovers over the table. The simple  
experience that had once been mine was lost.  
No longer could I do these things. Only by  
hardship and sheer patience could I become normal  
again. Now I would have to relearn what was  
lost and so find happiness within myself. I was  
on the first frontier of life.

Paul Butler

DAWN

Darkness slowly ebbs away,  
And dim light engulfs the land,  
Lone clouds drift serenely by,  
The quiet trickle of a nearby stream.

With early morning bird in flight,  
The search for food begins.  
Silently, slowly, the sun rises over the  
crest of the hill,  
Beaming light and warmth to the cold land.

Alan Boniface 4B9

THE MOOD OF THE SKY

The darkened sky immersed the earth in a  
dark and blackened vacuum,  
Smothering the earth in a silent veil,  
the sky impressed its hatred.  
Glowering down, quashing life and light,  
devouring happiness, imposing fright.  
Until light poured through the rents in  
the roof, and ran as liquid upon the ground.  
Now life and light returned, bringing  
back the realm of happiness.

R. Waite, 4WB

### DEATH

Life has filtered through tortured being,  
to travel away from here.  
That which flickered, flamed, faltered  
has fallen.  
Love-hope-hate-despair: gone.  
We lie still.  
Warm flesh has cooled  
and clenched  
around  
a stiffened frame.  
colour is now white.  
expression but a stare.

We are Dead.  
What change has passed upon us?  
Why and when and how?  
no more do we smile;  
no more do we walk  
through fields of green,  
or close our eyes to the sun,  
we  
will not feel the rain  
on our faces again,  
cannot cry or laugh,  
cannot run or jump,  
cannot sense and enjoy,  
touch and see.

Why must this be the destiny  
of all?  
Life is good - but brief.  
there is time - but it is short.  
Why grow, learn, experience and undergo,  
then die?  
surely, such a limit is too abrupt.  
Yes, life should continue,  
but still,  
we are the Dead.

a reason,  
then, beyond our vision:  
the universe,  
the moving of the stars,  
the actions of the gods,  
the sequence of past, present, future,  
must be moving toward  
a goal -  
above our comprehension  
and control;  
our foreshortened life -  
merely a piece in an eternal plan.

life goes on.

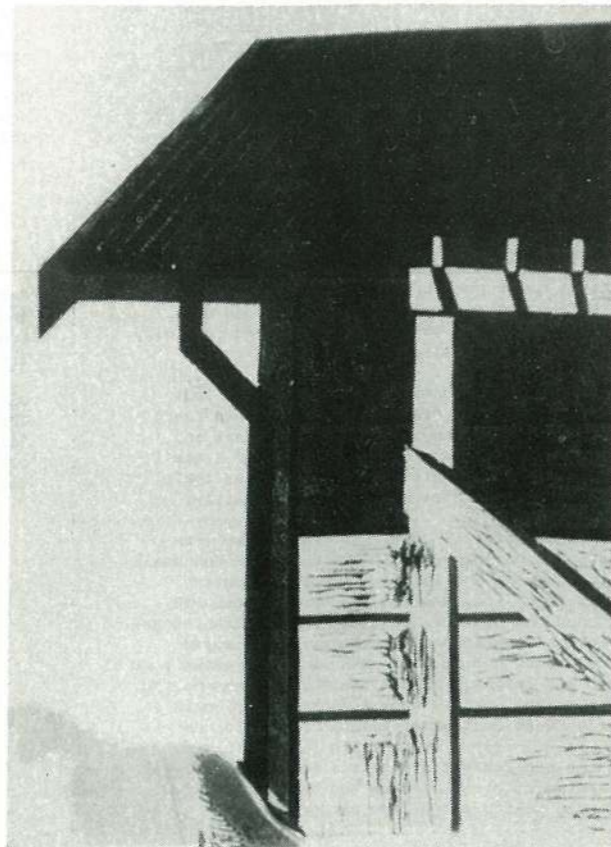
Are we the Dead?

C. Harrop 6GB

### TALKABLE EVENTS

We don't have much time  
Let's talk of the important things,  
Like the taste of food  
The sound of surf,  
The dog and cat  
And the reflections of street lamps.

M. Roberts Form 6



Lino Print — G. Whelan.

### BALLOONS

Drifting  
Aimlessly on  
Up  
Through the clouds  
Down  
Spiralling down  
Ascending  
Sometimes  
Sauntering  
Others loitering  
Often  
Scurrying  
But always  
Drifting on.

J. Hudson 3G7

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# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## Cadets

Barracks week this year was held at the end of March, the battalion being divided into four companies and an A.T.C. squadron

Lt Col M.C. Carroll was again the Commanding Officer and Andrew Frenqley was the R.S.M.

Promotions this year were:

To Under Officer: C. Esaiah, G. Fitzpatrick, T. Gordon, C. Prichard, M. Sattler, S. Stubbing, C. Veitch, D. Watts, D. Wilson.

To Senior N.C.D.: I. Bublitz, D. Farrelly, K. Harrison, R. Powell, M. Webley, A. Webb.

To Junior N.C.D.: S. Cooper, D. Esaiah, K. Adlam, K. Fisher, Markham Grey, Michael Grey, P. Kahukare, T. Katene, A. Leonard, P. Leuthart, T. MacDonald, C. Miscall, P. Murphy, P. Phillips, B. Prichard, M. Quinlan, C. Rutherford, S. Shannon, G. Stubbing, L. Tamati, W. Taylor.

Congratulations are extended to all boys who were promoted.

### "A" Company

These cadets are into at least their third year of training, and so a wide range of activities is presented to them.

The highlight for the seniors is a 3 day trip into the bush in which they experience the "outdoors" way of life. On this trip they carry out exercises in bushcraft, search and rescue, lost procedures and river crossing. With the emphasis on practical exercises much interest was shown and general feeling was that it was a great success.

Captain Mossop was the Company Commander, assisted by 2nd Lt Stocks, Mr Turner and Mr Fletcher.

### "B" Company

This is stage two in cadet training and is made up of second year cadets. The emphasis lies on covering as wide a variety of activities as possible, including community work, orienteering, .303 shoot at Rewa Rewa rifle range, small boat handling, First Aid, and canoeing. "B" Coy was commanded by Lt. Crawford as in previous years, he was assisted by Mr Rowlands, Mr Jaques, Mr Ranger and Mr McIlhorne.

### "C" and "D" Companies.

These companies consist of first year cadets who are instructed in drill, weapon training, fieldcraft first aid, map reading and orienteering. Some enthusiastic volunteers also put in free time to form a "quarter guard" for this year's inspecting officer, Mr D.B. Payne, S.M. A high degree of interest was also shown during a R.F. display of weapons on the gully ground.

Major Brine and Lt Dobson commanded "C" and "D" companies respectively.



Mr Brine Receives Medal

### CIVIL DEFENCE UNIT

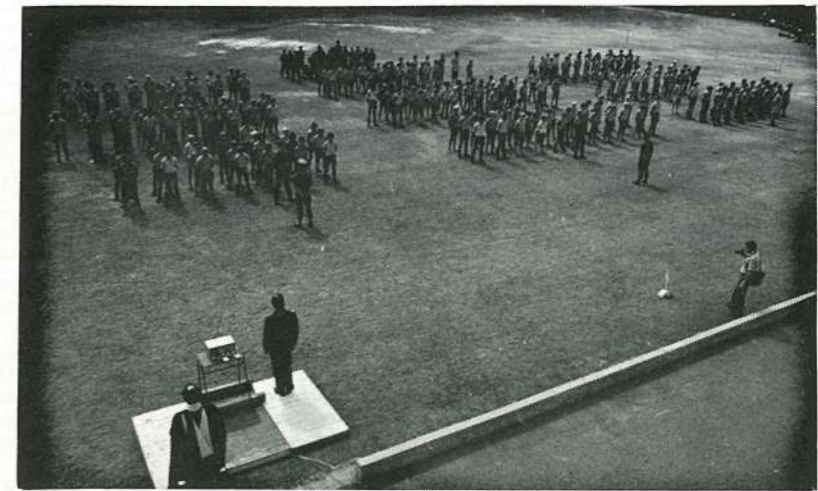
Twenty one boys formed the Civil Defence Unit for the school for 1978.

All of the boys are volunteers and are prepared to undergo training for emergencies which may occur, and which they would actually be involved in, giving help in all ways to those in need.

During Outdoor Education Week about mid first term the Civil Defence Unit went through their specialist training.

The first exercise was to locate and issue all necessary equipment.

This was followed by a lecture on The Aims of Civil Defence and during the afternoon members of the unit gave lectures and demonstrations on First Aid types of radio equipment and their uses, as well as techniques used in searching damaged buildings.



Battalion Parade

Tuesday began with practising First Aid methods for various types of injuries, strapping a person into a stretcher, letting him down a steep bank with the use of ropes, and the tying of different types of knots as well as their uses.

Gear had to be packed ready for a night in the bush. The unit was taken via Army transport to the slopes of Mt Egmont where Search and Rescue exercises, course plotting, bivouac making, and various survival techniques were carried out.

The next few days were taken up with compass work, a bush search, and casualty evacuation from Avery Reserve of three boys feigning different injuries which had to be treated as such.

A lot of practice went into absailing (The use of ropes to lower people from buildings or rugged peaks where they may have been injured).

Films were shown by Major H. Russell of the New Plymouth Civil Defence Unit of a Civil Defence Organisation at work in a town supposedly struck by some disaster and a talk was given by Mr Darcy Williams about the workings of Civil Defence.

A demonstration to the School Battalion of absailing and the lowering of a boy on a stretcher at the Old Hall balcony was the climax of the week, along with a very creditable display of marching during the battalion parade.

The five days of Barracks culminated in a Battalion Parade during which Mr D.B. Pain S.M., after inspecting the Battalion, presented Major R.E. Brine with the Cadet Forces' Medal. This medal had been awarded to Major Brine for 12 years of efficient service in the Cadet Forces.

### A.T.C.

As in past years, Ohakea supplied several Air Force personnel to help run the Squadron's activities Sergeant Hawker took A Flight for their overnight camp while Plt Off Lay and W.O. Inkosole organised the other 2 flights. Mr Butler also helped in an assisting role.

A Flight: After a few administrative difficulties, everyone managed to obtain their gear, but further delays in transport prevented an early start. These frustrations were quickly forgotten as the undergrowth reeled to our clearing procedures. After erecting the tents, a short course in first aid was given, then a chance to relax under the stars. However the quiet of the evening was shattered by an army raiding party. Bleary-eyed, but with a successful meal behind us, we spent several hours involved in bush exercises prior to returning to School. After a brief review of rifle precautions and tips for aiming and firing, we had the opportunity to have a .22 shoot. A Civil Defence lecture in the afternoon was a prelude to a demonstration put on by the School's unit. Although drill is not the most favoured of the activities, our marching in the battalion parade was of a very high standard.

All in all, the whole week was a great success and plenty of fun for all concerned.

B Flight: The highlight for many was the practical experience in applying map reading, plane aerodynamics and control while on a mystery flight in a Cessna six seater. The half an hour flight took us over Ingleswood, inland to Douglas and Te Wera, across to Uriti and back down the coast to New Plymouth. A guided tour through N.Z. Helicopters Operations by Mr Sceats was very interesting. The Bell Helicopter was under repair, but this allowed us a close up of how it works and some of its design features. The Sioux helicopter gave a practical demonstration of its capabilities and a chance to observe its manoeuvring abilities required for the rig. An informative talk was given by Rex Air on the characteristics of the Fletcher Top-Dressing aircraft. A visit to the control tower was also featured.

A small arms competition was held on the .22 indoor range, the winner being David Snowdon.

Rock climbing was introduced this year to increase individual skills. An interesting lecture and

demonstration was given by a member of the Taranaki Alpine Club. The highlight of the afternoon being a spectacular AB-sailing demonstration down the side of Paritutu.

Classroom lectures included principles of flight, The N.Z. Airforce and its role, map work, arms safety, navigation and the Nasa programme. Several films were shown on survival and the combat role of aircraft.

**C Flight:** The fourth formers were given a basic introduction into many aspects of flight, organisation, types of aircraft, rifle skills and marching. Apart from a shoot, a demonstration of assembling and flying a hang glider was given at Back Beach. Wind conditions were a little turbulent, but it did not seem to make much difference to his flying manoeuvres. Perhaps the most enjoyable event was the opportunity for boys to ride in the heavy service vehicles.

The programme for the three flights was probably the most comprehensive ever with a range of activities taxing both endurance and knowledge. The organisation went smoothly and there was terrific support from officers and boys alike.

A departure from normal uniforms by wearing shoes and socks, rather than sandals, improved the general appearance of the Squadron, NCO's wearing the ATC uniforms of the Town Squadron, gave them identity and purpose. It was pleasing to observe the effort boys put into their drill and the march past when the occasion demanded it.

My thanks to Rodney McNair for a sterling job as Squadron W.O. and for his assistance in lectures. Also thanks to Flt Sgt Allan Mills, Cpl Drummond and Flt Sgt David Neale, for their assistance.

Several improvements forthcoming are to increase the length of stay in the bush, a trip to Ohakea during Barrack's Week in 1979 and a possible gliding demonstration at German Hill.

On reflection, I feel this has been one of the most successful years for the A.T.C. Unit and I look forward to exciting years ahead.

## Christian Youth Group

A glimpse back over the years shows that we have had mission workers with their films and slides from every part of the world. We marvelled at what they had achieved - at their courage and spirit. There is a fellowship that goes beyond this world.

This year we have had Mr Harry Downes, a building foreman working with Moslems, Hindus and Christians in India. Mr Graham Smith spoke again of the world Leprosy Mission, together with Indian and New Guinea films. By means of cassettes, we were able to bring some of the world's great leaders into a classroom including Dr Hoffman, a Lutheran and President of the United Bible Societies. These were interspersed with discussions and Bible Studies. Miss Bev. Holt, Baptist Youth Director for New Zealand was excellent.

Mother Teresa is but one of many down the ages. She loves and works for Calcutta's human refuse. From hovels and alleyways and the city's rubbish dumps, this small woman in white and her fellow workers gather the starving the dying, the lepers, the abandoned babies into their arms and bring them to a haven of love and life. One visitor said he wouldn't do it for millions of dollars. Mother Teresa quietly replied, "I wouldn't either, but

for the One who goes with me, and who did it before me." She had found the secret of life.

Everyone born searches for life. The many school activities and friendships all play their part. But an all-embracing faith to live by gives purpose to them all. We have discovered that the Christian faith is slowly permeating Russia; that by the end of the century, Africa will not be predominantly Moslem, as was earlier expected because of the colour bar and the colonialism of the European empires of the past, but Christian, so great is the life and witness of the black Church. We learn that Bibles and Christian literature far outstrip all others; that Communist presses in Eastern Europe are printing Bibles. Yes, in spite of human weakness and failure the Church is healing and binding the world together.

No better holiday than the Inter-School Christian Fellowship Camps throughout New Zealand - of every variety for youth!

To those going to Teachers' Colleges, or University, join the Christians there and help meet human need. A very sincere thank you to all our visitors and to the members.

M. Gibbs.  
B. Barnitt

## Debating Club

This club lapsed again this year as members of the senior school seem to have little or no interest in work not immediately relevant to their courses of study. Few appreciate the development of intellectual and oral skills associated with activities such as debating and one wonders, if the trend continues, what the likely impact on future public life in this country will be.

A few stalwarts did get together, however, and debated the proposition "That New Zealanders are lucky" with Hamilton Boys' High at Hamilton. After a series of misadventures, including the captain's missing the bus, and finding that speaking time was not as generous as we had hoped, we debated and lost a close contest. Despite this we had a pleasant and enlightening experience and will willingly undertake it again. The team was: D. Marsh (Capt) E. Natrass, R. McNair.

## Drama

A small group of juniors met regularly on Wednesdays during the first term, and various aspects such as mime, gesture, dialogue were covered in a variety of informal exercises. It was intended that this preliminary work be continued in the third term with perhaps a short production to be presented to the junior school.

### MAIN PRODUCTION

This year School decided, with the assistance of Mr. H. Webster, to tackle a demanding stage play, The Long, The Short and The Tall by Willis Hall, which relies on a fairly small cast of eight to present a work of over two hours duration.

Because it has an all-male cast, this year for the first time in many years, School was undertaking a major drama without support from another school.

The play covers a period of days and nights during the Second World War in the Pacific. A patrol of British Infantry is overtaken and left behind the advancing lines of the Japanese Army. Trapped in an old mining hut, their situation is complicated by the capture of a Japanese soldier who, wordless throughout, becomes a most significant dramatic character, and a symbol around which the central conflict, concerning the right to kill, takes place.

Greg McManus, as Bamforth, was a character of substance, producing with ease his laconic wit, his aggressive independence, and his false servility. Bamforth's position as devil's advocate underscored McManus's flexibility, his variation of pace and vocal range. Although dominant within the play, he was ably supported by the contrasting figures of Mitchem (David Snowdon), Evans (Mark Schofield), Corporal Johnstone (Andrew Sangster), Smith (Mark Holland), MacLeish (Ian Snowdon) and Whittaker (Brett Howell), whose performances enriched the play by emphasising a diversity of characters and responses to the central conflict. The nagging insecurity of Corporal Johnstone, the rather limp fearfulness of Whittaker, the thick-skinned resilience of Evans and Smith; all were presented with clarity by this group of young actors, (of whom five were in this year's fourth form).

Particular merit attaches, however, to the dogged persistence of Mitchem as played by David Snowdon; his performance was excellent, setting a stolid and pained foil to the rather more mercurial Bamforth. And, of course, one cannot omit mention of the silent soldier, the Japanese, whose impassivity was penetrated to reveal the ordinary man beneath. He was played excellently with fine command of poise, gesture, expression, and nary a word, by Darryl Prince, a third former.

It is to be hoped that these actors will retain their enthusiasm and that School Drama will reap further benefit from their growing talent. One facet of the production which should concern them, however, was the need for prompting at several points in the drama.

The set, lighting and sound effects, were all that had been promised and supported the cast well, adding greatly to the overbearingly oppressive tension of the long jungle vigil and the climatic release at the end. The powerful effects of starkness and simplicity in stage dressing were well shown. Credit must go to Mr. Dobson, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Taberner and Mr. Butler for this.

The main credit for this production rests, of course, with the producer, Mr Webster - long hours of planning, preparation and rehearsal went into the play, and to prepare eight young actors for such a mammoth task was truly one of the Herculean labours. In the final analysis, the show was his; so too, with a little help from Henry V, was the final word

"Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts"

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## Interact Club

The Club has just completed its fifteenth year. As far as membership and community projects are concerned, this year has not been outstanding. However, the liaison with the Rotary Club has been very useful indeed.

Apathy in the school about Interact seems to be a problem, especially in the day-school which provided this year only four members. Boys should realise the value of the club in community and school involvement, in meeting people, and in personal satisfaction gained.

During the year the club participated in a number of activities. One such activity was a bed-push to raise funds for the purchase of a Colour TV for Ward 3 at Taranaki Base Hospital. This was the first major venture organised by the Combined Interact Committee which was formed to foster communications among city Interact Clubs (Spotswood, Sacred Heart, Francis Douglas, Girls' High) The committee has assisted considerably in this respect.

Two of our members attended a mini conference at Kai-Iwi marae in April, and quite enjoyed their one day stay.

The combined Interact Ball was held this year in the Boys' High School hall. Unfortunately ticket sales were small and the result was a \$200 loss. However the ball itself was very successful.

The Club is at the moment organising a disco with Sacred Heart Interact which will take place at the end of October and seems to be heading for success.

Membership this year has not been impressive, with only 18 financial members and a hard core of about 10 attending meetings. The Executive this year consisted of R. McNair (President) G. Hughes (vice President), W. Quickfall (Secretary) C. Kinzett (Treasurer). After initial problems the Committee has functioned fairly smoothly, and I take this opportunity to thank them for their help and support throughout the year.

During my year as President I have gained a great deal through this organisation, particularly in responsibility and in broadened experiences. I am sure that those who are to follow will have the same opinion about their time in the Club. I hope that many more boys will join in, that the apathy concerning the club will be overcome.

We are greatly indebted to our sponsoring Rotary Club for their continued support. We also take this opportunity to thank Mr Cramond for his support, and to wish him well in the future.

## Library

Teacher-Librarian: Mrs. J.A. Haskell  
 Library Assistant: Mrs. J. Van Beers  
 Assistants: S. Avery, P. Bryant, G. Butler, P. Butler, G. Coleman, M. Ellingham, G. Peaver, D. Gordon, B. Gregg, G. Harrison, J. Harrison, S. Hills, R. Hoskin, B. Howell, S. Joe, C. Kerrison, P. Killen, P. Lambert, K. Larsen, A. Little, G. McManus, M. Manu, C. Murray, J. Newsome, D. Prince, A. Sangster, M. Schofield, I. Snowden, J. Trott, D. Ward, T. Wells, N. Williamson, T. Withers.

The Library continues to be a valuable and well-used resource centre for the school. Bearing this in mind, this year emphasis has been placed on purchasing books and material relevant to specific subject areas so that both staff and students may have an effective research centre as well as a source of lighter reading material.

Coupled with the above objective, a number of displays have been set up in the Library concerning a wide range of topics. We had a very interesting Woodwork display including books on the subject and models made by members of Woodwork classes. A tramping display not only showed equipment and books but also placed stress on safety factors. The advent of the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton prompted a display of books on sporting activities and this was followed in October by a further display of some of the many books the Library holds on summer sporting activities such as cricket and surfing.

It has been heartening to see that teachers in subject areas other than English have been bringing their classes to the Library and I hope that this trend will increase in 1979. The Library is well used at lunchtime and after School and is now open on Sunday afternoons for use by the boarders. The number of books issued throughout the year continues to be high.

I would like to thank Mrs. J. Van Beers for her continued hard and efficient work in the Library. Without her constant attention to detail and general efficiency, the Library would be a far less effective place. Thanks must also go to the Assistants who give up much of their spare time to ensure that the Library runs smoothly. Mention must also be made of the efforts of all the third-formers who were rostered for desk-duty during the year; my thanks to them.

J.A. HASKELL, TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

## Lifesaving

Lifesaving at the school swimming sports again showed tremendous talent. The standards were high and again J. Holden and D. Lockhart carried away the title for the second time.

The school representative team has had a bad season. With the introduction of a new programme for the Intersec School Competition and the short time available for learning some of the new skills, and the competition clashing with the N.Z. Surf Lifesaving Champs, the school team, comprising two senior and two junior teams, the largest for many years, became disheartened at failing to reach the standard they felt necessary, and withdrew from the competition.

In conclusion, I would encourage juniors to participate in a very rewarding sporting activity and service.

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

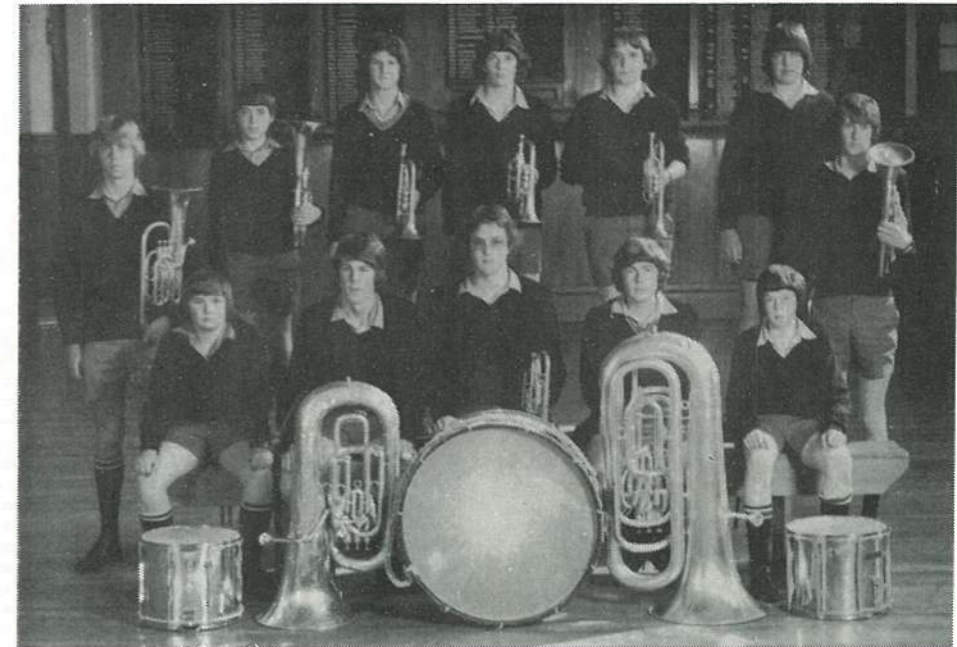
## Music

With the loss of so many members from 1977, the school band was sadly depleted during the year. There are, however, a number of very competent players ready to take their places in the band in the near future. Four members of the school band, who are members of the New Plymouth City Band, played exceptionally well to win the Junior Brass Quartet at the Central Districts Brass Band Competition under the direction of Trevor Bremner. We have been fortunate to have had the services of Mr Bremner over the last four years and regret the fact that, due to business commitments, he has had to resign his position as brass tutor in the school. His talent will be greatly missed.

The woodwind group is growing in number with several younger boys learning the clarinet or flute. The ensemble which played at the Schools' Music Contest organised by the Bank of New South Wales gave a spirited performance and although not up to the standard of the eventual winners, are to be commended nonetheless.

After the musical success of "Calamity Jane" in 1977 held jointly with Girls' High School, it was unfortunate that there was no musical this year. However, it is hoped to combine again with Girls' High, in 1979.

## SCHOOL BAND



BACK: A. Stone, L. Gordon, C. Puttick, C. Kirk, G. McManus, M. Mulrodney, S. Buxton.  
 FRONT: K. Smith, W. Anderson, M. Robertson, P. Lamb, G. Dunnett.

## Parent-Teacher Association

The following executive has represented the parents during 1978 - Principal: Mr G.R. Cramond; President: Mr H. Mills; Vice-President: Mr G. Hall; Immediate Past-President: Mrs A. Larsen; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr J. Howes; Convenor of Catering: Mrs M. Armstrong; Convenor of Clothing: Mrs S. Meads; Committee: Mr B. Bone, Mr L. Busch, Mr C. McKinlay, Mr R. Moffat, Mr C. Taylor; Head Boy's mother: Mrs Prince; Board Representative: Mrs Larsen; Old Boys representatives: Mr D. Collier; Mr G. Wilson. Hon. Auditor: Mr B. La Franchie.

1. General meetings: during the year the P.T.A. had five general meetings: an English evening; a Careers evening with the New Plymouth Rotarians, a wine and cheese social evening, a meeting on secondary school mathematics, and a meeting on courses in the fifth form. Attendance was variable and in one or two cases very disappointing.

In addition to these, there were two report evenings which were well-attended.

Our thanks go to all those who helped with organisation especially Mr Bone for the wine and cheese social.

2. Fund-raising: the big event this year was the Spirit of Adventure raffle which brought in just over \$6,000. The P.T.A. were the co-ordinating body, and the boys and their parents made outstanding efforts to sell all the tickets allotted to the school. As a result, the school was the fifth largest selling point in New Zealand. A large part of the profits has been invested in audio-visual equipment.

3. Board: We are glad to have had Mrs Larsen as Board Representative on the Executive Committee. She has reported regularly on the zeal with which the Board, with Mr H. Smith as Chairman, are pursuing the interests of the school. It is largely through their efforts that some of the long-awaited repair and rebuilding projects are now being carried out.

4. The committee learned with regret of Mr Cramond's resignation. He has made a great contribution to the life of the P.T.A. and has been involved and active in all their functions. We offer him and Mrs Cramond our best wishes for the future.

The Committee would also like to welcome the new Headmaster, Mr T. Ryder, to the school. We hope to work closely with him and offer him our full support.

5. Clothing and catering: thanks to Mrs Meads for her unstinting efforts in organising the sale of second-hand uniforms, which provides a steady source of revenue for the P.T.A.

Thanks to Mrs Armstrong, too, for her quiet efficiency in providing supper at P.T.A. functions, in conjunction with the Matron of the Hostel, Mrs J. Anderson. Mrs Anderson must be thanked specially for providing many afternoon teas and meals for sporting teams, the cost of which is borne by the P.T.A. Her kitchen staff under Mrs McCartain, have done an excellent job.

Finally the P.T.A. wishes the Headmaster, the staff and boys a successful conclusion to the 1978 year.

J.A. Howes (Hon Secretary)

## Sailing

The Boys High Sailing Club which blossomed to maturity early last year with the sale of the School's rowing shells seems set for a summer of successful and enjoyable yachting.

The School's old and only ply boat "Zelda" is in the process of being sold and with these funds and a generous grant provided by the School it is hoped to purchase one or two boats of the small Optimist class: these boats will be primarily for the teaching of elementary sailing with the more experienced moving up to School's Spectras or Sunburst for racing.

Classroom tuition is held two nights a week after School on collision regulations, racing rules and any other theory necessary for boat maintenance or safe sailing.

With many of the juniors interested in sailing it is hoped that by later on in the year to have at least three boats racing regularly and perhaps successfully in the N.P.Y.C. racing calendar.

## Tramping Club

This year not much interest appeared to be shown in the club as denoted by the small number of boys regularly turning up at meetings. This may be because boys think that the club has little to offer in the way of fun. If this opinion is held it is a great pity, as the boys are missing out on a great deal.

To help with organisation a committee was formed at the beginning of the year with G. Coleman as Club Captain, B. Cullen as Secretary and A. Batchelor, C. Smith, P. Paton, R. Molloy and E. Morgan as members. The committee organised about a dozen tramps and Mr Collier took some on his own.

This year's lack of activity was due to Mr Collier's injury from last year, which now is fairly well healed, so he is back tramping. He has been taking tramps with juniors towards the end of the year to get fit.

The Club had tramps, chiefly on Egmont this year, due to a transport problem. These included snow tramps, trips up the Pouakai Ranges, day jaunts along the Waiwakaiho River and tramps to various focal points on Mount Egmont.

The club's biggest problem is finance. This year for transport the club was entirely dependent on private vehicles. The tramping club is extremely grateful to those who provided this transport for boys.

The trends in tramping are changing and boys are becoming interested in far more specialised activities e.g. snowcraft and rock-climbing. The school now has an excellent climber in the person of Mr McIlhone on its staff. Unfortunately, though as yet we have been unable to make use of his skills as a climber. We hope that next year we will be able to take special trips for those interested in this field.

Special thanks must go to Mr Collier, as Master in charge of Tramping - to Messrs McIlhone, Fletcher and Howes and to all outside helpers who provided transport and other special services.

# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

### FEES (per term)-

Board: \$375

Music: \$22

### SUBSCRIPTION TO GENERAL PURPOSE FUND:

\$8 per year, payable at the beginning of the year.

\$7 per year for a boy with one older brother.

\$6 per year for a boy with two or more older brothers.

\$7 per year for a bus boy.

This subscription is used to provide funds for the following items which cannot be provided from Government Grants:

1. Equipment and subsidies for sports, clubs and cultural activities available to all involved.
2. Additional books, magazines and resource materials for the library available to all boys.
3. Publication of the School magazine (assisted by Old Boys' subscriptions) and the School calendar issued to all boys.

### TARANAKIAN SUBSCRIPTION:

The subscription is \$1.50 per annum (postage included) and orders should be forwarded to the Business Manager, "Taranakian", Boys' High School, New Plymouth. Subscribers please notify any change of address.

### SCHOOL TERMS 1979:

First Term: Tuesday 30th January to Friday 4th May.

Second Term: Monday 21st May to Friday 17th August.

Third Term: Monday 10th September to Friday 7th December.

### HOLIDAYS 1979

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February  
Anniversary Day Monday 12th March  
Good Friday Friday 13th April  
Easter Monday Monday 16th April  
Easter Tuesday Tuesday 17th April  
Anzac Day Wednesday 25th April  
Queen's Birthday: Monday 4th June  
Ereat Weekend: Monday 9th July  
Labour Day: Monday 22nd October

# OLD BOYS SECTION

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the year our representatives, Mr Jack West and Mr Terry Boon have both played a prominent part on the newly formed Board. This has added greatly to the contact and liaison between this Association and the School.

Both members will be reporting to our Annual Meeting Mr West on matters concerning the Board and our Association, and Mr Boon as convener of the recently formed Centenary Steering Committee.

### CENTENARY PROJECT:

A steering committee consisting of Mr Boon (Convener), the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster, Parent Teachers' Association representative and President Old Boys' Association has been formed.

Preliminary discussions have taken place over several meetings. It is vitally important that the date and Centenary Project be fixed within the next few weeks.

The decision of the committee is to wait until our Annual Meeting before finalising these matters, and your ideas will be welcomed at the meeting.

### OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL ALBUM:

The photographs of Old Boys who lost their lives during World War II have been made into a Memorial Album.

A case is now being built and this will be placed inside the main doors of the Assembly Hall as a permanent memorial. The Association is deeply indebted to Jack West who voluntarily undertook this project, and who has been responsible for its successful completion.

### J.S. HATHERLY RETIREMENT FUNCTION:

It was proposed that a function be held on 5 August to mark John Hatherly's retirement and his outstanding service to both the School and this Association.

This date was chosen as it coincided with the only 1st XV home College game to fall on a Saturday. (vs Te Aute)

### AFTER GAMES FUNCTIONS:

A successful after match function was held in the Boarders' Lounge after the Auckland Grammar Rugby match.

A large number attended including parents of the Grammar Team and the Headmaster of Auckland Grammar John Graham.

Unfortunately, this was the only after match function we could conduct during the year as all other Home games were played during the week.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT:

One of the most successful Golf Tournaments on record was held at the Manukorihi Golf Course. 70 entries were received and a most enjoyable day was had by all who participated.

I wish to thank the Manukorihi Club for their assistance in organising the Tournament, our Patron Mr W.E. Alexander and Mrs Alexander for once again supporting the Tournament and presenting the Alexander Trophy, and Mr John McIntyre, Ian Jones and Laurie Denton for their part in the organisation of the event.

### THE BRANCHES

We currently have active branches in Auckland, Wanganui, South Taranaki, Manawatu and Hamilton. It is intended that social functions will be held after the 1st XV matches in Wanganui and Auckland and South Taranaki has its Annual Golf Tournament which is always well attended. Manawatu has signified its intention to hold a function during the Rugby season.

Last year Hamilton Branch combined with the Girls' High School Old Girls' Association and held a social function which was well attended.

It is hoped that Wellington Branch may soon be operating again and efforts are being made in this direction.

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for the assistance they have given to me during the last year, and hope that they will again offer themselves for re-election.

Our Association has had a successful and active year which I hope is a forerunner of even more active years to come.

C.T. Henderson  
President

### Officers for 1978

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

### Branch Secretaries

New Plymouth: Laurie Denton, PO BOX 686 New Plymouth  
Auckland: J.A. Syme, 5A Moreland Rd. Mt. Albert  
King Country, Te Kuiti, Pio Pio and Taumararui: Rex Price  
South Taranaki: Ross Syme, Manutahi  
Wanganui: Jack Kurta, 18 Toro St. Wanganui

## South Taranaki Branch 1978

Officers: President Roger Thompson  
Im. Past President: Ross Syme  
Secretary: Dave Ekdahl  
Treasurer: Bruce McCallum

For the twentyfourth year the Te Ngutu Golf Club were hosts to the Annual Golf Tournament and a good field turned out in perfect weather.

Results: McNaught Cup Ian Thompson  
Runner Up: I. Titter  
Best Gross: N. Preston  
Runner-up: B. Ropiha  
Veterans: I. Lobb  
Stableford: 3rd P. Barnes, 4th I. Inch  
5th B. McLennan, 6th B. Brown  
7th M. Lobb, 8th W. Shearer

Teams Prize: R. Thompson  
A. Greenbank  
B. Kendall  
C. Henderson

The association is grateful for the continued support from North Taranaki. You will be particularly welcome next year at the Jubilee Tournament when special trophies will be available to the lucky winners, plus a late meal and brief meeting to mark the 25th Year of the Tournament.

## **NEWS OF OLD BOYS**

Mark Donaldson has been selected as half-back for the All Blacks, both against Australia and for the British Isles Tour (ex Carrington House).

Brian Marsden gained a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in the 90 kg weightlifting class.

Graham Mourie present Taranaki Rep Captain, has been appointed Captain of the All Blacks touring team to the British Isles (ex Moyes House)

Brian Purser along with his older brother, Richard gained a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in the Men's Doubles of the Individual Competition of the Badminton.

Peter R. Withers has been appointed Second Secretary (commercial) and Assistant Trade Commissioner in Washington, U.S.A.

## **OBITUARIES**

### Dr. Ian H. Auld (60)

Attended Otago University and served in the RNZAF as a medical officer during World War II. Began practice in New Plymouth in 1947. He was President of the Old Boys' Association at the time of the Jubilee, and the driving force behind the Memorial Theatre project.

### Kevin Jack Bourke (63)

Served overseas during World War II. A member of the Patea R.S.A., a life-member of the Patea Rugby Club and a former member of the T.R.F.U.

### Edgar R. Brewster (72)

His life's work was with bees, and he became an expert in honeycomb and cellular construction. He represented Taranaki for many years in rugby and was the longest surviving member of the 1925 team.

### Reginald J. Brokenshire

One of New Zealand's longest serving lawyers, admitted as a solicitor in 1921 and as a barrister in 1923. Served in the Taranaki Company of the Wellington Regiment of the 1st NZEF during World War I, and served in the 2nd NZEF in the Pacific during World War II.

### H.L. (Harry) Calder

A pupil from 1914 to 1918, he taught at NPBHS during 1919 and 1920 before completing a B.A. at Otago University. In 1923 he took a teaching post at Mt. Albert Grammar and completed an M.A. in History. He remained at Mt. Albert Grammar, becoming Head of History, until his retirement in 1959

### Gordon Duff, 66

He served as a naval officer in World War II on the Russian convoy run. He carried on his father's accountancy firm from 1945 until 1973 when he retired. His sporting interests included cricket, swimming, golf and fishing.

### Derek Lightbourne, 55

Principal at Pasadena Intermediate School in Point Chevalier. He attended NPBHS in the late 1930's, then went to England where he became a Lt. Commander in the Fleet Air Arm during World War II. He taught mainly in the Auckland area, was actively involved in NZEI. He was in the Primary Inspectorate during 1974 and 1975.

### Mrs Mary McNaught

Wife of former Headmaster, Gifford John McNaught.

### William Ingram Shrimpton

A well known former staff member at NPBHS who served from 1926 until 1944.

### Ralph Conrad Wilson

A long serving staff member of NPBHS who was instrumental in introducing a full science programme to the school.

