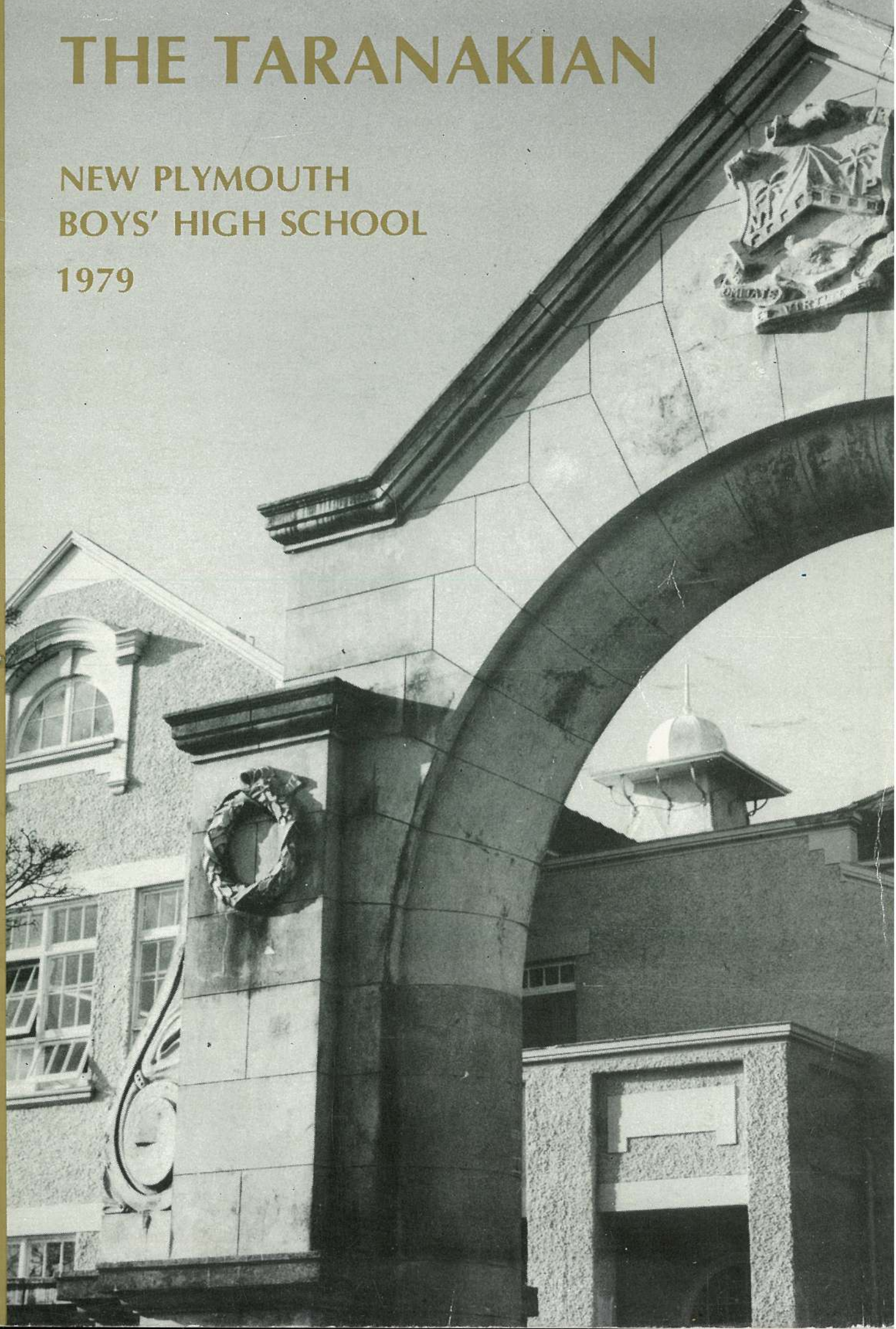


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## INTRODUCING THE SEVENTH HEADMASTER, MR T. T. RYDER, M.A. (Hons.)

**Mr Ryder, what attracted you to this school?**

Mainly a combination of opportunity and readiness. I had been a principal for three years in partnership with another man and I was ready to take on headship on my own. All of my experience has been in big schools and the resources of a big school appeal. Finally, although my last ten years of teaching have been in co-educational schools — I am a product of a boys' school and I enjoyed teaching for my first ten years in one. At the time I was looking for my biggest challenge, New Plymouth Boys' High School was available and here I am.

**Had you heard about New Plymouth Boys' High before you applied?**

Yes — but I didn't know a great deal. The school had a nation-wide reputation for producing rugby players. I knew very little else.

**What are your short-term aspirations?**

To get to know the school, to find my feet and to feel at home. To have the boys feel that I am an accessible head who has their best interests at heart and who will give them a fair hearing. And at the same time to gain the respect and loyalty of the staff and the support of the community.

**And the long-term aims?**

To maintain the best traditions of New Plymouth Boys' High and make it a school that parents want to send their sons to, not just because it is good but because it is special. I want the school to be one the boys want to belong to, they are proud of, where they can grow in all-round fitness and confidence. I want a school that does not only extraordinary things but where ordinary things are done extraordinarily well.

**What kinds of ordinary things?**

Being reliable, considering the other chap, having the courage to admit a failing, being able to take a setback, being generous when acknowledging a worthwhile effort, doing a job well.

**The Johnson Report takes an even wider view of Social Education. Do you go along with it?**

I admire its intentions, but I doubt the efficacy of many of its findings.

**In what ways?**

Simply that the report ascribes to the school more influence that it possesses or can ever possess.

**You mentioned co-educational Schools. How do you feel about leaving them to come here?**

Since arriving, I've not given them all that much thought! There is a lot to



be done in any large school and my present job absorbs me. Still, the main question is not how much better one system is than another but simply how good is the school. I admit that in terms of social education, co-ed schools have a natural advantage. That's why the Principal of Girls' High and I have agreed to co-operate as far as we can in providing dances and socials and mutual visits. There's no doubt that our Samoan lads when entertaining us were even better with the Island girls along with them!

**Can we turn your attention to the hostel. What are your thoughts about it?**

I give it a lot of thought — simply because it has not only dwindled in size over the years but also in heart and soul. It's my job to stop the decline — to restore growth in numbers and confidence in the boys. They are capable of enormous spirit — I doubt, for example, whether we would have beaten Wanganui Collegiate this year without the boarders' sideline fire. The hostel ought to be a busy place, and a great source of strength and pride.

**You have restored the full boarding house system, that is boys now belong to Moyes or Carrington for their full school life. What other things do you have in mind?**

Involvement mainly — things for the boys to do and that means men who will give up their time to promote activities of all kinds. Boredom is the curse of young people today. In the hostel it is lethal.

**Some years ago this school revolved**

**around rugby. Would you like to see that again?**

Well I'm not in a position to comment on your first assertion — but my answer to your question is "No!" Don't get me wrong, I enjoy rugby and I particularly enjoy watching the 1st XV win — but no school of any merit serves only one group of boys or one interest. Let us be outstanding at rugby by all means — but let us also be outstanding at soccer or hockey or cricket or tennis or whatever the activity and matching talents may be. I've seen more to applaud in a first-class speech or polished piece of drama or band item, than in many so-called epic sports encounters. Balance is important in life and school. Making a fetish out of something produces as many dissidents as adherents.

**Finally, Mr Ryder, are you enjoying being head of this school?**

That's a question I'm often asked. I'd prefer to answer that I'm very busy being head of it. I shall have to wait to see the fruits of my labours. But certainly lots of things here give me pleasure: a cheerful greeting, seeing boys well turned out, being shown excellent examples of work, learning of good deeds by boys well beyond the school gates, watching a class enjoying a well-taught lesson, seeing the strength of parental support, laughing with my teaching colleagues, applauding courage and blossoming talent on the sports field. Teaching can be a stressful occupation; it is also a rewarding one. I count myself privileged to be working for the good of the boys at New Plymouth Boys' High School.



G. Van Paassen  
Dux, 1978

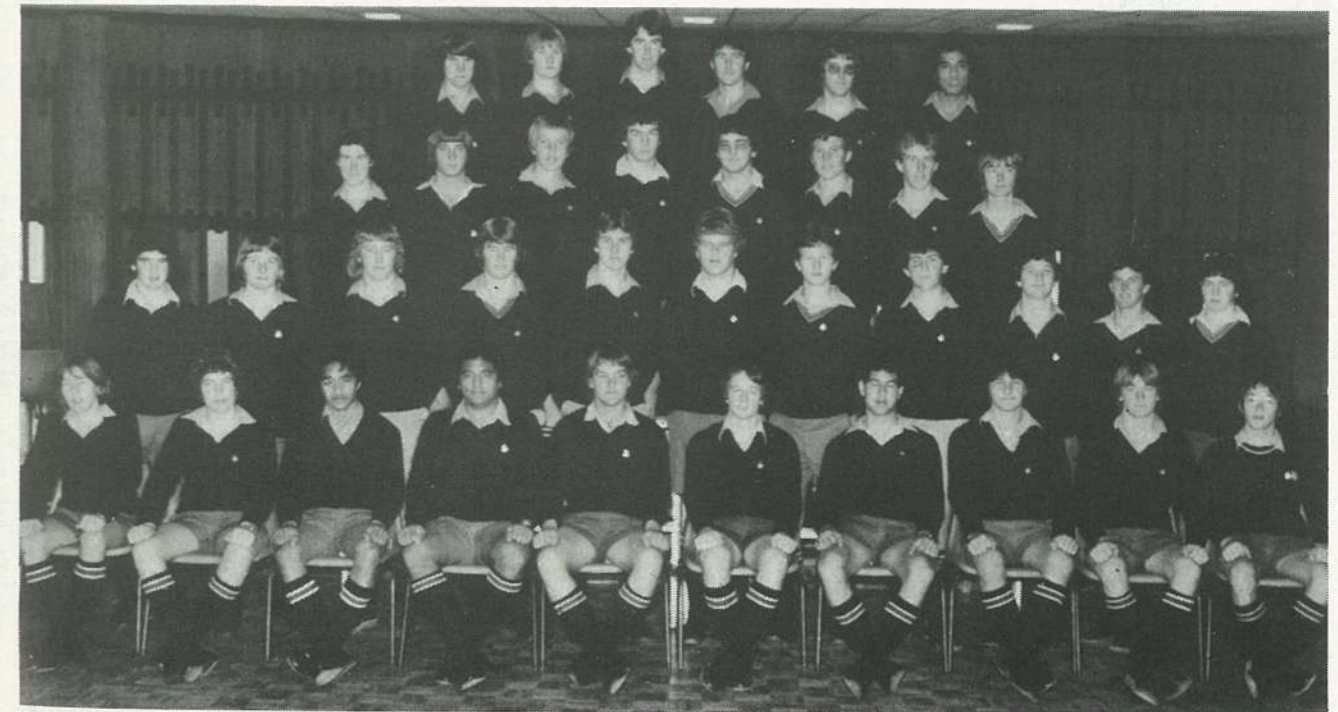


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Head Boy, 1979



T. Tukaroa  
Head Boarder, 1979

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### LEADERS 1979

## EDITORIAL

Society over the ages has become geared more and more to the education of the masses. Our education machine grinds on, with the raw and blank minds of the five-year-olds entering at one end and the intellectually qualified leaving at the other. Along the way we refine the masses so that the intellectually qualified are in fact intelligent. Each year of schooling is logically harder than the previous year. Examinations are placed at the end of fifth, sixth and seventh form years to determine whether a student is worthy of having his scholastic status increased.

Here we have a sort of "perpetual-motion" machine churning out many educated people, and, of course, rejecting others. But is the machine geared correctly? Are we not educating the "average" New Zealander on how to remain an "average" New Zealander when he leaves school?

School Certificate is now accepted as the basic qualification in obtaining a job. If the examination is passed, the student has gained a qualification for procuring a job, and has won entry to the sixth form. But what has he really learned about life? He may know how to factorise a quadratic and what the chemical formula for potassium nitrate is, but what does he know about the world around him and how to survive in it without the security of parents or guardians? Would not an I.Q. test be a better way of ascertaining intelligence? Many students go into the world, armed with their School Certificate, but soon find life is not about algebra and the topography of North America. Should not our system incorporate some preparation for life?

Hard-won qualifications are useless and irrelevant if the student does not know how to use them to his advantage (and to the advantage of others).



A. G. RUTHERFORD, 7W7

### LIFE

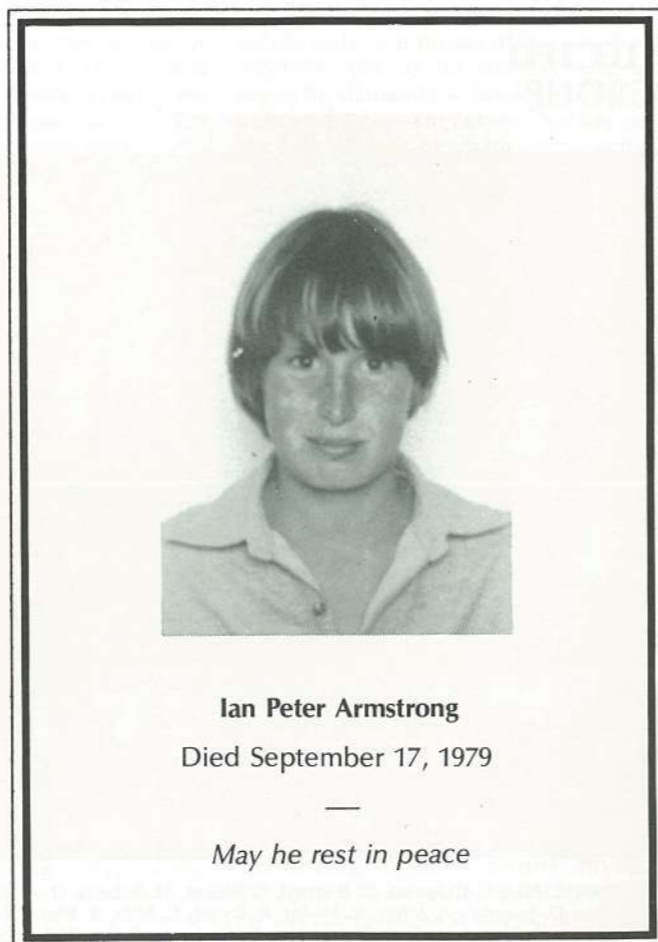
Life is a picture,  
each of us being an artist,  
and painting our own life.  
Some people paint wealth and money,  
Others paint happiness,  
How many of us paint death?  
Yet without death life would be an  
endless prison.  
How many of us could paint for eter-  
nity?

P. Smith, 3W9

### WAR

Oozing, dripping pearls of blood,  
Life awasting, bright red mud,  
Pain unique comes hurtling through,  
Rotting flesh, recent spew.  
"Fun," they say, "Join up, it's swell,  
See bright cities, smell new smells,  
Earn a rank, become a man." —  
No mention of a missing hand.  
Endless trenches filled with gas,  
Men, agasping, writhing mass,  
None escape its reaching claw  
On the useless waste of war.

R. Symon, 5W4



Ian Peter Armstrong

Died September 17, 1979

May he rest in peace

## ACADEMIC RESULTS 1978

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### THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Council met once fortnightly after School whenever this was possible. As in previous years, there were 21 members — 15 boys, six staff members — as well as Mr Bublitz who continued as Chairman.

The Council's most important function is to serve as a body through which each member of the School can make his views and ideas known to the people in control of the School. This opportunity is given firstly at Group level, and then worthwhile ideas can proceed to House Committees and subsequently to the Council and Headmaster.

As well as fulfilling this capacity, the 1979 Council has directly helped students in a variety of ways. These include: travel subsidies to representative sports teams in most codes; the purchase of a scrum machine for use by rugby players at all levels; financial help for the newly-formed Maori Culture Group and the organisation of School Dances and Mufti Days. Council also has a \$5,000 investment with Broadlands at 14½% interest, for contribution to the 1982 Centennial Project.

A further function the Council plays is in providing many members with their first chance to participate in a serious meeting. The Council is an important piece of the School democracy, and also provides a wide range of other services to the boys of the School.

### FIRE SIDE

Sitting in silence,  
They watch the yellow flames dance  
In their confinement of stone.  
Hungry, the flames engulf titbits,  
That are thrown at them,  
And beg for more.  
Then, the fire-siders move away,  
Destined for their canvas holes,  
Leaving the last flame to die out,  
And glow in the darkness.

G. Storry, 3W2

## The Board Chairman reports . . .

The N.P.B.H.S. Board of Governors has now been concerned with governing the affairs of this school for the past two years. Its prime function is to administer the school affairs with particular reference to the regulations as laid down in the Education Act and to interpret the needs of the boys, staff, parents and the community. The Board has a responsibility to these people and indeed by its very constitution has representatives of these groups as its members.

The success of its function can be measured in several ways, some of these being new and improved facilities or new policies which, with the assistance of the Headmaster and his Staff, provide a better education for all boys within the school. Also the Board aims to recognise areas of attention that will assist in bringing about a wholesome environment, making the school a better place for the education of people.

The School would be one of the more fortunate in New Zealand, having magnificent grounds and buildings which are indeed envied by many. Even so, improvements are always in demand to keep abreast of expansion and development. There is a continuing need for the Board to concern itself with this development and since its inception there have been many changes. The changes in the School's buildings can be shown by the following: the new changing block, the upgrading of the South Block, redecorating of the old assembly hall, rebuilding of hostel annexe, upgrading of hostel dorms, repainting of hostel dining and kitchen block. Many of these projects have been awaiting attention for some time and have to be attended to in order of priority and, as all are major capital works, are finally approved by Education Department and likewise funded by Government, and so close and patient negotiations between the Board and Department are necessary. The Board's immediate attention is now directed towards the construction of a new science and biology lab block and the upgrading of the existing facilities.

It would be fair to say that in recognising the problems of the School this Board has involved its members in considerable detail and to assist has initiated various sub-committees to bring about total involvement in areas of finance, buildings, staffing and hostel. The Board is mindful of the needs for total involvement of staff, boys and parents and the community to create a situation that will fulfil the requirements of modern education and so finally we look forward with enthusiasm to the Centennial Year which will bring together the people who have all taken a part in making the school what it is.

G. H. SMITH

## GROUP CAPTAIN CHESHIRE

Group Captain Cheshire visited the School on 13 February to promote the Raphael Settlement, which he founded with his wife in 1958.

The Group Captain was an RAF bomber pilot in the second World War

and was the most decorated bomber pilot to come out of the conflict, being awarded the V.C., D.S.O. with two bars and the D.F.C. The war had a profound effect on him. "You don't go through six years of war and then just

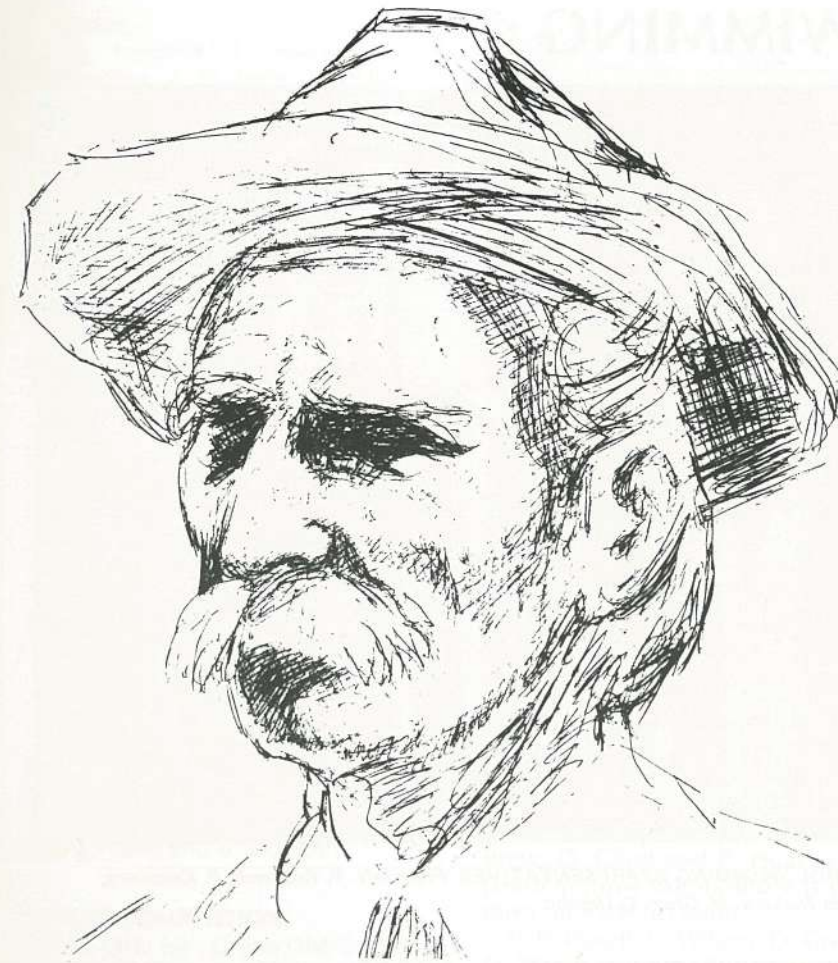
stop thinking about world affairs. That war cost 55 million lives. And the tragedy of it all was, had Britain and her allies been more alert to what was happening in the world, in other words the rise of Naziism, less inward-looking, less concerned with her economy and balance of payments, that war would never have had to have been fought. We have to be sure we are not making the same mistakes today."

Group Captain Cheshire said he saw the atom bomb dropped over Nagasaki when 120,000 people were killed, and came away wondering what he could do for peace. He decided that the imbalance of wealth in the world would eventually cause trouble in that if the poor did not see the rich as their friends, there's bound to be war. He has since devoted his life to the care of needy, and has founded 150 welfare homes around the world for this purpose.

His Raphael Home scheme is one in which a person or collective group support a needy person in India for a year or more adopting them into their care. Since his visit the School has decided to support the scheme and has raised a sum of money to sponsor a child.



The Headmaster with staff member, E.J. Abraham, D.F.C., and Group Captain Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.  
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'The Old Man' - a pen drawing by S.A. Suafa, Form 7.

## WHAT IS PEACE?

All seemed to be at peace with the world. The only visible movement was the quick flutter of a bird darting from tree to tree. Beside me, my huge dog lay inert, soaking up the sun. Sheep were grazing peacefully on a green hillside. Cows were basking in the sun, some asleep, others drowsily chewing their cud. The sun reflected brightly, almost dazzlingly, off the unpainted cowshed roof. Occasionally a car flashed by. It was certainly a scene of peace.

But really I was almost oblivious to this. I was thinking about that date, 8th October 1978. The worst date in the year. I could still remember it as if it only happened yesterday. I could still see the policeman standing tall in the doorway, with a sympathetic look in his eyes as he broke the news. I could still feel the feeling as a flood of helplessness washed over me. And most of all I could still see the long brown coffin without its lid as the man removed the small piece of white cloth from his face to reveal the still, cold face of my brother. I could still feel the coldness of his skin on my hand across his handsome features.

A slight whimpering brought me back to reality as my dog licked my face. I made one quick sweeping glance at the scenery, got up and started walking down the hill. No matter what the pain, I had to start living again.

J. Pembroke, 6M4

## THE OLD MAN

The old man,  
Sits on his verandah  
Puffing on a cigarette  
He'd rolled himself  
Watching the children  
Whizzing by on bikes  
Laughing, playing, fighting  
On the street.  
Making him think  
What it was like  
When he was young.  
Fresh air,  
Climbing trees,  
Splashing in streams,  
Catching eels,  
Exploring forests,  
But that's all gone,  
Replaced by sealed roads,  
Concrete footpaths,  
Towering buildings,  
Smokey, smelly factories.  
What happened?  
Where did things go wrong?  
He wonders,  
As he puffs on his cigarette.

A. Messenger, 6M6

## MARE

The dark blanket of night covers the eternal sea.

The cacophony of water racing over ragged rocks.

Silvery moon reflects the light on to the mirror — like surface of the water.

Cool breezes refresh the aching body.

The white bubbling water of surf appears as towering waves break the rippling ocean.

The length of rocky coastline,  
Being devoured by the corrosive influence of the sea where life began.

A. Vincent, 6W8

## POLLUTION

The sky is dark

The day was dim

The smog floats aimlessly around the nightfall.

There's no pollution now,  
Every little bit has drifted away.  
If you listen carefully, you can hear the moreporks,  
For they know when to come out.

C. Brown, 3B2

## DOWNFALL OF A PILLAR OF SOCIETY?

You die a martyr for your cause.

Striving in vain to prove naive fools that your actions are more than simply bestial.

The hypocrites close their minds to your iconoclastic home — truths, But open their hearts to mindless trivia fed by "democratic" leaders.

Dis-illusionment and death were destined from birth.

Blame for an accelerated exit can be put upon our xenophobic society.

The demise of a social outcast, a reject, a misfit, a leper, a punk!

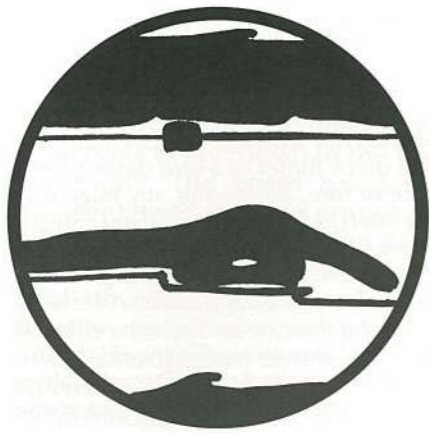
Thankfully death is not welcome — it comes with the speed of the syringe.

Only the ostracized brothers of your fraternity sympathise at your passing.

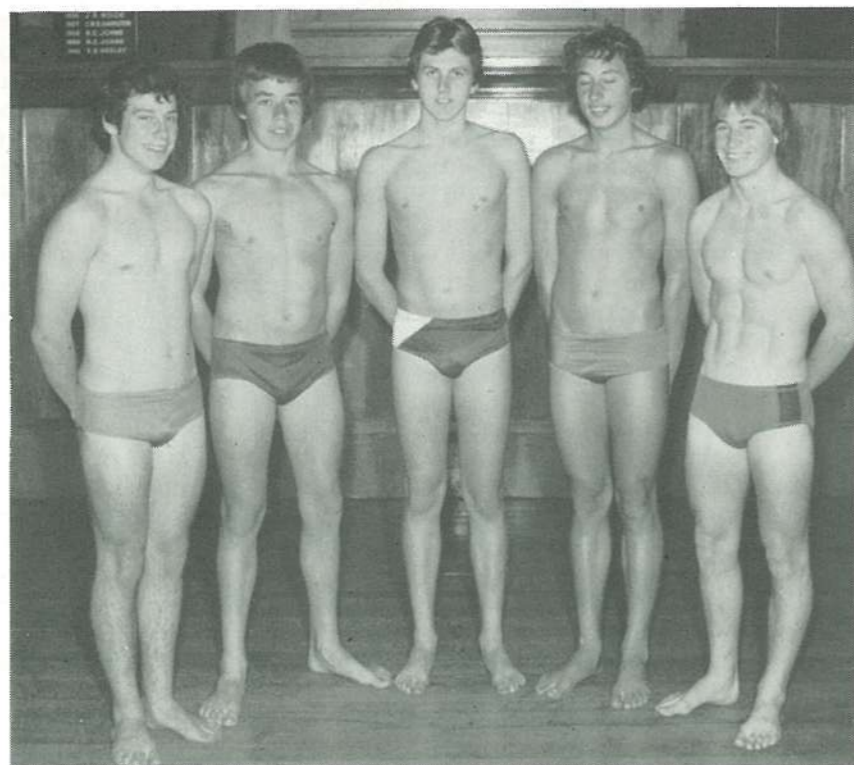
You die with a vehement hatred of the beauracratc illusionists who sent you to a premature grave;

And pity for society dying a slow death through lack of real knowledge.

D. Foreman, 7B8



# SWIMMING



SCHOOL SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVES. From left: P. Rothwell, P. Kahukare, P. Van Niekerk, M. Grey, T. Urbahn.

## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual swimming sports were held at the school pool on a day that dawned fine but deteriorated to the extent that four relay events had to be postponed till the following day.

The high level of participation and competition both contributed to the success of the sports as a whole.

Peter Van Niekerk broke three records in the senior 100 yards freestyle, Open 200 yards Medley, and Open 400y freestyle. This helped him win the Senior Championship from Andrew Frengley.

The Intermediate championship was closely fought, Michael Grey being the eventual winner with Paul Kahukare runner-up.

The Junior championship was won by L. MacVey with P. Hughes being the runner-up.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

### INTERMEDIATE:

33½y Freestyle: M. Grey, 1; P. Kahukare, 2; M. Lockhart, 3.(16.7)

33½y Butterfly: M. Grey, 1; P. Kahukare, 2; M. Lockhart, 3.(17.9)

66⅔y Backstroke: M. Grey, 1; P. Kahukare, 2; C. Morris, 3.(45.9)

66⅔y Breaststroke: P. Kahukare, 1; M. Grey, 2; S. Coleman, 3.(45.9)

100y Freestyle: P. Kahukare, 1; M. Grey, 2; M. Lockhart, 3.(59.4)

200y Freestyle: M. Grey, 1; P. Rothwell, 2; M. Lockhart, 3.(2.22.4)

### SENIOR:

100y Freestyle: P. Van Niekerk, 1; A. Frengley, 2; G. Rutherford, 3. (55.9 secs: record)

200y Freestyle: P. Van Niekerk, 1; G. Aylward, 2; N. Sceats, 3.(1.58.9)

66⅔y Breaststroke: P. Van Niekerk, 1; T. Urbahn, 2; J. Gundersen, 3.(48.1)

66⅔y Backstroke: P. Van Niekerk, 1; A. Frengley, 2; N. Sceats, 3.(43.2)

33½y Butterfly: P. Van Niekerk, 1; P. Clout, 2; A. Frengley 3.(17.2)



School Swimming Sports '79



Doughty (5B2) 'saves' Cole (5B1)

### JUNIOR:

33½y Freestyle: L. MacVey, 1; P. Hughes, 2; M. Brew, 3.(19.0)

33½y Breaststroke: L. MacVey, 1; P. Hughes, 2; K. Myburgh, 3.(26.3)

33½y Backstroke: L. MacVey, 1; A. Shaw, 2; M. Brew, 3.(25.0)

33½y Butterfly: P. Hughes, 1; K. Larsen, 2; D. Rowe, 3.(25.3)

100y Freestyle: S. Urbahn, 1; L. MacVey, 2; M. Brew, 3.(1.12.9)

### OPEN

400y Freestyle: P. Van Niekerk, 1; A. Frengley, 2; R. Cole, 3.(4.10.9: record)

200y Medley: P. Van Niekerk, 1; A. Frengley, 2; P. Rothwell, 3.(2.25.4: record)

### RELAYS:

Junior: Blue, Maroon, Green.

Intermediate: Green, Blue, White.

Senior: White, Blue, Maroon.

'A' House Relay: White, Green, Blue.

### LIFE SAVING:

1st: R. Armstrong and P. Faircloth

2nd: M. Te Ruki and T Urbahn

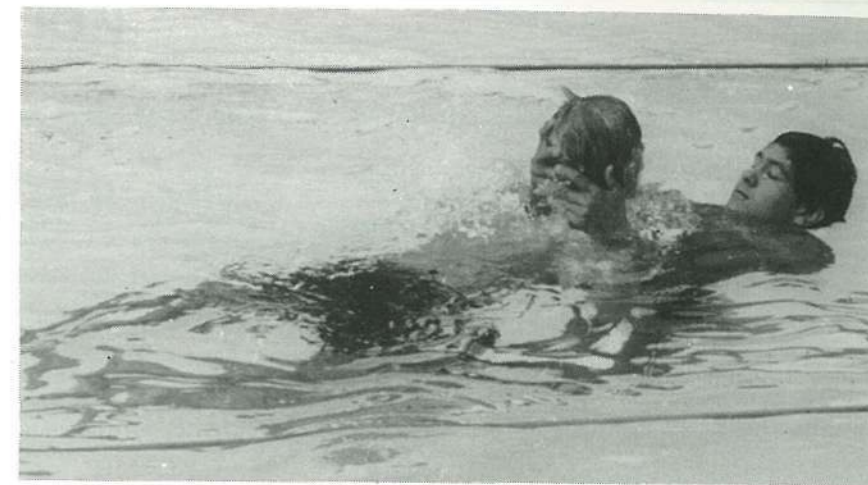
3rd: R. Cole and B. Doughty

### HOUSE COMPETITION:

White (316) 1st, Green (268) 2nd, Blue (209) 3rd, Maroon (155) 4th.



Doughty and Dennis in action for B3 during Group relays



M. Te Ruki and T. Urbahn.

## TARANAKI INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Francis Douglas College, there were relays only this year in three age groups: third form, fourth form and Senior.

The third form team of A. Shaw, M. Brew, D. Clout and P. Hughes competed in three events and was placed third on each occasion.

P. Rothwell, C. Wilson, D. Grey and C. Morris comprised the fourth form team which gained creditable results by winning the Medley and breaststroke events, and gaining second in the freestyle and backstroke relays.

The senior team of P. Van Niekerk, T. Urbahn, M. Grey and P. Kahukare was first in all relays.

In the flying squadron, a freestyle event incorporating two swimmers from each level of competition, our team finished third. N.P.B.H.S., therefore, from 12 starts in the boys' section

gained six firsts, two seconds and four thirds which was an excellent result, dominating the provincial event.

## NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held in Palmerston North and four of our boys competed. Facilities and organisation were excellent for the competition; however, weather conditioners were damp and far from perfect for such an event.

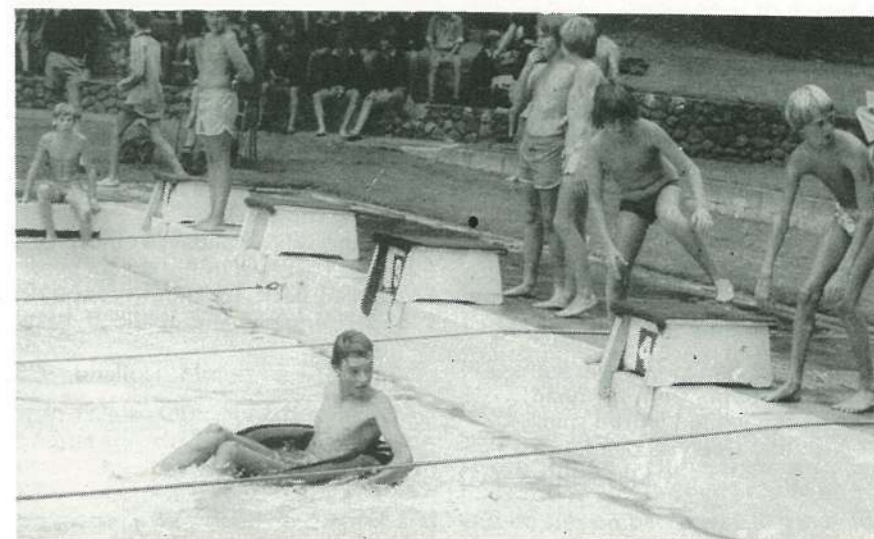
One hundred and five schools participated and of these we were one of the most successful with all boys making the finals in their events, places being:

Under 15: Paul Kahukare, 2nd 100m breaststroke; 3rd 100m freestyle.

Peter Rothwell, 4th 200m breaststroke (personal best time).

Open: Peter Van Niekerk, 3rd 100m butterfly; 3rd 200m individual medley.

Michael Grey, 3rd 100m backstroke.



Third form tube relay, D. Raymond paddling for Maroon.



## NOTHING

Birds,  
Political pseudonym  
Of bombs,  
Birds sing,  
Destruction bring.  
Aren't mushrooms meant to be edible?

How now purple cow,  
Or is mutation a better word.  
Survivor of Horishima  
Do you not see  
His lost lives,  
Gone.

Cat with nine lives,  
Mythical creature,  
But so is a fire-breathing  
Dragon. And  
Bombs?

Idolized by governments,  
People  
Pawns,  
But aren't some traditions  
Better than some  
Technological advancements.

Death is the end,  
Why hasten us our path to eternity  
or extermination  
We can wait.  
Can't we?

I. Snowdon, 5W9

## A TREE CAN BE AN ENEMY

A tree can be an enemy,  
It sits there on the lawn,  
It stretches out its ugly arms,  
And smiles a laughing scorn.

From its branches does emit  
A bunch of ugly green,  
The leaves then flutter to the path,  
Just waiting to be seen.

And from the door a watchful eye  
Scans out and sees them there,  
He seeks around about the house  
To find my hiding lair.

At last he finds my cover place,  
He dumps me with a rake,  
"You'd better clear those leaves real  
fast  
or you'll a hiding take!"

And so I go and sweep the leaves,  
The sweat pours from my head,  
And all the while I work I think,  
"I wish that tree was dead."

M. Mehring, 3M3

## IMPRISONED

I see, in my tightly clenched fists,  
All that I represent.  
I hold on to myself  
my cares,  
possessions,  
pride.

I shut you out — in case you change  
me.

I shut other people out for the same  
reason.

I could strike out with these fists  
against those who would threaten me.  
But I see in my whitened knuckles  
and tense forearms what all this is  
doing  
to me.

I am uptight,  
enslaved,  
imprisoned within myself.

I am tired,  
tense,  
lonely,  
and I am only destroying myself.

And now in slowly opening my hands  
I release myself  
My knuckles are no longer white,  
My forearms are no longer tense.  
Away go my burdens,  
cares,  
loneliness.

K. Mitchell, 4M4

## SCHOOLMANIA

All was silent, not a sound,  
Alas his shoes splish-sploshed on sod-  
den ground.  
Walking was no joy, not for a boy,  
His uniform all neat and shiny shoes  
on clean feet,  
All he knew was today was a school  
day,  
Poor lad how could he have known, or  
even shown,  
That today was a holiday, a day of rest.  
I walked past him in my casual best,  
He looked back, his mouth agape,  
I smiled smugly and made a hasty  
escape.

M. Holland, 5G5

## TIME

In a secret underground research  
centre in the depths of the Antarctic, at  
a cost of well over fifty million dollars,  
a team of scientists work frantically to  
meet a deadline for perfecting a  
machine to take several people back in  
time to the year 2000 B.C.

In an air-conditioned apartment in  
down-town San Francisco, on a hot  
summer's day, a young man awakens  
from a dream, moves to his typewriter  
and leisurely begins to type a story of a  
man who lives in the year 2000 B.C. He  
sends it to his publisher who prints it  
and the young man receives two mill-  
ion dollars in royalties.

D. Snowdon, 6W7

## WHY?

As I look up at the mighty Rimu  
Towering above me, I can't help but  
wonder

Of its age; how many battles it's  
fought and won?

From seed it began its struggle for  
survival  
Against overwhelming odds, but it  
managed

To grow to young, supple seedling and  
forced

Its way up through the competitive  
tangle

Of surrounding life. It grew to matur-  
ity

And passed maturity to what it is now,  
Scarred, twisted and beautiful.

The Rimu stands old now, strong and  
foreboding.

For an age it has stood and nurtured  
others

And it could have stood for another  
age.

I turn away now from this majestic and  
Overwhelming sight, and looking out  
over the

Battle — scarred terrain, I see the cold,  
yellow

Steel moving, roaring a challenge of  
inevitable

Victory. I look again to an ancient  
friend,

And the challenge is returned. A deep  
and

Sudden sadness envelopes me, blur-  
ring the very

Root of nature standing for the last  
time.

T. Hall, 6G5

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

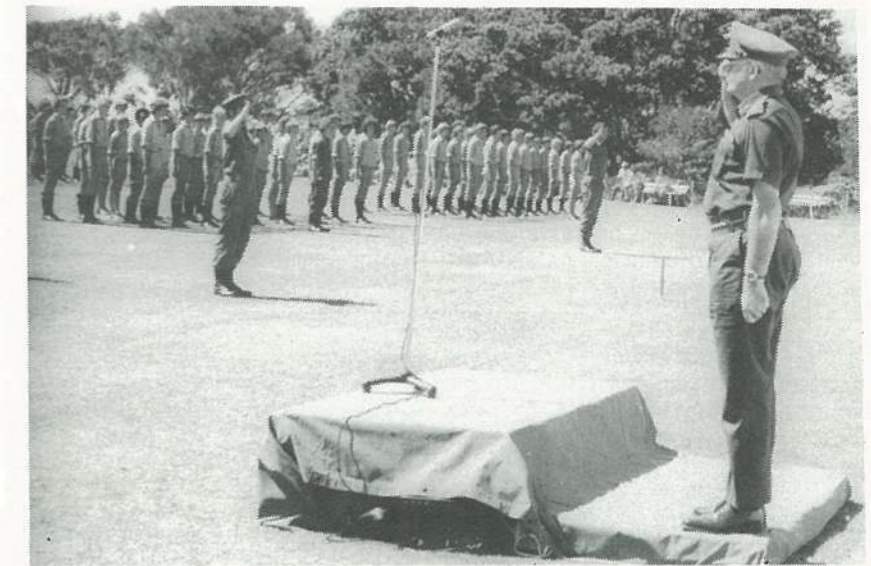
For the past 15 years an Outdoor  
Education programme has been evol-  
ving within the School. No two years  
have been exactly alike but many years  
have had in common the Cadet Train-  
ing and the fourth form "Chalet Clas-  
sroom" which have formed the bases of  
our Outdoor Education.

We are fortunate indeed that in  
1963, when many schools opted out,  
this school elected to maintain a unit  
within the New Zealand Cadet Forces.  
The benefits which accrue from being  
a part of the Cadet Forces are as  
bountiful as they are varied. How else  
could we annually get our fourth and  
fifth year boys into the bush for three  
days and two nights and our fourth  
formers into a tented camp for a week  
and all at no expense to the individual?

From 1965 to 1975 each fourth form  
in turn had a week at the Stratford  
Mountain House where they took part  
in a programme which blended the  
academic with the more physical. The  
success of our Chalet Classroom was  
widely acclaimed but unfortunately  
accommodation costs priced out this



Abseiling



General Salute. Colonel Kenning, Commander 2 Task Force Region, takes the salute.



Distinguished guests leave after the unveiling of the Memorial album.

excellent extra-curricular experience.  
However, the Army came to the rescue  
and, hopefully, we have now estab-  
lished the principle of a week under  
canvas in November for all fourth  
formers together, when many of the  
ideals of the Chalet Classroom have  
been retained and some new intro-  
duced.

In 1976 an Outdoor Education Pro-  
gramme was devised for the third  
formers while the senior school was in  
Barracks. In each succeeding year this  
programme has been revamped and  
modified but each attempt has met  
with limited success only.

What do I see as the future for  
Outdoor Education at New Plymouth  
Boys' High School? In the short term I  
see the Cadet side of our programme  
remaining very much as is. However,  
when Mr Ryder took office this year he  
lifted many of the constraints which  
had previously fettered the third form  
programme so I see a spectacular  
broadening of the activities to be of-  
fered to next year's third formers. The  
scope of these activities will depend  
largely on the enthusiasm and the  
inventiveness of the teachers involved  
and on the preparedness of the third  
formers and their parents to "have a  
go".

In the long term I would like to see our curriculum allow for a greater and closer association with our environment, especially the mountain. I would like to see the present programmes expanded and I would like to see the School have an "Outdoor Pursuits Centre" of its own which would encourage boys and staff to become more involved in the recreational offerings of our locality and where habits for the preservation of what is good in our environment could be learned and fortified.

— M. C. Carroll

This year third formers were treated to a variety of activities. Three different options were available to them: a New Plymouth orientated prog-



Oom-pah-pah



Bush classroom lecture



River crossing



Map reading



Casi-vac

ramme, an Oakura camp and a Rahotu camp.

Those wishing to stay home were offered a variety of activities based on the local community such as offshore fishing, visits to local industry, archery, computer programming, typing and local history.

Thirty-five boys stayed three nights in the N.P.O.B. Surf Cub Pavilion and participated in outdoor activities. Included in the programme were beach studies and surf rescue demonstrations and the boys were able to use surf equipment kindly loaned them by the Old Boys' Club.

About 60 boys attended the Rahotu Camp which involved three nights at the Rahotu Youth Camp and daytime activities such as tramping in the Egmont National Park and visits to the Cape Egmont Lighthouse, a local dairy factory and the on-shore Maui base at Oanui.

## CADETS

This year's Cadet Battalion was organised along similar lines to previous years with four infantry companies and one A.T.C. squadron. A Company catered for Stage 3 cadets (fourth and fifth years boys), B Company catered for stage 2 cadets (fifth formers), C and D Companies for stage 1 cadets (fourth formers). The three flights of the A.T.C. squadron were similarly divided.

The battalion was again commanded by Lt. Col. M. C. Carroll with Lt. M. E. Dobson as his Adjutant. W.O.I. A. Frengley was the R.S.M.

### A COMPANY:

Barracks week saw the company having practical experience with the 7.62mm self-loading rifle which was introduced to the cadet syllabus this year. This week also saw the company participating in a bush exercise on the northern slopes of Mount Egmont adjacent to the National Park. Valuable experience was gained in search and rescue, trapping, building bivouacs and rock climbing. No. 1 Platoon, consisting of fifth year boys, spent much of this time on a 10-15 mile hike through rugged bush, a rather exhausting experience.

The Company's thanks must go to Capt. Mossop, Lt. Wrigley and Messrs Turner, Rowlands and Morris for their leadership.

### B COMPANY:

B Company was again involved in a wide range of activities. One of the major activities was the community service project where each boy in the Company worked with the City Council Parks and Reserves Department men. Other activities included shooting with the 7.62mm S.L.R. at Rewa Rewa Range, radio communications, canoeing and yachting.

Thanks go to the officers of the Company: Lt. Collier, 2nd Lts. Moore and Gibbs and Mr Giddy.

### C AND D COMPANIES:

These Companies consisting of stage 1 cadets were instructed in weapon training, drill, field-craft, first aid, map reading, compass work and watermanship. It is pleasing to note that such a high standard of excellence was attained by the boys who were extremely enthusiastic.

The practices with the .22 rifle at the East End indoor range were very popular as was the orienteering held along the northern beaches.

Our thanks must go to Majors Brine and Webster for all they have achieved on behalf of the Companies.

### A.T.C.:

The A.T.C. activities were very successful during barracks week.



A.T.C. at Ohakea.

The junior flight carried out stage 1 instruction which included drill, weapon training and aviation studies. B. flight carried out a bush exercise very similar to that carried out by the army with emphasis being placed on survival and search and rescue. The senior flight travelled to R.N.Z.A.F. Base Ohakea and studied many aspects of base life and the organisation of the R.N.Z.A.F.

The Squadron's thanks must go to P.O.s Lay and Butler and Mr Duynhoven for their untiring work on our behalf.

The Civil Defence platoon commanded by Sqn. Ldr. Derby carried out a wide and varied programme and maintained a very high standard.

This unit continues to play an integral part within the City's civil defence organisation.

The band must again be congratulated for their performance during the final battalion parade, and were justly rewarded for the hard work they put in with a night in the bush in the company of A Company.

The Battalion was privileged to have Lt. Col. Sinclair R.N.Z.A.F., Commander No. 2 Task Force Area, review the final battalion parade. Col. Sinclair spoke highly of the activities and work being carried out by the cadets and of the high standard reached.

The Battalion paraded in front of the Memorial Gates for the School's ANZAC commemoration and was joined by a large gathering of Old Boys and citizens for the laying of wreaths and the sounding of Last Post and Reveille.

A large number of fourth form boys attended Linton Military Camp to qualify as Junior N.C.O.s but only a disappointingly small number of boys who

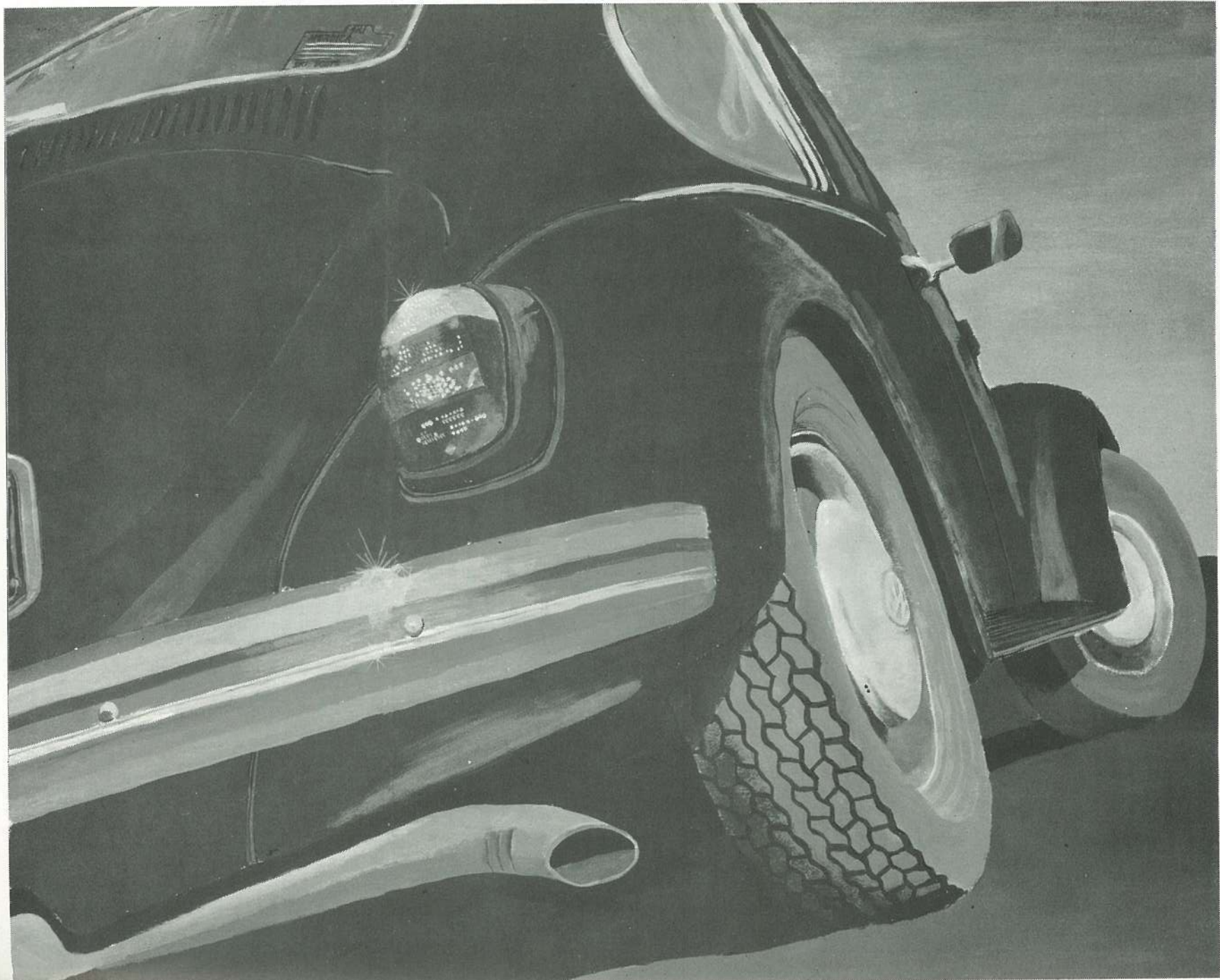
qualified in previous years were willing to attend the Senior N.C.O. course during the May vacation, which may create manning problems within the Battalion in future years.

Sunday, 26 November last year saw an occasion within the School reminiscent of 1950 and 1953 when the stage 1 cadets travelled to Linton Camp for one week's training. Transport was provided by 10 Tpt. Company R.N.Z.A.S.C. and it was quite a sight as the large convoy of trucks pulled away from the School with 250 boys and 14 officers, farewelled by many families and friends.

On arrival at Linton the cadets erected eight man tents, home for the week. After lectures on camp duties and procedure the boys were treated to their first army meal in the 600 man mess.

The following three days of training were a very valuable experience for all. Activities carried out included: Boating, Flotation, Navigation, Living in the Field, Cooking, Shelters, First Aid, Casavac exercise, Night navigation, Drill shooting, Bridge building, Field craft and Night stalk exercises. Sport and swimming were included in the very full programme. Thursday saw the conclusion of the camp and the tents coming down, gear handed back in and back on the trucks for the trip to New Plymouth.

The exercise was a success in many ways, enjoyed by all and many would repeat it if given the opportunity. Thanks must go to Lt. Col. Carroll for the effort he put in and to the officers and staff members who attended for their valuable instruction and to the numerous Regular Force personnel for their help in instruction and logistic support.



"68 V.W." painting by T.N. Urbahn, Form 7.



# CRICKET

visé some of the teams. Mr Tuffery became a player/coach with the 1st XI, and has been assisted by Mr Wayne Burt. Mr Bell has taken over the supervising of both 5th grade (third form) teams, with support from Messrs G. Giddy, R. Brine and G. Boon.

The Cavaliers have been coached by Mr Butler since February, and the 3rd XI has been in the hands of Messrs G. Wilson and A. Johnson. Mr B. Robson continued his long association with the 2nd XI, again participating as a player/coach in the 1978-79 season.

The cricketers of the School are all grateful for the assistance of the people mentioned above — especially those from outside the school. Time spent by Messrs G. Loveridge, N. Phillips and D. Green in coaching was also greatly appreciated. Also, parents of boys were helpful in providing assistance with transport, catering and the accommodating of billets.

The involvement and enthusiasm of all concerned is vital to the promotion of cricket in the School. We are looking to the future with confidence, and possible developments over the next few years which will improve the quality of facilities at the school include

complete resurfacing of the top ground, levelling and re-sowing of Webster Field, and the establishment of a number of synthetic pitches for practices and junior matches. With these improvements and continued support, the standard of NPBHS cricket will continue to rise.

## 1ST XI

With a core of five players retained from the 1978 team, and with some younger members of high potential being promoted to the 1st XI for 1979, it seemed that a good season was ahead. The college season began with the match against Hamilton Boys' High School on the 26th and 27th February.

## COLLEGE SEASON

**NPBHS v HBHS:** School won the toss, and chose to bat on an excellent batting pitch. The team batted well, with highlights being a top class 80 by opener B. Cox and some fluent stroke play by I. Ormiston, who compiled 71 declaring at 4-45, with 244/9. School went onto the field attempting to dismiss HBH twice. Hamilton scored only 107 in their first innings and, following

During the 1978-79 season, the School maintained six teams in local competitions. These were:

- 1st XI — Senior Grade, 2nd division.
- 2nd XI — 2nd Grade, country division.
- 3rd XI — 3rd Grade, country division.
- Cavaliers — 4th Grade.
- Nomads — 5th Grade.
- Wanderers — 5th Grade.

At the beginning of the new year, the School was fortunate to gain three staff members, Messrs M. Tuffery, G. Bell and G. Giddy, who helped super-

### 1ST ELEVEN CRICKET TEAM 1979



Back Row (from left): R.J. Balsom, B.A. Jones, C.R. Moffatt, D.S. Foreman, S.P. Robertson.  
 Front Row: G.M. Moore, C.N. Harrop, B.R. Lilley (Captain), B.R. Cox, I.W. Ormiston, A.D. Gordon.  
 Absent: B.C. Meuli

Charters & Guthrie

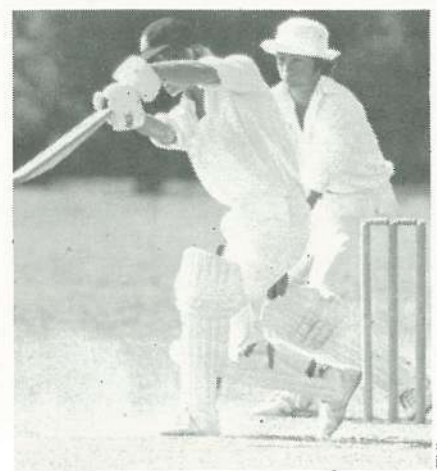
on, were 101/3 at the close of play on the second day. School's failure to gain the outright win was mainly due to the placid pitch, and the very stubborn innings by T. Bridgeman (18 in 160 mins and 15 in 120 mins). The match ended in a draw.

NPBHS 1st Innings	
B. Cox c Strawbridge b Lenin	80
C. Harrop c Sandford b Giles	22
B. Lilley run out	20
G. Moore c Giles b Bridgeman	5
S. Robertson c Dench b Bridgeman	13
I. Ormiston c Bridgeman b Lenin	71
B. Meuli c & b Lenin	0
T. Gordon st Strawbridge b Bridgeman	1
R. Balsom run out	2
R. Moffat not out	18
B. Jones did not bat	
Extras	12
TOTAL (for 9 decl.)	244
Bowling: Pairadeau 0-15; Dench 0-23; Pruden 0-28; Sandford 0-15; Giles 1-22; Bridgeman 3-99; Lenin 3-30.	

HBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
T. Bridgeman lbw Ormiston	18	run out	15
W. Gatland c Ormiston b Gordon	7	c Moffat b Ormiston	15
A. Strawbridge b Gordon	22	c Jones b Moffat	10
T. Weymouth c Ormiston b Moffat	13	not out	42
T. Giles run out	5	not out	14
A. West c Lilley b Gordon	24		
G. Pruden c Gordon b Ormiston	0		
G. Pairadeau b Ormiston	0		
B. Sandford b Moore	6		
S. Dench c Ormiston b Moore	0		
B. Lenin not out	6		
Extras	10		
TOTAL	107	TOTAL (for 3 wkts)	101
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moore 2-26; Moffat 1-22; Gordon 3-28; Ormiston 3-21; 2nd Innings: Moffat 1-17; Gordon 0-39; Ormiston 1-21; Jones 0-1; Balsom 0-2; Harrop 0-4; Meuli 0-6; Cox 0-6.			

**NPBHS v WELLINGTON COLLEGE** (5 and 6 March): This was the first home college match, and the weather at Vogeltown Park was excellent on both days. School again batted first, on a hard and fast pitch. Barry Cox was again in fine form and hit a fast, brilliant 97 before lunch. This was followed by good efforts from Moore, Ormiston and Meuli, and School were eventually dismissed for 255. Wellington, after beginning well, were bowled out for 204, mainly due to sustained bowling by T. Gordon (4-56) and I. Ormiston (4-66). In their second innings, School were quickly in trouble at 3-9, but sensible innings by C. Harrop and I. Ormiston made it possible for captain, B. Lilley, to declare soon after tea on the second day at 88/7. This left Wellington 140 to get in 105 minutes. The task was never seri-



Harrop on the front foot

ously attempted, and they were 93/4 at close of play, the match being drawn.

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Cox c Warner b Woodard	97	c Warner b Woodard	6
C. Harrop c Kelly b Woodard	5	not out	25
B. Lilley c & b Woodard	6	b Gair	0
G. Moore run out	18	c Kelly b Woodard	1
I. Ormiston b Durrant	35	c Mann b Ritchie	20
B. Meuli b Ritchie	36	b Ritchie	2
T. Gordon b Durrant	2		
R. Balsom st Kelly b Durrant	2	st Kelly b Ritchie	13
R. Moffat lbw Durrant	8		
D. Foreman not out	4	c Woodard b Durrant	9
B. Jones c Ritchie b Durrant	2		
Extras	40	Extras	12
TOTAL	255	TOTAL (for 7 decl.)	88
Bowling: 1st Innings: Woodard 2-28; Gair 0-28; Ritchie 1-51; Keall 0-39; Durrant 5-69.			
2nd Innings: Woodard 2-10; Gair 1-21; Ritchie 3-24; Durrant 1-21.			

WELLINGTON COLLEGE		2nd Innings	
D. Johansen c Foreman b Moore	33	c Balsom b Ormiston	26
B. Durrant c Ormiston b Moore	2	not out	42
M. Warner c Moore b Ormiston	61	c Ormiston b Moffat	7
T. Ritchie lbw Gordon	30		
O. Chew Lee b Ormiston	0		
R. Nimmo c & b Gordon	8		
J. Keall c Lilley b Gordon	7	c Moore b Ormiston	8
D. Gair c Jones b Gordon	25	b Balsom	0
D. Mann b Ormiston	14	not out	10
M. Woodard c Lilley b Ormiston	7		
G. Kelly not out	0		
Extras	17	Extras	4
TOTAL	204	TOTAL (for 4 wkts)	93
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moore 2-35; Gordon 4-56; Moffat 0-30; Ormiston 4-66.			
2nd Innings: Gordon 0-25; Moffat 1-11; Ormiston 2-17; Jones 0-6.			

**NPBHS v PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL** (12 and 13 March): Again School batted first, but not by choice this time. The top ground pitch was damp and unpredictable. The team did well to score 131, considering the conditions. Good innings were played by G. Moore and B. Lilley. Palmerston North had much improved conditions in which to begin their 1st innings. At 218/4, they looked in an extremely strong position but a good fightback by School eventually saw PNBHS declare at 238/9. All bowlers performed well. The declaration left School with four hours to play out for the draw. Just before the tea break, the score was 72/3, with C. Harrop on 34. However, a rapid collapse then occurred, and when tea was taken, the score had lapsed to 78/7. This ominous situation for the 1st XI was overcome by excellent, sensible innings from R. Moffat (12), B. Meuli (52 n.o.) and T. Gordon (45). These batsmen took the score to 109/8 and then 199/9, Gordon being bowled off the last ball. This fine recovery (including 90 in 75 minutes for the ninth wicket) resulted in the School's third draw of the College season.

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Cox c Brougham b Stirling	17	c Brougham b Stirling	4
C. Harrop c Wilkie b Leonards	0	b Darroch	34
B. Lilley c Calkin b Malcolm	20	c Malcolm b Darroch	15
G. Moore c McNie b Leonards	28	lbw Darroch	1
I. Ormiston c Calkin b Ryan	14	lbw Darroch	13
B. Meuli b Leonards	2	not out	52
T. Gordon not out	1	b Calkin	45
R. Balsom b Stirling	19	c Grayson b Ryan	0
R. Moffat c & b Darroch	0	c Reiger b Darroch	12
D. Foreman b Stirling	17	c Ryan b Darroch	0
B. Jones c McNie b Darroch	2	did not bat	
Extras	11	Extras	23
TOTAL	131	TOTAL (for 9 wkts)	199
Bowling: 1st Innings: Stirling 3-29; Leonards 3-47; Grayson 0-9; Malcolm 1-8; Darroch 2-11; Ryan 1-13.			
2nd Innings: Stirling 1-34; Leonards 0-16; Grayson 0-4; Malcolm 0-13; Darroch 6-44; Ryan 1-38; McNie 0-13; Reiger 0-8; Brougham 0-5; Calkin 1-1.			

PNBHS 1st Innings		run out	
M. Brougham	62	b Moore	5
A. Reiger c Cox	59	b Ormiston	59
G. McNie st Lilley	32	b Moffat	32
P. Ryan c Jones	26	b Moffat	26
D. Stirling c Moore	19	b Balsom	19
C. Calkin lbw Balsom	0		
A. Darroch run out	0		
R. Leonards c Foreman	2	b Moffat	2
E. Wilkie not out	16		
D. Malcolm not out	15		
Extras	238		
TOTAL (for 9 wkts decl.)	238		
Bowling: Moore 1-54; Gordon 0-53; Moffat 3-28; Balsom 2-16; Ormiston 1-73.			



Captain Lilley in a defensive mood

**NPBHS v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE** (26 and 27 March): Yet again School batted first, this time on wet pitch and slow outfield. The team made hard work of it, and only recovered slightly from 6/30 to finish with 92. R. Moffat had a well-hit innings of 32, and R. Balsom scored 16. As was the case in the PNBHS game, Wanganui had a much drier pitch to bat on, and led by a majestic 67 from captain S. Pease, and 55 from B. Bellerby, they were able to declare at 194 for 8. Some accurate bowling by I. Ormiston earned him 5-64. B. Jones took 2-19, and had all the batsmen in trouble. Batting a second time, the top order played well, taking School to 104/4 at tea on the second day. However, after tea six wickets fell for only 11 runs, due to an excellent spell from Pease, who took 6-21. Wanganui then only required 14 runs to win, and got them with the loss of one wicket. Thus, School were defeated, making their college record three draws and a loss.

NPBHS 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
B. Cox lbw Seddon	1	b Seddon	47
C. Harrop c Nancarrow b Seddon	16	lbw Seddon	2
B. Lilley run out	1	c Nancarrow b Pease	17
G. Moore b Kelt	1	lbw Taylor	23
I. Ormiston lbw Taylor	0	c Seddon b Pease	13
B. Meuli c Pease b Taylor	13	b Reid	5
D. Foreman lbw Seddon	0	not out	8
R. Balsom run out	16	lbw Pease	0
R. Moffat c McLean b Nancarrow	32	c Patterson b Pease	0
T. Gordon lbw Kelt	2	c McLean b Pease	0
B. Jones not out	0	lbw Pease	2
Extras	10	Extras	3
TOTAL	92	TOTAL	115
Bowling: 1st Innings: Seddon 3-6; Reid 0-11; Taylor 2-25; Kelt 2-22; Nancarrow 1-18.			
2nd Innings: Seddon 2-17; Reid 1-14; Taylor 1-24; Kelt 0-11; Nancarrow 0-19; Pease 6-21; Duncan 0-6.			

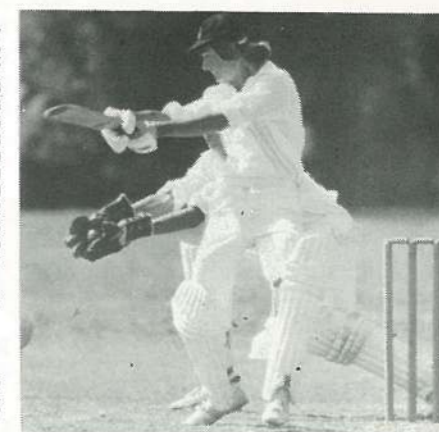
WANGANUI COLLEGIATE		2nd Innings	
C. Patterson run out	3	not out	3
D. Porter c Lilley b Ormiston	28	c Lilley b Jones	4
S. Pease c Foreman b Ormiston	68	not out	7
V. Duncan lbw Ormiston	7		
B. Bellerby not out	55		
K. McLean lbw Jones	0		
W. Taylor c Harrop b Ormiston	8		
F. Nancarrow c Harrop b Ormiston	0		
L. Kelt			
O. Reid c Lilley b Jones	12		
D. Seddon			
Extras	13	Extras	0
TOTAL (for 8 decl.)	194	TOTAL (for 1 wkt)	14
Bowling: 1st Innings: Moore 0-20; Gordon 0-49; Moffat 0-17; Ormiston 0-11; Ormiston 5-64; Jones 2-19.			
2nd Innings: Jones 1-7; Ormiston 0-7.			

**NEWINGTON COLLEGE:** Early in the season, School played Newington College, from Sydney, at Pukekura Park. This match was a return visit from the team, whom School played on their short tour of New South Wales in 1978. Batting first in the 40-over match, Newington scored 176-5 with D. Cohen, the captain, making 75. In reply, NPBHS made 156, with the last wicket, falling in the 39th over, after a minor collapse. Top scorers for School were C. Harrop 40, G. Moore 31 and S. Robertson 24. The game was enjoyed by those that took part, and some good performances were turned in.

## CLUB SEASON

The 1st XI again played in the Taranaki Senior Second Division Championship in 1978-79, and managed to retain its position in this grade, despite the loss of key players in February. The team generally played well, as in the college matches. Mention must be made of B. Cox, who scored well and consistently towards the end of the season, leading the team's batting line-up; I. Ormiston who regularly played well with bat and ball; B. Lilley who captained the team confidently, and whose wicket-keeping was excellent; and B. Jones who continually performed brilliantly in the field.

Team spirit was always high, and the team fought together, as exemplified in the Palmerston North fight-back. All players contributed something to the team effort. C. Harrop played several gritty knocks, G. Moore batted and bowled well (though still below his potential), and B. Meuli and D. Foreman contributed the odd well-needed innings.



A good chance missed!

Of the younger players, R. Balsom, T. Gordon and R. Moffat all displayed considerable potential as all-rounders, which bodes well for future teams. S. Robertson, one of the best batsmen in the team, played consistently well, but was kept out of the last three college matches with a chipped elbow.

Special thanks must go to Mr Wayne Burt for his skilled coaching of the team, and readiness to help all the boys and to Mr Brine for his careful organisation and administration. Mr Tuffery, who joined the team as a player/coach at the beginning of the school year was a great help to the 1st XI, in always being around at practice and on Saturdays to help coach and supervise the team, as well as being a capable team member.

**1st XI for 1979:** R. Balsom, B. Cox, D. Foreman, T. Gordon, C. Harrop, B. Jones, B. Lilley (Captain), B. Meuli, R. Moffat, G. Moore, I. Ormiston, S. Robertson.

**1978 Record — College Matches:**  
v Hamilton Boys' High School: Draw  
v Wellington College — Draw  
v Palmerston North B.H.S. — Draw  
v Wanganui Collegiate — Loss

**Club Matches:** Played 10, drew 10.  
**40-over Match:** v Newington College (Sydney) — Loss.



Some 2nd XI players on the Top Ground. From left: Phillips, Irvine, Powell, May, Brown Bailey, Blair.

## NPBHS 2nd XI 1978-79

Coach: Mr B. Robson

Team: B. Jones (Captain 1978), C. May (Captain 1979), C. Bailey, S. Blair, G. Blyth, A. Brown, R. Clarke, D. Foreman, A. Gunn, G. Hughes, J. Irvine, B. Meuli, R. Moffat, P. Phillips, R. Powell, B. Robson, J. Sanders, D. Shute, S. Stubbings.

Due to somewhat inclement weather before Christmas the team was only able to play two club matches and one college fixture. Unfortunately the new school year brought forth many changes to the side, with B. Jones and B. Meuli being promoted to the 1st XI and G. Hughes and D. Shute not returning to school. Also A. Gunn spent the second half of the season nursing a leg injury, leaving a somewhat depleted but nonetheless fighting side. Two outright wins, against Spotswood College and Tikorangi brought to light the bowling talents of J. Sanders and the batting finesse of P. Phillips, two players who had been promoted from the 3rd XI. Sanders' best performance was against Spotswood College, when he took 6 wickets for 48 runs. The team thanks Mr Bert Robson for his dedication as a player/coach, and his consistently good batting. Congratulations to D. Foreman, B. Jones, B. Meuli and R. Moffat for their selection to the 1st XI college team.

## College Match v Palmerston North Boys' High School

The visitors dominated the match right from the start, but New Plymouth fought gamely against the better-drilled opposition. PNBHS batted first and scored 210 on an excellent wicket. B. Jones was the best of the bowlers taking 3-30, and G. Blyth took 3-65. New Plymouth were then left the final 40 minutes of the day in which to open their innings, and were 21-0 at stumps. However, the next morning proved to be disastrous and the home side was dismissed for 64. B. Meuli topped the

scoresheet with a very well constructed 24. The follow-on proved to be as equally disappointing, and New Plymouth were dismissed for only 46 with B. Meuli completing a creditable double with 22.

**N.P.B.H.S. 3rd XI 1978-79**

Manager: Mr G. Wilson  
 Coach: Mr A. Johnson  
 Team: G. Trenwith (Captain), P. Fleming, P. Gladding, W. Hall, C. Hill, S. Hill, A. Johnson, D. Laurenson, C. Myburgh, L. Powell, G. Shearer, W. Snellgrove.

Without enjoying a great deal of success during the season, the 3rd XI played cricket of a consistently high standard, but were unable to capitalise on advantages that they gained and consequently finished well down the table. The team contained many young and promising players which should stand it in good stead for next season, but found it very difficult playing in an open grade against vastly more experienced adult teams. Thanks must go to Mr Johnson and Mr Wilson for the amount of time they devoted to the side. The team was ably captained by G. Trenwith who also batted and bowled consistently well throughout the season. W. Hall, C. Hill and S. Hill all made very useful contributions with the bat and W. Hall in particular stood out as a very promising bowler.

Performances of note during the season were:

- v Mangorei: Batting — G. Trenwith 49, A. Johnson 19. Bowling — W. Hall 2-17.
- v Mangorei: Batting — S. Hill 47, C. Hill 18, G. Trenwith 18. Bowling — D. Laurenson 2-26, N. Myburgh 1-1.
- v Kawaroa Squash Club: Batting — C. Hill 25. Bowling — W. Hall 4-28.
- v Midhirst: Batting — G. Trenwith 28, W. Hall — 21, Bowling — D. Laurenson 2-13.

**NPBHS 4th grade Cavaliers**

Master in charge: Mr Butler  
 Team: D. Darney (Captain), C. Boon, G. Dunnet, R. Green, S. O'Dowda, A. Pepper, D. Putt, N. Reeve, G. Spedding, N. Speedy, S. Thomason, S. Watson.

The Cavaliers played four matches in the competition after Christmas, which resulted in two wins, one tie and a loss. The team defeated BHS Wanderers and Francis Douglas College, but lost to Inglewood High School. The tie occurred in the match against Spotswood College, with the Cavaliers batting first and scoring 68, then proceeding to dismiss the opposition for the same score. The team was captained by D. Darney, who was also one of the top scoring batsmen. He was, however, ably supported by R. Green and N. Reeve who each scored a half century during the season. The bowling attack was generally led by S. O'Dowda and N. Speedy, but there

were also good bowling performances from Darney and Green. From the Cavaliers, S. O'Dowda was selected to play in a Taranaki Representative team.

Best performances of the season were:

- v Wanderers: Batting — N. Reeve retired 59, D. Darney retired 51.
- v Spotswood College: Batting — S. O'Dowda 15; Bowling — S. O'Dowda 4-18.
- v Inglewood High School: Batting — R. Green 30; Bowling — N. Speedy 4-22, R. Green 3-31.
- v Francis Douglas: Batting — R. Green retired 57; Bowling — N. Speedy 4-10, D. Darney 2-9.



Moore in action against PNBHS.

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**3RD XI**



Standing: (from left) C.J. Myburgh, P.G. Gladding, A.A. Johnson, W.P. Hall  
 Seated: D.A. Laurenson, S.M. Hill, G.S. Trenwith (Captain), C.J. Hill, G.S. Shearer.  
 Absent: P.S. Fleming, L.R. Powell, W.G. Snellgrove.

**NOMADS**



Standing: (from left) B.A. Johnston, M.J. Goodson, K.A. Black, R.E. Morton.  
 Seated: D.M. Cross, A.G. Boon, S.E. Urbahn (Captain), C.M. Brown, P.D. Tarrant.  
 Absent: I.R. Banfield, J.R. Carr, M.I. Fleming.

**NPBHS 5th Grade Nomads**

Master in charge: Mr Bell  
 Team: S. Urbahn (Captain), I. Banfield, K. Black, A. Boon, C. Brown, J. Carr, D. Cross, T. Fleming, M. Goodson, B. Johnston, R. Morton, P. Tarrant.

The Nomads had an extremely successful season, eventually winning their competition and thus carrying off the handsome trophy. Four matches were played of which three were won, and won very convincingly. These were against Inglewood High School, Francis Douglas College and Spotswood College, whilst the rather surprising loss was against the BHS Wanderers. S. Urbahn, the team captain, batted and bowled extremely well throughout the season and set a fine example for his players. He was well supported, however, by A. Boon, K. Black and B. Johnston in the batting, and Boon and D. Cross in the bowling. The best performance of the season was a magnificent 5 wickets for only 8 runs by Boon against Spotswood Col-

lege. Other performances of note during the season were:

- v Inglewood: Batting — S. Urbahn 44, A. Boon 31. Bowling — A. Boon 4-8, S. Urbahn 3-12.
- v Francis Douglas College: Batting — K. Black 36 not out, S. Urbahn 34. Bowling — D. Cross 4-10.
- v Spotswood College: Batting — B. Johnston 46, A. Boon 37. Bowling — D. Cross 3-7.
- v BHS Wanderers: Batting — S. Urbahn 22, D. Cross 19. Bowling — A. Boon 3-18, S. Urbahn 3-18.

**NPBHS 5th Grade Wanderers**

Master in charge: Mr R. Brine  
 Team: T. Irvine (Captain), S. Brine, M. Cox, M. Elliot, G. Hall, R. Hamilton, R. Harris, R. Harvey, S. Mackey, G. Myburgh, T. Perkins, P. Titcombe.  
 The Wanderers played four matches during the season which resulted in two wins and two losses, whilst one game was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Wins were registered against Inglewood High School

**WANDERERS**



Standing: (from left) G.S. Hall, P. Titcombe, S.C. Mackey, P.D. Hamilton, A.G. Perkins.  
 Seated: R.A. Harvey, G.J. Myburgh, M.A. Cox, T.M. Irvine (Captain), S.R. Brine, R.J. Harris  
 Absent: J.M. Elliott

and NPBHS Nomads, losses being incurred against fourth form Cavaliers and Spotswood College. T. Irvine captained the side very ably and led the batting averages with 18. Other excellent batting performances came from M. Cox, P. Titcombe and P. Hamilton. R. Harris ended the season with the vastly impressive bowling figures of 6 wickets for a mere 5 runs. Other major wicket takers were S. Brine, M. Cox and T. Irvine. The Wanderers thank Mr Brine for the time and effort he gave to the side and thoroughly enjoyed their successful team.

**"THE RACE OF THE DROPPED HANDLEBARS"**

Gleaming machines line the roadside,  
 Glucose and drinks prepared,  
 Racing numbers affixed, while coaches  
 Massage legs before the gruelling  
 race,  
 The familiar sound of escaping air as  
 Mechanics pump up the tyres.

Tension mounts while awaiting the  
 gun,  
 Sixty riders in close formation power  
 Up the hill, weaker riders are drop-  
 ped,  
 Now there are forty,  
 The multicoloured thread stretches  
 out  
 Any minute now it will snap.

Years of dedicated training show as  
 The front bunch breaks away on the  
 straight.  
 The derailers shifting down, ap-  
 proaching  
 A hill, the clack of brake levers as  
 The bunch negotiates a tight bend on  
 The down-hill journey.

A rider breaks away on the hill,  
 His face tense with concentration,  
 Glistening with beads of sweat, as  
 He hold his lead.  
 The sheer determination and hard  
 work  
 Carries him to victory before the  
 Cheering crowd gathered at the line.  
 G. Blyth, 7B4

Work hard at school without a rest,  
 Considered by some to be a pest,  
 The age of learning which to choose,  
 Abstinence or drinking booze.

Whoever it was who coined the phrase  
 'Sweet Sixteen' was in a daze.  
 He gave all thought to things like  
 grace,  
 None to the acned, pimpled face.  
 N. O'Riley, 6M1



# ATHLETICS

Seniors, D. Jones in Intermediate and D. Chilcott and B. Parker in the Juniors. These results show that there has been an improvement in athletics in the School over the last few years.

Overall results showed that S. Pulenatoa was the Senior Champion, K. Adlam the Intermediate Champion and B. Parker the Junior Champion. All three of these athletes were at least five points clear of their nearest rivals.

The battle for the Hansard Cup was a very close one, and it was only at the end of the day that the winner became clear — Blue House.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS

The School Athletic Sports were held on 27th February at Pukekura Park. The change in venue was welcomed by both athletes and spectators. The weather was fine and ground firm, which contributed to some excellent performances.

The usual format was undertaken with Houses having preliminaries to select their team to compete on the actual day. The sports were divided into two grades with championships and non-championship races being run, most interest being centred on the championship races.

Many athletes performed creditably in championship races with triple titles being achieved by K. Adlam and L. Wilcoxson. There were double victories to S. Taylor, G. Bradley, C. Hayward, S. Pulenatoa, T. Tafa in the

The cycle race was a feature of the sports with M. Te Ruki showing his class in winning the Senior/Intermediate race, while P. Shorter won the Junior Race. The twenty-man relay was included to encourage greater participation and this it did, with Group Green One being the victors. Craig Bailey's fine walk in the open 1600m produced a record of eight minutes 30.7 seconds; this emphasised the resumed interest in this field of athletics. The relay events were shared evenly among the houses.

The organisers would like to thank the Park Authorities for allowing the school to use their facilities and the New Plymouth Athletic Club for the use of their equipment. Also to be thanked are the members of the N.P. Athletic Club who gave up their time to help judge events and be technical advisers.

## RESULTS:

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

100m: S. Taylor (12.3s)  
 200m: S. Taylor (24.8s)  
 400m: R. Jory (56.6s)  
 800m: G. Bradley (2m 12.5s)  
 1500m: G. Bradley (4m 45.6s)  
 Triple Jump: A. Messenger (12.69 m)  
 High Jump: S. Pulenatoa (1.71 m)  
 Long Jump: S. Pulenatoa (5.59 m)  
 Discus: T. Tafa (35.64 m)  
 Shot Put: A. Frengley (11.41 m)  
 Javelin: T. Tafa (31.40 m)

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

100m: D. Jones (12.2s)  
 200m: D. Jones (25.1s)  
 400m: M. Gulliver (57.7s)  
 800m: K. Adlam (2 min 09.1s)  
 1500m: K. Adlam (4 min 55.7s)  
 Triple Jump: B. Feaver (11.05 m)  
 High Jump: M. Brons (1.54 m)  
 Long Jump: K. Adlam (5.34 m)  
 Discus: G. Matheson (28.66 m)  
 Shot Put: D. Voullaire (9.74 m)  
 Javelin: D. Senior (35.4 m)

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

100m: L. Wilcoxson (12.9s)  
 200m: L. Wilcoxson (25.9s)  
 400m: L. MacVey (1 min 1.8s)  
 800m: D. Chilcott (2 min 22.1s)  
 1500m: D. Chilcott (5 min 01.3s)  
 Triple Jump: K. Le Bas (9.32 m)  
 High Jump: B. Parker (1.40 m)  
 Long Jump: L. Wilcoxson (4.53 m)  
 Discus: D. Broughton (25.0 m)  
 Shotput: B. Boniface (8.99 m)  
 Javelin: B. Parker (25.20 m)

## SENIOR ATHLETICS



Standing (from left): P. Steedman, G.W. Aylward, H.P. Alofivae, D.R. Putt, T. Tafa, S. Pulenatoa, T. Tukaroa, Seated: R.J. Jory, A.J. Frengley, B. Pirikahu (Captain), N.R. Verry, C.R. Bailey, L.C. Mace.



A. Messenger



G.S. Bradley.

## OPEN EVENTS:

3000m: C. Hayward (10 min 13.2s)  
 1600m Walk: C. Bailey (8 min 30.7s)  
 5000m: C. Hayward (17 min 23.7s)  
 Cycle Race: M. Te Ruki (2 min 40.4s)  
 Cycle Race Junior: P. Shorter (3 min 10s)

## RELAY EVENTS:

Senior 4 x 100m: White (49.6s)  
 Intermediate 4 x 100m: Green (49.6s)  
 Junior 4 x 100m: Blue (55.0s)  
 20 man relay: G1

## TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Hawera on March 24, postponed because of unfavourable weather conditions from the previous Saturday. The day was not a pleasant one: it rained much of the time, and the organisation seemed unable to cope with events and competitors in large numbers (track events ran very late while field events were unbelievably over an hour behind at one stage). Furthermore, the starter did not take account of those athletes using blocks! Despite, indeed in spite of, these obstructions, some good performances were recorded by:

**Junior:** L. Wilcoxson 2nd 100m, 1st 200m (26 secs); D. Chilcott 2nd 800m, 3rd 1500m; A. Ferries 3rd 1500 Walk; B. Boniface 1st Shot Put (9.92m), 1st Discus (27.42m), 1st Long Jump (4.55m); B. Parker 2nd High Jump; 4 x 100m Relay (L. MacVey, Chilcott, D. Elgar, Wilcoxson) 1st (52.8s).

## INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS



Standing (from left): G.D. Crofskey, C.A. Adams, C.P. Faircloth, J.A. Goodare, R.M. Brons, A.E. Riddick, D.C. Wray. Seated: T.E. Stevenson, I.B. Lawrence, K.P. Adlam (Captain), M.I. Gulliver, A.B. Chilcott, M.N. Day. Absent: G.M. Lundt

**Intermediate:** D. Senior 1st Javelin (41.20m); K. Adlam 3rd 800m, 2nd Long Jump; M. Day 1500m Walk 3rd; 4 x 100m Relay (G. Lundt, Adlam, A. Chilcott, B. Lawrence) 3rd.

**Senior:** G. Bradley 3rd 800m; C. Bailey 2nd 1500m Walk; S. Pulenatoa 3rd 110m Hurdles, 2nd High Jump; A. Messenger 2nd Triple Jump; T. Sami 3rd High Jump; T. Tafa 2nd Javelin, 3rd Shot Put.

## JUNIOR ATHLETICS



Standing (from left): G.J. Matheson, A.G. Ferries, D.V. Corney, R.P. Wilson, G.S. Hall. Seated: D.C. Elgar, B.R. Boniface, L.G. MacVey (Captain), D.P. Chilcott, B.D. Parker. Insert: L.K. Wilcoxson



Elgar taking part in Junior 100m Hurdles.



Fleming and LeSueur running the 100m.

**UNDER 16 COMPETITORS AT THE N.Z. CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Standing (from left): MacKinnon, Myburgh, Hill, Wray, Syman, Chilcott, In front: Stevenson, Matheson, Day, Adams.

As a result of this meeting, six boys travelled to Auckland to take part in the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships where Tafa threw 54.83m to second place in the senior Javelin while in the same grade Messenger triple jumped a very creditable 12.98 metres.

**TARANAKI AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

An excellently organised meeting conducted by the New Plymouth A.A. Club at Pukekura Park on the weekend of 17, 18 February. Only the weather let the organisers down — conse-

quently the track was very heavy. There were two divisions in competition: Under 18 and Under 16.

**Under 16:** K. Adlam 3rd 100m Hurdles, 3rd 1500m, 2nd Long Jump, 2nd High Jump, 2nd 800m; M. Gulliver 1st 400m (57.7s), 3rd 800m; D. Senior 1st Javelin; T. Stevenson 1st Long Jump; C. Adams 2nd 1500m; J. Goodare 3rd High Jump; B. Lawrence 3rd Long Jump, 3rd Javelin. School teams won the two relays: 4 x 100m (Gulliver, Stevenson, L. MacVey, and L. Wilcoxson) (51.3s) and 4 x 400m (Gulliver, Adlam, Stevenson, Wilcoxson) (4.012s).

**Under 18:** L. Mace 3rd 3000m; D. Wray 3rd 3km Walk (Wray was competing as Under 16); 4 x 100m Relay (N. Verry, B. Pirikahu, B. Lawrence, M. Snowdon) 1st (48.1s). A few of the Under 18 athletes gained valuable experience by taking part in the West Coast North Island Championships at Palmerston North.

**WEST COAST (N.I.) UNDER 14 AND 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Another excellently organised meeting, this time at Victoria Park in Stratford, and again our Juniors performed very well which augurs well for the future.

**Under 14:** Wilcoxson 1st 100m (12.7s), 2nd 200m, 2nd 400m; Chilcott 1st 800m (2.17.7s), 1st 1500m (4m 56.7s); J. Matheson 3rd 800m; Parker 1st High Jump (1.40m); Boniface 1st Discus (23.58m), 2nd Shot. The relay 4



Tafa: 54.83m Javelin throw at Auckland.



Ward, Barlow, Gulliver, Adlam, Wilson, Broughton, Cleland and Riddick (obscured) round the bend soon after the 800m start.



Pulenatoa clearing 1.71m at School sports.

x 100m was won in 53.1s by our team of MacVey, Elgar, Chilcott and Wilcoxson.

**Under 16:** D. Jones 3rd 100m, 2nd 200m; Lawrence 1st Long Jump (5.60m); Adlam 3rd Long Jump. The 4 x 100m relay team (Adlam, Stevenson, Lawrence and D. Voullaire) finished 2nd.

Highlight of the season was the granting by N.Z.A.A.A. of full affiliation to the School Athletic Club. There was full participation at Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon meetings, particularly by Junior and Intermediate athletes, and the future for athletics in the School is good. A great deal of assistance was received by athletes from people outside the School in the way of training schedules or helpful advice, such as that offered regularly by Mr S. Lay. To these men, N.P.B.H.S. Club members say thank you. Thanks also due to Mr Moore, Mr Watts, and Mr Wilson for the time and the effort they put into organisation of Club activities.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The interest in summer athletics continued in the winter with the school's participation in several cross-country events. Firstly, ten under 16 boys and a team of five senior boys competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships at Te Awamutu, Saturday June 23. Jnr. team of M. Day (15), C. Myburgh (18), and D. Chilcott (64), was placed fifth overall. Over 350 runners took part in each event, so this was an excellent performance for these boys in such big competition. Unfortunately one of the senior runners injured himself during the race so putting paid to the team's chances. C. Hayward (18) was first of our boys home. Four of the juniors then travelled to Wanganui for the "Round the Lake Relay" on June 30, finishing thirteenth among twenty-nine teams, many of them considerably older. With this success, it was decided to send third and fourth form teams to the Wellington College Invitation Cross Country meeting on August 15. The famed 'Gutbuster' took its expected toll, but boys enjoyed the experience, appreciated the hospitality of billeteers, overall finishing sixth in the third form race (Matheson the best in 9th place) and fourth in the fourth form race (Day the best in 7th place). This amount of participation over the winter-term has given boys interested in long-distance running something to train for, as well as the opportunity to meet with others from different schools. Very worthwhile!

**The School cross country championships held in October resulted:**

**Senior:** C. R. Hayward 1; G. P. Harkness 2; P. R. Merritt 3; P. J. Laurenson 4. (Times: 22m 01s, 24.02, 24.34, 24.41.)

**Intermediate:** M. N. Day 1; C. J. Myburgh 2; S. J. Duckett 3; C. A. Adams 4. (Times: 22m 11s, 22.17, 23.06, 23.13.)

**Junior:** G. J. Matheson 1; H. C. Maxwell 2; S. J. Ross 3; A. J. Kenworthy 4. (Times: 13m 56s, 14.01, 14.07, 14.10.)

**House competition:** Blue (4041) 1; Maroon (3917) 2; Green (3651) 3; White (3363) 4.

At the Taranaki Inter-Secondary Championships our boys performed extremely well, individually as well as teams. The Junior team (Chilcott (2nd), Maxwell, Matheson, Kane, Houghton, Ross, Kenworthy and Brown) was placed first; the Intermediates (Day, Duckett, Myburgh, Taylor, Adams, Parker, Russell and Shearer) was also placed first; while the Senior team (C. Hayward (1st), Lonsdale, Harkness, Farrelly, Bradley, Merritt, Laurenson and Harvey) were second to F.D.C., although all runners finished within the first 23 places.

Grant Cleland is one of the more outstanding athletes at school, yet he is an athlete with a difference — a paraplegic, and has been so since birth. At 16 he has a very creditable list of New Zealand titles to his name including table tennis, 50m swimming both freestyle and backstroke, and a third place for indoor bowls. He has competed in all these events with success at North Island level as well as archery.



Devon Street, 1979. Crippled Children's Week Promotion. Grant races the All Black captain.

**MAORI CULTURE**

After an unsuccessful attempt in 1977 to form a Maori Culture Group in the school, the project finally got under way at the beginning of this year. This was largely due to the efforts of Mr and Mrs Bill Kingi and Mr and Mrs Mel Manu from the New Plymouth Maori Culture Club.

The group comprises 15 boys, mainly boarders, who meet twice each week in the evenings.

Early in June they gave their first performance at a School Assembly and they surprised many people with the standard of the hakas and action songs they performed.

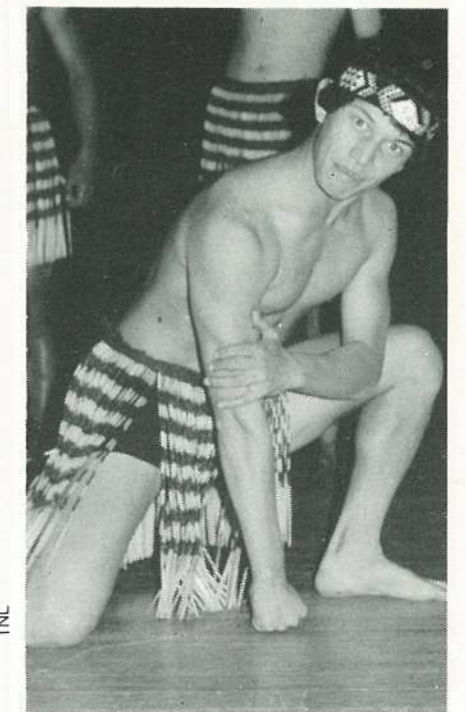
In July the boys joined forces with the group from New Plymouth Girls' High School to give a joint concert to pupils, parents and staff at Fitzroy Primary School. This, too, was a successful venture.

With the help of their tutors the boys designed their own uniform incorporating the school colours, school monogram and motto.

At the time of writing a weekend visit to the Marae at Oakura is planned. At this stage, there is a possibility of a weekend visit to the Polynesian Club at Porirua during the first term of 1980.

The boys have worked hard and obviously take pride in their achievements to date. However, they and the school are indebted to the people who have come from the community to teach their culture, particularly Bill Kingi.

In 1980 we look forward to building on the foundation of this year's work.



T. Wilson, 5W2



# MUSIC

Small but enthusiastic music groups continue to flourish in the School. We have been particularly fortunate this year to have the services of Mrs B. Simpson. Mrs Simpson reformed the string group and also took responsibility for co-ordinating the work of the other instrumental teachers by forming an orchestral group. These boys, meeting every Thursday morning, reached a good standard in their playing. In Term II they were invited to give a concert to the pupils and staff of Wellbourn School which proved to be a successful venture for all concerned.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS

The School **Public Speaking Contest** was held in August and the judges were: Mrs Gallon and Mrs Haskell (semi-finals); Mr J. S. Hatherly and Mr I. Russell (finals). Thanks must go to these four for a difficult job well done and also to all those boys who competed.

### RESULTS:

#### Form 3:

B. W. Gordon "Mars and Martians" 1  
G. K. McAllister "Advertisements" 2=  
P. M. Schinckel "Stone Collecting" 2=  
Highly commended: T. Burrowes, J. C. Edwards, R. J. Pycroft.

#### Form 4:

D. J. Prince "The Haka" 1  
K. P. Mitchell "Assassinations" 2  
M. R. Slattery "UFOs" 3  
Highly commended: A. J. Little, T. G. Lloyd.

#### Form 5:

G. Cleland "Weight Training" 1  
B. E. Howell "Television" 2=  
M. D. Taylor "Advertising" 2=  
Highly commended: A. J. Boniface, C. P. Faircloth, A. R. Wiseman.

#### Forms 6 and 7:

D. Ioka "Philosophy" 1=  
M. C. Roberts "Conforming" 1=  
D. M. Watts "How to take a lesson" 3  
Highly commended: G. J. Blyth, G. A. L. Meads, J. D. Parker, D. A. Snowdon, B. H. Waite.

The **Junior School Essay Contest** was also held in August and place-getters were as follows: Form 3 — R. D. Shaw 1; G. L. Storry 2; P. W. Kane 3. Form 4 — B. E. Boocock 1; M. S. Hone 2; A. D. Broughton 3.

**Senior Essay** competitions held in September resulted as follows: Form 5 — D. C. Walker 1; M. C. Newland 2; P. J. Little 3. Form 6 — G. P. Harrison 1; A. G. Smith 2; R. Molloy 3. Form 7 — C. N. Harrop 1; D. S. Foreman 2; D. Ioka 3.



Further concerts followed at local Kindergartens and at Barrett Street Hospital.

Miss G. Pullin joined the instrumental staff this year to teach guitar. There was immediate interest amongst the boys and her classes were soon oversubscribed.

At the beginning of the year also, Mr K. Burton joined the staff as piano tutor. Though the numbers learning the instrument were small, each boy was keen to learn and several have the makings of fine pianists. Mr A. W. Rogers continues to work hard with the woodwind students. The clarinetists particularly have done well and add a great deal to the confidence of the orchestral group.

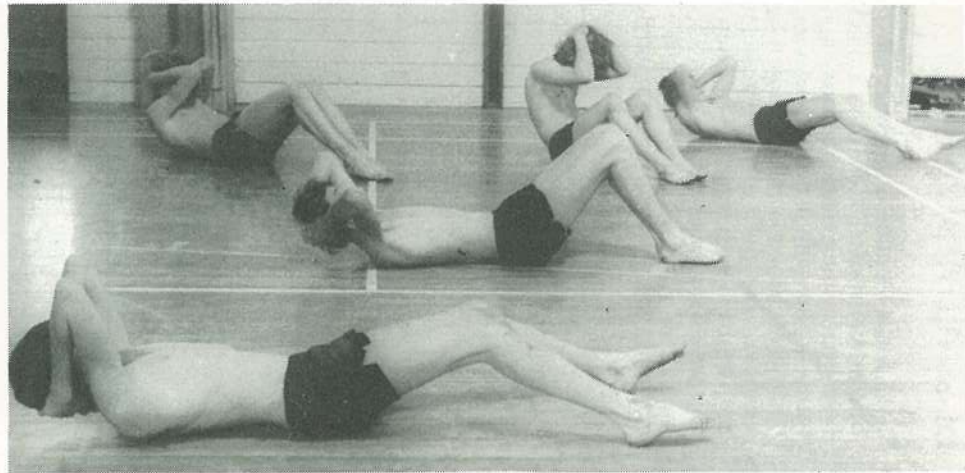
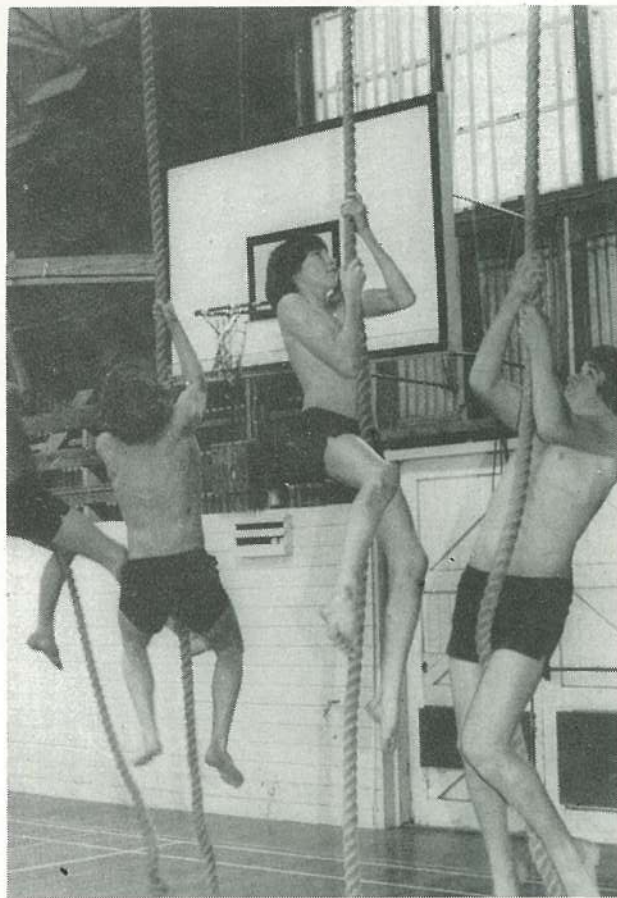
The band continues to be the main musical group in the school. This year, under the guidance of Mr M. Dobson,

and under the baton of Mr Cole, the band have been rehearsing twice a week at lunchtimes. Many of the players were relative newcomers to the band though this was hard to believe when listening to the sound produced at the June concert in a School assembly.

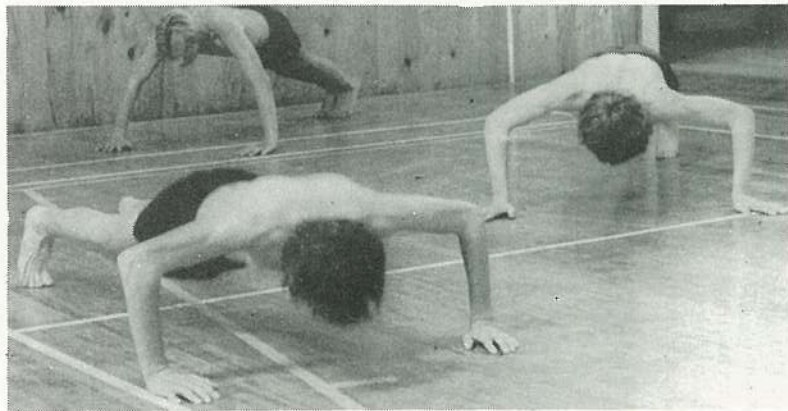
Again this year, the School took part in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Music Festival held at New Plymouth Girls' High School. For the fifty or so singers and instrumentalists who took part, the two performances were most enjoyable.

The School choir, a group of about 20 boys and staff, has rehearsed each week throughout the year. The object is not really a particular performance but rather first to enjoy singing together. The standard reached in singing some difficult four-part music has been most commendable.





FIFTH FORM CLASS AT WORK IN THE GYM



## CANOING

When School re-opened in February it was plain to see that the eight glass reinforced plastic (g.r.p.) canoes which the Canoe Club built under the guidance of Messrs Stocks and Watson were sadly in need of much repair work. About 20 members of forms five to seven spent over the first six weeks of the first term approximately 80 man hours in making the boats fit for use, and safe to paddle. This included major repairs to the hulls and decks, and fitting footrests and buoyancy made of foam to prevent the canoes sinking when waterlogged. Working with glass fibre and polyester resin is unpleasant and even dangerous, and the boys did well to stick to the messy job (so to speak) until the repairs were finished.

The finish of repairs, however, coincided with the start of the rugby football season and so many of the boys who had spent hours with the resin pot have not yet been able to reap the benefit of the hard work due to commitments on the rugby field. Weekly sessions were held, though, on Thursday evenings after school in the school pool, before the water turned green, and at weekends on water further afield.

The addition of buoyancy aids, spray decks, and helmets meant that the Waiwakaiho and the sea could be attempted once basic safety drills had been mastered. The waters around New Plymouth are well suited for canoeing, and nearly all the different aspects of the sport can be tried without travelling very far. Sea and surf canoeing are readily available, and the Waiwakaiho river, combined with the use of the New Plymouth Kayak Club slalom course at the meeting of the



A.G. Meads at the meeting of the waters.



R.J. Armstrong

waters, has given several members of the Club some experience of river work.

With the advent of colder weather, the learning of necessary elementary skills, such as capsize drill, becomes very unpleasant. However, for the more experienced canoeist, clad in essential wet-suit, the rivers are higher, and the canoeing more exciting. The few members of the club who have survived the cold weather and the call of rugby football, have gained valuable experience over these weeks, and are becoming more and more proficient.

Although the swimming pool is without doubt the best place to learn elementary canoeing skills, most exciting canoeing is to be had on the white waters of river and surf. The main problem facing the school club at present is one of transport. In this the school is sadly lacking, compared to many other schools, much to the detriment, not only of canoeing, but of the year round 'outdoor education' that is a very topical aspect of secondary education at present. The Canoe Club has a trailer, and has assembled a frame to carry its canoes and gear, but often the success or failure to find a willing chauffeur with a suitable vehicle has been the limiting factor on canoeing activities.

However, the club is far better off in terms of safe, seaworthy equipment than it was at the start of the year, and when the warmer weather and a clear swimming pool return, many more members of the school should be able to learn the basics, and start to enjoy some of the thrills of this exciting water sport.

A special mention and thanks must be made, first of all to Mr Cole for his help in providing foam buoyancy for many of the school boats, and secondly to Mr Howes, who, although not a canoeist, has given very freely of his car, without which, many of our outings would not have taken place.



Trent Scott is a wrestler who after 11 years in the sport has achieved notable success. He started wrestling when he was five, following in the footsteps of brother Brad who, as a student at Boys' High (1974-78), gained two New Zealand titles. Since 1970 when he won Taranaki and Central Districts midget titles, Trent has regularly contested Taranaki, North Island and New Zealand titles. Since the beginning of last year alone he has won 45kg Taranaki, North Island and New Zealand class, the 48kg class at all levels and 52kg New Zealand title. Trent was placed fourth in the World Schoolboy Championships in the United States. Apart from representing New Zealand in that country, he has competed against teams from Japan and Australia.

## A UNIQUE MEMORIAL

On 8 March, 1979, the unveiling took place at the War Memorial Shrine of a very special book containing the photographs of Old Boys killed in the War of 1939-1945. For this important occasion there was an Honour Guard from the School cadets; as well the Last Post and Reveille were sounded.

It was a simple yet dignified ceremony attended by the Headmaster, Mr T. T. Ryder, and Mrs Ryder, retired Headmaster, Mr W. E. Alexander and Mrs Alexander, senior members of the Staff, representatives of the Old Boys' Association and a number of invited guests. Mr Alexander's presence was appropriate because of his close association with the hundreds of Old Boys in the armed services during and after World War II. Seriously wounded as an infantry Officer in the Middle East, he was invalided back to New Zealand, later to return to the United Kingdom as a Lieutenant-Colonel responsible for the well-being and rehabilitation of our men in that theatre, especially ex-prisoners of War upon their release.

School War memorials tend to lose their significance because with the passage of years the personalities honoured by them become historical to new generations of boys, and to a degree meaningless. This is natural and understandable; indeed it is part of the healing process of time itself. Even so, it should never be forgotten that no fewer than 227 Old Boys of the School died in World War II. To their memory we have a beautiful shrine which was officially opened by Sir William Jordan on 21st April 1957. It contains a very fine stained-glass win-

dow in which are depicted the School Badge and the crests and patron saints of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Marine.

The album of photographs now forming part of the memorial adds a significantly human dimension to the shrine. Occupying a glassed recess at eye level the album contains the photographs of no fewer than 217 of those who lost their lives. It is hoped that by the time of the Centenary at Easter (1982), most of the remaining 10 will be obtained. The cabinet is the result of careful design by Mr Dobson of the Staff which allows the album to be lowered in the adjoining room for page turning and inspection as required.

What is the story behind this project and how were the photographs obtained?

In the years immediately following World War II next-of-kin were encouraged to give photographs to the School and there was a splendid response to this request. Inevitably, however, they were received in a wide variety of types and size of frames. For a time they were displayed in the library but inevitably had to be moved for storage when the building was redecorated, a task of some difficulty because of the sheer volume of material involved. The photos were again displayed for the 1957 and 1968 Reunions but it became evident something required to be done if they were to be adequately preserved yet available for viewing in future years.

In the third term of 1970 the Head Boy, Barry Smith, decided it was time

to do something about it and, with enthusiastic support from others in Carrington House, set about the daunting task of removing all photographs from their frames — some 170 to 180 at that time — and of pasting them in the album he had had designed for the purpose. He communicated with the Department of Defence to obtain details of service, rank, place and date of death of as many as possible.

After Barry left School the Old Boys Association took over and, by tracing further relatives of the deceased, were able to obtain many more of the missing photographs until, at the time of writing, the record is almost complete. The album has been appropriately written up with brief facts for every photograph. As could be expected some prints are poorer than others: in some cases all we had available were photos from newspapers or old prints of sports teams. The more recent additions reflect the expertise of Mr Rowan Guthrie and it may be of interest that one copy was obtained by his re-photographing through the glass a small print found in an old memorial frame in a small country hall!

Thus the School has in its possession a priceless record of those of its sons whose lives were sacrificed on the sea, on land and in the air in that dreadful war of 1939-1945. May it increase the resolve of all who view this memorial album to work constructively for our country and not to its disadvantage.

This, we are sure, would have been the wish of all who died.

J. West



From left: Mr J. West, Mrs Alexander, Mr W.E. Alexander, Mrs West, the Headmaster and Mrs Ryder.

## GALA DAY

The Parent Teacher Association, in conjunction with the School administration and pupils, ran a most successful gala on 7 April. The centre of activities was the top ground and Pridham Hall, and the presentation of the day was divided into two main parts. The major stalls and raffles were arranged and run by the P.T.A. These were based in classrooms in the Hall. Most of these stalls, which included cakes, clothing, books, jumble, meat, vegetable, garden supplies and sweets managed to raise between \$200 and \$400 each. The pupils, in their House Groups, presented a wide range of sideshows, competitions and other tricky money-making activities. Undoubtedly the most popular was the hangi organised by W9 and the queue waiting for the opening of the hangi was a feature of the day. Future Galas could note that more stalls selling food would be very popular.



The School was fortunate with the weather on the day; although rain threatened several times, it held off long enough for a large crowd to attend, particularly in the morning when it was estimated that there were some 7,000 people in the School grounds. The day closed with a display of skydiving then the 1st XV played on the Gully Ground, a good crowd staying to watch the game. With the grounds possessed by the school, any activities should be successful. The Gala raised just over \$6,000 once all accounts had been met.

The P.T.A. and the School have been lucky in the calibre and efforts of the P.T.A. convenors, in the enthusiasm and support of helpers and parents, and in the co-operation and participation of the pupils. Particular thanks should go to Mr J. Hall as Chairman of the P.T.A. and Gala Committee and Mr L. R. Bublitz who oversaw the co-ordination and organisation of the day.

The money raised from the gala day has been allocated as follows: \$3000 to the School Council; \$500 towards a new tuckshop; \$600 for the reference section in the Library; \$400 for the public address system in the Hall. The Maths Department, Athletics, the swimming pool, video-tape cartridges and stage dimmers absorbed the remainder.



## INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

This year the group has become associated with the New Zealand-wide I.S.C.F. Movement. I.S.C.F. has groups in 250 secondary schools throughout the country.

The area representative for the southern half of the North Island, Miss Anne Fordyce, visited N.P.B.H.S. once each term. She led the group in role playing activities and gave us new ideas and incentives.

Usually meetings consist of Bible studies conducted in various ways, but always with the aim of encouraging Christian growth. Occasionally films are shown and these are always very good and helpful to all concerned. A missionary speaker from New Guinea had a very interesting set of slides and a wealth of information to share. Mrs Nixon, Mr Wright and Mr Gibbs have been the teachers involved with I.S.C.F. along with a good group of enthusiastic boys.

Youth for Christ is not directly involved with I.S.C.F. but John Pritchard is a regular visitor to the School and is a great encouragement to many boys.

The Y.F.C. production 'Chrysalis', a multi-media, fast-moving audio visual was shown to English classes at most levels and was a great success.

Another group which visited the school was the 'Covenant Players'. They presented a set of excellent plays which made their audiences think about the meaning and purpose of life; and showed that Christianity has real meaning and purpose.

Mr Hatherly also takes a group of boys for Bible study once each week and these are a very worthwhile and valuable contribution to all involved.

## TUFFY - MY BEST CAT

Tuffy came to us on 29 January, 1978. We had been fishing that day and I had come home and watched T.V.

At about 6 p.m. my mother called me and said there was a cat outside. When I saw him I was shocked because he looked so hungry and mangy. My brother fed him and I just stood by quite amazed at how friendly he was.

After about a week we got to know each other reasonably well. His tabby coloured coat shone and he was allowed to come inside more often. Even so, he never slept inside.

There was one setback, though. He was so used to fighting that he still did it when he didn't need to and he would come home bleeding and with tufts of hair missing.

He always thought of himself as being very brave but one day he went too far. Our neighbours have two dogs and Tuffy knew it, but one day he sat on their fence looking proud and stout, but it wasn't like that for long. The dogs spotted him and rushed straight at him, missing him by about an inch. He ran so fast that he almost went head first into a lamp post and ended up under a car.

In December he started looking old and sick and by January 1979 he had a mouth infection, an eye infection and he was almost deaf. He wouldn't run around or even chase birds.

By the end of the month we thought it was time we asked the vet to put him to sleep, so we made an appointment.

The day that the appointment came he was there in the morning. But for some uncanny reason, that afternoon he had disappeared before Mum had come home from work. We have never seen him since, but I'm glad he ran away and died naturally.

R. Shaw, 3W5

## THE GUN

A door banged. The man sidled into the pool of light cast on the asphalt. For a moment the paper bag in his hand took on the sharp outlines of a gun, as he slipped it into the pocket of his long coat. He thrust out his wrist. His sharp, browned features dissolved into shadow as he peered at his watch.

Leaves eddied around his feet as he strode across the footpath. A rusty Morris rocked as he crushed himself into the dryer's seat. The weight in his pocket pulled his raincoat off his shoulders. He shrugged it on to the tartan blanket concealing the back

seat, the rush of air lifting the bright material. Splotches of dark-red contrasted with the blue vinyl.

The car didn't start easily. Finally it coughed into life. He raced the engine as he clunked it into gear. He turned his head; flicked the indicator lever. The Morris jerked out from the closely parked cars.

Ten minutes later he stopped in front of a brick, suburban house. Rusty hinges groaned as he stepped on to the pavement. He bent over to get his raincoat and, straightening, slung it over his shoulder. He turned and walked quickly up the path.

An old lady opened the door at his vigorous knocking. She took in his white, plastic coat and the lettering of the car, her mouth tightening.

Then she smiled with determination. "You must be the vet come to put away my dog," she sighed.

K. Judd, 6G2

## DEATH

Like once before  
the moon rose to its  
full roundness  
casting shadows amongst  
the rock and broken terrain.  
Heavy clouds broke over the moon  
partially casting the ground  
below into semi-darkness.  
The figure had been there  
once before many years  
ago, and now just as  
before, the black figure  
moved slowly across the horizon.  
Slowly and ever so slowly  
it began to rain.  
First just a faint trickle  
then a heaving downpour,  
But still the figure moved  
unceasingly.

And then as the sheets of  
rain departed  
a new scene enfolded before us.  
The figure still moving,  
but behind it smaller and  
fainter shadows followed.  
Death had come and was  
leaving, soon  
to return  
again.

B. Gyde, 5G7

My story is simple,  
Though full of intrigue,  
Before you pick the flower,  
Pull out the weed.

B. Gyde, 5G7



## SURFING

final from Rutherford, and so these two reached the final. The other semi-final was won by Frengley, with T. Urbahn second, but Smith was very unlucky and lost his board twice during the semi-final and after having surfed well earlier.

By 11 a.m. the finalists were ready to paddle out. The surf was four to five foot but closing out. The standard of surfing was good but these surfers have "ripped" Fitzroy and Wai Wais apart and because of conditions were at a disadvantage. A. Frengley and G. Rutherford surfed into a tie for third place. T. Urbahn slipped into second

place with a tube ride one foot back inside. N. Greig backed up his previous consistency in the contest and gained first place. Certainly a well-deserved win.

Special thanks must go to Mr Turner and Mr Sims for their excellent organisation and running of the contest. Thanks also to "Dave White Lips Sparrow" for helping in the judging. The contest was a great success thanks to these people. Everyone involved considered it a day of radical surfing!

Results: 1. N. Greig; 2. T. Urbahn; 3= G. Rutherford, A. Frengley; 5. J. Gundesen.

There is usually a great depth of surfing talent in the School, and this year has proved no exception. Entries in the School Surfing Championships included the more experienced seniors as well as third formers. March 15 was the scheduled date for the championships, and after careful scrutiny of conditions Back Beach was chosen as this year's venue.

An inconsistent four foot swell was breaking against light offshore winds when the first heat began. Competition was close when five half-hour heats had been completed: N. Greig 65 points, A. Frengley 66, M. Smith 63, J. Gundesen 58, G. Rutherford 53. The eight top qualifiers reached the semi-finals; the surf had now picked up slightly and some five foot sets were coming through with the approaching high tide. Greig won the first semi-



Winner, N. Greig, tucks into a Back Beach tube.

## TENNIS



SCHOOL TENNIS REPRESENTATIVES from left: L. Lawson, R. Waite, S. Modgill, B. Waite (Captain), B. Maechler, A. Erb. The team lost its only college match this year, 5-6, to Hamilton B.H.S. While the School does not enter teams in local Saturday competitions, Lawson, Erb and R. Waite already play senior tennis and so these younger members should form the nucleus of strong representative school teams in the years to come.



Ink drawing by P.J. Laurenson, Form 6

## "EDUCATION - LIMITED?"

Priorities in today's New Zealand society seem to indicate little long-term planning for the good of all and mediocrity abounds. Schools' traditions tend to have furthered and fostered this lack of insight and stifled the talents of many who could have given much to the society.

Challenge and a certain amount of frustration is character-building but few of the school-age students today would agree that they have always been stimulated and encouraged to reach to their limits and extend their capabilities, academically, socially and physically.

It is not always the schools' fault that this has happened and is happening now. Talented teachers, finance and facilities are unavailable to operate schemes that would overcome apathy and discontent and give the teachers the freedom to run programmes to fit each individual and extend him fully.

Within our school voting for council, group and house leaders is done on a popularity basis and people with management skills and the ability to understand and inject new concepts and wider ideas are frequently unrecognised by the majority. Even Government representatives are chosen on popularity and this proves that you do not always get the best person for the one job. The benefits which result from a popularity vote are often questionable.

Sport and outside activities frequently cut across the time allocated for academic studies and anyone who wishes to devote more time in the classroom, broadening and deepening his knowledge, is rarely encouraged and even sometimes forbidden whereas the converse seldom arises.

As a senior student, I have seen some of my contemporaries drift along and drop their high standards and attitudes to work simply because they are pressured by the system, which is unable to extend them, and by their peers, who, on the average, have lower work standards — some of which would not have been acceptable to past generations.

If New Zealand hopes to use and extend her valuable brain-power and human resources of coming generations, new techniques and methods will have to be adopted and moulded to form new educational systems to cope with problems which are occurring and those that will develop.

G. Harrison, 6G4

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

The Old Boys' Association (Inc.) urges all boys leaving School this year to join the Association — as the saying has it 'there's a branch near you'. A Centennial Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of L. R. Bublitz to plan for the centenary at Easter, 1982. The project is a tiered sports pavilion incorporating squash courts, changing rooms and a social room to be built on the north side of the Gully ground.

Golf tournaments were held again this year at Manukorihi and Te Ngutu. At Manukorihi Patron Wit and Mrs Alexander were on hand to present trophies. Bruce McCallum's South Taranaki branch committee continue to organise a first-rate day at Te Ngutu. The McNaught Cup was won by veteran, Dick Baxter, while the New Plymouth President, Ian Jones, was among the prizewinners.

The Memorial Album unveiling is the subject of a separate article elsewhere in the "Taranakian".

Association members extend their sympathy to relatives of Old Boys who have died this year including Dr I. Auld (President during the 75th Jubilee), Mr Ralph Wilson and Mr James Roulston, both very long-serving staff members, and Mr Noel Brookman, a Sydney engineering businessman over recent years. Another Old Boy who died was Mr Alf Honnor, New Plymouth's Mayor 1957-68. Of course, Alf was succeeded by Old Boy D. V. Sutherland, this year elected President of the N.Z. Municipal Association. Already Denis has been in office eleven years, but still has a long way to go to equal Harry Barker's term in Gisborne!

Old Boys who have been active lately as ambassadors for New Zealand are Bruce Brown (Iran) and Tom Larkin (Japan).

The Association was pleased at Albert Brownlie's appointment as University of Canterbury's Vice-



*The All Black Captain*



*The Headmaster's XV prepares*

Chancellor. He was formerly the University's Professor of Economics. Old Boys to hold chairs at Auckland University include John Percy (Mechanical Engineering), Tom Waters (Chemistry) and Arthur Veale (Human Genetics and Community Health). Jim Rowe, now executive director of the Employers' Federation, was for seven years Professor of Economics at Massey.

Robert Archibald (1964-68) is now studying for Ph.D. (Microbiology) while Dr Ian D. Archibald (1967-69) is on a four-year orthopedics course at Cleveland University, Ohio.

Locally Ronald O'Reilly has retired as director of New Plymouth's Govett Brewster Art Gallery. Incidentally, two of the country's foremost artists, Don Driver and Michael Smither, are both Old Boys. Dan Watkins is now chairman of directors of Ivon Watkins-Dow, while Gerald Phillips is manag-

ing director of U.E.B. Industries. Ian Pryke reports from London that after many years in the oil industry he now has an executive search consultancy.

Ralph Adams was this year appointed Director of New Zealand Wildlife Service and joins Richard Logan (Director of Dental Health) and Murray Mander (Valuer General) as Old Boys who have attained top civil service positions. Air Vice-Marshal D. E. Jamieson is the new Chief of Air Staff, an office Cameron Turner held 1966-69.

In sport, John Morrison made the New Zealand cricket team which played well in this year's Prudential Cup, and Graham Mourie retained captaincy of the All Blacks, with Mark Donaldson again half-back. Terry McLean is still writing rugby books!

Headmaster, Mr T. T. Ryder, looks forward to meeting many Old Boys when he visits branches from Auckland to Wellington.

### 1979 OLD BOY GRADUATES from New Zealand Universities

**Massey University:** David B. Inns, B.Ed.; Newrick Burdes, Dip.Ed.; Brian C. Clement, M.A.; Brian G. Dixon, B.Sc.; Allen G. Mossop, B.Sc.; Neil S. Van-de-Water, Dip.Sc.; Steven M. Lepper, B.Agr.Sc.; Peter M. Somerton, B.Agr.Sc.; Kenneth B. Marsh, B.Sc.; John L. Diprose, Dip.Ed.; Ian C. Fraser, B.Ed.

**University of Otago:** William B. Armstrong, Ll.B.; Andrew B. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.; Gilbert S. Elliot, Dip.Sc.; Grant B. Manning, M.A.; Stephen M. Harrop, B.A.; Jeremy Rowlands B.A.; Owen S. Winter, B.A.; Michael G. Paulin, B.Sc. (Hons.); Anthony C. Greig, B. Com.

**University of Waikato:** Donald Duff, M.Soc.Sc.; Richard W. Batley, B.M.S.

**Victoria University of Wellington:** Paul M. Meuli, M.A.; Noel C. Bridgman, B.Ed.St.; Ian F. McKenzie, B.Sc.; Stephen Underwood, Ll.B.; John J. Arthur, B.C.A.; David R. Martin, B.A.; Christopher J. Hall, B.A.; David J. Dreadon, B.Sc. (Hons.).

**University of Canterbury:** Peter F. Coleman, B.Sc.; Peter C. Butt, Ll.B.; John D. C. Gray, M.Sc.; Timothy P. Dobbie, Ph.D.

**University of Auckland:** Roger G. Geden, B.Arch. (Hons.); Colin T. Radford, B.A.; Leon W. Stallard, B.A.; Martin G. Stephenson, M. Town Planning; William R. Wilson, Ph.D.



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### J. S. HATHERLY TRUST



*Ink sketch by S.J. Wilson, Form 6*

The School is indebted to its benefactors who have provided over the years many facilities for the School. Among them are many Old Boys who have, either individually or collectively, contributed to improving the fabric of the school. John S. Hatherly stands high among these for his unstinting support and generosity. As well as the many projects he contributed to while teaching, on his retirement he set up the J. S. Hatherly Trust Fund.

Since his retirement Mr Hatherly has worked part-time at school introducing a class of third formers to his favourite subject, Latin. The salary he earns from this part-time work is paid into the fund. The interest from the fund then comes to the School to be spent at the discretion of the Headmaster in providing extra facilities for the School.

The School extends to Mr Hatherly its sincere appreciation for this generous gift and registers its thanks once more to a man who, throughout his long association with the School, has given so much.

A coalition of the Parties? No, a photograph of the four Old Boy M.P.s in New Zealand's Parliament. From left: Hon. M. L. Wellington (Minister of Education), Mr K. M. Comber (Under-Secretary to the Minister of Sport and Recreation), Mr B. C. Beetham (Leader of the Social Credit Political League) and Mr J. J. Terris (Labour, Western Hutt, and opposition spokesman on Education). All four were pupils at New Plymouth Boys' High School some time during the 1950s. The Hon. M. L. Wellington, after graduating from Auckland University, taught at Pukekohe High School before his election to Parliament in 1975. Another link with Mr Comber is that the two played together in the School's First Cricket XI, with Mr Wellington the captain in 1957. Mr Comber is M.P. for Wellington Central; while Mr Beetham is Social Credit's second member in the House and represents Rangitikei. He taught at New Plymouth Boys' High School 1959-63. Mr Terris is the newest M.P., winning his seat at the last election. An ordained Anglican priest, Mr Terris on Sundays swaps his seat to stand in the pulpit.



# BASKETBALL

A BASKETBALL



Standing (from left): A.J. Frengley, J.A. Goodare, N.J. Cummings, Mr. Bodensteiner, Seated: G.C. Prichard, R.G. Williams, P.R. Merritt (Captain), P.K. Kaitoa, A.D. Gordon.

## 'A' TEAM

With four of last year's team returning, it was possible to introduce new players, without weakening the squad. P. Merritt, R. Williams and C. Prichard were selected for the New Plymouth Colts and under Bill Simmons' coaching they developed a high standard of basic skills. J. Goodare improved steadily, specially in his defensive play under the basket, while A. Gordon was a strong rebounder and used his size to great advantage on the fast break. A. Frengley worked hard on defence and he was ably supported by some superb tactical pressure from our fast forwards. Williams and Merritt pressured the opposition by fine positional play and accurate shooting. Prichard, at centre, had a well-balanced, classical jump-shot which improved as he developed a deliberate fake. His taking of the ball under the basket was controlled and his passing saved many a close game. I. Simmons and J. Gundersen played most of the College fixtures and both proved very reliable.

Our first College game of the year was against a very strong Hawera High School team. The first half was very even and tense, but several lapses in concentration saw Hawera make a number of easy baskets to win 66-49.

Our biggest win of the season was against Wanganui Collegiate when they were out-manoeuvred 107-27. Merritt, Williams and Gordon showed excellent co-ordination and understanding in perfecting the press and fast break which never allowed Collegiate to offer much resistance.

Wellington College always present a challenge and, although slightly weaker than last year's squad, combined well and were quicker than the School team. The final score, 73-54, showed the ability of both sides, but tiredness of our three best players from competing in the Qualifying

Under 20 tournament was an important factor in the game. However, their hospitality is always a highlight of the year's activities.

Our last annual fixture was against a very strong Wanganui Boys' College who had recently qualified for the Nationals. It was a hard-fought game, but their height and experience proved too much, winning 69-43.

The highlights of the year came from within Taranaki. At the local regional qualifying tournament four teams were entered. The first encounter was against Francis Douglas where both teams produced outstanding basketball, spurred on by a large crowd. A last minute goal saw Francis Douglas College take the game 49-47. The remaining two games were played in Hawera. Spotswood impressed initially but wilted under pressure to lose 59-32. In the deciding game, a tremendous, spirited finish saw the School team edge out Hawera 51-49. It was only on a count back that Hawera and Boys' High qualified to go to the regional zone qualifying tournament at Palmerston North.

Both teams were hit by injuries in their first games and never played their best; Boys' High losing to Napier and Wanganui College by 10-15 points.

In the Taranaki Championships everything came right, beating Waitara in a close defensive game 14-12, Opunake 36-8 and, in a cliff-hanger, F.D.C. was downed 46-41 after two

periods of extra time. In the local 'B' grade competition, the 'A' team was entered in Division 1 along with five other teams. Several narrow losses were recorded during the season but this allowed the school team to play off amongst the top five teams selected from both divisions. Again the chief rival was F.D.C. and in a spirited, action-packed encounter, the School won narrowly 48-40.

The whole team has had tremendous support from parents and friends. Our thanks also go to Mr Lay and Mr Bodensteiner for the time, effort and encouragement they have given us.

## 'B' TEAM

After playing 'C' Grade last year, the team was promoted to the 'B' Grade. It was pleasing to see so many trialists, but once again a number of promising players were unavailable because of clashes with other sports. The core of the team was centred around Mr Lay, Mr Sims, Gundersen, Simmons, G. Moore and A. Boniface with T. McColl, A. Bate, J. Whelan and G. McManus on the bench.

Although the first round did not involve competition points, the team performed creditably gaining confidence and team spirit with each game played. In the decisive round, the team won three of its five games and finished third in the division behind the promoted Newton King-Celtics and Taxes. Moore and Simmons supported each other well under the bas-

kets, and Moore's aggressive play saw him notch many fine baskets. Gundersen proved to be a very able ball-carrier and often shone on defence with some enterprising steals. Boniface improved with competition and the others enjoyed the experience which will give them a background for future years.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

It was very pleasing to see so many third and fourth formers prepared to involve themselves learning basketball skills. With a blend of height and mobility it was possible to enter five teams, two in the 'A' Grade and three in the 'B' Grade.

The 'Spooks' comprising J. Carr (Captain), B. Boniface, H. Fairey, F. Meachen, G. Bailey, I. Armstrong and W. Garrett had an indifferent start, but quickly developed into a strong, well co-ordinated side. By winning the 'B' Grade final against N.P.B.H.S. Kings 26-18, they showed their true form and deserved success.

The 'Kings' had S. Shearman (Captain), P. Corney, M. Fleming, I. Brown, S. Schou, P. Titcombe, and S. Mackey. The team combined well and won their earlier games, but their form fell away towards the end of the season. With greater determination and better positional play, the team should improve their standard of play further.

The 'Hot Rods' initially struggled to win a game in the first round, but improved steadily to beat several highly placed teams. The squad consisted of: S. Ross (Captain), D. Goodare, D. Peters, T. Moeller, M. Day, D. Laurenson and L. Lawson.

The 'Celtics' had mixed fortunes. After losing all their games in the first round, they showed outstanding form against 'Warriors' and Spotswood to move up the points table. Everyone was keen and enjoyed the competition. Those participating were: J. White (Captain), A. Pepper, D. Ramsay, P. Darney, S. O'Dowda, J. Farley, B. Fever and C. Boon.

The fifth form 'Warriors' had a distinct height advantage and under the guidance of S. Cooper they developed into a well drilled combination. With the shooting ability of Boniface and good rebounding by D. Caldwell, McColl and Bate they were assured of a good supply of ball. The final between Warriors and F.D.C. Bruins was a cliff-hanger, with both sides eager to win. Crowd participation and the slightly quicker reflexes of Bruins saw three quick late baskets which were sufficient to clinch the game 24-22. The team of Boniface, D. Siddall, Bate, McColl, Cooper, Caldwell and G. Hunt should be very pleased with their runners-up position in the 'A' Grade.

Thanks should be extended to Mr

Carr, Mr Mackey, A. Frengley, J. Gundersen and other members of the 'A' team who helped coach and guide the teams on the Friday evenings.

## SUMMER LEAGUE

Six teams entered the lunchtime competition which was designed for relaxation and enjoyment but rivalry between sides was always keen. Prichard's team and the Teachers won the first round.

## NORTH ISLAND INTERSEC BASKETBALL RESULTS

The venue was New Plymouth this year and twelve teams entered. In

sectional play, B.H.S. played well beating Combined Schools 70-30, and in an absorbing, free-flowing game in which Merritt shot superbly gaining an all-time best of 32 points, Otaki College were edged out 58-52. Our form in post-sectional play against Rangitoto College, the eventual winners, was marked by the fouling off of Prichard and we never really pegged their tall team back, losing 57-46.

The return game against Otaki was another enthralling encounter with Otaki reversing the outcome, 57-48. School played Waiopahu College for the 7th/8th position and won 66-38 which was an anti-climax after the previous close game.

# VOLLEYBALL

This year saw a rebirth of interest in the sport. A good senior team was formed mainly from seventh formers. They competed each Sunday night in the "A" division at the Y.M.C.A. gym. Later in the year the seventh form Samoans were recruited to join the team. The Samoans proved to be excellent all-round players and a good asset to the team. The team was not able to practise between Sunday night

games due to the unavailability of the gym; however, they came a very creditable fourth in the New Plymouth "A" division.

The Taranaki Inter-secondary Championships were held at Hawera at the end of the season. Again the team finished fourth from among eight teams.

Thanks must go to Mr Bell for his help and organisation.



Standing (from left): A.G. Rutherford, J.D. Parker, M.G. Wright, B.C. Meuli Seated: P.R. Merritt, G.D. Lonsdale, A.J. Frengley, K.D. Gifford







# SOCCER

## 1ST XI

This year's 1st XI started off the season with the return of only two players from the previous season's squad and consequently faced a challenge in moulding together as a team. This did not deter the team, however, and, despite being an extremely young team, the boys performed very well in both competition and college matches.

Playing in the Senior Men's Division Two Grade, the team started with a 3-0 win over Old Boys and from then on shared mixed fortunes with many close games against bigger, heavier and more experienced players, finishing fourth in a competition of eight teams. The team would especially like to thank Mr Collier, their coach, for spending a tremendous amount of time and effort preparing for games

and practices and in general looking after soccer in the School. Also, they would like to thank the parents and others involved for giving up their time on Saturdays to cheer the team along.

Overall, the season has been a successful one, with all the team benefiting from both games and social experiences coinciding with local and inter-college matches. Being a young team, most boys should return next year giving the school something to look forward to in this code.

### Hamilton Boys' High 28 June:

This game was nothing short of a disaster for the team. Hamilton is traditionally a hard game and in previous years no 1st XI had managed a win. We were beaten in the second half by tactics and teamship, and in the end we lost spirit and faith in each other as team players. The score was 1-12 to Hamilton but we learned a great deal from the game and matured as players.

### Wanganui Collegiate 19 July:

Played on Webster field in showery conditions, this was a lack-lustre game from both teams. Neither dominated play nor did any set pattern develop and the score 0-0 after 90 minutes reflected this. Our thanks to Brian Burgess, referee, Malcolm Heron and Bert Robson, Linesmen, for controlling the game.

### Wellington College 23 July:

This game was fast, played on the No. 1 Rugby ground at Wellington; in consequence the ground was rough and the grass long, making fine ball control difficult. Wellington had a good team but our defensive play was sound, and had our strikers been able to finish their attacks the result could have been different. The final score of 1-3 was a disappointment for the team as all felt they were ready and working for a win.

### Wanganui Boys' College 1 August:

The final college game was played on a Collegiate ground against a team which had earlier beaten Collegiate 5-0. However, our team had settled into a solid constructive pattern of play and pressure that gave the Boys' College keeper very little rest. His standard of keeping was very high and this was reflected in that he was beaten only three times from the great number of shots fired at him. In this game not only were most of our errors from previous games rectified but the team managed to put on a superb display of teamwork. The defensive marking of our players was thorough and tightened into a complete stranglehold in the second half. The linking work of the midfield was accurate and fast and their aggressive tackling stopped the Wanganui feed of ball. The strikers made a constant effort to shoot from all available positions and also helped by getting back and winning the ball.

FIRST SOCCER XI



Back Row (from left): Mr. Newland, D. Russell, J. Lesueur, D. Farrelly, M. Briggs, P. Murphy, C. Wilson,  
Front Row: M. Lockhart, D. Brinsley, E. Brownlie, S. Wilson (Captain), J. Bone, G. Taylor, R. Pratap.  
Absent: R. Foreman.

The final score was 2-1 and the team was unlucky in that a third shot, which completely beat the keeper, had to be disallowed in that the referee had blown for a direct free kick to our team just as the shot was taken.

This game was good proof of the ability of the 1st XI and was a fine way to end the college season.

The 1st XI players were: S. Wilson (Captain), D. Brinsley, E. Brownlie, D. Farrelly, R. Foreman, J. Bone, J. Le Sueur, M. Lockhart, R. Pratap, M. Newland, P. Murphy, D. Russell, G. Taylor, C. Wilson.

## 2ND XI

The 2nd XI entered the new season largely as an amalgam of the two junior teams from last year, with a few losses to the 1st XI. To some extent they have faced the same problems as the 1st XI in being a schoolboy team playing in a senior league against older, sometimes much older, more experienced and more established opponents. However, they have acquitted themselves well and finished the season mid-way in the Senior League 3rd Division.

Although they have suffered several convincing defeats against top of the division Motorua and losing 9-0 to

Hawera on their first meeting, they were able to turn round and beat Hawera 2-1 in the return match when the latter fielded the same team but allowed two schoolboys to play which gives some indication of how the season has been for the boys; but in spite of all this it is still a pleasure to watch players like Greg Shearer and Shane Wilson using their considerable skills and beat much bigger players to the ball, which is what soccer is all about.

The school's thanks go out to Mr Colin Taylor for the virtually single-handed way he has managed and coached the team. Thanks also to Mrs Taylor for deputising on occasions, and for the after-match functions. The School would also like to thank Mr Ian Wilson and Mr Little for their support and assistance.

The team was captained throughout the whole season by M. Little, the regular goalkeeper being Rolls. The talented Cameron Wilson alternated between the 1st and 2nd XIs throughout the season and has been one of our greatest assets. Schofield, Jones and Taylor were usually to be found mid-field with Murphy solidly in the backs. Hickford was even more impressive this season and Brett Wilson has certainly proved his worth in the team.

SECOND SOCCER XI



Back Row (from left): B. Wilson, M. Holland, G. Spedding, W. Jacobsen, Middle Row: G. Shearer, M. Taylor, M. Briggs, D. Farrelly,  
C. Wilson, S. Wilson, Front Row: S. Hickford, A. Johnson, M. Jones, M. Schofield, A. Hill, G. Grigor. Insert: M. Little (Captain)

## UNDER 16

Two teams played this season in the Under 16 grade of the Junior Football Association competition. While only four competition games were won by the teams, several close and exciting games were played. The boys involved have shown real enthusiasm and loyalty to the sport under some quite trying circumstances. Their continuing to play against Club teams of always greater strength and usually bigger stature has really said something about their spirit and loyalty to the School.

The two coaches were Mr D. Best and Mr B. Robson, whose energies, skill and enthusiasm are to be admired.

One of the more unusual games of the season was against the Taranaki Ladies' Representative team, which was beaten 3-2. The boys' spirit and enthusiasm has made them popular teams in the league and many teams of around the same ability are always keen to play "friendlies".

Boys in the 3rd and 4th XIs this year were: R. Brons, C. Boon, P. Butler, K. Best, G. Dunnet, R. Goodin, D. Hine, R. Hoskin, L. Johnson, D. Jonkers, P. Van Gent, G. Maechler, R. Morris, F. Lloyd, M. McCartney, S. Mackey, M. Potter, P. McKinlay, P. Robertson, T. May, S. Rudd, S. Rolls, N. Speedy, W. Wipatene, D. Walker.



## HOCKEY

possible exception of the Wellington game. In the Hamilton and Collegiate games the team scored first and maintained a lead until the last quarter, when our tiredness allowed the opposition to move the ball more easily and score. Against Wellington the team was unable to cope with a centre attack, whilst against Wanganui Boys' they were unable to put the ball in the net, despite dominating most of the play.

In the local league the team finished on a good note, beating Opunake H.S. 2nd XI 10-1, Waitara H.S. 9-2 and Inglewood H.S. 6-1. Inglewood had won the previous two encounters 4-1 and 4-2.

Congratulations go to J. Gordon and S. Modgill for gaining their Tiger coats and to B. Hayward and D. Stones for being selected for the Taranaki Form 3 and 4. C. McMahon, E. Morgan, L. Morgan, S. Modgill, B. Hayward, D. Stones and R. Cumming were selected for the two North v South Taranaki fixtures, both of which were won by the North.

The 1st XI entered the Founders Cup tournament at Tokoroa during the first week of the August holidays, billeted by Forest View H.S. The team had little thought of success as a result of past experiences but won the first game against Putaruru H.S. 9-0, then the second against Forest View 2-1, then Glendowie College 4-0 and Otahuhu

College 5-2! On to the semi-final and a win against Mt. Roskill Grammar 4-2. It must have been the shock of getting so far, but the team allowed its concentration to slacken badly in the final, allowing Scots College to win the Founders Cup comfortably. C. McMahon and S. Modgill were selected for the tournament team, a team which played combined coaches and managers.

**2nd XI:** Manager — Mr Krook, Coach — Martin Salisbury.

Team: G.K. — J. Stewart, P. Tarrant; Backs — S. Black, B. Valentine; Halves — B. Dawson, M. Salisbury, W. Lymburn, M. Hayward; Forwards — P. Kane, M. Salisbury, M. McGrath, P. Faircloth, I. Snowdon, T. Withers, A. Sangster, R. Anderson, R. Symon.

Playing Record: Played 11 games, won 5, drew 0, lost 6.

The 2nd XI were very much a social XI, rarely training as a team, and enjoying their Saturday morning games no matter the result. Scores were often high: 5-7, 12-0, 1-5, 3-7 (twice), 6-4, the total coming to 42 goals for, and 40 against.

By way of conclusion, we would like to thank on behalf of the teams the ground staff and boarders for preparing the pitch; parents for providing transport, billets and catering; H. Simpson and R. Adams for refereeing the college matches; and the teachers for looking after the teams on Saturday mornings.

**1st XI:** Manager — Mr Green, Captain — C. McMahon, Coach — Mr Cooper.

Team: GK — R. Cumming, Backs — G. Feaver, K. Hayward, P. Melgren; Halves — J. Gordon, L. Morgan, B. Hayward; Forwards — E. Morgan, S. Modgill, C. McMahon, D. Stones, G. Lilley, H. Brownlie, P. Burr.

Playing Record: 3rd Grade T.H.A. (Secondary Schools)

Played: 15 games, won 6, drew 2, lost 7.

College Matches:

v	Hamilton Boys' School	High
		Lost 1-3
v	Wanganui Collegiate	Lost 3-4
v	Wellington College	Lost 0-7
v	Wanganui Boys'	Lost 1-3

Whilst the results show that the 1st XI lost the four college matches, they did acquit themselves well, with the



**FIRST HOCKEY XI**

Back Row (from left): P.S. Melgren, S. Modgill, E.R. Morgan, J.M. Gordon, K.J. Hayward.  
Front Row: H.D. Brownlie, D.R. Cumming, L.W. Morgan, C.D. McMahon (Captain), P.J. Burr, B.W. Hayward

## TARANAKI SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1868 the University Endowment Act authorised the reservation of waste lands of the Crown — in Taranaki an area of 9,579 acres — as an Endowment for a Colonial University. This land is called the Opaku Reserve and is inland from Patea. Some of it is of fair quality, some is inferior hilly country and some is in bush. The rent from the Opaku Reserve provides the money for Taranaki Scholarships but it had to accumulate for thirty years before there was sufficient to use to promote higher education in this province.

Although the N.Z. University Act of 1874 made provision for the use of proceeds from Opaku, no scholarship was awarded until after the Taranaki Scholarships Act of 1905. At the time the land was administered by the Public Trustee but a further Act in 1910 transferred the Reserve and its administration to the Taranaki Land Board. As funds permitted, scholarships were awarded to the value of £60 each, tenable for three years and with a possibility of a one-year extension. The Act of 1905 had stipulated that not more than one scholarship be awarded in any year to any one school but this was repealed by the Education Act of 1913. The Senate of the University of N.Z. controlled the award of scholarships and accepted a pass with Credit in the Junior University Examination as the necessary qualification (this has become the Entrance Scholarships and Bursaries Examinations today).

For many years the value of the Scholarship remained at a conservative £60 per annum, a sum which many students found insufficient to permit their attendance at a University. In 1950 it was increased to £70 plus fees and in 1956 it was again raised to £80 plus £50 boarding allowance and a £15 travelling allowance as well as University fees.

In 1957 a Trust Act vested control and administration of the Scholarships and funds in a Board composed of representatives of Taranaki Education Authorities while the Opaku land is administered by the Land Settlement Board.

The granting of Scholarships has been continually under review as the Trust is limited to the use of its income only and the school population of Taranaki has grown considerably. With the introduction of the Tertiary Bursary and its Boarding allowance as well as fee-paying examination passes, the Scholarship is now at \$90 per

annum which means that a Scholar receives \$1,038 in his first three years and \$1,149 in the fourth and later years. Post Graduate Scholarships and Doctoral Awards are also sometimes made depending on need, the amount of money available, and the quality of the Scholar.

At the moment the Taranaki Scholarship Trust Board sees the need to help students who, in spite of hard work at school, may not have sufficient financial backing to attend a University.

As a result of the 1978 Bursaries examinations, the following gained Taranaki Scholarships: Derek Brewster, Simon Greig, Ian Gulbransen, Martin Whitehead. We congratulate these boys.

The members of the Taranaki Scholarships Trust Board are conversant with the problems of the province and have the welfare of our students at heart.

P. S. Steven



Mrs J. Anderson who resigned, after two and a half years' service to Hostel boys and staff, at the end of Term 2 to take up a similar position as Matron at Napier B.H.S.



HOUSE LEADERS enjoying an excursion aboard the Frigate, HMNZS "Taranaki" off the New Plymouth coast. From left: B. C. Meuli (Maroon), A. J. Frengley (Blue), M. A. Te Ruki (White), and B. R. Lilley (Green). A team from the Frigate had played the School's 1st XV the previous day.



'Judith' a pencil drawing by S.A. Suafa, Form 7

## TRAMPING CLUB

Club membership is not as strong as it has been in the past although meetings have been held regularly each week in Room 12. The structure and running of the Club is largely left to the members and, with the badge and certificate system operating, most of the leaders in the Club are competent to arrange and conduct tramps. The need to have staff along is a matter of some debate which must eventually be resolved. Most senior boys are quite capable of organising their own weekend tramps and should be encouraged to do so.

The number of day trips this year has declined; most members prefer overnight tramps to a day's outing. There have been, however, two major expeditions this year: the first to Tongariro over Taranaki Anniversary weekend; the second to Lake Waikaremoana. The Tongariro trip was most enjoyable although Ketatahi Hut, our usual base, was very crowded due to the bad weather which forced many groups planning to camp over the mountain to seek shelter. In the course of the weekend all the peaks of Tongariro were climbed and full use was made of the leadership ability of the boys.

A new trip this year was that around Lake Waikaremoana. Eddie Morgan, the Club Secretary, reports:

"The party comprised four seventh formers, with Mr Mossop in charge. We left on the Thursday of Easter weekend and spent that night at Rotorua in one of the camping grounds. The next day we set off to the Lake on a twisting journey by road, a gravel boneshaker, and the journey

was made worse by the rain which fell for most of the day.

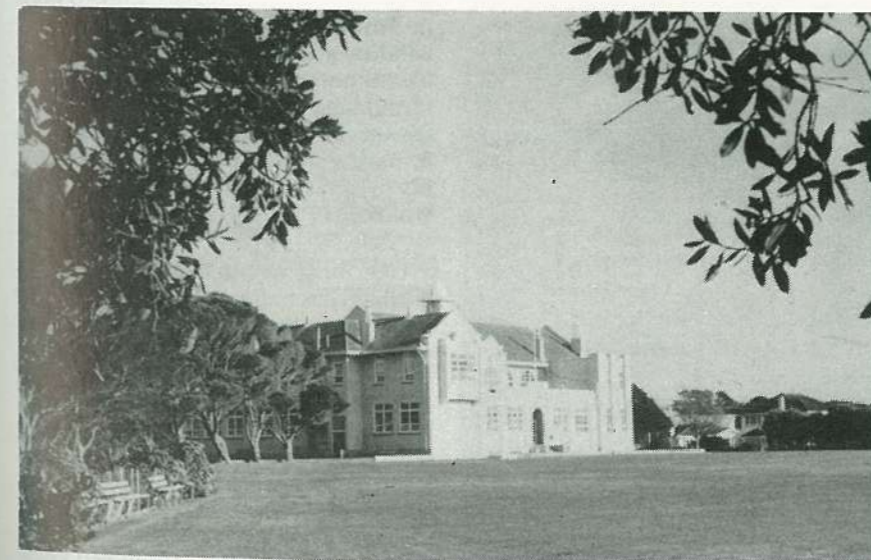
The next day the weather was fine. We made for the first high which was perched on a clearing about five hundred feet above the Lake, a strenuous uphill climb.

We arrived at our pick-up point about half an hour before dark and then set off for our camp site. The site was surrounded by manuka, with a fantastic view of the hills and cliffs surrounding the Lake. That night when we lay in our beds we could hear the pigs grunting and the opossums squealing and in the morning we wakened to the sound of stags roaring and from the lake-shore we could see the trout rising in profusion.

That day we tried our hand at fishing, with poor results. When Mr Mossop arrived we set up our camp and had tea, just before a visit from one of the Rangers on patrol.

The next morning we set off across a large hill and reached the final hut on the track at about midday. From here Mr Mossop ferried us back to the camping ground where his car was and at about 2 p.m. we made our way out of the park. We spent our last night out in one of the clearings between the river and the gravel road before heading for home.

The tramp is one that I would strongly recommend. The views from the cliffs and peaks above the Lake are truly inspiring and are worth the effort. The area is also a sportsman's paradise if he wishes to tramp with a rod, or a rifle, or especially with a camera."



Pridham Hall

## SKIING

This year, with permission from the School, two days were set aside for the Skiing Championships. Unlike last year, the races were to be held on Mount Egmont's T-bar, not on the top tow.

Conditions looked good after a heavy snowfall the weekend before the champs. However, conditions were only marginal with strong winds as well as rain. About 25 boys had entered this year, ranging from seventh to third formers. The title of School Champion was to be competed for over a slalom event, a downhill event, and a jump. However, because of the heavy rain only the slalom could be held. Each skier had two runs through a course and their times were added. Lonsdale, the North Island Champion, set a hot pace with the fastest time; not far behind was A. Frengley. Overall Lonsdale came out the winner, showing his good racing style.

Special thanks must go to Mr Turner and Mr Sims for their excellent organisation and running of the contest.

**Results:** 1. G. Lonsdale; 2. A. Frengley; 3. A. Cleland.



## IN MEMORY OF PRIDHAM HOUSE

The recent demolition of Pridham House will arouse many nostalgic memories among Old Boys and former staff members. At such a time as this it may be of interest to trace the history of the site and the building.

When I came to the School in 1926 the area where the South Block, the Science Block and Pridham House were later built was a wilderness covered mainly with bamboos. During the third term of that year a diphtheria epidemic threatened the boarders. About twenty of them were pronounced to be "carriers" and were condemned to strict quarantine for some weeks. To accommodate them, the long workshop now adjacent to the kitchen was hastily erected. Bob Batcher, a prefect, was one of the carriers and was put in charge of the "untouchables". As he had a troublesome knee at the time, the building was called the "Knee Dorm". Indeed I recall an arrowed road-sign bearing this title and pointing along a narrow path through the bamboos.

In 1927, the "Knee Dorm" was cut into four sections and re-erected as a Library on the site of the present (1936) Library building. The lower storey of Pridham House was then built because "Old House" (the lower storey of Moyes House) and "New House" (now Carrington House) could not cope with the rising boarders' roll. From the start, this wooden two-dormitory building was called Pridham House in honour of Mr Ernest Pridham, the austere but deeply respected Englishman who for thirty years was the first Principal of the School, then a small co-educational but strictly segregated institution.



Ask not for whom the bell tolls, Pridham



Going, Going . . .

In July 1931, Moyes House with its two storeys and adjacent Hostel Manager's House was completed. The house system dates from this time. "New House" was renamed Carrington House and "Old House" became School House, a name which lasted until 1947 when it became "Moyes". This was in honour of the second Headmaster, Mr W. H. Moyes, C.M.G., who founded the Hostel and in his thirty years here developed the School with unflagging energy and enthusiasm.

Pridham House was fully occupied from 1928 to 1931. However, the depression of the early thirties severely reduced the boarding roll. From over 200 in 1930 the number fell to 78 in 1932. Pridham was then closed for about five years. By 1938 prosperity had returned and the boarding roll increased rapidly. Although Pridham

had always been regarded as a temporary building, a second storey was added. The four dormitories were fully occupied until six years ago when new fire regulations decreed that the top storey and later the lower storey be vacated.

I retain happy memories of Pridham House, having been a boarder there during its first two years — 1928 and 1929 and later its first Head Prefect in 1931. I well remember its many talented House Masters including Messrs. Bryant, J. Dobson, Brenstrum, Lucas, R. McCaw, Bublitz and Mossop.

Humorous events stand out. Among these I recall the occasion when we were disturbed in the early hours by a terrific cat-fight. One boy sprang out of bed and put his head out of the window to tell the participants to cool it. However, he forgot to open the window and punctured it with a large round hole. The noise of falling glass terminated the scrap. On another occasion a sleep-walker got up, decided to have a shower but failed to take off his pyjamas before doing so. He soon woke up!

Like most wooden buildings here, Pridham has had a narrow escape from fire. It was the day after the end-of-year when a Prefect leaving school decided to celebrate the occasion by smoking a cigarette. The discarded butt set fire to a towel lying on the floor. Fortunately Mr Nials had to go into the house at that very moment and followed his nose.

I can still see clearly Charles Brenstrum's first car, a tiny red two-seater mini Morris. Very early on one

April Fool's morning, some Pridhams decided that the wide concrete area next to the Housemaster's Office would make a good garage and left the Morris there looking very proud of itself. Some strong farmer-types were ordered to carry it back to its proper place.

It is good to learn that the proud name of Pridham will still be perpetuated. From now on, for as long as the School lasts, the "old" block and "old" Assembly Hall will be known as the Pridham Hall. This happy decision links the Pridham name with that momentous and hopeful day in 1882 when the original School block was opened under its first Headmaster.

The present block, with its imposing appearance when viewed from the cricket nets or from Courtenay-Gover Street corner, was built on the site of the original wooden school which was destroyed by fire during the last night of the second term in 1916. The fire also destroyed the first gymnasium which had been given by Old Boys and built along the Coronation Avenue frontage where the Memorial Gates now stand. War-time arson was suspected. For nearly three years all classes were held in the Racecourse buildings.



The Government refused to provide an Assembly Hall in the new block so £1000 was collected from Old Boys, parents and business firms to include one. The Honours Board was later given by Old Boys. The block was three times enlarged, Rooms 5 and 10, the Western staircase and the upstairs room in the North Western corner having been added since the opening in April 1919.

Rooms, 4, 5, 9 and 10 and much of the Hall roof were destroyed by fire in June 1926. All third forms had school in the Racecourse buildings during the second term, the masters driving over there and back in a Model T Ford. One of them who had no driving licence but plenty of confidence managed to steer the car safely through the Memorial Gates. But on the return trip



GONE!

he collided with one side of the entrance. His indignant remark as all got out to inspect the damage: "Funny thing, it was wide enough when I drove out!"

And now, to conclude, a word of appreciation to all members of the Pridham community, masters, their families and the thousands of Pridham boarders for the way they encircled the school's character and reputation. May the strong, loyal, corporate spirit

which always typified Pridham House continue to live on, kindling the spirit of the whole school. Pridham boys, over the fifty years, developed a fine tradition of high standards in all things. Let it never die. As the Christs College motto reminds us: Bene tradita bene servanda — Things well handed down should be well preserved.

— J. S. Hatherly

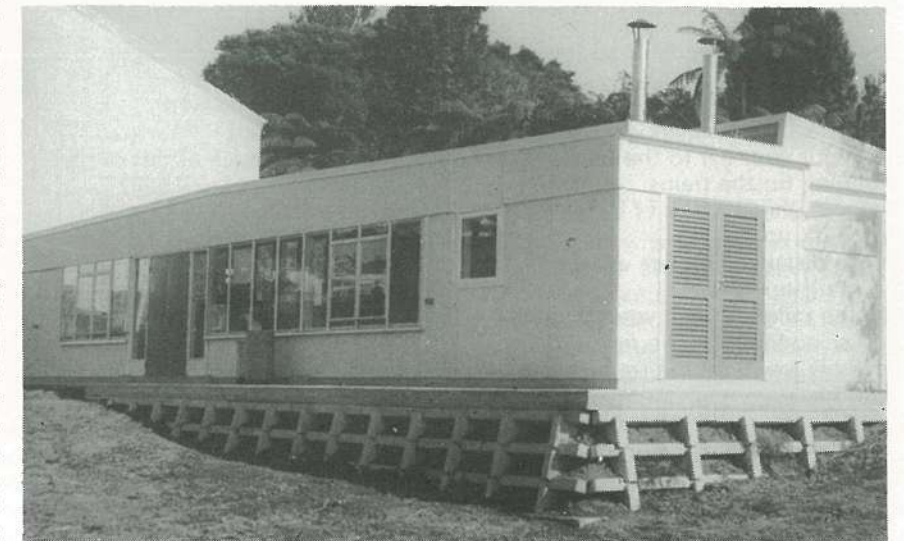
## THE NEW CHANGING BLOCK

For over 90 years boys walking or on bicycle covered in mud and wearing BHS football jerseys were a common sight on Coronation Avenue. For even though the school has always had a sporting tradition, changing facilities for day boys were sadly lacking.

The Board for many years had requested the department to provide such facilities but it was not until late

last year that all the planning and discussion finally eventuated in a completed changing block sited behind the gym and adjacent to McNaught field.

The building contains two changing rooms each with a bank of six showers and storage for the clothes of 30 persons, two offices for the Phys. Ed. staff, each with a private shower, storage facilities for P.E. gear and a large gallery with windows overlooking McNaught field.





**'MUSIC MONTAGE'**  
Ink drawing by S.J. Wilson, Form 6

### THE RAILROAD TRACK

You walk along the railroad track  
With your ears perked  
Listening for trains  
You pick up a rock and throw it  
Then put your ear to the track  
Listening for the trains  
Then you hear it  
You look up  
In the distance you see a large metal  
monster  
Off the railroad track you scamper  
And scramble over the fence  
You stay low until the train goes by  
After it's gone you start over again  
Walking down the railroad track  
Listening for trains.

K. Keegan, 3G1

### ON BEING THE AGE I AM

The world is getting a lot bigger,  
More and more people,  
So many pathways to walk,  
But one cannot walk every road.  
Which leaves a choice of this or that,  
A decision for Them or They,  
Or what the hell shall I do.  
Mounting hassles from him or her,  
Putting aside becomes monotonous.  
Destiny is being observed,  
So many opportunities pleading from  
every angle,  
So many changes hitting from every  
side.  
Last minutes of a section of life,  
Not too old but still a bit young.

G. Harkness, 6G5

### SOCIETY

No,  
Stone walls a prison too make.  
Is this not more subtle,  
The mind's pilgrimage is denied,  
Captured in catacombs of triviality.  
Its effect is cobra like,  
Mesmerised,  
we fall into the cataract of decline.  
The golden years are gone,  
Life monotonous ordered like ants,  
Wearisome we snail our way.  
We are transient,  
But still the mind can not escape.

C. Mills, 7M4



## RUGBY



1st XV v Headmaster's XV. From left: Pirikahu, Meuli, P. Van Praagh, M. O'Neill, S. Fleming, P. Broederlow, Gifford, Moffat, Harland, N. Wolfe.

### EIGHTH GRADE GOLD

Great improvement was made during the season — illustrated when the team beat both Spotswood College and Waitara High School in second-round matches after losing to them in the first round.

Most improvement was made in the forwards, especially in scrummaging, and with P. Hamilton at half-back. The team was skilfully led by S. Urbahn at first five-eight and boosted by strong-running A. Boon at second five-eight. The leading scorer was S. Urbahn with 39 points. A. Boon scored six tries and R. Thompson three.

Seven matches were won and three lost of ten competition games. The knowledge and time Coach Mr Urbahn gave to the team were greatly appreciated.

Team: I. Banfield, A. Boon, M Butler, M. Cox, P. Hamilton, R. Harris, C.

Healy, C. Houghton, T. Irvine, R. Johansen, K. Larsen, G. Myburgh, R. Reid, P. Sarjeant, R. Thompson, S. Urbahn (Captain), S. Webber.

### EIGHTH GRADE BLACK

Although the team won only three games in the season, they were at no stage discredited when defeated. Many of the boys began the season well below the eighth grade weight, and this lessened the team's winning chances. G. Hall captained the side excellently, and his play at first five-eighth, fullback and even hooker was an example to the rest of the team. The team, coached by Mr Webster, found the practices enjoyable, especially

those involving games against the Eighth Grade Gold. The team was particularly grateful for the generous help given by parents with transport to away games.

The team record was: Won 3, drew 2, lost 7. Team: C. Brown, R. Butler, M. Elliot, M. Goodson, G. Hall (Captain), B. Halvorson, R. Harvey, T. Head, C. Horton, M. Lissington, G. MacDonald, J. Mason, J. Mitchell, G. Parker, M. Reid, M. Tatham, M. Walker, N. Whitehead, R. Wilson.

### EIGHTH GRADE WHITE

Despite winning only one game in the 'B' Division of the Eighth Grade, the team had a very enjoyable season and spirits remained high. Great enthusiasm went into each match, the game being played right until the final whistle. A. Pilbrow set a fine example to his team and played rugby of a consistently high standard. However, the team could not seem to finish off promising movements. The team thanks Mr Rowlands for his time.

Team: G. Bailey, S. Bishop, D. Bradley, S. Hadland, B. Hamilton, W. Harvey, C. Horton, J. Matheson, B. McKinlay, C. McMurray, A. Mitchell, R. Morton, A. Pilbrow (Captain), B. Price, S. Richardson, P. Tahu, I. Tahu, P. Titcombe.

### EIGHTH GRADE GOLD



Back Row (from left): G.J. Myburgh, P.D. Sarjeant, M.A. Cox, C.G. Healy.  
Middle Row: R.T. Thompson, S.W. Webber, R.W. Johansen, R.J. Harris, A.G. Boon, R.J. Reid, Mr R.J. Urbahn.  
Front Row: I.R. Banfield, P.D. Hamilton, C.D. Houghton, S.E. Urbahn (Captain), K.N. Larsen, T.M. Irvine.

### SEVENTH GRADE GOLD

The team was capable of very good rugby as it showed when playing Spotswood and Waitara, and even in the first game with Francis Douglas, but could also disappoint especially during games played in heavy rain. On a fine day on a hard ground the team was unbeatable in its grade, with the forwards providing good service for some talented backs. The loose trio of K. Le Bas, A. Phillips and D. Laurenson always worked hard and paved the way

**SEVENTH GRADE GOLD**



Back Row (from left): D.A. Laurenson, A.E. Riddick, L.M. Ngauru, G.J. Scouller.  
Middle Row: A.R. Maxwell, A.G. Phillips, G.T. Ngatoa, C.J. Myburgh, S.E. Tarasiewicz  
T.R. Adlam.  
Front Row: R.P. Le Bas, K.D. Le Bas, L.C. Lawson, S.M. Hill, T.E. Stevenson, R.J. Fleming  
B.P. Styles, C. Walmsley

for good performances from R. Le Bas at half back, G. Scouller who enjoyed a successful season with impressive tactical kicking at first-five, and T. Stevenson a strong — running threequarter. C. Myburgh and S. Tarasiewicz were always prominent. Team spirit and attendance at practice were highlights of a season in which five games were won and five lost, the scores in most being close. Thanks to Mr Wilson and Mr Ramsay for coaching, and to all parents who supported the team on the side-line.

**Team:** T. Adlam, M. Day, R. Fleming, S. Hill, D. Laurenson, L. Lawson, K. Le Bas, R. Le Bas, T. Maxwell, C. Myburgh, G. Ngatoa, L. Ngauru, A. Phillips, D. Ramsay, A. Riddick, G. Scouller, T. Stevenson, S. Tarasiewicz, C. Walmsley.

**SEVENTH GRADE BLACK**

The team had a very successful season in the second division of the 7th Grade, winning six matches and losing only three. Only 45 points were scored against Black, whilst the team itself amassed 94. M. Kenny enjoyed a fine season as Captain, and it was very noticeable that the team rapidly progressed in terms of confidence and all-round ability as the season progressed. Thanks to Mr Mossop, Coach, for the interest he showed in the team.

**Team:** C. Adams, K. Birkett, M. Clegg, D. French, B. Gillespie, D. Greenslade, R. Holland, B. Hulbert, A. Johns, M. Kenny (Captain), A. Kereopa, A. Larcom, D. Leatherby, P. Moore, M. Musgrove, B. Street, M. Sutherland, S. Watson.



Form Three Boarders v PNBHS

Thony (Captain), J. Trott, B. Williamson.

**SIXTH GRADE GOLD**

The team began the season excellently winning the first three games by wide margins. Their 15 man game was very successful in these matches, but a lull was experienced mid-season, and some losses incurred. All of the games were played in good spirit, and team practices were well attended. The contribution made by coach, Mr Moore, was greatly appreciated.

Outstanding performances by P. Rothwell, I. Cox, A. Pepper, K. Fisher and W. Broughton resulted in their being selected for the North Taranaki Sixth Grade team. A. Pepper, K. Fisher and W. Broughton also gained selection in the Taranaki Under 16 Representative 'B' Team.

Throughout the season, the team scored 209 points, with S. Avery amassing 56 in the first four games. Only 78 points were scored against. The team recorded eight wins, two draws and four losses, a record which potential indicated might have been better.

**Team:** K. Adlam, S. Avery, W. Broughton (Captain), I. Brown, R. Chamberlain, I. Cox, P. Darney, K. Fisher, M. Grey, T. Hutchings, P. Kahukare, N. Le Roux, G. Miscall, R. Montgomery, S. O'Dowda, A. Pepper P. Rothwell, T. Scott, G. Sklenars, R. Waite.

**SIXTH GRADE BLACK**

The team competed in the Sixth Grade B Division, and played many closely-fought games. Typical of these was the final game of the season against Francis Douglas. With twenty minutes remaining, School was down 0-15 but at full time had drawn up to



Mr Carroll announces the touring team for North America

**SIXTH GRADE GOLD**



Back Row (from left): P.J. Darney, I.A. Cox, M. Grey, P.D. Kahukare, S.A. O'Dowda,  
Middle Row: S.G. Avery, R.B. Chamberlain, N.G. Le Roux, I.D. Brown, G.S. Sklenars,  
G.S. Miscall.  
Front Row: P.W. Phillips, R.C. Waite, P.S. Rothwell, K.E. Fisher,  
W.A. Broughton (Capt.), A.J. Pepper, R.F. Montgomery, T. Hutchings.

14-15. A loss but a tremendous game.

Although all players had moments when they showed their skills, special mention should be made of the following for their consistently fine form: M. Brough, S. Holmes and E. Newton in the forwards and M. Gulliver, P. Bryant and B. Feaver in the backs. Congratulations also to B. Boniface for his selection in the Taranaki Under 14½ Representative team. The team greatly appreciated and benefited from the assistance of Mr Bell and Mr Giddy.

The squad was: M. Adlam, G. Arthur, B. Boniface, M. Brough, P. Bryant, J. Busch, A. Coleman, R. Cor-

bett, P. Dennis, B. Doughty, B. Feaver, J. France, D. Green, M. Gulliver, S. Hawkes, S. Holmes, W. Neill, J. Newson, E. Newton, A. Parker, B. Shaw, S. Simons, G. Tipping.

**3RD XV — FIFTH GRADE GOLD**

After what has become now an almost traditional bad start to the season, this team improved immeasurably in the second term to finish the season with a good record of 11 wins from 16 matches, and winner of the Northern Subsidiary Competition. A strong and mobile forward pack ena-

**FIFTH GRADE GOLD**



Back Row (from left): M.G. Frederikson, P. Steedman, I.J. Simmons, S.L. Shaw, C.M. Simonsen,  
G.I. Gibbs.  
Middle Row: M.E. Tatham, B.M. McAuliffe, N.R. Verry, M.J. Sanders,  
G.R. Tatham, C.R. Bailey.  
Front Row: Mr. Bellringer, S.R. Bryant, D.M. Watts,  
R.A. Neal, B.H. Waite (Captain), M.J. Williamson, S.W. Blair, A.H. Brown.

bled a competent backline to develop fully its attacking flair. An abnormally heavy spate of injuries was overcome by the willingness of many players to play in unaccustomed positions. The annual match against Wanganui Boys' College 2nd XV was won 10-4, a game in which the team did not play as well as it hoped but importantly took full advantage of the limited scoring opportunities.

B. Waite led the team in outstanding manner, and his nine tries from the No. 8 position reflects his fine, consistent form. R. Neal, on the wing, scored twelve tries, and was always alert for scoring opportunities. A. Brown was the king-pin of the back line as second five-eight, and his fine all-round play gained reward in his selection in the Taranaki Under 16 representatives. I. Simmons dominated the line-outs, and this ability plus his hard running also saw him gain selection for the Under 16s. J. Sanders and D. Watts were other backs to impress, and S. Shaw, C. Bailey, M. and G. Tatham did likewise in the forwards. Special mention must be made of M. Frederikson, chosen as a flanker, who undertook the half back position after a serious injury to S. Blair, and who played as if this were his natural position.

The team thanks coach, Mr Bellringer, for his valuable assistance throughout the season. The Squad was: C. Bailey, S. Blair, A. Brown, S. Bryant, M. Frederikson, G. Gibbs, B. McAuliffe, R. Neal, J. Sanders, S. Shaw, I. Simmons, C. Simonson, P. Steedman, G. Tatham, M. Tatham, N. Verry, B. Waite (Captain), D. Watts, M. Williamson.

**FIFTH GRADE BLACK**

Although this year's team was lacking in some skills and speed, they had a lot of courage and determination. On the occasions when they used these, they showed that they were capable of some good play. The players who changed positions from the forwards to the backs mid-season helped the team in a bad situation, and performed well in their new positions.

The team had a strong spirit, and this was rewarded with their victory in Section C of the Fifth Grade competition after the division of teams. The team is thankful for Mr Watts' coaching and for Mr Bublitz supervising the team throughout the season. **Team:** D. Bell, W. Callaghan, M. Cole (Captain), J. Coleman, M. Denton, J. Doorbar, I. Goldsworthy, A. Gray, M. Grey, T. Grey, G. Hannaford, R. Hannaford, P. Hansen, C. Hayward, R. Hogg, G. Kehely, P. Leuthart, R. Martin, G. Matheson, R. Molloy, E. Morgan, G. Morris, A. Newton, J. Pembroke, C. Pennell, B. Shaw, R. Smith, S. Taylor, A. Webb, T. Webb.

## 2ND XV

This year's 2nd XV proved to be a strong side, perhaps one of the best the School has fielded for several years.

The team played 15 games in the season for seven wins, six losses and two draws. The highlight of the season was the fine victory over Hamilton B.H.S. 2nd XV 23-8.

The main strength of the side was the fine team work and team spirit that existed through the year. Well led by M. Wright, the squad was only small, and it was a tribute to all those who played that only eighteen players were used during the season.

The forwards, although only a light pack in comparison with opposition teams, displayed considerable vigour and mobility around the field. Their play continued to improve as the season progressed.

The backs proved to be a very efficient unit, demonstrating good fundamental skills, especially their ability to move the ball through to the wingers quickly and without mistakes. As a result the wingers scored the majority of the tries, with D. Ioka getting eight for the season.

Thanks must go to Mr Wolfe and Mr Darney for the considerable time, ef-



Back Row (from left): C.T. Maihi, T. Tafa, C.N. Kinzett, G.K. Wood, C.M. Daly.  
Middle Row: G.J. Morgan, D.R. De Ville, C.J. May, S. Suafa, T. Sami, S.P. Milliken.  
Front Row: G.M. Lundt, E. Mulinuu, I.A. Cox, M.G. Wright (Captain), R.M. Johns, D. Ioka, S.R. Coplestone.

fort and knowledge they contributed to this year's team.

The Squad was: S. Coplestone, B. Cox, C. Daly, D. DeVille, D. Ioka, R. Johns, C. Kinzett, G. Lundt, C. Maihi, C. May, S. Milliken, G. Morgan, E. Mulinuu, T. Sami, S. Suafa, T. Tafa, G. Wood, M. Wright (Captain).

## FIRST FIFTEEN



Back Row: (from left) K.J. Harrison, G.P. Harkness, C.R. Moffat, R.M. Bryant, G.B. Coleman, T.M. Ryder, A.B. Chilcott  
Middle Row: T.G. Williamson, R.J. Jory, T. Tukaroa, S. Pulenatoa, H. Alofiavae, K.D.C. Gifford, P.J. Blair  
Front Row: B.C. Meuli, J.G. Harland, T.N. Urbahn, C.R. Mills (Captain), R.D. Miln, D.M. Leuthart, B. Pirikahu

## SECOND FIFTEEN

## 1ST XV

### v. HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH (HAMILTON, 28th JUNE)

This game, the first of the annual fixtures, was played at Hamilton in near perfect conditions. Being the first of the College games all players were

keen to play well, thus ensuring selection for future College sides.

As in previous years this was a closely fought encounter, School winning 10-7.

In the first half K. Gifford scored a good try, after a chip kick through by second five-eight J. Harland. However, it was well into the second spell before School scored again; this try resulted from T. Urbahn running the blind and lobbing a pass to set up B. Pirikahu for a relatively simple try under the posts, making it an easy conversion for kicker, R. Moffat.

Urbahn was the player of the day for N.P.B.H.S. in a fairly lack-lustre day for School, but this is not meant to take credit away from a splendid game by the Hamilton forwards who always kept the home team in the hunt.

Scoring: N.P.B.H.S. Tries — Gifford, Pirikahu; Conversion: Moffat. H.B.H.S. Try, Penalty.

### v. ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, SILVERSTREAM (7th JULY, GULLY)

This, the 49th encounter with St. Pat's, was played at home. Conditions were again near perfect, and the Gully, as usual, provided a top-class playing surface.

After the 'half-pace' effort at Hamilton, School were determined to give their best, and remembering our narrow defeat last year, were fired up for revenge. Revenge was sweet, N.P.B.H.S. winning 23-0.

The main feature of the game was the ability of School's forwards to spoil a talented St. Pat's backline, either by hard, sure tackling, or by pressure, forcing handling errors. This pressure resulted in three tries for School.

Scoring opened when T. Williamson drop kicked a goal from a ruck. Pirikahu scored the first try after St. Pat's dropped the ball in a tackle, R. Miln converting. G. Harkness scored the second try under the posts, after Moffat capitalised on another St. Pat's mistake. Miln converted to make the half-time score 15-0.

In the second spell St. Pat's had territorial advantage but failed to make the most of it, with the St. Pat's kicker missing relatively easy kicks.

Samoan lock S. Pulenatoa scored a fine forward try, when he broke through a line-out on St. Pat's 22m line, and managed to cross the line and score in a tackle. The try was unconverted.

The score stayed at 19-0 until almost full-time when Pulenatoa broke clear and, after making ground, passed to Pirikahu who scored almost unhindered. Again the try was unconverted.

The loose trio of Moffat, C. Mills and Harkness were the N.P.B.H.S. forwards who hounded St. Pat's backs, P. Blair had a grand game as hooker,



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while Urbahn gave the backs true and speedy service, with Pirikahu and Pulenatoa capitalising on any chances given. Gifford proved the mainstay of School's backline with some devastating tackling.

Scoring: School Tries: Harkness, Pirikahu (2), Pulenatoa; Dropped goal: Williamson; Conversions: Miln (2).

### v. TE AUTE (12th JULY, HASTINGS)

This was a Moascar Cup challenge and was played in atrocious conditions at Nelson Park, Hastings, attracting a crowd of about 2,500. The game was promoted by the Hastings Junior Rugby Council.

N.P.B.H.S. matched the large Te

Aute side in the first half, but in the second half the sheer weight of the Te Aute pack, the front of which weighed 50 stone, proved too much.

School scored all its points in the first half, two tries and two penalties. Blair scored by winning the race to the loose ball, after a cross kick by B.H.S. backs. The second try came after a penalty was awarded School close to Te Aute's line. Captain Mills took a quick tap and dived over for the try. Miln kicked the heavy ball very well getting two penalties across.

The second half belonged to Te Aute. After the interval they decided to keep it tight, and with the big pack and solid play of first five-eight, R. Kapa, shut B.H.S. out every time they looked dangerous.



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Te Aute scored five tries in all, and it is significant that three of these came from forward pushovers.

Although the final score was 28-14, B.H.S. was in no way disgraced — they fought back right to the final whistle.

Fine performances were seen from forwards Harkness, Moffat, Pulenatoa and T. Tukaroa, and Harland at full-back after K. Harrison went off injured.

Scoring: N.P.B.H.S. Tries: Mills, Blair; Penalties: Miln (2).

Te Aute Tries: A. Baker, A. Marshall, M. Kopua, R. Haerara and K. Bennett; Conversion, penalty and drop-goal: R. Kapa.

#### v. PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (26th JULY, PALMERSTON NORTH)

School took the field at Palmerston knowing that a tough game lay ahead, Palmerston having a very good forward pack, and strong, big, fast-running backs.

From the outset Palmerston attacked strongly and N.P.B.H.S. could not reply to this pressure with the result that Palmerston North won 44-12.

School backs, normally vigorous tacklers, failed to make those important first tackles and allowed the fast-footed opposition too much room. Once again the lesson of missed tackles was dearly learned.

N.P.B.H.S. failed to get any appreciable percentage of good ball and the School forward pack did not fire against the in-form Palmerston North forwards.

All in all it was a game to be forgotten by N.P.B.H.S. players, not only because of the score but also because it was not typical of this year's 1st XV standard of play.

Scoring: N.P.B.H.S. Penalties: Miln (4); P.N.B.H.S. Tries: C. Wicks (4), P. Poletti, D. Stirling, S. McKenzie, M. Love; Conversions: M. Findlay (3); Penalties: M. Findlay (2).

#### v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE (2nd AUGUST, GULLY)

N.P.B.H.S. took to the Gully ground with a certain degree of wariness and determination to regain lost pride. Collegiate had previously drawn with Palmerston North and Te Aute, so this would not be an easy encounter.

Conditions were wet, but after several games played in similar circumstances N.P.B.H.S. were well versed in the kind of tactics needed to win. Furthermore, the knowledge that this would be the only game played in front of the school made winning all the more important.

As with the St. Pat's backs, N.P.B.H.S. pressured the Collegiate backline, forcing errors, swooping on loose ball and kicking behind the Collegiate backs. Conditions dictated that the ball be kept on the ground as much as possible, kicking and chasing. School had to endure long periods hemmed against its own line, with its forwards gaining domination in scrums and rucks, but not in lineout play.

The half-time score was 3-3 with a penalty goal apiece. The second half produced a dour, hard-fought forward



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battle, when with five minutes to go N.P.B.H.S. finally broke through with a fine team effort culminating in a try to B. Meuli. School broke out of its half by kicking the ball into the Collegiate 22 metres to set up the ruck. The ball was quickly won and fed out to winger, A. Chilcott, who made ground until just short of the Collegiate line before making the infield pass to Meuli who dived over to score.

Collegiate came back strongly but a stout N.P.B.H.S. defence held them out.

Good games for School came from flanker Moffat, prop Tukaroa and lock R. Bryant.

For Collegiate centre T. Agapo ran strongly to worry N.P.B.H.S. defence, while S. Aderill and hooker R. Mathieson showed out in a good pack.

Scoring: N.P.B.H.S. Try: Meuli, Penalty: Miln; Collegiate: Penalty.

#### v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR (18th AUGUST, GULLY)

In the last game of the College season Grammar retained its unbeaten record by defeating School 14-3, after a half-time score of 7-3.

A.G.S. gained the bulk of line-out possession yet rarely let its pacy back-line run, preferring instead to play 10-man rugby, with second five-eighth G. Fox dictating play.

In the first half Miln kicked a penalty for School giving him 102 points from kicks for the season.

Grammar's try was scored by K. Turner.

Soon into the second half Grammar scored after a dazzling run by centre R. Humphries. In the final spell N.P.B.H.S. pressed hard with some good runs by wingers, Chilcott and Pirikahu. Mills won some good lineout ball and Harkness and Moffat again had fine games.

Scoring: N.P.B.H.S. Penalty: Miln; A.G.S. Tries: R. Humphries and K. Turner; Penalties: G. Fox (2).

## GENERAL

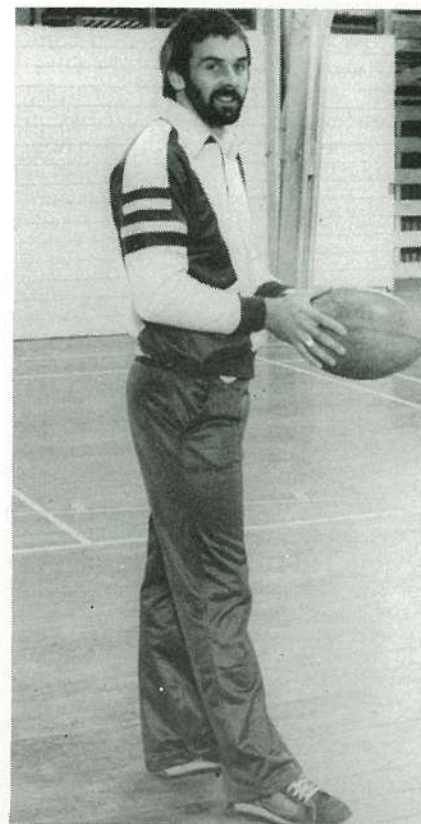
The 1st XV had a mixed season with 50% success in College matches and finishing third in the "B" Division of the Senior Third competition.

The highlights of the season were the games against the Headmaster's XV which was drawn and against "H.M.N.Z.S. Taranaki" which was lost 9-6.

In January 1980 the team is embarking on a tour of the West Coast of America and Canada with a stay in Hawaii on the way home. Six or seven matches will be played against University, Colts and High School teams on the mainland and against the Harlequins in Hawaii. The touring party of 24 boys and 28 adults (Coach and parents) is indebted to Mr Carroll for his organisation and all are looking forward to the trip.

The team takes this opportunity to thank their coach, Mr Carroll, for his time and work this season, the Headmaster for his support and all parents and supporters who followed "the Firsts".

## M. G. WATTS — ALL BLACK



The School extends its congratulations to Mr Watts on his selection as All Black winger for the tests against France this year. The second staff member to be so selected, Mr Watts' rugby from 1975 to 77 was as a Junior

All Black and regular Manawatu winger. He was a member of the Juniors' team which played the Lions in 1975. Since the start of last year, Mr Watts has represented Taranaki on the wing and early this year travelled overseas with the Taranaki team to Europe and Asia. He reports that their first game against London Welsh was a hard and fast game, the opponents comprising Welshmen living in London with some of them former or current Welsh representatives. A friendly game followed against expatriate New Zealanders living in London, and then to Llanelli for a game under floodlights, remembered mainly for a converted try at the end. The same ending was to happen in the next match against Pontypridd, but this time in Taranaki's favour. Open rugby was played even though the field was muddy, and the Taranakians could see how Pontypridd had made the final of the Welsh Championship that season. Games against Treorchy and Gloucester followed (the latter a surprising loss, but deservedly so), then on to France and a match against the Paris University Club, going down 15-13. The next encounter was against a very talented Cote de Basque side and although Taranaki played no better rugby on the tour, they lost in the last few minutes through relaxing concentration, 19-13. When Taranaki played All Japan, the home team were playing together for the first time in a month and were no match for a bigger and stronger Taranaki side.

## RACING

Flags drop,  
Waiting tense,  
Waiting for that hooter  
Off!

The pit of wits,  
The battle of skills,  
Tacking, luffing,  
Reaching and running,  
Heeling, keeling,  
Hiking and capsizing,  
The thrill of speed and spray.

E. Brownlie, 6B6

## THE DIVER

The water engulfs him  
He has no fear  
For the tank on his back is full of air.  
Silence surrounds him  
But he is not alone.

The further he goes  
The less he knows  
But there is no shout  
For here he is not welcome.  
Does he know?

Men have come before  
Yet now it is safe no more  
Because now the seaworld creatures  
Speak of war.  
Sharks, whales, dolphins and small  
fish, too,  
They all will fight.  
This is their home; they have the right.

The diver unaware that he is prey  
Shall not live till another day  
The shark now stalking sees the intruder  
Lunging forward with massive speed  
Near killing the diver.  
This is his good deed.

The kingdom below will now rejoice  
For the revolution has started.  
S. Shaw, 5W8

## FIELD

Body moves wave-like through sibilant  
stupor.  
Rise and fall established in its  
naturalism.  
Blade bends, subtle, smooth, soft.  
Sheen dappled like sun on sea.

Long years. Pattern known,  
Form found, followed full.  
Appropriate perfection.  
Contour and colour hung for inspection.

Animal larger than supporting stem,  
But living openly:  
Rule defined, influence accounted  
for.  
There is no contrivance in this entity.

Quick start. Challenge comes.  
Sharp jerk. Fast fire. Flee.  
Heat-scream-pain — blood:  
Then stain, like stone.

C. Harrop, 7G8



Seen at School on Queen's Birthday for Old Boys' rugby match. From left: Messrs C. Marshall, B. McEldowney, N. Wolfe, L.R. Bublitz and M. Kidd.



## TELETHON '79

Telethon was held this year to raise money for the International Year of the Child. The national total was close to three million dollars of which Taranaki contributed \$56,000. A number of groups from school also contributed to the total. The groups were as follows:

G. Quickfall and four other fifth formers ran around Mount Egmont on Queen's Birthday weekend, raising \$165 on their 12-hour journey. Two Trampolinathons were undertaken: one led by K. Hayward in the Gym on 8-10 June spent 48 hours bouncing and earned \$221 for their efforts. The second group of M. Briggs, also held in the Gym, raised \$105.30 in 24 hours' continuous bouncing.

A group led by S. Cleary held a Skateathon at East End on 29-30 June and raised a creditable \$400 for their efforts.

A Bedathon undertaken by K. Brooking's group to Oakura from New Plymouth and return raised \$236.82.

L. Johnson's group took part in a Table Tennis Marathon which lasted 48 hours in the Merrilands Hall and raised \$216.

Two Starvethons were organised by third formers — T. Moeller and S. Kemp and the other by G. Parker and G. MacDonald. Jointly they raised \$100.

In a Walkathon S. Moore and other third formers walked from Bell Block to Inglewood and return, raising \$29.20.

Finally, A. Wiseman's group of four raised about \$80 in a Badminton Marathon which lasted 12 hours.

All these boys who gave up their time to help others are to be congratulated by the whole school for their contribution to the International Year of the Child.



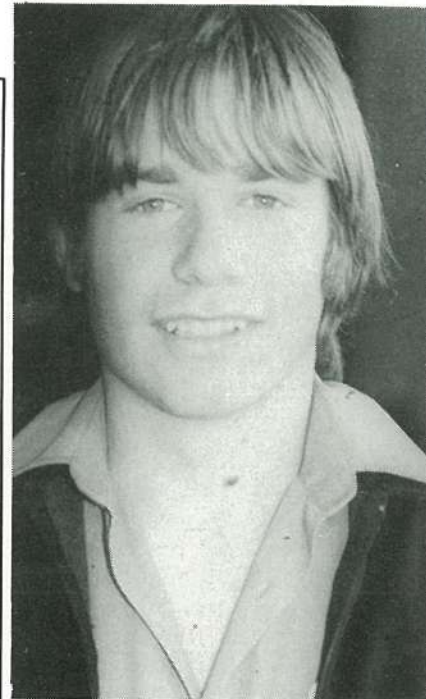
### OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Students from overseas resident in the School Hostel. Standing (from left): S. Pulenatoa (Samoa), D. Ioka (Samoa), T. Sami Sua (Samoa), E. Mulinuu (Samoa), J. Mitchell (Brunei), S. Suafa (Samoa), I. Goldsworthy (Singapore), R. Pratap (Fiji), G. Hannaford (New Hebrides), K. Mitchell (Brunei).

In front: S. Simons (Samoa), H. Alofivae (Samoa), R. Hannaford (New Hebrides), T. Tafa (Samoa).

**ROSS CARTER**, from Dubbo in New South Wales, a Rotary Exchange student who spent the second term in our sixth form. Ross stayed with G. J. Fitzpatrick (5B7) who had earlier been to Australia under the same scheme. Another exchange visitor was Philippe Langlois from Tahiti, one of 150 Tahitian students sponsored by the French Embassy to better their English in New Zealand Schools. During his six weeks' stay, he was hosted by A. D. Mis-

chewski (6M1) who himself will be going to Tahiti in December to complete the exchange. The 1979 Otaki Scholar, Michael Brinks, spent three days of the last week of Term Two in New Plymouth, staying with Head Boy, B. C. Meuli, visiting North Taranaki as well as addressing our School assembly.



Ross Carter



Fifth formers Robertson, Barlow, Symon, Quickfall and Cooper on their way around Egmont.

