



Palmerston North Boys' High School Old Boys Newsletter - Term 2- 2015



Dear Old Boys

The 2015 school year is well underway with a busy first term now completed. The current school roll is 1755, with more than 400 joining us as Year 9 (3rd form) pupils this year.

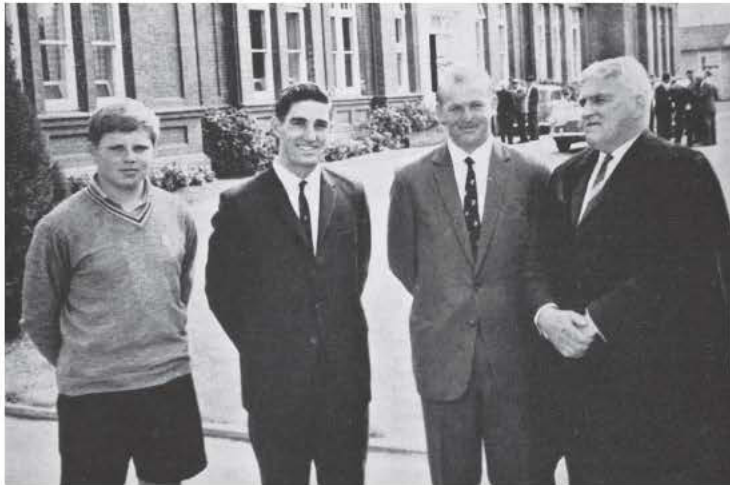
It was great to see Old Boys Ross Taylor (00-01) and Adam Milne (05-09) in the Cricket World Cup as the team performed superbly to get to the final. Cricket numbers here at school certainly reflected the mood of the country, and as a result we saw the successful return of the Cake League competition.

The winter season is now upon us and the school has close to 130 sports teams involved in local, regional or national competitions, along with a significant number of young men who are members of music or cultural groups, meaning that more than 1600 boys are representing the school.

Kind regards

D.M. Bovey
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On a Cricketing theme - How the Years have flown



An article that appeared in the Evening Standard

A lineup for a photo taken at Palmerston North Boys' High School on Wednesday turned out to be an inadvertent piece of spin. All four of the subjects happened to not only be cricketers, but all were spin bowlers, including the school's current and ninth rector, David Bovey. He was an off-spinner for Kia Toa-Freyberg from 1997 to 2001. He played for Hawke's Bay from 1995 to 1999 and Manawatu from 1999 to 2001.

The others pictured were Toivo Vaikvee, Victor Pollard and Bryan Yuile. The photo was a re-creation of one taken in 1965 of the same three cricketers, but that one was with the Rector at the time, Arnold Muirhead, affectionately known by the boys as "Bull". It was taken before Yuile and Pollard departed for six months with the New Zealand cricket team to tour Pakistan, India, England, Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands.

Vaikvee, born in Denmark in 1947, was the 1st XI captain and a leg-spinner who, in the 1970s, played 11 first-class games for Wellington, where he worked in insurance.

Pollard and Yuile both played for New Zealand, but because of their religions did not play on Sundays.

Pollard, born in Burnley, Lancashire, 69 years ago, was in the Boys' High 1st XI from 1961 to 1963, was an off-spinner and batsman, and was the school's sporting Dux Ludorum. He played 32 cricket tests and seven games for the New Zealand soccer team.

A teacher, he went on to be Deputy Principal at Middleton Grange School in Christchurch. He also entered politics, standing for the South Island-based Christian Heritage Party but was not elected.

Yuile, Palmerston North born and now aged 73, was a social worker in Wairoa and was in the 1st XI between 1956 and 1959. A left-arm spinner, he played in 17 tests.

The three gentlemen above were at School for the official opening of the Covered Grass Cricket Wicket facility that has recently opened. This facility, managed and driven by Jacob Oram, provides 6 grass wickets under a massive plastic dome which enables cricketers to practise year-round.

ANZAC 100 Lest We Forget

The School, as always, was fully involved with ANZAC ceremonies throughout the region. Starting with the PN Dawn Service, Sheridan Smitham delivered an address to the huge crowd. The subject of his speech was the life and death of Old Boy, Robert Gudgeon (1910), who was killed on the first day of the ANZAC landings. At the end of the ceremony, the assembled College House boys performed a rousing haka as the ex-servicemen marched off the parade. Then at the Morning ceremony, Headboy, George Gaimster and Deputy, Liam Giltrap, laid a wreath for the School and once again a haka was performed by the Prefects, 1st XV and the School Kapa Haka group.

At midday, at the ANZAC Bridge on the way to Masterton, Isaiah Smiler delivered an address on one of the men named on the bridge - Donald Pallant - who also died at Gallipoli.



ANZAC 2015 at School

This year's ceremony had three features that marked it as special - as indeed, it should be, being 100 years since NZ's first real involvement in WW. As part of a nationwide project, our grounds crew and the Archives Office made 199 crosses to remember the 199 Old Boys killed in action. These crosses had on them the picture and details of each Old Boy. They were erected as a Walk of Remembrance ending at the Gallipoli Oak.

As the boys assembled outside after the service, all the staff and students walked up through this Walk - a very sobering experience. The third extra feature of the day was the involvement of a contingent of men from the 1st Royal Gurkha Rifles, who were in NZ for the nationwide ceremonies. They were met at the school gates by the kapa haka group with a haka powhiri. The Gurkhas fought alongside the ANZACs at Gallipoli, so it was especially poignant having them as part of our ceremony. Alan Cull and Ron Eaton laid the wreath at the Gallipoli Oak.



Phil Skoglund, one of New Zealand's greatest lawn bowlers, passes away

One of New Zealand's greatest lawn bowlers, Phil Skoglund, died in Palmerston North on Friday aged 77.

Skoglund, the winner of eight national titles and a World Bowls gold medal, was renowned for his unique, silky delivery and his shrewdness on the green.

He remained active in bowls almost up to the time of his death and amazingly won his Northern club singles this season. He was diagnosed with cancer in the middle of last year and died of complications from pancreatic and lung cancer.



Phil was the son of the late PO Skoglund, a former member of staff and 1st XV coach, a fine bowler and then a Minister of Education. Phil is survived by his wife Carol and sons Philip and Raymond, both talented bowlers.

His death came a week before Philip and Raymond were to stage a surprise Phil Skoglund Charity Dinner at his beloved Northern club with the proceeds to go to the Arohanui Hospice. Philip said people were travelling from all over the country for the dinner. "It was supposed to be a surprise, but Dad found out about it and it was probably a good thing because it did spark him up a little bit.

"The bowls community will certainly miss him. Nationally he had done such a lot for bowls and has been classed as a legend of the game."

Phil senior was conferred with the Order of the British Empire in 1988, and was in the New Zealand Sports and Bowls New Zealand Halls of Fame, as well as being a Manawatu Legend of Sport. He was a four-time Manawatu Sportsman of the Year. Phil's funeral was held in the School Hall with about 600 people in attendance.

Old Boy Snippets



Grant Smith has recently been elected Mayor of Palmerston North



Long-time property lawyer working with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), **Warren Moyes** succumbed to cancer on 8 January. A highly respected and valued colleague



Sam Mutch raised just shy of \$50,000 in 50 days for Ronald McDonald House with an insane chilli eating competition



Ian Henshaw, Bruce Graham, Spencer Hart, Doug Russell



Jacob Oram, Mark Cleaver, Robbie Laird, Ian Robinson

Old Boys Golf Day

The annual event took place on a brilliant day. The field was down a little from past years, but a substantial sum of money will be given to the 1st XI Cricket Tour of Australia, India and Sri Lanka to help them on this exciting tour



Three top Old Boy sportsmen sidelined due to injury: (l-r) **Adam Milne** - Black Caps; **Ngani Lau-mape** - Warriors; **Aaron Cruden** - All Blacks



Jacob Oram, as mentioned earlier, involved with the Covered Wicket, with a group of young cricketers from India



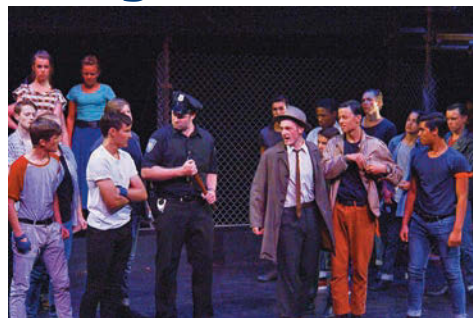
Mindscape co-founder **John-Daniel Trask** is building his developer tools business in New Zealand, with clients including the US Govt, Fujitsu, NATO and Dell

What's been happening at School this year



(l-r) Mike Lawrence, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Paul Baines, Mr and Mrs Stalker, John Naylor, OBS President, Rector, Dave Bovey

2014 PNBHS Business Alumni were inducted in a ceremony late last year. Robin Stalker, Chief Financial Officer of Adidas was unable to attend. The award was accepted by his parents. Paul Baines, for 20 years an investment banker with Credit Suisse First Boston NZ, is now Chairman of the Todd Family Office and on the board of several major organisations, such as the Reserve Bank and IHC.



Westside Story

This year's annual drama production was another triumph for director, Chris Burton and the whole company. The play played to packed houses for **** performances.

Chris has gained performing rights for "Happy Days" for the 2016 production

Term One - Athletics and Running

Many old boys will have varying memories of these three events - Athletics Sports, the Cross Country and the Road Race. Murray won the Athletics and Cross Country and Albion took the Road Race for 2015!



Hockey Development Tour of Singapore, England, Scotland and Ireland



A group of 18 players and two staff had a three week trip playing 12 matches against some talented opposition, winning 6, drawing 2 and losing 4. With 7 players leaving the 1st XI at the end of 2014, this tour has been a great training experience for the new team.

Many thanks to all who helped and sponsored the tour.



Crest to Crest

Once again 20 young men took on the running, climbing, biking and canoeing challenge from the top of Ruapehu to the crest at the front of school - in five days!



1st XI cricket repeated last year's victory by again beating Auckland Grammar in the annual 3 day match, thereby retaining the Oram Cup (donated last year by OB Bill Kermode)