



Palmerston North Boys' High School Old Boys' Newsletter - Term 3- 2015



Dear Old Boys

The new term began with the shock news that Mr Dawson Tamatea had passed away. Many of you will have known or been taught by Dawson and will remember him fondly - he will be greatly missed by the PNBHS community.

The school hosted his service and the boys performed the school haka as the hearse carrying Dawson arrived and did an outstanding job. The video clip of the haka was put on the school's YouTube page and as of writing

this has had more than four million views - amazing stuff. Dawson would be quite tickled by the response.

This terrible news came after a busy and successful second term, more of which you can read about in this newsletter.

Kind regards

D.M Bovey - Rector

School mourns loss of a Great Teacher



As Term 3 started, we were greeted with the news that Dawson Tamatea had passed away in his sleep the previous night about midnight. Stu Leighton had played golf with him on Thursday, so there was no indication of what was to come.

Dawson taught at PNBHS for nearly 30 years. During that time he taught Te Reo Maori, Social Studies, Maths and PE. He has been Head of Te Reo, Dean of Maori Student Achievement and Gateway co-ordinator. Outside the classroom he has been involved in coaching rugby, softball, tennis - including the Senior A team, touch rugby, basketball, volleyball. For many years he ran the famous Anaura Bay camp and of course he has been with the kapa haka group and in recent years with the combined Te Piringa group.

His funeral was held at School - over 1500 people attended. A remarkable event at the funeral was the arrival of the hearse at school which was greeted by the whole school performing the school haka (which Dawson was instrumental in getting written) (picture at top of this page) The video of this haka has, to date, had over 4 million views on YouTube - a fitting tribute to the man. Old Boy Andrew Roy, who is Foreign Editor at BBC World News, put the clip on BBC World News where Te Ariki Te Puni (current student and 1st XV member) was interviewed about the haka. If you would like to view the haka, here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6Qtc_zlGhc

At the funeral, Rector David Bovey ended with these words, "And so today, we farewell a man who has done so much and means so much to us all. On his 1992 appraisal form, then Head of PE John Ridge wrote "Mr Tamatea is buoyant, cheerful and possesses a sense of humour." What a wonderful word to describe him - buoyant. That sums up why we all loved him. He was such a huge part of the staffroom, a huge part of the school - his positivity, his infectious laugh, his genuine empathy for the boys and for his colleagues. He will be greatly missed by all of us."

Up Coming Events

Auckland Annual Dinner - Thursday, 27th August at the Old Boys' Pavilion at Auckland Grammar. Time: 7.00pm.

This event has been very successful over the last few years and is a great opportunity to catch up with old mates and meet some of your fellow Palmerstonians. There will be a small cohort up from PNBHS, including Rector Dave Bovey and other staff members. After the popularity of the OK Chorale performance, Dave has agreed to bring the PNBHS Stage Band up to perform for us - this should be a highlight.

The cost for the evening is \$70 and we are hoping to again offer discounted tickets for students (less than 5 years out of school). Payment can be made on the night (cash or eftpos) or into this account with your name and last year at PNBHS Old Boys, Westpac 03 0104 0092157 00.

There will be a buffet dinner and a bar will be open throughout the night, this year with eftpos! It will be a great event, please invite any others you know of around the Auckland area.

PN Old Boys' Dinner - Friday 4 September at the College House Dining Room; Time: 6.30pm; Guest Speaker: tbc; Pre-dinner drinks on the Rector; Cost: \$65.00 inclusive of wine and port.

If you are coming, can you please:

Contact Marika at 06 3545176 ext 799, or hoppem@pnbhs.school.nz to let her know - for catering purposes

Pay by one of these methods:

(i) Direct credit into the school's account 03 0726 0476403 00 making sure you include your name and Old Boys' Dinner

(ii) Pay directly at the School Finance office

(iii) Pay at the function, by cheque or we will have an EFTPOS machine there. If you choose this option, please contact Marika beforehand for numbers.

Brendon Hartley - 2nd at Le Mans 24 Hour Endurance Race



Brendon Hartley grew up in Palmerston North and started his racing career at age 6 in go-karts. While still at PNBHS he moved into Formula Ford. After a series of wins in Formula Ford amongst other series, it was soon evident that he had the talent to make a career from racing, but lived at the wrong end of the world. At the age of 16 he leapt in at the deep end – Europe. He took up quarters in the east of Germany and raced in a two litre Formula Renault in the German and European Championships. In 2007 he won the World Series by Renault, a win that would become a defining time for him in a foreign country. He joined the Red Bull talent pool and worked hard. "It's quite simple, if you don't put the effort in, nobody is going to invest in you. I couldn't have gone on without it. There was a lot of pressure, but most of it was from me anyway."

Then he had a coup-de-main in 2008 at the Formula 3 Grand Prix in Macau: starting position 20, he finished third including fastest lap of the race. He was still taken by complete surprise when the phone call came from Red Bull asking if he could stand in for the injured Mark Webber at a Formula One test. "Wow, this was what I had been working for all my life. I phoned home straight away

and let the phone ring until I had woken my whole family." And he did well. 83 laps. That was torture for his neck, being exposed to these kinds of forces for the first time. He moved to Milton Keynes in the UK, near his team, and at least giving him the chance to live somewhere where they speak his language.

He had a Formula One contract up to and including 2013 – first as a tester for Red Bull Racing, and then for the Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula 1 Team. His simulator work was highly regarded, which the F1 teams used to cushion the restrictive test requirements. But a racing driver has to race. In 2012 he started his second career as a long distance racer. European Le Mans Series, Grand Am, 12 hours in Bathurst, 24 hours in Daytona and in Le Mans are races he has had under his belt for some time now. "There are so many great races left", he says. "I am open for anything with four wheels and an engine. But my goal and hope was that one day I would attract the attention of a manufacturer. The fact that it is Porsche, the most successful brand at Le Mans – it's a dream come true." The 24 hours of Le Mans is the most emotional race in the world for him: "It's an emotional rollercoaster – I've never seen so many grown men with tears in their eyes."

Impressive Batting from Ross Taylor

In four of their last five ODIs, Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor have compiled century partnerships.



On the recent England tour, at the Oval it was 121 (Williamson 93, Taylor 119 not out), followed by 206 at Southampton (Williamson 118, Taylor 110) and 101 at

Trent Bridge (Williamson 90, Taylor 42).

Against Zimbabwe, despite the team loss in the first ODI, Ross finished unbeaten on 112 off 122 balls.

More on Cricketers

Jacob Oram graduated with a BBS and Alec Astle gained a PhD at the same ceremony. The pair have kept in contact since their time at Palmerston North Boys' High School, where Alec coached Jacob.



Alec says he could see Jacob was a "very able student" at high school with strong academic capabilities. "I know he is delighted to finally graduate after 18 years since starting his degree – a consequence of being a professional cricketer and often playing year round.

"Jacob was in the PNBHS 1st XI that I coached in 1994 and 1995. He was captain of my 1995 side and a member of the Cricket Development Squad I took to Singapore and Australia in 1993. We still keep in touch."

For Alec, the ceremony was the culmination of an academic project that he hopes will be shared with a much wider audience because of its practical focus on sports development. As a former teacher, deputy principal and cricket coach at Palmerston North Boys' High School for 24 years, he was determined to produce an academic study of sport development to fill the gap. He hopes to get parts of his thesis published in academic journals and to also produce an accessible textbook for sports administrators.

Recent Old Boys' Gatherings

Wellington: A very successful Drinks and Nibbles inaugural Function was held on the Waterfront in Wellington. It was not really "inaugural" as Wellington was one of the first areas to hold Old Boys' functions - as early as 1909 in the Palmerstonian "The Second Annual General Meeting of this branch was held in the YMCA rooms on the 2nd November. The meeting was well attended, Mr E. Inder occupying the chair..... The annual report shows that the year has been a very successful one. A social and dance was held in September. It was a decided success and this in no small measure due to the following committee of ladies, all ex-pupils of the School Besides dancing, various competitions were held and a number of musical items were given by Miss". So Wellington Old Boys - you have big boots to fill!!

Hawke's Bay: The dinner was held again - this time in Hastings. Rather a disappointing turnout, but those who came had a great evening. Perhaps Saturday night is not the best time to hold such an event.



(l-r) Matene Love, Syd Parkes, John Campbell, Dave Bovey, Glenn Campbell, Tony Dench, Emily Griffiths, Yoda Griffiths (seated) Jason Pearce, Hamish Durrant, Scott Moge, Gareth Kilsby

Tauranga: An enjoyable evening was held at the Greerton RSA. A good turnout of older and younger Old Boys. Good to hear that there are a number of younger guys in Tauranga, who we hope will come to next year's gathering.



(back) Matene Love(7579), Peter Pollet(4445), Murray Mitchell (5557), Mark Omundsen (8588), Barry Brown (6770), Grant Funnell (7175), Grant Mitchell (8084), John Whitehead (4851), David Arlidge (5256), David Church (6266), David Bovey (Rector) (front) Clark Dury (8690), David Fox (8084), Bill Lemberg (4346), Woody Woodhouse (5456), Kerry Payne(5456), Ron Kilgour(5254), Graham Cooper (5254). Not in pic: Rob Kilgour (7579)

1965 and 1975 1st XV Reunions

Held over the same weekend, these two teams held their 50th and 40th Reunions. The 1965 team attended Assembly and John McKay, headboy in 1965, addressed the boys. The teams were able to watch the 1st XV on the Saturday; unfortunately, we lost to Rotorua Boys' High School - 22-31. However, both teams had an enjoyable dinner on the Friday and Saturday nights respectively.



(back) J.Tippens, P.Johns, G.Blackburn, B.Bridge, G.Rowe, T.Vaikvee
(middle) J.Chemis, R.Burgess, J.McKay, J.Loveday, R.Hall, T.Christiansen, I.Burt, Mr I Colquhoun
(front) P.Jepsen, I.Stevens, J.Tukapau (v/c) J.Rowberry (capt) R.Inteman, S.Robinson, T.Dawbin
(underlined: those at reunion)



(back) Anthony Grayson, Greg Doolan, Simon Lawrence, Grant Funnell, Murray McEwan, Greg Pene, Jamie McNaught, Michael Jones
(centre) Ian Colquhoun, Brett Craw, Jim Josephs, Pete McQueen, Geoff Grant, Stephen Walker, David Hazlitt, Martin Genet, Ross Cruden (front) Piet McCallum, John Whitehead, Michael Brougham, Bruce Hemara, Angus Douglas, Michael Robson, Tim Divehall



1965 Dinner: Rodney (right) in conversation with Gavin (left) and Jerry; the party entertained by the OK Choral



1975 Dinner: Pete McQueen, Greg Pene, Murray McEwan, Angus Douglas; Dinner at College House

1985 1st XV Reunion

Held on the weekend of the 1st XV's match against Hamilton BHS, the team met for the first time since 1985. An enjoyable low key evening was spent at the Angus restaurant where lots of stories were told; suitably embellished, no doubt!



(back) Murray Anderson, Glenn Brennan, Philip Doyle, James Whyte, Duncan Anderson, Justin Doolan, Ian Grant
(centre) Mr John Whyte, Kyall Green, Tony Hansen, Grant Yarrall, Howard Pinder, Kelvin Yeates, Cameron Heggie, Hamish Ruawai
(front) David Hoskin, John Stewart, Wesley Parkes, Simon Clavis (v/c) Robert Lauvi (capt) James Saker, Glynn Champion, Shane Collins

The underlined names are those who were able to make the reunion



YES! We have joined the 21st Century.

Please feel free to view the PNBHS Old Boys Association page on Facebook. When you get there, just click Like and you will receive subsequent postings. We have also set up decade groups that you can join to share memories etc with old mates.

Search for 2000s PNBHS Old Boys - or 1990s or 1980s or 1970s and 60s or 1950s and 40s. Once there you can ask to join the group - and you can invite others to join.



What's been happening at School

1st XI Hockey Win Super 8 Competition

In a nail-biting final against Hamilton BHS, in extra time with both teams reduced to 9 players, Hayden Phillips (in pic) took the ball into the circle and flicked it past the keeper to win the match 2-1.



Year 9 Haka Competition

As mentioned earlier, Dawson Tamatea was instrumental in getting the School haka written. Every year, the Year 9 form classes compete in a haka competition, which, as you can imagine, is competed with great intensity and ferocity.



We retain the Polson Banner for 2015 beating Napier 51-10.



Other results of the day were:

2nd XV: loss 0-34; 3rd XV: win 19-12; Year 9 XV: loss 5-20

1st XI Hockey: win 5-1; 2nd XI: win 6-3; U15: win 14-0

1st XI Football: win 4-0; 2nd XI: loss 1-5; Junior XI: loss 1-2

Prem A Basketball: win 80-72

Golf: loss 1-7

Debating - Seniors: loss; Juniors: win

Pasifika Fusion Festival

Something new to older Old Boys is this festival - now in its 10th year. It is a great occasion with great music and dance from the islands.



Two Scholarships Awarded to Old Boys



Samuel Vanderkolk is going to Singapore in July after receiving a Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia. He has almost completed studying economics, international business and history at Victoria University. He said he hoped the six month exchange to the National University of Singapore would help him once he completes his studies.

It will be his second time in Singapore. In 2007 he spent two weeks in the country while on a school trip.

"Some things will be familiar, but a lot of it will be a new experience."

Cigna Life Insurance New Zealand has set up a scholarship to encourage potential students at Victoria University of Wellington to consider the actuarial profession as a career path. The scholarship provides \$5,000 to go towards the successful candidate's studies.



Nathan Thomas, Cigna New Zealand's Head Actuary says that third year Actuarial Science student and former Palmerston North Boys High School Head Prefect, **Navin Patel** was selected as the scholarship's first recipient due to his academic excellence and desire to learn. "Navin understood the level of effort and commitment involved in being an actuary. Both his general attitude and his approach to balancing studies with playing competitive cricket for the Manawatu Mens Representative District Team impressed the panel. Navin also has good communication skills which is a very valuable and often underestimated skill within the actuarial profession."



Squash: Came 4th at Nationals



Great try vs Napier



Football defeat Napier



Super 8 Hockey winners