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1984 Cricket tour to Australia Reunion play the Year9 Specials



1964 1st XV Reunion Weekend



PN OB Dinner - John Winter, Ian Henshaw, Matene Love



Old Boys Golf Day
a driving success!



Hawke's Bay restart an annual Dinner



The Senior Brigade at the Auckland Dinner



9 Old Boys in Manawatu Turbo squad for 2014



Mrs Annette Brookie and family at Opening of E. Brookie Memorial Shelter



School ANZAC Parade 2014

I am pleased to report that the PNBHS Old Boys' Association is in good heart and going from strength to strength. 2014 has been a very active year as you can see from the report below. I wish all Old Boys a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to your company at Old Boys' functions in 2015.



**From the
President
John Naylor**

- Annual Old Boys' golf tournament at Hokowhitu in April 2014 which raised \$4,200, another good turnout in lovely weather. Thanks to Rolf Leenards for the great organisation.
- Old Boys' dinners in Palmerston North, Auckland, Tauranga and Napier – all well attended with excellent speakers.
- ANZAC ceremony at the School, the best such ceremony in the country.
- Old Boys' jazz ensemble which played at both the School's annual music concert, and the annual charity concert, superb musicianship, should be full-time!
- Rector's shouts at the Speights Ale-house and at College House before the Palmy dinner. Thanks Mr Bovey!
- The instigation of the Good Buggers Club, made up of a bunch of good buggers who are contributing monthly amounts to the PNBHS Education Foundation Trust, in order to assist those young men who have the potential to achieve at a high level but do not have the means to do so.
- The new Old Boys database is up and running and now providing us with the

superior register of Old Boys and able to produce regular electronic newsletters, thanks to the efforts of Dominic King. Anyone not receiving these, please contact Dom at kingd@pnbhs.school.nz

Donations to School have been made this year totalling \$25,500. These have been used to support:

- Jacob Oram's contribution to the School's cricket teams,
- Dom King's endeavours with the new database, and the database software,
- the Errol Brookie Memorial Shelter,
- the OK Chorale,
- the new goal posts and
- the sporting caps.

A plan is in place for a new PNBHS Old Boys' Pavilion to replace the Jubilee Rooms. The new pavilion will be built close to the site of the existing Jubilee Rooms and will consist of changing rooms and an Old Boys' lounge. The funds raised at the 2014 golf tournament have gone to drawing the plans for this building. This will be a long term project, reliant on sponsorship and other fund

raising. It is an exciting development for the School.

The 2014 Business Alumni nominations have been made and I am pleased to advise that Paul Baines and Rob Stalker have accepted this honour. A function was held on 28 November 2014 to present Paul and Rob with their plaques.

My thanks once again to the Committee of the Old Boys' Association who have willingly helped and participated in all events this year. They are a great team and great company, and include Dave Bovey, John Whitehead, Michael Lawrence, Stuart Leighton, Rolf Leenards, Peter Justice, Justin Doolan, Matene Love, Simon O'Connor, Ash Hazlitt, David Barker, Dom King and recent addition, Ewan Westergaard. Cheers gentlemen.

We have our final event of the year on Friday 12 December – 5.30 – 7.30 pm – at the Masonic Hotel. This is the Year 13 leavers function and Christmas drinks. We welcome the 2014 leavers to their first Old Boys' Association function and shout them a drink. All Old Boys are welcome, food will be supplied and a cash bar will operate.

2014 has seen a number of Old Boys functions held at the school, and an ever-growing number of Old Boys who have visited their old school; some have spoken at assembly, others re-visited the memories of their youth at a school that in many areas is unrecognisable to how it was in their time here.



**From the
Rector
Dave Bovey**

The 1964 1st XV enjoyed a weekend celebrating 50 years since playing together; the OK Chorale celebrated their '21st' with a combined concert in the Speirs Centre Auditorium; the 1984 cricket team that toured Australia showed that in the 30 years since their tour time has not dimmed their enthusiasm on the field, although there were suggestions that dwindling skill and mobility were something of an issue in the victory over the Year 9 Specials, the Rector, as a guest player, included. And the 1979 1st XV got together to commemorate 35 years passing.

In addition to these groups, we were privileged to have a number of Old Boys join with current School groups for the annual School Concert. The combined Stage Band was superb and performed with much gusto and enjoyment.

2014 also saw the opening of the E.W. Brookie Memorial Shelter – a mini replica of the old grandstand, erected by Rolf Leenards and his team in Mr Errol Brookie's memory at the scoreboard end of the 1st XV field. Errol, as you will no doubt know, made a significant contribution to the school, as a student then later as a teacher, and was very active in the Old Boys Association, providing Zorro's Notes for the Palmerstonian for many a year. Errol's contemporaries now have a place to watch the games sheltered from Palmerston North's gentle westerlies.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all Old Boys to visit the school when in town, whether it be to see how the school has changed, or to watch a sporting or cultural performance. I would also like to extend an invitation to the annual school prize giving ceremony, which celebrates the success of the young men of the school. It is an evening that encapsulates what we as a school are aiming to achieve and gives an insight into the vast array of opportunities and achievement of our young men.

This year has seen a regular E-newsletter sent out to Old Boys on our database, which is designed to keep all Old Boys and friends of the school up-to-date with what has been going on in the school throughout each term. We hope this has proved popular and useful, particularly for those living abroad.

I would again like to thank John Naylor for his continued work in the role of President of the Old Boys Association. John's support of the school is most appreciated and under his stewardship the OBA has taken a most proactive role in supporting a number of the school's initiatives. The time he gives to the school is significant and we are lucky to have someone so committed to the role. I would also like to thank all those Old Boys on the OBA for their continued support and commitment.

Indeed, my thanks go to all Old Boys of the school who give so generously of their time and support.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break and all the best for 2015.

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This year we have continued with the initiative to make greater contact with Old Boys of the School. From the feedback we have got back and from the newspaper clippings, it is tremendous to see the huge range of activities Old Boys have been involved in all around the world and the degree of success that many achieve. We hope that part of the reason for your successes goes back to your time at PNBHS - the opportunity you had here, the education inside and outside the classroom and the inculcation of values that have stood you in good stead. Of course school days are a time when many make lifelong friends. Thus the reason for our out-reach initiative is to keep you up-to-date with what is going on at the school, to let you know what your mates are up to, to keep you involved with the institution that played a significant role in your development and, for some, to enable you to put something back into the school.

During this year we have sent out three email newsletters. Towards the end of 2013 the Association invested in an online CMS (Customer Management System) into which all the details we had on the old Centenary Appeal database have been placed. However, a database is only as good as its contents and much of the data we have is out of date, especially addresses and emails. This is a nightmare for any institution - keeping up-to-date, so a desperate plea from me - if you have not been getting emails and other correspondence, please let me know. I would also greatly appreciate any contact details you may have of friends and acquaintances that you might have.

As part of this initiative, Old Boys in various parts of the country have been organising dinners and reunions. These have been greatly enjoyed by all involved and we do urge you to participate. We are hoping to set up dinners in more areas of the country next year, especially Wellington. The School's Commerce Department undertook a tour of the USA this year and it was great to catch up with Old Boys on both the East and West coasts. Lance Retemeyer, the International Student Dean regularly holds a very popular Old Boys dinner in Bangkok which gives our Thai Old Boys a chance to get together.

So please keep in touch. Contact details below.

Regards

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Errol lives on at PNBHS

For a man who gave so much to school and most of his life, it is appropriate that he is remembered at school in some way. We are glad to say there are now three memorials to Errol - one is a totara tree with accompanying plaque outside the Assembly Hall - Errol was a mighty totara! Then there is a new walkway to College House that is named after him.

This year the Old Boys' Association and the School jointly funded a project undertaken by Rolf Leenards. Rolf, as many of you know, has a building company and he gave the labour of his crew for free to construct a shelter for a group of older "citizens" who regularly turn up to watch the 1st XV games. Errol was a long standing member of this group, whom he named in his inimitable way "The Tree Huggers".

(There used to be some grand old trees at the northern end of the field). The result is this fine shelter which was opened on the weekend of the 1979 1st XV Reunion and the narrow defeat to Gisborne BHS 1st XV.



The Rector, the Brookie family, Craig Hart, Denis Duffy, Rex Voelkerling, Hugh Drake



Errol's grandson spoke about Errol



Rex Voelkerling, great friend and colleague of Errol's. A regular member of the "Tree Huggers"

The Auckland OB Dinner

Held once again at Auckland Grammar thanks to Tim O'Connor. Just under 100 in attendance. Many thanks to Bill Kermode for taking the lead in organising the occasion.



Inaugural Hawke's Bay OB Dinner

"The Hawkes Bay branch of the PNBHS Old Boys commenced on Tuesday the 29th of July with a group of 20 odd old boys and representatives of the school. Drinks and dinner were held in the Emporium at the Masonic Hotel and the group was updated with news from the school and a great presentation from the Rector, David Bovey. Justin Doolan (former professional rugby player and now teacher at PNBHS) was the guest speaker and gave everyone a very entertaining rundown of life playing and coaching footy in Ireland and Japan and provided inspiration to all wingers and outside backs, that with dedication and focus, becoming a sumo wrestler was possible!

As expected, after a few refreshments, the stories came forward with College House at the forefront of most of them. The night was followed up with a great result on the paddock the next day, with a few scratchy heads turning up to watch the 1st XV lift the Polson Banner in emphatic fashion. Plans are in place for future Old Boys functions in the Bay, so looks like we have managed to get something started. Thanks to the school and in particular Matene Love and Dominic King for their support in getting this underway".



Palmerston North OB Dinner

Held once again in the College House Dining Room. Good attendance of about 70. Guest speaker was Alasdair Robertson - currently CEO of Race Inc.



(in rows) Gary Wenham, John Stewart, Bruce Graham, Listening to Alasdair Robertson (below); Justin Leck, Hamish Forbes, ?, Rod Forbes, Brett Davis; Phil Wenham, Tim Wilde, Derek Stirling; Al Roberston, John Naylor, Mike Collinson; Phil Ropiha, Alan Buchanan, Greg Stewart; Kane Barry, Brett Davis, Justin Leck; Alan Brown, Fraser Gordon, Craig Hart, Peter Johns, Keith Wiggins; Alan Savell, Gary Hocking, Arch Baker, David Justice, Rolf Leenards; Phil Wenham, Paul Lovejoy, John Winter; Peter Justice, Chris Blair, Phil Tuttiet; Simon O'Connor and Alan Cull; Dave Gray, Graham Tod, Ash Hazilit, John Winter, Ian Henshaw, Matene Love; Gary Phillips and Mike Collinson; Gary Cunningham, John Ridge; Simon O'Connor, Harris, Matene Love; Lance Retemeyer, Craig Hart.

Napier Dinner (in columns from top left) Tare Ferris and John Managh; Ross Brown and Dave Bovey; Steve Morley, Michael Mawley, Arnie Haydon, Stuart Apatu, Kim Shannon, Tony Dench; the same bunch as above

2nd Column: Steve Mawley, Arnie H, Mike Mawley, Stuart Apatu, Dave Bovey, Jason Pearce; Syd Parkes, Paul 'Yoda' Griffiths

3rd Column: Graeme Ryan, John M, Scott Mogey, Syd P, Yoda; John M and Graeme talking to 1st XV boys; ; Matene L, Scott M, John M.

Auckland Dinner (in rows l-r) Warrick Neville, Richard Oliver, Maurice Rendle, Colin Dixon, Derek Adams, Jack Thorburn, Ron Green; Rhys Judd, Gary Lee, Ben Gilmour, Kieran Brennan, Drew Kingi, Sam Clarke, Taiawhio Tapiata, Ben Kelly, Jonathan Chaplow; Nigel Cotton, Bill Kermod, Craig Cotton; Richard Moore, Richard Morgan

2nd Row: OK Chorale singing; Gower Buchanan, Tim Murphy, Robert Milne, Dave Bovey; Liam McMaster, Logan Funnell, Angus Belgrave, James Bardsley;

3rd Row: Angus Belgrave, James Cleland, Logan Funnell, Nic Wilson, Michael Kensington, Peter Kensington, James Bardsley, Liam McMaster; Colin Print, Lloyd Pinder, Tony Dowse, Bruce Campbell, Richard Fountain, ?, ?; Harvey Kerr, Kit Divehall, ?

Apologies to those whose names we didn't know or got wrong!

PN Old Boys Golf Day 2014

Another great occasion organised by Rolf Leenards and his team. The event raised \$4,200 which is being used to contribute towards concept drawings for a new Old Boys Pavilion at the school.

Winning team were from Leenards Construction - Liam Nesbit, Casey Jensen, Brad Sinclair and Jack Leenards. Individual prize went to Matt Pickering and the most golf played was Shay Ashworth, a fine young man as honest as the day he was born. Over 130 swings!



Reunions in 2014

1964 1st XV

This event was held on the weekend the 1st XV played Tauranga. This team has had regular reunions and it was tremendous that 14 members of the team were able to attend. In addition to the usual round of meals, drinks and visits around the school, the team greatly enjoyed the 1st XV beating the Tauranga boys.



This is what the school looked like in early 1960s!



The boys were honoured to have former All Black, John Loveday, come into the dressing room just before the game to offer some words of encouragement and advice.



John and Dave



Peter, Graeme, Craig



John producing the sock!



Denis Aldridge, Jerry Rowberry, Peter Scott, Dave Fleming, Dave Stephens, Mike Langley, Graeme Cowley, Lima Emery, John Morrison, Craig Irving, Rod Jepsen, Bob Burgess, Gavin Wilton, Graeme Wallis, John Loveday, Jeremy Dobson



Craig in full flow



Denis fitting the special white jersey



Denis again, leading Riki tiki



Jerry and John in deep conversation

Craig and Dave have their say!

I hope this will not be a disincentive to attend, because I am sure we will have a good time and would remind those troubled with water retention, to refrain from laughing or be suitably well equipped.

I will be the subtle facilitator of events and take no responsibility for the course of events.

Craig

PS wearing of recent Queens Birthday honours/gongs at dinner will not be tolerated.

Following on from this, here are some of the comments made by those present:

Denis Aldridge.

"As a young man I used to have four supple members and one stiff one. Now I have four stiff and one supple!" **Graeme Wallis.**

Knows that the early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese!

Mike Langley.

"There are three types of men-the ones that learn by reading, the few that learn by observation and the rest that have to pee on the electric fence to find out for themselves!"

Peter Scott.

A man walked into his clinic the other day and said-"Doctor I've hurt my arm in several places-Peter said, "Well don't go there anymore"

Bob Burgess.

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment"

Graeme Cowley.

"For better digestion, I drink beer, for loss of appetite I drink white wine, for low blood pressure I drink red wine, with high blood pressure I drink port, and whenever I have a cold, I drink Vodka." "And when do you drink water?" His reply: "I have never been that sick!"

Dave Fleming.

A Chinese philosopher, Wun Hung Low, told me -"You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks!"

Jerry Rowberry.

"If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut."

John Loveday.

"I have two abiding passions, one is my model railway, the other woman. But at my age I find I am getting just a little too old for model railways."

Rod Jepsen.

"My definition of utter waste is a coach load of lawyers going over a cliff with three empty seats!"

Dave Stephens.

"If a life of wine, women and song becomes too much, give up the singing."

Gavin Wilton

A worried woman patient asked him if it was just pressure she was going to feel during childbirth and not pain. He said "Yes, in the same way that a cyclone might be called an air current!"

Craig Irving.

I have a simple life philosophy-"fill what's empty, empty what's full and scratch where it itches!"

John Morrison

"Never kick a cow-pat on a hot day and always drink upstream from the herd!"

And to finish off this report, something from **Dave Stephens:**

Hi everyone. I wanted to let you know how much Jackie and I enjoyed our weekend with you all. Hard to cram in all of the big bits of 50 years and hope that my experiential diversity was not overshadowed by references to some of the 'naughty bits'.

For example...I didn't tell you that I learned to play the bagpipes whilst I was in Scotland and on very rare occasions do a wee performance. A couple of years ago I was asked by a mate to play at a graveside service for an old friend of his. I agreed despite the fact the burial was taking place out the back of Taumaranui somewhere. I got lost and finally arrived over an hour late and discovered that the whole family, funeral director et al had gone and only the staff were there and just about to fill in the grave.

I felt bad and apologized for being late. I went to the side of the grave. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. I got a good blow going and dropped into the 'zone' for this man with no family and friends around to share the moment (I felt quite guilty really) and as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers gathered around. One of them sniffled a bit, then they all started, they wept, I wept, we all friggin wept.

(A solo bagpipe can do that to you, that's why I like it I guess. Although a massed band will shake your undies off.....now there's an explanation for the biggest historical question of all time)

Anyway when I finished, I headed back to my car and as I left I overheard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like that in my life..... and I've been putting in septic tanks for thirty years."

According to Jackie, apparently I'm still lost....!

Moving on!

We loved the exchange of memories, revelations, news, opinions and comedy, and I have had a wonderful overload of many emotions and feelings and thank you for your company.

Best wishes and lossa lurve

DDDave

PS I don't really play the bagpipes! I did not think I would remember this joke till next time we meet. Many emotions and feelings and thank you for your company.

I reiterate my invitation to pop in for a look around or stay for a

Tauranga OB Branch Luncheon

We had a lunch on 12 July for 25 PNBHS Old Boys, from the 1940s to the 1980s, and it was a very successful event. It even-tuated from the suggestions of Old Boys who couldn't attend the inaugural dinner held last year. We heard from Peter Mitchell, who set up the Auckland branch of the OBA, and he was extremely encouraging of the efforts made in the BOP to date. Big thanks to Bill Lemberg for all his assistance in helping with the arrangements and contacting of people.

The following people attended:

David Arlidge (5256), Bryan Burton (4952), Trevor Carr (4548), Robert Cherrie (3739), David Church (6266), Bryden Clarke (4649), Norries Cook (3639), Graeme Cooper (5254), Hamish Davidson (5052), John Douglas (6670), Stuart Eglinton (4447), Andrew Hopcroft (6669), Michael Howell (5256), Peter Kerr, Ron Kilgour (5254), Rob Kilgour (7579), Bill Lemberg (4346), Miles Mander (6670), Grant Mitchell (8084), Peter Mitchell (5256), Ron Murray (5154), Alan Northcote (5558), Peter Palmer (4548), Peter Pollett (4445), Barry Youle (5557).

1979 1st XV Reunion

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, this reunion was particularly special as it was the occasion of the opening of the Errol Brookie Memorial Stand.

The weekend started with members of the team going to Assembly on Friday morning. Andy Robertson addressed the boys. During the day, tours of the school were undertaken. The reunion had two highlights - the match against Gisborne BHS, which we unfortunately lost and then the dinner on Saturday night.



Old Boys standing in back row

Stuart Aldrich, Willie Talamaivao, Andy Robertson, Craig Wicks, Bruce Lahore, Barry Dunn, Anthony Taylor, Pat Poletti, Rob Francis, Rolf Leenards, Wayne O'Neil, Ash Hazlitt

Report on the Weekend from Andy Robertson

The weekend of May 24th, saw members of the 1st XV of 1979 reunite in Palmerston North for their 35 year reunion. This was the 4th reunion for the group, Initial gatherings were each 10 years, however due to the success of the reunions, the decision was made by the group to get together every five years.

Following a season which produced 8 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss through 10 annual interschool matches under the leadership of Mr I.A. Colquhoun, the team embarked on a World Tour on December 7th that took them to Singapore, France, England, Wales, Canada and the USA. This was largely enabled following many months of fundraising by players, Parents and Supporters. Despite the fact that today we are all spread far and wide across New Zealand and Australia, and see very little of each other, the group remains very close, and continues to have very strong ties with PNBHS.

The weekend began with an informal gathering on the Thursday night for those that had travelled from out of town a day early, and gave a "few" an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Speight's Ale House where we would spend a lot of time over the next two days. Numbers for this particular reunion were down slightly on past gatherings . . . however in all cases where apologies were made, work and family commitments had made attendance difficult, and there was always likely to be clashes with dates.

The reunion proper began with attendance at School on the Friday assembly, where the team was made very welcome by staff and pupils alike. Following introductions, and speeches, two members of the current 1st XV, (one being the current Captain) took the group on a tour of the school and as with past visits, it was very evident that the same standards that were in place in our time, are still very much evident today. And it was pleasing to also see first-hand the sports facilities and hear of future plans.

The Friday meet and drinks was at the Ale House, where the School very kindly hosted the group and allowed us the opportunity to mix with current staff, and visiting staff from Gisborne BHS. I would like to say that it was a quiet night . . . but it wasn't. Mr Dunn was having great pleasure in winding up anyone who would listen to him . . . Mr Talamaivao was enjoying his Whisky as he did his scrummaging . . . very deliberately . . . and Mr Leenards was in charge of the Music, ensuring we didn't leave until the lights were turned out.

Saturday am, saw a number of the group at School early for the opening of the Errol Brookie Stand followed by a few "shorts" in memory of the Man. Rolf Leenards was responsible for the construction of the stand and deserves congratulations and thanks for making it possible. There followed the 1st XV v Gisborne BHS . . . and whilst the result and the loss was disappointing, it was encouraging in following this side's progress over the following weeks where the season turned out to be rather successful.

The final act with the weekend was the Saturday night dinner, hosted at College House. Partners, parents (those that could make it), supporters (Bert and Melva McGarry, who were on the tour), the Rector Dave Bovey, Stu Leighton, Robin Doyle and Rex Volkerling were all in attendance. The food, hospitality of the School and College house and the company was excellent as at the end of the evening we said our goodbyes with the promise to do it all again in 2019.

To the School and Dave Bovey our thanks for your ongoing support and hospitality . . . It is always heartening whenever one returns to school to be made to feel so very welcome. Special thanks to the organising committee: Rolf Leenards, Matene Love and Stuart Aldrich. A lot of work goes into organising these events and the group is fortunate to have these guys



The organising committee hard at work: Leenards, Robertson and Aldrich (Love the photographer) Someone has to do it!

driving it.

In conclusion, at the end of the Friday speech at Assembly I asked a question aloud to myself, as to "why we do have these reunions?" Aside from the fact that the 79ners are a great bunch of guys and always good company, it's the appreciation that we were, as we still are today, part of something that is "Good and worthwhile" – PNBHS. And it will always be with us.

For the record: 1st XV 1979: M.Finlay, D.Stirling, A.Taylor, C.McKay, B.Lochore, B.MacDonald, R.Francis, R.Thurston, C.Wickes, N.Tawharu, W.O'Neil, A.Hazlitt, P.Poletti, R.Leenards, W.Talamaivao, S.Aldrich, M.Love, D.Grayson, B.Dunn, D.Kenny, A.Robertson, S.MacKenzie, D.Morgan. Coach: Mr I.A.Colquhoun.



ANZAC remembers Richard Absolon MM, killed in the Falklands War

In February the school was visited by the British High Commissioner and Mr Summers (MLA Falklands) who came to pay tribute to the sacrifice made by PNBHS Old Boy, Richard John Absolon who was killed during the Falklands War. Mr Summers spoke to the school about how the people of the Falklands value the freedom they have that was bought with the blood of men such as Absolon. He spoke to history students and an official wreath laying ceremony was held.



Mr Summers lays a wreath at the Gallery



Following on from this, it was decided to dedicate the school ANZAC address to Richard Absolon. This was delivered by Callum Tatton, a prefect and senior history student.

The rest of the ANZAC service was as you will all remember. The names of the 199 Old Boys who died on active service were read out before the Assembly and the wreaths were laid at the flag pole, and, over recent years, we have brought back the laying of a wreath at the foot of the Gallipoli Oak. This year **Alan Cull(3739)** and **Ron Eaton(3940)** performed this latter duty.



Another ex-service-man story involves Old Boy, **Jim Kelly(3842)** (on left) who recently attended the D-Day Commemoration in Normandy as part of the NZ contingent. Along with the party was current student, **Joseph Helu-Makasini**, (in centre) one of two cadets from NZ. On this occasion, Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae, urged that WWII veterans' stories be recorded. At present, a team of students are recording the experiences of some of our WWII veterans' stories, including Jim Kelly and Pat Hickton.



(top right) Bill Meder, Ron Eaton, W/C Scott Mackenzie, Alan Cull, Dave Bovey, Jim Kelly, Callum Tatton, Pat Hickton, Paul King

Generations Keep Coming to PNBHS

At the beginning of each school year, the Rector and staff meet parents at an informal BBQ at school. This year we identified some of the Old Boys who have boys in Year 9 this year.



(back) James Warnock, Andrew Warnock(8589), Steven Mills (7980), Kobyn Prosser, Jaeden Shaw, Thomas Kettle, Brian Sami(9494)
(front) Harley Smith, Jason Smith, Richard How(9595), Liam How, Sam Russell, Doug Russell(7478), Denzel Sami, Seamus Cleland, Alan Cleland(7174)



(back l-r) Mark James(8284), Simon Kirkman(8993), Archie Justice, David Justice(7680), Mike Mudford (9397), Braiden Mudford, Ruben Love, Matene Love(7579)
(front) Nick James, Quinn McRobbie, Zak Retter, Max Kirkman, Shawn Retter(8590), Ben Funke, Mark Funke(8487), Luca James, Nic James(8386), Ross Henderson(8283), Connor Henderson

From the Archives and Our History

Being 100 years since the outbreak of WWI, it is timely that we look back to our school's role in this significant event. PNBHS students have since 1915 been very aware of the War through our ANZAC Day service at which the names of those who died are remembered. Here now are some extracts from the October 1914 Palmerstonian which help add to our understanding of the event.

The Palmerstonian starts with this Foreward which shows how close we still were as a nation to Britain in 1914.

"One message surely is of more than passing value, and in its few sentences enshrines those principles, the practice of which makes truly great the school, the army, and the nation alike whose traditions they become.

Earl Kitchener's Message to the British Troops

"You are ordered abroad as a soldier of the King to help our French comrades against the invasion of a common enemy. You have to perform a task which will need your courage, your energy, your patience. Remember that the honour of the British Army depends on your individual conduct. Be invariably courteous, considerate and kind. Never do anything likely to injure or destroy property and always look upon looting as a disgraceful act. Your duty cannot be done unless your health is sound. Keep constantly on your guard against excesses. IN this new experience you may find temptations both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations, and, while treating all women with perfect courtesy, you should avoid any intimacy. Do your duty bravely, fear God, honour the King."

(I'm not sure how the last admonitions would have gone down with the troops!)

Then in the section News and Notes

written by TS and LD (who I think might have been Thomas Stubbs and L.Day)

"Perhaps it would be fitting to start our news and notes column by making some comment on the splendid manner in which our old boys have flocked to the standard, and are enrolling in the expeditionary forces to help our country in her time of stress. It is impossible to name those who have enlisted, because they are so scattered, but we know that many old boys from all over New Zealand as well as some who have traveled over seas, are turning out to fight for the Empire on the battlefield, as they have in the past fought for the School on the playing

fields. We believe they will fight for the Union Jack as well as they fought for the banner and the shield. May success, honour and glory attend them!"

It is rather poignant that if this was written by Thomas Stubbs, he was killed at Ypres on 12 October 1917, New Zealand's 'blackest day' at Passchendaele, when 845 officers and men were killed.

Another article of interest was in the May 1915 edition concerning the New Zealand occupation of Samoa - the first action we were involved in.

Horace Stubbs (presumably a brother?) wrote to the school about the expedition. He enlisted as soon as war was declared and within two days he was "fitted out as the 'complete' soldier, ready for embarkation. Off to Wellington and he embarked on the 'Monowai'. ".... I became the disgusted possessor of the most badly situated bunk in the whole of the aft hold. I was in a corner with no ventilation to speak of and in the tropics it became insufferable."

The troops did not know of their destination. They steamed to New Caledonia where they had a very pleasant stay from whence they moved on, in convoy, to Samoa via Fiji.

The goal was to capture Samoa which was owned by the Germans who had radio communication facilities on the island.

After being issued 150 rounds of ammunition, they were transported to land by boat.

"On landing, we found ourselves objects of interest to the nonchalant natives, who seemed as much moved by our arrival as if we had been a part of tourists. Our first work was to beat through the bush and plantations to the east of Apia for Germans or other persons bearing arms. I cannot call the search fruitless exactly, as although we found no Germans we found plenty of coconuts, which we attached with our bayonets at once. It took at least half-an-hour to get the husk off one nut. Later we saw the natives rip the



OLD BOYS AT SAMOA.
L. Strong, C. Bonaster, A. Young, H. Stubbs, G. Hardan,
A. Pole, L. Leary, Lieut. J. Bennett, E. Leary, A. Gray,
J. McLeish, A. Robb.

husk off in three seconds dead."

Two weeks after arrival, there was an alarm as ships were approaching. It transpired they were two cruisers who approached to within 2000 yards. "We could plainly see all their guns swung out over their sides..... We waited for an hour or two behind a church for the seemingly inevitable bombardment, but it never came, the boats, the "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" steaming off, after about three hours"

Thus was Samoa taken!

What is tragic to note is that four of these men died during the war: Roland Pole in Greece, Ernest Leary and Alexander Gray at the Somme and Archibald Robbie on Chunuck Bair at Gallipoli.

A final excerpt of interest

In the Cadet notes of the Oct 1914 Palmerstonian:

"The only public parade we have attended this year was for the inspection of the 6th Area Group Senior Cadets by Inspector General Sir Ian Hamilton. IN the presence of the General, we assisted in carrying out an attack across very rough country on the Fitzherbert side of the Manawatu River. When the final assault was made and the position taken "at the bayonet's point" the whistle for cease firing was heard..... After the proceedings were over, we were drawn up in a hollow square and were addressed by the General, who complimented us on our steadiness and smart appearance.

It is ironic that less than a year later, Sir Ian Hamilton would be commanding the ANZAC troops in the disaster at Gallipoli.

News on Old Boys

The news that follows is a mixture of material gleaned from the newspapers and news that old boys have sent me during the year. We do encourage you to let us know how you are going as many of your friends from school years would like to know what you have been up to.

From the world of Business and Industry

Simon Moutter(7478), CEO of Spark has been behind the rebranding of Telecom to Spark. The Telecom brand was associated with its "humble home phone business" he said. "There was always going to be a time when we needed a name that was more representative of the future business we are in; digital, data, television and entertainment".



Gus Lourie (7577) has played host to many of us at his Orlando Country north of Marton. Perhaps after getting son **Henry (0408)** through the school, he needed another challenge. The result is the new Orlando Country Club just outside Palmerston North where in addition to the normal function activities that the family are known for, one can also play nine holes of golf. In the picture, Prime Minister John Key with Gus, Emma, Willie, Sarah, Jet and Henry at the official opening of the Club. Good luck with the venture.

Matt Whineray(8284) has been appointed chief investment officer of the NZ Superannuation fund. After school he studied law/commerce at Auckland and started his career as a lawyer before moving into finance and investments.



Simon Chu(8387) and **Andrew Kilsby(8690)** are members of the Otago Boys' High School Board



of Trustees. Andrew is CEO of the Malcam Charitable Trust, a Dunedin based youth development trust. The Trust has been providing services and programmes to the young people of Dunedin for over 25 years. They have a strong track record of social entrepreneurship and community leadership. Their founder, Malcolm Cameron QSM, was Senior New Zealander of the Year in 2012. Andrew has been personally involved with the Trust for over seven years, having served as a volunteer, programme manager, board member, and now as CEO.



In 2011 & 2012 he managed the Altitude Employment Based Training Programme, a joint venture with the Trust, Otago Polytechnic and 4Trades. Prior to 2011, he worked in management in the finance sector and Simon is manager of International Students at Otago University. Andrew's brother, **Gareth(8488)** organized the inaugural Hawke's Bay Old Boys dinner. Simon's brother, **Michael(8488)** is General Manager of Canadian Rugby!



Scott Kennedy(8386) has once again been selected as a New Zealand Beef+Lamb ambassador for 2014. Scott started his hospitality training at Periwinkles in PN. Then Vavasasseur on Broadway Ave came along and in 2000 he and wife Yvette bought a property in Amesbury St which they converted into Nero's. "We're a primary product service town, so it's great for Manawatu people and farmers to know their local product is being served well in their home town. As a result of the award, a large amount of Scott's time will now be spent on promotional activities for Beef+Lamb.

Nathan "Rat" Hiscox(8993) who has owned the Empty Vessel, Beer Barrel and Icons has called it quits at the end of 17 years in the hospitality business in PN. His experience makes him vocal in his opposition to the notion that bars are the reason for our drinking problem. He says the supermarkets and bottle stores with their cheap prices are a major part of the problem.

Very interesting article in Evening Standard of 29 July. Federated Farmers Manawatu/Rangitikei have a new dairy chairman, **Matt Hocken(9296)**. After finishing at school, Matt did a law and commerce degree at Canterbury. He

then went to Cambridge University to do a MA in politics. From here to Brussels to a public affairs company working for the UN. Then to Sydney as a senior government advisor in 2009. He came back to Colyton in January and took over the family farms. The family have been farming here for 126 years! Coming back to farming, Matt is aware of the challenges. "I want to be a good farmer and also be involved in the industry. My background in policy and government roles will be good for that." He says all



the Federated Farmers people are straight shooters, well organized and professional. Matt farms 1000 cows on two properties in Colyton with six staff including two workers who are trained veterinarians.

On the agricultural theme, **Richard Morrison(9296)** (right) is the new meat and fibre chairman. He takes over from Fraser Gordon(6569) who is now Federated Farmers Manawatu/Rangitikei vice provincial president. Richard in 2011 was awarded a scholarship to attend a Five Nations beef and lamb conference in Mexico. (In 2012, **Peter Fitz-Herbert(9903)** also won this award).



Paul Olsen(9498) has been awarded a prestigious Nuffield scholarship. This will give him



the opportunity for overseas travel, to study the latest developments in a number of leading agricultural countries and will provide an entrée to leaders and decision makers not accessible to the ordinary traveller. There will at least four months travel and during that time he will participate in a Contemporary Scholars conference with 60 Nuffield scholars from around the world. Paul took over the operation of his family farm, Olsen Partnership/Oakuni Agriculture in 2006. In addition to potatoes, he finishes cattle and has dairy equity in Wairarapa. He was NZ Young Farmers national president 2011-13 and is still involved with the organisation.



Michael Hill(9903) and wife Raewyn manage a 690 cow farm near Feilding and took out the Farm Manager of the Year award for Manawatu/Horowhenua/Rangitikei. The couple are in their fifth season managing the 250ha milking platform. It's part of a wider farming business started by Michael's grandparents and now owned by parents Peter and Sharon and aunt and uncle, Alison and Brian Hills. Succession planning is well underway with Michael and Raewyn looking to take up an equity holding in the farming company over the next few years.

Friend of the school, Neil Hobson of Hobson and Associates is a strong promoter of formal lease agreements for agricultural land to "ensure the landowner and the tenant have a clear understanding of each other's responsibilities and expectations." Leasing can create an opportunity to expand or begin a farming operation without having to actually buy land

and a retired farmer could stop actively farming, sell stock and plant and still have an income from the rental of the land. **Peter Fitz-Herbert(9903)** mentioned above is in the process of setting up a leasing deal, with a plan to build equity. Peter sees leasing as a potential way to slowly build equity without the high capital outlay needed to buy land.



Thomas Griggs (0105) is the manager of the Rose and Crown in Terrace End. Unbeknown to most of us there is an annual competition in New Zealand to find out who pours the best pint of stout! In 2012 the pub finished 3rd in the region; last year 5th, but Tom assures us that they are entering again in November and so we wish them luck. Pouring Guinness is a very particular process which involves partly filling the lass and then leaving it to rest for a while to allow the nitrogen bubbles to settle and form that distinctive Guinness head.

Liam Riley has his sights fixed on Brazil after winning a national competition in aircraft maintenance. Liam is in the Air Force based at Whenuapai and won the aircraft maintenance section of the 2014 National World Skills competition. He now has to pass an interview to be selected for the "Tool Blacks" to compete in Brazil next year.



Seen at a function held in town recently, business go-getters listened to guest speaker, Shane Bradley, the founder of GrabOne – **Tim Stewart (0507)**, **Hamish Giles (8993)**, **Steve Davey(8184)**, **Sam** and **Jonty Hapeta(0812)** and **James Salmon(0711)**.

Ryan Smith-Pilling(0709) won the Central North Island Registered Master Builders Carters 2014 Apprentice of the Year. He is employed by Nailing in Feilding. Judges said Ryan was mature beyond his years, knowledgeable and has an aptitude for problem solving. Second in the same competition was **Ryan Johnson (0407)** who is employed by Wayne Duncan Builder.

Jono King(0812) on leaving school joined JVL Prestige Real Estate. He was a finalist for rookie of the year in the eight annual Australasian Real Estate Awards held in Sydney in February.

And onto the Arts – performing and others



On a music theme, the annual school Music Dept Concert featured a significant number of Old Boys. The concert, entitled "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" saw current music students performing alongside Old Boys. The result was some outstanding music. Included in this group were **Neville(7477)**, **Hayden(9701)** and **Brandon(0610) Lauridsen**, **Winston Hoare(5558)**, **Chris Dann(7377)**, **Dean Parkinson(7680)**, **Grant Key(6972)**, **Tim Cook(7983)**, **Graeme Parker(7983)**, **Rob Kirk(8083)**, **Mark Easton(9094)**, **Chris Darby(9802)**, **Tim Shirrifs(0307)**, **Joel Millington(0307)**, **Norman Pati(0407)**, **Callum Eagle(0812)**, **Sam Thomas(0812)**, **Mitchell Hopping(0812)**, **Owen Pritchard(0913)**, **Tehzib Latief(0913)**, **Ben Woolston(0913)**

Jed Brophy(7781) well known for his role as the dwarf Nori in the Hobbit films is at heart still a Taihape man. Every year he brings his family back to the Rangitikei to camp by the Hautapu River. "It's fantastic, it's almost like recharging the batteries..... to be at one with nature and away from technology." He has also played in Heavenly Creatures, Braindead and King Kong.

Chris Crowe(9094) returned to PN to star in the Abbey Musical Theatre's production of The Phantom of the Opera. This is the third time Chris has played this role in NZ. It is one of the most demanding roles he has had to play says Chris, but he loves the challenges





that the role affords. He is based in Auckland now; performs with La Forza and manages his men's fashion business.

Craig Geenty(9195), well known NZ actor and writer has returned to PN for an eight month programme called the Basement Company which hopes to inspire 16 teenagers to develop their acting skills and talents. The students also get a taste of different performing arts roles such as stage management, technician jobs and design.

Ryan Lampp(9498) after leaving school went to study at the South Seas Film and Television School. Here he met Gerard Johnstone, who is the director of *Housebound*, a gothic-horror-comedy opening in NZ in September. Ryan has a small but integral part in the film. The film has been well received in America at this year's South by South-West Festival with a recent rave review in the Hollywood Reporter.



Nick Hunter(9497) completed a BMus in performance piano from Massey, Wellington



and showed his talent in a winter concert performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 along with the Manawatu Sinfonia in the Speirs Centre. "Soloist Nick Hunter demonstrated command over the work from the outset, giving an expansive performance with much attention to detail and expression which ensured that the inner beauty of the work came to the fore."

David Shanhun(9701) turned up in town to play a gig at Square Edge. He and Mark Moroney, based in Australia, were on a tour on NZ giving local secondary school performers the opportunity to present a song at one of their gigs. David was a finalist for the New Horizons Award at the NZ Country Music Awards. In September 2013, he supported Paul Ubana Jones and Bryce Wastney.



Grayson Gilmour(9802) has released his fifth album *Infinite Life*. He has been studying for his masters in composition in Wellington, which has involved writing a sonata; recording and touring with band So So Modern; writing music for NZ films *The Most Fun You Can Have Dying* and *Shopping*. Recently he has just completed the sound track for the television film *Consent: The Louise Nicholas Story*. He is donating half the proceeds from a selection of tracks put on line to Rape Crisis.

Joel Fenton(9902) amazed audiences at the Magic Convention in PN. He juggled meat cleavers, knives and an axe while standing on top of a ladder held by nothing but his balance. He currently performs as a street performer in Australia.

Matt Gifford(9901) (3rd from left) has risen to the top of the world as a member of Musical Island Boys who won the 76th annual International Barbershop Singing Convention in Las Vegas. Matt, Ngati Kahungunu ki te Wairoa, Tuhoe and Cook Island Maori was a member of the OK Chorale at school and took lessons from Mary Ayers. He left PNBHS and went to Tawa College and here he joined MIB. They have had to work hard to reach the top; in 2011, 2012 and 2013 they were silver medalists, but now they are the champions.



Mary Ayers mentioned above had further success at the Farewell Gala Concert for **Tehezib Lathiff(0913)** who is going to London to study towards an Extended Masters Degree in Vocal Performance at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Tehezib started singing in 2008 with the OK Chorale under Graeme Young and became a member of the NZSS Choir. At the concert, "...he proved to be very relaxed in performance, showing beautiful tone and a voice that is beautifully light, agile with pleasing command of technique. Throughout his programme he showed great authority over his music." Also performing at this concert were **Read Wheeler(0711)** and **Lindsay Yeo(0408)**, both of whom were Mary Ayers's students as well as in the OK Chorale.



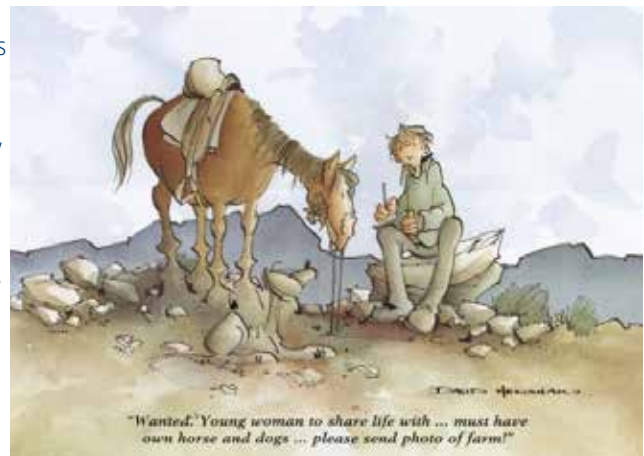
Also performing at the Old Boys' concert was **Andrew Atkin(0509)** who entranced the audience with the very complex L'Isle Joyeuse by Debussy. Andrew performed a Sunday concert at Te Manawa earlier in August to much acclaim; works included Mozart's Fantasia in C Minor, Sonatina by Douglas Lilburn and pieces from Back, Liszt and Chopin. Andrew has just completed his third year at the New Zealand School of Music.

Harry Lilley(0811) has won the Artist of the Year at the Student City Art Awards in October 2013. When not gigging or busking, or studying, the BA student spends any spare time helping organize other people's gigs, setting up PA systems for Arts on Wednesday and founding the



Guerilla Sessions – a series of pop-up shows in unconventional sites such as behind disused cafes, down alleyways and behind Square Edge. He has also been the driving force behind the establishment of a new live music venue in town called Great Job.

David Henshaw(5357) well known throughout NZ for his "Jock" cartoons depicting rural life passed away aged 74 in March. He attended school at the same time as other well known cartoonist, Garrick Tremain(5457). David grew up on a Kimbolton farm before his career as a farm valuer took him around NZ. His Jock cartoons appeared for 34 years. In 2011 he became an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services as a cartoonist. His cartoons are a record of the agricultural and social history of NZ during the last 40 years. It was good to catch up with brother Ian(6366) at the PN Old Boys Dinner.

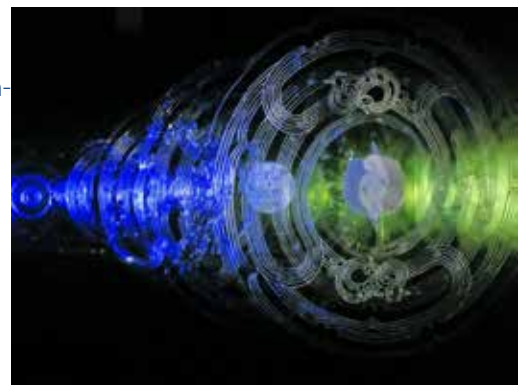


Douglas Stichbury(0003) won the 2014 Parkin Drawing



Prize worth \$20,000. His picture Observer is based on a collage of images from a newspaper archive, with the main subject coming from a Margret Bourke-White photograph of astronomer Edwin Hubble whose name was given to the Hubble space telescope.

Jamie Boynton(8690) has recently exhibited at Te Manawa his work Mauri Ora: A story of creation which encompasses a contemporary glass installation with projected light. Jamie takes his own graphic designs, which he then carves on to glass and



uses the projected light as a way of "overlaying the story of ancient Maori creation, through Ranginui (sky father) and Papatuanuku(earth mother)". The starting point for his installation was when his wife fell unexpectedly pregnant with their daughter, Aroha.

David Unwin(9701) was one of two finalists in the Canon Media Awards' Junior Photographer of the Year category for papers under 30,000 circulation.

Stanley Fraser(0711) was a passionate historian while at school and this passion has not abated, despite the fact that he is in the process of completing a degree in accounting at Massey. While still at school he arranged the centenary celebrations in Ohakune and now has presented a small display of some of his collection of artifacts and documents at the Massey library.

Sport

Good story in the Standard in May. Mitchell rugby genes alive and well at Te Kawau. The article tells of three generations of Mitchell family who have been with the Te Kawau Rugby Club. **Murray(5557)** by his own rating classes his rugby exploits on the field as humble but he was made a life member of the Te Kawau club in 1994, chairman in 1974, and president from 1982 to 1992. His brothers **Graeme(5255)** and **Robin(5153)** played for the PNBHS 1st XV. Then Murray's son, **Grant(8084)** was in the first XV at the same time as his cousins **Andrew(8084)** and **Trevor(8084)**. Son **Duncan(8387)** made the 1st XV, but **Alastair(8185)** didn't; he didn't grow big until later, the same as soon **Liam**, who played in the U19 Manawatu team. An impressive family involvement in rugby. In 2012 the family presented the Mitchell Cup for the annual 1st XV match between PNBHS and Tauranga Boys' College where Grant is a teacher.

Aaron Cruden(0206) The ups and downs of Aaron's career this year does not need to be repeated by this newsletter. Looking through our extensive collection of newspaper clippings two came to my attention. On 11 January, the news of Aaron's secret wedding to Grace King. The location of the wedding was kept secret till the last moment – some guests were just told to board a bus in the city that would take them to it! Congratulations to both of them. Then on 25 August in the Standard were the headlines "Cruden stars in his finest test". The article outlines his performance in the 51-20 victory over the Wallabies in the Bledisloe Cup. Cruden said he had an armchair ride behind a superb forward pack. His combination with his old Manawatu team-mate Aaron Smith was functioning at full capacity. As a result NZ played at a speed and width and with an audaciousness that the Australians could not live with.



Liam Squire(0507) made his debut for the Chiefs off the bench against the Highlanders, then started at No 8 against the Stormers in Hamilton. He and Jason Emery were also in the NZ Maori team that toured Japan. **Jason Emery(0711)**, **Kurt Baker(0206)**, **Ma'afu Fia(0307)** were in the Highlanders squad for the 2014 season. **Ben Funnell(0408)** was in the Crusader team; **Hadleigh Parkes(0105)** and **Andre Taylor(0106)** in the Hurricanes; **Aaron Cruden** and **Liam Squire** in the Chiefs.

Manawatu's U19 is not just any age-grade representative side. It has become a stepping stone into the NZ U20s who play in the IRB Junior World Camps in northern Italy next year. The U19 national tournament was held in Taupo in September. Of note is the fact that half the 25 man squad can be traced back to PNBHS. They include **Ethan Woodmass**, **Jordan Henare**, **Reece Brosnan**, **Daniel Monaghan**, **Jono Ihaka**, **Cam Barr**, **Liam Mitchell**, **Sam Mapuilesua**, **Jeremiah Saua**, **Amon Panikoula**, **Benedict Grant** and **Daniel Moore**.



Gillies Kaka(0708) has emerged as New Zealand's key playmaker this season in the NZ Sevens team.

Sean O'Connor(9702) played an unusual international match when he played for the Netherlands against Germany in May. They were beaten 17-7. After three seasons with the Aberdeen Grammar club he was looking to retire. A qualified builder, he has been working for a company in the oil industry, which is huge in the north of Scotland, in a storage warehouse doing customer liaison work.

Joe Schmidt, former teacher at PNBHS and currently coach of the winning Irish team in the Six Nations returned to school for a brief visit. He took time out to chat to some of the 1st XV boys



The Bucketheads are back! After a season's recess, **Johnny Galloway(0812)** and a group of friends decided to bring back the iconic Manawatu supporters group that was started in 2006. They must have done something good as the Turbos won the ITM Championship division and in 2015 move up to the Premiership division. Good work **Andrew McDougall(0812)**, **William Eales(0812)**, **Johnny Galloway!**

PNBHS might be the biggest provider of players in NZ for an NPC team. This year there are 10 players in the



Nic Grogan, Brice Henderson, Fraser Stone, Antonio KiriKiri, Tom Hughes Ma'afu Fia, Jamie Booth, Jason Emery, Jade Te Rure

Manawatu team. However, this is not the record; in 2009, there were 17! Prop Ma'afu Fia(0307) is the only survivor of that group.

Cricket

Old Boys are playing a major role at all levels of the game.

After the drama last year in the Black Caps, **Ross Taylor(0001)** has produced some excellent performances during the year. We will not reproduce details here as they are covered extensively and far better than we could by the main stream media. Also making a mark on the Blacks Caps, but plagued by injury is fast bowler, **Adam Milne(0509)**. (below) An interesting snippet collected was that he has been clocked at 153km/hr.

By the end of the season, old boys who have played in the Central Districts team include **Dane Cleaver(0509)**, **Dave Meiring(9903)** (35 on debut against Wellington), **Roald Badenhorst(0408)** and **Bevan Small(0509)** alongside regulars **Adam Milne(0509)** and **Jamie How(9498)** (194 unbeaten against Otago. In the latest NZ Cricket Almanack, Jamie is the only player to have been in a quadruple century stand in first class cricket, a triple century stand in one-day cricket and a double-century stand in Twenty20 – all for the first wicket.)

George Worker(0307) has spent the past three seasons playing for Canterbury, which included their winning the Plunket Shield last season. However, George has returned to the Manawatu and will be playing for the Central Stags. He hopes coming here will enable him to bowl more in all three formats. He is a left-arm off-spinner and could be used a fair bit.



At the local Manawatu level, cricket is almost a Boys' High institution! Representing Manawatu this year have been (l-r in pic) **Robbie Yule(0711)**, **Dave Meiring**, **Brynn Cleaver(0711)**, **Phil Mecredy(0610)**(in front), **Mitchell Renwick(0610)**, *****, *****, **Dane Cleaver**, **Navin Patel(0812)**, **Arana Noema-Barnett((0812)**, **Tim Richards(0509)**. Others who have played for Manawatu during the season were **Bryn Templeman(0506)**, **Cameron Rowe(0812)** and **Roald Badenhorst**. Current school 1st players include **Hayden Spencer**, **Isaac Harris**, **Jack Gleason** and **Mason Hughes**).

Roald Badenhorst was one of the better performed players for the New Zealand XI against India in a two day game with a 34 not out. He along with Dane Cleaver went to England for the English summer playing for Ryton Cricket Club and Essex based Coggeshall Town respectively. Dane is now playing all year cricket as he has finished his conjoint business and science degree from Massey. Brynn, Dane's brother also played in the UK in Fife, Scotland. Also travelling to UK is Jamie How who returns for a third season to the Kendal Cricket Club in Cumbria.



Article taken from the CricX.com website

Dane Cleaver (22) is a top prospect, who has represented the New Zealand Under-19s and Central Districts in 4 first-class matches to date. An aggressive opening batsman and wicket-keeper, Cleaver has been the under-study to incumbent to former Blackcaps keeper Kruger van Wyk for the Central Stags in recent times. Cleaver, whose cousin is kiwi star Kane Williamson, was a member of the 2010 Under-19 World Cup squad that featured current Blackcaps Doug Bracewell and Tom Latham. His elevation to the national squad was based on prolific returns at school, club and district level during the previous three summers.

In 2009, Cleaver skippered the Palmerston North Boys' High School 1st XI and broke the record for most runs scored in a season, hitting 1,073 including a highest score of 169. He also holds the record with Ross Taylor and George Worker for most centuries scored for the school (5). The records continue – he holds the all time record for any partnership (297 runs for the first-wicket with **Abhi Ga-**

nugupati) and highest Gillette Cup record 2nd wicket partnership with **George Worker**. At club level, he won the Justice and Edmonds Cup for Manawatu Premier 1 batting in 2009/10, averaging 88.25.

The following season (2010/11), he averaged 39.80 for Central Districts at the National Provincial Under-23 tournament, whilst also hitting 366 runs at 61 for his district Manawatu. At the end of the summer, he was rewarded with his first-class debut for the Stags against Northern Districts.

In 2011/12, Cleaver continued to shine at all levels, playing another 3 first-class matches, whilst notching up his maiden domestic fifty (51*) against the Knights in his last Plunket Shield outing.

After a season plagued by injury, he returned in 2012/13 and enjoyed a prolific summer, including a breath-taking triple century (303*) for his club side Freyberg in March 2013. His innings hit the headlines, with a total of 208 runs coming in boundaries (46 x 4s; 4 x 6s) and ensured his Freyberg club took out the Manawatu Two-Day crown.

More recently, Cleaver enjoyed a prolific National Provincial A tournament for Central Districts, belting 299 runs at 74.75 in his 5 innings, that included two breath-taking innings. He struck a 45-ball 85 (6x6s) against the New Zealand Under-19s, then an incredible 71-ball 131* (8x6s) coming in at 93-5 against Auckland.

His run-spree continued during his maiden UK league cricket stint in 2014. The explosive batsman broke the all-time run scoring record in the Two Counties Cricket Championship racking up 1,173 runs at 55.86 to include four league centuries for Coggeshall Town. He added a further three centuries in the Piri Piri North Essex Cricket League en-route to 480 runs at 240.



Fresh from his overseas exploits, the talented batsman who boasts a first-class average of 40 is now eager to return to Northern shores next year and represents an outstanding acquisition.

At the annual NZ Cricket awards in Auckland in March, **Ross Taylor** came top in almost every category. These included the Redpath Cup (First-class batting), ANZ One-day international player of the year, ANZ test payer of the year and the Sir Richard Hadlee medal for player of the year.



Jacob Oram(9195) has returned to Palmerston North where he has been involved in helping coach the school side while working out where and what the future holds for him. Other retired Black Caps player, **Matthew Sinclair(8994)** is building up a



new life for himself in Hawkes Bay where he is currently learning the ropes in real estate working for Harcourts. He is also involved with an initiative set up by Hawke's Bay CA chairman, **Derek Stirling(7579)**. An international cricket academy has been set up and will involve both Sinclair and Mark Greatbach.

Alex Rufer(1013) was part of the Junior All Whites that made history in Chengdu, China in June when they drew 0-0 with Brazil at the Panda Cup tournament, the first point for a NZ team against Brazil. Alex made his debut for the Wellington Phoenix in their 3-2 win over the Newcastle Jets in February.

Steven Old(9498) has had to trek to far flung reaches of the world to nail professional football contracts. In 2013

he played in Shijiazhuang in north China. Now he has a contract with Swedish second division club Ljungskile SK in Uddevalla in Sweden.

At the local level playing variously for Youngheart Manawatu and for local clubs these old boys are involved in football. **Garry Hodge(0004)** is the Manawatu assistant coach under staff member Steve Burnley, **Fin Milne(0307)** is captain of Marist and brother **Dominic(0307)** plays for North End. Also playing are **Jordan Martens(0812)** and **Khair Jones(0307)**.



On the golfing front, **Craig Perks(8083)** winner of the 2002 Players Championship on the PGA tour visited PN in January and played in the Lawn-Master Classic at the Manawatu course. In December last year the Manawatu-Wanganui team won the interprovincial golf competition by whipping perennial winners Bay of Plenty and Rotorua Golf Club. He also came to school, addressed Assembly and took time to chat to our current golfers. In this team are two old boys, **Lachie McDonald(0408)** and **Jack Leenards(0913)**. (right) Jack and his team

also won the Teams trophy at the Old Boys Golf Day!



NZ cycling has been dominated by the achievements of **Simon van Velthoven(0206)** and **Jesse Sergent(0205)**. Simon is stacking up the medals at international level. He has won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, a bronze at the Games in Delhi, a bronze at the London Olympics and a bronze in the 1000m at the world champs in Colombia in March. Jesse has had a very busy year with his team Trek Factory Racing. This has included his first ever road stage as a

professional in a tour – the Tour of Austria. He finished in the top 10 in the Eneco Tour in the Netherlands, 9th in the Spanish Vuelta, 5th place in the individual time trial in the Tour of California, 3rd in the Tour de Romandie and 5th in the Commonwealth games.



Sam Horgan(0004) won the Melbourne to Warrnambool cycling classic as well as the Tour of the Great South Coast.

Bruce Berkeley(8286) set the Guinness world record for most kilometers ridden on a bike in a week after riding 2825km. Based in London, Bruce said he attempted the record to help him continue to overcome personal issues.



Brendon Hartley(0305) continues his successful career in motor racing. Highlight for him would be the 24 Le Mans which his Porsche team competed in. It was a very disappointing race for them when after 22 hours of racing with team member Bernhard taking the lead, their 919 Hybrid car suffered from a powertrain problem and they had to withdraw from the race.

Levi Sherwood(0507) has also continued his good form winning a World Tour event in Mexico City where he executed tricks like the jaw-dropping Kiss-of-Death Backflip and the seldom-seen Turntable to perfection. In November 2013, Levi was awarded the Manawatu Sportsman of the Year Award.

Jono Lester's(0306) latest outing was the NZ Endurance/SIERDC 3 Hour Endurance Race at Tereonga Park in In-

vercargill. He was out to defend his title of 2013 but, racing now in a Ferrari F430, he unfortunately broke an exhaust manifold which meant he couldn't finish.

Letter from recent old boy **Liam McCrae(0913)**:

I have just returned from Las Vegas, training at the Impact Basketball Academy, I have recently been offered a scholarship to play College Basketball over here.

College scouts come to the academy to find players on a regular basis. Over 200 NBA players have spent time going through the Impact Basketball system. Some big name players and even all-stars came in while I was there, including Kevin Garnett, Paul Peirce, John Wall, Surge Imbaka and Blake Griffin. And others came occasionally to play and train with their team mates including the MVP Kevin Durant, Chris Paul and Lamarcus Aldridge and watching these athletes play against each other is like a NBA Game with fewer spectators.

I originally came to the USA for a one month tour in December last year and there was some interest in me from a couple of College coaches so I was asked to come back for a four month stint in March.

We were training six days a week covering all aspects of basketball including ball handling, post work, shooting and strength and conditioning.

We all live in apartments with between three and six other players and a coach. There are players here from all over the US as well as players from NZ and Australia so you get to meet and play with heaps of others all wanting the same thing.

We also have three hours a day in the classroom preparing for the SAT exam, a five hour exam that is necessary to be eligible for College. Your GPAs are also extremely important. GPAs are an average of all five years grades, your subject choice throughout high school is so important as GPAs are only given for academic subjects, so PE and art doesn't count!

Being at the academy was really hard work, but it was worth it, I have learned so much in regard to Basketball and how it is played over here and I am a lot stronger both physically and mentally. I was really lucky to get a scholarship in Nebraska and I head back to the United States in August to start.

When **Trevor Johnston(5558)** was one of the three musketeers in PN back in the 1960s, they lorded over the sport of squash in NZ. The others were **Charlie Waugh(5155)** and **Don Burmeister(5861)**. They in fact followed in the footsteps of **Bryden Clarke(4146)** who represented NZ in 1959 and 1961. Both Trevor and Bryden have been inducted into the NZ Squash Hall of Fame



Manawatu Standards referred to **Peter O'Sullivan(7781)** as "having an addictive personality". Evidence for this would be five Ironmans, six Coast to Coast and countless other gutbusters! Another who perhaps also fits into this category is **Paul Stuckey(6166)** who decided to tick the Coast to Coast off his bucket list. He has done 14 marathons since 2005 including one in Hangzhou in China. He runs the Rotorua marathon every year. For the C to C, he is part of a three man team doing the mountain running leg. Formerly a Pohangina farmer, Paul now runs his own Turf Renovations business.



In August, article about **Robin(5051)** and **Ryan(0610) Dickins** who have both hit holes-in-one at Manawatu Golf Club this year. Robin and Ryan, grandfather and grandson, are both keen golfers – Ryan began at age 7 and Robin has played at Manawatu for 27 years.



News from Old Boys' correspondence **Warwick Lampp(7882)** wrote: "Since leaving school I gained a BBS from Massey, spent 15 years working in local government administration throughout NZ, and since 2000 have been Chief Returning Officer at electionz.com

where I carry out most of the elections in NZ (except the national election). We do elections for all sorts of private and public sector clients, corporates, universities, iwi in NZ and Australia of which these days most are by online voting. I live in Tauranga with my wife Bernadette and children Thomas (10) and twins girls Ruby and Sophie (9)."



Paige Carlyle(7680)'s sister, Tracy writes: "My brother, Paige graduated this year in May from Massey University

with his Doctorate of Business and Administration. He completed his BBS at Massey and went on to complete his Masters from Sydney University."

After getting this modest epistle, I looked up Paige on LinkedIn and found a lot more. He basically helps companies hone their competitive edge, reinvent their businesses and drive sustainable growth. He has clients all over the world including Telstra in five countries, Bell Canada, Hewlett Packard, Chevron-Texaco, National Australia Bank and the list goes on. The doctorate came from a three year stipend with a value of \$130K. This followed being the top student in the Masters degree from Sydney University of Technology. He is also a Justice of the Peace; managed Wellington U13 Rep Rugby and is a Rugby Committee member for Wellington College! (We won't hold this last one against him!)

Geof Wilson(6972) (brother **Ross(6770)**) ex College House. Geof (yes that is how he spells Geof) was born and bred in Taihape. He been running his own 2nd hand business for 25 years in New Plymouth and Mount Manganui. He and his wife are going back to Taihape to live.

Mark Smith(7881): "It's not easy to put 30 odd years into a couple of lines but basically started my radio career at 828 2XS (now 92.2 More FM Manawatu) while I was in the 6th form at PNBHS in 1981. Mind you, I did work for the ANZ, corner Broadway and The Square for a little bit as well.

Moved to Auckland and Radio Hauraki 1984. Then to Europe and worked in Monte Carlo 1987. Returned to Auckland and worked for 89FM then 91FM.

In 1991 joined The More FM group as a foundation member and built the radio station in Christchurch, got married, moved to More FM Wellington, got divorced, moved to More FM Auckland in 1994 where I stayed as 10am-2pm jock for 8 years. Then I took some time off and free-lanced, floating around various stations including a three year stint on The Coromandel Peninsula.

Back to Auckland and Solid Gold and have now been at The Sound since we launched it in 2012.



Grant Lovell(7881): Left school end of 6th form 1981. Completed a NZCE (civil), worked on Electrification of the main trunk line and then went on to Cant Uni, completed BE in 2 years, worked in NZ, HK and UK. Now a Director and Group Manager at Tonkin & Taylor Christchurch. Been leading a team of 75 staff through the earthquake repair work, wife Liz is running Gerry Brownlee's local office, son William (22) last year at Cant Uni doing BCom has a job lined up with PWC for 2015, daughter Amelia (21) 2/3 through doing a nursing degree at CPIT CHCH. Still enjoying hunting/shooting. Have a good couple of English springer spaniels - makes the pickup of birds easy. Taking on a new role in T&T next year as Land Business Leader (Australasia) and moving to AKL in July. Good time to sell the house from under the kids and send them flatting!

Mark Richards(6972) (sent this news about **John Kinder(6872)**:

John Kinder, lover and teacher of all things Italian, is officially a star.

And the word travelled fast around UWA(Uni of West Australia). Only a few days after Associate Professor Kinder learnt that he was to be awarded a prestigious Commendatore della Stella d'Italia (Commander of the Star of Italy) award, one of his classes burst into spontaneous applause when he entered the room and called "Bravo, bravo!"

"I've been bowled over by how pleased people are for me," A/Professor Kinder said. "My colleagues are delighted, and so are my students. And of course my family are thrilled. It's great when someone gives you a pat on the back and says thanks for something you've done, but the award also makes me think of everyone who's accompanied me on this journey: my family, my teachers, my colleagues, my students."

A/Professor Kinder, Chair of the Discipline of European Languages and Studies, received the award - Italy's second highest honour - at a reception in the Perth Town Hall earlier this month. He has taught Italian culture and language at UWA for 26 years.

The Order of the Star of Italy awards were created in 1947 by the first President of the Republic of Italy to honour Italians and foreigners who make outstanding contributions to Italy and the Italian way of life.

A/Professor Kinder first studied Italian as a university student in Wellington, New Zealand. "I fell in love with the language, the culture, the history of Italy," he said. "Learning Italian offered me a new way of being in the world, an experience of an intensity of living. There is great humanity in Italian culture - humanism was invented in Italy in the Renaissance."



After completing his Honours in Italian in NZ, he worked as an English teacher and translator in Milan for several years, where he met his wife, Silvia, with whom he has three sons, three daughters and a grandchild. He also taught Italian at James Cook and Flinders Universities.

In 1988, he was invited to UWA - which in 1929 had been the first university in Australia to teach Italian. Apart from his four years as the first Director of the Arts Faculty's Multimedia Centre, A/Professor Kinder has taught Italian to thousands of students, about half of them with an Italian background.

Ajit Rasiah(7882) writes: "After my final year of school in 1982, I studied for a B.Tech (Computing) in Massey University, and worked for two years in the Wellington IT market before returning to PN for a M.Tech (Computing). I subsequently worked in a number of different multinational organizations, including Sun Microsystems, IBM New Zealand, Westpac, and now Unisys. The positions that I held included pre-sales, IT support and IT leadership. I picked up a M.B.A along the way from Victoria University whilst working, and I am now on the Senior Leadership Team of Unisys. At PNBHS I was very involved in music, having played flute in the Orchestra (conducted by Mr Viv Bevan) and Drums in the Brass Band (Mr. Fred Woodbridge) and Jazz Band (Mr. Trevor Castle). I am still playing drums. I really enjoy it and there is a demand for drummers. I appreciate the opportunities that I had in development my music at PNBHS. I am married and I have 2 sons, one at Wellington College and the other in Primary School. Both boys are developing their musical interests (Trombone, Violin and Piano) so I am very happy!



David Wright(7881) is still in the same line of business, livestock agent - now for 32 years, 19 of that running his own livestock company, covering the lower North Island, based in Feilding. Four children, Emma - accountant in London, Sam - livestock agent Hamilton, Ben in Europe travelling and Tom at Manchester St School, Feilding. Sam(0307) & Ben(0610) both went to College House.

Hamish Thomson(7881): Since leaving school I have spent most of my adult years in church work after becoming a Christian in my early 20s. After completing theological studies I spent time lecturing in the Auckland University faculty of Theology, leading churches, and working as a Missions Director for an overseas missions agency. I'm now working alongside my wife leading a great church in Wellington City that includes a former classmate, Ajit Rasiah.

Morris Wong(7882) writes of his life to date: Since PNBHS, I completed BSc at Massey in 1985 and a Post grad diploma in Science at Otago 1986. Then gained a BDS at Otago Dental School 1990. Since then I have worked in Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, and Hong Kong, where I also completed a Masters in Dental Surgery, Hong Kong University 1997. In 2000 I returned to NZ to practise in Periodontics and Dental Implants in Wellington and Lower Hutt. Also return to Palmerston North for clinics, and enjoy being back! Busy with married life and 3 kids aged 8 to 13.

Bruce Reaburn(7882) writes from Australia: "I have been living in rural Australia for 17 years where I am self employed. Previous to this I studied for a degree and diploma from Massey University and lived and worked in England/USA/Africa. I have a partner and 3 children."

Rob McCaskie(7882) writes from Tauranga: "Since I left school - that's a long time ago! I left in 1982 and worked on a family farm in the Manawatu. Various other jobs in the agricultural sector in the area until 1989, when I joined NZ Police working in Central Auckland for 5 years before transferring to Mt Maunganui in 1994. I have been working in Mount/Tauranga ever since.

Pat Kohika(7882) wrote in response to my request for information: "Here's the reader's digest version of what I've been up to:

Left school at the end of 1982 - went to work for a year at TISCO in Palmo. Moved onto roles at the Video Station and then the PDC then left NZ for a while - spent 3 years offshore and then returned to Palmo in 1991. Found some part-time work selling clothing and evening work as a nightclub DJ before growing up and getting a real job with the NZ distributor of Pioneer electronics which eventually saw me move to Auckland - stayed with them until 2005 when I left to join AV Supply Group as director and shareholder where I've been since. My wife and I have a family of three kids - two girls & one boy - and 1 cat - all pretty much grown up now (except the cat) - and we live on the North Shore of Auckland."

Nick Roydhouse(0206) has joined the field hockey staff at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, for the 2014 season. His boss and head coach says of him: "Nick encompasses the spirit of Saint Joseph's and the Magis, to 'live greater,'" She went on to say "We are delighted to have him join the field hockey staff. He brings a fresh perspective and inspirational mentality to the program. His tremendous heart and character are only surpassed by his work rate."

Roydhouse played two seasons as a member of the Syracuse men's soccer program after beginning his collegiate career at Hartwick. He served as captain of the Orange during his senior campaign, when he ranked second on the squad in points. The previous season, he was Syracuse's leading scorer, contributing four goals. He was named to the Big East All-Academic Team in each of his two seasons with the Orange.

An experienced club coach in both soccer and field hockey, Roydhouse represented his native New Zealand on the soccer pitch at the U-13, U-14, and U-15 levels, and was a member of the squad that took part in the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Canada. The following year, he was selected for New Zealand's U-23 side in advance of the Olympic Games, but missed the tournament due to injury.

Roydhouse graduated from Syracuse in 2012 with a degree in accounting, and will pursue an MBA at Saint Joseph's.

Bill LeBas(5457) writes: I am William (Known as Bill) Le Bas of 58 James Cook Street, Havelock North.

I attended the school from 1954-1957 & follow everything to do with the school & the Old Boys.

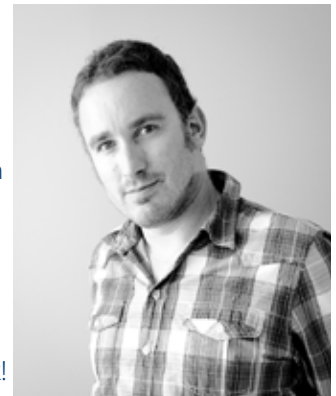
I didn't make any great splashes there (at PNBHS), always seemed to be injured for rugby etc, but was always in demand as a team man. Got the cane a few times from Zorro Brookie, Oscar Doel & Ian Colquhoun. Passed all the required exams & have been an Accountant ever since, & still practising.

I went & saw the recent game between PNBHS & NBHS - great win, After 45 years in the Bay I remain a Turbos Supporter (I thought the only one here).

Alan Ronberg(8992) writes: "Al Ronberg here (89-92). Thought I would make contact with you and update you on life - Just been reading some of the Old Boys newsletters on the PNBHS website."

I went to Teacher's College last year after a career in Youthwork - Decided it was time to have a real job! Landed a role at Saint Kentigern College teaching Christian Education and Science - conflicted soul that I am! Coached the Prem girls Cricket team, and for our sins, will represent Auckland at the National Finals in December in Palmerston North after a thrilling Tournament to find the Auckland champs! I juggle a Photography business shooting corporate events, weddings and massive concerts (Coldplay, Eminem, Bruce Springsteen and the Stones are already booked in) around breaks in school. I have an exhibition on at the moment in the Auckland Festival of Photography - you can check out the story and images at <http://exposure.ronbergcreative.com/whitest-tama-in-the-roopu> if you are a bit bored! Married a nurse and 2 kids followed after a stint in the UK working in a school as Chaplain. Loving life.

Still tell stories of PNBHS to my students now - particularly my claim to fame as one of the last students CANED in NZ! Now I am a teacher I would be keen to bring that back! Anyway - I trust life is treating you well. 3LG in 1989 seems such a long time ago now!



Bruce Belgrave(7276) sent this pic of four recent old boys who were runners-up at the surf national in long course surf boat - **Kendall Dooley(0307), Liam McMaster(0206), Tom Belgrave(0307), and Jacob Pemberton(0105)**. They row for Muruwai and the club also won overall supremacy in surf boats - first time in the history that Piha have not won this.



Dan Burrows(9598) wrote a joint letter to Paul Gibbs, Dawson Tamatea, Chris Burton, Hugh Drake, Clive Morton and Stu Leighton:

"Hello All



I was a pupil of Boys High between the years of 1995/1998 at the end of which I moved back to the UK. I was taught by yourselves in that time and I hope that you remember me or at least remember my surname "BURROWS" as Mr Tamatea I'm sure affectionately referred to me and no doubt my younger brother who followed me. I wanted to let you know that four years ago I decided to return to education. I have just graduated from Lancaster University with a 2nd class honours degree in Mechanical & Production Engineering. I have attached a photo taken at my graduation for you to take a look at.

I am extremely proud of my achievement. I wanted to share this with you all as without my Palmerston North Boys High School education I would not have had the drive to succeed that was needed to complete this challenging degree."

Great letter from **Bill Wollerman(3841)**:

Dear Dominic

First, let me say I was delighted to receive the Rector's newsletter No. 2 - please continue!

I attended the 75th and 100th jubilee celebrations, but as I shall be 102 for the 125th, may have to give it a miss! At both events, I was so very impressed with the tone of School on both occasions. It just felt great. With the "class" of teachers we experienced - John Murray, "Banjo" Baigent, Nick Cumberworth, Harold Kerr, Oscar Doel, "Skinny" McKay, WP Anderson, Steve Stevenson, "Soapy" McDonald, to name just a few - PNBHS just had to be right up there with the best, even though most of us would not have realised it at the time. I cherish my four "Palmerstonians", and still have occasion to refer to them often. I could go on...

I understand you now have an excellent Hall of Memories, which I shall do my best to visit before I fall off my perch. Meantime, best wishes to all.

PS We had a rousing chant for games against Te Aute et al, which regrettably is now long gone - "A-rickity". The words follow - they look a bit nutty now, but it was a great team booster, when our 15 needed it. I remember Ian Spratt (Dux 1941) getting scragged, the year before he made the First Fifteen, as we watched the Te Aute match, up in the old Stand at the Showgrounds oval. We had all roared a "Rickity" together, then, with perfect timing, in the brief ensuing silence, a strident voice from the very middle of the assembly was heard, "C'mon Te Aute!!!" Spratty! Got a laugh all right, also got scragged! Great guy, now dead. I think he was the third generation from his family to attend School.

An individual would yell the first line -	"A rickity, tickity, tik-tik-tik"
and all would then roar	"School! School! School!"
First individual (all others silent)	"A-rickity!"
All	"School!"
First individual (solo)	"A-rickity!"
All	"School!"
First individual (solo)	"A-rickity, tickity, tik-tik -tik
All (max. crescendo)	"SCHOOL! SCHOOL! SCHOOL!"

(When and how it originated I would love to know, but if you want a recording of it, I could do my best!)
Would I could be there and hear it again...

Tim Costley(9397) and **Layamon Bakewell(9600)** accompanying the Prince William as he inspects a guard of honour. Tim was ADC to Prince William during his recent visit to NZ.

News on Layamon I have taken from his LinkedIn page "Following a number of appointments as a Junior Officer, I took command of the Inshore Patrol Craft HMNZS WAKAKURA in May 2006. WAKAKURA was decommissioned in December 2007, to make way for the new class of inshore patrol vessels.



I then attended the ships command course in February 2008 and, on completion, joined HMNZS TE MANA as a Bridge Watch-Keeper for her work up and subsequent deployment to the Arabian Gulf. On TE MANA's return from the Gulf I took up the role of Executive Officer of HMNZS RESOLUTION, prior to being appointed as the Commissioning Executive Officer of the Offshore Patrol Vessel HMNZS WELLINGTON; the newest addition to New Zealand's naval fleet. During my time as Executive Officer, HMNZS WELLINGTON deployed to the Ross Sea; the first time an RNZN vessel has done so in over 40 years.

I took command of the Inshore Patrol Vessel HMNZS ROTOITI On the 23rd of June 2011. During my time in command ROTOITI was employed extensively around the New Zealand coastline and played a key role in OPERATION RENA. Under my Command ROTOITI was awarded the Chatham Rose Bowl, an honour recognising ROTOITI as the highest performing all round Fleet Unit in 2011.

I am currently employed as the Deputy Director Seamanship and Warfare Standards in the NZDF Capability Branch.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and getting into the outdoors. Other interests include Rugby, Mountain Biking and Skiing. I am currently living in Wellington with my wife Rachelle, and daughter Victoria.

Fonterra likes PNBHS OBs!

Got and email from Hamish Hobson who is the Global Account Manager for Fonterra in Singapore. In the Singapore office there are eight old boys on the staff. They are **Alby Adeane(7579)**, **Phoenix, Kimble Willis(8892)** **Murray, James McVitty(9296)** **Kia Ora, Hamish Hobson(9699)** **Gordon, Mark Smith (9699)** **Gordon, Nick Vanderkolk(9903)** **Albion**. Missing for the picture were **Antony Moess(8387)** **Albion (insert)**, **Andrew Lusby(9497)**



Two recent OBs studying in the USA



Thomas Burn (0409) after completing a BSc in microbiology and physics, then an honours in medical science at Auckland and four months at Cornell University in NY, has been awarded a Fullbright scholarship to study for a PhD in immunology at the University of Philadelphia.



Troy Huffman-Devey(0812) was on the Dean's Honour List after his first year at Duke University in North Carolina. In addition to a demanding academic programme, Troy played for the USA Men's Canoe polo team and has also taken up rowing, stroking for the Duke Freshman's Eight

Commonwealth Youth New Zealand Deputy Director, **Aaron Hape**, has been chosen to represent New Zealand at the 6th Commonwealth Youth Parliament in India. The annual conference will be held on 20 - 26 October in the Andhra Pradesh Legislature, Hyderabad.



Aaron has been keenly involved with the Royal Commonwealth Society since his last year of high school and has been a Deputy Director of Commonwealth Youth New Zealand since 2010.

Speaking about his selection, Aaron said: "I am honoured and humbled to have been chosen by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to represent New Zealand at this year's Commonwealth Youth Parliament. The prospect of travelling to such a culturally rich country like India makes my selection even more exciting".

Graduates of 2013 welcomed into the Old Boys' Association

It has become custom over the past few years to hold a function at the Empire at which young men who have just left school are welcomed into the Association.



(top left clockwise) Bruce Graham and Alan Cull; Vidette Martin and two of her "sons" Cory Purton and Johnny Galloway, Jared Goodson and David Braddock chat to OB President, John Naylor, Justin Doolan with Jono Ihaka and Cam Barr

Peter Butler

(1st XV 1985)

spoke to our Maori students at a recent hui and encouraged them to make the most of the opportunities that the school offers - inspirational speaker.



Navin Patel

was selected for the NZ Men's Indoor cricket team to compete at this year's Indoor Cricket World Cup! He and Rob Sheary are two old Palmy boys in that team. Corey Perrett is a member of the NZ U20s team. So Palmy Boys have 3 old boys playing at this year's Indoor Cricket World Cup!



Campbell McNeill(0005)

currently works for Sport Manawatu. The highlight of his year was running in the New York Marathon which he completed in 3:31:37, averaging 8.05 minutes per mile. Great achievement to chalk up!



PNBHS Business Alumni Awards

These awards were instituted in 2012 to recognise and celebrate the feats and achievements of Old Boys who have contributed to the world of business and our community. The recipients for 2013 were Simon Moutter(7478) - current CEO of Telecom (now SPARK) and David Shand (5861) - academic, consultant and international civil servant. Simon was unable to attend the ceremony and his parents received the award on his behalf.

(l-r) Rector, David Bovey, David Shand, Mr and Mrs Moutter, John Naylor (President Old Boys Assn), Graham Black (HOD Commerce)



Recipients for 2014 are Paul Baines, Director of the Todd Corporation and Rob Stalker, Chief Financial Officer of Adidas International.

Obituaries

Richard Beckett (Dick) DENTON QSM, J.P. 18 July 1926 – 2 August 2014

Dick Denton was a boarder at College House, Palmerston North Boys High School for three years 1941–1943. He was a house and school prefect in 1943, as well as Regimental Sergeant Major of the school Cadet Corps. He won the Basile Memorial Scholarship in 1942.

Dick excelled at athletics while at PNBHS for Gordon club. He was the Junior swimming champion in 1942 and the Senior champion in 1943 and set two new school records that lasted for a number of years. In 1942 he was a member of the rugby Second XV and reserve for First XV. He was a lock for the First XV in 1943 and later went on to represent Massey Agricultural College, and Manawatu. In 1945, Dick was selected to the North Island University team to play South Island University.

Dick was awarded a Diploma in Agriculture from Massey Agricultural College in 1945. He returned to Levin in 1946 and farmed sheep and cattle on 420 acres of farmland with his wife Pam until 1987, when he sold the property to his son John Denton and his wife Diane.



Dick and Pam's two sons both attended PNBHS as boarders: Dr Richard Denton (1964-1968) who lives in California, and John Denton (1971-1973), a Chartered Accountant in his own practice in Levin. John's son Michael (2002 – 2005) attended PNBHS as a day boy.

During his life in Levin, Dick served on the Horowhenua County Council and Rural District Council (1962-1977), and in 1984 was appointed a Justice of the Peace, performing Court and Judicial duties, and sometimes served as Acting Coroner. He also served for many years as Electorate Chairman for the National Party for the Otaki and Horowhenua electorates. He was a member of the Levin Jaycees, and later the Levin Lions Club and received a 50-year badge for his service as a member of the Masonic Lodge in Levin.

Dick's dedication to his community was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2005 when he received a Queen's Service Medal and five years later he was one of the first recipients of a medal from the Horowhenua District Council to recognise 50 Years of Community Service.

Obituary for Malcolm Edwin Wills (Staff 1955-1967)

Malcolm Edwin Wills was born in Otahuhu on 6 February 1929, the son of William Wills and Vera Wills (nee Currie). He was the youngest of four boys. While Malcolm was still young the family moved to Dunedin for a short period

and lived in Ravensbourne – an aquatic adventure playground for the young boys. After the family returned to Otahuhu, he attended Otahuhu Technical High School.

Malcolm excelled both academically and at sport, playing cricket for the First XI and rugby for the First XV. His most notable cricketing achievement at school came in the annual game against Kings College First XI. He single-handedly bowled out the opposition taking 10 wickets for 22 runs. The ball he used was varnished, a plaque placed on it and it was presented to him at a school assembly by the Captain of the touring English cricket team.

After secondary school, Malcolm attended University, the first in his family to do so. He graduated from Auckland University with a MA (Hons) in History and decided to become a teacher. He took his first teaching post at Dargaville High School. There he met and courted the Home Economics teacher, Christina Bates from Colac Bay (Oraka) in Southland. Chris had come north after graduating from Otago. Like Malcolm, she also was the first in her family to attend University. Malcolm played rugby and cricket while there and made friendships that endured over the years.

In 1955 Malcolm took up a position at Palmerston North Boys High School. He and Chris married in 1957. They built a house in a new subdivision at Milson along with dozens of other young parents and promptly had four daughters in five years – Alayne, Jenny, Robyn and Glenda.

Malcolm coached sport including the Cricket First XI and the Third Form A rugby team. Those years of coaching produced a number of representative players including All Blacks. His children vividly remember summer days at the Palmerston North Oval playing behind the sight screens and going out with the drinks.

In 1967 Malcolm and Chris were looking for a change and moved to Taupo with Malcolm taking a teaching post at Taupo nui a Tia College. Four years later a new baby was born – a boy - Steven. The family established itself in Taupo. Chris returned to coaching and organising sport and was heavily involved in both softball and netball. Both Malcolm and Chris were busy with their own children's sport. They ferried children to and fro supporting athletics, gymnastics, netball, tennis, football and cricket.

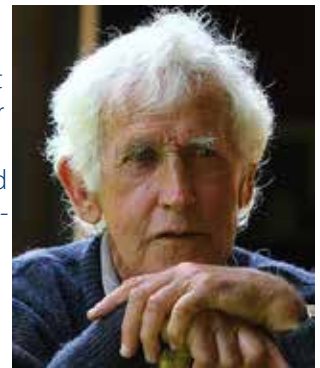
Malcolm retired from teaching at the age of 58 after some ill health. He was a dedicated teacher and gained enormous satisfaction from overseeing and supporting the learning of young people. He retained an interest in activities at Taupo College and Palmerston North Boys' High School and kept in touch with his colleagues, especially Errol Brookie.

Chris died in 1994 at the age of 61 but Malcolm remained active in his retirement and as his grandchildren were born, supported and followed their progress with interest.

His enthusiasm for learning never died and his attendance at Continuing Education for Seniors lead to a chance meeting with Jean Wrightson. After a whirlwind romance they married at the ages of 76 and 70 respectively.

Malcolm died on 2 May 2014 aged 85 years as he lived - with dignity - at his home in Taupo with his family around him. A private function was held to remember him and many stories were told and memories shared. He lived a full and happy life as a teacher, husband, father, friend.

David Henshaw: Hello Dominic and you may be aware but it is with great sadness that I advise that my brother David died on 23rd March 2014. I don't have his school number but he attended PNBHS for 5 years from 1953 to 1957, was a prefect at both College House and School and in the 1st XV in 1957. There has been quite a bit about his life and in particular his cartoons, book illustrations and art work in the Waikato Times in particular although I have found quite a bit more simply by Googling 'Stuff'.
Regards, Ian



Sam Scott(0710): Sam passed away tragically after being injured playing for the Army in a game of League. Sam was showing great promise as an officer in the New Zealand Army. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Old Boys Association Initiatives

The Executive and our current Development Manager, Matene Love have set in motion a number of initiatives through which Old Boys can maintain their involvement with their old school by giving back something to the school in various ways. If you would like to be involved in any of these, please contact us. Contact details are available on page 3 of this newsletter.

The Good Buggers Fund

A fund has been set up recently for old boys and "Friends of the School" (non-Old Boys but contributors to the school none the less) to contribute to assisting boys at the school, the staff and Rector to achieve some of the goals and overcome some of the challenges staff and pupils face in today's modern day teaching and schooling environment.

We would encourage you to consider joining your fellow Old Boys and "Friends of the School" by making a small monthly donation to this fund to ensure PNBHS continues to be one of the premier schools in New Zealand and continues to be able to deliver to the standards and values we all have come to love and admire about the school.

The following is some information about the fund and how and why it was set up.

Purpose

The Good Buggers Fund (GBF) has been set up by Old Boys as part of the PNBHS Educational Foundation Trust (EFT). The Educational Foundation Trust is a Charitable Trust, (set up under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957) and has been in existence within the school for many years. The purpose of the EFT is to "advance education at PNBHS, assist the Board of Trustees and the Rector, to preserve and develop the ethos, standards, reputation and facilities of the school, and to provide, extend, alter, improve, repair and maintain the educational, cultural, sporting and leadership amenities, opportunities and standards for the School and its pupils and staff".

Many of the top schools in New Zealand have a Foundation Trust associated with the school which the school relies on.

What is the Good Buggers Fund?

The Good Buggers Fund is a fund that has been set up by a group of Old Boys who contribute a small amount of money each month, that want to give something back to the school and ensure that the education and opportunities we were given when we were at school are available to current and future boys who attend PNBHS.

Why have the fund?

PNBHS offers a vast range of opportunities to boys who attend PNBHS. Unfortunately many of today's students are unable to take up these opportunities or participate in sporting or cultural activities due to economic circumstances, lack of family support etc. This fund will assist those students who desire to take up these opportunities but don't currently have the means to do so.

The Ministry of Education only fund schools for "operating costs" ie teachers' salaries, maintenance of existing buildings etc. If a school wants to build a new gymnasium, music facility, upgrade the playing fields etc, the majority of the funding required needs to be raised by the school via Old Boys' donations, community support, trust funding etc. PNBHS have some exciting projects planned and need Old Boys' support.

What are we asking for?

We are asking for Old Boys and "Friends of the School" to consider giving a small ongoing monthly donation to the fund. Many Old Boys have set up automatic payments from \$20- \$50 per month, however, those who would like to contribute more are encouraged to consider doing so, while those who would like to donate less are

encouraged to donate whatever they feel comfortable with. Every donation is welcomed and appreciated.

Being a charitable trust, donations are tax deductible. At the end of the financial year the Trust's accountant will send you a tax deduction rebate which will enable you to claim one third of your donation back. For example, if you set up an automatic donation of \$50 per month (ie \$600 per year), you would be able to claim \$200 back in tax. In essence, your annual donation would be \$400. When you break this down, this is equivalent to approximately three tanks of petrol per year, or just over \$7 per week.

Who controls the money and makes the distributions?

The fund is controlled by the Trustees of the PNBHS Educational Foundation Trust (which includes the Rector, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a staff representative, and four other elected Trustees).

The Rector makes recommendations as to where he believes there is a need in the school that requires support.

The Chairman of the EFT sends out a report at the end of each year to members of the GBF outlining the amount of money being held, and any distributions the Trustees have made throughout that calendar year. He also outlines any projects that are coming up that may need supporting.

How to contribute

We would encourage all Old Boys to seriously consider contributing to this Old Boys' Fund, no matter what the size of the contribution you are able to make.

You can become part of the Good Buggers Club by setting up a monthly donation via automatic payment. The account details are:

Account name: The Good Buggers Fund

Account Number: 02-0727-0159856-097

When setting up your monthly donation, please put your surname and last year at school as the reference (eg Smith 76) on the automatic payment form. If possible, for ease of accounting purposes please have payments come out on the 10th of the month.

If you could also send an email to GBC@pnbhs.school.nz to let the school know you have joined, it would be appreciated. A Good Buggers page has been set up under the "Old Boys" section on the school website.

A concluding word

Most of us know PNBHS punches way above its weight. Most of us know that PNBHS continues to be one of the few schools in New Zealand that turns out young men that are polite, respectful and the type of citizen New Zealand needs. A small contribution from a lot of Old Boys will help the school achieve its goals of maintaining its high standards and producing young men of outstanding character!

We would encourage you to encourage other PNBHS Old Boys you know to also support this fund.

Nihil Boni Sine Labore

Matene Love - Development Officer

Employment Opportunities for Old Boys

Are you considering employing someone in your business?

Why not support a fellow old boy or a recent PNBHS school leaver?

Whether it's for part or full time work, an apprenticeship, training, professional or vocation based employment, we have highly motivated school leavers and recent old boys looking for jobs.

One thing you'll be sure of when employing an old boy, they will have skills that many other young people may not have, including reliability, respect for authority, self-discipline, professional grooming and presentation to name a few.

If you can provide a young man with an employment opportunity, please contact the school's Career Advisor, John Adams on (06) 354 5176 ext 763 or email him at careers@pnbhs.school.nz and he will ensure a "young man of outstanding character" is suitably matched to your business.



1st XV Rugby Initiative "The White Jersey Club"

In 2015, the school is setting up a new initiative called "The White Jersey Club".

The White Jersey Club (WJC) is an entity set up specifically for those old boys who have been a member of, or have played for the 1st XV during their time at school.

Members of the WJC will be asked to pay an annual subscription of \$100, with proceeds going to assist with the costs of running the school's 1st XV and assisting those boys who struggle to play rugby at the school due to financial constraints.

On joining, members will get their very own white cotton replica 1st XV jersey with the school's rugby crest, plus a stunning WJC tie.

Members will also receive a pre-season schedule of all 1st XV games for the coming season, the results of interschool games, a school calendar, a Palmerstonian and invitations to WJC members functions.

If you played for the 1st XV or know of anyone who has, please consider joining the White Jersey Club. Your support will give today's young men opportunities that many of us took for granted when we were at school.

To find out more about the WJC or how to join, please contact Matene Love at oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz

A Special Offer to those of the Horse Racing Fraternity

Alasdair Roberston, the speaker at the Palmerston North dinner has been appointed CEO of RACE Inc - the organisation that runs horse racing in this area.

He has made this offer to Old Boys.

Premier Membership of RACE Inc which gives you:

- Membership of either Manawatu/Marton/Feilding/Rangitikei Racing Clubs
- Complimentary admission to the Awapuni course and use of Members facilities for all race days at Awapuni
- Complimentary guest pass
- Admission to the Otaki Racecourse on Otaki-Maori RC racedays and use of Members facilities
- Access to all Wellington Racing Club meetings (including guest pass) for all meetings at Trentham including Wellington Cup Day
- National and International reciprocal visiting membership rights with a number of clubs (listed below) subject to Club's guest policy (which gets you into the Wellington Racing Club at Trentham, Awapuni and Otaki on race days)

Normal Membership - \$175

Special Offer to PNBHS Old Boys - \$125

Of this \$25 of each new membership sub will be given to the PNBHS Old Boys' Association

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact Alasdair at RACE Inc.

Contact Details:

Alasdair Robertson - 06 356 4940 or 021 827 479
email: alsadair@raceinc.co.nz

How about joining the PNBHS Old Boys' Association?

Many Old Boys who were at the school prior to about 2005 have not known about the Old Boys Association, or never had the inclination or opportunity to join.

Since 2005, the parents of boys at the school pay a \$20 donation for each year at school, which means by the end of their schooling they have effectively paid the \$100 Life Subscription to the Association.

The Association as you can tell from this newsletter provides the following for Old Boys of the school:

- **Opportunities to get together to catch up with friends from your school days through dinners and reunions**
 - **Regular email newsletters and an annual full newsletter "CONTACT"**
- **Opportunities for Old Boys to give something back to the school in recognition of what PNBHS did for them**

So, if you are not a paid-up member of the Association, we would love to have you on board.

A Life-time Membership is \$100.00

In addition, please let us know what you have been up to. Perhaps you've written a book, performed on TV, on stage, on air, started your own business, worked for a charity, been honoured, represented NZ in a plethora of pastimes or anything else you can think of. And if you know someone else who has, let us know for the next edition of CONTACT

Please update your contact details

Surname _____

First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

PNBHS Old Boys Association

PO Box 4049

Palmerston North

OR

oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz

Any news about yourself or other old boys you may be in contact with would be appreciated.

Joining the PNBHS Old Boys Association

A life-time membership is \$100.00

☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to PNBHS Old Boys' Association

☐ Alternatively, payment can be made to the PNBHS Old Boys' Association Bank Account.
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Please record your details for identification and receipting purposes.



OK Chorale - 21 Years Old - Reunion



This year has been the occasion of exciting new developments in the music world at PNBHS - the active involvement of Old Boys in music at school. Old Boys of both Stage Band and OK Chorale have contributed to an ongoing chain of activities which has been exciting and

Graeme Young, Andrew Old, Nick Gibb, Peter Edge, Andre Hutton, Matt Gifford, Matt Hutton, Pulusea Seumanu. Peter, Andre and Pulusea were founder members of the OK Chorale in 1993

humbling in equal measure.

Old Boys Stage Band

Further on in this newsletter there is an article about Old Boys who came and joined current students in the annual Music Dept concert which was a "blast"! Following on from this, the Old Boys Stage Band played at the annual stage band charity Concert for Arohanui Hospice and there are plans for future gigs.

OK Chorale Reunion

The OK Chorale celebrated 21 years of its existence with reunion celebrations and combined items with this years gold medal OK Chorale. It was very gratifying to see the level of interest from old boys, even those who were unable to attend, wishing us well and wanting to be informed of future events. In the end we had twenty old boys present, in many cases, dusting off the vocal chords for the first time in a while. Two hours practice provided us with five songs that we performed to a very appreciative audience.



Matt Gifford and David Shanun with the Gold they won in the 2001 Big Sing. These two musicians feature in the News section later in the newsletter

In a day filled with much laughter, a couple of things really stuck out for me. Firstly how much pride old boys had in the school and of the music groups that they were involved in. Three of the original 1993 group Andre Hutton, Peter Edge, and Pulusea Seumanu, spoke of fond memories of performing, of the "emotional and hormonal overload" of singing at a national level to a largely female audience and the hugely positive impact that being in this group had on them.



Pulusea Seumanu - legendary OK Chorale member presented Graeme with a commemorative painting

The second was how amazing the memory is. "May the road rise to meet you" is our signature piece and I was amazed that everyone remembered it, even if it had been more than a decade since they had last performed it. They still sounded good too, and I wondered what we would sound like if we had a little more time.

Over dinner, a twenty five year reunion is already in initial stages of planning, a database to reconnect with all past members is being constructed, and there is talk of creating a fund to support current OK Chorale members. What an amazing day- what amazing people. *Graeme Young*

1984 Cricket Tour to Australia

1984 was the first PNBHS Cricket tour overseas. It was organised by Alec Astle and Stu Leighton - and it was great that these two were at the reunion.

As is usual someone addressed Assembly - this time Alec regaled the boys with the tour (as only Alec can do!) Then tours of the school and at 12.00 they took on the Year 9 Specials (Third Form) in a game of cricket, that the old boys won! I expect there were some sore bodies the next day. A very pleasurable evening at College House finished off the reunion.



Dan Parrott (coach) Robbie Laird, Paul Gibbs, Alec Astle, Dave Bovey, Tony Croucher, Justin Doolan, Stu Leighton, Murray Anderson, Craig Morrison, Stephen Smith, Matthew Goodson, Tony Falloon



Matthew Goodson trying to terrify the batsman with his grimace



Batsman showing irreverent disregard for Matthew's delivery



Dave Bovey trying to bamboozle the batsman with his off-spinners



Alec flicking the ball down the pitch with style



Justin Doolan just about to be smashed to the boundary



Seems like all the bowlers were spinners - Stephen Smith

Cricket at School this year

1st XI Highlights of the year



- Beating Grammar outright by 102 runs - winning the new Oram Cup donated by Bill Kermode.
- Came 2nd in Manawatu 2-Day competition
- 2nd at Super Eight to Hamilton BHS
- Held onto the Challenge

Shield against Napier BHS

- Honours Board: Isaac Harris 6 wickets against United; Alex Wells 110 vs Feilding; Luke McConaghty 103 vs Freyberg; Tom O'Connor 105 vs Silverstream; Mason Hughes 106 vs Hasting BHS