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Old Boys vs School - Cricket

Richard Calkin, Josh Cleaver, Stan Fulton, Paul Gibbs, Connor Tunnidiffe, Gary Wenham, Glynn Champion, Steven Vindriis, Mike Taiuru, Dave Fulton, Scott Davidson (absent but played - Brett Davis), Toor Butt, Ben Roberts, Harley Smith, Rishabh De, Bryn Wilson, Finn Martin, Doug Ashton, Sam Russell, Jack Wenham, Max Harris (front) Ruben Love, Mitchell Leach



Old Boys vs 1st Hockey

Ben Molloy, Matt Brougham, Paul Lovejoy, Richard Hayden Phillips, Ben Blyde, Matt Peel, Levi Loudon, Brendan Payne, Matt O'Connor, Bradley Grapes, Mark Lovelock, Josh Cleaver, Blake Gloyn, Richard Fogarty, Aaron Purser, Jason Peel, Tom Abraham, Sam Moffatt, Steve Lucinsky, Bruce Kensington, Jake Blanks, Greg Bates, Chard, Tom O'Connor, Ben McAlley, Callum Judd, Matt Small, Tom Walshe, Ben



1975 1st XV reunion dinner



Three Rectors
Dave Syms, Dave Bovey, Tim O'Connor



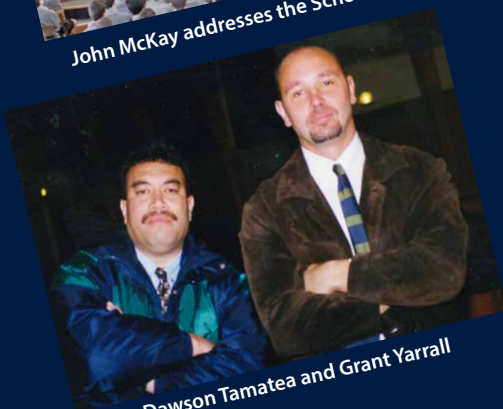
Simon Stirling 1963-2015 - RIP



John McKay addresses the School - 1965 1st XV Reunion



Jerry Rowberry presents the School with a portrait of Coke



Dawson Tamatea and Grant Yarrall



We retain the Polson Banner for second year - 51-10

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2015

It is official! The PNBHS Old Boys' Association is one of the most active old boys' associations in the country. We keep on hearing how so many schools struggle to keep their old pupils engaged in their schools. Not so PNBHS. Consistent with the School's very proud history, many old boys are equally proud of their School. We are constantly reading of the outstanding successes of the School, not only in the sporting arena but also in the business and academic world and the cultural scene. In the School's monthly newsletter the Rector highlights these successes in his Tall Poppies column, and likewise you will read of the many achievements of old boys in this year's Contact newsletter.

Highlights of this year's Old Boys' activities have once again included:

- The Annual Golf Tournament, which was another successful day at Hokowhitu, ably run by Ewan Westergaard and raised \$4,162 to go towards the cricket development tour to India.
- The Annual Dinners in the Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty, Auckland and Palmerston North (where Old Boy and recently retired Headmaster of Napier Boys' High, Ross Brown, entertained us with a superb after dinner speech). There was also a successful gathering of Old Boys in Wellington for drinks and nibbles at the Harbourside Bar, ably propped up by Justin Doolan who organised the event.
- Team reunions of the 1965, 1975 and 1985 first fifteens were held this year. 42

Old Boys in total enjoyed these get-togethers – reliving their glory days with lots of memories and good times.

- The 2015 ANZAC service, notable this year for the lining of the path to the Gallipoli Oak with 199 crosses, each with the name and photo of one of our fallen Old Boys.
- The re-emergence of the traditional Old Boys versus Students hockey and cricket matches. These were held on 30 October and both games were won by the Old Boys! There is life still in those old dogs! Arrangements are in place for next year's games.
- The 2015 Business Alumni presentations to David McDowell who has had a distinguished career in Foreign Affairs and Conservation, and John Reid, who was a Rhodes Scholar and has had a successful career in pharmaceuticals in the United States.

This year the Old Boys' Association made a significant contribution of \$50,000 to the re-development of the School's Gym and the refurbishment of the Weights Room. In addition we continue to support the School with other smaller donations.

Old Boys are also individually contributing to the Good Buggers Club and the new White Jersey Club, which is restricted to former first fifteen members, and has been set up to help fund any boys who struggle to play rugby at the School due to financial constraints.



From the President John Naylor

I do have a number of people to thank for their contributions to the Old Boys' Association this year. I particularly wish to thank the Rector, Dave Bovey, for his support of the Association this year and his generous "Rector's Shouts". I also wish to thank the Old Boys who organised the various dinners – Bill Kermode in Auckland, Grant Mitchell in Tauranga, Gareth Kilsby in the Hawkes Bay, and Justin Doolan for the Wellington function. My thanks also to Ewan Westergaard for the golf, John Whitehead for being secretary and treasurer, and Stu Leighton, Matene Love and Dominic King for their efforts in continuing to make the Old Boys' Association relevant to the School.

Our final events for the year are the Annual General Meeting at the School – date to be confirmed (it is safe to turn up, you will not be forced to join the Committee unless you want to) and the Year 13 Leavers function and Christmas drinks at the Cobb on 11 December at 5.30 pm. All Old Boys are welcome.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I hope you all have a nice break and join us next year at as many Old Boy events that you can.

Best wishes

John Naylor
President

Dear Old Boys,

Another busy year for the school draws to a close. It has been a positive year in so many regards but of course the loss of Dawson Tamatea, who taught at the school for nearly 30 years, has cast a pall over the last two terms. Many of the Old Boy community joined the staff and young men of the school in attending Dawson's service, and the haka that was performed as a tribute went around the world. It was a fitting send-off for a wonderful man.

It has been a year when a number of reunions and gatherings of Old Boys were held, both here at School, and throughout the country, even as far afield as Australia. The 1st XV's of 1965, '75 and '85 all held successful reunions; all of whom took great delight in reminding me as an Old Boy of Napier Boys' High that they had won the Polson Banner in their years!

Old Boys XIs took the field near the end of the year to play the 1st XI hockey while a cricket team took on a Junior XI. Both Old Boys teams were victorious.

The Stage Band and OK Chorale performed in an evening of music and song at the Hunterville Town Hall and it was great to see a number of Old Boys join forces with the school groups in a number of performances. The Stage Band also travelled to Auckland where they performed superbly at the annual Old Boys Dinner, once again hosted at Auckland Grammar.

It has been wonderful to see the number of Old Boys who remain in contact with the school, many of whom have visited the school when in town. That is an invitation open to all Old Boys, to drop in and see your old school.

I would also like to extend an invitation to the annual school prize giving ceremony, which celebrates the range of achievements of our young men. It is an important night and one which enables us as a school to recognise the outstanding accomplishments of so many.

This year has seen the development of a presence on social media, with a school Facebook page keep up to date with the daily goings-on of the school. For those who are not users of Facebook we have continued to send out an e-newsletter with a particular Old Boy focus.

I would again like to thank John Naylor and the Old Boys Association for their continued support. John is a passionate Old Boy and he continues to be proactive and enthusiastic. I have certainly appreciated the time and energy John has devoted to his role. I would also like to pay special thanks to Alan Cull, Patron of the OBA, who attends a significant number of school events. 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 2016.

David Bovey
Rector



From the Rector Dave Bovey

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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 received 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.

An innovation this year is that the Old Boys Association has joined the 21st century. We now run a Facebook page, called "PNBHS Old Boys' Association". This page gives regular updates on the happenings and doings of Old Boys. In addition, groups have been set up for decades. These groups belong to the members and you are urged to enter up memories etc on these pages for all to share.

Various parts of the country and overseas have been organising dinners and reunions. These involved people in Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington, Hastings, Tauranga, Auckland and Palmerston North. This year we have re-instituted the Old Boys' cricket and hockey matches against school terms in late October. These have been greatly enjoyed by all involved and we do urge you to participate. 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, and let us know what you have been up to and also what other old boys have been doing. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE EMAIL ADDRESSES. If you have received email correspondence from us during the year, you are obviously up to date. What I desperately need is the email addresses of about 18,000 Old Boys!! Contact details below.

Regards

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Fondly Remembered member of staff passes away suddenly

Tribute from Damon Durie

In the early hours of Monday morning 20 July this year (the first day of term 3), Mr Dawson Tamatea passed away suddenly a few days after his 55th birthday. The shock of his passing was felt by staff and students here at school, friends and family around New Zealand and the world. The shock of his passing reverberated across the country with family, friends and old boys descending on to the marae at the Hokowhitu campus, Te Kupenga o Te Matauranga. It was at this marae in his time at Teachers College that Dawson met his wife Andrea, so it was fitting that he laid for the week there. On Friday 24 July the school was honoured to host the funeral service for Dawson in the school hall. After nearly thirty years teaching at the school, it was fitting that as a school we could do this for him and his family.



Dawson was a man who could cross many divides due to the type of person that he was. This was reflected during the week of his tangi with Maori and Pakeha coming together to celebrate his life. He was a gentleman with many talents. His ability to entertain a class or a group of people was a special talent. His laugh and infectious smile and his wit certainly made him a special character in a school and a great colleague to have. Dawson had the amazing ability to organise people and committees and activities and his talents will be missed. At work he was a very efficient worker and his time management was exemplary. He was always punctual and friends, students or anyone quickly learnt about this trait of his or would be left behind. It was fitting that his service was at 10:58am

for this was how Dawson worked. If you were late you would hear him calling "Waiting"!!! "Going to be long"!!!

Yet his most powerful attribute was his humour accompanied by a beaming smile. People were made to feel welcome when Dawson was about. Being honest and direct he demonstrated that fun and genuine entertainment resulted in positive group morale and fun. When he would ask people a question or ask them to be part of something, if their response was too long winded he would reply "it was a yes or no question". It was this ability he had to include all in activities.

The haka of 1800 past and present students on the arrival of Dawson to the school the day of the funeral service was a demonstration of how students felt for their teacher. He was a man who had great mana and respect amongst the students and it was this passion that his students demonstrated that went viral on Youtube with over seven million views. This was the students expressing their sorrow, shock and anger at this sudden passing of a teacher they respected and loved. The world media picked up on this and the school fielded many requests from many news agencies asking about this special man from the power of that haka. It was this haka that Dawson was tasked with creating for the school through Manu Kawana.

Dawson was a man known by many names, Tama's, Brother, Daws, Sir. He treated his friends like brothers and it was what he called us by and the way he treated people as if they were a brother. Many of the eulogies mentioned this fact and the many 'Dawsonisms' that he was known for. One that he would often quote would be "Do I have to do everything around here?" This was one he would use when delegating jobs to everyone else. "Give me strength" was another if someone questioned these requests.

Dawson had many passions or interests in life. Golf was a great example of this. He would organise weekly games and holiday golf trips for staff and friends. Horse races was another and he was very sharp with odds and had a talent for winning money off them. He loved a bargain and was able to obtain discounts above and beyond what anyone else could get. He had an obsessive type personality for all his interests. They would become his life.

At Palmerston North Boys' High School, Dawson in nearly thirty years held many positions and extra- curricular positions. He was involved in rugby, softball, tennis, kapa haka, school camps and it was the latter two that were a huge part of his time at school. The Te Piringa kapa haka group was founded by Dawson and two other staff from other key schools. This group brought him huge pride and again his ability as an organiser was used as a committee member. Another key part of his time at school was the Anaura Bay camp. Twenty two years Dawson organized this camp. It was a camp many staff tried to get on but only a 'fortunate few' got to go on it. Again it was Dawson's humour and ability to make it fun that was the reason many wanted to go on this camp. This camp certainly won't be the same without him and for those staff and students who have been on this camp you will know what I mean.

Family was a huge part of Dawson's life. He loved his wife Andrea very much and was proud of his three daughters Sarah, Kimiora and Hana Grace. When his first grandson Waho came along he was again blessed. A loyal and devoted husband and caring father and grandfather.

There is so much one could say about Dawson Tamatea. He was fun, cheeky, a lot of laughs, kind, humble, talented, caring, a gentleman and so much more. It is all these things that we will all miss. What he taught us all was that you could have fun at work and do your job and he had a special talent for including all. Dawson, you treated us like family and made us part of a special brotherhood. Brother, you are missed and have left a huge hole in our hearts and the staff room and our lives are not the same without you. You left us so suddenly but you will not be forgotten. Rest in peace, my brother.



The Auckland OB Dinner

Held once again at Auckland Grammar thanks to Tim O'Connor. About 80 in attendance. Many thanks to Edward Krishna for taking the lead in organising the occasion. Highlight of the evening was the Stage Band, which the school flew up for the occasion.



Hawke's Bay OB Dinner

The gathering was held this year in Havelock North. Numbers were disappointingly down from last year, which we ascribe to holding it on a Saturday night. The Friday was out this year as the 1st XV played Hastings BHS as the curtain-raiser for the Magpies/Hurricanes clash. Many thanks to Gareth Kilsby for organising the evening.

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



Tauranga OB Dinner

We met this year in the Greerton RSA with a good turnout of younger and not-so young old boys. We hear that there are several younger lads in the Tauranga area and we hope they will be able to come to next year's gathering.

(back) Matene Love(7579), Peter Pollet(4445), Murray Mitchell (5557), Mark Omundsen (8588), Barry Brown (6770), Grant Funnell (7175), Grant Mitchell (8084), John Whitehead (4851), David Arlidge (5256), David Church (6266), David Bovey (Rector)

(front) Clark Dury (8690), David Fox (8084), Bill Lemberg (4346), Woody Woodhouse (5456), Kerry Payne(5456), Ron Kilgour(5254), Graham Cooper (5254).



Palmerston North OB Dinner

Held once again in the College House Dining Room. Good attendance of about 70. Ross Brown was our guest speaker. Ross is well known to many; an Old Boy in College House, HOD Geography and Social Studies at PNBHS and then Headmaster at Napier Boys' HS for many years. He is retiring at the end of this year. He regaled us with many amusing stories from his time at PNBHS. Many thanks to John Graham too who M/Ced our dinner with his usual aplomb.



(going more or less l-r) Lachlan Hopkins chatting to Stu Waters; Kane Barry, Duncan Mitchell, Justin Lech and Brett Davis; (below these two pics) Bruce Belgrave, Paul Lovejoy, Rolf Leenards, Steve Lucinsky, Billy Brokenshire, Louis Justice; Ian Hopkins, Alan Bailey, Simon O'Connor, Alan Savill, Lachlan Hopkins; (centre) Ross Brown and Dave Bovey; Billy Brokenshire, Louis Justice, Peter Justice, Ian Rowe; (centre middle) Bruce Belgrave, Paul Lovejoy, Gary Wenham, Rolf Leenards; Tim Wilde, Damon Durie, Hamish Crosse, Gerry Atkin, Lance Retemeyer, Robbie Laird;
 (3rd Row) Hugh Drake introducing Ross; Brett Davis, Justin Lech, Kane Barry, Duncan Mitchell, Trevor Mitchell
 (4th Row) Tim Wilde, Hamish Crosse, Trevor Mitchell, Phil Ropiha; Phil again, Richard Coutts, Alberto Ramirez, Peter Johns, Gary Wenham, Greg Stewart; Stu Leighton, Alan Cull, Dave Bovey; Peter Justice, John Whitehead, Alan Cull, Ian Rowe, Peter Smith, Craig Hart; Pat Higgins, Stu Waters
 (5th row) Alan Brown, Ross Brown, John Naylor, Denis Duffy, Hugh Drake; Ross Brown in full flight; Peter Johns, Peter Smith, Joseph Watts; Jo again, Ian Vanderveen, Stu Waters, Pat Higgins, Tod Higgins; Craig Hart, Alan Brown, Ross Brown

Wellington Revival Gathering

A very successful Drinks and Nibbles revival Function was held on the Waterfront in Wellington.

It was a "revival" meeting as Wellington was one of the first areas to hold Old Boys' functions - as early as 1909 in the Palmerstonian *"The Second Annual General Meeting of this branch was held in the YMCA rooms on the 2nd November. The meeting was well attended, Mr E. Inder occupying the chair..... The annual report shows that the year has been a very successful one. A social and dance was held in September. It was a decided success and this in no small measure due to the following committee of ladies, all ex-pupils of the School Besides dancing, various competitions were held and a number of musical items were given by Miss"*

So Wellington Old Boys - you have big boots to fill!!

PN Old Boys Golf Day 2014

This annual event was enjoyed by all once again. This year, the profits from the day went to the 1st XI Cricket who went on a tour of Australia, India and Sri Lanka this past holidays. Many thanks to all who participated, contributed prizes and helped on the day.



ANZAC 100 Lest We Forget

The School, as always, was fully involved with ANZAC ceremonies throughout the region.

Starting with the PN Dawn Service, Sheridan Smitham delivered an address to the huge crowd. The subject of his speech was the life and death of Old Boy, Robert Gudgeon (1910), who was killed on the first day of the ANZAC landings.

At the end of the ceremony, the assembled College House boys performed a rousing haka as the ex-servicemen marched off the parade. Then at the Morning ceremony, Headboy, George Gaimster and Deputy, Liam Giltrap, laid a wreath for the School and once again a haka was performed by the Prefects, 1st XV and the School Kapa Haka group.

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

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ANZAC 2015 at School

This year's ceremony had three features that marked it as special - as indeed, it should be, being 100 years since NZ's first real involvement in WWI. As part of a nationwide project, our grounds crew and the Archives Office made 199 crosses to remember the 199 Old Boys killed in action. These crosses had on them, the picture and details of each Old Boy killed in the wars. They were erected as a Walk of Remembrance ending at the Gallipoli Oak. As the boys assembled outside after the service, all the staff and students walked up through this Walk - a very sobering experience.

The second extra feature of the day was the involvement of a contingent of men from the 1st Royal Gurkha Rifles, who were in NZ for the nationwide ceremonies. They were met at the school gates by the kapa haka group with a haka powhiri. The Gurkhas fought alongside the ANZACs at Gallipoli, so it was especially poignant having them as part of our ceremony. Alan Cull and Ron Eaton laid the wreath at the Gallipoli Oak.

The third special aspect was that Mrs Joan Clouston (daughter of Sir Harold Barrowclough) and Mr Peter Clouston, Harold's grandson attended the ceremony. Mrs Clouston gave me this extract from THREADS, the journal of the Association of NZ Embroiderers' Guilds, which gives a good account of the capture of Le Quesnoy, one of the final actions in WWI in which Harold Barrowclough was the commanding officer.



Harold Barrowclough had a illustrious career. He was Dux here at school and went on to become a lawyer. After WWI, he returned to practise law in Wellington. During WWII he was officer commanding NZ forces in the Pacific. After WWII, he returned to law and ended up as Chief Justice of NZ. Here at school, we now run a programme called the Barrowclough Award, named after Sir Harold, which is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh award - this one is aimed at encouraging all students to give of their best in all aspects of life.



The Story of the taking of Le Quesnoy in November 1918

*'And do you think, you blue-eyed banditti,
Because you have scaled the wall,
That such an old grey-beard as I am
Is not a match for you all?'*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: 'The Children's Hour'

Ruefully my father would protest as he put aside his newspaper after a Saturday morning in the garden. In vain, as the three of us scrambled over the arms of his huge, old, worn, leather arm-chair and settled ourselves in his lap. It was usually a story that we claimed from him and our favourite was the tale of the liberation of Le Quesnoy.

Defended by moats and high walls bristling with salients, this star-shaped city was a medieval citadel, re-engineered under Louis XIV as one of a chain of defensive forts along the eastern frontier of France. In vain it happens, because in 1914, during World War I, the town was over-run in the German advance. It remained captive, occupied by German forces throughout the war. In November 1918 it stood in the path of the British advance. From its high walls artillery menaced the men and supplies moving forward. The New Zealand Rifle Brigade was ordered to take it back. But there would be no preliminary shelling to breach those ramparts. The Command insisted there be no 'collateral damage' to French civilians. Archaic methods would be needed.

At the strategic council at headquarters our Dad (commanding

the 4th Battalion of the NZRB) had called, jesting, for a copy of 'Ivanhoe'. Scaling ladders were found in orchards nearby.

Dad did not talk about the fighting, the wounds and death. It is the official histories that tell how the riflemen probed the labyrinth of moats, bastions and outworks. How at last Lieutenants Averill and Kerr (Note: he is also an old boy and then staff member of PNBHS - editor) reconnoitred a possible entry, brought up their ladder and went 'over the top'. Our dad was behind them with a Lewis gun crew and a couple of signallers with their field telephone. They quickly followed, unreeling their cable and the 4th Battalion scrambled after, one by one! The 4th Battalion poured into the town to winkle out the German soldiers. They were somewhat hampered by the rejoicing townsfolk who embraced them and showered them with flowers and flags and proffered wine.

By mid-afternoon the enemy garrison was penned in the town square by a ring of machine guns. Our father told us how one of them had jammed.

"On no account try to fix it," he ordered. "They mustn't guess it's not ready to fire!"

Now the Valenciennes Gate was thrown open to the 2nd Battalion, who had fought valiantly on the northwest perimeter, capturing the important railway. They entered the liberated city

in full ceremonial splendour with a triumphant march - somewhat to the chagrin of the battle-stained men of the 4th Battalion. (Thus we children learnt the meaning of the expression "to steal a march.") I like to think that it was to the sound of their trumpets that our Dad received the formal surrender of the German commander.



According to the traditional drill, he handed our father his sword, proffering the hilt. Our father handed it back to him, moved by a quixotic courtesy, perhaps aware that peace must soon be made, though well he knew that the enemy officer would not keep it long in the prisoners' compound.

A little later there was another, gentler, presentation. This was the banner which the people of Le Quesnoy gave in gratitude to their liberators. It struck my childish imagination as something woven of high romance, even though I'd never seen it, because this marvellous silken ensign of chivalry disappeared soon after the Brigade was redeployed - to my father's dismay.

"It'll turn up," his CO Brigadier Hart reassured him. "It's just gone amiss in the general confusion." But it never did turn up, until sometime in the 1920s when a young New Zealand woman was travelling in France, visiting battlefields and cemeteries. In Le Quesnoy she was bewildered by queries about the banner. Back home, her letters were published in a local newspaper. Interest was aroused and inquiries made and the banner was discovered at Army HQ in Wellington. It then passed to Brigadier Hart, then resident in Carterton.

And so it was that I encountered the legendary banner in 1954, when I was living in Masterton. In that town's centennial year, citizens loaned items of historic interest for public display. Thus I found myself staring at a large tricolor embroidered in silk and gold.

I recognised it once by the legend: 'La Ville du Quesnoy a ses Libérateurs.' And I was delighted to share my discovery with my Dad. He had seen it himself he told me, during the last war. On leave in

Jerusalem, he had paid a courtesy call on his old CO, then a British War Graves Commissioner. There hung the banner proudly on the wall.

Sometime later Brigadier Hart presented it to the Wellington Archdiocese of St Paul, and it was later presented to the QEII Army Memorial Museum in Waiouru. Here I saw it again, now sadly decayed. The inscription and the city's device of three lollipop trees on a green mound, surrounded by a wreath of oak and laurel, surmounted by a 'mural crown' are finely

worked in a style still to be seen on stiff, old-fashioned chasubles and vestments, the fine gold untarnished. But the background of red, white and blue moire silk is crumbling, probably because inferior fabric was used,

In the 19th Century (and up until 1918) cheaper fabrics were often 'weighted' with metallic salts to give bulk and 'presence' but over time caused the fabric to decay.

(Poorer women would pin newspapers under their skirts to produce the modish rustle required by the fashions of the day.

I remember our father telling us that the ladies who stitched the banner (in great secrecy and haste) had difficulty obtaining suitable materials after so many years cut off by the war. But there was nothing lacking in the skill of their needles! I am grateful to those ladies. I am sure that their story of their great and generous courtesy has inspired me to a life's love of embroidery. I would dearly love to see their handsome gift restored once more for New Zealanders to cherish as a token of lasting friendship. As well as creating and presenting the banner, the grateful populace of Le Quesnoy named a gateway after their liberators, the New Zealand Gateway, which is part of a historic walk around the town's fortifications and erected a monument and an avenue of trees to commemorate the heroic events of November 4, 1918.

Joan Clouston

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



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

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

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

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

Carol and sons Philip and Raymond, both talented bowlers.

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

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

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

Generations Keep Coming to PNBHS



(back) Alastair Rowe(8386), John Wapp(7679), Jeff Veale(7578), James Adkins(8588), Jonathan Ferguson-Pye(8487), Grant Lloyd
(front) Kyle Rowe, Jeremy Wapp, Mathew Veale, Travis Adkins, Sean Ferguson-Pye, Noah Lloyd



(back) Jimmy Seumanu(8387), Campbell Wallace, Scott Wallace(8589), Hayden Skou, Craig Skou(8589), Angus Grant, Ian Grant(8185), Kevin Bills(8082), Tyler Collinson, Robbie Deans(7982), Henry Deans
(front) Matthew Seumanu, Liam Henderson, Ross Henderson(8283), Isaac Newland, Trevor Newland(8586), Jack Feehan, Martin Feehan(8386), James Adkins(8588), Dylan Adkins, Mark Thomsen(8889), Josh Thomsen,



(back) Jacob Morris, Andrew Healy(7882), Finn Healy
(middle) Nigel Tongs(8387), Colin Morris(7983), Gavin McKenzie(8892), Lincoln Charles(7781), Jason Dawson(8789)
(front) Campbell Tongs, Liam McKenzie, Corbyn Charles, Reif Dawson



Hayden Storrier, Grant Storrier

Lovely Letter Recieved

Dear Dominic
It's time I confessed.

I am the widow of Old Boy Bruce D. Garden (last year at school 1946). Owing to a clerical omission the newsletter and Contact have continued to be sent to B.D Garden for the last 12 years!

I am an Old Girl of PNGHS and knew a number of the lads at BHS. I was interested to read in the latest Contact about E.Brookie memorials. Errol and I were in the same class all through primary and intermediate. He was Head Boy at BHS when I was Head Girl at GHS. So through the many years of illegally getting Contact, I have been interested in the Old Boys' doings. But I guess it's time to save you some money. I don't have a computer, so you had better cross BD Garden off the list. My father was an Old Boy - the early 1920s. I.T.Edwards. We kept in touch with Clarice Espiner for many years until she died. She taught at the school during the war (shortage of men teachers) and the boys said she had great legs!

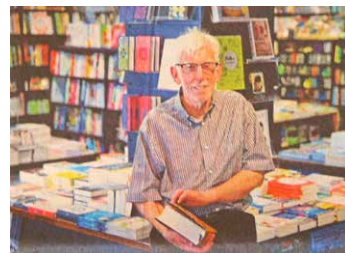
I am grateful for having recieved the magazine for so long.
Barbara M Garden

Tremendous - and we will certainly continue sending her the newsletter! (Editor)

News Snippets about Old Boys

Last year, I tried to separate news into categories. This year I have tried to, more or less, arrange the items according to when the person was at school - starting with the oldest and working towards the youngest.

Bruce McKenzie (5156) Interesting article on Bruce in the Standard. "If a person's life could be pared down into one simple drawing, Bruce McKenzie's would be a finely penned illustration of a book. First edition, leather bound, rendered in a regal and rich red. Gold printed lettering in a classic font would begin to spell out the words of the title that is yet to be competed." So started the article which told of Bruce's love affair with books all through his life. Known to many in Palmerston North, his iconic bookshop beckons one in - a huge and eclectic collection of books and Bruce will always help you get a book if he does not have it on his shelves. E books and electronic media have affected the business, but Bruce is optimistic. "The tide has turned again and I feel that people are becoming aware again of the importance of the real thing. Real books, real CDs and LPs."



Simon Moutter (7478) CEO of Spark in the news in August as Spark axes more than 500 jobs during the year. The cuts were across the business with many made towards the end of the financial year in the company's technical division, Spark Connect. Spark has cut its expenses by 5% or \$136 million in the year to June 2015. The next stage of Spark's turnaround programme will see it provide customers with more online self-service tools.

An article that appeared in the Evening Standard

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

The others pictured were **Toivo Vaikvee(6165)**, **Victor Pollard(5963)** and **Bryan Yuile(5559)**. The photo was a re-creation of one taken in 1965 of the same three cricketers, but that one was with the Rector at the time, Arnold Muirhead, affectionately known by the boys as "Bull". It was taken before Yuile and Pollard departed for six months with the New Zealand cricket team to tour Pakistan, India, England, Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands.



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

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

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

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

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

The three gentlemen above were at School for the official opening of the Covered Grass Cricket Wicket facility that has recently opened. This facility, managed and driven by **Jacob Oram(9195)**, provides 6 grass wickets under a massive plastic dome which enables cricketers to practise year-round.

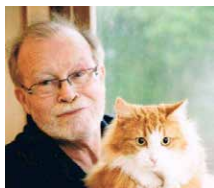


Angela Opie writes: My precious Husband died three weeks ago on 24th August after battling cancer. He was an Old Boys Financial Life Member No.69 so I hope you can put this in your newsletter to let others know of his passing.

Graeme Ian Opie(5963) was born in Palmerston North in 1945. He attended PNBHS between 1960 to 1963 and played rugby and cricket at that time. He also joined the Air Training Corps and ranked Flight Sergeant, won the local Brevet Club Flying Scholarship and learnt to fly. In 1964 he joined the Airforce to fly Harvards, then in 1968 he became an Air Traffic Controller. Graeme lived in Invercargill, Wellington and then Hamilton. He served on the Board of Trustees for nine years for the Aberdeen Primary and was a dedicated Lions member. He was a very respected Air Traffic Controller of 41 years when he retired. He passed away on 24 August aged 69 after

battling cancer. He left a loving wife, three children and two grandchildren.

Graeme had many qualities that made him a very special person. He epitomised strong values and was a man who could be relied on to be honest and reliable, someone with a great sense of humour and an ever-present sense of fairness and integrity. He was an able communicator and in his interactions he showed respect for the opinions of others. His skill in making people feel at ease will be fondly remembered by many.



Warren Moyes(6368) Long-time property lawyer working with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) also succumbed to cancer on 8 January. A highly respected and valued colleague

Grant Smith(8183) has recently been elected Mayor of Palmerston North



Ivan Rowe(4346) writes: I live in California, retired after many years teaching, am Professor (Emeritus) Fresno State College. Age-85 (imagine that!)

Best teachers at PNBHS, Oscar Doel, English; George Ball, Literature; Phil Skoglund, accountancy; Dr. William Smith, history - surely the most clever man ever to teach at PNBHS.

Snoop Murray told me that God had ordained I was to be a clerk, so I never got put into college bound classes - guess I fooled him. My son topped the USA one year in the national exams and now has a small farm above Swanson and does the computer work for APN during the day. My daughter teaches emotionally disturbed children at an intermediate school.

Jim Kelly, surely the of the most loyal of pupils sent me the Palmerstonian and I was amazed that you had twenty women teaching and the size of your staff was four times what I knew. I hope teaching has changed from when most of the staff would come in, begin writing on the BB and you would copy it down, memorize it and recite it for the term tests.

Bill Anderson(5660) reports: "I meant to send message informing you of the passing of **Warwick Spring(4851)** an old boy of the 1940s vintage, ex 1st XI and 1st XV. His father also an Old Boy; raced one of the greatest horses Rising Fast who won the Melbourne Cup Caulfield Cup double. He was a very proud Old Boy."

David B. Metcalfe (Duck) (7478) After leaving school David worked for the Ministry of Agriculture. Then from 1983 through to 1990 David went backpacking; playing rugby in California, crossing the Sahara and the Congo, running the Bulls in Pamplona and partying at Carnival in Rio. David currently works for the Ministry for Primary Industry in Wellington and lives in Pukerua Bay with his wife Catherine and children, Josh and Meredith. In November 2014, David released his first novel, *The Hominid travel-log*, which is the tale of human evolution.. Entwined within this tale are his experiences, a mix of historical facts, mythology and speculation.

Dennis Moore(4346) reports: In Memoriam: **Donald David Mochan(4346)** Born 1st December 1928, died 10th December 2014. Don was at school 1943 to 1946; he played in the 1st XV on several occasions; won the New Zealand Squash Championship three times. I first met Don when all the primary schools in Palmerston North were combined in the new intermediate school in 1941. Don came from Terrace End and I came from Russell Street School. **Bill McPhail(4346)**, who was also a lifelong friend came from Hokowhitu together with **Laurie Simpson(4346)** who also came from Russell Street. The four of us have remained friends to this day, even my departure for England did not break the ties of friendship.

Dennis also wrote about **Kerry Greer(6266)**: I don't know if you remember my nephew Kerry, the black sheep of the family when he was at school before taking off as a swimmer to some American college. He is now running a very successful business from Japan. It is called the Edanz Group and would, I am sure, love to hear from any of his old school friends. His address is 1-5-8 Otemon, Chuo-Ku, Fukuoka, 810-0074, Japan. His business has also expanded into China and is rapidly becoming multi national. He employs people, all graduates, to translate scientific documents from Chinese and Japanese into English and vice versa. I thought anyone who knew him at school would be interested to hear how he had recovered after his early "problems".

Hugh McAslan(8787) has recently been appointed the new commader of the Linton Military Camp. Hugh joined the army 27 years ago. Not the first time at Linton, it will be very different from some of his previous assignments. 20 years ago he was in Bosnia and, more recently, in Afghanistan where he was Senior Military Advisor to the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team in Bamyan Province. Hugh was awarded the Distinguished Service Decoration for his service in Afghanistan in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours List. He was also awarded a Chief of Army's Commendation in April 2008 for his role as Deputy Director Land Capability.



Steve (Gripper) Lee(7475) in August won one of the travel industry's top accolades - an Air New Zealand Lifetime Industry Achievement award. The award recognises Steve's contribution to the travel industry over nearly four decades. He has also been active in the community with roles on the board of the Manawatu Rugby Union, Destination Manawatu, Sport Manawatu and, of course, PNBHS.



John Daniel Trask(9600) (left) co-founder of software firm Mindscape is doing very well with their on-line service called Raygun which acts as a middleman between users and software makers when an app crashes. Raygun has so far processed a billion error messages for its thousands of customers, which include Apple and Microsoft. The 14 person company opened an office in San Francisco in March. Trask says it is planning to go beyond simple error reporting and capture much more information for companies about how their software

is performing in the field. "We expect to be handling between 4 and 5 billion pieces of data a day by the end of this year."



Jacob Oram(9195) graduated with a BBS and **Alec Astle** gained a PhD at the same ceremony. The pair have kept in contact since their time at Palmerston North Boys' High School, where Alec coached Jacob.

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

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

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



Craig McDonald(7074) (left) was on a panel in May organised by 3Keys, a networking group. Also on the panel was long-time friend of the school, **Simon Barnett(right)**. Craig is the general manager of Prepack which supplies meals to the Australian Defence Force. He hopes to work with the United Nations in the future. Simon's company, OBO, is known to thousands of hockey goalies throughout the world. He exports his specialist protective gear to 62 countries.



Bruce Hansen(7882) 1996 still remains a highlight for the former Manawatu flanker. In 1996, coached by Wayne Harding, Oroua (for whom he played) won the Manawatu championship for the first time in nearly 30 years. Bruce also played for the Hurricanes for their first three games under Frank Oliver, but was injured in the third game against Transvaal. This was not his first encounter with the South Africans; he played for Manawatu against the Springboks in 1994. Bruce is now based in Roxburgh in Central Otago, where he is a fencing contractor, having worked as a stock buyer in Taihape. His son goes to Otago BHS and gets grief for wearing Hurricanes gear in the heart of Highlander country! Picture courtesy of **Dave Lintott(8387)** Old Boy and professional photographer in Wellington.



(pic left) Clinton sheep farmer **Hamish Bielski(9094)** won the Ballance Agri-Nutrients new Sheep Industry Emerging Talent Award.

Hamish, the former sheep genetics manager at Mount Linton Station, is an equity partner on a 300 hectare property at Clinton and is deputy chairman of the B+LNZ Southern South Island Farmer Council.

(pic right) Had the great pleasure of showing **Dean Storey(9597)** and his wife, Kelle around the school recently. It was the first time he had been back since he left and they were both blown away with how far the school has progressed. Kelle supplied these notes on Dean.

After a decade managing the Lifeguard Service in Auckland and four year as the Operations Manager for Surf Life Saving NSW in Australia, old boy Dean Storey ('97) has taken the reins as Deputy Commissioner of Marine Rescue NSW, a legislated state emergency service in New South Wales. As Australia's largest coast-guard agency, Dean is responsible for managing search/rescue operations of the states 45 rescue units and a fleet of 90 front-line rescue vessels.



Brendon Hartley(0305) - 2nd at Le Mans 24 Hour Endurance Race



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

Then he had a coup-de-main in 2008 at the Formula 3 Grand Prix in Macau: starting position 20, he finished third including fastest lap of the race. He was still taken by complete surprise when the phone call came from Red Bull asking if he could stand in for the injured Mark Webber at a Formula One test. "Wow, this was what I had been working for all my life. I phoned home straight away and let the phone ring until I had woken my whole family." And he did well. 83 laps. That was torture for his neck, being exposed to these kinds of forces for the first time. He moved to Milton Keynes in the UK, near his team, giving him the chance to live somewhere where they speak his language.

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



Still on motor racing, **Jono Lester(0306)** reports "rounds four and five of the Australian GT Championship presented their own unique challenges, none more so than at Sydney Motorsport Park where our record-setting pole position run came to an end.

We were off the pace all weekend at Sydney; a small car issue the culprit but - Murphy's Law! - it went undiscovered until after the event. Sydney was a circuit that suited the Audis, but Graeme (Smyth) and I still scored our first podium together with third in race one, after qualifying in fourth place. Race two was uneventful. Despite the rain, another untimely safety car intervention put us well out of contention, playing catch up for a lowly 11th place finish.

On to Sandown and the form book couldn't have been more different. We topped every session on Friday - practice and both qualifying - and I took my season tally to four poles from five events, another new Australian GT record for the most poles in a single season. Second on the road in race one, just a few seconds shy of the winners, was our best result of the season. A post-race penalty for a pit lane indiscretion was a crushing blow; especially as it came down to conflicting rule books between AGT and governing body CAMS, who eventually overrode the result and dropped us to 8th. 8th on the results sheet, but carrying the 2nd place CPS pit stop penalty into race two, we needed a blinder to salvage a result. I had one of the best stints of my career, driving to the front in the opening stint, re-setting the Sandown lap record five times in the process and lowering it by 4/10ths of a second to a 1:08.56 before handing over to Graeme who clawed his way back through traffic for a 4th place finish.

Sandown was our best weekend of the year, and the most dominant from the TFM car. Funny that, given there was no silverware to show for it! That said, we couldn't be on better form going into our 'home' finale at Highlands Motorsport Park on November 13-15.

The real key though was the combined pace of Graeme and I and a TFM Ferrari that could do no wrong around the bumpy, fun Sandown circuit."

The 1st XI cricket had a tour to Australia, India and Sri Lanka in the past holidays. At Guilford Grammar match in Perth, a number of old boys got together to watch. **Gary Wenhams(7881), Iain Harris(7982), Simon O'Connor(7478), Rob Stratton(7983), Roger Thurston(7680)** and **Stu Leighton(6569)**.



Letter from **Haydon Cherry(9497)** After graduating from PNBHS in 1997, I received my



BA (Hons) in Southeast Asian Studies in 2002 and an MA in History in 2005 from the National University of Singapore. I went to Yale in 2004 to pursue a PhD in Southeast Asian History which I received in 2011. From 2011 to 2012, I was a postdoctoral fellow in the Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University. I was an assistant professor of history at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. I have just taken up a position in Southeast Asian history at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chicago. I feel very lucky to be there: Northwestern is one of the best and best-known universities in the United States. I try to get back to Southeast Asia as often as possible, but make it back to New Zealand all too infrequently. I have a spectator's interest in cricket and opera and read detective fiction when I can.

David Reid(7882) After running his own film company, he took up lecturing in Advertising at Charles Sturt University. Then in 2015 he moved to Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne where he is teaching again in Media and Communication.



William Morrison(9195) continues to farm in the Rangitikei along with his dad, uncle and brother. Came across their interesting farm website following up on an article in the paper which talked about the new type of calculator that can help dairy farmers analyse their calf-rearing options for beef that he has developed. Won't describe it more here. If you are interested in reading more about the device and also the Morrison enterprise, here is the url: <http://www.ardofarm.com>. Brother **Richard(9296)** was guest speaker and presented the awards at the Agriculture Faculty Dinner ceremony held at Massey recently.

Still on an agricultural theme, **Peter Fitzherbert(9903)** seems to crop up every yer in this newsletter. This time is because he has eventually won the Taranaki-Manawatu ANZ Young Farmer contest which involved building a tank stand that would hold up a 200 litre water tank in 20 minutes. Luckily his stood up when the weight was put on it!. He went home with a prize pack worth more than \$10,000 and a chance to prove himself in the Grand Final in Taupo in which he came 5th. Peter has worked around the South Island, the outback of Australia, on a dairy farm in Chile and travelled to Canada on a beef and lamb agricultural scholarship.



Popped into Lawnmowers Services the other - had a chat with **Craig(9397)** and **Scott Adlington(9296)**'s dad. Scott lives in Melbourne and works nationwide in Australia for Repco, rebuilding Repco franchises and generally trying to improve their market image. Craig after working for several years with ANZ, also in Melbourne, is currently in San Francisco training up for a high end recruiting firm. He will be returning to Australia and will be based in Sydney.

Zeb Nicklin(9697) has returned to the Manawatu Jets basketball team after 15 years off. Zeb is also teaching Te Reo at Awatapu College. Zeb has been away from the game for such a long time because of a serious assault on him 15 years ago in PN, which nearly ended his life. For several years he didn't have the urge to play, but last year he started playing for the Cardinals. This year he has been playing for the That's Us team along with **Tai Temata-Frost(0509)**. He came across from QEC in 1996 to play under Joe Frost. During his time here he played with **Brendon Polyblank(9596)**, a former Tall Black and Jet. He came up against Brendon recently when the Jets played the Sharks. The picture right shows Zeb (left) up against Brendon (right).



Received a letter from **Bob Wigglesworth(5863)** with some pictures. Bob is now retired and living in Christchurch. Many is the old boy who was made to step up by Bob. Good to hear from you. Picture left shows some of the staff on the 1983 7th Form Mountain Trip. (l-r) J. Whyte, C. Morton, C. Walkley, L. Osborne, R. Wigglesworth, D. Fredricks

If any of you have pictures that you wouldn't mind sharing with us, I would love to receive them. Just send or email them to me. Dom King, PO Box 4049, PN or oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz

Jonathan Howe(8892) was appointed to the position of Manawatu Region Editor at the Manawatu Standard. He has worked at the Standard since 2007. He went to Massey PN gaining a BA in English and Media and then completed a Graduate Diploma of Journalism at Massey Wellington. He has covered some interesting events including the Scott Guy murder investigation, the ANZAC Day Iroquois crash and the death of Feilding-born soldier, Tim O'Donnell in Afghanistan. He also travelled to Christchurch on the day of the 2011 Christchurch earthquake.



Bryan Matenga(9294) a man who loved his rugby from an early age (played for the mighty 3rd XV in 1994 coached by Lindsay Calton, magaged by Brett Tantrum from his wheelchair and and included a range of passionate social players such as **Bevin Griggs, Isaac Cook, Jason Waterman** and **Craig Geenty** to mention but a few) and went on to play No 8 for Manawatu has continued to show this passion. Recently, concerned that not enough young boys are playing the game, he organised the first Te Kawau 10-a-side junior tournament. It is estimated there were up to 2000 family members watching 500 kids playing on a free draining paddock at Rangiotu. Well done - good to see our old boys making such a worthwhile contribution to our society. Last

week Bryan seen on TV - this time he and his mates built a grandstand at Taikorea to watch the Wold Cup final. Very amusing action at the BBQ with the wallaby steaks!

Reuben Leung-Wai(9093) (left in pic) featured in an article on his restuarant Bethany's in the Square. Reuben named the restaurant after his daughter who died of cancer at age 12. Reuben worked for 12 years in London before setting up this restaurant. He says its central location and two menus has broad appeal. "We have lots of weddings and a lot of 21st birthdays." The most popular casual mains are the chicken salad and Thai chicken and prawn.



James Stewart(8891) farming at Hiwinui (the farm has been in the family for more that 100 years) has been elected the Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers president. Milking 850 cows, he and his family/team are very conscious of the issues facing farmers, such as the ever flucutating Global Dairy Trade prices and the concerns society has about the impact dairy has on the environment. He is a passionate advocate for the farmers who he

believes are playing their part. "In our region, the result was an average spend of \$110,000 per farm" on mitigating the environmental impact of their farms. James is also a firm advocate of farmers seeking mental health support when times get really tough.

Interesting article on **Steven Old(9498)**. He is in his second year with Swedish second division club, Ljungskile SK. He has another year to run and is 90% sure he will stay. He really enjoys living in Sweden. He is able to fly home to his wife Kim in Berkshire - only four hours. He sings the praises of living in Sweden which he says is way more socialist than NZ. "This country does take a lot of things right. They take care of the population." He says Swedish companies put people before profits and the middle class is not interested in being super rich.

Aaron Hape(0509) has had a full year. He was one of the finalists for Wellingtonian of the Year. He is the founder and Executive Director of Commonwealth New Zealand, a national initiative that lets young New Zealanders engage with Commonwealth, national and community leaders and learn more about the world they live in. In June he was received by Her Majesty The Queen at an award ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Aaron, who sits as a member of the selection panel for The Queen's Young Leaders Programme, briefed the Queen and HRH The Duke of York on the backgrounds of the 60 recipients of the first consignment of Queen's Young Leaders award winners. The Award was setup by the Queen to leave a lasting legacy of youth leadership and development in the Commonwealth. Not only are winners presented with a medal for their achievements, but they also take part in a year-long leadership course run by Cambridge University. Aaron has been involved with the Award Programme for the last two years after he was approached because of his work with Commonwealth Youth New Zealand, an international affairs organisation he set up in 2010.



Greg McGhie(0509) pops the question at 500 feet. Greg, recently graduated pilot, took his fiancée on a flight in order to "take some scenery photos". They happened to fly over Amber-Jane's family farm, where her parents had laid out a 2.5x8m sign that read "Will you marry me?". She didn't see it on the first pass over the farm, so Greg had to insist on a second fly-by. This time it worked and we are glad to say that the wedding will take place next year!



Krishneel Naiker(0812) has recently gained his wings from the Massey School of Aviation by completing the flight-training component of the degree. He was awarded the Airways Corporation Academic Award, the Fieldair Engineering Ltd Aviation Systems Award and the Hugh Francis Navigation Award. For the students, getting their wings is more important than graduating! He still has another year of studying before gaining the degree.

Alex Rufer(1014) who signed with the Phoenix Football team while still at school played in the NZ U20 team that competed successfully in the World U20 Tournament hosted in New Zealand in June. He then made his full All Whites debut against Myanmar in September. Alex is the son of former All White Shane Rufer and nephew of arguably NZ's finest ever player Wynton Rufer.

Some rugby news!

Liam Squire(0507) signed for the Highlanders after a short period with the Chiefs.

James Oliver(9802) captained the NZ Universities rugby tour to Japan in May. **Nick Grogan(0711)** was in the team. Nick was also awarded his Massey Sports Blue.

Hadleigh Parkes(0105) was called in to train with the All Blacks ahead of their match against Georgia in the World Cup.

Aaron Cruden(0206) underwent surgery after a knee injury in the Super 15 game against the Crusaders in April. He is back to training and in a recent Tweet he says "Got to find time to stay on the grind no matter where you are. Twenty 16 rugby season I'm coming for you!!" Other tweets show him in London during the World Cup as an AIG ambassador. Aaron launched his book "The Beginner's Guide to Rugby" at PNBHS earlier this year. It covers his rugby career from playing junior rugby for College Old Boys, then the PNBHS 1st XV to winning the Rugby World Cup and two Super Rugby titles. Interesting to note that Aaron's coach, Rhys Archibald, is returning as Assistant Coach for the Manawatu Turbos in 2016.

Jamie Booth(0812) signed with the Blues. Jamie so badly injured his leg playing for Varsity two years ago that many said he might never play again. Glad they have been proved wrong!

Jade Te Rure(0711) signed with Scotland in March this year and plays for an Edinburgh club. Apparently, the Scottish want him to increase his weight to 90kg. Most of us try to get under this weight!!

Ma'afu Fia(0307) is leaving for Wales. He has been signed by the Ospreys Club. His year has been dogged by injury. He had a knee reconstruction in March and has only now started rugby training recently. His years as a professional for Manawatu and the Highlanders have enabled him to help his mum and dad in PN and now "I'm starting to do a wee bit for myself"! He is happy to set up camp in Wales until he retires. While there, he hopes to complete his social work degree from Massey University, which he has put on hold because of his rugby.

Ngani Laumape(0711) after two seasons with the Warriors has changed codes back to union and has signed with the Manawatu Turbos and the Hurricanes. He has spent 2015 rehabbing from a ruptured ACL suffered during preseason training, but is back on the paddock now. He is glad to be back in Palmy which can be largely attributed to Manawatu coach, Jason O'Halloran, who has stayed in contact over the years.



George Worker(0307) made his debut for New Zealand on the Black Caps' tour of Africa. He was also included in the NZ A one-day squad which played against Sri Lanka in September and then again in Australia. Todd Astle, Alec Astle's son is also in this team.



Adam Milne(0507) has had a great ride this year. He played in NZ team for the World Cup, but was struck down with a heel injury before the semi-final.

Josh Saua(0408) with three other officers from the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles organised a team called The Tankys to walk the 100km Oxfam Trailwalker in Taupo. The difference was they they were in full military attire including a 25kg backpack! It has involved a lot of training. Josh lost 12kg while training. The money they raised (\$1435) went to Oxfam's work against poverty, including in the Pacific Islands hit by Cyclone Pam.



Matt Booth(05059) came second in the national award at the Registered Master Builders Carters 2015 Apprentice of the Year competition in October. He has recently qualified as a licensed building practitioner.



Lance Retemeyer(8690) is the Director of International Students at PNBHS. He has just returned from a marketing trip focussed on China. While there he came into contact with **Michael Zhang(0206)** who is currently the Deputy Consul General at the NZ Consulate in Chegdu. He competed a double degree in Commerce and Law at Victoria and in 2013 took up employment at MFAT. He was then sent to Taiwan for a year's intensive tuition in Chinese and then to his current position. A valuable contact.



In Hong Kong, two other old boys Lance is in contact with - **Casey Stone(9802)** (right) who is involved in an events organising company and **Olly Love(8690)** (far right) who runs a business called Turnkey Consulting which is involved with training young executives.



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 schools 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

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

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.



1965 and 1975 1st XV Reunions

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



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

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



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



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

1985 1st XV Reunion

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



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

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



YES! We have joined the 21st Century.

Please feel free to view the **PNBHS Old Boys Association** page on Facebook. When you get there, just click Like and you will receive subsequent postings.

We have also set up decade groups that you can join to share memories etc with old mates. Search for **2000s PNBHS Old Boys** - or **1990s** or **1980s** or **1970s and 60s** or **1950s and 40s**. Once there you can ask to join the group - and you can invite others to join.