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A minute's silence to remember Steve Burnley - the coach of nearly all these men

Old Boys vs 1st Hockey

Back row: Tom Tremain (1st XI goalie), Jake Blanks (1st XI coach and guest player), Old Boys' - Matt Hunter, Aaron Purser, Jason Peel, Robbie Marshall, Myles Houlihan, Ben Molloy, Joseph Watts, Blake Gloyn, Bruce Kensington (absent Matt Chard).

Front row: Jake Hanna, James Akuhata, James Harris, Alan Kirk, Thomas Walsh, Levi Loudon, Ben McAlley, Matt Peel, Ben O'Connor, Bradley Grapes, Ben Blyde.



Old Boys vs School - Rugby 7s

Back Row: Chris Round, Elijah Crosswell, Reece Brosnan, Jarrad Cruden, Ben Nixon, Massimo Kiri Kiri, Liam Giltrap, Jamie Maoate, Matt Maoate, Fabien Kiri, Daniel Monaghan, Andrew McDougall, Tevita Fehoko, Mayden Tupuivao. Middle Row: Blain Quinn, Lafo Takiari-Ah Ching, Sean Pape, Tyler Laubscher, Taine Evans, Jacob Freeman-Broderick, Wiri Chambers, Korie Winters, Remi Halpin, Cameron Osgood, Melo Tuimana, Connor Close, Livai McGoon, Israel Young-Eparaima.

Front Row: Te Arika Te Puni, Ethan Helu-Makasini, Joseph Mafi, Jackson Scully, Jacob Hewetson-Talamaivao, Sila Sinamoni, Semisi Oliveti.



Old Boys vs School - Football

Old Boys

Andrew Pitcher, Adam Cowan, Nathan Cooksley, Robbie Laird, Trevor Kenyon, Jason Hayne, Craig Morrison, Saul Treadwell, John van Lienen, Matt McCullum, Reon Higgs, Aaron Clegg, Jamie How, Dalin Wilson, Jamie Stableford, Ian Robinson, Isaac Dickerson, Mathew West, Richard How, Brendan Ross.

1st XI

Zac Mangos, Troye Aitken, Ben Burnley, Thomas Viles, Jett MacGregor-Dunn, Sam Henley-King, Luke Minshull, Finlay McRae, Than Oo, Lewis Atherton, Taylor Monk, Alex Saunders-Malouf, Luke Palfreyman, Sam Jones



2105 PNBHS Business Alumni Awards

The 2015 Business Alumni presentations were to David McDowell(5054) who has had a distinguished career in Foreign Affairs and Conservation and John Reid(5357) who was a Rhodes Scholar and has had a successful career in pharmaceuticals in the United States.



Mr and Mrs McDowell and the Rector, Dave Bovey



John Reid was not able to attend the ceremony, but was involved through a video link



Mr Simon Moutter of Spark (2013 Business Alumnus) also attended the ceremony and presented the school with a substantial cheque to be used for the development of computer technology in the school.

Information about the eight Old Boys who have been inducted as Business Alumni to date can be viewed on the school website under the heading "Our Community"

After ten years as President of the Old Boys' Association, this is my last President's Report. I have decided that ten years is long enough and the Old Boys' Association needs some new blood at the helm.



It is my pleasure to announce that Simon O'Connor has agreed to take over as President for 2017. Simon was at the School 1981-1983, currently is on the School's Board of Trustees and

has a son, Ben (year 12) still at School. He is the Manawatu area franchise owner of Hunting & Fishing, the brother of former Rector, Tim O'Connor, and son of former long-serving teacher, Mike O'Connor. So he is well qualified to take over as President.

The 2016 year started on a sad note with the passing of Bill Anderson in February. Bill was a supportive Old Boy over many, many years, a number of them on the Old Boys' Committee. He had been ill for some time and he will be dearly missed by the PNBHS community. He was a mine of knowledge and memories of past pupils and teachers.

This year's golf tournament at the Manawatu Golf Club was a little down on numbers with only 12 teams entered, but the day went well

and was enjoyed by those who played. We had welcome assistance on the day from 1st XV members and parents, to whom the net proceeds of approximately \$2,800 went for their upcoming tour fund.

Dinners, functions and reunions are important events on the Old Boys' Association calendar each year and 2016 was no different. Dinners in Auckland and Palmerston North were well supported. We were very lucky to have at the Palmerston North dinner as guest speaker well known former TV3 Sports presenter, Hamish McKay (79-83). His speech was enjoyed by all who attended, as was MC, John Graham's, jokes and "true" stories.

Very successful Old Boys' functions were held in Wellington, Napier, Sydney, Melbourne and Singapore during the year. These represented great opportunities for Old Boys who could not attend one of the dinners to re-connect and re-live the "good ol'days". We hope to continue with these in the future.

There were four 1st XV reunions during the year. The 1966, 1976, 1986 and 1996 teams held 50, 40, 30 and 20 year reunions respectively. I have no doubt these reunions were memorable, with varying levels of truth and exaggeration being the order of the day!

The annual Old Boys' verse School sporting challenge was held in October, with football, hockey and rugby 7's matches played followed by an enjoyable after-match function.



From the President John Naylor

The Old Boys' Association was once again involved in the School's impressive ANZAC Day and prize giving ceremonies, and the opening of the extension to the School's new gym's re-developed weights and exercise area, which we helped finance.

The 2016 AGM of the Old Boys' Association is to be held at the School 5.30 pm 21 November 2016, and there will be Christmas drinks and leavers function 5.30 pm 16 December at the Cobb Bar in Palmy.

Finally I wish to say thanks to the Old Boys' committee for their support this year and previous nine years. Special thanks to the Rector, Dave Bovey, and School liaison personnel (Stuart Leighton, Justin Doolan, Dom King and Gerry Atkin), to Secretary/Treasurer, John Whitehead, and all the other committee members who have helped with and supported the various events and functions over the years. I have enjoyed the role of President and the camaraderie of a great committee. I wish incoming President, Simon O'Connor, all the best for the future. May the PNBHS Old Boys' Association go from strength to strength.

Kind regards

John Naylor

Dear Old Boys,

Another year draws swiftly to a close, a year during which the school continued to grow, continued to perform and continued to follow the progress of Old Boys with a keen interest.

The life of a Boys' High pupil these days is a busy one and there is a significant number of opportunities for him. The huge number of our young men involved in co-curricular activities is a real positive – over 160 teams, groups, bands, clubs or organisations that are active on a regular basis throughout the year. This year, for example, there were 36 school basketball teams; there were growing numbers in the Junior Concert Band; the Performing Arts went from strength to strength; Head Prefect Te Ariki Te Puni won his second national oratory award; Brayden Iose became the first PNBHS player to captain the New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby team; David Martin became the school's first recipient of a University Blue award, qualifying through his involvement in the school's academic accelerate programme.

The academic results of our young men continue to be our main focus and the school has developed a wider range of vocational

subject opportunities designed to help better prepare them for life after leaving our gates. With a Year 13 (7th form, or Upper VI for those of a certain vintage) of close to 300 young men this year there is a need to provide a greater range of subjects.

It has been a busy year, too, in terms of Old Boys gatherings. It has been a pleasure to host a number of reunions at the school this year. The 1966, '76, '86 and '96 1st XVs all had get-togethers this year, the 1996 team even having a game against the school's 4th XV.

The annual Old Boys' Dinners held here and in Auckland were again enjoyable, as were functions held in Napier after the Polson Banner match and in Wellington. We also had our first official Old Boys functions in Sydney and Melbourne, while Old Boy and current staff member Lance Retemeyer hosted a gathering in Singapore.

It has been fantastic to see the number of Old Boys who remain in contact with the school continue to grow, and again this year we have had a number visit the school. That is an invitation open to all Old Boys, to drop



From the Rector Dave Bovey

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.

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 2017.

David Bovey
Rector

Another current Staff Member Dies

Last year it was our sad duty to report the passing of Dawson Tamatea. In this edition, we must, unfortunately, record the passing of Steve Burnley, long serving staff member, well known to hundreds of football players who went through his hands. Below is the eulogy delivered by David Bovey at his funeral.

"We gather today to celebrate the life of, and say our farewells to, Steve Burnley. We are honoured to hold Steve's service in our school hall – the great irony being that given Steve's aversion to assembly, it's taken this to get him in here!

Steve asked – although "asked" might be a bit too tactful in this case, so I should say that Steve demanded that there be absolutely no singing at his service; he wouldn't have a bar of it. A bit of music here and there – no problem, but at the merest hint of singing he'd be off; so we will get to the end of the service today without a song and it won't be that we've forgotten a hymn or two.

Steve first came to Boys' High in 1989 as an assistant teacher in the technical department after having relieved at Queen Elizabeth College next door, back in the days when one board governed all the high schools in the area. He had come out from the UK and worked in a number of roles before joining the staff here.

In 1996 Steve became Head of the Technology Department and one of his first duties in this role was to be part of the design process of the new tech block, a block that I know he was proud of and enjoyed working in, although of course in recent years he spent less and less time in the tech block and more time out on the football field with his junior PE classes. And this was a real passion of Steve's as we all know. The Sports Development Programme gave him the opportunity to be involved in football for half his teaching day and he loved it.

His primary role as HOD of the Tech Department meant that he was responsible for the state of the workshop and the resources there. He guarded them closely and woe betide anyone who would dare go into his cupboard to get stuff. He would know instantly if anyone had been in there and so the other tech teachers would be very careful about making sure there was not a single thing out of place, otherwise Steve would come looking for them. And given his nickname was Bash they weren't keen on that.

Steve also expected the workshops to be kept tidy. One table in particular had to be maintained fastidiously and any infraction in this regard would see him pointing out the error of the transgressor's ways. It has become so ingrained within the department that on Friday of last week Richard Fogarty found himself tidying up just in case Steve walked through the door.

I mentioned earlier how much Steve loved his football. Coach of the school's 1st XI for 19 years – three national titles, in 1994, '95 and 2010 – and it's great to see a number of players from those sides here today. The Super Eight football tournaments began in 1999 and under Steve the 1st XI won seven Super Eight titles; an unbelievable record.

The stats from Steve's time with the 1st XI make for impressive reading: more than 600 matches, 642 league, inter-school and tournament games plus the odd overseas tour thrown in as well. 154 inter-school matches for 111 wins, 18 draws and only 25 losses over 19 seasons. At the National tournament, 127 games for 74 wins, 16 draws and 37 losses. At 18 national tournaments the team won three national titles, had 15 top ten finishes and nine top five finishes. In the last 20 years only four times has a team outside Auckland and Wellington won the title – and Palmy Boys was responsible for three of those. At 12 Super Eight tournaments there were seven wins and three runner-up placings: 40 wins and six draws from 55 matches. It's no wonder that Steve's standing within the game nationally is what it is. If we consider the amount of time that went into those 642 plus games we are looking at close to 2000 training sessions and trials, both before and after school and on weekends. An incredible commitment.

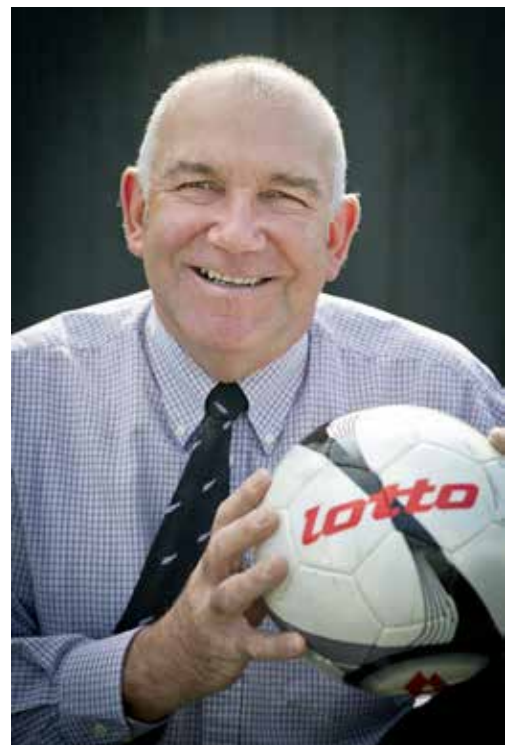
I know the 2010 national title was extra special for Steve – son Billy captained the team to victory in Napier and for Steve to be able to share that moment with Billy was something he was incredibly proud of.

My first encounter with Billy was when Steve popped in to see me when I was living at Lindisfarne College in Hastings. He was up there with a team staying in the hostel and he told Billy to behave himself while he came round to my house in the hostel for a beer or two. Upon returning to Palmy Boys in 2008 I hadn't realised that Steve and Toni had had another couple of additions to the family. I was down at the Lido with my family when Steve walked past with a couple of youngsters in tow. We caught up and I remarked how nice it was that he was bringing the grandkids down for a swim. Oops. And he never let me forget it either – over the last few years at every opportunity he would remind me about it, even to the point of asking me a couple of years ago if I remembered his grandson. Wearily I said yes, Steve, I do – he said good, because he's coming to Boys' High next year!

But with the football here at school, it wasn't just about the result and the achievements of his teams. Steve took great delight in the development of his players, as both footballers and as young men. He demanded high standards, he expected his players to train hard, to play hard and he could be vocal on the sidelines when things weren't working to his satisfaction. Many of his players would have heard the familiar voice reminding them of what they needed to do; and he could also deliver some beauties at the half-time talk as well. He had some wonderful banter with opposition coaches over the years, especially some of his Auckland counterparts – one former national coach in particular.

And so now it won't be the same – not hearing Steve's voice on the field with his teams, not having Steve explain the importance of his football class ditching silent reading for those extra 20 minutes of training, not sharing a beer with him in the staffroom at the end of term do, not having him round. He will be greatly missed. And our thoughts at this difficult time are with Toni, Jane, Billy, Ben and Jana.

Rest easy, Bash.



The Auckland OB Dinner

Held once again at Auckland Grammar thanks to Tim O'Connor. About 80 in attendance. David Bovey, Stuart Leighton and, as can be seen in bottom right pic, Rolf Leenards, were able to attend from PN. Guest speaker was Te Ariki Te Puni, the current Head Boy.

2nd picture down on left is of six headboys: (l-r) Lance Retemeyer (1990), Te Ariki Te Puni (2016), Seamus Barnett (2013), Hamish Journeaux (2009), Antony Holden (1989), Matthew Goodson (1987)



Hawke's Bay OB Lunch and Drinks

Different format this year. The Polson Banner match was played in Napier and we were invited to join the Napier Old Boys to a luncheon. A couple of tables were taken to listen to Hamish McKay (a PNBHS Old Boy!!) who was the guest speaker.

The match was a nail biter, but thanks to two late tries from Matene Ruawai and James Stratton, the team managed to play to a draw which means that we are able to keep the Polson Banner for half a year.

Following the match, a gathering of Old Boys was held at a local hostelry for drinks and nibbles.

Singapore Gathering

Lance Retemeyer, (extreme left in left pic) is the Director of International Students at PNBHS. Under his leadership, the programme is expanding and over the next few years, he is aiming to have about 60 students from overseas attending PNBHS. These students provide a valuable opportunity for our NZ students to encounter people from other cultures, as well as being financially beneficial to the school. On a recent trip to SE Asia, he took the opportunity to meet up the PNBHS and PNGHS former students now working in Singapore.

(left) (l-r) Lance Retemeyer (9600), Tom Gillespie (9903), Keary Adeane (7578), Nic van der Kolk (9903), Andrew Lusby (9497), Hamish Hobson (9599). (right) Lance, Tom, Hamish, Hannah Broederlow (PNGHS), Nic, Kimberley Walker (PNGHS), Keary, Andrew, Christine Prasitdumrong (PNGHS International Director)



Wellington Old Boys Function

For a second year, a very successful Old Boys function was held on the Water Front in Wellington. About 70 people attended, including a number of younger Old Boys which was pleasing.



Sydney Gathering

Attempting to expand our outreach to Old Boys, we held gatherings in Sydney and Melbourne recently. The Rector, Dave Bovey and Old Boy Justin Doolan were able to attend and report to Old Boys about the state of the school at present. About 25 Old Boys attended and we are hoping these functions will grow and be an opportunity for people to get together in a "foreign" land!! Contact person in Sydney is **John McKay** (bottom left pic) at johnmckay@fmn.com.au. Please send him your contact details.



Melbourne Old Boys meet

A gathering of about 15 Old Boys was held at a bar overlooking the Yarra - a very pleasant venue. The Rector, Dave Bovey and Old Boy Justin Doolan attended.



Palmerston North OB Dinner

Held once again in the College House Dining Room. Good attendance of about 60. Hamish McKay was our guest speaker. Hamish (bottom right pic) is well known to NZ sports fans having been a key rugby commentator on TV3 for many years. Many thanks to John Graham too who M/Ced our dinner with his usual aplomb.



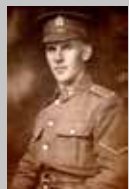
PN Old Boys Golf Day 2014

This annual event was enjoyed by all once again. This year, the profits from the day went to the 1st XV Rugby who are touring the UK and Ireland in 2017. Many thanks to all who participated, contributed prizes and helped on the day.



ANZAC Service 2016

The focus for this year's service was the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. The address, given by George Baldwin and Malachi Hill focused on this battle and the men who died in that battle. We lost five men in the opening of the NZ offensive on 15 September, 1916.



(l-r) Leslie Bremner, Basil Hodder, John Munro, Horace Pegden, Reginald Adams. Another 10 were to die at the Somme.



In addition, we were honoured by the Smith family who presented the medal awarded to Phillip Smith's mother following Phillip's death in WWII and his selfless actions which resulted in his being Mentioned in Despatches. Phillip was on a ship being evacuated after the fall of Singapore in early 1942 when his ship was sunk. Phillip was badly wounded and in a life boat. Seeing others in the water less injured than he, he slipped overboard in order to give his place to someone who would survive. This medal is to be framed and mounted below his picture in the Gallery.



Old Boys President, **Alan Cull (3739)** and **Ron Eaton (3940)** again laid the wreath at the Gallipoli Oak and Chairman, **John Naylor(6469)** read the Roll of Honour for WWI. **Michael Lawrence(7377)**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees read the Roll for WWII. Among those who attended was **Hugh McAslan(8387)** (right) who was the Officer Commanding at Linton at the time .



1966 1st XV 50th Reunion



Generations Keep Coming to PNBHS - 2016 Year 9s and their Dads!



Jonathan Holden, **Stephen Holden(7276)**, Josh Gloyn, **Robin Apperley(8387)**, Todd Gloyn(8185), Mace Apperley, **Kerry Leong(8285)**, Darren Jacob(8588), William Leong, Travis Jacob, **Owen Greig(8286)**, Tom Greig, **Michael Tan(9600)**, Benjamin Tam



(back) Villiami Vakapuna, **Aaron Currie(88)**, Charlie Justice, **David Justice(7680)**, Floyd Smith, **Rob Smith (9701)**
(front) Guy Petersen, **Owen Petersen(7882)**, Cameron Brown, **Stephen Brown(8285)**, **Dean Parsons(8589)**, Callum Parsons, **Iain Lourie(8284)**, Charlie Lourie



Nicholas Anneff(8487), Thomas Manderson-Anneff, **Straun Parkes(8589)**, Toby Parkes, **Duncan Mitchell(8387)**, Jack Mitchell, **Tim Lloyd(8082)**, Fergus Lloyd



Jason Fletcher(8690), Sam Fletcher



Can anyone identify the ????? people
Please

Email: oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz

Thanks

The Boys that played at Centenary Celebrations

4th row: Lee Hunt, Geoff Grant, Paul Jensen, Peter Wilby, Peter Stratton, Brett Harvey, Dave Gosling, Ken Simpson, Stu Cruden, Hamish Quinleven

(3rd row): Ross George, Steve Lee, Sean Bristow, Bruce Hansen, Gordon Hansen, Bruce Belgrave, Murray McEwan, Steve Cumberland, Mart Genet, Rolf Leenards

2(2nd row): Digger, Rob McCaskie, Paul Louis, Willie Talamaivao, Bruce Lochore, Duncan Parkers, John 'Snow' Cruden, Andy Robertson, Lee Yader, Matene Love

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(front): Steve Kissick, Nigel Annis, John Whitehead, Barry Dunn, Angus Douglas, Ross Bielski, Jerry Rowberry, Peter O'Sullivan, Mike Jones, Mike Robson, Tim Divehall, Ian Colquhoun

News Snippets about Old Boys

Auckland Old Boys come 2nd in Golf Tournament

For many years, an annual Old Collegians Golf Tournament has been staged in Auckland – this year around 26 teams of Auckland old boys representing schools from around the country took part.



PNBHS has been a regular at the tournament led by Captain and Team Organiser **Derek Adam (5054)**. While success in the past has been limited, this year's tournament at Pukekohe saw our team take second place overall and picking up a \$1000 cheque for the school.

This year's team was **Derek Adam, Peter Mitchell (5256), Jack Thorburn (4851) and Duncan Shand (5758)** – all at school in the early 1950's and all regulars from the Remuera Golf Club. (Well done and many thanks!)

Received this picture from Jo Paterson - it is dated around 1949. How the fashions have changed!



(r-l) "Soapy" McDonald, (PNBHS teacher), Sid Holland (Prime Minister) "Scrog" Skoglund(?) (Minister of Education and former PNBHS teacher), Blair Tennant (Minister of Health), Fred Liddell. Next two not sure who they are. They are watching a hockey game in which my father Don Liddell(4549) was playing. He later went on to become a doctor.

Had a really interesting email from **Monty Penman (4953)** who wrote about PNBHS's involvement in the Tangiwai Diasater.

"If you refer to the 1XV photo of 1953 you will see a fellow in the back row, A Vakalala.

Aisea came to PNBHS in 1953 from Fiji. I remember him as a "good bloke". He was always very friendly and got along well with everyone. He biked to school from somewhere in the Roslyn area as I often biked with him up Featherston Street as I made my way to Vogel Street after school, especially on 1st XV practice days.

I left in 1953 and Aisea was to return to school in 1954. Unfortunately, he never made it! He was in the first carriage in the Tangiwai Disaster. It is said that "he was found in the toilet". I believe most in the first carriage were never recovered. I am sure there will be a comment about him in the 1st XV player comments and should imagine an obituary in the 1954 magazine. Recently, I was looking at the list of those killed at Tangiwai and on the list for Aisea it said "Student Palmerston North Boys High.."

Aisea had a "dickey" shoulder that on occasions would need to be put back and on he'd play with a smile on his face..

I am sure all those who played in 1953 would remember him very fondly.

He is buried in the Waikumete Cemetery in Auckland"

Monty then also informed us about the Nicholls family (5 people) who were all killed in the disaster. Their son, Herbert, attended PNBHS in 1953.

Patrick Wale (5761) has been in contact with Lance Retemeyer and Dave Bovey. Patrick is retired now and lives in Sydney where he intends to become involved in Old Boys activities there along with **John McKay**. He has spent many years in Singapore and recently celebrated his 72nd birthday there along with, as he puts it a "sensible bottle of red"!

Distinguished Professor **Brian Boyd(6569)** FRSNZ from the University of Auckland has been awarded the Humanities Aronui Medal from the Royal Society of New Zealand for his wide ranging contribution to the humanities.



Distinguished Professor Boyd is well known for his work on Russian American novelist Vladimir Nabokov. He has written and edited nineteen books and over 250 articles and an extensive website on Nabokov and his work has been translated into fifteen languages and received many awards.

He has written on literature from Homer to the present, from epics to comics, on American, Brazilian, English, Greek, Irish, New Zealand and Russian writers, including Shakespeare.

In recent years he has become interested in new evolutionary and cognitive approaches to literature and the arts, exploring why we engage in art and storytelling and whether our minds and behaviour can be reshaped by art and literature.

He was awarded a Marsden Fund grant in 2012 to write a biography of philosopher of science Karl Popper.

The medal selection panel noted his outstanding and wide-ranging contribution to the humanities, both as the leading scholar of Vladimir Nabokov and his more recent work unifying the study of literature with the sciences.

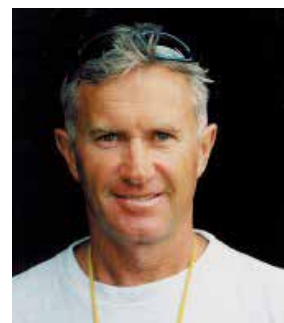
IAN FERGUSON – New Zealand's most golden Olympian

Recently retired Manawatu Standard sports reporter Peter Lampp caught up with PNBHS Old Boy **Ian Ferguson (1966 – 1971)**.

Of New Zealand's more than 2500 schools, only Palmerston North Boys' High School can boast an Olympian who has won four gold medals.

New Zealand's most golden Olympian, kayaker Ian Ferguson was the first and only Kiwi to win two golds on a single day. He says he has his four gold medals and his silver stored somewhere in his home in Auckland. He also has two golds from world championships where he was runnerup in three more.

These days he is general manager of the \$40 million Wero Whitewater Park in south Auckland, working alongside another Boys' High old boy, Stu Dearlove.



Ferguson's gold medal-winning haul might never be beaten. He at-



tended five Olympic Games – from Montreal in 1976 as a 24 year old to Moscow, Los Angeles, Seoul and Barcelona in 1992. By the time he got to Barcelona he was aged 40, but still reached the final of the K2 1000 metres.

Maybe Ferguson was destined to be an Olympian because as he revealed, he was born during the opening ceremony of the 1952 Helsinki Olympics in Finland. He also shares his July 20 birthday with the late Sir Edmund Hillary. "Ferg" was born in Taumarunui, where his father Gilbert was the Ministry of Works manager before promotion took the family to Palmerston North when Ian was aged nine.

They ended up living directly opposite Boys' High on Featherston Street and each morning when Ferguson would hear the doors opening for assembly, he would dart across the street.

He recalled being a lock in a Manawatu primary schools rugby squad. But by intermediate school he was into swimming.

When he got to Boys' High, the illustrious Ian Colquhoun was his teacher, his housemaster at Kia Ora and also took him for sport, which was Ferguson's favourite subject. He didn't rate himself as an academic. "I was fairly useless to tell you the truth. I only got serious once I was playing sport."

After a shocker year in the classroom he switched from geography to accounting and passed with the top marks in the school. Later he graduated from Victoria University with an accounting degree and recently received an alumni award from the university. "I wasn't very good at school. I didn't know how to focus until I played sport."

He trained seriously with the swim squad at the Lido Pool and was the Boys' High swimming champion from the fifth form onwards, best at freestyle and breaststroke. "I got into it and loved it," he said.

Ferguson is a Palmerston North Surf Lifesaving Club life member. He found Himatangi Beach was beneficial for learning and took his entire swim squad there. He began with surf aged 14, helped the club to be the country's best at the time and was still competing there 10 years later when he was at Victoria. He was an allrounder, competing in surf ski, paddle board, swimming.... and from the 1970s he picked up national titles by the bucketload.

As an 18-year-old schoolboy, he was in the New Zealand team and he won the Manawatu sportsperson-of-the-year title that year in 1974. Colquhoun wanted Ferguson to play rugby because he knew how fit Ferguson was. "I had to say no and he wasn't happy with me. Because of my swimming I couldn't play for the school. "I got an average for sport when I was in the New Zealand team for surf lifesaving."

In those days when Arnold Muirhead was the rector, he and everyone else felt the snap of the cane. One day Colquhoun snapped Ferguson sneaking away from the school running championships. Ferguson didn't have any running shoes so Colquhoun found a pair three sizes too big. Ferguson finished third in his flapping shoes, which he put down to his fitness from swimming, winter and summer, and was thrown into the school crosscountry team, but didn't distinguish himself.

Ferguson had also joined the Palmerston North Canoe Club, then one of the country's best with men such as Tom Dooney and Bernard and Mike Fletcher, not knowing at the time kayaking was to be his destiny. They trained on Palmerston North's Centennial Lagoon and raced in whitewater slalom kayaking at Shannon and paddled down the Manawatu Gorge in the White Horse Rapids Race.

"I only made 20th in slalom at the nationals. I was better at long dis-

tance," Ferguson recalled.

After Victoria University, Ferguson undertook his kayaking OE to England and Belgium for three years. "Then, no one kayaked in New Zealand and we had no coaches."

Meanwhile, his Olympic exploits have been well chronicled.

At the Moscow Games in 1980, Ferguson was of only four New Zealanders to defy the Western boycott and he reached two finals there.

Nothing though beats his three gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He surged through in the last 50 metres to win the K1 500 by half a length from a Swedish paddler and 90 minutes later teamed with Paul MacDonald to slam dunk the field in the K2 500m sprint. A day later, teamed with MacDonald, Alan Thompson and Grant Bramwell, they won the K4 1000m.

Ferguson's fourth gold came at Seoul four years later at the age of 36 when he and MacDonald pipped the Soviet crew by less than 0.2 of a second to retain their title.



Most of Ferguson's latter life has been in Auckland where he has been a national coach and has been in the kayaking business. At the whitewater park in Auckland, Ferguson became acquainted with fellow Boys' High old boy **Stuart Dearlove (9903)** when he applied and secured one of the operations manager's roles.

Dearlove was at Boys' High from 1999 to 2003 and like Ferguson, profited there from contact with canoeing coach Carol Walkley.

The kayaking bug was caught at a fourth-form camp and Dearlove, who was the Vernon club captain, was also part of a useful 5th XV rugby team. In his final two years after exams were finished, he would be straight back on the water.

He won a scholarship to study outdoor recreation at the polytech in Greymouth before working in professional whitewater rafting for almost 13 years in New Zealand, North Queensland and British Columbia.

Full name: Ian Gordon Ferguson

Olympic discipline: Flatwater kayaker.

Born: Taumarunui, July 20, 1952.

- Educated: Central Normal School, Palmerston North; Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School; Palmerston North Boys' High School (1966 – 1971); Victoria University.
- Olympic Games medals:
- Gold – Los Angeles 1984, gold in K1 500m, K2 500m, K4 1000m; Seoul 1988, K2 500m.
- Silver: Seoul 1988, K2 1000m.
- World championship medals:
- Gold: Belgium 1985, K2 500m. West Germany 1987, K2 1000m.
- Silver: Finland 1983 K1 500m. West Germany 1987 K2 500m. Poland 1990 K2 1000m.
- 1974: Manawatu Sportsperson of the Year
- 1979, 84, 85: Lonsdale Cup winner (awarded by NZ Olympic Committee)
- 1984: NZ Sportsman of the Year.
- 1984: NZ's only triple gold medallist at an Olympics
- 1984: First New Zealander to win two golds on one day
- 1985: Member of the Order of the British Empire (OBE).
- 1985-88: NZ Sportsman/Halberg Award finalist
- 1988: NZ team flagbearer, Seoul Olympics
- 1993: Inducted in NZ Sports Hall of Fame
- 2003: Halberg coach-of-the-year finalist
- 2009: Manawatu Legend of Sport
- First New Zealander to compete at 5 Olympics

James Stewart(8891)

For his work in primary sector education, Manawatu-Rangitikei provincial president, James was awarded the Farming Message Award.



"James is a special kind of farmer," said Dr William Rolleston, former Federated Farmers president. "His practical and hand-on approach to the community and farming has seen him become a trusted commentator with media.

"He's built a high-tech shed on his Manawatu farm where up to 30 people can watch an entire milking operation and learn about farming.



Craig Cotton(8791), CEO of The Better Drinks Company. In 2011 the company was bought by Japanese giant Asahi for \$129.3m. Craig was a speaker at the Fairfax Media-sponsored 2016 New Zealand CFO Awards in March this year, speaking about managing capital investment, inspiring collaboration and aligning innovation with brand and strategy. Asked about the qualities needed to be an effective CEO he says "be authentic, be passionate, be present, be customer centric, be outstanding at communicating, in fact, communicate more than you think you need to and don't leave people wondering what you're thinking. . Attitude not aptitude determines your altitude in life!" He has more recently assumed responsibility for the commercial leadership of Independent Liquor New Zealand Ltd as Country Manager which is also part of the Asahi family.

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A long standing PNBHS family - the Savells

LINDSAY SAVELL(5762) Prefect and 1st Soccer X1. Kia Ora Club . Now resides and retired in Perth where he's been for many years after a successful career in Electronics, then Real Estate in Busselton and Rolystone Perth W.A. Is still hyperactive and loves his 10 acre block lifestyle and enjoys his grandkids company too. Always keeps up with local and world affairs via his computer.

GRAHAM SAVELL(6064) 1st Hockey X1. Kia Ora Club. Resides in Tauranga with his wife after a long career in the ANZ Bank which took him to all parts of the North Island. After owning Pete's Post in the BOP, did a 2 year working holiday stint living in Wallingford England. He is now sort of semi-retired where he lives in and manages a closed community housing estate. He loves his PC technology and is now very active with his 2 new knee joints.

ALAN SAVELL(6872) Captain 1st Soccer X1. Kia Ora Club. Still lives in PN where he's been all his life. A short 3 years in the ANZ Bank, then temporarily (lol) helped out in the family business of Savells Radio Ltd which still continues today, but as SOUND AUTOS Used Cars in Featherston Street. Actively played cricket, soccer and raced at the PN Speedway, but has now discovered the lounge chair due to his faltering knees. Golf is now the only option every week which he reckons is "the hardest and least successful of all sports he's participated in!"

TIM SAVELL(8993) Kia Ora Club. After his Massey Degree he went into Finance and Technology with UDC , Spiers, PTS, Toyota Truck Leasing in Aussie, then successfully ran Speedway NZ as CEO for 8 years. He is currently based in Adelaide as General Manager of Speedway Australia but flicks many times to Sydney where his wife and son are. He has always been a scribe for speedway since school as is currently writing a book on the PN Stockcar Teams Champs history due out early next year.

JEREMY SAVELL(9397) Kia Ora Club. Has worked in I.T. for Master

Business Systems in Feilding for most of his working life. In between he also owns NZ's only Speedway Magazine, NZ Dirt Track Racing. On the side, also runs and maintains many NZ speedway internet sites and writes various speedway track programmes and articles, winning many awards for his efforts. Still enjoys playing soccer and cricket.... oh and somehow finds time for his partner and 2 kids.

Erin McConkey(8286) writes from Florida, USA: "Upon leaving School in '86, I worked with Carter Holt Harvey for 15 years in the building supply and saw milling business in various roles. Then travelled around the world for a year. Then came back to USA which I loved. I met a girl and now live in Florida, USA with my now wife Amanda McConkey from Alabama and our Dog (no kids). I've been here about 15 years now. I travel back home to NZ in summer usually once a year for 3 mths over Dec-Feb to work in my shop in Mt Maunganui. (www.actionsportsdirect.co.nz). We sell jetskis and Harleys, as well as Can Am ATVs and Spyder Motorcycles. I have an apartment in the Mount so always stay there. I finally found a sport I really like and has been jetski racing for 20 years. I still race in USA on the National Tour, but getting old - 48 now - but still enjoy being active and staying competitive and hanging out with good friends. Have won a few NZ and USA national Titles racing in 'stand up' jetski classes over the years, but now just race for fun. I love it. I used to be a runner back at School but haven't run a race since I left. I didn't enjoy it. I preferred rugby, but was always too skinny (Digs coached me for 3 years - 5th A, 4th A, 3rd A, - Best coach I ever had!) . I would've loved to have played for 1st XV but I probably would have snapped in half back then. PNBHS was a great School. I left there really proud of my School! College House was a great place to grow up. I love my life and have been very blessed. Would love to catch up with the old boys some day. I have so many great memories of PNBHS and my old mates that I haven't seen for 30 years. I always remember the day at College house as a NZSS running champion when I was caught by Digs smoking tea leaves and tobacco in the sick bay with two others!! Very embarrassing! A quiet smack on the hand and he let me go! Digs, you da man!"

Te Rure Family – Wide involvement in Sport

Tony Te Rure(8687) has returned to where it all began after 20 years away from boxing.



Tony went to the world championships as a featherweight in 1994, then gave the sport away for 20 years, but is now back coaching at the Palmerston North Boxing Club, where he started as a youngster. Long-time Palmerston North coach Malcolm Nicol, Te Rure's uncle, asked him to come and help. Now 43, Te Rure had given boxing away so he could follow rugby, but got back into boxing about three months ago.

"I'm just trying to give back what I was taught in those days," he said, adding that boxing was a good sport to keep young guys off the streets.

He started in 1977 when the Palmerston North club was in the old RSA building on the corner of Cuba and George streets, above what is now Cafe Cuba. Te Rure went to world champs in Lima, Peru in 1994, along with former world heavyweight title contender David Tua. "I won the first one against the Egyptian and lost my second one against a Turkish fighter," Te Rure said. "Back in those days it was a points system and I lost by one point." He also fought for New Zealand against Australia and the Pacific Islands in the late 1980s. "I've been around fighting for New Zealand and that and have picked up how other coaches do it. I'm just trying to combine that with my uncle's style." He said in those days there were no age groups and you could fight anyone. He gave it up after he came back from the world championships and his wife was pregnant, so life took over.

Both his sons were boxers.

Tony Junior(0405) and **Jade(0711)** (below) won four New Zealand



titles between then and they inspired Te Rure to get back into boxing. Tony Jr is now living in Australia and Jade, a former Manawatu Turbos first five-eighth and in the 2013 NZ

team for the IRB Junior World Champs, chose rugby over boxing and is now playing rugby in Scotland for Edinburgh.

The Palmerston North Boxing Club was started by Englishman Alf Ward in 1971 and Nicol was the assistant then. After they were on George Street they moved to Cuba Street, before moving to their current location at the Te Awe Awe Scout Hall on Park Road. When Te Rure was boxing, there were a number of good boxers in Manawatu like Billy Meehan, Danny Meehan and Steven Nicol. Billy Meehan now runs Meehan's Boxing Gym, which started in the 1980s.

Peter O'Sullivan (7781), (left) Old Boy and ex-staff member, based

in Australia, has with team mate Steve Pedley, competed the extreme Pioneer mountain bike race from Christchurch to Queenstown. They ended up 22 overall and 7th in the masters male 40+ classification.



The race involved 15,000m of climbing and sections that were extremely rough. The Fairlie to Lake Tekapo had a 10km section that "was like riding from Palmy to Ashhurst just on rocks".

Many an Old Boy will remember **Len Osborne**, staff member from 1978 to 1993. Len taught Maths and was passionately involved in both cricket and football. His grandchildren, **Michael (9296)**, **Jonathan (9498)**, **Ian and David (9600)** were all assisted, encouraged and pushed to the heights they have attained by Len (and wife, **Mary**, also a staff member). Len has recently retired as Manawatu's full-time cricket scorer having been in the job since he retired from PNBHS in 1993. A good innings by any account!

Old Boy & Rhodes Scholar **Ryan Orange (8993)** speaks at assembly

Mr Ryan Orange joined us for assembly on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

Mr Orange is an Old Boy who attended the school from 1989-1993. In 1998 he became just the fourth Old Boy to have been a Rhodes Scholar.

The Rhodes Scholarships are post graduate awards for outstanding all-round students to study at Oxford University in the UK. Established in 1903 under the will of Cecil Rhodes, the Rhodes is the oldest and most prestigious international graduate programme in the world.

By way of introducing Mr Orange as assembly, Mr Bovey thought it was appropriate to borrow from his school testimonial:

"David Ryan Orange is an exceptionally talented young man. Ryan is a scholar, a musician, an orator, an actor and a sportsman. He has gained representative honours in numerous activities including being selected as captain of the NZSS Debating team in 1993.

As a sportsman Ryan played hockey for the 1st XI from 1991-93. In athletics he has won numerous track, road race and cross country titles as well as representing Manawatu at North Island and National events.

Mr Orange was a School Prefect, he won the Hornblow Cup for all-round excellence in the junior school, he played cricket and tennis and won a number of academic prizes."

His testimonial concludes thus:

"Ryan Orange is enormously talented in so many areas and there is no doubt that he will be a community leader in the future. It has been an honour to have been associated with such a remarkable student."

Since leaving Oxford university Ryan Orange has largely worked in the high echelons of public service in New Zealand and Australia and in public sector reform.

Ryan arrived at Victoria University from PNBHS with four scholarship passes in history, classics, statistics and English. He was the New Zealand young historian of the year in 1993.

At Victoria, he emerged with an arts degree in history and politics and an honours degree in international relations.

On taking up his Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, he completed two Masters degrees, in international relations and in comparative social policy.

At PNBHS Ryan had also excelled in sports, notably athletics (road races, middle distance and cross country in which he won Manawatu junior and intermediate titles) and hockey. He went with the 1st XI to Australia in 1993 and was a Manawatu age-group hockey rep from 1990 to 1993. He was still playing hockey in 2016 for the Karori club.

In athletics he represented Manawatu at the North Island and schools national championships.

In debating he captained the school, the three-member Central North Island team and New Zealand teams (in Australia) and was the best debater at the 1993 NZ championships.

He was also in the schools junior and senior bands, the choir and school production.

Ryan excelled at debating for Victoria and Oxford University winning a range of New Zealand university titles, Oxford Union debater of the Year in 1999 and was a world championships semi-finalist and third-ranked individual speaker in the world in 2000.

He returned from Oxford to work for management consulting firm McKinsey & Company for 19 months and then spent a year with WorkSafe Victoria in Melbourne before his second stint at Oxford.

He was General Manager strategy with WorkCover SA in Adelaide from September 2004 for more than three years.

By February 2009 he was back in NZ as General Manager medium-term strategy for the Ministry of Social Development, before being seconded to the State Services Commission (SSC) as a principal advisor near the end of 2010.

Then followed four years as an SSC deputy commissioner leading the Better Public Services reforms until becoming a fulltime father of his three children in February 2016 in Wellington. He continues to work in his spare time on public sector reform writing and consulting in developing nations in partnership with the United Nations.

Ryan spoke to 1800 young men at assembly. One of the key points he made was that the boys should make the most of the wide range of activities that the school offers. He himself lived up to this message in that he was a top scholar, a top debater and played in the 1st XI Hockey for three years. But he went on to say that he played cricket, 8th XI, and was hopeless; tried Chemistry and failed and so on – whether you succeed or not is not important – what is important is that you give things a go.



Ryan Coombes(9801), Aaron Shirriffs(9397) and Shane Turnbull(0003)

In June an article in the Manawatu Standard about Landmark Homes in PN. The local branch of the company has been set up by these three guys and is going great guns. Two years ago they opened as a Landmark Homes company. Since then they have purchased and added Diamond Homes to their stable.

They then took on their own in-house architectural designer, Monica Bright, so that now customers can branch out from the standard Landmark designs. Interesting to note how many old boys are in the building trade in PN – Rolf Leenards, Gary Wenham(7881), Peter Justice(7377), Neil Gibson(6367) come to mind immediately!

The Aussies may have charmed their way into the hearts of rural New Zealand, but it was a Manawatu spud farmer who took the title for 2016 Fieldays Rural Bachelor of the Year.

Angus beef farmer Rob Ewing from Victoria, Australia, won the People's Choice award, but **Paul Olsen(9498)**, from Opiki, 17 kilometres south of Palmerston North, who takes home the coveted



Golden Gumboot award after cutting his finger while cooking and taking a ribbing about his chosen crop.

"The kitchen is not my strong point, I guess," Olsen said. "We were just making a salad. I was just chopping up the carrots. Yeah, it added a bit of texture or protein in there, I guess."

The Manawatu farmer wins a Suzuki King quad bike along with other prizes.

Olsen runs a dairy farm and dry stock rotating year round with his potato crop. As winner, he takes home a Suzuki King four-wheel-drive quad bike, \$5000 in vouchers from Swandri, Stihl and Skellerup and the Golden Gumboot trophy. Not to mention bragging rights.

His farm's a great operation, he said, but "it's different", so he got a bit of grief about the spuds from fellow competitors.

"I've had a bit of ribbing all week about the spuds. It's a good one to have a yarn with when everybody is dairy farming. There're not too many spud farmers around." The bachelors were tested on a range of skills including speed fencing, speed dating, log splitting, digger driving and dog training.

The 35-year-old Olsen puts his win down to experience.

"I'm pretty stoked, to be honest. I guess I'm a little bit older than the others guys but the skill set we've had this week, I've probably gelled with, so yeah, I'm rapt." (Manawatu Standard June 20, 2016)



Hamish Wright(9903) is working down in Antarctica as doctor for the United States Antarctic programme. Unlike his peers, instead of gaining a focused set of medical skills, he has tried to gain a wide range of skills, which has provided him with the opportunity to tackle this multi-

faceted role. He will be required to be a pharmacist, do X-rays, work in the lab, as well as performing emergency procedures – he has to cover them all!

Following on from a story in last year's CONTACT, **Peter Fitzherbert(9903)** competed in the finals of the Young Farmers Competition held in Timaru and ended up in 6th place. Taking up the challenge in 2016 is Nigel Will(0003) who came second in the Young Farmers District competition. He has his eyes set on Nationals as well. Good Luck!



Leslie Boys: Alex(0004) and his wife Pip have settled in Mt Mangani. He is a GP and is currently practicing in Te Puke. **Barry** got married in late January with all three of his groomsmen being College House boys. He and Victoria live in Grey Lynn where he too is in private practice.

Stevie Mayhew(0105)

writes "..... I'm in charge of the development department and technical production for Little Giant, a digital agency of around about 28 designers, developers and account managers in Auckland - we're growing at the moment and were lucky enough to be in the Deloitte's Fast 50 last year. We develop websites, applications, brand and advertising for a variety of companies, charities and personal endeavours around NZ and the world. Our most notable work is probably with the NZ Cancer Society and Australian Cancer Council for whom we design, build and run Junk Free June each year.



I studied at Otago University where I gained a BSc in Computer Science after spending the first two years studying towards a BSurv before actually spending some time bashing pegs into the ground and deciding it wasn't actually for me. I then ran my own company for 2 years in Dunedin before moving to Wellington to work at an agency and finally coming tumbling along after my partner to Auckland 3 years ago where I started at Little Giant as a senior developer and have risen to my current role."

Jesse Sergeant(0205)

Top Kiwi road cyclist has retired from the sport after a difficult year. Jesse has been riding professionally since 2011, but in the past year he has struggled to get back to his best after he was involved in a crash with a neutral service vehicle during the Tour of Flanders in Belgium in April last year. The Feilding rider broke his collarbone and required three operations to fix it.



Spain-based Sergeant announced his retirement and his coach Mike McRedmond confirmed the news. "It's been a tough 12 months for Jesse, with that crash he had last year, with the car hitting him," McRedmond said. "That was a big setback. They thought it would take six to eight weeks, but it took him three months because they ballsed up the operation. "That put a dampener on his year and then he changed teams and going into a French-speaking team is a very hard transition."

A time trial specialist, Sergeant rode for Trek for five years, before sign-

ing for AG2R-La Mondiale at the end of last year.

It is a relatively young retirement for the 28-year-old Sergeant. "The life of a pro cyclist is really tough; it's really, really hard," McRedmond said. "You have to train every day, you've got a big race programme and a lot of people who don't understand the sport don't understand how hard it is." "It just wears you down," McRedmond said Sergeant has had a good professional career. "He got on the podium in a tour of Italy stage, and that's an individual podium. He's ridden the greatest bike races in the world and there are people out there that just dream about that."

There had been talk Sergeant was in line to ride the Tour de France last year but the crash wrecked those hopes. He has ridden two of the three Grand Tours in the Giro d'Italia and the Tour of Spain, as well as numerous European tours. But Sergeant's exploits haven't just been on the road. He won two Olympic bronze medals in the team pursuit at the 2008 Games in Beijing and 2012 in London, and won multiple medals at the junior world championships when he was a teenager. After his heroics on the track early in his career, Sergeant rode for two years for the Trek-Livestrong junior team in 2009 and 2010, before graduating to the professional team.

Sergeant is expected to return home to the Manawatu. (Manawatu Standard July 23, 2016)

Hayden Phillips and **Nic Wilson** went to Rio with the NZ Black Sticks and Aaron Cruden and Liam Squire selected in the All Black Squad



We are incredibly proud to have two Old Boys, Hayden Phillips (2011 – 2015) and Nick Wilson (2004 – 2008), named in the New Zealand Black Sticks hockey team for the 2016 Rio Olympics. Congratulations Hayden and Nick on your well-deserved selections. Hayden has so far gained 11 caps for the Black Sticks, while Nick will be looking to add to the 156 games he has under his belt. All the best Hayden and Nick for your build up to Rio and for the competition there.

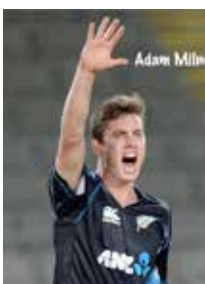


Playing in Super 15 rugby franchises are: **Aaron Cruden** – Chiefs; **Michael Allardice** – Chiefs; **Ngani Laumape** – Hurricanes; **Ben Funnell** – Crusaders; **Jackson Hemopo**, **Liam Squire**, **Jason Emery** – Highlanders.

Aaron Cruden(0206) will co-captain the Chiefs in this season's Super Rugby alongside Sam Cane. It has been 10 months since Aaron took the field having ruptured his ACL in April last

year against the Crusaders. It has been a long, frustrating road to recovery, especially during the Rugby World Cup, but this is new season and Aaron is on fire to get back into the All Blacks.

Signed up for the 2016/17 Black Caps are **Ross Taylor**, **Adam Milne** and **George Worker**.



In the Central Districts team this season, we have seen Navin Patel(0812), Mitch Renwick(0610), Bevan Small(0509), Adam Milne(0507), Dane Cleaver(0509) and George Worker(0307) in the team and, of course, in the Black Caps, we have seen Ross Taylor(0001), Adam and George, who had his debut last year.

Levi Sherwood(0507) wins inaugural Nitro World Games in USA

Levi recently won the freestyle motocross event in these games. There were two categories of dirt bike competition – freestyle and best trick. For the freestyle, that Levi won, riders had to submit their run on paper specifying their tricks and in what order. Several tricks were mandatory for every run: front of bike flip trick, rear of bike flip trick, whip and turndown.



Chris Pither(0003) comes 12th in Bathurst 100

Pither started racing in New Zealand, coming up through the open wheeler ranks first through the evolved Formula Vee class Formula First, then Formula Ford.

After a couple of seasons racing in the one-make HQ Holden series, an impressive top five championship result in the inaugural Toyota Racing Series led to a move to Australia and two seasons in the popular V8 Utes series.



For the 2006 season, Pither joined Brad Jones Racing in the second-tier Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series backed by his V8 Utes sponsor, Kanga Loaders.

A sporadic 2007 campaign, switching teams mid season did not bring positive results, however still managed to join tail-marking main-game V8 Supercars outfit Team Kiwi Racing for four rounds during the 14-event season.

After subbing for regular driver Kayne Scott at the Eastern Creek Raceway round, he then participated in a second round at the Winton Motor Raceway.

Pither was involved in a major accident during practice for the Supercheap Auto 1000. Pither struck a stationary Paul Weel with a heavy impact at Reid Park corner, causing extensive damage to both cars and hospitalising Weel. The Falcon was miraculously repaired in time to start the race, but, unfortunately, was the race's first retirement. Pither parted ways with the team and he took a hiatus from racing in 2009.

Pither's return to V8 Supercars would come in 2012 when he signed to drive in the endurance races with David Wall in the #21 Brad Jones Racing Commodore – a signing that would lead Pither to a full-time drive in the Dunlop V8 Supercar Series. Pither's campaign was sponsored by IceBreak Iced Coffee.

In late November, it was announced that Pither would be driving for Super Black Racing for the 2016 season

Aaron Hape(0509) writes:

1) Do you remember a student named **James Ellingham**? He finished at PNBHS in 2004, the year before I started. He has just moved back to Palmy to start a job as News Director at the Manawatu Standard. We've just spent the last week together in Timor-Leste with the Asia New Zealand Foundation. It's a fascinating place. I've written about our visit here if you are in-



terested. I just thought it was funny that two PNBHS Old Boys found ourselves in a different country on the same programme.

2) Related to my last point on finding myself not far away from PNBHS Old Boys, do you remember **Daniel Kurvink(0509)**? We are both currently working in the same office (he's looking over my shoulder as I type this) here at the Ministry of Justice, working for the Chief Operating Officer. Daniel is the COO's numbers man, while I look after the COO's relationships with the judiciary and external stakeholders like the Law Society and the Bar Association. Neither of us have law degrees...perhaps that's an advantage! What I also find amusing is that Sean Mallett is currently employed at the Wellington District Court and services 4 judges, but ultimately he reports through to my office. I never fail to remind him of the pecking order.

Jake Jackson-Grammar(0913) – considerable success in the world of triathlon

Jake is studying for a degree in civil engineering at Otago. (He trains in Dunedin with Josh Baan). Over the past few months, Jake has clocked up some impressive results: October: 11th in the Junior Elite Duathlon World Champs in Adelaide; November: 5th in the Christchurch Triathlon Cup; January: 3rd in the 18-24 group in the 70.3 Ironman at Taupo. This race consists of 1.9km swim, 99km bike ride and 21 km run – he did it on 4h17.2 secs. He plans to run the long-distance races like the 5000m at the National Track and Field Champs in March.



Staff member, Anne Whibley caught up with **Arana Noema-Barnett(0913)** at the Memorial Museum in Wellington, where the Peter Jackson exhibition is on display. She writes "I immediately recognised our Guide as a PNBHS old boy. It was Arana. He did a superb job. He knew WW! very well and only woops was that he couldn't remember who our PM in NZ was at the start of WW1. He started doing a Commerce degree but found it boring

and has changed to a History degree. He wants to do a Masters in History. Obviously this tour guiding in the weekend is to support him at Uni. He presented very well, looked smart and tidy, spoke well. You would have been very proud." (Indeed I am, Arana! Glad you have seen the light! Dom King)

Old Boys Waterpolo – Mr Ross writes:

Recently a team comprised completely of Old Boys plus myself played in the Senior Mens Water Polo National League Tier 2 competition in Wellington. We had the following Old Boys play at some stage over the weekend. From Palmerston North, Matt Schroder, Brandon Gillespie, Jared Eagle. From Wellington Callum Beattie, Dan Fouhy, Sam Richardson, Elliott Maassen, Ben Chisholm, Lane Huffman-Devey, Matt Phillips, Angus Buchanan. From Christchurch Alex Stothart.



From Auckland Edward Krishna. From Sydney Mohamed El Beshlawi and from Melbourne Troy Greenem.

The team played 6 games over the weekend against club sides that train together on a regular basis. We

won 1 game, beating the Royal NZ Airforce team and lost the other 5 games to finish 4th. The team had heaps of fun, played some good water polo in patches and were all pretty tired by Sunday evening. (l-r) in picture: Mohamed El Beshlawi, Brandon Gillespie, Troy Greenem, Jared Eagle, Sam Richardson, Alex Stothart, Myself, Edward Krishna, Lane Huffman-Devey, Callum Beattie, Elliot Maassen.

University of Waikato alumnus **Stuart Barrass(0509)** is working with some of Europe's most innovative companies. He's a Management Consultant for Ernst & Young (EY) based at their global headquarters in London.

The companies Stuart works for are so high-profile, he wasn't allowed to name them – company policy – but he did say they were companies listed on the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 Index.

In his role, Stuart helps clients find ways to use or adapt to new technologies. He's also involved in the EY Startup Challenge, an initiative that gives Europe's latest and greatest start-ups an opportunity to test their innovations on clients.

"I actually learn something new every day," says Stuart. "I have many different roles and responsibilities and get to work at the forefront of the European start-up scene."

EY's headquarters are in central London but Stuart spends most of his time in Shoreditch, an area in London commonly referred to as UK's Silicon Valley. "London is a fantastic place to live," says Stuart. "There's always something happening and events here draw the world's best leaders, academics and entrepreneurs."

Stuart says the recruitment process to land his big break wasn't easy. He had to go through several interviews and assessments in New Zealand and London. "Going into the final interview I expected to be grilled over the current global economy and the latest business trends but that's not what happened," says Stuart. "It was actually just a good chat about me and the firm, and the hour flew by." Stuart says his time at university helped him land this job.

The former Palmerston North Boys' High School student completed a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours and Graduate Diploma in Japanese at Waikato. During his studies, he went on a university exchange at Kansai Gaidai University, to enhance his Japanese language skills and learn more about the culture and society in Japan. He also won several scholarships including the Golden Key International Scholarship and Asia Foundation New Zealand Japan Scholarship, and was involved in student clubs such as Enactus, debating and the investment club. "This is where I learned a lot about public speaking, fundraising and social enterprise. In my second year I was lucky enough to go to the Enactus World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia," he says.

His key piece of advice?

"Think far ahead about where you want to be. Learn how others made it there and make plans. It takes a lot of effort and planning to get your dream job."

Victoria University Graduates from PNBHS between June 2015 and May 2016

Beattie, Callum, Benefield, Isaac, Chisholm, Benjamin, Clarke, Hayato, Feasey, Marcus, Fong Waylon, Geenty, Craig, Gilmour, Grayson, Guilford, William, Hastilow, Jamie, Hurle, James, Innes, Daniel, Journeaux, Hamish, Kirton, Nicholas, Landmark, Matthew, Lindsay, Mark, Lindsay, Patrick, Lynch, Simon, MacDuff, Cameron, Miles, Toby, Mulumba, Chimbala, Ng Ken, Payne, Elias, Perrett, Fintan, Quayle, James, Shakur, Aric, Smaling, Grayson, Smith, Kieran, Spencer, Edwin, Stanton, Sam, Thomas, Simon, Van-Brunt, Alexander, Vanderkolk, Samuel, Vindriis, Richard, Watts, Christopher



For your interest, staff retirements and Old Boys currently teaching at PNBHS.

Retired or retiring this year. Long serving staff members John Adams (tall one), Denis Duffy, Stuart Leighton, Trevor Wills, Colin Tinetti, Alison Hill, Phil Gosling, Wendy Pilcher, John Strawbridge, Richard Langley.

Old Boys on the staff: Dave Barwick, Justin Doolan, Paul Dredge, Anthony Ducre, Hamish Forbes, Callum Grayson, Todd Gunning, Chris Higgle, Bruce Kensington, Stacey Lambert, Mark Leighton, Stu Leighton, Shaun McFarlane, Jacob Meehan, Deane Pegler, Howie Pinder, Lance Retemeyer, Declan Stagg, Blair van Stipriaan, Steven Vindriis - 20 out of 116 teaching staff.



Callum Bryson(0509) has taken out the top spot for the Central North Island Registered Master Builders Carters 2016 Apprentice of the Year.

Callum trained through the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCTIO). He is employed by McMillan and Lockwood PN Limited. As part of the competition Callum entered information about the BNZ building in Waipukurau which he was involved in. Along with the other finalists he then had to impress the judges during a 45 minute interview and a practical carpentry challenge.

For winning Callum was given a range of new tools, \$2,000 to spend at Carters and a spot on an Outward Bound course.

The judges said, "Callum's building knowledge allowed him to speak with an excellent level of confidence and maturity..... He demonstrated the ability to deal with a wide range of people including clients, project managers, other carpenters and sub-contractors as well as the public.

And then, the following day, he married his fiancée, Laura! Congratulations on both counts.



At school, Callum was a school prefect and played in the 1st XV (2008 and 09) (And in my History class: Editor!) Callum will now go on to compete against the other nine regional winners.

Runner-up in this competition was another PNBHS 1st XV player, **Nathan Hill(0711)**.

Ireland has just beaten New Zealand after 111 years.

Congratulations to **Joe Schmidt** and the Irish team. Joe taught at PNBHS before going on to his coaching career. He is fondly remembered by the 1st XV's that he coached. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, he was able to join the 1996 1st XV for their reunion.



Heard a nice touch on the radio - at the end of the game **Aaron Cruden** went up to Joey Carbery, who was playing his debut match for Ireland, and gave him his All Black jersey. Carbery was born in Auckland, but moved to Ireland when he was 11. Coming back from injury and with Beauden Barrett in top form, Aaron has had a fair amount of bench-time, but injury in the game, saw him back in his No 10 slot for the second part of the game against Ireland.

Still on rugby players, saw picture of **Ben Funnell(0408)** helping stack firewood for senior St John Donor, Ngaire Pater-son in Christchurch. Ben along with two other burly Crudaders stepped in to assist St John and the Community Energy Trust with some community service. Good on you, guys!



Back in town recently was **Matthew Wilson(0609)**. At school he was in the OK Chorale, and then went down to Otago and has sung with a range of choirs there, as well as performing in the Dunedin Musical Theatre's production of the Phantom of the Opera and also a season in the Auckland production of The Magi Flute. He is off to America to complete a Masters of Music majoring in Operatic Performance at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.



Other Old Boys who have had success on singing include:

- **Chris Crowe(9094)** (featured in a previous Old Boy's newsletter - as the Phantom);
- **Tim Shirriffs(0307)** who studied in the USA and is now teaching singing in Palmerston North;
- **Matthew Leese(9296)** who is known as a versatile conductor, baritone, clinician and stage director. His performing experience in the USA, Canada, Asia, Europe and in his native country New Zealand includes dozens of solo and ensemble performances and recordings. Matthew is a core member of the internationally renowned medieval quartet Liber and Kansas City-based professional choir Spire. Matthew received degrees in Voice from the University of Otago in New Zealand, the Longy School of Music, Indiana University and holds the Doctorate in Choral Conducting and Literature from the University of Illinois. Matthew is Artistic Director of the Monadnock Chorus, Music Director of the Chamber Singers of Keene, Director of Choirs at the Monadnock Waldorf High School, Conductor-in-Residence of Voices of the Bay in St. Andrews, NB, Artist in Residence with the Boston City Singers, a volunteer for the Keene Music Festival and serves as a Lecturer in Music at Keene State College.
- **Matt Gifford(9901)** who is member of the highly successful barbershop group, Musical Island Boys
- **Hadleigh Adams(9802)**, who is doing sensationally well on the international music stage.



From his website:

Hadleigh Adams is a United-States based baritone who has received international acclaim for his performances on stage and in concert. He is renowned for his dynamic stage presence and ability to draw true, honest characters in his performances. His broad repertoire spans from Baroque and Bel Canto through Britten and contemporary composition. He has collaborated with some of today's greatest artists on the concert platform, and on the opera stage.

New-Zealand born, Hadleigh began his operatic studies at the University of Auckland gaining a Bachelor of Music, with first class, first division honours and then completed his Masters of Music at the New Zealand School of Music. From here he was invited to join the New Zealand Opera as a Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist.

In 2009 he relocated to Australia as the inaugural Gertrude Johnson Scholar at The Opera Studio, Melbourne. He then received a full three-year scholarship to London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he studied with Rudolf Piernay and Janice Chapman, gaining a Masters of Music with Distinction, and completed the Opera Program with first class, first division honours.

Following his studies, Hadleigh performed in concert at London's St Martin-in-the-Fields, the London Song Recital series, and has performed at the Wigmore Hall as a Voiceworks series artist. Whilst studying at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Hadleigh made his debut at London's Royal National Theatre singing the role of Christ in Jonathan Miller's production of Bach's St Matthew Passion, to critical acclaim.

Following these performances, Hadleigh was invited to join the Merola Opera Program, at the San Francisco Opera. After his time Hadleigh was invited to join the San Francisco Opera as an Adler Fellow, the first New Zealander to ever hold the position. During his two-year tenure with the company Hadleigh appeared in over 75 MainStage performances, and over 20 concert performances. His final performance with the company was in the role of Schaunard

in la Boheme.

In 2015 Hadleigh made his New York debut in RB Schlather's production of Handel's Orlando at Whitebox NYC. This production, conducted by Geoffrey McDonald won praise from critics for its visceral, modern treatment of the work:

"A muscular stud in head-to-toe skintight leather...Overseeing all is the magician Zoroastro, sung by Hadleigh Adams with a dense yet flexible bass and a glowering presence, whether in the aforementioned leather, a pair of white briefs or a Santa Claus costume."

Zachary Woolfe, New York Times

Since his New York debut Hadleigh has had his debut performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Oakland Symphony, Opera Pittsburgh, Opera Omaha, Cincinnati Opera, Opera Orlando. In 2015 Hadleigh also debuted a cabaret he wrote, to critical acclaim. The season sold out, and he will be performing an encore season in the 2016/17 season. This upcoming season also sees Hadleigh's debuts with the Philharmonia Orchestra of London, Nagambie Lakes opera Festival - Melbourne, Colorado Symphony, and return engagements with the Oakland Symphony, and Opera Parallèle.



On a lighter musical note, **Shane Cortese(8586)** brought his band down from Auckland to play at a PNBHS Fundraising "Titanic" Ball. The funds raised are going to the 2017 Commerce Tour to the United States. (Shane is 3rd from the right)

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Obituaries

Michael Dean – passed away 15 May 2015

Michael Dean, who has died aged 82, was an outstanding BBC broadcaster in the 1960s and 70s. On Late Night Line-Up, a nightly discussion programme on BBC2, he shared presenting duties with Denis Tuohy, Tony Bilbow and myself, two of us for each transmission. With 364 programmes a year over eight years, the pressure was never off: we were forever writing scripts, interviewing and filming, as well as contributing to a steady stream of ideas.



Michael took ideas seriously, and admired talent without sycophancy. He made friends of both Woody Allen and Barbara Streisand, who agreed to come back to appear on the programme again if Michael would interview them. His interviews with Tony Hancock, Morecambe and Wise, Gore Vidal and Peter Sellers were no showbiz soundbites but thoughtful conversations, in which Michael used his modesty and intelligence to steer guests to often revealing insights.

But he was no pushover: indeed he developed a bold technique that we came to call “the silent poisoner”. He would ask a straightforward question and, on receiving an evasive answer, he would deploy not the Paxman tactic, but the exact opposite. With sublime self-control he would simply remain silent and wait. It takes nerves of steel to do that on live television. But it was then that the interviewee, in a panic at the awkwardness of the pause, would blurt out anxiously whatever came into their heads. It was often the most revealing remark of all.

Michael’s quiet skills underpinned all that we were doing; he was widely read and knowledgeable about a range of subjects from jazz to sport and poetry. He wrote elegant and witty scripts – and in consequence went on in the 70s to make documentaries about, among others, Noël Coward, George Formby, and Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson..

Michael was born in Palmerston North, New Zealand. His mother, Mavis Holt, came from the family behind the successful Carter Holt Harvey timber company. His father, Kendrick Dean, was a remarkable GP who travelled abroad to seek out treatments for the ailments of his local community. When he was eight, Michael went with his three sisters, Dorothy, Viv and Julie, to a Quaker prep school in Whanganui, where he began to absorb the values of tolerance and hatred of injustice about which he would later become eloquent. He went on to Palmerston North Boys’ High School and became a journalist cadet on the local newspaper.

At the age of 20 he contracted TB and went to a sanatorium. It was there that he began to read intensively, discovering the joy of books and ideas that was to last him all his life. Poetry was a particular love. Shakespeare was his god, and TS Eliot a particular favourite – he called him “big Tom”.

After a year as a sports reporter for a Cape Town newspaper in South Africa, he returned to New Zealand and joined National Radio. He married his first wife, Shirley, and moved to Sydney, Australia. After three years, with his marriage at an end, he came to Britain, and by the mid-60s was a recognised face on Late Night Line-Up.

In 1968 he married the actor Christine Collins and they had two daughters, Rachael and Emily. When Line-Up was cancelled in 1972, he returned to New Zealand, where he had his own television chat show, Dean on Saturday. He then moved to Australia to work for Kerry Packer’s Channel Nine, where he anchored the coverage of the 1976 Montreal Olympics. By the 80s he was back in Britain and working for the BBC, reporting for such programmes as Man Alive and 40 Minutes.

His was a career of impressive range and integrity. But his personal life was more casual: he never bought a home, he had accidents with cars and his disorganisation often left those he loved in despair.

Nonetheless he took his daughters to Shakespeare’s tomb and shed tears for his hero. He made and kept friends, and was a regular at Late Night Line-Up reunions.

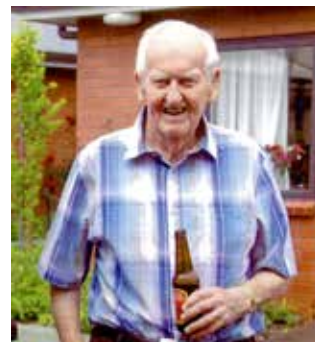
Towards the end of his life he had dementia; in his final months he was seriously affected. He often lost his way when he went out on his own, but to a friend who offered sympathy, his reply was upbeat: “Oh, getting lost means I see lots of places I didn’t know about before.” And to sympathetic comments about his condition he replied: “You know, this Alzheimer’s is really something of an adventure.”

Christine, from whom he was separated, died in February this year. His younger daughter, Rachael, died of cancer in 2012. He is survived by Emily, by two grandchildren, Rachael’s daughters Mimi and Alberta, and by his sister Viv.

Bill Meder – passed away 8 August 2016

Bill attended PNBHS from 1936 to 1939. He was a dedicated attendee of the school ANZAC service, having served as a Gunner and a Leading Air Craftsman in both the NZ Artillery. 6 AFV Regiment and the RNZAF.

Bill passed away on Monday, August 8, 2016, at Ranfurly Manor surrounded by family, in his 93rd year. Dearly loved and loving husband for 69 years of Maisie. Cherished and devoted father of Lynette Quin (Auckland), Margaret Garnett (Christchurch), David (Western Australia), and Ross (Darfield). A dearly loved and respected grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many. Love and thanks to the staff of Ranfurly Manor for their continuing care.

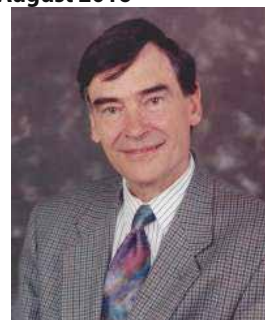


Thomas ‘Glen’ Evans – passed away 24 August 2016

Thomas attended PNBHS from 1950 to 1954. He played for the 1st XV, was involved with Debating and Boxing and was a school prefect. After qualifying in law, he worked as a barrister in Wellington and Lower Hutt. He was the Mayor of Lower Hutt from 1986 to 1995. In recent years he battled with Alzheimer’s and on 24 August he passed peacefully at Woburn Home, aged 80 years.

Dearly loved husband of Barbara; Much loved father & father-in-law of Laurence & Rochelle, Mike & Heather, and Geoff & Lynn; Loving grandad of Lauren, David, Daniel, Morgan, Briar, Will, Ben and Esme; Loved brother of Jim and George.

Grateful thanks to the Woburn Court staff for their loving care of Glen.



Frank Derek Manchester – passed away 1 May 2015

Born and raised in New Zealand, Frank attended PNBHS from 1938 to 1942. After school he obtained a Master’s degree in Physics and lectured at Victoria University in Wellington.

He then moved to Canada and completed a doctorate in low temperature physics at the University of British Columbia. Following this, he spent time as a post-doctoral fellow at the National Research Council of Canada Laboratories in Ottawa with D.K.C. MacDonald’s Low Temperature and Solid State Physics Group.

He worked for a period at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, setting up a low temperature physics laboratory. While at the University of Alberta, Dr. Manchester and his colleagues actively contested the introduction of the Bomarc Missile System into Canada. After finish-



ing his spell at the University of Alberta, Dr. Manchester joined the Physics Department at the University of Toronto.

While there, Professor Manchester was engaged in research involving the physics of metal-hydrogen systems – particularly the palladium-hydrogen system – as well as macroscopic hydrogen-density modes in coherent and incoherent metal-hydrogen systems.

He authored and co-authored approximately ninety scientific publications. He enjoyed quoting poetry at appropriate and inappropriate times. He took a keen interest in issues that affect human life on this planet.

Dr. Manchester resided in Victoria, British Columbia, in his later years until his passing in May 2015 at the age of 90. Predeceased by his daughter Lise, he is survived by his sons Kim and Justin of Toronto, his daughter's children, Ben Trueman of Halifax, Rosa Trueman of Fort McMurray and Jessie Trueman of Toronto, his loving wife and cherished best friend, Dorothy Clippingdale, and by his brother Brian and his family, of Waikanae, New Zealand.

Harvey Kerr – passed away December 2015

John Hastilow (6063) at the wheel of his 1912 Cadillac with good mate Harvey Kerr (6468). Harvey died aged 65 in Auckland in December 2015 after a brief illness faced with courage and supported by wife Chris, family and friends. Harvey was the son of Roy and Cath Kerr who once owned the Broadway Service Station.



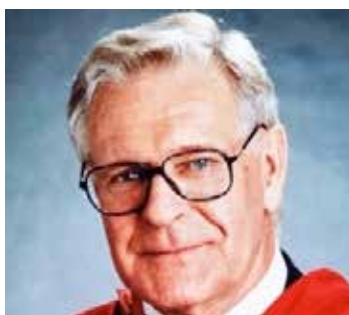
Harvey's interest in vintage cars started at school. He commenced restoration of a 1914 Cadillac before being seduced by the classic models of the 1950s and then owned and motored a 1957 Cadillac V8.

A keen rugby player (2nd XV), involved with athletics, boxing and pipe band, Harvey achieved SC and UE and went on to establish a successful insurance and superannuation consultancy in Auckland.

Professor Sir John Scott: 26 June 1931- 20 October 2015

Posted by CEO Blog on 25 November 2015

Earlier this month, at a Memorial Service, we paid tribute to Professor Sir John Scott, one of the truly great physicians of New Zealand medicine. While he touched the lives of many Professor Scott excelled as a physician, a teacher, a researcher and a medical leader.



Dr Briar Peat had the pleasure of knowing and working with Professor Scott over a period of 20 years. Briar shares her memories of this much admired and loved man.

John Scott was part of number of significant milestones in my medical career. As a medical student, a medical registrar and a young consultant, to me he was always Professor Scott.

Professor Scott became widely known by the public of New Zealand in 1973, when he lead the investigation by the Department of Medicine into what became known as the "Brych affair", which included a trip "behind the Iron Curtain", exposing Milan Brych as a fraud and eventually leading to his deregistration by the Medical Council in 1974.

As a researcher, Professor Scott was an expert in the field of lipid metabolism and enjoyed eating pastries, He always said he knew exactly

the level of his cholesterol and was allowed to indulge.

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand (1987), in recognition of his important contributions as a researcher in the field of lipid metabolism and cardiovascular disease, and appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, for Services to Medicine (1988).

After heading the University Department of Medicine, (1979-1987), Professor Scott came out to Middlemore to head the University of Auckland Academic Unit in 1987. He told wonderful stories of the early days of the Medical School in Auckland, including stories of intrepid young researchers (who all became esteemed professors) ferrying a pig across Auckland in the back of a Fiat Bambina.

The most remarkable story he told me was that as a student at Knox College, he had been one of the chief perpetrators of the greatest UFO hoax in New Zealand history, the "Grand Interplanetary Hoax of 1952", which completely fooled its intended target, the Otago Daily Times and gained significant international credence. He believed strongly in the scientific basis of medicine and spoke out strongly against pseudo-medicine. He believed that decisions should be made on "a basis of roundly presented, soundly analysed, best available information". He decried "misinformation" and from his early days at Knox College, believed that the Establishment and the media should be held accountable. His dogged pursuit of the truth and his commitment to uncovering untruths lay beneath his somewhat remarkable ability to unearth a number of scandals and controversies in medicine throughout his career.

At Middlemore, Professor Scott's primary focus was the nurturing of the relationship between the Clinical School and the Hospital and the fostering of a high quality research and learning environment, for which Counties continues to have a reputation second to none. During a period of repeated re-iterations of hospital services nationally, Professor Scott and David Clarke were the first in the country to re-introduce the role of a senior clinical leader, the Chief Medical Officer, of which Professor Scott was the first.

Professor Scott was an astute and caring physician who witnessed, and was part of, the rapid evolution of modern scientific medicine after the Second World War. His manner with patients always impressed me, Professor Sir John Scott, Knight of the Realm, always introduced himself to his patients as Dr Scott. Among others, he recounted the miracle that was the introduction of frusemide, before which the only treatments for heart failure were bed rest and digoxin. Despite his deeply scientific leanings, he believed firmly in the Art of Medicine and the care of the patient. "The craft of caring for patients is a legitimate, scientifically appropriate adjunct to medicine. That role is necessary for the comfort and sanity of human society. Osler said, "good clinical medicine will always blend the art of uncertainty with the science of probability" (1995).

Professor Scott was a remarkable teacher. He was deeply committed to us as medical students and young physicians. His living memorial is the generation of New Zealand doctors who benefited from his wisdom and example.

Dr Briar Peat

Michael Soo(0610) and David Hills(0610)

It is with regret that we report the deaths of Michael Harley Soo, 23 (right), and David James Hills, 22 (left), who died when their four-door sedan collided head-on with a heavy truck on State Highway 1 in South Waikato. They had been to the A Day To Remember concert in Auckland and had been on their way home.



David Hills' dad, Brian Hills, described David as a "very well-liked

young man”.

“He touched a lot of peoples hearts, he was a bit of a character.” Hills said David had just started to get himself “where he wanted to be”. “He had just started a new job with RD1; he [was] the assistant manager so he was starting to move.” David had developed a passion for tropical fish recently and Hills said he had a whole room in his flat of fish tanks. “He loved mountain biking and until he injured his knee he wasn’t a bad rugby player.”

David and Michael had been friends for many years.

Palmerston North Boys High School rector David Bovey said both Michael and David had been through the school and “they were good guys”. “David was a hard working young man; he was fully involved in the life of the school, he played rugby and played canoe polo. “He played a little bit of chess and was a quiet and courteous young man.”

Bovey said Michael was “a bit of a character”. “They played a bit of canoe polo together.” He said hearing about the deaths was “terribly sad”. “They were good guys and I know they will be terribly missed.”

Ben McCarthy(9598)

It is with great regret that we record the passing of Ben McCarthy (1994-98) on 31 May from brain cancer. When Ben left school, he went to PN Teacher Training College and graduated as a primary school teacher. Most of his teaching life has been at Hokowhitu School where he was a much loved teacher. His funeral was at St Michaels in Highbury. Our condolences to all his family and friends. Jeremy Martley (1994-98) told us the news as he had come down for the funeral. Jeremy is working as project manager for Fletchers based in Tauranga.



William Allen Jordan

William Allan Jordan (1941) passed away on 31 May. William played in the 1st XV as hooker. His nephew, Neil Barsanti, gave us his cap and a photo of the 1941 1st XV. Please know that we are very happy to receive and archive any memorabilia that you may want to dispose of. They are a great source of evidence about the past. Please contact the School Archivist, Dom King at kingd@pnbhs.school.nz.

Bill Anderson(5660)

Bill Anderson, long time staunch supporter of the School and the Old Boys Association, passed away in February this year. Click on this link to view article on Bill and his career

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/77364173/Former-voice-of-Manawatu-rugby-Bill-Anderson-dies>



Alan Mason(3640)

Alan Mason passed away in March. A long term supporter of the school and the ANZAC Day service in particular, Alan loved sports cars and drove one right to the end. He was Dux Ludorum in 1940, playing 1st XV and was a significant athlete. Like William above, he donated his cap to the school. He was a fighter pilot in WW2. After the war, he worked as a nursery man for 44 years before retiring. He was actively involved in local organisations, institutes and local politics.

Robert James Burke(4850) was born in Wellington during the Great Depression and educated at Wellington College and Palmerston North Boys High. On his father Percival's advice, he started work, age 16 and while still at school, at the Manawatu Times as a copy holder.

From there, and after a 10-week stint in Linton Army Camp on compulsory military training, Roy moved to the Levin Chronicle, where he added photography to his writing skills. It was in Levin he met his first wife, Val Skilton. The marriage lasted nearly 30 years.



In that time Roy moved to the Marlborough Express as a photo-journalist, and then to Wellington's Evening Post, where he worked the police, defence and emergency services rounds for about nine years. He reported most of the DC3 Kaimai crash Royal Commission in the early 1960s. At Eastbourne he counted bodies stacked on a farm trailer. That date was April 10, 1968 – the day the Wahine went down with the loss of 51 lives. Other weather stories he wrote that day, of a young girl beheaded in her bed by wind-borne roofing iron and a woman motorist crushed to death by a falling tree, were not published – pushed out of news space by the Wahine disaster.

The defence force took him to South East Asia in 1967 and again in 1969 when war was tearing Vietnam apart. He skimmed tree tops in blood-smeared helicopters and later described the experience as life-changing.

A reporter too competent for his own good he was promoted to a management desk job as deputy chief reporter – a role, by his own admission, he was not much chop at. Despite that, and perhaps on the Peter Principle, he was again promoted, this time to editorial manager. He had had enough, and asked for a transfer to the Waikato Times, where he returned to the newsroom, drew the health round, and found his niche.

Roy was an excellent health reporter, remembered decades after as a ground-breaking writer in the field. A certificate of appreciation from the Waikato Hospital Board acknowledged his support of a campaign, which raised \$2.3 million for the hospital's first CT scanner. He was the first to report on the implications of the Aids epidemic for New Zealand.

Struck down by a life-threatening illness, he spent 12 days in Waikato Hospital in an induced coma. True to form while recuperating he wrote at length of his treatment in a series of articles. His sympathetic and accurate observations cemented his reputation at the hospital and opened doors in the medical field. He went on to win a row of national writing awards. He topped them off with the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation Research Fellowship to travel anywhere. He visited New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Kalamazoo, London, Norwich, Switzerland and Japan looking at pharmaceutical research.

Years later he got a “bionic knee” under spinal anaesthetic and, of course, wrote an article about it. He had heart surgery, and wrote about that. Then, in 2012 he got prostate cancer, and wrote about that as well, in detail, honestly and disarmingly.

“I know,” he wrote at the time, “of nobody in my family who has had cancer. I write a weekly obituary for the Waikato Times. I know what these people died of. Lots died of cancer. Some my age got bowled by prostate cancer. Was I worried? Take a guess.”

It was this cancer which was to return in malignant force this year, overwhelming him. He was brave. Just three days before he died, and while supposedly in extremis, he pushed himself using a Zimmer frame into walking his granddaughter Natalea from his studio at the Malvina Major retirement village, out through the lounge, down to the car park, and to her car door ... because he could. Roy never went in to hospital and managed, with daughter Deidre's help, to avoid rest home beds and hospitals. He had views over the Khandallah hills, where he grew up, and out over Wellington Harbour. He spent the last part of his life with independence and dignity.

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 of 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 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

Some parents paid \$60 or \$80 during your time at school, so you only need to pay the balance to get membership.

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

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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"

The school 1st XV has an 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 oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz



Old Boys Association Initiatives

The Executive has 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 at oldboys@pnbhs.school.nz

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

1976, 1986 and 1996 1st XV Reunions

It has been a busy year for 1st XV reunions. Earlier in the newsletter there are pictures of the 1966 50th Reunion - great effort! Of note was the 1996 team who played a game against the 4th XV, the team the Rector coaches. The Rector himself took to the field with his team, but the wiles of the older players proved too much for the schoolboys!



1976 1st XV

(back) T.Divehall, N.Parkinson, A.Jull, S.Jones, W.Jones
(middle) B.Belgrave, P.Stratton, D.Russell, J.Josephs
(front) T.Bielski, A.Grayson, A.Josephs, R.George



1986 1st XV

(back) P.Harre, R.Saker, D.Caldwell, C.Collier, B.Cameron, D.Olsen
(middle) J.Whyte (coach) S.MacLeod, G.Yarrall, D.Coleman, K.Green, J.Yeates, D.Rowe
(front) T.Falloon, D.Love, H.Ruawai, J.Stewart, C.Gregg T.Flack



1996 1st XV

(back) C.Stapleton, G.Webb, P.Miers, P.Hooper, S.Leung-Wai
(2nd back) J.McLean, S.Easton, R.James
(middle) B.Stephenson, S.Walsh, P.Hanly, R.Asalemo, S.Ratima, A.Rowland
(front) J.Schmidt (coach) Matt Skerman, M.Pettman, M.Hocken, T.Gray, K.Palmer (manager)



Rector, Dave Bovey pretending he's a half back;



Sam Leung-Wai still showing speed



Coach, Jo Schmidt with his "boys"

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.