



# Palmerston North Boys' High School

## Newsletter 2016 - June

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Sean Pape going over the line in match against New Plymouth



Mr Ferreira and Mrs Taylor entertaining Vietnamese visitors with bangs and smells



Latest Old Boys reps: Hayden Phillips in the Black Sticks to Rio and Liam Squire had his debut as an All Black against Wales



Language and Cultural tour of Germany - story on page 11



Prefects with some of the food collected for the Food Bank



Campbell Stewart (NZL) winning the Junior Men's Elimination at Darebin International Sports Centre (DISC).



Hemi Kawhenua-Ruakere, Sayj Emery-Kingi, Mikaere Tipene, Mason Murrow, Harlen Chase-Raharuhi displaying the Maori martial art, Mau Rakau



Joel Fleet-Stephenson appealing to the school for the 40 Hour Famine which raised money for World Vision in Syria





## From the Rector Mr David Bovey

Watching the school's superb Concert Band and Stage Band performing recently in the Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands in Hastings, I was reminded of the importance of co-curricular activities in the education of young men. Our school's website features an article, 'Why a Boys' School?' that includes research findings from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research which outline how boys' schools often excel at providing a wide range of co-curricular opportunities.

The irony is that boys' schools are often perceived to be solely focused on sport. Indeed, we continue to hear comments about how so much of what the school has on its Facebook page is sport; but given the sheer numbers of our young men involved in sport, and given the level at which many of them are competing, it is natural that we look to recognise their achievements.

Those who do assume boys' schools think little of cultural activities need only to watch groups such as the Concert and Stage Bands in action. They need only to have attended the Regent Theatre recently for the Regional Big Sing competition, where four school vocal groups performed with distinction, including, for the first time, a Pasifika Choir, who were outstanding. The school's elite choir, OK Chorale, have been acclaimed at national level for many years now.

They need only to see the annual musical production, performed in collaboration with Girls' High School pupils, or see the Junior Performing Arts group, or the Junior Concert Band, or those senior drama classes who, as part of their NCEA courses, present productions during the school's annual Drama Festival.

It has been great to see our musical groups visiting local schools as part of their Music Roadshow, where pupils at contributing schools got the chance to see the standard of our young men in this regard, and where some may indeed be inspired to take up a musical instrument. As Plato once said, music "gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination".

Well done to all those who are involved in the performing arts, indeed to all young men who are participating in our very busy co-curricular programme.

It has been interesting to note the goings-on in the political scene in the United States. Very little has given 'wings to the mind' but it is an interesting study of how in times of uncertainty some in society seek to blame others for their troubles. Having a candidate who is very vocal about who he thinks should be blamed and how he would deal with them has attracted a good deal of public support; particularly, perhaps, from those in the fencing industry who may have sensed a real opportunity on the border.

This culture of shifting blame is evident at a number of levels. While the majority of our young men here at school will front up and admit to their mistakes, there are still some who seek to blame anyone but themselves for their behaviour. It is also disappointing that this is sometimes supported by parents who are also trying to make excuses for their son. This teaches young men nothing; life lessons can be hard, but they teach resilience and character, and by shifting the blame or making excuses young men are not going to learn these important characteristics.

### School Reports

Young men who have clear goals inevitably have a more focused and determined approach to their academic work and it has been gratifying to see the number of outstanding reports.

The 2016 mid-year reports were posted to parents in the last week of term. I would encourage you as parents to take time to sit down with your son to discuss his progress and his attitude in all subject areas. The most important aspect of these reports is the attitude grade for each subject, and while I have congratulated those who have done well, it is also worth noting that a number of young men have let themselves down and not given anything like their best effort in some areas. This needs to be addressed with some urgency if that is indeed the case.

### Term 3 Calendar of Events

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the Term 3 events to enable young men and families to diary key dates.

### Open Day

For parents of Year 8 boys considering enrolment at PNBHS in 2017, our Open Day is on Thursday 4 August. Presentations followed by tours of the school will begin in the Speirs Centre at 9.45am, 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

While PNBHS will continue to operate an enrolment scheme we have been able to accept all applications for enrolment, received by the closing date, since the scheme was introduced and would like to be able to continue to do so. Out of zone enrolments after the closing date are unlikely to be accepted. This year we were unable to accept a number of out of zone enrolments that were received after the closure of the enrolment period.

Enrolments for 2017 will open on Tuesday 26 July, the first day of term 3.

If you require further detail please contact the school office on 06 3545 176.

### School Ball:

Date: Saturday 20 August, 8pm – midnight

Venue: Silks Lounge, Awapuni Racecourse Function Centre

The school ball is a long standing tradition at PNBHS. Despite the often adverse publicity that comes with such functions, it is my preference

to continue this tradition so our seniors have the opportunity to experience a formal social occasion with young women. The parameters we set have grown through time to recognise the availability of drugs and alcohol and the growing pressure that consumption of these before and/or after a school ball is the norm for teenagers today. This belief needs to be dispelled.

Our senior school ball has very clear expectations and we want young men and their partners to have a night to remember; one that is alcohol and drug free.

We do have systems in place that will monitor this so that those who ignore our warnings are identified for their own protection and the protection of others. The use of alcohol and drug detection services may initially detract from the quality occasion our seniors have in mind, but at the same time the outcome of the evening needs to align with our school's integrity and standards.

As we approach the 2016 Senior School Ball, the seniors, who choose to attend the ball, will be reminded that it is an official school function and that fundamental rules in respect to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes apply.

I encourage you to talk to your son about behaviour that is appropriate at a formal occasion of this nature. We, as a school, will clearly reinforce the rules and expectations associated with our school ball. The young men and their partners who choose to attend are expected to abide by our guidelines. It is your son's responsibility to ensure his partner understands the meaning of attending a PNBHS Senior Ball.

This is not a compulsory school activity thus if your son cannot agree with our rules, guidelines or expectations then he does not have to attend.

Each young man who wishes to purchase a ticket to this year's ball will receive a letter regarding the conditions of attendance. I would ask you to read through this letter with your son and complete the return slip.

The conclusion of the School Ball is midnight and, thereafter, you, as parents, are responsible for the safety and well-being of your son. There are to be no after-ball parties, which have a clear tendency to quickly deteriorate. I thank you in advance for the support you will provide the school and your son.

This school event is an important social occasion for young men and their partners. We wish to continue offering such an opportunity to our young men and their partners. We will continue to do so, as long as the Ball is the key event our young men want to attend on the evening and the formality of such an occasion is retained.

### **School Fees and donations**

Recently the media has covered a number of stories related to school fees and donations and has reported comments from the government about state schooling in New Zealand being 'free'. I would like to take this opportunity to shed some light on what is often a rather simplistic view of the situation.

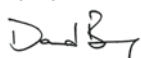
Schools in New Zealand are funded on the basis of their 'decile'. In this system schools are ranked based upon the income of the parents of the students attending the school. The schools with the wealthiest 10% of parents are banded as decile 10, the next wealthiest 10% of parents as decile 9 and so on, down to decile 1. School funding – additional to the basic operations grant which each school receives – is then allocated based upon these decile rankings, with schools where parents earn the most receiving less funding than those schools where students' parents earn less. The theory behind this model is that parents at wealthier schools can afford to pay for the many extras the schools provide that parents at low decile schools cannot afford.

As a decile 8 school Palmerston North Boys' High School receives a minimum level of funding over and above our operations grant. The school receives enough government funding to cover only two-thirds of what is required to offer the opportunities that we as a school offer. This means that the many extras we provide have to be funded through money we raise from our community i.e. school donations. These donations go towards additional teaching staff so that we can offer a diverse curriculum with a wide range of subject options, additional support for learning assistance classes, support programmes for students who are struggling with their academic progress at all year levels, mentoring programmes for at risk Year 11 and Year 12 students, alternative programmes at Level 2 and Level 3, the literacy programme, the Leadership programme, the academic accelerate programme, alongside a full range of sporting and cultural activities with teams and groups to cater for students of all abilities. These programmes would cease without the subject fees and donations.

We pride ourselves on the young men who leave our gates. We strongly believe that in order 'To develop educated men of outstanding character' a full breadth of opportunities must be available and this approach is strongly entrenched in our school history. Unfortunately, we believe the level of funding we receive from the government does not allow us to achieve our vision. Without these donations, the school would not be able to offer the quality of all-round education that it does. We would encourage you to support your son's education and Palmerston North Boys' High School; if you are yet to pay the donations and costs we would certainly encourage you to do so, and arrangements can be put in place at the school's finance office. Finally, we would like to thank the large number of parents who have paid this year's school fees and donations – without your support our young men would not have the opportunities they do.

### **Board of Trustees Election**

Thank you to all those in the PNBHS community who voted in the recent Board of Trustees election. It was gratifying to see a record number of candidates stand for the Board, and congratulations to Mrs Tania Harris, Mr Simon O'Connor, Mr John Stewart and Mr Grant Watts on their re-election. Congratulations, too, to Mr Craig Purdy on his election, and to Mr Michael Lawrence on his re-election as Chairman of the BoT



D M Bovey  
Rector



## Student Achievement

- Music - Edward Fairclough was presented with his Music Tie after his selection in the New Zealand Youth Pipe Band.
- Cross Country – at the Super Eight Cross Country held in New Plymouth the team finished runners-up for the second year in a row. In the Year 9 race Blain Quinn and William Leong finished in the top ten, as did Sam Phillips, Benjamin Wall and Luke Scott in the intermediate event.
- National Youth Award – Te Ariki Te Puni was presented with his National Youth Award in the 'Change-Maker' category at Parliament buildings.
- Choral – the Son of a Pitch choir competed recently in the regional barbershop Competition in Wellington and finished fourth overall. In the quartet section the senior quartet finished third, thus qualifying for the Nationals later in the year. The second quartet was fifth and may also qualify through the 'wild card' system.
- Music – at the Manawatu Jazz Festival held at the Regent Theatre over Queen's Birthday, the Stage Band won best local band and won Best Overall for the first time since 2003. The trombone section won Best Trombone, normally an individual award.
- Super Eight Cultural Festival – the senior and junior debating teams took part in this festival along with the Kapa Haka group. The junior debaters finished runners-up with the seniors losing in the semi-final. The Kapa Haka group finished a close fourth.
- Basketball – the Premier A team played fellow Super Eight schools Hastings BHS and Rotorua BHS at a mini-tournament in Hastings recently. Hastings, last year's Super Eight tournament winners, were beaten 65-52, while Rotorua were beaten 100-64. The Prem. A team also defeated Scots College in a recent match.
- Swimming – Chris Arbuthnott is currently competing in Europe in his quest to qualify for the Olympics in Para swimming. He won a bronze medal at a meet in Germany in the S9 class 100m butterfly.
- Old Boys – Liam Squire was named recently in the All Black squad to play Wales. If he gets on the field he will be the school's 13th All Black. Liam joins fellow Old Boy Aaron Cruden in the squad.
- Old Boys – Hayden Phillips, 2015 school prefect and 1st XI player, has been selected to join Old Boy Nick Wilson in the NZ Men's hockey team for the upcoming Olympics.
- Leadership – Patrick Takurua recently attended the second day of his Fuji Xerox Next Generation Young Leaders programme in Auckland. Te Ariki Te Puni was the school's representative in this programme last year.
- Old Boys Reunions – the 1986 1st XV and 1976 1st XVs have had reunions in recent weeks.
- Old Boys – Khair Jones (2003-07) has been selected in the Malaysia national football team.
- Race Unity Presentation - Te Ariki Te Puni was presented with his Race Unity award for winning the national speech competition at a recent assembly. Dame Susan Devoy was present in her role as Race Relations Conciliator. The assembly was live-streamed on the interweb and was completed with a quip about the South African-ness of Mr Truter.
- Academic – Year 13 student and School Prefect Stuart Turrill has been selected as one of ten young New Zealanders to represent the country at the Somme commemoration services in September of this year. Stuart will spend two weeks in France visiting WWI sites and working with French students as part of the Shared Histories project.
- Niger House – the Year 9 College House team were defeated 33-24 on the Gully in the annual Niger House fixture.
- Music – Changhee Cho was a member of the combined PNBHS/ PNGHS Graziso Trio that won the Chamber Music competition recently.
- Football – the 1st XI defeated Francis Douglas Memorial College from New Plymouth 1-0 in their regional qualifying group fixture on Tuesday. They followed this up with a 0-0 draw in the annual exchange with New Plymouth BHS which saw them qualify top of the regional group and thus make the Top 16 at this year's NZSS tournament.
- Squash – Corbin Faint won his division at the Fitzherbert Rowe tournament last weekend. Jordan Bell defeated his brother Richard to win the final in their division.



### From the Deputy Rector

#### Progress and Achievement

As you read this, young men will be waiting to receive their first written report for 2016. These reports will provide both you and your son with a good indication of how he is progressing at the mid-point of the year. We believe very strongly that the attitude grade on the report is the most important part. Hopefully your son will receive grades that indicate he is approaching his education in a conscientious and determined manner. If this is the case, he is likely to achieve the best academic results he is capable of, and consequently, leave himself with a wide range of options in terms of future pathways. If this is not the situation, the upcoming school holidays will provide you with an opportunity to spend some time working with him to help him refocus in order to begin term three in a more positive manner.

Often young men are not well organised and struggle to prioritise. Consequently, not as much time is put into revision as it should be, or assignments are only started at the last minute. These factors frequently result in levels of achievement below that which a young man is capable of. The flow on effect of poor performance can be a loss of confidence, which can then influence their future effort and achievement levels; a

downward spiral of underperformance. It is not unusual for simple interventions – such as creating a set study time and space for your son, one free from digital distractions – to have a significant impact and break this cycle. Your involvement and support in this process is essential as it is unlikely that your son will be able to break any negative habits on his own.

#### Parental Support and Involvement

A key way in which parents can show their support for their son's education is through attending parent/teacher interviews. These take place in term three on Thursday August 11 and Monday August 15. Information about booking interviews will be emailed to parents at the beginning of term three. Parent/teacher interviews will allow you to get a more detailed picture of your son's progress, and in particular, information about the next steps in his learning – crucial information if he is to achieve to his potential, and crucial information for parents so that you can support his progress.

#### NCEA and Scholarship Fees

A reminder that NZQA and Scholarship fees are now due. Individual invoices have been provided to parents with sons sitting NCEA assess-

ment and it would be appreciated if this fee (\$76.70) could be paid by the end of term two. Late entries do incur a fee and require you to deal directly with NZQA. NCEA qualifications will not be recognised unless NCEA fees are paid. If you have any questions about the payment of NCEA fees, or believe you qualify for financial assistance, please contact the Finance Office. Scholarship entries, for interested students studying Level Three or advanced subjects, are made through a separate process and the cost for this is \$30 per subject. An entry form for Scholarship can be obtained from the Finance Office and needs to be returned, along with the entry fee, by Friday, July 29.

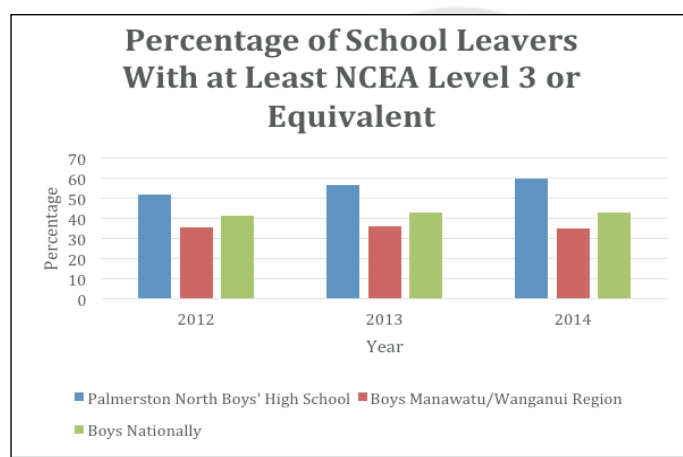
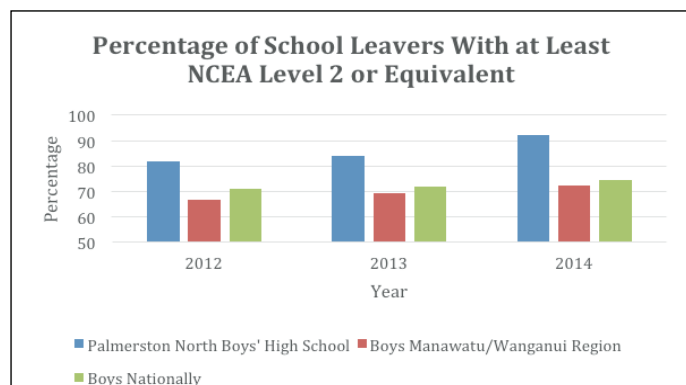
### Open Day

We are approaching the time of year when intermediate age young men and families in our community begin to make decisions about which secondary school they will attend. Our school Open Day is on Thursday, August 4. On this day there will be presentations in the Speirs Centre at 9.45am, 5.30pm and 7.00pm, followed by a tour of the school. If you have friends or family who are looking at secondary school options, please share this information with them. The 2017 school prospectus will be available from the main school office at the beginning of term three. Further detail about our school can be found on our website and Facebook page.

### Why a Boys' School?

Recently we have updated our school website to include a summary of research undertaken by the independent New Zealand Council of Educational Research (NZCER). This research concluded that boys in boys' schools consistently achieve above boys in co-educational schools at all levels of NCEA, including merit and excellence endorsements; boys in boys' schools have a higher rate of achieving scholarships; and analysis of schools by decile shows that boys' school students achieve at a higher rate than those in co-educational schools in all 10 deciles.

We have also included some NCEA information comparing our results against the results for boys in the Manawatu/Wanganui Region and National Results. This data is taken from the Public Achievement Information produced by the Ministry of Education (MOE) as part of their drive towards the Better Public Service target of having 85% of school leavers achieve NCEA Level Two by 2017. We are awaiting the processing of our 2015 data by the MOE.



### Character

Over the course of our lifetime we will all face situations that will test our will, defy our determination and challenge our character. Receiving disappointing examination or internal assessment grades are one such situation, missing selection in a particular group or team is another that many young men will be able to relate to. In such situations we have two options; to accept defeat, or to respond positively and rise to the challenge. Young men who exhibit perseverance, commitment, industry and determination, who choose to be defined by their response to a setback or failure, rather than the setback itself, are those who will ultimately thrive in the competitive and challenging environment in which we all live.

Parental responses play an important role in building young men's resilience. If failure is viewed as an opportunity to learn, and young men are supported and guided to find the learning in such circumstances, they will be better placed for similar situations in the future. Helping your son to set achievable goals so that he can recover from a setback is an important role parents can play, as creating opportunities for success or achievement is essential. This could include, for example, starting with small targets about the completion of homework, finishing parts of a larger assessment task, or focusing on the development of specific skills in a sporting or musical performance context; things that can be easily achieved. This will help to build young men's confidence and sense of self efficacy – their belief in their ability to succeed in a given situation.

Perseverance, determination and positive responses to challenging situations builds character. Quitting – giving up and being defined by a failure or setback rather than by ones response – becomes habit forming. Working hard to overcome a challenge, no matter how small or insignificant, builds confidence and from this comes the motivation to confront future challenges in a positive manner.

G M Atkin

DEPUTY RECTOR

### Mr John Adams



Careers  
Rugby  
Cricket  
Workshops  
(outside  
school time)

*"There's more to education than what happens in the classroom."*

### Mr Chris Bester



Geography/  
Social Studies  
Manager  
Bears and  
Badgers  
Squash  
Teams  
Raukawa  
Adventure  
Camp leader

*"If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit. William J. Clinton"*

### Mr Jake Blanks



Science  
1st XI  
Hockey  
Coach

*"If you don't practice, you don't deserve to win." - Andre Agassi.*

### Mr Winston Briggs



Hard  
Materials  
Technology  
PNBHS  
cycling, Year  
10 Cycling  
develop-  
ment,  
Basketball,

Y10 Coast to Coast camp.

*"Don't be afraid to fail. It's the way to success." LeBron James*





## Maori & Pasifika News



*Tēnā koutou katoa, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Bula Vinaka, Kia Orana, Taloha Ni, Fakalofa lahi atu, Halo Olaketa, Ia Orana*

### PNBHS Matariki Celebrations

On Thursday 16 June we celebrated Matariki with our whānau and boys. We had an amazing array of performances which reflected the diverse talents and passions of both senior and junior students.

- ngā waiata (song)
- ngā haka (dance)
- ngā taonga puoro (music)
- ngā mau rakau (traditional Māori weapons)
- ngā taonga-o-wharawhara (cultural adornment)
- ngā kōrero (storytelling)



### Big Sing Regionals

On Wednesday 16th June our Pasifika Choir participated in the Big Sing Regionals. All the boys did a great job of singing the hymns practised throughout Term 1 and Term 2. At the end of the night, our choir achieved a Merit Certificate – Commended for Performance Excellence by a Non-Competitive Choir. An amazing effort from our boys.



### Pasifika Fusion Festival Update

On the evening of Wednesday 6th July, the Pasifika Fusion Festival will begin with academic categories of speeches, debating, quiz, cinematography and more. On Thursday 7th July, our Pasifika Club will be participating in a variety of categories throughout the day, like Talent, Drama, Cultural Performance and more. Later on in the day, there will also be an evening gala that starts at 6pm.

If you are available, please come along and support your son if he is participating on these days.



## e-Learning at Palmerston North Boys' High School

### Future Education and Technology 2016 Conference

Director of e-Learning, Des Waters and Senior Master Grant Sinclair recently attended the Future Education and Technology 2016 conference in Auckland.

A couple of highlights from the conference were:

- Stephen Lethbridge, Principal, Taupaki School emphasised that the 'e' in e-Learning should be for effective learning. He talked about the context for digital learning and argued that we should not put the cart before the horse. Technology should be used to facilitate students' learning and not the other way around.
- Richard Rowley, Educator, The Mind Lab – suggested that educators should not be afraid of technology. He talked about his work with augmented reality and emphasised the fact that our students are 21st Century learners. He made the point that most students have laptops. They are digital natives. Schools need to engage with kids and make their learning meaningful by making it more interactive.

### Microsoft Office 365 in Education

Palmerston North Boys' High students now have the ability to download Microsoft Office products for free onto five devices. They also get one TB of cloud based storage which means students can store all their information online so they never have to worry again about losing their work. This is a great offer and we would encourage our students to take advantage of it.

All students need to do is go to:

[www.microsoft.co.nz/studentoffice](http://www.microsoft.co.nz/studentoffice) and register with their school email address. Make sure they choose the account that is for Schools/Business. After that follow the simple instructions on screen and it will do the rest.

For the latest in e-Learning tools at PNBHS, you can go to this blog:

<http://pnbhselearning.blogspot.co.nz/>. Once you have registered with your email on the side of the page, every time this blog is updated you will receive a notification.

*Des Waters and Angie Baines*



## Construction classes



This year two Year 12 construction classes have again taken on ambitious projects with both classes braving the weather as they complete their yearly group project. The first group are again building a transportable utility shed that measures 3.8 x 2.6m. Over the past three weeks the class has been lucky enough to have the support and expertise of Doug and the rest of the SCAFIT scaffolding team. The class would like to sincerely thank SCAFIT for the help and assistance they have given to the group as they have erected the barrier scaffolding around the building currently under construction.

The second class have entered into the nationwide buildability challenge. The buildability challenge requires students to build a children's play house to given specifications. This year's groups are creating a pirate ship themed playhouse and a *Frozen* inspired design. Both groups have gone through an extensive design phase with support from the BCITO and are now into the construction phase. Each playhouse is starting to really take shape as the groups tackle the challenge of creating the roof.

Year 13 students have taken on client based projects this year. Their projects involve students working with clients to meet specifications and needs. Three groups are well into the build phase of the project with some outstanding constructions.

## Year 9 Future Product Presentations



Mr Doolan's Year 9 Business Studies Class boys made their Future Product PowerPoint presentations to Ms Leenards.

Ms Leenards studied at the University of Arts in London and was a Buyer Administration Assistant for Glassons in Auckland.

The boys had to come up with the idea of a product that would be useful and helpful in the future. They had to design, advertise, market, and present their product to the class. There were some amazing ideas such as future kitchens with unique technology, running shoes that changed for all conditions while on, changeable clothing that could be used in all conditions, a jacket with a built in control panel with WiFi and Apps.

The boys had to create a business plan showing advertising, costs, marketing and technology benefits for the future. Along with this they had to use the skills of verbal presentation of the whole group accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation in front of their peers.

It was an educational and fun activity. Ms Leenards was certainly impressed with the ideas and group presentations.

Well done boys. The winning idea and presentation was the Future Jets Packs/ Future Travel.



## International Visitors from Vietnam

Palmerston North Boys' High School is hosting a group of 13 boys from The Olympia School, Hanoi, Vietnam for five weeks.

During their stay they are participating in mainstream classes as well as PNBHS providing special one-off lessons including: Science, Maori, Woodwork, Art, Basketball and Physical Education.

They are also doing some trips around the region including a farm visit, the wind farm, Wellington (left), Massey University and Mt Ruapehu. We are very impressed with their level of English and their ability to fit into Palmerston North Boys' High School Culture. We are sure they will enjoy the rest of their stay here.



## PNBHS INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED.

Namiki High school from Japan is visiting Palmerston North Boys' High School from 31st July to 9th August.

The boy's ages range from 15 to 16 years old. They will attend normal school days. Some classes will be integrated and they will also have ESOL classes.

Requirements for Homestay are below:

- We need warm, welcoming family homes to take care of these boys for their visit here in Palmerston North. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to experience learning about a new country, culture and language.
- The student must have his own room; he cannot share and the bedroom must be in the home, ie not a sleep out.
- The homestay is for nine nights. This is to include all meals with a packed lunch on School days.
- Daily transport is required or they must be accompanied if walk-

ing to school or taking the bus.

- There is to be only one Namiki student per homestay family and there can be no other Japanese student residing at the home.
- You will receive a lump sum of \$295.00 to host your student for that period.

A Police vetting form is required to be completed in advance for all family members in the homestay over the age of 18 years. The process is to fill in a homestay application form and Police vetting forms. Once forms are complete, I can match up homestay families with students.

Please email **Wendy Christophers, Accommodation Manager** at [homestay@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:homestay@pnbhs.school.nz) for a homestay application form or phone 354 5176 extn 775.

# What the Careers Department has to Offer

One of the biggest challenges in the Careers role is communication. To this end, we have been trying to use two main points of contact for both boys and parents:

1. The Careers Stratus page – go to Stratus, select Students from the top Menu and select Careers from the drop down menu.
2. The PNBHS Careers and Pathways Facebook page.

I would encourage parents and boys to visit both on a regular basis.

In addition to these two avenues, events are publicised within the school, through daily notices, assembly and the careers noticeboards in both E and C Blocks.

## Access to the Careers Adviser during the Construction Programme

We have temporarily lost the use of C11 as a Careers Room for the duration of the extensive construction work that is going on in the school at present. Mr Adams is working from his office which is off the careers room with access either being through the careers room or the international office in C Block.

## Testimonials

I know the year is barely half way through, but boys will soon be applying for a testimonial from the school. There is a misconception that a testimonial is only required for boys who intend applying for a place in a University Hall of residence. This is totally wrong. All intending school leavers should apply for a testimonial regardless of their 2017 intentions. Applications open on July 4 and school leavers should start the process by applying for a testimonial through the Careers Stratus page.

- All intending school leavers should request a testimonial
- Applications open on July 4
- Complete the application process by going to Stratus – Students – select Testimonial Applications from the drop down menu

Complete the application by following the instructions carefully.

Tips for students in selecting their staff nominees:

- Select current teachers, where possible
- Have a mix of the academic and the co-curricular
- Ask teachers if they are willing to act as a referee for you

## Help Available for Senior Students Intending to Leave at the end of 2016

- Tertiary Advice/Course Planning – see Mr Costley (he is in two days per week) – make appointments direct with Mr Costley or see Mr Adams
- Trying to decide on a Course of Action – see Mr Adams and/or attend one of the Career Search workshops offered during study periods, after school or on a Saturday morning
- Workshops

We offer a range of workshops outside class time that are available to the boys. Things such as:

- Planning a Career Pathway
- Time Management
- Career Search (for those who have no idea what they want to do when they leave school)
- Financial Literacy
- CV Preparation
- Some of these workshops have credits attached to them.

The challenge is finding time to allow the boys to attend. Yr 12/13 students can opt into workshops during study time. They are regularly held after school (about 1.5 hrs) and we are experimenting with running some on a Saturday morning 10 – 11.30am when there is demand. If parents want their sons to attend any of these, get them to call and see Mr Adams in the Careers Room or email us at [careers@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:careers@pnbhs.school.nz)

## Currently Scheduled:

Careers Search (for Yr 12/13 students with no idea of what to do beyond school)

- July 6: After School
- August 6: Saturday 10 – 11.30am
- Sign Up Sheets for these in the Careers Room or email [careers@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:careers@pnbhs.school.nz)

## Drivers Licence Credits

Students are now able to get Unit Standard recognition if they have obtained a drivers licence. Up to 8 credits at Level 1 or Level 2 are available depending on the class of licence they have. The process for this is outlined on the Careers Stratus page under Driver Licencing.

- Download the form for the Stratus Page
- Complete it
- Bring the completed form and your licence to Mr Adams
- He will check your licence and register the credits
- Credits will be applied to the relevant NCEA level.

## Options for 2017

Boys who are keen to pursue a non-university pathway for their careers are invited to consider both the Gateway and Trades Academy options that the school offers. In summary:

### Gateway 2017

- Open to Yr 13 students who know what they want to do when they leave school, usually a trade but not exclusively so.
- They spend one day per week out on the job with an employer
- They study subjects that are relevant to their work choice over the other four days
- They undertake industry approved unit standards that are relevant to their work choice
- All credits contribute to an NCEA qualification at the appropriate level
- Boys are getting apprenticeships as a result of their involvement in the Gateway programme – eight have left this year's programme to go into apprenticeships.
- Places are limited so you need to start talking to us about this option early
- The first point of contact for the Gateway programme is Mr Pat Johnson or Mr John Adams

### Trades Academy 2017

Boys attend UCOL one day per week across a range of career pathways and school during the other four days

- They study a coherent programme while at school
- All credits contribute to an NCEA qualification at the appropriate level
- Demand for places always exceeds availability so boys need to move as soon as this programme is promoted – around September/October 2016
- The first point of contact for the Trades Academy programme is Mr John Adam

## Youth Guarantee Funded Places

Parents may not be aware but there are a number of Funded Places at both UCOL and a variety of private providers for students undertaking full time course at these institutions. Students apply for the programme they want to undertake and then apply for a Youth Guarantee Funded place at the same time. Boys wanting to pursue this option should have a chat with Mr Adams.



## Work Experience Opportunities

We are building a list of contacts amongst the broader school community of businesses who are willing to take on a senior student for work experience purposes. The main aim of work experience is to allow students to get a sense of what is available in terms of careers options.

The work experience is on these terms:

- one off for a day/half day
- a Saturday morning for Trades and other businesses where Saturday is a normal work day
- during school holidays
- obviously boys aren't paid – it is just a taster experience

If you're interested and can help out please contact John Adams on 354 5176 ext 763 or by email [careers@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:careers@pnbhs.school.nz)

## Important Dates for Term 2

July 28: Dunedin School of Art liaison staff will be in the school

Aug 3: Massey University and Ucol Open Days

(Yr 13 students will be released & are not expected at school – Yr 12's may be released by parental request – bring notes to Mr Adams well in advance).

Aug 4: Halls of Residence Applications for all NZ Universities are now open for 2017.

Aug 6: Career Search Workshop (Seniors – Saturday – 10 – 11.30am)

Aug 12: Testimonial Applications Due

(All 2016 school leavers should apply via the Stratus website)

Aug 22: University of Canterbury Course Planning at School

Aug 26: Victoria University/Massey Wellington Open Day

(The school is taking a bus down - \$20 – pay at the Finance Office, register with Mr Adams)

Aug 26: Common Confidential Reference Form requests due with Mr Adams

(All students applying for a place in a University Hall of Residence will require a CCRF)

Sept 16: All students who are applying for a place in a Hall of Residence at any NZ University should have submitted their application by this date.

Sept 30: Applications close for a place in a Hall of Residence at all NZ Universities.

## Drama

### Junior Musical Theatre

After almost two terms of workshoping and skill development with a huge group, Mrs Clark has selected an A company which will perform an excerpt from the musical *Big River* in this Year's Junior Performing Arts Showcase in Term 4.

Congratulations to the following who have been selected for the Junior Musical Theatre A company: Huck – Oliver Lodge, Miss Watson – William Wood, Widow Douglas – Connor Hurnard, Pap – Oliver Inman, Jim – David Kakrada, Judge Thatcher – Andrew Karatea and John Cole

Tom Sawyer and the Boys - these roles have still not been decided but will be chosen from the following: Tyler Purdy, Zac Maskill, Luke Scott, Cameron Babb, Liam Rodgers, Ryan Ngarimu, Matthew Allen, Charchris Boonsermsiri, Trent Hooper, Trent Sebire, Oshadha Samarakoon, Oliver Gillespie, Piripi Pinfold-Whanga.

Some of these boys will not have specific roles but will provide chorus and swing/understudy cover.

Well done also to those who provided great energy and enthusiasm but whose auditions were unsuccessful. To ensure we continue to provide opportunities for you, for the first time, we will have a JMT B company. This will be led by Year 11s under Mr Burton's guidance with the aim of continuing your musical theatre skill development. It will be open to all those who did not make the A company and anyone else who wishes to join see above.

### Junior Play

Interested students will be called for early in Term 3 – watch notices and the Drama noticeboard.

### Senior production 2017 FOOTLOOSE

First key date: **Term 3 Week 9 Tuesday 20 Sept** – compulsory information evening in the Speirs Centre for all who wish to be considered for band or cast.



### Sports Talk with Peter Finch

Found on Facebook recently, this monologue highlights why sport is more than just sport and how sport can develop the attributes this school seeks to achieve in all of our young men. I am sure many parents and teachers will relate to this:

“One of my friends asked “Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports”? Well I have a confession to make; I don't pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn't care less about what sport they do. So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

- I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don't.
- I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are “too tired” to go to their training but they go anyway.

- I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated.
- I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.
- I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good teammates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.
- I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.
- I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.
- I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other swimmers, officials and coaches.
- I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.
- I pay for my kids to be proud of small achieve-

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- ments, and to work towards long term goals.
- I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create life-long memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.
- I pay so that my kids can be out in the pool instead of in front of a screen...
- I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provides my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!”

*Nihil Boni Sine Labore*

## Things Start Hotting Up for Music Department

Term 2 is an exceptionally busy one for the Music Department as we hit the competition season.

In our first outing, fifty singers from our *Son of a Pitch* choir travelled to Wellington to compete in the **Young Singers in Harmony Regional Barbershop Competition**. As we are the only school in the Manawatu working in this genre, we must compete in Wellington to try and qualify for Nationals. In some competing schools this event is their primary focus. Competition is fierce and support very passionate. Although this is only one of a number of events, for us, it is a great opportunity to develop stage confidence and performance skills, especially as it comprises a large number of younger students.

Our chorus sang well, but needed to have greater stage presence against well-drilled competition and was placed a very creditable fourth. In the quartet section, our senior quartet Fourte [Baxter Perry, Takarangi Te Putu-Love, Tama Tipene-Colpman, Taylor Govers] gave a solid musical performance with great stage presence and were placed third, gaining a spot at Nationals to be held in Wellington in September. Our second quartet was placed fifth and, like the chorus, must now wait to see if their scores were sufficient to be offered a wild card entry for the finals.

A highlight for the day was to see old boys performing as guests at the event. Adam Sowman, Josh Ellery and Daniel Medyckj-Scott are three of the B-Flads, National under 25 champion Barbershop quartet. They were joined onstage by Matthew Gifford, a member of the world champion Musical Island Boys [MIB]. All four also featured prominently in a performance by NZ's top chorus, Vocal FX. Both quartet and chorus will travel to the World champs in Nashville in July. It was inspiring for our students to see past students attaining at the highest level in this genre.

The *Stage Band* and *Blue Avenue Combo* then took part in the **Manawatu Jazz Festival** at Queen's Birthday weekend. In a small but high class field both ensembles performed well. The Stage Band was awarded trophies for Best Manawatu School Jazz band and The Best Overall High School Band. This award was last won by PNBHS Stage Band in 2003. Thanks must go to directors Neville Lauridsen and Paul Dredge for the many hours that it takes to get these groups up to such a high standard.

Four PNBHS ensembles entered in the **Manawatu Regional Chamber Music** competition held on Thursday June 8 at the Speirs Centre - *Livewires Guitar Ensemble* (Nathan Hotter, Liam Hotter, Chris Dewhurst, Sam Waru, Josh Hubbard), a sax quartet, *The Sax Lads* (Simon Pritchard, Joseph Medyckj-Scott, Brennan Couchman, Ronan Carroll), and two string groups, *The Accidentals* (Ronan Carroll, Nathan Lau and Ray Su) and *No*

*Frets* (Matthew Brennan, Nathan Lau, Jack Scelly). All groups performed well and kept their nerve against a quality field of groups. *No Frets* were one of four groups awarded a highly commended. Changhee Cho in Year 11 played in a group with two Girls' High students and after an excellent performance they were awarded the top award and entry into the Central Districts final in Napier.

Next came **Rockquest** heats, which were held on Friday June 10th. Two bands, *Vegans can do anything* [Thomas Berg, Sam Scully, Liam Frizzell] and *Ladders* [Baxter Perry, Takarangi Te Putu-Love] were selected for the Regional Final on July 1. Lewis Halewood was a very creditable second in the Solo/duo section and will submit a videoed performance of originals for national consideration.

Wednesday, June 15 saw the largest number of musicians enter the competition at **The Regional Big Sing**, held at the Regent Theatre. We were represented by four choirs comprising close to 180 students: *PMU choir* consisting of all Year 9 & 10 Performance music students, the all comers choir *S.O.A.P or (Son of a Pitch)*, first time entrants *Pasifika*, a choir made up of Pacific students and led by student directors, and the *OK Chorale*. It was a great festival with a consistently high standard from the nineteen choirs present.

*OK Chorale* were awarded the Best A-Capella performance and was highly commended - meaning that they will be considered for nationals; but for the first time since 2004 they were not awarded the adjudicators' award for

best performance after an outstanding set from Girls' High *Cantatrices*. This doesn't mean that *OK Chorale* performed below expectations - the girls were simply better on the day. Both *Pasifika* and *Son of a Pitch* both received regional highly commended certificates for their performances. This is special, especially for *Pasifika* in their first outing. Credit must go to the seniors who lead this group so well.

Finally, on Sunday June 19, *Concert Band* and *Stage Band* travelled to Hastings to compete at the **Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands**. Both performed well and received gold awards for their performances reflecting the high level they are currently working at. A selection of performances are on the school website for you to view. Thanks to all the staff, tutors and students who contributed to a manic, but very enjoyable and successful few weeks.

There are still some gigs to go before the Music Dept gets a break.

The annual **Music Roadshow** takes place on Friday June 24th with a visit to four Palmerston North primary schools by two busloads of musos. This is always a highlight of the school calendar for both participants and audience.

On June 28-30 the *Stage Band* and *OK Chorale* will travel to **New Plymouth** for the inaugural cultural exchange between the two schools. (This visit will have occurred by the time this newsletter is published.) As well as workshops and a combined performance with NPBHS, we will visit a number of schools in Taranaki and Rangitikei on the way. This should be great fun and the start of closer links between the two music departments.

That takes us to the end of the term and a well deserved rest... before we start thinking about the school concert [August 9-10] which will feature many of the groups mentioned. With the results above, it promises to be a good one so mark it in your diary.



*Pasifika* choir singing in staff room prior to performing at the Big Sing

### Library News

The Library welcomes new Student Librarians to our team of hard-working volunteers. They are Simon Su, William Jones, Nic Frost, Finn Davidson, Jack Harvey, Trent Hooper, Jacob Jochem, Andrew Grant and Andrew Karatea. This group help with issuing, mending, covering and shelving books as well as helping fellow students with printing, photocopying and many other things. Welcome and congratulations to all the new ones. This term the Rector will put on a shout to reward you for your service to the school.

Mrs Langley

### Junior Musical Theatre opportunity

**Did you miss out on JMT in Term 1 and think you might like to give it a go?**

**You can join our B company for the second half of the year – but you must be available on Thursday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00am. See Mr Burton in H1 immediately or email [burtonc@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:burtonc@pnbhs.school.nz)**



## PNBHS German Language and Culture Tour April/May 2016

It was a sunny, early Wednesday morning on the 13th of April, 2016, when a group of 26 keen lads met at Palmerston North Airport to embark on the PNBHS Language and Cultural Tour of Germany. Mrs Dickinson, Mr Docherty and Mr Richards accompanied us on a four-week tour of Frankfurt, München, Bayreuth and Berlin, as well as a myriad of one-day stopovers in between. We had an idea of what to expect from Germany, namely that the country's history would be much richer than that of New Zealand and the scale of everything would make what we have here seem very small. This is exactly what we found, but no learning that took place in the classroom could have taught us exactly what our immersion amongst the people and culture did in those four weeks.

The differences were immediately identifiable between Germany and New Zealand. Minutes before our plane had completed its 11 hour connection from Singapore, the sprawling runways and numerous terminals of Frankfurt Airport made our airports seem tiny in comparison. This was our firm welcome to Europe, where everything is astoundingly vast. This was also evident in the cityscape, where buildings such as the Commerzbank Tower, standing 258m high, and other economic headquarters could be seen from the city's outskirts. The magnificent architecture of many buildings we visited was so unlike anything in New Zealand. The gothic-style Kölner Dom or Cologne Cathedral, nigh-on 1000 years old, the renaissance-style facade of the crumbling castle in Heidelberg or the contemporary glass dome atop the classical-style, resurrected parliamentary building in Berlin showcased Germany's prowess for building landmark structures. Sticking out from the skyline in every major city were television towers that almost perfectly resembled our country's national icon, the Auckland Skytower - a prime example of how what is iconic in our country is modest in Germany.

One of the biggest culture shocks came from the expanse of the populous cities of Germany, such as Berlin, which had nearly the number of inhabitants within its own boundaries as our whole country. However, boundaries is a poor choice of word. The wall that separated this city for nearly thirty years, as we found out at Checkpoint Charlie, a museum where you could follow the history of the wall and the numerous attempted escapes to the west, seemed a world away from the youthful vibrancy of Germany's capital city of today.

Every day it was bustling in these cities. Surprisingly, or perhaps not so surprisingly, given the orderliness of the Germans, transport throughout the country was very well run. The inter-city trains, travelling at 300 kph, the underground and the tram system were interesting contrasts from what we have here. It was a bit complex to interpret, however, which is why we almost departed to Paris and were two hours late home to Bayreuth. Outside of the trains, there was the speed-limitless Autobahn, which flowed like a good Bayern München passing sequence. There were many wealthy people eager to show off their Lamborghinis or Porsches; seeing them speeding past us was not just a one-off occurrence.

A personal highlight for some of the group was the regional derby football match in which Eintracht Frankfurt played FV Mainz. Eintracht Frankfurt was the home team battling relegation and FV Mainz sought to seal the dismal fate of their neighbours. Many would say, "Oh, that's not a blockbuster match; it couldn't be that great," but on the contrary, Germany showed incredible widespread devotion to the beautiful game. In a stadium of 50,000, the atmosphere was surreal and when Eintracht beat their bitter rivals 2-1, the incredible noise of the huge home crowd imbued all with the feeling of elation, something which, when coupled with the chanting and singing of the S.G.E. fan-base, is not



comparable to anything we have ever witnessed.

It is not for this reason in isolation, but also for Germany's extensive culture, and the enlightening and thrilling memories fostered on our tour to Germany, that we are of the opinion that this German Tour was the most amazing one-month experience we have had. Being part of a tour like this is an opportunity we would endorse for all juniors taking German or other foreign languages in this school, because the benefits are, without a doubt, life-changing.

During our time in Germany, we experienced an entirely new culture as we got to spend time with our host families in both Frankfurt and Bayreuth, without whose help the tour would not have been possible. We would like to thank our home-stay co-ordinators and host families from both Ziehenschule and Richard Wagner Gymnasium for allowing us to stay with them while we were there. It was really a once in a lifetime opportunity because living with another family that speaks a foreign language and lives in a different culture, is not something you would do if you were going on a holiday. So, because of the German Tour, we got to experience what it was like to live in a German family and be able to enhance and use our German skills with native speakers. It was also good that Mr Bovey was able to join us for four days in Munich and share our fantastic experiences.

As well as having a taste of living like regular Germans, we did get to see many historical, cultural and sporting attractions:

- the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart to discover the history of motor-racing
- the Hockenheimring, the first car racing track in Europe
- the Römisch-Germanisches Museum which displayed relics from Roman times
- the 1972 Olympic Stadium and BMW World in Munich
- the Neue Pinakothek art museum
- Neuschwanstein castle sprinkled with snow, copied by Disney for Fantasyland
- the medieval dungeons and Torture Museum in Nürnberg
- the Brandenburg Gate and Berlin Wall which both separated West and East Berlin prior to 1990 were very intriguing as there is so much history behind these significant pieces of architecture
- the Jewish Memorial
- Dachau KZ, a concentration camp just outside of Munich where there was a very eerie feeling, as it was unbelievable to imagine all the horrible things that had occurred there
- the Allianz Arena, home of FC Bayern - a must for the football fans on the tour.

So, whether into early or recent history, sport, culture or shopping, there was something for every student on the tour. It was an amazing experience. Studying a language at PNBHS and having this once in a lifetime opportunity is a recommendation that all tour members would make. It was an unforgettable experience and a chance to establish friendships and contacts for the future.

A huge thanks must go to Mrs Dickinson, Mr Richards and Mr Docherty for accompanying us and all the organising and arranging of places and events to see and do. We really appreciated everything they did, as we know that spending a month away from family and friends can be hard, especially when it is spent with 26 teenage boys.



## Sports Exchange with New Plymouth Boys' High School

### 1st XV - Loss 11-16

The PNBHS 1st XV travelled to the famous Gully ground of New Plymouth Boys' High School to play their traditional Super Eight fixture against the impressive home side. The weather was fairly dire throughout the morning but the ground was superb and the crowded embankment witnessed an arm wrestle between two desperate sides.

The PNBHS side started brightly into the wind maintaining possession against some uncompromising New Plymouth defence, but two breakdown penalties gave the home side early points and they started to use the wind to their advantage pinning us inside our 40. A couple of individual breakouts from Ethan Helu-Makasini and Brayden Iose suggested an advantage in certain areas and the attacking strategy started to pay dividends with space starting to become evident on the edges of the New Plymouth defenders as we started to string some phases together. Despite some promising periods, our first points came from a fortunate intercept by Sean Pape who ran 50 metres to get us on the scoreboard. Play continued to seesaw between the 22's before another searing run from Stewart Cruden who then combined with Sean Pape to send him almost over the line in the corner. The referee awarded us a penalty and Stewart Cruden slotted a touchline goal on the stroke of halftime to take us into the break 8-6 up.

The second half saw the promised rain come in and it made handling difficult. However, we continued to play an attacking brand of rugby and were able to get another penalty to edge out to 11-6. Again we were finding space with some direct running but needed to come away with more points during this period. Our execution and patience at times post breach let us down and New Plymouth came out of this time with confidence. Our defence, which was strong in the first half, went up another gear to match the strong running of the New Plymouth forwards and we were able to pin them in their half for the next period of play. We were starved of possession during this time as New Plymouth kept it very tight amongst their pack and were rewarded a string of penalties for their endeavours. This meant we spent most of the last 20 minutes inside our 22, unable to clear our line. New Plymouth's strong driving maul was given plenty of chances to crack us and so it was with 15 minutes to go they got across the line. Although initially called held up by the referee, he changed his call to try and the score was tied up 11-11. We had our chances in the last 15, but New Plymouth were scrambling well and kicking to clear their line. Some inopportune handling errors when bringing the ball back and then some penalties gave New Plymouth easy yards and so they set up camp on our 5 with a string of set piece opportunities. We repelled most until the referee reduced us to 7 forwards. The numbers finally told and with one minute left to play



New Plymouth scored the go ahead try. With time up on the clock, we made one last charge but ran out of time and so went down 16-11.

The game was certainly an even affair. However, while our much improved attacking play created opportunities, we needed to ensure we made more from them. The defensive effort was also a standout with the forwards in particular aiming up well. A loss is a loss however, and more improvement is required heading into the St Pat's Silverstream game on Wednesday, 29 June followed by the Super Eight fixture against Tauranga the following Saturday, 2 July.

Points Scorers:

Try: Sean Pape; Penalty: Stewart Cruden 2

### 2nd XV - Win 17-15

The 2nd XV was part of the traditional New Plymouth exchange played in New Plymouth on Thursday. Due to the inclement weather, the game was played on their Number 2 field which had been reduced to a very muddy compound. New Plymouth sought to use their outside backs to gain ground and set up opportunities to score from. In contrast, the 2nd XV looked to their forwards to play the abrasive close channel game. During the game the scores were relatively even as each side traded points. However, the highlight of the game was the final 15 minutes with PNBHS leading 17-15. PNBHS found themselves defending inside their twenty-two. The defensive effort of PNBHS was something that the coaches and sideline crowd were in admiration of. The game was won because of the dogged uncompromising line speed and tackling. Try scorers; Tyler Goodwin, Tim Abbiss and Cameron Corbett. Conversion to Jacob Freeman-Broderick.

### 1st XI Football - Draw 0-0

The 1st XI football team have qualified for the national championships after a nil all draw against New Plymouth on Thursday.

New Plymouth had a chance to score early in the match, when their striker got clear in the box. However, instead of tapping the ball in, their player fired it over the bar, much to the relief of the Palmy defensive back row.

Then, 15 minutes later, Boys' High vice-captain, Lewis Atherton missed a shot in front of goal, forcing the ball just wide of the goal post.

Otherwise, it was an even match, with both sides having chances in the second spell.

Boys' Highs' standout player was Troye Aitken on the left flank, while striker Alex Saunders-Malouf held the ball well. Centre back Lewis Atherton was solid and Thomas Viles and Sam Jones were busy in midfield. Zac Mangos, at left back had his usual rugged game in defence, helping keeper, Liam Outtrim maintain a clean sheet.



## 2nd XI Football - Win 4-1

Both teams started well but struggled in the damp, muddy conditions. New Plymouth scored first from a set piece that was allowed to bounce loose in the goal box. This fired PNBHS up who pounced on a defensive error which allowed Luca James to hammer in his first goal of the season from long range. With scores tied at one all at halftime, PNBHS came out with more intensity and an advantage as they were now attacking downhill. Matthew O'Leary scored early in the second half, but New Plymouth remained competitive until O'Leary broke their back with another goal, from an incomplete clearance by New Plymouth. Ryan McDermott sealed the win with a well taken long-range free kick.



## 1st XI Hockey - Win 2-1

New Plymouth Boys' High School was the first official interschool match for the PNBHS 1st XI Hockey Team. PNBHS started the match with intensity resulting in Felix Foertsch scoring after some great individual skill near the baseline. Soon after, he scored his second, giving PNBHS a handy 2-0 lead. Unfortunately, PNBHS then allowed NPBHS back into the match through some scrappy and unstructured play, conceding a goal in the second half making the score 2-1. The score remained as such giving PNBHS the best possible start to their interschool campaign. Felix Foertsch and Thomas Walshe had strong games for PNBHS.



## Prem A Basketball - Loss 61-90

New Plymouth are traditionally a good basketball school so the Prem A knew they would have to play at their best to get a win. New Plymouth started strongly taking the ball to the hoop. In contrast the Prem A's struggled to get inside and relied early on on Jack Henry shooting from the perimeter.

Down 36 - 51 at half time and with Haize Walker in foul trouble, the score could have blown out. The Prem A's rallied with Mike Knight taking the ball to the basket in the late stages of the game.

A lack of penetration and too many turnovers

cost us. Jack Henry top scored with 15 points while Oscar Oswald got 12 points. Mitchell Lister showed promise in his first time in the starting five and Levi Penno had his first game for the Prem A's after a long injury layoff.

Final score was a 61 - 90 loss.

## Junior Basketball - Win 94-59

Using the opportunity to prepare for the regional competition next term, we started the game with a different starting five and quickly raced to an early lead. Some tenacious 'on the ball' work from New Plymouth BHS combined with some good three point shooting saw them close the gap. At the end of the first quarter they were within range at 20 - 19.

The second quarter saw us assert our dominance on the game, and the distinct height advantage we had began to pay off with NPBHS struggling for any ball off the boards at either end. We pulled our lead out to 49 - 31 at half time.

The 3rd and 4th quarters saw much of the same and gave us plenty of opportunities to implement, in a game environment, some of the new plays the boys have been working on.

It was a valiant attempt by a gritty, but smaller opposition, However, with everyone on their game, and some strong leadership skills from Kopere Tanoa, we eventually ran out winners 94 - 59.



## Young Artist in Residence

Jordan Hape has been selected as The PNBHS Young Artist in residence at Te Manawa Museum and Art Gallery for 2016.

He is the third PNBHS arts student to be given the opportunity to work in the gallery and learn about what it takes to conserve works of art and memorabilia as well as create an exhibition.



## Other Sporting Reports

### NZ Cross Country Championship, Rotorua

The course was very firm under foot with small undulations, which meant for very fast running in all grades.

#### Senior Boys (6km) over 220 runners

Finn Stewart-Withers	21:35	60th
Sam Benthams	21:48	71th

#### Junior Boys (4km) over 180 runners

Samuel Phillips	13:57	16th
Benjamin Wall	14:12	28th
Luke Scott	14:23	43rd
Joe Reddish	15:03	88th
Andre Le Pine-Day	15:39	123rd

Our three man team finished 5th out of 23 teams.

Unfortunately the junior boys' team could not qualify for the six man team as Kaleb Humpage-Pinto had to withdraw after a fall and he could not continue.

#### Year 9 (3km) over 150 runners

Liam Wall	11:04	41
Bradyn Popow	12:09	120

For most of the team this was their first experience at competing at a national cross country championship and all runners will be better off in the future after competing in the weekend. With all runners returning next year hopefully the team can improve on this performance.

### Under 14 Wanderers Rugby

The U14 Wanderers have enjoyed a positive, if somewhat weather affected, start to the 2016 season. The main competition in our grade is shaping up as the PNBHS Harlequins side and we are looking forward to our 'test matches' against them. While the team as a whole is progressing, special mention must be made of Floyd Fenn, who has scored nine tries in our last two matches.

### Basketball

The basketball season is well underway for all teams competing in various PNBA leagues on Friday night. This year has seen considerable growth in the number of teams entered in competitions. Palmerston North Boys' High teams make up a large proportion of the competitions with a total of 36 teams. The social teams are about to finish their first round of pool play and will soon be split into top and bottom pools for the second round of the competition. Competitive junior and senior teams continue to impress with their commitment and development.

A big thankyou to Adam Meneghini, Jayden Feeke, Oliver Burgess-Hight, Michael Welch, Josh Hubbard, Levi Penno and Chris Lyons who all gave their time to assist with refereeing at the Intermediate Super Sport Basketball fixture.

Good luck to all teams as they look toward the second round of their respective competitions.

### Prem A Basketball

The Prem A Basketball team have continued their good form this month. Since the last newsletter article, they have won seven games;

65 - 61 vs Scots College
99 - 46 vs Ohakea Pirates
69 - 63 vs Palmy Pandas
86 - 52 vs Manukura
65 - 52 vs Hastings Boys' High School
100 - 64 vs Rotorua Boys' High School
106 - 52 vs PNBHS Year 11A

Their only loss in that time has been against That's Us 58 - 60.

The challenge has always been to find tough opposition that will prepare us well for regionals and nationals.

### Junior A Basketball Hastings Boys High School 'Classic'

The Junior A Basketball team travelled to Hastings early on 11/06/2016 for a 9 o'clock game against HBHS Juniors. Spirits were high after the win against Waicol the previous evening. However, high spirits were not enough to win. We scored first and had what eventuated our only lead of the game. Court presence and intensity were lacking, and we went into half time down 25 - 38. The second half unfortunately followed the same pattern and we finally were beaten 57 - 72.

Our second game for the day (fourth in 24 hrs) was against Rotorua Boys' High School. They were a bit of an unknown quantity, but we wanted to put on a better performance than we did in our last game. Rotorua Boys' started strongly, and we were having to defend strongly. We created several good scoring opportunities, but were failing to convert easy baskets and were missing rebound chances. At half time, the score was 41 - 48 to RBHS. A small change in tactics combined with the boys desire to win saw a great half of competitive basketball as we fought back. The last few minutes of the game saw the lead change with every trip up, with PNBHS being the eventual winners 90-89. A great result against a very good junior team.

After a tough 24 hours of basketball, during which most of the boys played four games, the pleasing aspect was the resilience of the team. We are building well for our regional tournament in Term 3.

### Wrestling Success

Recently, Jack Scrimshaw attended the Bay of Plenty wrestling champs where he won all four of his matches and, in doing so, took out this regional result and achieved a gold medal placing. This follows his winning the Auckland regional competition some four weeks ago.

Jack is building up towards the North Island Champs to be held in Te Awamutu on the 3rd July.

Jack was the only competitor from PNBHS to these events, but will be accompanied by others to further national competitions later in the year.

### Junior Football XI - Hillsdene Tournament, hosted by Tauranga Boys' College - June 12th - June 14th

The team: Kaykay Adeyinka, Alex Bowden, Jack Bron, Jak Campbell, Devon Charles, Mason Charlton, Zac Farmer, Scott Hilson, Fergus Johnston, Jamie Mason, Luke Minshall, Takasane Ogawa, Samuel Stewart, Cam Wallace.

#### Pool play results:

5-2 win vs St Paul's Collegiate School (Adeyinka 3, Minshall 1, Charles 1)

0-1 Loss vs Gisborne Boys' High School

3-0 win vs Bethlehem College (Adeyinka 1, Minshall 2)

1-1 draw vs Hamilton Boy's High School (Adeyinka 1)

2-1 win vs Tauranga Boys' College B (Adeyinka 1, Campbell 1)

Qualified second in pool behind Hamilton Boys' High School

**Semi Final:** 2-1 loss vs Westlake Boys' High School (Jak Campbell (penalty))

**Final:** 2-0 loss vs Tauranga Boys' College A to finish 4th in the tournament. This was a massive game for the team, who took the field with 10 players due to a high injury toll in the previous match. Westlake were the eventual winners over Hamilton.

This was a great result for our boys, who played every game with skill and intensity and most importantly, pride. The team can be proud of their achievements against very talented opposition in a gruelling three day tournament.

### 1st XI Football beat Francis Douglas

We played Francis Douglas Memorial College in a National Qualification fixture, winning the match 1 - 0. We settled into our work early, creating several chances on goal, with no success. FDMC absorbed this pressure and slowly worked their way back into the game but were unable to penetrate our defence, with Lewis Atherton and Zac Mangos having strong games. At half time, the score was nil all and anyone's game.

In the 2nd half, we started to string together some nice moves and were rewarded with a well scored goal by Alex Saunders-Malouf. With a one goal lead, we played tenaciously for the rest of the match to take the win. Francis Douglas could count themselves unlucky to not get any points from the fixture, while we showed that a determined team effort can produce results. Than Oo, Troye Aitken and Sam Jones all had strong games, while Liam Outtrim displayed his talent in goal.





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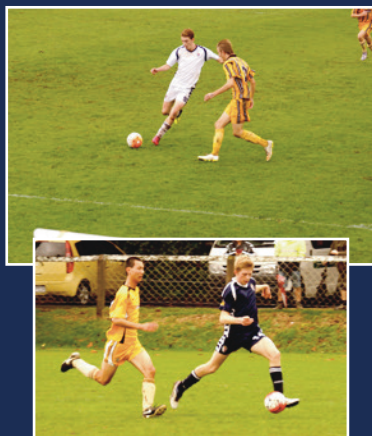
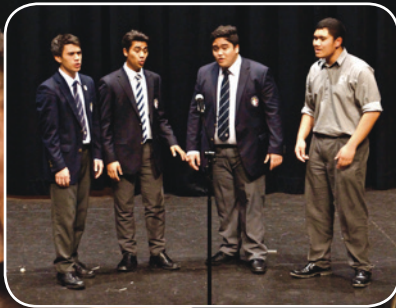


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### New Plymouth Exchange

1st XV - Loss 11-16

2nd XV - Win 17-15

Colts - Loss

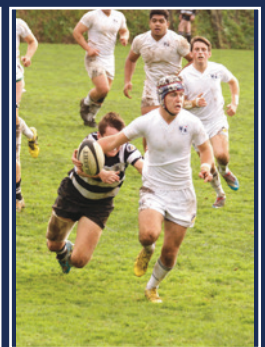
1st XI Football - Draw 0-0

2nd XI Football - Win 4-1

1st XI Hockey - Win 2-1

Prem A Basketball - Loss 61-90

Junior Basketball - Win 94-59



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