

Through the Gates



Newsletter for the
New Plymouth Boys' High School Community

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Thank you to all those who contributed
to this edition of "Through The Gates."



Headmaster's Report

Greetings, Kia ora koutou nga whanau o te kura.
As of 7 March 2011 we have 1257 boys.
I am delighted with our academic success in 2010.
For many of you NCEA may well make little sense
but basically if a school gains more than 5%
Endorsements with Excellence or 20% Endorsements

with Merits (next level down) the school is among the top schools in New Zealand. Further to that the top academics can sit Scholarship examinations which are at University level. To gain a Scholarship in a subject is a great honour for the boy and his family.

Our Year 11 boys (5th formers) 10% gained excellence; 35% gained merit. Of our Year 12 and Year 13 boys, 9% gained excellence. As you progress through the system it is harder to gain these endorsements. I am delighted to announce that we gained 25 Scholarships which is our largest number under NCEA. Some of you might recognise the surnames of these boys. (Refer Page 4 Scholarship winners).

The school had the privilege of hosting the Webb Ellis Cup (if only for a couple of hours). Staff and boys were excited to be so close to this prestigious cup. Because of the World Cup competition, the school terms will be changed: Terms 1 & 2, 11 weeks, Term 3, 10 weeks and Term 4, 7 weeks. The school is hosting the Irish, Welsh and Russian teams during the World Cup.



In remembrance of all of those affected by the tragic
earthquake in Christchurch.

Kia toa, Kia toa, Otautahi o
Be brave! Be steadfast! Christchurch

Aue Hui o Hui o
Join! (together) Gather! (together)

Taiki o!
Unitel

We are taking boys from Christchurch into our school

BOT Report from, ***Chris Taylor, Chair***

Tena koutou katoa.

NPBHS has been blessed since the inception of "Tomorrow's Schools" with a Board of Trustees that govern and senior management that lead with diligence, enthusiasm and imagination.

The separation of governance and management has been key to the success of NPBHS. The current Board has, as usual, the necessary skills amongst its Trustees to provide sound governance.

Warren Wipatene (Maori liaison officer for New Plymouth Police) as the Maori representative has, due to his tangata whenua status has achieved much in his first year. The staff are well represented by Alan Elgar.

John Bennetts (NP Prison Officer) brings to the table that other view of life and of our community. School finances are scrutinised by the accountant trustees and buildings are managed by our engineer trustee.

The Hostel committee is chaired ably and compassionately by Linda Lawley, Susan Hughes QC. watches over the Policies which drive our governance.

Susan has over the latter part of 2010 along with John Eagles looked at the Centennial, Millennium and Foundation Trusts and how these entities can meet the evolving needs of NPBHS.

Meetings between existing trustees Neil Wolfe, John Eagles, Tom Ryder and Stephen Underwood and a NPBHS BOT subcommittee resolved:

1. The Centennial Trust to continue to care for the Centennial Gift in perpetuity
2. The Foundation Trust to replace the trustees with the exception of Stephen Underwood to give continuity
3. The current trustees of the Millennium Trust to resign and new trustees to be appointed by NPBHS BOT
4. The Millennium Trust to concentrate on raising funds for a specific, Board of Trustees approved, project
5. That a "Memorandum of Understanding" be drawn up between the afore mentioned Trusts to negate any conflicts of interest.

It was resolved at the subsequent February BOT meeting that the resignation of Neil Wolfe, Tom Ryder, John Eagles and Stephen Underwood be accepted and Lynn Bublitz, Todd Wolfe, Peter Darney, Peter Tennent, Grant Hassall and David Bublitz be appointed as Trustees to the Millennium Trust. You will be kept notified of further developments.

The NPBHS community was saddened by the passing of **Lindsay McLeod**, kaumatua. Though he was not an Old Boy he has through his aroha and actions over many years shown himself to be a true friend of NPBHS.

Ka tahitahi nga whetu o te kahui o Matariki.

The stars of Matariki are becoming fewer.

Kua hauku a waho me roto nei. Maaku ana i te mamae me te roimata.

It is damp outside and within. We are drenched with sorrow and with tears.

Mahue mai i a koe enei o taumata e koro.

Let those left behind these, your achievements, my elder.

Waiho ma te hunga i mahue i muri e whai atu i o tapuwae.

Let those left behind follow in your footsteps.

Ma muri nei koe e korero. Ma muri nei koe e whakaaro.

Those who are left behind will speak of you. Those who are left behind will think of you.

No reira e koro, e Lyndsay. Haere ki te urunga te taka, ki te moenga te whakaaraha.

Therefore o elder, Lyndsay. Go to the pillow which never slips, go to the resting place from no rising.

E moe.

Sleep

Our 25 Scholarship Winners 2010

Alan Ansell
Matthew Barham
Ben Caskey
Ben Coventry
Ross Gavin *
Oliver Gifford
Jamie Hatch
Dylan Hopkins
Thomas McElroy
Sam Mitchell
Matthew Neville-Lamb
Connor Oliver-Rose
Matthew Phillips
Michael Phillips
Jeremy Raynes *
Jong Shin
Joshua Taylor
Lewis Walsh

Latin
Mathematics with Statistics
Mathematics with Statistics
Chemistry
Physics, Mathematics with Statistics, Calculus
English
Mathematics with Statistics (Outstanding), Calculus
Mathematics with Statistics
Physical Education
Mathematics with Statistics
Mathematics with Statistics
Chemistry, Mathematics with Statistics
Mathematics with Statistics
Biology
Biology, English, Mathematics with Statistics
English, Mathematics with Statistics
Biology
Design

* Both Ross Gavin and Jeremy Raynes gained three scholarships

One of NPBHS' 25 Scholarships was attained in Latin by a 13 year old boy called **Alan Ansell**. The Latin scholarship is very difficult and Alan worked closely with his Latin teacher, Margaret Atkinson. Mrs Atkinson described Alan as "an amazing student who does everything I ask of him and more. He is just superb." Alan will be doing a special programme in Latin organised by Auckland and Victoria Universities.

Alan is also outstanding in Mathematics (sitting Scholarship Statistics and Calculus this year). He is also a brilliant Chess player.



HEAD BOY'S REPORT *Isaac Robinson*

New Plymouth Boys' High School is still a great school and always will be. The present day in my opinion is still very similar to your time at school.

As a sportsman playing in the 1st XV it gives me a sense of pride when the whole school performs our haka.

The focus at school previously was 'sport' but we are now seeing high academic achievement increasing in all age groups providing a better balance across the board.

I am sure many of you remember your form 7 (Year 13) year, walking through school, the juniors looking up to you and as a role model setting good standards for them to follow during their time at NPBHS.

The camaraderie between boarder and day boy has greatly improved, although there will always be that healthy rivalry between us and them.

As the Head Boy my goal this year is to bring the present and past of the school together. "Divided we fall, united as one we stand".

NPBHS is a great environment, and still continues to produce great young men.



HEAD BOARDER'S REPORT *Darren Alexander*

My name is Darren Alexander and I live at Mt Damper, an hour and a half from town.

I have been chosen as the HEAD BOARDER for 2011 and the year has started extremely well for me.

The Year 9 boys have brought a whole new dynamic to the hostel and they will grow as men through their time here. They will push the boundaries, as most people occasionally do, but will be guided well from the boys above them.

The hostel has been essential in shaping the person I am and I owe a lot to this, my second home.

Throughout my time here I have been involved in cross country, athletics, orienteering, roganing, adventure racing and academic. My involvement in these sports, and the people that I have been associated with throughout my time here, are the great assets and ambassadors to the school and to the hostel boys.

In the future I would like to pursue a career in psychology (relating to the human brain), sports psychology, social work or physiotherapy. I would also like to eventually become a New Zealand representative in multi-sport.

HISTORY WAS MADE on the ... cricket pitch!

Donnelly's 1934 Record Broken

On the top field on Saturday, 27 November 2010 another page was written into the folk lore of NPBHS cricket. Playing in a premier grade game against Inglewood, **Kane Robertson** and Captain, **William Young** put together a mammoth 365 run third wicket partnership, not only a record for NPBHS but to the best of my knowledge a record for the province of Taranaki.

Kane scored 220 and in so doing eclipsed Martin Donnelly's (possibly New Zealand's best ever batsman) record of 187 runs in 1934, which has stood for 76 years.

William scored an unbeaten 125 not out.

These boys are two very promising young batsmen who I'm sure Old Boys everywhere would join with me in wishing every success in the cricketing careers ahead of them.

Kane was honoured at a special assembly.



Captain, William Young / Kane Robertson

OUTSTANDING RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS for.....

Henry Boon who took eight wickets for 16 runs and **John Dickson** who scored 117 runs for the 1st XI.

Jono Brownjohn who gained an extraordinary five gold medals in the National Secondary School Athletic Championships.

Matt Baxter who gained a silver medal in the NZSS Athletics 3000m.

Tom Spencer, Hamish Sturmer, Matt Furze and Orin Burmester who came second in the Junior National Adventure Racing called Get-to-Go.

Jay Rodger whose photograph of the Black Sticks Hockey was published nationally.

Sam Church who gained a Black Belt in Karate.

Old Boys' Golf Tournament... *Cam Murray*



MAC congratulating Gary Thompson the winner of the McNaught Cup



Peter Rankin receiving the Powell Cup



Brian Walsh getting presented the Alexander Plate

The 2010 tourney drew 40 entries coming from as far afield as Auckland and Wellington. The event was held at the New Plymouth club's Ngamotu Links, with the course in perfect condition just a week after the Taranaki Open and the weather cooperated – a reasonable fine day in the midst of a wet and windy Spring.

It was great to have the Headmaster, Michael McMenamin (MAC as he is affectionately called) join us for the day. He was the first to tee off. He was joined by our most famous golfing old boy, Grant Moorhead, along with David Bublitz and Todd Wolfe. Gary Thompson was in fine form, taking out all three divisions as well as leading his four to an easy win in the team event. At the prize-giving there was a very interesting session as Grant recalled some highlights from his golfing career and responded to a number of questions from the floor.

"Trophies"

McNaught Cup (Best Net)	Gary Thompson
Powell Cup (Best Gross)	Peter Rankin
Alexander Plate (Best Stableford)	Brian Walsh

As usual there was discussion about how best to increase the numbers for this event. We have only 40 names on our group e-mail list, which seems the most effective way to advertise the event. If any old boy wants to be advised of next year's event please drop Phoebe an email (ob.liaison@npbhs.school.nz) and she will add you to the list.

Thank you to all who attended this year's event and to the generous donors who provided the large number of prizes.

Generous Donors

Tom and Grant Moorhead	The Golf Zone
Kevin Grey	Hyundai Taranaki
Andrew Pepper	Pepper Construction
Paul Phillips	WR Phillips
Peter Darney	Vanburway Chartered Accountants
Colleen Baird	Frederick's
David Stones	Icons
Phil Mitchell	
Buzz the Butcher	



2011 Old Boys' Golf Tournament

Sunday, 9 October

Tee Times from: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Ngamotu Golf Links

Entry Fee: \$20:00

Entries to Phoebe 758-5399 Ext 704 or
ob.liaison@npbhs.school.nz

The course will be in superb condition as the Taranaki Open is to be held the week prior to our event.

Taken @ Golf Tournament 2010



Grant Moorhead & MAC



Left: Todd Wolfe, Cam Murray & David Bulbitz



Carroll Coulton & John Cusdin



Left: Bob Thompson, Warwick Shearer, Tom Moorhead



Left: 3 brothers, Neil, Roger & Errol Tuffery.
Well-known family of six boys including Keith, Denis and Maurice



Left: Peter Rankin, Mac Miller, John Fairrey

Grant Moorhead (1983 - 1987)

Grant spoke at an Old Boys Golf Tournament in October 2010 and said school was a "great time for me" despite playing a lot of golf. The Providential Fund ran the Nationals in those days and Grant won the individual title. He decided to become a professional golfer (despite the Headmaster advising against it!) and five years after school he turned Professional.

The 1992 NZ team of Grant Moorhead, Michael Campbell, Phil Tataurangi and Stephen Scahill win the Eisenhower Trophy world teams championships in Canada. He has won the West Australian Open and has been on tour for twelve years. Grant is coaching some of our top golfers at school and his aim now is to be a PGA teacher and player.

HISTORICAL NEWS

ROWING

is making a comeback.....

In the last edition of 'Through the Gates' Vol. 24: A number of ex-rowers were present at the get together of the "50 years on" 1st XV rugby reunion. It was noted that in 2012 it will be fifty years since our eight won the Maadi Cup. Just a reminder of the Reunion of Rowers set for Easter 2012 (more details in the next 'Through the Gates').

In the 1960s' NPBHS was one of the leading rowing schools in New Zealand. In 2011 a group of 12 Year 11 (Form 5) students and one Year 9 student (Form 3) have committed to NPBHS once again competing in the North Island Rowing regatta and the prestigious Maadi Cup regatta. The under the coaching of the Clifton Rowing Club and practise six times a week on the Waitara River. The boys will row in an eight, a four and two single sculls.

SWIMMING COMPETITIONS 2011

Held Friday, 18 February

The swimming sports may be very different from your day (dancing, singing and dressing up) but the inter-house rivalry is as strong as ever.

SYME won the swimming competition this year from BARAK, DONNELLY and HATHERLY.



Harold Tuson 1938-1941 attending the swimming sports



John Bone attended the swimming sports

SURFING.....article in the Daily News, Tuesday, 8 March. NPBHS Sean Kettle shows the style that earned him the under-15 boys' section of the Taranaki Secondary School Sports Association surfing champs at Fitzroy Beach yesterday. Kettle was among 63 competitors at the Shell Todd Oil Services-sponsored event. NPBHS won the overall schools' title.

Bill Sheat was a boarder in Moyes House from 1943 to 1947. The Housemaster, J.S. ("Fish") Hatherly used to organise trips to climb Mount Egmont. Bill was on the trip in February 1946. He wrote home to his parents reporting on the adventure.

26/02/1946

Dear Mum and Dad,

I was very pleased to get your letter today. I got your telegram allowing me to go up the mountain last Thursday. I am sorry that I did not write over the weekend but it was late when we arrived back from the mountain on Sunday. We left school at half past one on Saturday. We had hardly gone half a mile up the road when someone had trouble with his bike. Every so often we had to stop and make some adjustments but eventually we got going properly. We got to Egmont Village expecting to find it open so that we would buy some soft drinks but unfortunately the store was shut. Everybody was thirsty by this time and so did not like the idea of going on without water. However we pushed on up towards the gates and frequent stops to pick blackberries soon raised our spirits. At last we arrived at the gates. They had plenty of soft drinks at the gates and so everyone was able to quench their thirst satisfactorily. We put all our luggage on lodge-keeper's truck and started up the four mile walk up to the hostel. This was one of the worst parts of the trip - it took it over an hour and a half. When we arrived at the Old House we were all able to have a hot shower as a party of four boys had been sent on in advance to light the fire. Then we had tea. We had cold meat, a tomato, lettuce, honey, cheese and slices of bread about three quarters of an inch thick. After tea we went to bed. I slept on the top bunk. We only had one blanket each and so we slept with our clothes on. I had a bad headache and thought that I wouldn't be able to climb but it had gone in the morning. We got up early and had breakfast - three snarlers each - and were on our way by 6:30. For the first 3000 feet of our climb we had to carry up some timber to the Alpine Club's hut. We arrived there at about nine. The water at Tahurangi Hut is the coldest that I think I have ever tasted. They gave us all a cup of tea here so that compensated for having to carry the extra weight. At nine o'clock we continued our climb and very soon we were on to the scoria. This is a kind of loose gravel and makes climbing difficult. We had frequent rests going up this but after what seemed hours we arrived at the base of the Lizard. This is a solidified lava flow and continues up into the crater. We made our way up this taking care not to dislodge the rocks which might roll down and hit someone. We arrived in the crater at about 11:30 and then climbed up the highest peak to the very top. Here we had dinner comprising of one cold snarlers, two slices of three-quarter inch bread, and a tomato. I slid around in the snow in the crater and got my pants wet. We started on our downward descent. We got down the Lizard quite safely but instead of going down the scoria our guide decided to let us slide down the snow. The first part was neither very long nor very steep. I started off intending to go on my boots but soon found myself on my behind. From here my position rapidly degenerated and after a series of complicated movements I found myself sliding on my stomach. By means of several frenzied movements, I managed to regain a sitting position and arrested my headlong flight by digging my boots into the snow. I decided not to bother sliding down the next stretch of snow and so instead made my way down the scoria. Very soon we were back at Tahurangi Hut to find a welcome cup of tea waiting. After a three-quarter hour rest we resumed our return journey to the House and made our way down the "Razorback" and the name certainly is appropriate because in one part of the track it is only a few feet wide with steep slopes hundreds of feet high on either side. This stage of the journey was all plain sailing and we arrived back at the house where a meal was waiting for us. I had a hot shower first, then tucked in. It was much the same as the others we had, had. After that the dishes were washed, floors swept etc and we started on our four mile walk down the track to the gates. When we arrived after walking considerably more than an hour we found that they had run out of soft drinks so we had to make do with a drink of water. We then got on our bikes and started the trip back to school. It was a piece of cake compared to trip up. There was scarcely any need to pedal for the first six miles as far as Egmont Village owing to the steady downhill grade. It is not so good coming up. We arrived back at school at a quarter to seven and after having a hot shower, had tea and went very willingly to bed. The amount of food taken was incredible. There were I think over sixty one shilling sandwich loaves, four snarlers each which is somewhere about 200, three large bottles of tomato sauce, large quantities of cold meat, lettuce, cheese, honey, bread not to mention four gallons of milk for our tea. We carried all this all the way from the school on our bikes except for the milk which we obtained up there. Must close now owing to a lack of news.

Bill



A road less travelled...

by Lance McEldowney (1958-1962)

As a 'turd-former' in the 1958 'intake' at NPBHS I was feeding at the bottom of the food chain. For me, a gangly farm boy just months in New Plymouth after my parents retired there from their farm in coastal Taranaki in June 1957, the view from the bottom then, looking up and around, was exciting and, at the time, bewildering. Four 'R's' figured prominently during my five years at NPBHS - in winter it was rugby, in summer rowing, and somewhere in between there were times for (w)riting and reading.

But what was I to do for a career, having left farming behind, and without a firm base in science or maths? Teaching beckoned as an option, and I did take a studentship for a couple of years at Victoria University, Wellington, but the prospect of facing 3G2 classes of the future finally turned me off that route.

In the event I opted for a more individualistic, less vocationally focused path. Casting around in my final year of a BA in 1967, and having had a "gap year" in 1964 travelling in Europe and Asia, I decided to enrol in a new journalism training course at Wellington Polytechnic. It proved a good choice.

Print journalism, first on provincial newspapers throughout New Zealand, and later on magazines in Wellington, now my home - though Taranaki is still turangawaewae (a place to stand, home) - provided an outlet for an innate curiosity I've retained about the world, and allowed countless opportunities to observe, write and edit, an excuse to poke my nose into places where it was not always invited.

After marriage, mortgages, and the proverbial picket fence, I remain in good health as a super card-holder, blessed with a son Blake who is pursuing a career in industrial design in Barcelona, Spain, and a daughter Marnie, nursing in Fremantle, Western Australia. How long, I wonder, will New Zealand continue to provide the skills and training for other countries? Travel to many countries and campervanning to rediscover parts of New Zealand occupies some of my retirement time nowadays, as does tennis, which supplies the kind of competitive camaraderie that rugby and rowing provided 50 years ago.

Reunions over the years, the most recent being the 50 years on rugby get-together in June last year, are great opportunities to catch-up with old school friends, and foes (though there aren't many of these nowadays). As time passes, and the scarcity value of survivors increase, renewing and sustaining friendships forged in the shared past experiences at NPBHS becomes increasingly important.



Lance, on the way back to Cape Town (with Table Mountain in the background) from Robben Island in October 2010, with its former prison compounds, which imprisoned ANC and PAC opponents of apartheid in South Africa before majority rule. Robben Island, which means "Seal Island", was declared a world heritage site in December 1997 and now functions as a museum and serves as a reminder and tribute to the courage of people who fought against a racist regime.



Left: Bruce MacDonald Brown, QSO (Head Boy 1948) is living in Wellington. Visited the school.



Above Left: Dr Cam Calder, National List MP (ex pupil), MAC and Jonathan Young, MP for NP (ex pupil) during a visit to the school.

Round the Traps... *with Max Carroll*

It really is a small world isn't it? Larry O'Neill (Carrington House 1965 to 1969) entered a downtown Dallas City bar in order to watch on TV the All Blacks playing England and found Mark Newland (Moyes House 1977 to 1981) there for the same reason.

Congratulations to **GOLD** medallist, **Ben Souness**, for his contribution to the New Zealand Sevens at Delhi.

At our local District elections, Harry Duynhoven (Staff 1979-1987 & 1990-1993) was elected Mayor of the New Plymouth District. Councillors: Lyn Bublitz (1955-1959) and staff (1966-1990) and Maurice Betts (1961-1965) are Councillors. David Lean (1962-1965) is a member of the Taranaki Regional Council.

Congratulations to Warren Clow (1964-1965) who has recently been honoured with Life Membership of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association.

While out on the street cleaning my car, Neil (Pinky) Cameron dropped by. He is in good shape, talked flat out, and declined my offer to help clean the car. Nothing changes! However, he has two of the missing volumes of the "Whistle" so he is forgiven.

A special thanks Neil for providing us copies of The Whistle Vol. 12 No.10 and Vol. 16 No. 4

While checking the score cards at Ngamotu for the NZ Masters' Golf Championship, I caught up with old boy competitors Peter Rankin (Wellington), Dave Craig (Christchurch), Ken Holyoake (Auckland) and Tony Goldsworthy (New Plymouth). All performed very creditably.

My grapevine tells me that Morgan Barnes is rapidly establishing himself as an artist of note. He is presently in Australia on a scholarship.

Shanan Dick recently returned from the UK and has been appointed Manager of the NP Golf Club.

I read that Daryl Lilley has taken over as coach of the Southern Rugby team.

A week or so ago I met Bob Wells (1954 -1958). He lives on the Gold Coast, plays his golf at Sanctuary Cove, and was at Ngamotu with his old schoolmate, Barry Masters. The day before they had played at Strathmore with Neil Smiley and Maurice (Aggie) Mills. Two days later also at Ngamotu, I meet up with Jeff Talor (1967-1971) who has returned from overseas and now lives in Mt Manganui. He was with his old school mate Murray Coates.

Good luck to basketball coach, David Bublitz (1985-1989 and staff 2005-present) as he approaches his first season as coach of the Mountain Airs. All the best to Philip Mitchell (1989-1993), former Taranaki representative will be co-coach of the NP Old Boys team this year with Tony Earl.



Left Brian Bellringer, Max Carroll, David Bennett

Enjoying themselves at Awards Dinner



How's this for nostalgia. At the 1961-1962 1st XV Reunion Max Carroll, Claire Stewart, Noel (Hoppy) Lynch (deceased) and JJ Stewart (deceased).



Introduction to... Phoebe Ansell

My brief introduction as the producer and assistant to David Bennett, Editor "Through the Gates", is just that brief...

Through the eventual move to Hamilton of Maree (who with empathy, enthusiasm and her knowledge of the school was invaluable in her time supporting the old boys) there will be big shoes to fill I must say!... After a quick reshuffle with my seating arrangement in the admin office I literally moved desk / room to begin this role plus other office duties.

In 1991 I was the transition assistant to Rosemary Carter. Then was asked to become the receptionist in the main office during Tom Ryder's time as Headmaster. I left to become an Electorate Secretary for Harry Duynhoven, who at the time was the Guidance Counsellor at the school before becoming the local MP, and after 16 years I am back.

I had two sons who attended the school (one playing for the 1st XV and the other 2nd XV) and who are still living in New Plymouth. My husband also worked as an Assistant Groundsman... so with the family ties to the school my eventual return was, I suppose, inevitable. So I now ask to please feel free to email me and I will endeavour to help with any enquiries. - *Phoebe*

OLD BOYS' LIAISON OFFICE

This is our new name for anything pertaining to Old Boys.

Your direct contact at school is **Phoebe Ansell** and she can be contacted on (06) 758-5399 Ext 704 or through email at ob.liaison@npbhs.school.nz

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MAY WE EMAIL YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Since the 125th Jubilee, we have acquired a lot of email addresses. By emailing the newsletter to you, rather than posting, we reduce the costs on our twice yearly mailout.

If you are happy to receive your 'Through the Gates' newsletter this way, please let me know.

You can access the newsletters on the NPBHS website under Old Boys

www.npbhs.school.nz



Worthy of our admiration were the exploits of the staff "DREAM TEAM" (better known by the school as the ("team of dreamers"). The star of this team was Alan Elgar earned frenzied applause for demonstrating to the entire school that the art of smashing your body to bits for no good reason is still alive and well in New Zealand. Do you recognise any faces? (Extract from the Taranakian 1992).

(Sorry about the quality of the photo)

SEARCHING FOR OUR OLD BOYS

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY NPBHS ALUMNI WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW:

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Years @ school:

Submitted by:

Biennial Reunions

MAC will attend and INVITES you to meet with OLD BOYS in your area.

- May: Tuesday, 10 May @ approximately 1:30pm
Venue: @ AGS Old Boys' Pavilion
- June: Wednesday, 1 June @ approximately 12:30pm
Venue: @ Commerce Club
- Wednesday, 22 June @ approximately 1:30pm
Venue: @ Coachmans
- July: Saturday, 16 July @ approximately 1:00pm
Venue: @ Napier Boys' High School

1st XV 2011 Games

HOME GAMES

Papatoetoe	Sat, 16 April
Wanganui High School	Tues, 3 May
St Pat's (Silverstream)	Wed, 25 May
Francis Douglas	Wed, 8 June
Tauranga Boys'	Sat, 18 June
Gisborne Boys'	Sat, 2 July
Hastings Boys'	Sat, 9 July
Palmerston North Boys'	Wed, 10 August

AWAY GAMES

Sacred Heart College (in Te Kuiti)	Sat, 2 April
Auckland Grammar	Tues, 10 May
Hamilton Boys' High School	Wed, 1 June
Palmerston North Boys'	Wed, 22 June
Napier Boys' High	Sat, 16 July
Westlake Boys'	Sat, 30 July

1st XV Coach, Glen Hannah Asst. Coach, Justin Bigwood
Managers, Darryl Leath & Dave Robinson

Renovation NEWS.....

Over the school holidays a four-classroom extension to the Music Memorial Block began. The prefabs behind the Art area will be removed and Home Economics, Languages and ESOL will go into the new building at the beginning of next year. One interesting aspect of the construction has been moving electricity from the front of the school to the new site. It was done by drilling from the Headmaster's Quad, under Carrington and the old library to the new site - great technology!!!



NP Old Boys' Association

Patron	Tom Ryder JP
President	David Bublitz
Snr Vice President	Brooke Wolfe
Jnr Vice President	Michael Somers
Secretary	Grant Hassall
Treasurer	Brian Bellringer
Committee:	
David Bennett, Lynn Bublitz, Blair Corlett, Kevin Gledhill, Colin Maihi, Kevin Taylor and Todd Wolfe.	

Email ob.liaison.npbhs.school.nz if you want to know more about the Association.

Tip bits.....

1. If you know of any Old Boys who are not receiving the newsletter, please get them to email me ob.liaison@npbhs.school.nz
2. ATTENTION FORMER STAFF! Are you a former staff member or know the address / whereabouts of one? YOU are honorary old boys and we would like to compile a register with a view to, perhaps organising former staff reunion.
3. Can you HELP?
You may be able to contribute to this publication by sending your stories or photos.
4. Do you love your job? Do you have an extraordinary JOB? If you would like to share your career-story with fellow old boys please let us know. It's always interesting to learn what old boys are up to around the country and throughout the world.
5. If you know of an old boy living in the UK please email Phoebe. I have an old boy wanting to make contact.
6. David Armstrong (ex staff 1983-1986) is a real estate agent in Auckland. His son is in the 1st XI Auckland Grammar School.
7. Some of you may remember Kane Sole (1995-1999). He has just released his debut album (Three Little Words) on iTunes. It is easy listening acoustic type music. Worth a listen.