



OLD BOYS 2021

2021 completes another year of interaction and growing contacts for the PNBHS Old Boys' Association. We have hosted many groups at school, held Old Boys' functions in Palmerston North and travelled away to host and connect with Old Boys across the North Island. In the office each day we enjoy receiving emails or picking up the phone to hear from our Old Boys.

Old Boys have so much history to share along with many good stories; without you our Association would not exist. Please continue to stay in touch, we really do enjoy sharing in the lifetime connection of our school. In the Old Boys' Office, Stuart Leighton continues to be 'The Godfather' we could never do without, Stu works tirelessly researching and connecting with Old Boys, young and old. Stu's networking with our Old Boys is invaluable, he knows so many people and shares his stories and knowledge gathered through many years connected to PNBHS. Rachel Wenham organises us all, and Dominic King continues to work at his passion in the school archives area. His restoration work and organising of our school archives collection is notable. You also enjoy many Old Boys' snippets from him on the Old Boys' Facebook page. Sally Wenham joined us after finishing her degree in 2020. Sally is a welcome addition with her skills in photography, design, marketing and event management.

Mazhooz Sujau was farewelled at the end of 2020. We miss his work but we are grateful that he has stayed on board the Old Boys' Executive.

The Old Boys' Association AGM 2021 was held in July and saw the following election of Officers:

President: Simon O'Connor

Patron: Alan Cull

Treasurer: John Whitehead

Secretary: Rachel Wenham

Executive Officers: Michael Lawrence, John Naylor, Rolf Leenards, Mazhooz Sujau and Philip Rophia

School Liaison: Stuart Leighton, David Bovey, Andrew McDougall and Lance Retemeyer

The Old Boys' Executive committee meets regularly, it is the driving force in supporting network initiatives from the Old Boys' Office where we continue to work to foster and grow the relationships and data base of our Old Boys. The committee's underlying commitment is to see through the construction of a new Old Boys' Pavilion and an international standard Hockey Turf to be built at school. We hope to appeal to our Old Boys community in 2022 to help us make these projects a reality. These two projects will be great assets to both the Old Boys and PNBHS and are currently going through the project consent stage. The committee has a great interest in what happens at PNBH; this wider school interest means we are more connected with the life of the school, as well as acknowledging the needs of a good healthy school and how Old Boys can continue to



support PNBHS. Our newest Executive Officer, Mr. Philip Ropiha attended PNBHS and College House from 1978 to 1982. Philip was Head Boy of College House in 1982 and a School Prefect. Philip was also part of the PNBHS 1st XV in 1982 and played cricket and squash. Philip is a great school and Old Boys' supporter.

Thank you to all Old Boys across the country and the world who have come together in many different ways, we rely on your support. It is great to continue the brotherhood of our school. It has been an influential part of many of our lives.

Simon O'Connor – Old Boys' President.

From the office:

Connecting with Old Boys domestically and internationally throughout 2021 has been an enjoyable part of Stuart and Rachel's day, the many emails and phone conversations have helped them to get to know many of our Old Boys. They have enjoyed finding out about the amazing jobs and lives you lead, along with learning about Covid living in your part of the world. Networking with our Old Boys is a rewarding part of their jobs.

We started 2021 by hosting the **2001 1st XI Cricket Tour reunion**. This tour was marked as the tour group



which experienced food poisoning and on arrival into Cape Town from Singapore many of the tour party were admitted to hospital. After a traditional cricket match on the Friday afternoon on the school field, the team celebrated dinner in the College House function room.



That same weekend saw the inaugural **Palmy Steel Old Boys' Rugby 7's** team take to the field. Palmy Steel was initiated from the work of Mazhooz Sujau and Johnny Galloway. Mazhooz found 11 business sponsors willing to fund their playing gear, notably these sponsors were

Old Boys. The Manawātū Invitational tournament was a New Zealand wide competition and our Palmy Steel team cleaned up, by winning the tournament. The team wisely split their winnings on celebrating the victory and leaving some in the Old Boys bank to secure entry into future tournaments.



On February 26th we celebrated the induction of our second group into The PNBHS Sports Hall of Fame. James Oliver did a great job as Master of Ceremonies. 240 people attended and enjoyed a great night. We were pleased to have Adrian Elrick join us from the inaugural Sports Hall of Fame and we enjoyed presenting Nick Wilson with his award, after he was unable to be present at the first induction in 2019.



2021 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees:

Mr Mathew Sinclair (1989-94)

Mathew played a variety of sports at school, but it was cricket where he excelled. If there were people prepared to bowl to him, he would bat anywhere any time. He received the Page Trophy for the Best Third Form Cricketer and a number of other awards for the 1st XI cricket, including the Retemeyer Brothers Trophy for his magnificent 122 versus Auckland Grammar. Skippy had a great relationship with Phil Gosling who taught and coached him in both cricket and rugby. 1st XI coach Alec Astle predicted he had the ability and mental attributes to reach the highest level of the game. He was PNBHS 1st XI Cap number 606. Mathew was vice-captain of the 1st XI, vice-captain of Gordon Club and a School Prefect.

His debut for the Black Caps against the West Indies on Boxing Day 1999 was a memorable one where he scored 214. He still holds the equal world record for the highest test score for a number three batsman on debut and holds the NZ record for the highest score on debut. The next season he followed this with another double

hundred, 204 not out against Pakistan. He played 33 tests (Cap number 208), 54 One Day Internationals (Cap number 113) and two T20s (Cap number 8) accumulating nearly 3,000 international runs.

Mathew had 18 seasons with Central Districts.

- Tied fourth on the list of most 1st class appearances for a NZ Association (119). Skippy has broken a number of records over the course of his career.
- Leading run scorer in all formats for CD, scoring over 15,000 runs
- Most 1st class runs for one association with 9148 runs. This is more than 2,500 runs in front of the next best.
- A record 27 1st class centuries for CD. He took 350 catches, 3 stumpings as well as 24 1st class wickets.
- Four times he was the leading run scorer in NZ first class cricket and during his career helped CD win eight trophies.

Mr Eskell Dundas “Buster” Andrews (1912-22)

Buster was a fine all-round student with a strong academic record and sporting talent. In athletics he was an expert high jumper, played A Grade rugby for Gordon, was a school librarian and platoon sergeant in the school’s Cadet Unit. In 1921 he was the NCO in charge of the squad which won the Monrad Cup, a special physical drill competition. The Cup was presented by Mr O. Monrad in 1919. This was the first year of the inter-club competition and hence Buster was a foundation member of Gordon Club.

It was tennis where he made his sporting fame. Tennis had started in 1917 at the school when a tournament was arranged to be played at the conclusion of the cricket season. Mr Hodder, Chairman of the High School Board, kindly presented a silver medal to be competed for in the championship singles event. Buster won this from 1920-1922 and was runner-up in 1918-1919.

While at School he became the NZ Junior Champion on two occasions. He was the Senior Champion of the Wellington Provinces in 1922. He was NZ Champion on two occasions and represented NZ four times in the Davis Cup. The first time he won the NZ title was after a tour of Australia where he learnt very rapidly the impact of the serve and volley game.

On moving to England in 1927 he continued to play Davis Cup Tennis for NZ and had an excellent record at Wimbledon. In 1928 he defeated 4th seed, American Frank Hunter in the first round; Hunter was the 1923 Wimbledon runner-up and the 1924 Olympic Champion. Buster staved off three match points to win 7-5 in the fifth and, to quote the press at the time, had “stunned the tennis world”. In 1929 he won the South of England Championships at Eastbourne overpowering England’s best to show he was world class. Buster would go on to reach the singles quarter-finals twice at Wimbledon, as well as the doubles and mixed doubles quarter-finals. He competed in the US National Championships, and later in 1935, the US Open while on a business trip. His



final hurrah came in the doubles at Wimbledon in 1947. Buster is remembered annually at the School with the Andrews Cup which is competed for as an inter-club tennis competition and part of the Shand Shield rivalry. Buster presented the Cup to the school in 1934 while on a home visit.

Mr Nick Wilson (2004-08)

In his first year at PNBHS in 2004 Nick was playing for both the 3rd Form Specials cricket and hockey teams. In cricket his top score was 82 and he was the winner of the Page Trophy for the best 3rd Form cricketer. He received from the coach and then Rector, Mr Tim O'Connor "the NZ Stick" for the most promising 3rd Form hockey player.

In the 4th Form Nick began playing for the PNBHS 1st XI hockey with coach Bruce Kensington. From 2005-2007 Nick scored 138 goals for PNBHS. He won the Parrot Brothers Cup for the "Best Forward" three times, won the Champions Trophy twice for the most valuable player and the John Dentice Cup three times for the best forward. Nick led the 1st XI to two consecutive Rankin Cup finals where the team lost in strokes in both 2006 and 2007.

The 2006 Palmerstonian reads "2005/06 3rd XI cricket – Nick has given up cricket to concentrate on hockey and if he chooses not to come back to cricket it would be a huge waste of talent".

Nick's sporting talent led to him winning the Senior Pentathlon at the School's Athletics. He was awarded the prestigious Dux Ludorum in 2007 and was a School Prefect in 2008.

In 2007, at the age of 17 and still at school, Nick made his international debut for the Black Sticks against Korea. In 2010 Nick had a stellar year. He won a bronze medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. He was nominated for the International Hockey Federation Young Player of the Year award. He was named in the FIH All Stars team of players who lit up the hockey world that year. He played at the Champions Trophy in 2012 and played for the Ranchi Rhinos in the Indian Hockey League. Nick represented NZ at two Summer Olympics in both 2012 and 2016 becoming NZ Olympian 1231. During his career he has played 170 internationals and scored 76 goals for the NZ Black Sticks.

Despite one of the pre-requisites for the Hall of Fame being retirement, Nick is making a comeback and we wish him all the best in his efforts to return to international hockey.

Mr Bob Burgess (1964-66)

Bob was an outstanding athlete and scholar at school. Middle distance running, road race and cross country were his strengths. In 1966 he broke the school's Senior 880 yards record (2min 1.3 seconds) and went on to win the same event at the Manawatū Inter-Secondary

Schools Athletics. Bob was the Club Captain of Kia Ora in 1966. He was a Platoon Officer and Company Commander in the school's Cadet Unit and was a School Prefect. Bob also excelled at tennis and was in the A Team for three years. He was promoted to the 1st XV in 1964 after returning from a year at Hastings Boys' High School and he was a member of the school's inaugural 1st XV tour to Australia. He went on to play for the 1st XV over 60 times and scored over 300 points. Bob was vice-captain in the undefeated 1966 side, only the second team in the school's history to do this. "The 1966 rugby season will be mentioned with delight at Old Boys' gatherings wherever they be held" said Mr Colquhoun (IAC).

Bob represented Manawatū 24 times between 1967-68 and 1971-73 and he represented Southland in 1970 when he was teaching at Southland Boys' High School. He was a NZ Junior and NZ Universities representative in 1968 and toured Japan with NZU in 1970.

In 1970 Bob refused nomination for the All Black trials for the tour of South Africa as a protest against that country's apartheid regime. Picked for the All Blacks in 1971, he became All Black number 690 and played 30 times for the All Blacks including seven tests. "Following the second test against the Lions in 1971 several critics rated the Manawatū five-eight the best All Black 1st five for over 20 years. He was outstanding in the memorable 22-12 victory at Lancaster Park scoring two brilliant tries and displaying his class as a running passing five-eight" (NZ newspaper). Bob went on the 1972-73 tour to the UK, France and the US. It was the last of the long tours (32 games). In Belfast he received a letter of warning from the Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA, not to discuss politics. He played better outside Lyn Colling rather than the unpredictable Syd Going who never had the reputation of giving his 1st-five an armchair ride. In 1973-75 he played for Lyon Olympique Universitaire in Lyon, France. One season he was voted the best 1st-five in France. Two other members of the 1966 1st XV also became All Blacks: John Loveday and Ian Stevens.

Mr Don Burmeister (1958-61)

Don was an outstanding athlete at school. He was later able to transfer his aerobic fitness onto the squash court. He was regularly in the top three in the school road races and in the middle-distance events during the school's Athletic Sports. Don ran successfully for the school at the Manawatū Inter-Secondary cross country. He also played basketball and cricket. He was a versatile and able five-eighth on the rugby field and played in a well-performed 8th Grade A team where he was the captain.

Don was a NZ Squash representative from 1966-1971 attending three World Championships. He was the NZ Champion in 1967, 1969 and 1970 and was runner-up to Trevor Johnston (a PNBHS Old Boy) in 1966 and 1968. He was ranked number 1 in 1967, 1969, 1970 and 1971. Don was North Island Champion in 1969.



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Mr Gary Hermansson (1954-58)

Gary was a fine all-round sportsman at school. He was a member of the 1st cricket XI and 1st XV rugby. While at school he represented Manawatū and Central Districts Colts as a wicket-keeper batsman. He appears on the School's Cricket Honours Board for a century against Tech Old Boys. Gary also played hockey, was athletics shot put champion, Club Captain of Albion, vice-captain of the 1st cricket XI, a Platoon Commander in the School's Cadet Unit as well as a competitive swimmer. Gary played in the famous 1957 1st XV match against St Patrick's Silverstream after nine members of the initial team were stood down for ill-discipline following the Napier Boys' High School exchange. Gary's contribution included two penalty goals and two conversions in the 16-9 win. He was a renowned goal kicker and scored 119 points in the 1958 season. His 1st XI cricket cap number is 374.

Gary went on to play 100 first-class rugby games of rugby for Manawatū, Wellington, and NZ Universities. He also had one game of first-class cricket for a NZ Under 23 side.

Gary has been the Sports Psychologist for ten Games campaigns; five Commonwealth and five Olympic Games from 1998-2016. He has been on nine international and four Black Caps tours, including the World Cup in the West Indies. He has worked with Central Districts since 2004 and has been the Team Psychologist for the NZ Equestrian Team. He has also had three books and countless articles published.

In 2015 Gary was made an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to Sport Psychology in NZ. In 2017 he was made a Member of the Olympic Order of NZ for services to the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Gary has been inducted into the Manawatū Legends of Sport and is a Life Member of Central Districts Cricket.

Gary caught the eye of now-deceased basketball superstar Kobie Bryant. He promoted Gary's views when he posted a link to the Massey News website on his Facebook page for his 13 million followers. The video was an interview about what Professor Hermansson considers the key factors high-performance athletes need to focus on to achieve at the top level. They met at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Mr Stu Jacobs (1979-82)

The 1st XI football coach Steve Robb said, "Stu was born to play football". He also had other sporting talents including athletics where he was first in the Junior 800m and third in the Intermediate Pentathlon. He played cricket in Mr Doyle's talented 8th XI. Stu also won a Junior Freestyle swimming event.

The school recognised his talents in 1980 when he was awarded the Hornblow Brothers Cup for All Round Excellence in Scholarship and Sport in the Junior School. It was football where Stu shone, captaining both the 3rd and 4th Form Specials with Charlie Lake as coach. He was promoted to the 1st XI in Form 4 and immediately made an impact. He was regarded as the mid-field general with all the skills and scored 50 goals for the 1st XI. Steve Robb said, "The greatest honour to ever befall a soccer player while at PNBHS was bestowed on one of our fine team – Stuart Jacobs" when he was named in the NZ Under 19 World Cup Squad in 1982. He was the youngest in the squad and the only one not playing in National or Regional Leagues. Since leaving school he has followed his football dream by playing overseas and returning to play 31 times for the All Whites between 1988-1997. He made 220 appearances for Miramar Rangers between 1984-2000.

Following retirement, Stu has embarked on an extensive coaching career including:

- Junior All Whites to the 2007 FIFA Under 20 World Cup in Canada
- The NZ Under 23 "Olywhites" to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing
- Team Wellington
- Young Heart Manawatū
- Central Coast Mariners (Youth)
- Assistant Coach with both the Phoenix and All Whites
- Coached with Hibernian in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Currently Director of Football at Scots College, Wellington, and coaching consultant with a number of clubs.

Mr Levi Sherwood (2005-07)

In 2005 Levi had a high number of absences from school due to his freestyle motorcross commitments with the "Crusty Demons" in Australia and also to recuperate from injuries. His nickname is "Rubber Kid".

After successfully passing NCEA Level 1 he left school to pursue his international career in freestyle motorcross. He started racing motor cycles at aged four following his father Dave who was a professional speedway racer.



his father Dave who was a professional speedway racer. Trying freestyle at age nine put an end to motorcross. At age 12 he was invited to ride on the Crusty Demons' Australian tour, giving him a taste of professional freestyle. He has since ridden in the X Games, Red Bull X-Fighters and Nitro Circus. He has won events all over the world and in 2017 won two gold medals at the X Games in Minneapolis, USA.

Levi has created his own Freestyle Motorcross playground at home on a hilly paddock with a state-of-the-art airbag. This he credits to have helped him become one of the most successful riders in the history of the sport.

In 2017 Levi became just the second rider to win the Motor X Freestyle and Best Trick at the X Games in Minneapolis and stunned his rivals with a second run that included three double backflips and three different variations in one run.

Levi is now referred to as a modern-day Bert Munro. He is a self-taught engineer who tinkers in his shed and was able to make his bike lighter and more responsive. Only 15% of his bike was not customised. He even made his own crutches! Towards the end of his career Levi said "I have hurt myself too many times to take big risks on a daily basis".

After retiring in 2019, his focus is now on producing specifically built FMX bikes.

Mr Bryan Yuile (1955-59)

While at school Bryan was an impressive performer both academically and on various sports fields. He was a member of the 1st cricket and hockey XIs for four years and was chosen for both Manawatū and Central Districts cricket while at school. He was selected for a NZ Secondary Schools' Hockey team and narrowly missed final selection for the NZ Hockey team which attended the Rome Olympics in 1960. Bryan captained both cricket and hockey XIs in his final year at school. He achieved a remarkable 13 Honours Board performances for the 1st XI cricket. He was Club Captain of Kia Ora and a School Prefect in his final year. He was a boxing champion, athletics field event champion, a CSM in the Cadet Unit, a leader in the Crusader Movement, a swimmer of considerable merit, thrice represented the school in annual cross country events and played a good game at five-eighth for one season (as well as his hockey). He was awarded the prestigious Dux Ludorum in 1959.

Bryan played 17 tests for NZ and went on three lengthy overseas tours. His Test Cap is number 95 and his PNBHS Cap is 372. He played 123 first-class matches with a highest score of 146 and best bowling of 9/100. He played first class cricket from 1959-1972 amassing nearly 4000 runs and 375 wickets. For NZ he scored 481 runs and took 34 wickets.

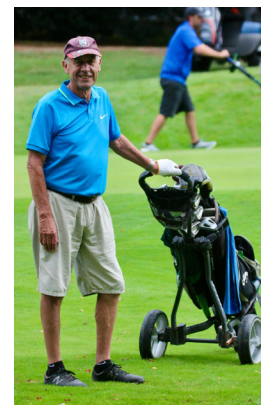
Bryan played in the match when NZ first beat an Australian cricket team, although it wasn't a full test squad. His match figures were 69 overs, 34 maidens, 7/119. Victor Pollard took 11 wickets in the same match. His test debut was against England where he took Ted Dexter's wicket and top-scored in the first innings with 64 which remained his highest test score. In 1969 he headed the batting averages in the NZ tour of England but was not selected in the tests. For religious reasons, he did not play cricket on a Sunday which ultimately curtailed his career.

Old Boys Notes/Events

One sunny April day Stuart, The Rector and Rachel headed down to Waikanae and had a lovely lunch with Old Boys Barry Cleverly, Euan Hubbard and Bill Pearson, (Bill took the photo). These three are regular supporters throughout the rugby season at our 1st XV games. Euan is the Patron of our White jersey Club. Barry was inducted into the Business Alumni in 2020 and Bill still plays in a Jazz Band and entertains at the Palmerston North Jazz festival each year.



2021 Golf Day in its traditional spot of the second Sunday in April is always one of our major focuses. We had a record number of entries, 26 teams. This year we introduced a guest speaker in the Clubhouse at the end of the day. Luke Irving, CEO and Founder of 'Fingermark' spoke about his success story. Fingermark is an extremely successful and fast-growing IT business based in Havelock North. Luke was well received by a full clubhouse, which included people who had turned up just to hear Luke speak. For 2022 David Bovey has approached Bart Campbell to be the guest speaker. Another new initiative to the day was the Bootleggers Gin Tent. Doug Speedy, Old Boy and CEO at Parker



Brothers played in the field alongside Luke, and he allowed us to sample his 1931 Deco Gin along with a variety of his Bootleggers tonic range.



Thank you Luke and Doug for adding so positively to our Golf Day . The Colts rugby team who helped man the traditional BBQ's benefitted from the day, as they were fundraising for their Nationals trip to Christchurch. Many thanks also to adopted Old Boy and great friend of the school Ian Van der Veen and his wife Brigid who helped us out before and during the tournament. We are also indebted to our loyal sponsors, who without them the day would not be so successful. The winning team for 2021 was Naylor Lawrence and Associates.



On Tuesday 4th of May our **School Anzac Service** took place. From our Old Boys' executive we saw Michael Lawrence and Stuart Leighton read respectively the Honours lists for World War I and II. Many Old Boys attended the service which traditionally is a grand occasion. Our Old Boys' wreaths were laid once again by Jim Kelly (96) and Alan Cull (97). Jim had driven himself down from Auckland for the service. It was very sad to receive the news that Jim Kelly passed away on the 9th of July.



On Queen's Birthday , Monday 7th of June we gathered at College House and welcomed the **1961 College House Year 9 Niger House team** who had played in the traditional College House vs Niger House (New Plymouth Boys' High) that year. Maurice Gloyn was Head Boy of College House in 1961 and therefore the main coach of that team. John Morrison worked with Maurice to gather up as many teammates they could find. It was good to watch friendships being renewed after lengthy absences. The 2021 College House team were victorious in this year's match and the 1961 team enjoyed being part of the celebratory aftermatch in the College House dining hall.



On the weekend of June 18th and 19th we had two **rugby reunion** groups back in school. **The 1971/72/73 combined teams and the 1980/81 Teams.** Both teams attended an assembly with the current 1st and 2nd XVs. Barry Wright from the 71-73 team and Bruce Lochore captain of the 1980 team addressed the boys. Many words of wisdom were passed on to the boys from these men, practical advice that we hope they listened to and will remember.



Both teams enjoyed a tour of the school. Friday night saw the 1970's team meet up at The Fat Farmer and the 1980's boys gather at Speights Ale House. On Saturday morning, pre the Hamilton Boys' High School game we hosted a brunch in the College House dining Hall for both reunion teams, our White Jersey Club supporters, School rugby sponsors and 1st XV current members parents - 70 in total. We then all braved the Hamilton game in the wind and rain, drowning our sorrows and warming up over at The Northern Bowling Club for refreshments after the game. That night the 1970's boys and many of their wives celebrated with a team dinner in the College House function room, it was again great to watch people get together who had not met up for 40 years or more.



The 1980's team met for their team dinner at Aberdeen on Broadway. When we arrived the stories were flowing and it was great to see so much laughter.



Stuart and Rachel headed over to Hastings on June 2nd, where they spent a delightful two hours at lunch at Summerset in The Orchard Café chatting to a group of Old Boys that meet up on the first Thursday of each month. They enjoyed listening to their stories of school life as well as catching them up on school as it is today.



Our **Tauranga Old Boys Function** took place on Friday July 2nd, and about 35 Old Boys joined Stuart, Sally and Rachel at Maccau Bar in Tauranga. Thank you so much to Grant Mitchell and Cameron Mitchell, both based in Tauranga, for organising the venue. Drinks and conversations flowed between all age groups. Stuart provided a run down on present school life, which our Old Boys do like to hear. Thank you again Grant Mitchell, who teaches at Tauranga Boys' College for making tea and coffee available in the Pavilion on the Saturday while the PNBHS 1st and 2nd XV's played Tauranga Boys' College.



On Friday July 23rd, Stuart, Sally and Rachel hosted the **Auckland Old Boys evening** at Ignite Studio, in downtown Auckland. Thank you to Julian Butson who made this space available to us and supported the event. Tony Dowse, ICON construction and Craig Le Quense of Laydodd Accountants. Both made generous donations to sponsor our function. All three Old Boys' contributions certainly helped in making the night a success. Over the night around 60 Old Boys attended the function. David Bovey, at the end of his sabbatical leave joined us for the function. Simon O'Connor and Rolf Leenards from the Old Boys' Executive made the trip up from Palmerston North both making the most of their night out in the big city, which was helped by the fact that Ignite Studio is 100m from HQ Bar on the Auckland Viaduct. Simon was happy to have low lying fog delay his flight back to Palmerston North on Saturday morning and Rolf never made it to King's College for the rugby. On Saturday morning before the traditional PNBHS 1st XV vs King's College match, King's College kindly allowed us to host a morning tea, again this was well supported by Old Boys and the like. At any of our school matches we really appreciate the support we get from our Old Boys. We are looking forward to returning to Auckland in 2022.



With Covid lockdown occurring in August and at the time of writing this in October we are still in Level 2 restrictions. We are terribly disappointed this means three of our biggest scheduled gatherings have had to be cancelled for 2021. Our Annual Old Boys' Dinner was due to have taken place in September, where we had Old Boy Luke Kemeys from Boys get Paid, betting App fame as guest speaker to entertain us. Luke was then set to return to lead us at a 'Day At The Races'. The third event to be cancelled was our much loved and traditional

Old Boys' Sports Day. This always takes place on the Friday before Labour Weekend. If we do find ourselves at Level 1 closer to the end of the year we are going to host Xmas drinks!

Old Boys will be back in 2022 and we have Reunions planned, a new Race Day booked, and the Golf Day booked in as well as gatherings in Palmerston North and around the country. We will look forward to meeting a few of you at these events, we are also going to try and make it to the South Island.

Special mention must be made to all our amazing Old Boys who support our three funds that help our current school boys:

The Good Buggers Club: An across the school fund that staff can make an application to help any boy for any academic or co-curricular need.

The White Jersey Club: This fund has been set up by past 1st XV players and is used to ease the excessive costs involved in playing in the 1st XV by subsidising travel, accommodation and food expenses as well as looking after 1st XV members who would not play if we could not support them

The Football Supporters Club: This fund is a recent addition for past 1st XI Football players to support the current 1st XI players with all aspects of their involvement in the team.

If you would like to join either of these clubs please email: wenhamr@pnbhs.school.nz

There are a handful of Old Boys who support our school and the current students generously whenever they hear that help is needed. Across New Zealand and the world we are truly appreciative of your endless generosity. Thank you so much.

Obituaries:

Cameron Rose (1958-62)

Cameron sadly passed away at his home in Windsor, England in early September.



Cameron was Deputy Head Boy in 1962. He was an outstanding scholar who was awarded a University Entrance Scholarship and also received a Post-Primary Studentship. Cameron played 1st X1 Hockey and was leader of the Debating Team for two years. He was a Platoon Commander in the school's Cadet Force and also Secretary of the Crusader Union. He

also contributed extensively to Albion Club, where he was a committee member, captained the hockey, played cricket and was a member of a successful Senior 4 x 100-yard Athletics relay.

From school he went to Victoria University and completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Mathematics. His Teachers' College year was in Christchurch following which he was appointed to a position at Shirley Boys' High School (1986-71).

The lure of an "OE" took him to England, and he initially taught at four schools, Holland Park School, Windsor Boys' School, Harrow School and Westminster School. He started a permanent position at Eton College in 1973 and remained there until he retired in 2005. From 1984 to 1997 Cameron was House Master of Evans House or "JCMR" House as it was known to the boys when he was there. JCMR are Cameron's initials. Cameron had an exchange stint with Christ's College, Christchurch, in 1983.

Cameron was highly regarded at Eton College. His working life was dedicated to the boys of the school, and he followed their careers and exploits with interest. Many letters, cards, emails and social media communications have been received praising Cameron's role in helping the development of many young men.

An early retirement gave Cameron the opportunity to indulge in his passion of travel and photography. Much of his travel was intrepid which included a notable mini-bus tour of Afghanistan in 2010, Taliban roadblocks "and all". He had friends across the globe and remained loyal to them. Another area of interest was World War I battle sites which he became very familiar with. He acknowledged Anzac Day every year with the Freyberg family after a grandson of Lord Freyberg had been a student at Evans House.

Cameron had many stories to tell and on his visits to NZ was a regular visitor to PNBHS.

Major Stuart Stubbs (1963-67)



Stuart died in Palmerston North in September this year.

Stuart was Club Secretary for Phoenix in 1967 and was a CSM (Company Sergeant Major) in the school's Cadet Battalion.

After school he was accepted into the Army Officer Cadet School at Portsea, Victoria. He remained in the army for 20 years which included leading the first NZ Army team to Antarctica in 1972-73. Other posts included Germany, Singapore, Wellington, Burnham, Waiouru and Linton.

After leaving the army in 1988 Stuart and his wife Lovey owned a motel in Whanganui before Stuart began working with the Whanganui-Palmerston North Health Board, in charge of Transportation. He also worked for Fleetwise in Palmerston North. They moved to Auckland in the early 2000s, where Stuart worked for DECA driver training before setting up his

own company, Kiwi Driver Training. They returned to Palmerston North in 2018.

The first time Stuart's prospective son-in-law met him he was expecting a barrage of questions related to his suitability to court Stuart's daughter Mars. However, the first question was which school he attended? Answering PNBHS, that settled it, no more questions.

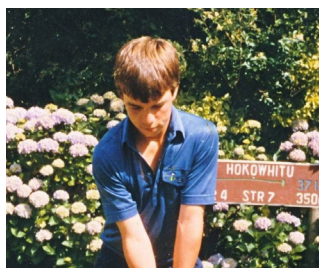
Stuart's son-in-law is Stuart Earle (1990-94) who is Director of Broadway Accounting Solutions in Palmerston North. Stuart and Mars have two sons at school, Liam and Logan.

The elegant Stubbs Memorial Trophy is awarded every year for All Round Participation and Outstanding Service in the Senior School.

Brendon Stewart (1984-87)

Brendon sadly died, too young, in Tauranga in early September.

Brendon played Third XV Rugby with Wally Campbell



and Errol Brookie. "1st five, late comer, proved invaluable when he played, mature and skilled". During one game when playing fullback, he was practicing his golf swing when Wally had to hurriedly warn him the ball was coming, to

which he casually caught it and dispatched the ball into touch. After school while working for Mark Donaldson at his sports shop, Brendon was encouraged to play for Te Kawanu Seniors as a freshly briefed halfback.

However, after growing up by the 9th tee at the Manawatū Golf Club it was golf where Brendon made his sporting mark. While at school he twice won the individual gross at the Manawatū-Whanganui Inter-Collegiate and led the school team to a 5th and 3rd at the National Inter-College Golf Championships. The school team also included Scott Fitchett, Andrew Coombe, David Caldwell and Stuart Towers.

In 1987 as a 6th former, Brendon qualified for the last 32 at the golf nationals held at Waitikiri, Christchurch. He twice represented Manawatū-Whanganui at the National Inter-Provincial Championships and on both occasions was the team's best performed player. He was No 4 in the team at Remuera, Auckland. While playing Waikato he realised he had 15 clubs in his bag instead of the permitted 14, owned up and was penalised two holes, before fighting back to lose one down.

Brendon had ambitions of following Grant Waite (1977-80) and Craig Perks (1980-83) to an American University but business on the home front prevailed and he went on to be the Higgins Group Operations Manager for the Bay of Plenty, after also working in Tonga, Auckland, Taupo and Wellington.



Gordon Neil Cruden (1947-51)

Gordon Cruden (LLD) passed away on 28 January 2021.



Gordon was a wonderful man - a father to Hamish, Liza-Jane and Harriet, and husband to his late wife Patricia. Gordon trained in law, topping Victoria Law School in his time. A brilliant debater, he along with Sir Edmund

Thomas and Sir Brian Elwood ensured that the Victoria University debating team were frequently victorious nationally. Gordon was passionate about Palmerston North, returning to the city to practice law despite being courted by Wellington's top law firms. Gordon also served 25 years in Hong Kong as a High Court Judge. On returning to Palmerston North, Gordon served for a significant length of time as a Palmerston North City Councillor. He was also passionate about his old school, Palmerston North Boys' High School, where again he was an outstanding debater. He gave back to the school by frequently passing on his knowledge and experience to the school debating team. Gordon's private funeral was held on the 4th of February 2021, at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, with about 40 people present.

Gary "Red" Wilson (1952-55)

Gary "Red" Wilson (1952-55) died in Havelock North in March this year. Red was a staunch College House guy and a Gordon Club member as Murray did not come into existence until 1962.



Red was in Ian Colquhoun's first 1st XV in 1955. "Coke" said of Red, "Hooker - light but an outstanding success. Smart striker of the ball with either foot. His opportunist sorties from the front of the lineout were often rewarding". Red received his 1st XV cap and a school blue in 1955. Red's College House connection continued when his son Tim (1986-90) was Head Boy of the hostel in 1990 and Red served

on the College House committee and became the Board of Trustees first College House Representative. Many PNBHS 1st XV teams were hosted at Red's in Wairoa, where a hangi would be provided by locals while the teams took a much needed break during interschool trips to Gisborne Boys' High School.

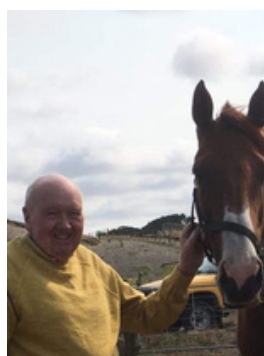
After school Red completed a Wool Classing Diploma through Massey College and became a wool classer. He was firstly employed at Glenorchy Station in the South Island and remained life-long friends with the Bill and Glenary Watt. Mrs Watt, at 95 years of age, recalls many of Red's antics, which appeared to have a similarity to his antics as a student at PNBHS. An eight year OE followed in Canada. He returned to Hawkes Bay to work in forestry before taking over the family milk run in Wairoa, which he had from 1974-2004.

Red was immersed in the Wairoa District and spent countless hours on community projects. He was club captain of the Wairoa Golf Club, patron, and a life member of the New Zealand Radio Association, and heavily involved with the A and P Society. He managed four holes-in-one. Red shifted to Palmerston North briefly before retiring to Napier. He continued to play golf and drove concrete trucks, often with 3am starts, until he turned 75. He never lacked energy and lived by the school's motto "nihil bone sine labore - nothing achieved without hard work". Red also had an interest in people, and a phenomenal memory for mates, incidents, anecdotes etc.

One of Red's life-long passions was surf life-saving which started at school where he earned a RLSS Instructors Certificate.

Ian McSweeney (1955-57)

Ian was Palmy born and bred. He enjoyed all aspects of sport, especially tennis and squash.



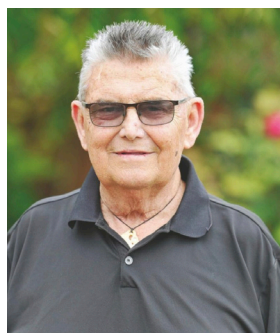
After completing his Business Studies by correspondence he joined Henry Berry Ltd, where he quickly climbed the ladder from Storeman to Branch Manager. In 1987 he joined Davis Trading as Director/ Shareholder.

He was a much loved and supportive husband, father and grandfather to five grandchildren, his three grandsons attending PNBHS.

He had an interest in gold, but more so with horses and breeding in the thoroughbred racing industry.

John Chemis (1962-66)

John Chemis died earlier this year in Gisborne following a lengthy career in Education. In 2019 he was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his contribution to Education.



This was in recognition for his contributions to the development of rural communities working with young Māori and their Whanau. Beginning his career up the East Coast which included Ruatoria and being Deputy Principal at Tologa Bay Area School, his final position

was Chief Executive at the Eastbay Regional Education Activities Programme (REAP) and Deputy Chair of REAP Aotearoa New Zealand. As John said, "Compared with many other professions, in education you can clearly see how you have made an impact on the world". This he achieved in his own distinct way.

John was a member of the legendary undefeated 1966 1st XV.

Logan Hughes(2015-18)



Logan Hughes sadly drowned late last year after courageously trying to rescue a girl who got into trouble in the Waikato River. The girl was subsequently rescued but unfortunately, Logan could not be revived. Logan's attempted rescue was described as "an instinctive display of humanity". Logan had been working in his home town of Taihape, and was a respected member of the Taihape Rugby Club.

John Graham (1963-64)



(John Graham - Right)

John Graham died in March this year after a lengthy battle with cancer. As mentioned at John's funeral he left school the day he turned 15 because his mother Marie refused to make his lunch anymore, and his father Alec declined to do his homework anymore, so he had no option but to leave. John had a four year apprenticeship to become an "old fashioned" men's barber and cut hair for many long term clients until a few months before his death. He even famously cut the All Blacks' hair during the 1978 Grand Slam Tour.

John's adventurous and eventful life included working for many years as a Kontiki Courier in Europe and entertainment manager on cruise ships. Back in NZ he became a raconteur stand-up comic, MC at the field days, Oyster Festival host, Race Day host, Old Boys dinner MC and many other roles related to entertainment. He was known throughout the country and overseas. Many watched the live streaming of his funeral in Australia and Europe. He also worked with people like Mike King, Rachel Hunter and did men's health presentations with Colin Meads.

John was an outstanding sportsman and excellent at rugby and lawn bowls. He was invited to major bowls tournaments in return for entertaining at night. John loved his horses and was generous to his many friends. John, although never marrying, was very close to his family. His father Alec turned 100 in July this year. His brothers Ross (1965-60) and Bruce (1967-71) also attended the school. Bruce spent a lot of time with John and provided great support as his health declined.

500 people attended John's funeral with a further 300 watching it online, John Williams (1963-66) was the officiating minister.

Lindsay Savell (1958-62)

Lindsay Savell, former school prefect and proud Kia Ora man died on Boxing Day, 2020 in Perth. After leaving school he worked for the family business Savell's Radio Ltd as a technician. Lindsay also played the double bass in local bands. While holidaying in Australia he met his wife Pippa and stayed, initially working for Hitachi



Australia and becoming their Sales Manager. The sales theme continued onto Perth where he set up his own real estate company and worked there for many years. On retirement he became the groundsman at the local primary school. Lindsay was also heavily involved in the Western Australia Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Pippa, who still lives in Perth, one child in Perth and one on the Gold Coast, and three grandchildren. Lindsay and his brother Alan used to speak with each other on a Tuesday night for many years.

Lindsay visited the school two years ago and was especially keen to see the School's Memorial Gallery.

Winston Donald Rowe (1954-57)

Winston grew up on the family farm on Rowe Road and attended Waitohi Primary School before going to PNBHS. His main passions were horse riding, rugby, and boxing.



After leaving school he took over a part of the family farm and began a career in crop, sheep, and beef farming. He continued to play for the Te Kawau Rugby club.

He married Lesley and had four daughters, Estelle, Lisa, Diane, and Charlotte.

He was involved with politics and the Feilding A&P Show which he went on to be president of for many years. After retiring from farming he set up a landscaping business which he enjoyed immensely. Recently he moved to town to Julia Wallace Retirement Village where he made wonderful new friends. He died peacefully on the 8th of November 2020. He will be remembered as being a great father and friend to many.

Morgan Dilks (1988-1992)

Manawatū's martial arts community lost a lot with the death of Morgan Dilks at the age of just 46 on February 8, 2021.



As a diligent karate instructor, he saw 25 of his students gain black belts until the Toyota NZ Business Manager finally succumbed to a three-year battle with cancer. After two expeditions to Japan, he had set up his own Palmerston North dojo in 2008 under the banner of Universal Shotokan Karate Union (USKU).



Morgan had left Palmerston North Boys' High School on a scholarship to Japan in 1993 to study Japanese and returned in 1997 on an exchange to teach English. It was while living in Miyazaki Prefecture on the island of Kyushu that he began karate training after studying various martial arts in New Zealand. Takanabe in Miyazaki was the home of USKU and in 1999 Morgan expanded USKU as a founding member of USKU International in order to develop friendships. It now operates in 14 countries and Morgan travelled extensively overseas to seminars, gradings and tournaments.

As the Palmerston North head instructor, the dojo regularly trained up to 50 fighters, and still continues to operate.

Ryan Buchanan (2008-10)

A message from Chief of Army, Major General John Boswell.



It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Bombardier Ryan James Buchanan, RNZA.

Ryan served in the New Zealand Army within the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery for eight years, having enlisted into the Army on the 6th of March 2013. Ryan undertook a number of appointments within 16th Field Regiment, in the Command Systems and Targeting areas. However, military life was a familiar environment for Ryan, having grown up on a number of Royal New Zealand Air Force bases.

Ryan was awarded the New Zealand Defence Force Service Medal with Regular Clasp. In addition, Ryan was awarded the Gunner of the Year title in 2020 for his high levels of commitment, courage, technical competency, and leadership ability.

Ryan had a strong interest in sports. He played for both the Army and NZDF basketball teams, as well as fulfilling the role of assistant coach when he was unable to play. In 2019/2020 Ryan was also training towards competing at the Invictus Games.

Ryan passed following a long battle with illness, maintaining positivity until the end. He demonstrated a strength of character, never admitting defeat. Ryan's passing is a loss to our Army Community and our thoughts are with his family.

Doug Bowden (1942-45)

One of the last remaining players from Central Districts' first season, Doug Bowden, has died, aged 93. The

former Manawatū batsman was part of CD's pioneering 1950-51 season after CD had fought to become its own major association, having previously been part of Wellington. He played 16 games for CD from 1950-58, including a match against a touring West Indian team, which included the great Everton Weekes, in Whanganui in 1956.



Bowden learned his trade early, being selected for the 1st XI at Palmerston North Boys' High School in his first year at school in 1942, facing players such as Manawatū pace bowler Tommy Downes in club cricket. Bowden captained

the 1st XI in his last year at school in 1945, where he played alongside future New Zealand batsman Noel Harford. He also played in the 1st XV rugby team as a first five-eighth.

Doug died after a suspected heart attack or stroke. He was living in Taupō with his wife Christina.

Colin Webster-Watson (1939-42)

Colin was a New Zealand sculptor and poet.

At the age of twenty, Colin travelled to Japan with



the Commonwealth Occupation Force. While in Japan, his army superiors deemed that he would be better employed as an entertainer than a soldier, and gave him

the responsibility to organise concerts for the troops.

In 1954, Webster-Watson moved to London to become a dancer and comedian at the Windmill Theatre. For a time, he also worked as a radio sports reporter in Wales. Following the death of his father in 1960, Webster-Watson suffered a breakdown and moved to Italy.

It was while running an orphanage in Alberobello that he discovered his love of sculpture and soon after established a studio in Rome. His work graced the collection of Jacqueline Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis.

Webster-Watson married Jane Ewing in New York in the 1980s where they lived in Wainscott on Long Island. In 1990, he moved to Palm Springs, California, where he lived until 2004 when he returned to New Zealand; he died in 2007.

Webster-Watson donated several works to Wellington including Tail of the Whale (Oriental Bay), Frenzy (Ōwhiro Bay), Prowling Cheetah (Wellington Zoo), Mountain of Dreams (Wellington Zoo), [3] La Famiglia (Wellington Hospital).

Jim Kelly (1938-42)



Our school community was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Jim Kelly. In recent years has been a regular attendee at our annual Anzac service where he has placed a wreath on the Gallipoli Oak on behalf of our Old Boys. After these services, Mr. Kelly was always keen to engage with our young men and to find out about what was happening at school. His presence and contribution will be missed. Our thoughts are with Mr. Kelly's family at this time. Jim reconnected with the school in 2007 when driving past a rugby ground in Papakura, he stopped when he saw the jerseys of his old school. He introduced himself to a supporter which started a relationship with the Colts rugby team. Jim and his wife Pat even travelled around the country to watch them; on the Wednesday night of Colts tournament a BBQ was traditionally held, each year Jim bought ice cream for the boys and red wine for the staff. Jim and Pat had retired to Papakura after a successful teaching career including being the Principal of a number of schools. He also dabbled in the kiwifruit industry for a time.

Tony De Cleene (1952-56)



Tony passed away in Auckland in May this year. He was a member of Albion Club and played rugby, squash and tennis. On leaving school he worked for Priest and Johns, a local chartered accounting firm. However, before completing his accounting qualification he left to help set up Felvins, a hardware store in Tremaine Avenue. From there

he was enticed to Auckland by Fletchers where he remained for the majority of his working life. Tony also worked for Bunnings for a few years before retiring fully, only two years ago. Tony was a loyal supporter of the school and over the years attended many Old Boys events in Auckland. Tony is survived by his wife Mary, daughters Gina and Nicky and son Scott. His brother Ron and sister Annette are in Australia and Palmerston North respectively.

George Petersen (1946-50)



Emeritus Professor George Bouet Petersen ONZM FRSNZ died in hospital on 11 July 2021, aged 87. Although his physical health had been failing for some time, his mind remained as active and curious as ever and he welcomed visits to his home from old friends

for spirited discussions.

Colin Tille (1971-75)

Colin died suddenly in Auckland on the 2nd of September. Colin was the fourth person of Samoan heritage to attend PNBHS. He was a member of the 1st X1 Hockey for two years and played social basketball.



Colin developed a lifelong passion for basketball, especially with the game's statistics. He was Head Statistician for Basketball New Zealand and worked for FIBA Oceania, on material for statistics training where he was a pioneer in his field and gained accreditation to be a FIBA Qualifier.

He had been recording numbers courtside for over 40 years whether it be a local league, age group tournament, internationals, The Breakers or NBL. In recent years he had taken on more of an educator role with Basketball New Zealand.

Colin was club captain for eight years at the Manakau Golf Club and kept statistics for potential Auckland golf representatives.

Colin was highly regarded for his professionalism, reliability and his excellent and wry sense of humour.

Barry Mora (1955-59)



- died on the 11th of October in Auckland after battling a long illness.

Barry had an excellent record at PNBHS. He was an "A" stream student who excelled at each level of study. A fine athlete, he represented the school in hurdles and long jump. He was third in the Senior Shooting Championship (.22 rifles on the 25 yard school range) and was in the school team. Barry was a sergeant in the Air Training Corps and was selected as fullback in the Central Area ATC rugby team which played in the ATC Tournament held in Christchurch. In his last year he was a school prefect, Albion Club Secretary and vice-captain of the 1st XV. "Fullback – as expected had a most successful season. As vice-captain, directed the backs well." (Palmerstonian 1959 IA Colquhoun, coach).

The scene for his future was set when in 1959 he played a leading role in the school's original opera, "The Southern Belle", written by Mr N Northover with Mr G McConnell the Musical Director and John Jensen of Upper VI, the school's poet laureate, the lyric writer. Barry appeared with success as Kit Venables, the Southern Leader. He fitted into his role very naturally as a social leader.



Barry, a bass baritone, became a renowned opera singer known for his terrific work ethic and humble nature. He came from a music family who lived near Taikorea. He made his professional debut in New Zealand as Valentin in Faust in 1971. He then went abroad, joining the Geksenkirchen City opera in Germany in 1976, before becoming a member of the highly regarded Frankfurt City opera between 1980-87.



Barry was known for having a great influence on the up-and-coming singers that he worked with, both through performances and his time spent tutoring at the NZ Opera School in Whanganui. Donald Trott, who started the NZ Opera Training School said, "Barry's knowledge and understanding of the operatic voice was outstanding. He was an outstandingly good man and an outstandingly good teacher".



Barry will be missed by his family and the Old Boys in Auckland with whom he met monthly at the Mama Mia restaurant in Mission Bay.

Andrew Scrimgeour (1976-80)
- died in England in early October



At school Andrew was a top academic, member of the 1st X1 Hockey (goalie), he was a school prefect, captain of Errol Brookie's 5th cricket XI, played tenor horn in the school band and was chosen for the National Schools Concert Band.

Andrew was a highly respected veterinarian surgeon and had lived in Bristol, UK for many years with his wife Margaret, with whom he had a six-year-old daughter, Martha. He visited New Zealand on a regular basis.

Andrew ran a very successful vet orthopaedic surgery business. He employed a number of vet specialist surgeons who worked on contract around the south of England.

Andrew's mother Pat taught at PNBHS for a number of years and brother, Alisdair is also a former student (1978-82)

Peter Cleland (1970-74)

- died in Auckland in October this year.



Peter was the eldest of six boys who all went to the school. Alan (1971-74), Barry (1974-78), Kevin (1976-79), Daryl (1977-80) and Martin (1981-84).

According to Peter he was very good at boxing. He did lose the Heavyweight Novice final narrowly to Brett Craw in 1974 but was particularly good at boxing any other student that happened to look at any of his brothers the wrong way.

Peter started work at Glaxo as a lab technician. His legacy of being a practical joker began there, when he once blew up the laboratory in a failed experiment that he thought might be interesting.

He met his wife Adrienne at the Central Baptist Church and was happily married for 42 years. Peter went on to work at the Dairy Research Institute, and at the same time completed a Bachelor of Technology in Biotechnology at Massey University, which included a project in Nepal with Ken Keyte (1977-81) to construct an apple drying plant. Peter later moved to the Dairy Board where he was involved in the construction of dairy factories in both New Zealand and China. Returning to Palmerston North in 1990 he became the General Manager for the NZ Horticulture and Food Research Institute and at the same time completed an MBA at Massey University. Recently his son Isaac was awarded his PhD of which Peter was immensely proud.

The Cleland family relocated to Auckland 15 years ago when Adrienne was appointed to a role at the University of Auckland and over this time Peter has pursued a myriad of different business and community interests. Peter has appeared in several television ads, as well as a guest appearance (with an odd American accent) in Shortland Street. He was most recently director and manager of Molesworth Fruit Auckland Limited. On top of his many professional and educational achievements Peter also had a host of personal "hobbies", from martial arts to golf, train sets, Apple technology, and playing the guitar, among others.

Peter was applying to be a Justice of the Peace at the time of his sudden death.



Old Boys News:

Issac Harris (2011-15)



Issac is the Territory Sales Manager at Coca Cola Europacific Partners, based in Wellington. Issac completed a Bachelor of Commerce in Information Systems and Management through Victoria University. He is still playing cricket in Wellington.

Ben Kenny (2011-15)



After completing a double degree through Massey University. A Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Business Studies in Property Valuation, Ben has embarked on a career in the building industry and is currently the Assistant Project Manager for Unispace in Wellington.

Greg Shaw (2013-17)



Greg has worked as a cadet for Naylor Lawrence Accounting in Palmerston North since leaving school. He is specialising in Audit and Taxation. Greg is progressing well through his BBS in Accounting through Massey University and has completed his Xero Certificate.

Greg is playing rugby for Massey Rams and plays off "scratch" at the Manawatū Golf Club.

Jacob Haydock (2012-16)

After completing a BBS in Property through Massey University he is now working for Colliers in Wellington as a Property Manager.

Craig Flyger (2000-2004)



Craig is Head of Business Loans at Market Finance in London. He is a fine tech and wholesale banking professional. Craig had an interesting 'career break' the year before heading to London by spending 15 months in Italy. He learnt a new language and culture,

travelled widely, tutored English, worked on ski slopes and volunteered to restore an old Italian farmhouse, transforming it in part as a free social facility for the surrounding community. Craig has been with Market Finance in London for five years.

Riki Parata (2012-2016)

After studying at the Enspiral Dev Academy and The Interior Design Institute he has taken a position as an Interior Sales Consultant at McKenzie and Wills in Wellington.

Wade Randle (2008-12)



Wade is a Senior Consultant at Australasian Recruitment Company in London.

Daniel Burt (2001-05)



Daniel has been appointed as the National Marketing and Digital Manager at Professionals Real Estate in Auckland.

Cameron Burton (1995-99)

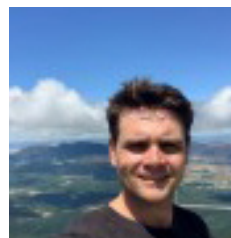


Cameron is Napier City Council's Environmental Solutions Manager. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Geography specialising in Fluvial Systems and Geomorphology, Cameron spent time in London as an Environmental Specialist and was responsible for driving

the design, development and installation of Britain's first integrated recycling system for railway station platforms.

Returning to NZ he was the Environmental Compliance officer for the Tasman District, worked for Fonterra, the NZ Defence Force as an Environment and Sustainability Manager and has been with the Napier City Council for four years.

Harry Wenham (2011-2015)



After finishing his Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Finance from Victoria University Harry has worked part time for his father Gary (1978-81) in his building business while also being a part time cricket coach employed by the Manawatū

Cricket Association. Harry is an active Intraday and Swing Trader on the US Stock Market along with the Cryptocurrency market. Harry plays cricket with his brother Jack (2015-19) for the Freyberg Club and is also in the Manawatū squad. His mother Rachel and sister Sally both work at PNBHS.

Two Old Boys Matthew Downs and John Battersby had significant roles regarding New Zealand's latest terrorist incident in August this year.

Dr John Battersby (1968-72)

Dr. Battersby is a teaching fellow at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University, Wellington, specialising in terrorism and counter





terrorism. John is also a Senior Sergeant in the NZ Police Force and has been a major voice with New Zealand's security sector in the wake of the 2019 Christchurch Mosque attacks and more recently the New Lynn Mall terrorist attack in Auckland.

John is a frequent commentator in NZ and overseas media on intelligence, terrorism and gun control issues. He is also the managing editor of the National Security Journal.

This year John received the IFSEC Global Influencer Award in Security and Fire, an international award which recognises professionals who have influenced in the security industry in the past 12 months. Hundreds of nominations from around the world are received every year.

Justice Matthew Downs (1985-89)



Justice Downs declined the Crown's application to have the New Lynn Mall Countdown terrorist charged under the Terror Suppression Act, claiming he was planning a knife attack. Matthew's decision was based on reviewing the legislation at the time and what it allowed.

Matthew stated, "It is not open to the court to create an offence, whether in the guise of Statutory construction or otherwise. The issue is for Parliament". Justice Downs ordered that a copy of his judgement be sent to the Attorney-General, Solicitor-General and Law Commission.

Hamish Marson (1980-84)



Hamish works for Deutsche Bank in London where he is a Systems Architect or someone who specialises in troubleshooting and finding solutions to existing problems. He has wide experience in Internet-facing systems and networking protocols.

Hamish works with the Global Unix Engineering team which integrates systems on many platforms. Hamish is also the owner of Travelling Kiwi Systems Ltd, a company that helps Kiwis find jobs.

Louis Justice (2010-14)



Louis is a fully qualified Chartered Accountant working for Ernst and Young (EY) in London. He is an executive in EY's high-performing Transaction Diligence Team. Before shifting to London, he had been a Senior Analyst with EY in Auckland.

Russell Ambrose (1979-83)



Russell is a Technology Strategy Manager with ANZ in Auckland.

Ken Malcolm (1973-76)

Congratulations to Ken Malcolm on his selection for the Victoria over 60's cricket team to play in the state championships (Covid willing) on the Sunshine Coast in September. Ken is a good example of someone who has passion and enthusiasm for his sport and is motivated to remain fit so he can enjoy cricket for as long as he can. Ken is a regular player in the Old Boys v School cricket match and even brings one of his sons over from Ballarat to play.

Vernon Tile Vamaua (1968-72)



Vernon has recently been in touch with the school. Vernon has been the Head of Department of Mathematics at Rongotai College for 26 years. He is also the Regional Treasurer for the PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Association) Wellington Region and has represented Pasifika teachers on the PPTA National Executive. Vernon is currently back on the PPTA of the Komiti Pasifika National body.

Vernon's story at PNBHS is an interesting one, Vernon was the first New Zealand-born Samoan to attend PNBHS. He was born and raised in Palmerston North and apart from his European mother and grandmother his entire upbringing and social life in Palmerston North was within the small Samoan Community that resided in Palmerston North from the early-mid 1950s onwards.

Vernon is very appreciative of the opportunities he received at PNBHS and remembered that he was always treated on the basis of what he did rather than making assumptions about him based on ethnicity. He left PNBHS looking back at a positive experience fully prepared for an academic/working life. PNBHS was a positive motivating force for its first three Pasifika students, Vernon, his brother Colin and their cousin Leo Talamaivao.

Vernon was instrumental in inviting Ian Colquhoun (a former student of Rongotai College) to attend the school prizegiving in the early 2000's.

Ben Koloto (2001-05)



Ben had been teaching at Rongotai College but left Rongotai in Term II this year, to take up the position of Assistant HOD English at Aotea

Ben Fitchett (1993-97)



Ben is the Senior Commercial Leader, Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ). He is responsible for managing all commercial and contracting matters related to New Zealand's Covid-19 Managed Isolation Facilities. Ben comes from a legal background that also

includes an MBA with distinction from Henley Business School, UK. Before his current position, Ben has had other roles with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Spark, and ANZ.

Nathan Hopcroft (1994-98)



Nathan is a Director at Naylor Lawrence & Associates in Palmerston North. A qualified Accountant, Nathan joined Naylor Lawrence on a cadetship when he left school. He spent eight years with Farquhar Brooking & Associates Ltd in Palmerston North

before returning to Naylor Lawrence. He is a former Treasurer of the Manawatū Golf Club and is currently a Trustee for Sport Manawatū.

Peter Hallwright (1967-71)



Peter is an experienced Television News Producer and Project Analyst whose work has required him to constantly upskill ahead of training TVNZ News producers, as well as maintaining the capacity to step in and line up (in an editorial capacity) the flagship 6.00pm news

bulletin. Peter has trained producers of all TVNZ News and Current Affairs programmes.

Professor Michael Kingsley (1982-86)



Professor Michael Kingsley is the head of the Department of Exercise Sciences at Auckland University. Prior to this appointment in 2019, he was Head of the Department of Exercise Science at La Trobe University in Melbourne. He has published over a hundred

peer-reviewed publications in Sports Medicine, Sport and Exercise, Science, and Nutrition in Medical Journals.

William McVitty (2001-05)



William became a Fulbright Scholar in 2013 which took him to the University of Buffalo near New York, where he completed a Master of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering, specialising in Structural and Earthquake engineering. After working in

California, he was accepted for the MBA programme at Oxford University where after completing an MBA with Distinction, he received the Dean's list prize for outstanding Academic Achievement and inclusion on all Deans' lists.

James McVitty (1992-96)



James has worked for Fonterra for over 20 years. He is currently based in Chicago, USA, and works with Government Relations and Trade Strategy for at Fonterra Co-operative Group in North America where he utilises his extensive experience in international trade policy advocacy and agriculture.

James became a Commonwealth Scholar after completing both Business and Science degrees through Massey University. He finished a Master's degree in Economics and passed with distinction at the University of Reading in England.

Like his brother William, James has also studied successfully at Oxford University where he was part of the Business Schools Executive Leadership programme. James is also on the Board of Directors for the US/NZ Council where he is the Vice President for Government Relations and Trade Strategy.

Caleb Satherwaite (2014-18)



Caleb is a Transport Planner with Mainfreight in Palmerston North.

Paul Loveday (1969-73)



Paul is the Reverend at St John's Presbyterian Church in Hastings. He has been in Hastings for 11 years and prior to that was a Reverend in Lower Hutt, Richmond, and Gore.

Simon Askey (2003-07)



Simon is the Head Greenkeeper at the Whangamata Golf Club where he looks after both the 18-hole Titoki course and the 9-hole Williamson course. As Simon says, "he is living the dream".



Gerald Joe (1991-95)



Gerald is the Head of Legal at Resolution Life NZ. Resolution Life is a global insurance group focusing on the acquisition and management of portfolios of Inforce Life Insurance policies. Gerald is a Global Manager of Legacy Life Insurance Portfolios. A lawyer, he has also worked for Bell Hully, Simpson Grierson, as a solicitor in London, and Senior Legal Advisor for AMP.

Nick Vanderkolk (1999-03)



After a number of years in Singapore, Nick is now the Commercial Director-Dairy Trading for Wilmar International based in Auckland. Wilmar is Asia's leading agribusiness group. Wilmar, one of Singapore's largest listed companies by market capitalisation, has a multinational workforce of about 100,000 people. Nick completed a BCA/BA (Hons) in International Business, Economics, and Commercial Law from Victoria University.

Karl Sherriff (1986-90)



Karl is an Asset Finance Specialist for the Bank of New Zealand in Taupo. He covers the Central Plateau, Bay of Plenty, and Waikato Regions. Karl calls on his over 20 years of experience in the Equipment Finance and Business Banking Industry to provide the right Asset Finance Solutions to his BNZ and future customers. Karl is also the manager of the King Country Heartland rugby team.

Duncan Matthews (1987-91)



Duncan is a Corporate Agribusiness Partner at the Bank of New Zealand based in Taupo and covers the Central Plateau and Waikato Regions. Duncan has been with the bank for nearly 20 years.

Greg Lowe (1973-77)



Greg is the Group Chief Executive of Beca Group, one of Asia Pacific's largest independent advisory design and engineering consultants. Greg's post school journey began when he joined the Royal NZ Navy and became part of the officer training programme. It meant the Navy paid for him to study for a degree in engineering at Auckland University, as well as posting him for a year to the British Royal Navy Engineering College in the United Kingdom. He was the Chief Engineer of the frigate Wellington before arriving in

Australia for the first time to take up a position as design manager for the mechanical and electrical section of the ANZAC ship project - later hailed as one of Australia and New Zealand's most significant joint ventures ever. While there he also met his wife-to-be Jane, a Kiwi pharmacist living in Australia at the time. After a posting to Wellington to head up marine engineering for the Navy he moved to the private sector and joined the project management company RDT Pacific, where he was involved in ANZ's building projects in New Zealand and the Pacific, as well as energy efficient projects and process improvements around engineering plants.

Greg then joined Beca as Regional Manager in Wellington before heading back to Melbourne to lead Beca's Australia business. During this time he has been extensively involved in projects responding to climate change, particularly in the water industry. As Greg says "Taking action to reduce pollution is good. Taking action to deal with climate change is essential".

Greg became Beca's Chief Executive Officer in 2012, leading its global operations and forward strategic planning. Beca have over 3,000 employees in 21 offices around the world and have delivered projects in more than 70 countries.

Greg now lives in Auckland; he and his wife Jane have three children. Greg was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1998 and is a Fellow of the Institution of Professional Engineers in New Zealand.

Steve Lowe (1966- 70)



After completing an Honours degree in electrical engineering, Steve has enjoyed an extensive career of engineering, technical, sales management and executive business leadership in the telecommunications and IT industries in New Zealand, the United Kingdom,

Japan, Australia and Hong Kong. For the last 12 years he has had his own consulting company based in Wellington which includes strategic, business organisation and ICT technology and services consulting in New Zealand and internationally. He is also a business mentor to start-up CEOs. Steve is also a Board of Trustee for Compassion for Orphans an accredited New Zealand inter-country adoption agency.

Jack Kennedy (2011-15)



After completing a Bachelor of Commerce with Finance and Economics through Auckland University, Jack undertook three internships before becoming a partner in 'First Cut Ventures' a small team of youth who develop, engage and invest in entrepreneurs

under the age of 30. Currently he is a Business Analyst for Cress Global, a Management Consulting Company in Auckland.



Old Boy Graeme Elston (1964-68) with some 1st and 2nd XV members in Taupo recently.

Tom Chisholm (1987-88)



Tom Chisholm is the owner of Agdesign Limited, a farm system design and development company based in Palmerston North. They design, install, educate, and implement unique farm systems for their clients. As Tom says, “we have our feet firmly on the ground

with what we are about – understanding land and animal is bone deep with us. In its simplest form we turn kilos of pasture into kilos of meat, milk or fibre and we’re bloody good at it”.

Tom has successfully operated his business for over 25 years.

Campbell Dodds (1994-97)



Campbell Dodds works with Tom Chisholm at Agdesign and specialises in Environmental Management. Prior to joining Agdesign he was an “Environmental Manager” with Fonterra. He is highly experienced in environmental management

including resource consenting and compliance, water and wastewater treatment, operational performance and farming practices.

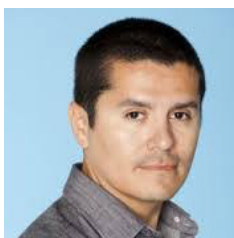
Phillip Cornege (1994-98)



Phillip Cornege is a Barrister at Riverbank Chamber in Hamilton. Phillip is an experienced litigator, providing advice and representation on a range of civil, criminal, and public law matters. He also acts for defendants in regulatory and professional

disciplinary proceedings and previously for sporting (including racing) disciplinary bodies. Phillip has a paperless practice, including in court. He conducts training for the NZ Bar Association on running paperless hearings.

Mauricio Olmedo-Perez (1989-93)



Mauricio Olmedo-Perez is a video producer, broadcast journalist and media trainer for Media Online Productions in Auckland. The company creates videos for online and television. They also provide media training for the industry

and corporate world “Digital Ninja”. You may remember Maurice as a reporter for TVNZ a number of years ago. He has also worked for BBC News in London, been a tour guide in Latin America, freelance writer for the NZ Herald, freelance reporter for BBC News, media teacher at the Auckland University of Technology, and producer for Sky TV NZ. He still maintains his interest in football.

The company’s brand is Digital Ninja, which is a boutique agency that has become a home for former TV news producers, journalists, directors, editors, musicians, and PR professionals. Their collective experience gives a unique insight into creating web video strategies that will actually do more than just create content on a website or social media outlet.

Anand Segar (1997-2001)



Anand Segar is a spinal surgeon in Auckland. Anand completed his medical education at the University of Auckland, graduating top of his class. He subsequently trained in orthopaedic surgery in New Zealand and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. He

was awarded his PhD from the University of Oxford, UK, where he examined the relationship of obesity and low back pain. He has received numerous awards for his research and serves as a deputy editor for the journal ‘Clinical Spine Surgery’.

Anand has completed three prestigious, highly competitive and world-renowned spine surgical fellowships in the United States working under the leader in the field. This has provided him with a unique and comprehensive understanding of spinal problems afflicting patients of all age groups, from birth to the more vulnerable patients, in any aspect of their spine, all the way from their skull to their tailbone.

Anand splits his time between his public position as a paediatric spinal surgeon at Starship Children’s Hospital and as an adult and paediatric spinal surgeon in private practices, with clinics in all five Auckland regions. When not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, a good run with his dog and reading.

Cameron Rowe (1993-97)

Cameron Rowe completed his master’s degree in history at Massey University. (Thesis topic, “a contract between the Allied and Soviet armoured divisions battle strategies during the Second World War”). He has since worked for both the New Zealand and British Military and is currently in Auckland as a Senior Policy Advisor for NZ Customs.



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Jeff Law (1990-94)



Jeff Law is the Head of Power and Infrastructure Finance at Investec Australia Limited in Sydney.

Colson Verdonk (2011-15)



Colson Verdonk is a communications research and policy assistant to Dr Anne Neru Leavasa at NZ Parliament. Colson has Arts and Sciences degrees from Auckland University. He has a passion for policy, with a particular interest in public health, social housing, environmental issues, restorative justice and indigenous rights.

Rodney Grieve (1980-84)



Rodney Grieve is the Franchise Owner/Managing Director of Bayley's Real Estate in Palmerston North. Rodney put together a very strong Old Boys' tennis team for last year's annual School/Old Boys' Sports day. He also hosted an excellent memorial gathering

to acknowledge the untimely death of Matthew Ratana while on active duty as a London Policeman.

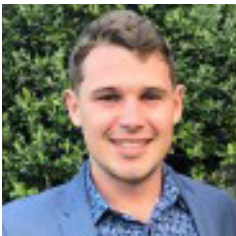
Mitchell Boddy (2011-15)



Mitchell Boddy is with the commercial and industries sales and leasing at Bayley's Mid-West in Palmerston North. Mitchell has a Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning (Honours) from Massey University. He is still playing cricket for the Marist Club

in Palmerston North.

Connor Madigan (2011-15)



Connor Madigan is the Custodial Administrator at Admins Ltd in Wellington. Prior to this he had been an operations team member at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida. He has a Bachelor of Commerce from Victoria University.

Dylan Gaskin (2010-14)



Dylan Gaskin is the Account Executive at First AMC In Auckland. His role is essentially an anti-money laundering compliance officer in the real estate industry. Dylan completed a Bachelor of Business Studies in Accounting and Finance at Massey University.

Hugh Symes (2011-15)



Hugh Symes is a Client Support Representative at Consilium in Christchurch. Consilium offers a wide range of innovative solutions for independent financial advisor practices and financial institutions. Their goal is to equip advisors with global best-practice solutions and

high-quality support, so they can focus on maximising the investment experience of their customers. Hugh completed a Bachelor of Business Studies in Finance and Accounting through Massey University.

Ben Langton Burnell (2006-11)



Ben Langton Burnell, a Commonwealth Games javelin thrower has his own professional photography business in Hamilton. While spending plenty of time training, Ben has completed his two qualifications through Massey University, a Bachelor's degree

in Agribusiness/Agricultural Business Operations, Accountancy and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance. To also set up his own business he must be an expert in time allocation.

Ben's personal best javelin throw is 82.44 meters, and he was placed 10th in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He won his first NZ title in 2017. His long-term goal is to be the first New Zealander to throw 90 metres.

George Smith (2008-12)



George Smith is a pilot at Harris Operations based in Cairns, Australia. He has been employed in the aviation industry for over five years after originally completing his flight training through the Waikato Aero Club.

Aaron Robertson (1993-2003)



After completing a surveying degree through Otago University, Aaron Robertson has worked in Western Australia, Westport, Auckland and was a Project Manager for Harrison Grierson in Tauranga. He is now the subdivision Technical Manager and Licensed

Surveyor at Surveying Services in Tauranga. No doubt he is very busy given the growth of the Tauranga area.

Brad Spicer (2003-07)



Brad Spicer is a Finance Specialist for UDC Finance and Commercial Manager in the Manawatū/Whanganui area.

Sam Bergerson (2007-11)



Sam Bergerson grew up around horses working weekends with his dad, Royden, a trainer at Awapuni. His grandfather is the former Hawera trainer Herb Bergerson. His other grandfather, Wallace Young, is also a trainer. With his strong background in the horse industry, Sam initially left school to begin an accounting cadetship which included completing a Bachelor of Accounting through Massey University. But he soon realised that he wanted to be more than an accountant.

While on a rugby contract playing for the Kindale Club in Ireland he began a summer job with Aidan O'Brien at Ballydoyle Stables in Kildare. It didn't take long for Sam to realise that the thoroughbred industry was where he wanted to work. He returned to NZ in 2018 to work with his father. In 2019 Sam was awarded the Sunline Trust Scholarship which gave him the chance to spend six months overseas, learning the ropes at Taylor Made in Kentucky, Coolmore stud in Ireland and Shadwell stud in England. On returning to NZ Sam has taken up a position with Te Akau Stud at Matamata where he can specialise in his interest in breeding. He has, during lockdown, learnt many other aspects of farming, including getting rid of weeds, and tending to sheep and cattle.

Garry Wilson (1959-63)



Since retiring as the Chief Executive of Accident Compensation Corporation, Garry Wilson has built up a varied portfolio of directorships and has continued his interest in mentoring senior executives. His current directorships include St John New Zealand (immediate past chair and chancellor). Garry also undertook various volunteer and governance roles: SPAT NZ Chairman, Precision Seafood Harvesting Chairman, Risk and Assurance Board Ministry of Education Chairman, Governance Oversight Group of Canterbury University Chairman, Royal Australian College of Surgeons External Expert Advisor to Board and Angelicin Insurance Board member.

Garry also operates a consultancy business undertaking tasks for both the private and public sectors.

Professor Ben Marshall (1990-1994)



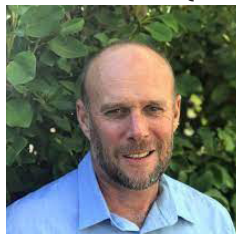
Professor Ben Marshall works with Consilium Investment Committee as an Independent Academic Consultant, with a particular focus on governance, analytical support, and policy reviews. He serves on the editorial board of several journals and has consulted to the

public on private companies in a range of different areas. He holds the MSA Charitable Trust Chair in Finance at Massey University.

Ben has undertaken research in areas such as the impact of climate on financial markets, factors that influence stock returns, quantitative approaches to portfolio management, transaction cost and illiquidity measurement, and exchange traded funds.

His research has been published in leading international journals and he is a regular speaker at international finance conferences. Ben is currently ranked in the top 1% of authors based on downloads of his working papers.

Iain Maxwell (1983-87)



Iain is the Integrated Catchment Management, group manager for Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Iain joined the Regional Council in 2011. He has been working in the management of freshwater resources over 25 years. He has worked with Nelsons' Cawthron

Institute as a Senior Freshwater Ecologist, a regional manager with Fish and Game New Zealand and the Department of Conservation. Iain has a Bachelor of Science with first class honours in Ecology and Zoology from Massey University.

Daniel Marshall (1992-96)



Daniel Marshall is a highly regarded Urologist in Palmerston North. He returned to Palmerston North after studying at Otago University and completing a General Urological Fellowship with a special interest in Laparoscopy and Prosthetics in Sydney, Australia. Daniel is a full member of the Urological Society of Australia and NZ and of the American Urological Association.

Simon Marshall (1995-99)



Simon Marshall has been the Principal of Newbury School for three years and from the beginning of Term II 2021 will become the new principal of College Street School, Palmerston North, where he will succeed long serving principal Ross Kennedy. Simon completed

a Master of Education through Massey University and taught at Central Normal School and Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School. His first principal role was at Kumeroa-Hopelands School near Woodville. He has also worked in two London schools. We wish him well in his new challenge at one of Palmerston North's oldest schools.

Seamus Barnett (2009-13)

Seamus is an Associate at Arthur Cox Finance team based in Dublin. Arthur Cox are one of Ireland's leading law firms who have offices in Dublin, Belfast, London, New York and San Francisco. Seamus specialises in





banking and finance. He had a similar role with Russell McVeagh in Auckland before moving to Dublin.

Cameron Heggie (1981-85)



Cameron is a stud stock representative and auctioneer with PGC Wrightsons. He lives in Ngaruawahia.

Chad Law (2001-06)



Chad Law is having a big influence on Horowhenua-Kāpiti Cricket - "His coaching talent hasn't gone unnoticed. Last season he was with the Central Districts A team for a match and this year he was part of the CD under-19 squad for the national age-group tournament at Lincoln, near Christchurch."

Chad is also heading down the aisle with his partner Hayley Shaw on New Year's Day 2022. Congratulations.

Blair van Stipriaan (1987-91)



Well done to Old Boy and PNBHS Physical Education teacher Blair van Stipriaan, who competed in the finals of the World Indoor Rowing Championships, finishing in 7th place in the 40 - 49 years, lightweight men's category over a distance of 2,000m. Blair won the Oceania qualifying competition in December and was pleased to row a personal best time of 6.45.05 in the final. Being part of an online global competition posed some challenges, most specifically having to compete at 1.14am New Zealand time after completing a final weigh-in two hours prior.



Congratulations to Liam Mitchell, Brayden Iose, Johnny Galloway, Tyler Laubscher, Jamie Booth, Stewart Cruden, Jason Emery and Flynn Yates who have been selected in the Turbos squad for the 2021 season. Special congratulations to Brayden and Jason, who have been named as co-captains.

Max Currie (1992-95)

Max Currie attended PNBHS from 1992-1995 and since then has gone on to a successful career as a writer, director and producer. He worked for five years as a



full-time staff writer on prime-time network serial drama 'Shortland Street', leaving to write on both seasons of TV2 comedy-drama 'Step Dave'.

Max also directed and co-produced the ground-breaking New Zealand transgender drama, 'Rūrangi' and was able to present at assembly earlier in the year, as he was in Palmerston North for a screening at Te Manawa.

Max also had powerful messages about what it means to 'be a man.' He spoke to the school this year about the importance of using our strength in a positive manner to lift up those around us and the importance of being an upstander - standing up for what is right.

Max is an active member of The Falcons, Auckland's gay and inclusive rugby club, and while his short-lived union days are behind him he remains a committed touch rugby player. He's also been a bartender at a New York go-go bar, a New Zealand youth ambassador, a regional piano soloist, a writer for New Zealand's biggest women's magazine, the host and director of groundbreaking GLBTQI television series QueerNation, a two-times Goethe Institute scholarship recipient and Berlinale Talent.

Mr. Adrian Elrick (1964-67)

The Rector's introduction at assembly:

Mr Elrick was born in Aberdeen in Scotland and moved to New Zealand as a young lad. In his time at Boys' High Mr Elrick starred in multiple codes. He was selected in the 1st football XI as a third former, or Year 9 in today's money, and played for the 1st XI for all four years he was at Boys' High, captaining the side in his final year.



He also played for the 1st cricket XI, first selected as a fourth-former, from 1965-67, with a highest score of 129

against Napier BHS. He won the all-rounder and batting cups in 1967; the Palmerstonian records that Mr Elrick was "a hard hitting batsman who uses his feet attractively". He was a boxing champion from 1965-67, winning the Most Scientific Boxer cup in each of those years. In the 1966 Featherweight Championship final Mr Elrick beat J Tufuga in "a very fast, scientific and close bout. Elrick used his elusive footwork to advantage against Tufuga's extremely fast punches". A bit of a theme emerging here, gentlemen, about Mr Elrick's quick feet - quite important for a football player.

Mr Elrick was also the senior diving champion in 1967 and he won the top sporting award, the Dux Ludorum, in Year 12, his final year at school. That year he was invited to join the New Zealand U23 football squad that played Scotland and Manchester United.

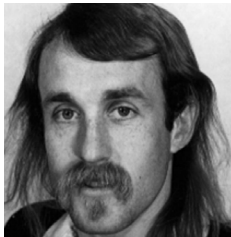


After leaving school Mr Elrick played for the North Shore football club – for whom he would go on to play more than 500 matches. He made his

debut for New Zealand – the All Whites – against China in 1975 and he played 91 matches in the white shirt, including 53 ‘A’ internationals. Playing as a left-back or sweeper, Mr Elrick played all three matches at the 1982 World Cup in Spain – the first time New Zealand had ever qualified for the World Cup – against Scotland, the USSR and the mighty Brazil. After the Brazil game he swapped his playing shirt for that of legendary Brazilian player, Zico.

Mr Elrick’s final game for the All Whites was against Bahrain in 1984.

Dr. Bob Burgess (1961-65)



Rector’s assembly notes:

While at PNBHS Dr. Burgess was a talented all-round sportsman and academic, as outlined below. He was selected to play for the Manawatū rugby team soon after leaving school as an 18-year-old in 1967. His good form for the side

saw him selected to play for both the New Zealand Junior All Blacks and New Zealand Universities rugby teams in 1968.

By 1970 Dr. Burgess had moved to Southland and it was there that he was approached by a selector and asked if he would accept a nomination to take part in that year’s All Black trial. ‘No thanks, I’m not available.’ was his immediate response. Dr. Burgess explained that as he said these words, he was aware that playing for the All Blacks had been his lifelong dream and he was now turning the opportunity down. He then added ‘I’m not available because of apartheid in South Africa and the way they run their sport – I’d like that to be known.’

Dr. Burgess believed that if he didn’t act on his beliefs and make a stand, his lack of action would effectively be supporting apartheid. He was fundamentally opposed to the position of the New Zealand Rugby Union, who went along with the South African stipulation that only ‘whites’ were allowed to tour there. This meant that Māori and Pasifika rugby players were ineligible for selection for All Blacks sides that had toured to South Africa. 1970 was the first time that Māori and Pasifika players were part of the All Blacks side that played in South Africa, after they were admitted as ‘honourary whites’.

After making his stance known, Dr. Burgess was overwhelmed with supportive messages, which more than offset the messages from those who were opposed to his stance.



Dr. Burgess was emphatic that sport has political, social and emotional consequences – these things are intertwined and cannot be separated.

Consequently, he did not support the common refrain at the time that sport and politics should be kept separate.

After injury and family priorities curtailed his playing career, he took up coaching. In 1981 Dr. Burgess withdrew from all rugby involvement the day the South African side arrived in NZ. He did not attend another game of rugby in any capacity until the apartheid regime in South Africa had been dismantled and black players were eligible for selection and playing for the Springboks.



A number of Old Boys were among the award winners at the **Manawatū Cricket End of Season Awards** for 2020/2021.

Men’s Representative Team:

- * Gallichan Cup (Most Meritorious Innings) - 19/20: Mason Hughes
- * McVicar Cup (Most Meritorious Bowling) - 20/21: Tim Richards
- * Oakley Cup (Best Fielder) - 19/20: Tim Richards
- * Adrienne Stratford (Most Promising Player) - 19/20: Jack Harris; 20/21: Curtis Heaphy
- * JD Fulton Trophy (Rep Team Player of Year) - 19/20: Arana Noema-Barnett; 20/21: Mason Hughes
- * Players’ Player Award - 19/20: Arana Noema-Barnett; 20/21: Tim Richards
- * Batsman of the Year 20/21: Mason Hughes
- * Bowler of the Year 20/21: Tim Richards

Carson Taare (2015-19)



Carson Taare was nine when he started learning to play the guitar at Newbury School.

He didn’t like it and would forget his guitar on purpose. But then the school bought one, so he no longer had an excuse.

Taare, now 19, ended up enjoying those lessons and went on to play at an end-of-year concert. He was bitten with the performing bug.

The Palmerston North resident is now making firm strides towards a career as a singer/songwriter/musician.



He performed at the Globe Theatre on August 5 with a repertoire that no longer includes just covers, but his own songs.

He finished at Palmerston North Boys' High School at the end of 2019 and started working in the building industry. Last October he switched to refrigeration and air conditioning general labouring or a "fridge".

Stuart Jacobs (1979-82)



Stuart was unable to attend our Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in February, but we had the opportunity to catch up with him in Palmerston North when his Scots College 1st XI played our PNBHS 1st XI at the Arena. It was a great opportunity to present him with his award.

Jim Stuckey (1969-73)



Jim Stuckey with the McKegg Cup for Senior 110m Hurdles. Jim, his brother Paul and father Fred all won this trophy. The other cup is the Stuckey Cup for Intermediate 100m Hurdles.

Ray 'Butch' Hewer (1966-71).



Ray 'Butch' Hewer with the Hewer Trophy for the Best Bowling Performance for the PNBHS 1st XI Cricket Team.

Brian Plimmer (1948-52).



Old Boy Brian Plimmer snapped wearing this tweed jacket with a lining covered with radios while at the 40th-anniversary on air reunion for 2XS in Palmerston North.

Bill Pearson (1950-54)



Loyal Old Boy Bill Pearson being recognised for his contribution to his Lions Club.



Tasi Vaha'i (2017-18)

Tasi Vaha'i is studying Music at the University of Waikato. It was great to see him in the audience for our Matariki celebrations and at school where he performed in the staffroom at lunchtime.

Campbell McKay (1983-87)



Congratulations to Campbell McKay who has started at his third school as Principal at Mount Waverley Primary School, his 18th year as a principal. He is proud to lead such a progressive and high-achieving Melbourne school.

Daniel Chang (2011-15) and Tavita Talamaivao (2008-2012)



My name is Daniel Chang and I went to PNBHS from 2011 - 2015.

I am currently working in Tamworth (Australia) as a physiotherapist and today I was doing some work for one of the rugby teams that travelled to

Tamworth to compete this long weekend. And I saw one of the boys who looked really familiar, and indeed it was another former PNBHS student as well. His name is Tavita Talamaivao. He would have been Year 13 when I was Year 10, so naturally I looked up to him as a leader in the school. We were both shocked to meet up again, in Tamworth of all places. We had this photo taken (below) and thought it would be nice to send back to our old school in Palmy.

Hurricanes Old Boys



Our Hurricanes Old Boys (L to R) Liam Mitchell, Jamie Booth, Ngani Laumape, Ruben Love and Brayden Iose together for one last time as they prepared for Ngani's final game

before he headed to France for the next stage in his rugby career - au revoir and good luck!

David Shanhun (1997-2001)



David Shanhun recently played in our school assembly. He explained that his interest in music began when he was in assembly watching one of his friends perform and saw the smiles that brought to the faces in the audience. He took up guitar and worked to become a member

of the top ensemble and was also part of the 2001 OK Chorale that won Gold at the National finale as the top male choir in the country that year.

David initially studied classical guitar before forging a career in contemporary music. He has performed internationally and supported international touring acts in New Zealand. He has twice featured in New Zealand's top ten iTunes charts. David has established a strong online presence sharing his music and providing tutorials and mentoring to encourage and develop the skills of other musicians.

Campbell Stewart



Campbell Stewart won SILVER in the Omnium, at the Tokyo Olympic games.

The Omnium is the ultimate test of stamina, and you were sensational Campbell!

Joe Beder (1953-56)



Joe became a Magistrate Barrister in 1994. He is a well respected judge. Joe has lived in Melbourne for 50 years and attended both our 2017 and 2019 Old Boys' gatherings in Melbourne.

Christopher Wright (1972-75)



Chris now lives in Switzerland; he heads up the global compliance team in the legal function of concrete/cement giant LafargeHolcim. Chris left New Zealand to live in China in 1980 and has spent his life working around the world. Earlier this year Chris

made contact to purchase an Old Boys' blazer which was safely flown over to him.



Nick Wilson (2004-08)

Congratulations Nick Wilson, who was selected in the Black Sticks men's team to compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games. This was Nick's third Olympics campaign.

News from The Kensington Family



Michael (2004-08)
Thomas (2007-11)
Bruce (1973-78)

Written by Bruce:

My grandfather, Harold Kerr (mum's dad), was at College House from 1909-1913 (Head Boy College House and School 1913, 1st XV for five years, cap in display cabinet in main foyer) and then went off to World War I before coming back and teaching at PNBHS for over 30 plus years.

One of the last battles in France before World War I ended was the liberating of a walled town held capture by the Germans for most of the war, Le Quesnoy. As the Germans wouldn't surrender, it could have been bombed but with so many French citizens inside, the battalions led by Harold Barrowclough (ex CH roommate of Kerr's) decided to try and climb the high walls and get inside. Makeshift ladders were made. There were over 100 NZ deaths, but eventually, Kerr's battalion managed to climb up the walls. Kerr was second up the ladder, Barrowclough not far behind. A small fight ensued before the Germans surrendered.

Today, Le Quesnoy is a town with close ties to New Zealand. Most of Kerr's relations have made the pilgrimage there, I was there in 2012. Just recently my sons Michael (04-08) and Thomas (07-11) visited. They were shown around by two members of local historical society. Michael and Thomas are heading home, MIQ in October, to settle back in NZ.

Keep in touch Old Boys, we look forward to catching up with you in 2022.



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The Rector's Gamble

During the 36th over of the Gillette Cup NZSS Cricket Final in 1990, Palmerston North Boys' High School v Otago Boys' High School, PNBHS Rector David Syms and local parent Robert Anderson (who went on to be an international cricket umpire) father of Nick and Simon Anderson, were strolling around the boundary together. The game was evenly poised with Otago 150 for 3, chasing 203 runs to win. Mr Anderson turned to the Rector and asked, "Do you think we can win from here?" To which the Rector replied, "No!" Mr Anderson dug into his pocket and pulled out a 50c piece and said, "I'll bet you 50c we will win. What have you got?" The Rector dug a 20c piece out of his pocket. Mr Anderson said "Right, the winner takes all!" PNBHS won a close game by 11 runs, restricting Otago to 191 for 9. To preserve the memory of the bet and to remind Mr Syms that he should never have doubted his team, Mr Anderson crafted the "Rector's Gamble" trophy from a piece of rimu left over from making his front doorstep. The Rector's Gamble still sits on the bookshelf in the Rector's Office.



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