An aerial photograph of the Francis Douglas Memorial College campus. The main building is a long, multi-story structure with a yellow roof and white walls. To its right is a smaller building with a brown roof. In the foreground, there is a parking lot with several cars. The campus is surrounded by green fields and trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and a small town.

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*40th Jubilee
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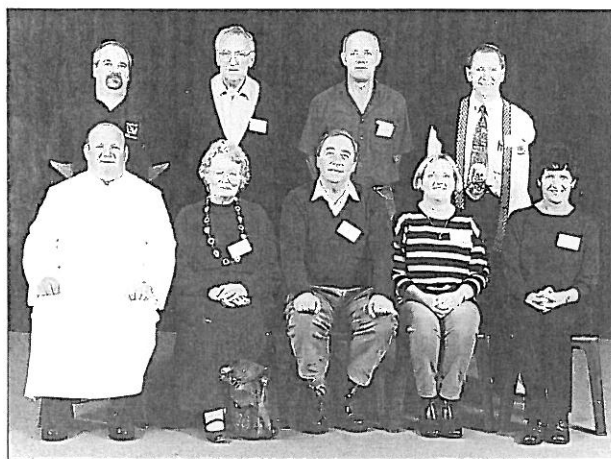
Educating boys with God's help for 40 years
(Conducted by the De La Salle Brothers)



REUNION '99

Forty years of sound education
Teaching young men to be true
To the dreams and the hopes of their parents
Forty years of gold, red and blue
Alma Mater

The Jubilee Committee came together for the first time on February 17th to prepare for what was to prove to be one of the largest celebration occasions in the history of the College. This committee comprising of Diana Blair (Secretary), Martin Dravitzki, Br Bill Firman, Tess Gafney, Dan Deegan, Karen Maclean, Graeme Mustchin, Leo Walsh, John Whyte (Chair) had until May 28th to prepare for a 40th Jubilee / Reunion of Old Boys, Brothers and staff, both present and past.



Enthusiasm and hard work saw the Committee through to the due date and an occasion to be remembered was duly held.

The College gymnasium was the venue for the first gathering - that of "Conversations". Some 400 Brothers, Old



Boys, staff and friends of the College, from Australia, Britain, USA and other distant parts of the globe assembled for what was to be a truly memorable night. To reminisce was the order of the night and the stories told proved to be larger than the fish that got away.

A student ensemble provided background music, senior students carried the nibbles, and the years rolled back with the photographer capturing and recording the special moments. Of some significance a photo of six former and present principals of the College was taken for posterity.

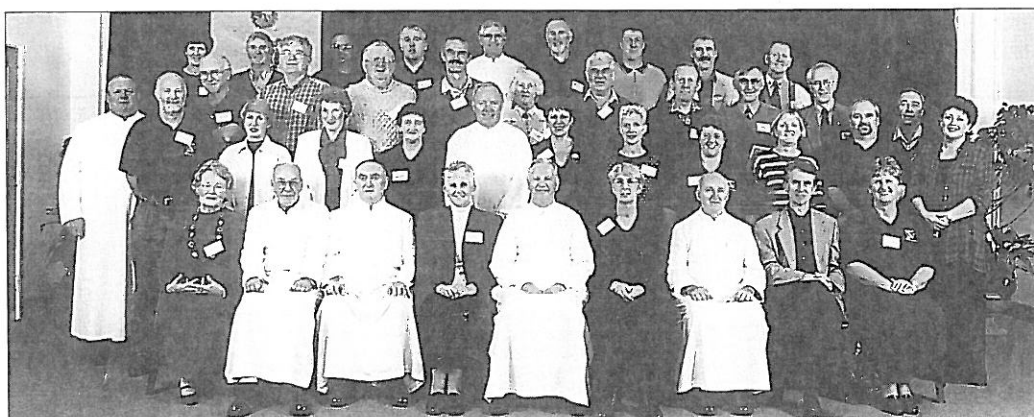
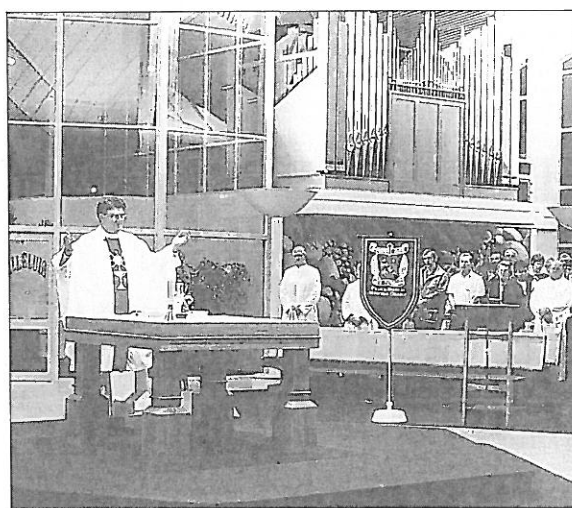
A Saturday BBQ lunch for all reunionists, including spouses and children, followed by tours of the school, hostel, farm and archives was a great success and was an excellent build up to a further feature, the annual inter-college First XV fixture against St. Johns Hastings.



DEDICATION : 40 YEARS



At 5:30 pm the Jubilee focus moved to St. Joseph's Parish Church for a special Reunion Mass. This was celebrated by Old Boy Fr Tom Lawn and former Brother and staff member Fr Kevin Neal. A highlight was the renewal of vows by the 28 La Sallian Brothers present at the Jubilee Mass and celebrations.



Ex and present Staff present at the 40th Jubilee

DEDICATION : 40 YEARS



By 7:00 pm on the Saturday evening 225 Taranakians and Reunion visitors had gathered at Rydges Hotel, Bell Block for cocktails and dinner. Guest speakers and toast makers had obviously done their homework and what followed was a most memorable and happy highlight of a unique 40th weekend.



Programme at Reunion '99 Dinner

- 7:00 pm Cocktails
- 8:00 pm Welcome - Br William Harnett
Grace - Fr Kevin Neal
- 8:15 pm Buffet
- 9:00 pm Toasts

To "Alma Mater"
Scott Ireland, Conrad Smith, Ross Williams

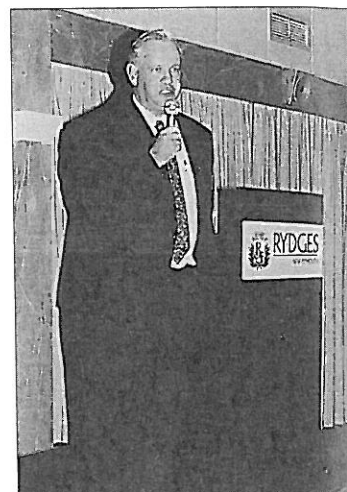
To Brothers, Clergy and Staff
Mr Michael Finnigan

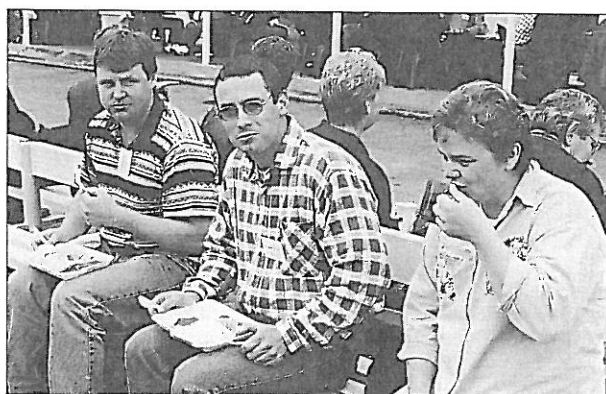
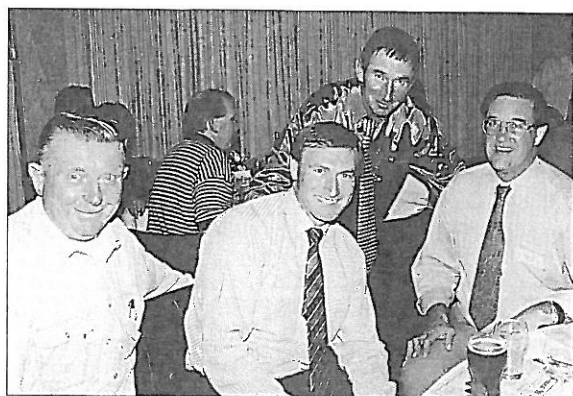
To Absent Friends
Professor Michael Kelly

Down the Years
Br Peter Bray

Vote of Thanks
Br David Hawke

10:15 pm Conviviality / Dancing





UNIVERSITY GRADUATES 1999

Massey University

Mark John Butterworth	BApplSc
Jarred Daniel Coogan	BApplSc
Craig John Dettling	DipApSc
Simon John Dombroski	BSc
Daniel Shane Hancock	BApplSc
Alastair Gerard Hoult	BBS
Douglas Mack	BA
Justin Martjan Marinovich	BSc
Michael Paul O'Sullivan	BApplSc
Michael David Roguski	BA, PhD
Anthony James Townsend	BBS (Hons), MBS (Hons)

University of Waikato

Gareth Neville Manins	BA (Hons)
Anthony Edward O'Byrne	BSc
Troy Rayner Wano	IPLS
Tony Jon Williams	BEd, DipT

University of Canterbury

Brent J. Dravitzki	BE (Hons)
Richard S. Knuckey	BA

University of Otago

Damian Paul Leuthard	BPhy
Vance Neville Manins	MBChB
Simon John McDonald	BSc
Quentin John Maclean	BPhEd
Cyril Timo Schafer	BA (Hons)

University of Auckland

Leon Edward Gray	DipTchg (Prim)
Andrew John Secker	BE (Elec & Elec)

Victoria University of Wellington

Patrick James Gower	BA (Hons)
Brian Kenneth Johns	BSc

SCHOOL LEADERS

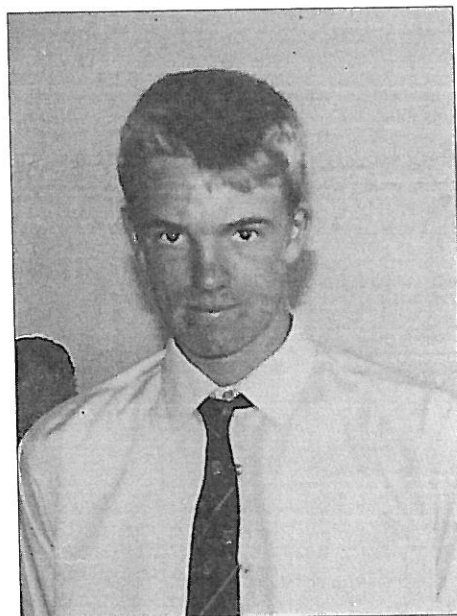
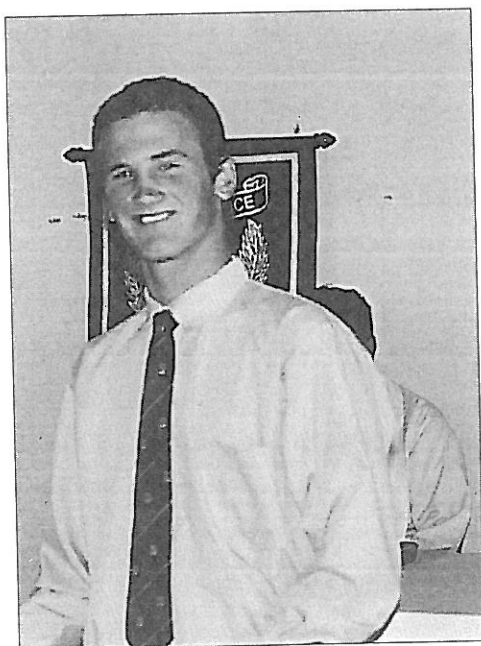


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1966	D. Moynihan
1967	M. Parsons
1968	F. Roebuck
1969	J. Reilly
1970	C. Pearce
1971	B. Nicholas
1972	J. Luoni
1973	K. Reilly
1974	R. Richards
1975	K. Walsh
1976	K. Brophy
1977	M. Karalus
1978	G. Eager
1979	S. Hogan
1980	M. McColl
1981	A. Dowd
1982	W. Han
1983	P. Crotty
1984	B. Christmas
1985	S. Ford
1986	R. Fabish
1987	N. Kusalic
1988	A. Murray
1989	P. McNicholas
1990	C. Sullivan
1991	D. Douglas
1992	M. Hargreaves
1993	L. Butler
1994	N. Smith
1995	M. Butterworth
1996	D. Manu
1997	H. Butler
1998	J. Stephenson
1999	S. Ireland

SCHOOL DUCES

1963	D. Fitzgerald
1964	J. Karalus
1965	S. Mochnacki
1966	M. Kelly
1967	J. Ballantyne
1968	R. Cruickshank
1969	N. Karalus
1970	P. Luoni
1971	A. Wratilav
1972	J. Luoni
1973	M. Rhodes
1974	L. Reeve
1975	S. Bunting
1976	D. Bunting
1977	S. Reeve
1978	L. Schumacher
1979	M. Bell
1980	J. Naus
1981	G. Quinn
1982	S. Finnigan
1983	P. Crotty
1984	M. Hollewand
1985	P. Key
1986	C. Lloyd
1987	N. Kusalic
1988	J. Murphy
1989	B. Rae
1990	A. Gilliland
1991	J. Mace
1992	B. Taylor
1993	G. Ewing
1994	T. Sullivan
1995	H. Smith
1996	R. Smiley
1997	P. Secker
1998	J. Donaldson
1999	R. Crowe



HOUSE LEADERS



BENILDUS

1962	J. Julian
1963	J. Castelli
1964	B. Hannan
1965	N. Fitzgerald
1966	G. Dwyer
1967	G. Watt
1968	J. Hickey
1969	C. Pearce
1970	R. Burnside
1971	J. Stone
1972	P. Yarrow
1973	K. Lawrence
1974	M. Riordan
1975	G. Shearer
1976	J. Radich
1977	D. Shearer
1978	D. Novak
1979	M. Bell
1980	D. Harris
1981	G. Reumers
1982	B. Novak
1983	S. Keig
1984	J. Ellis
1985	G. Schumacher
1986	J. Battersby
1987	K. O'Donnell
1988	K. George
1989	A. Beet
1990	M. Dowd
1991	D. Ratahi
1992	B. Back
1993	J. Marinovich
1994	P. Gower
1995	M. Smith
1996	G. Bishop
1997	V. Maclean
1998	N. Hessell
1999	R. Te Moana

LA SALLE

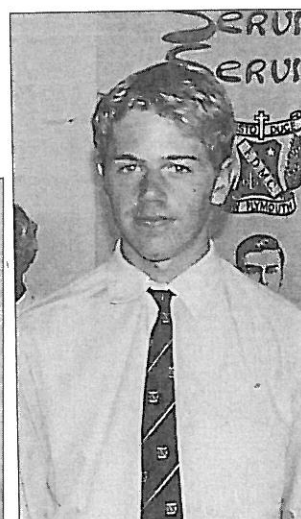
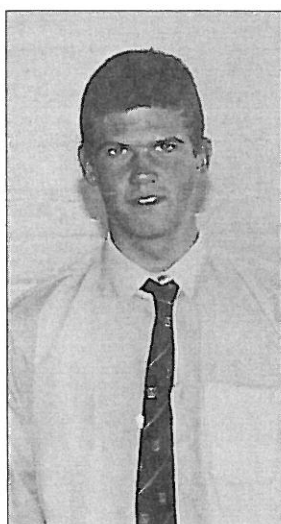
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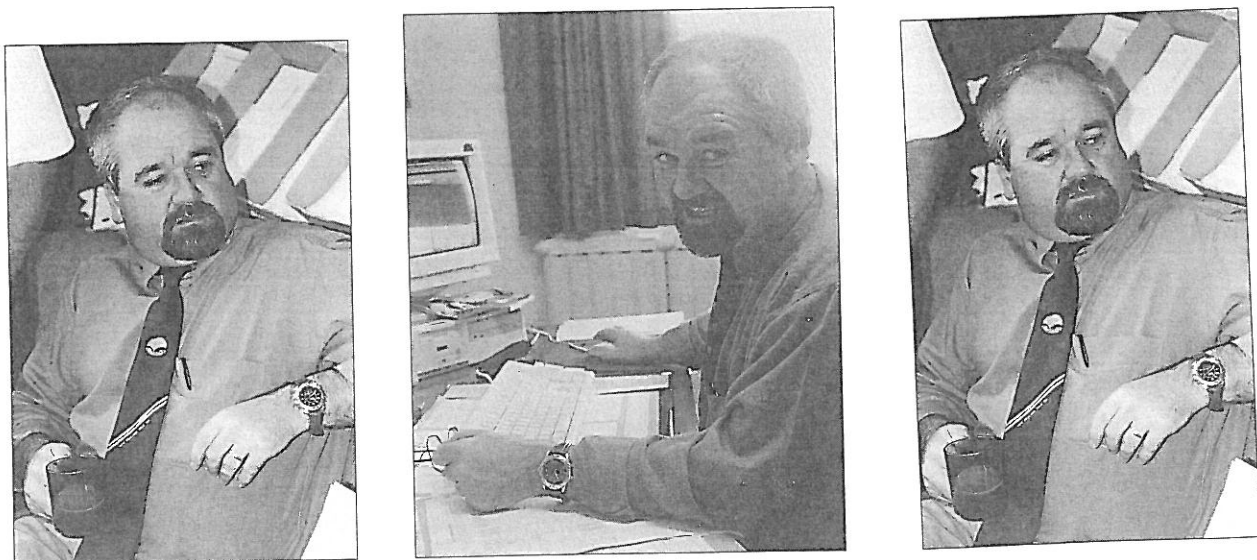
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S. Gifford
C. McKenna
H. Slaats
P. Walsh
D. Bunting
S. Melody
C. Goddard
P. Mellow
A. Karalus
S. Slattery
K. Russell
J. Kelly
S. Crow
P. Secker
G. Kennedy
T. Davidson
D. Zimmerman
C. Vince
S. Iremonger
A. Bailey
D. Cowley
S. Death
S. Ball
K. Ryan
T. Penn
J. Mason
R. McDonald
S. McGregor

SOLOMON

F. Finnigan
L. Schumacher
V. Mardon
B. Walsh
P. Roebuck
F. Roebuck
M. Wackrow
T. Dwyer
C. Hopkirk
M. Smith
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A. Fitzgibbons
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P. Blackwell
C. Butler
T. Cole
B. Rae
G. Loader
C. Norgate
W. Christiansen
D. Kukec
M. Keegan
D. Hancock
N. Keegan
A. Roberts
M. Stuck
T. Mace





COLLEGE CALENDAR



TERM ONE

Feb	01	Staff and Senior Students
	02	Term 1 Begins. Years 7/8/9
	03	Years 7/8/9/10/11
	04	All Students
	07	TSS Life Saving
	09	1 st XI v IHS
	11	Investiture Mass
	13	TSS Beach Volleyball
	17	Ash Wednesday
	17	Jubilee Committee
	19	Swimming Sports
	21	TSS Softball
	22	TSS Surfing
	24	Francis Douglas Book Launch
	27	TSS Senior Touch
Mar	01	Blood Donor Day
	02	TSS Tennis
	05	Athletic Sports
	08	Taranaki Anniversary
	10	TSS Swimming
	11	Year 13 Reflection Day
	12	TSS Royal Life Saving
	14	TSS Athletics
	15	Year 8 Gumboot Gully
	16	Year 7 Reflection Day
	16	1 st XI v St Peter's
	17	Year 12 Reflection Day
	19	College Evacuation
	25	TSS Orienteering
	25	Speech Finals
	26	Interim Reports Distributed
	27	Gala Day
	27	1 st XV South Island Tour
	27	TSS Equestrian
	29	Easter Paraliturg
	31	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Apr	01	Term 1 Ends

TERM TWO

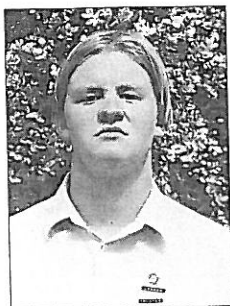
Apr	19	Term 2 Begins
	24	TSS Rugby Begins
	24	TSS Basketball Begins
	26	Year 9 Reflection Day
	30	TSS Golf
May	01	O'Shea Shield
	02	TSS Road Relays
	11	Aust. Science Competition
	11	Mufti Day - Barnardos
	12	FDMC Cross Country
	16	TSS Motorcross
	16	Hostel Open Day
	17	Year 10 Reflection Day
	19	Francis Douglas Epitaph - TV 1
	23	TSS Squash
	24	Topec Camp
	26	TSS Cross Country
	28	FDMC 40 th Jubilee
	29	1 st XV v St John's
Jun	07	Queen's Birthday
	08	Senior Exams
	09	SC Reference Tests
	14	TSS Basketball - Senior
	18	De La Salle Day
	25	Reports Distributed
	25	Term 2 Ends

TERM THREE

Jul	12	Term 3 Begins
	12	TSS Skiing
	16	TSS Badminton
	20	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	27	Australian English Competition
	31	Senior Ball
Aug	03	Year 11 Reflection Day
	04	Speech and Drama Festival
	04	Australian Maths Competition
	08	TSS Ten Pin Bowling
	09	Topec Camp
	10	TSS Basketball - Junior
	11	Science Roadshow
	13	Staff In-Service Oakura Marae
	16	Years 7/8 Life Education Trust
	21	TSS Rugby Finals
	22	TSS Mountain Biking
	23	Staff In-Service - Br Jeff Calligan
	24	TSS Indoor Bowls
	24	Careers Expo
	28	1 st XV v De La Salle
Sep	01	Sport/Culture Photos
	06	Round Lakes Relays
	08	Year 8 Retreat
	10	BP Technology Challenge
	10	Mufti Day for the Blind
	11	Skiing Nationals
	12	TSS Rugby League
	13	College Evacuation
	15	TSS Indoor Rowing
	17	Term 3 Ends

TERM FOUR

Oct	04	Term 4 Begins
	07	Gideons Visit
	11	TSS Volleyball
	14	Senior Exams
	18	Year 7 Marae Camps
	20	Intermediate Cross Country
	22	F D Day - Mission Action
	25	Labour Day
	28	Year 7 Retreat
Nov	03	Jubilee Showcase
	07	TSS Touch
	11	TSS Relays
	12	Leavers Dinner
	15	Years 9/10 Exams
	17	TSS Junior Softball/Tennis
	19	Senior Prizegiving
	19	Year 13 Last Day
	24	Year 11 Last Day
	25	Year 12 Last Day
	26	Year 7/8/9 Orientation
	26	SC/UEBursary Begins
	29	Senior Leadership Course
	30	Year 9 Camps
Dec	03	Reports Distributed
	08	Junior Prizegiving
	09	Term 4 Ends



It's been nine meetings, eight full months, two committee meetings, and approximately forty-five hours of directly related work since my election as the student representative on the board of trustees and I'm still learning the way to go about the job. It's been a full on year with the development and fund raising for the additions to the school, the auditing of the ac-

counts and the introduction of a new student handbook being just some of the issues discussed, altered, and at times forcefully argued.

The board has spent this year looking at how it can continually advance FDMC into the next millennium. the development plans were in place when I first came to the board, and through the course of this year have been developed into the buildings currently being erected and those which will be seen in the future. The methods of

raising the money have been debated and refined, until the current situation was settled. It's a testament to how well the board works to see that the ideas we come up with are so practical, and seem so simple. Having seen the work put in behind the scenes I can tell you it's often not so.

Policy changes are a fact of life in a constantly changing world, and an even faster changing environment. The re-written student handbook, and the altering policy on discipline are testaments to this. Constant reviewing is part of what keeps this school ahead.

But for me what makes this job so special is the small things. The explanation of the role of each individual in the college, the seemingly unimportant changes that impact greatly on the students and the thank-you letters. This is what lets you know that you are appreciated.

And so to the board of 1999 thank you for the support of a youth who needed it. You made the job easy to adjust to. And to my replacement in the year 2000, pay attention, stay prepared, and have fun.

David Gollan

Interview with Matron, Mrs Margaret Fleming

How long have you worked at Francis Douglas?

1982 to 1999 - 17 years

What have you enjoyed most about working in the hostel?

The boys. I like getting on with teenagers.

What is your most memorable moment over the years?

There have been so many memories it's hard to think. None stick firmly in my mind. Recently having the Boarders Vice Captain's Cup named after me was a thrill.

What changes have you seen in the hostel over your time here?

The dormitories have changed a great deal. They used to be a bit like army barracks.

The dining room has also changed. There were no tablecloths and no carpet when I started.

It's a lot more civilised now. More of a family atmosphere.

What is your worst moment?

Having to tell some of the boarders that Brother Anthony had passed away.

Is there one person who you've come into contact with that touched you in some way?

Brother Anthony. He was a very special person. He was

like another son to me. All the Brothers, also, bring something special into the job. All the domestic staff also have made my life a lot easier. It's like one big happy family.

What has working in the hostel taught you over the 17 years?

Patience (I've lost it a few times), understanding. You suffer a lot of emotions looking after teenage boys every day.

How will you keep in close contact with the College after you leave?

I'm coming back part time next year to be the nurse and to hopefully be involved with the boarders. I couldn't just have walked out one day, I have to exit slowly. I'd miss my boys too much.

What will you miss most about this place?

Everybody! The Brothers have been really wonderful. It's just been a really special place to work. A magic place. Being involved with the teaching staff has been great.

What do you intend to do when you retire?

Spend more time with my husband. Do things together. Travel, gardening, walking. Spend time with my grandchildren.

Interviewed by: Ross Williams

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Introduction

As one who is still a relative newcomer to this College, I reflect with great admiration on what has been achieved



in the first forty years of the life of the College. There is wonderful support from parents, great loyalty from old boys, a very amenable and co-operative student body and a dedicated staff committed to the ideals of the College. Yes, I believe that Francis Douglas Memorial College is living up to the hopes and aspirations of those dedicated people who took the courageous steps

more than 40 years ago to initiate the delivery of Catholic education for boys in Taranaki.

Without hesitation I am prepared to assert that Francis Douglas College is a school offering an excellent education. Boys who come here receive an education in a controlled yet sympathetic environment which meets the needs of most boys. Rarely do boys express negative thoughts about the education provided. The record number of parents lodging applications for their sons to attend FDMC is testimony to parental satisfaction. My own observations of the good order in classrooms and diligence of teachers confirm these impressions. The happy response of boys to staff is also indicative of high morale.



Special Character

Francis Douglas Memorial College is a Catholic boys College now numbering 720 pupils (35 more than last year) of whom there are 111 boarders (6 more than in 1998). Staff in this school are expected to contribute to the atmosphere of Christian community. Adults are challenged to be committed to the gospel values of love of God and love of others and to nourish the development of these values in the boys who are placed here by their parents with this specific expectation. This is part of the **Special Character of a Catholic school**.

Since its foundation in 1959, Francis Douglas Memorial College has been conducted in New Plymouth by the De La Salle Brothers. During 1997, after Br Tim was transferred and Br Mark went overseas, the Brothers community was reduced at various times to three Brothers only, all sixty plus, as well as Br Anthony. Apprehension was expressed that the Brothers, with few young recruits, were getting ready to withdraw from this College. The Provincial, Br David Hawke, corrected that impression by asking me to apply for the position of Principal and by offering the services of other Brothers in varying capacities. We now number nine Brothers in the community living at the College, plus two others living elsewhere but returning here periodically.

The mission of the Brothers, carried almost exclusively by the Brothers for the first 200 years, is now a **"shared mission"** in which many others, in various ways, choose to participate. All Board members, staff and parents at Francis Douglas Memorial College are invited to share in the Lasallian heritage and mission.

The Brothers have been very privileged during this year to have the recently ordained Anglican Bishop of Taranaki, Philip Richardson, living with them. What unites the Christian Churches is far more important than what divides. The Bishop's presence among us has been a mutually enriching association. We were pleased to have him assist at some school celebrations alongside our Catholic pastors. We were also pleased to host the Anglican synod for the Waikato Diocese in our hostel in July. To my mind there is a sign of hope and maturity in this. Br Joe utilises nearby Anglican facilities for the student reflection days. The common understanding of the central Christian message to love God and our neighbour is more important than any point of division.

In February we sponsored the launching of Patricia Brooks' well-written life of Father Francis Vernon Douglas, *"With No Regrets"*. A couple of months later, an Epitaph programme focused on the life of Vernon Douglas, featuring footage shot here, was screened on television. We are fortunate to have such a role model for the boys. Our inaugural Mission Action Day in October appropriately took place on the day we commemorate the heroic life of this missionary priest. Special thanks to Br Peter for organising the day with typical thoroughness.

When parents choose to send their sons to Francis Douglas Memorial College, they select a school which professes to offer a strong Christian education. All boys, all families once here, are treated equally and all are expected to live up to high standards. All are exposed to the Gospel values and all are expected to conform to Catholic school practice, such as religious education lessons, whilst we continue to respect the right of individual freedom of choice.

In fact the Brothers, who are the Proprietors of the College, regard this focus on the Gospel values and lived religious experience as so central to the Lasallian tradition that they have one of their number, Brother Joe, in full-





time work as a Youth Minister. The Board of Trustees fully support this appointment of a Youth Minister, a work begun by Br Mark and now developed by Br Joe.



Brother Joe runs reflection days for boys in all year levels, normally assisted by the School Guidance Counsellor, Peter Costello, and the Year level Deans as well as other volunteers. Brother Joe invites boys in interviews to walk some of the way with him on their personal spiritual journey.

He seeks to help them clarify what is important and eternal and what is peripheral and ephemeral. He has worked in the school and cooperatively with St Joseph's Parish and with other schools, especially with the Youth Chaplain at Sacred Heart.

Several parents have written expressing their belief that our Youth minister is a special gift to the families of this College. In the Junior classes, Katrina van de Water has



also been involved in running reflection days and teaches religious education. She is leaving us in 2000 to work with the De La Salle community at Balgo Hills in a remote part of the Western Australian desert, teaching the Aboriginal people. Best wishes and thank you, Katrina, for your great work in the school and hostel. I also wish to acknowledge in this report the generosity of 1998 Year 13 student, Simon Costello, who gave up eight months of this year to work as a volunteer at Balgo Hills.

Delivery of Education

There is not space for me to comment on all aspects of education at FDMC, which I believe to be of excellent overall quality, but I do wish to single out a few significant areas.

Worthy of special note has been the reshaping of Careers education in the College. The modification of the school plant to create an improved Careers' Centre and the introduction of a team of Careers Teachers covering each level from Year 10 to 13, led with great energy by Carol Land, has been very successful.

Carol is the person with the responsibility for obtaining the funds and accounting for their expenditure in both Careers and the Secondary Tertiary



Alignment Resource (STAR). The Board has rightly commended her highly for the utilisation of STAR funding in the College in a way which has opened up educational and vocational opportunities for the students. As STAR Funding Co-ordinator, she has the explicit brief of improving student access to non-conventional units of learning. A Transition stream for Years 12 & 13

students was introduced in 1999 in which students access other providers to obtain courses not available at FDMC. It has provided very positive opportunities for the senior boys who opted to pursue these studies organised so well by Carol.

At Year 10 level a compulsory work exploration was introduced. There were two separate "work experience" weeks whilst the TOPEC and other camps were on. The involvement of our students in the Young Enterprise Scheme was also quite outstanding with Geoffrey Bourke, Year 12, being one of a very small number of New Zealand students selected to assist at the APEC Conference.

The work of Margaret Milne, assisted by Teachers Aides and volunteers, in meeting the special needs of less able students, is very professional and meticulously planned. Margaret merits a valour award for picking her way through the minefield of special needs funding to get the best for our boys. She also accepted the responsibility to implement an enrichment programme for students which has been enjoyed greatly by participating boys.

Collaboratively with Catholic Education Management Board, our Board of Trustees has devised and formulated a coherent Development Plan for the College which will enable a significant improvement in the delivery of quality education at the College. The new buildings under construction - stage 2 of our development plan following the expansion of the administration and science facilities last Christmas - remind us all of the practical outcome of careful planning.

The launching of a Jubilee Appeal has been a key part of this strategic planning. We are very grateful to the fifty-eight Planning Appeal Committee Members as well as to all who have made donations to the Appeal. I wish especially to acknowledge the outstanding generosity of the Appeal Chairperson, Peter McDonald, the Leadership Gifts Chairperson, Paul Carrington, the General Gifts Chairperson, Des Manning and the Appeal Coordinator, Glenda Elliot. We chose to "do it ourselves" and not use professional fundraisers, a decision we have not regretted given the wonderful voluntary help which has been forthcoming.

The Regional Appeal Committees have been very active thanks to great leadership from Margaret & Paul Butterworth in Okato, Paul & Bernadette Bourke in Opunake, Gary & Jill Dunlop in Hawera and Barry & Linda Whittington in Stratford. The loyal support and generosity of these people and others in support of their Catholic School has been most affirming and productive. Thanks especially to the PTA for a \$30,000 gift launching our Appeal.

The revision of the FDMC Strategic Plan by a Committee headed by John Whyte, for the consideration of the Board, was very significant. We have been severely limited by present plant and resources in the field of information and communication technology (ICT). The Staff ICT Committee, with Peter Smith playing a leading role, has met to



develop a comprehensive strategic plan for utilising the latest technology in the delivery of education. The production of a new, expanded Student handbook by Martin Dravitzki has also significantly improved our documentation.

I wish to acknowledge specifically the excellent education provided in our Intermediate Department. The Coordinator of the Intermediate School, Richard Doherty takes excellent control requiring respectful cooperation from the pupils. At the same time he teaches senior computing and finds the energy and interest to coach the First Fifteen Rugby. Such diversity is an efficacious sign of staff unity. Likewise it is very healthy that so many of the Intermediate staff also take classes at all the Secondary levels. A knowledge of the curriculum at all levels by so many staff assists the continuity of educational delivery.

At the beginning of each year the Board agreed, with advice from the Principal and staff, to identify three strategic goals as matters of special focus. It was agreed that the recommended staff strategic goals for 1999 be the delivery of

- ❖ **Student Leadership Development**
- ❖ **An Enrichment Programme for Students**
- ❖ **Vertical Form Strategy Development**

and that Coordinators be appointed, in line with agreed task descriptions, after internal advertising, to each of these positions.

Thank you to Deborah Keenan, Margaret Milne and Lauren O'Reilly for taking on and discharging these responsibilities so well. Deborah left us mid-year to take up her appointment as Assistant Principal at St Mary's Stratford after a long period of excellent service at FDMC. Thank you Deborah. Our gratitude also to Lindsay McMorran, long serving staff member, who moved to Auckland during the year.



The College Captain, Scott Ireland and Vice Captain, Conrad Smith, are two outstanding young men, gifted and generous, who have provided excellent leadership. They left a lasting impression on the many old boys who gathered in late May to celebrate our forty years jubilee. Thanks to John Whyte and the Jubilee Committee for making it such a memorable focus weekend.

In the hostel, Ross Williams and John Whittington provided very good leadership as Boarders' Captain and Vice-

Captain. There were many examples of outstanding leadership from other leaders as well at House Sporting carnivals and in Vertical Forms. They have been an excellent, student leadership group.

Maori education continues to develop well. Many boys are studying Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori with our enthusiastic teacher of Maori, Melanie Snook, and there is also an active culture group which joins with the culture group from Sacred Heart to perform in festivals. The staff inservice on the Oakura Marae and the Year 7 Marae camps at Stratford were among the highlights of the year.

Day to day discipline is very much in the hands of John Whyte, the Deputy Principal (Administration). I have the highest regard and confidence in the sensitive yet firm exercise of discipline by John Whyte. My thanks also to the Deans and Assistant Deans in caring for the students in their Year levels and to the Vertical Form Teachers for their attention to the needs of the students.

I believe the College is fortunate to have a Business Manager of the competence and generosity of Mrs Diana Blair. Nothing is ever too much trouble for her. She responds sympathetically to the requests of the boys which are often poorly timed. She is helpful to adults and personally very supportive and helpful to me.

I have said virtually nothing in detail about sport and cultural activities such as the very valuable English Department Speech competition and the O'Shea Shield. These activities will be covered elsewhere. I do need to acknowledge the work of the Sports Coordinator, John George, who does a marvellous job with enthusiastic but meticulous planning. It is extraordinary how many teams we field in such a wide range of sports and activities thanks to the keenness of the boys, the willingness of the staff and the very generous involvement of many parents. The great work of the Basketball and Cricket Coordinator, Andy Cowie, also deserves special mention

The sporting programme is quite extraordinary, something very special and extraordinarily comprehensive. We enjoy our success with wins but, more importantly, have a tradition of competing well. The spirit of our boys draws universal favourable comment wherever they go to represent FDMC.

I believe our broad sport and activity base is a key aspect in explaining why the boys feel so positively about their school. At base there is the Lasallian tradition that pupils should be treated in a brotherly or sisterly fashion; but it is also the many opportunities provided for them to achieve in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, be it the subject or enrichment excursions, the Gumboot Gully camps, TOPEC, the Snow Camps, the First Fifteen tour to the South Island, any one of the many successful basketball trips, the very successful First Eleven coached by a generous parent, Alex Kirk, the participation in the Soccer tournament generated by another parent, Laurie Jordan, and so on.



One could also write at length on our very well patronised hostel which continues to thrive, albeit with the tragic loss of Brother Anthony early in 1998. The Hostel Supervisors have received wonderful support from parents all over Taranaki. The advice of the Hostel Management Committee, chaired by Paul Butterworth, has been very valuable. We are now moving to establish a Management Board for the hostel.

Special thanks to our Matron, Margaret Fleming who is retiring from some of her hostel duties. She has given wonderful, devoted, full-time service for many years but will be part-time next year. I also wish to record the gratitude of the Brothers and hostel staff to Barbara Fox who retired during the year after more than thirty years of unstinting service in the hostel laundry.

I am very pleased to note the obvious good relationships between day boys and boarders, a total lack of the hostility that occasionally afflicts some boarding schools.

My thanks to our Property Manager, Dan Keegan and other Ancillary staff who contribute very well to the school and hostel. They are part of a general "esprit de corps" which has led to the rapid roll growth. Facilities are generally very well maintained and the grounds are magnificent. Francis Douglas is characterised by an attractive environment with beautiful gardens and first class fields. Special thanks to Brother Oliver and Br Anselm for their work in the gardens and to Brother Steve for his persistent endeavours with the College buses.



Conclusion

Francis Douglas Memorial College is an excellent school where the boys generally are very happy. I consider myself fortunate to be the Principal of such a school. The Board of Trustees continues to work constructively with the Principal to provide the essentials for education. I wish especially to acknowledge the great generosity and support of the Chairman of the Board, Mr Michael Finnigan. I am grateful, also, for the strong support from John Whyte, Martin Dravitzki and Diana Blair and, indeed, of all the staff. The only point of sadness is the number of families we now have to disappoint who would like to be part of our College family.

In this Jubilee year of the College, we are grasping the opportunity to make a great improvement in facilities, to accept the challenge to prepare the College for the next forty years.

We have legitimate pride in who we are, in our special character, in our care for every member of the College community. When you like who you are, it is easy to know where you want to go! The entire College community is united in the vision of what we want for the boys of this College. Let us be resolute as we set out to make Francis Douglas an even better school. The boys who come here - in common with all people - will only grow up once and will have only one life-time experience of secondary schooling. Let us be determined that we shall never "short-change" those boys entrusted by their parents to be educated at this Catholic College.

Br Bill Firman fsc
Principal
October, 1999





A Pilgrim's Progress

It started in Rome with visits to the De La Salle Brothers' Mother House, the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel and a general audience with the Pope and ended in the Swiss Alps with a retreat day at Parmenie, the Novitiate

for the French Brothers - 25 of us had accepted the opportunity of a lifetime and committed ourselves to pilgrimage, a pilgrimage of Australian and New Zealand Brothers and lay partners who wished to walk in the Steps of St John Baptist de la Salle.

It was also conceived some eighteen months ago in Kensington, Sydney and became the burning ambition of Br Michael McCabe to travel with a group through France and see all the places at first hand that many of us had read heaps about through courses at Narooma and seminars back at our own Colleges.

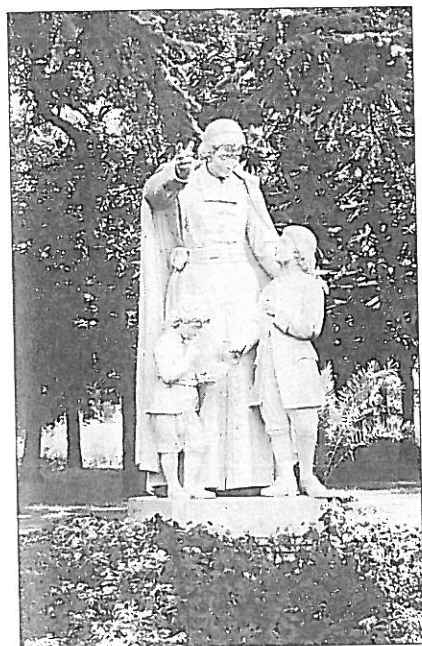
Taranaki represented New Zealand strongly. Graeme

Mustchin and his wife, Mary from Sacred Heart College formed a trio with Br Steve and made a formidable quartet with Steve Mills from De La Salle College in Mangere.

For two glorious weeks we explored the Church of the 17th century and earlier and learned so much more about our La Sallian and indeed our Christian Story. We felt De La Salle's Spirit in Rheims. We got a feel for the struggles of establishing schools in Paris and Rouen. We felt the yearning for peace and solitude in Grenoble, Charteuse and La Salette. We prayed at the grave of Blessed Brother Arnold. We spent a day in Belgium at the shrine of St Mutien on the site of a de la Salle College which was 1 km in length, in the valley of Malonne. We reflected quietly at the very place where Blessed Solomon and many others were butchered during the French Revolution.

Under the expert leadership of a Welsh Brother Benedict Foy we were privileged to visit places that many tourists would never see; and not just to see them but also to pray there with our spiritual director Fr John Duigan, a Franciscan priest from Western Australia. We celebrated liturgy at the tombs of St Bernadette, Frederick Ozynham, St Vincent de Paul and at places that were prominent in the early development of the Order. Always we remembered our communities and felt a strong bond of unity between Australian and New Zealander, between Brother and Lay Partner.

We all agreed that it was the beginning of the next very important stage in our personal journeys. Pilgrimage has always been important to Christians for 2000 years. There are a few more of us now in Oceania who understand why.



Pilgrimage group at Parmenie (French Novitiate)



SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Br Bill Firman
Mr John Whyte
Mr Martin Dravitzki

BSc, BA, Dip Ed, TTC
Dip Guid/Couns, TTC
B Sc

Principal
Deputy Principal
Deputy Principal

CURRICULUM HEADS

Mr Richard Marris
Mr Kevin Murphy
Mr Graeme Mustchin

MA (Hons), LTCL, AIRMT, Dip Teach
BSc (Hons), Nat Teach Dip
M Ed Admin (Hons), BA, Dip Arts, (Rel Stud)
Dip Pub Speak, Dip Teach, CFLE
BA, Dip Teach
BA, BTP, Dip Teach
MEd (Hons), Dip Ed
Dip Teach, Dip Rdg
Dip F A, TTC
BEd, PhysEd
Adv TC (Carp), Dip Teach

HOD English
HOD Science

Mr Graham Blanks
Mr Ross MacNicol
Mr Richard Doherty
Mrs Margaret Milne
Mr Peter Hill
Mr Steve Simpson
Mr Craig Thomas

DRS
HOD Mathematics
HOD Social Sciences
Intermediate Co-ordinator
Middle School Co-ordinator
TIC Arts
TIC PE, Health
TIC Technology

DEANS

Mr Richard Doherty
Mr Bryce Koch
Mr John Neeson
Br Peter Smyth
Mrs Deborah Keenan
Mrs Ruth Marris
Mr Graham Blanks

MEd (Hons), Dip Ed
BEd, Dip Teach
B Ed, Dip Teach
BA, Dip Ed, MEd, Grad Dip Maths Educ
B Sc, Dip Teach (Until June)
MA (Hons), Dip Teach (from July)
BA, Dip Teach

Dean Years 7 & 8
Dean Year 9
Dean Year 10
Dean Year 11
Dean Year 12
Dean Year 12
Dean Year 13

OTHER TEACHING STAFF

Ms Christine Alexander
Mr Malcolm Alder
Miss Kirsty Banks
Br Joseph Bufalo
Mrs Elizabeth Barrientos
Mr Russell Cleaver
Mr Peter Costello
Mr Andy Cowie
Mr Phil D'Ath
Mrs Bronwyn Donaldson
Mr Joel Dodd
Mrs Freda Dowd
Mr John George
Br William Harnett
Mr Wayne Kibby
Ms Carol Land
Br Steve Leatherland
Mr Neil McLean
Mr Lindsay McMorran
Mr Poobalan Maistry
Mrs Jeanne Marshall
Fr David Monaghan
Mrs Lauren O'Reilly
Mrs Tessa Parke
Mr Michael Parsons
Mrs Sjaane Ramsay-Ryan
Mr Chris Rata
Miss Heather Rau

BA, Dip Teach
BA, Dip Teach
B Mus, Dip Teach, LTCL
Dip Teach, Grd Dip Arts, Dip RE
Primary Cert
NZCB, Dip Teach
Dip Guid/Couns, CFLE, TTC
Adv TC (Carp), Dip Teach, CFLE
BSc, TTC
MSc (Hons), Dip Teach
TTC
TTC
Dip Teach
BA, Dip Ed Stud, Dip Teach
B Ed, Adv Dip Teach
BA (Hons), Dip Teach (from July)
BA, Dip Teach (till June)
B Com, Dip Pr Ed
MSc, BEd
MEd, BEd, Dip Teach
BA, Dip Teach
BEd, Dip Teach
B Ed, Dip Teach, TTC
BA, Dip Teach

Home Room, English
English
Music
Youth Minister
Spanish
Mathematics
Guidance Counsellor
Physical Education
Technology
Science, Maths, RE
Science
Special Needs
Sport Co-ordinator
Agriculture
English, Careers Adviser
Home Room, English
RE, Careers
History
History
Economics/Accounting
Science
College Chaplain
Home Room
Japanese
Agriculture
Home Room
Science
Homeroom



Mrs Alex Rennison-Reed
Mrs Colleen Severinsen
Mr Peter Smith
Miss Melanie Snook
Mr Phil Sole
Ms Yvonne Van Lent
Ms Katrina van de Water
Mrs Robyn Wackrow

Dip Media St, TTC
B Sc (Hons), Dip Teach
Dip Phys Ed, Dip Teach(dist)
BA, Dip Teach
NZC(Mech Eng), Trade Cert, Dip Teach
BA, TTC (till June)
B Theol, Dip Teach, CPE

English, Media Studies
Science
Computing
Maori
Technology
Music
Religious Ed, Hostel Tutor
English

TEACHERS' AIDES

Ms Kathryn Moore
Mrs Bev Pryme
Mrs Kath Phillips
Mrs Ann Ryan
Mr Gary Simmonds

Teachers' Aide
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ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Dowd
Mrs Glenda Elliott
Mrs Tess Gaffney
Mrs Ketha Haase
Mrs Diana Blair
Mrs Jean Keegan
Mrs Peggy Mercer
Mrs Karen Maclean
Mrs Jean Reed
Mrs Jacqui Whibley

TTC

TCB
NZ Cert Lib St
NZCS

Historian
Appeal Co-ordinator
Librarian/Historian
Teachers' Aide
Business Manager
Secretary
Teacher Clerical Assistant
Secretary
Librarian
Lab Technician

MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS

Mr Miles Blair
Br Oliver O'Leary
Mr Fred Fenwick
Mr Dan Keegan
Br Anselm McCaffrey

FSC

FSC

Maintenance
Gardens
Maintenance
Property Manager
Gardens, Busdriving

HOSTEL

Mrs Margaret Fleming
Mr Tony Gray
Mr Mark Walsh
Br Michael McCabe
Mr Arthur Lockett
Mr Blair Brookes
Mr Larry Blair
Br Frank Tyson

B Ed, TTC (from Oct)

Matron
Hostel Supervisor
Hostel Supervisor
Hostel Supervisor
Hostel Tutor
Hostel Tutor
Hostel Tutor
Hostel Tutor





New Staff For 1999

JOEL DODD:

Motor bike leathers, soccer boots and violin case are symbols reflecting the interests and character of Joel Dodd the latest addition to the Science Department. Married with three children, Joel is a citizen of New Zealand and Canada. In his second year of teaching he brings experience gained as an analytical chemist in a gold mine, a journalist and a violin teacher. Students will have noticed his interest in soccer and those on the teams have benefited from his coaching and enthusiasm. He hopes

that by helping students to acquire knowledge and the skills to understand the world around them they may become better citizens.

HEATHER RAU:

Her love of teaching has brought Heather from the back blocks of Tahora to New Plymouth each week. Originally from Gisborne she moved to Taranaki in December 1998 to be with her partner Andrew Pease who farms at Tahora. The farm is an ideal environment for her three jumping horses but she also does tai bo, running and swimming to keep fit. Heather has enjoyed working with the young adults at FDMC and has appreciated the school's supportive environment.

KIRSTY BANKS:

Musical talents have continued to blossom under Kirsty's expertise. A Taranakian, Kirsty is engaged to Tim Chadwick, Head of Art at Inglewood High School. Aside from most things musical she enjoys

tramping and climbing mountains with the summit of Mt Cook her next goal. Constantly aiming for peak performance in all she undertakes, Kirsty is also a marathon runner.

The influence of her teachers at Inglewood High School directed her into teaching as a way she could "enhance and motivate students with musical talent". All the students who have been involved and supportive this year gain a big vote of thanks. She would like to see more students taking advantage of the musical opportunities offered at FDMC.

Kirsty leaves us with these final words, "You only live once - it doesn't hurt to give new things a go!"

NEIL MCLEAN:

After 35 years of teaching Neil brings a wealth of experience to the College not only in his subject area of History but also as a rugby coach and administrator. He has been Rugby Administrator for Taranaki Rugby Football Union for 22 years. Cricket is his other sport and he enjoys playing and coaching though is more likely to be found playing bowls for West End.

A family man, his wife, Beverley will be teaching at

Spotswood College next year and his younger son attends Boys' High.

Staff involvement in sporting and cultural activities at FDMC has impressed Neil. He is here for the students and has been very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of his senior students.

ROBYN WACKROW:

Already a familiar face around the College, Robyn whose two older sons are students here, is Work Experience Placement Co-ordinator for the Careers Department and teacher of Junior English. The careers work involves her with most of the senior students. She thinks that the role modelling of those seniors who give up their time to give reading tuition to the Intermediates is a real acknowledgment of the values that De La Salle stands for. Enthusiastic about her work at the College Robyn

loves the personalities of the students she works with and the individual rapport she has with them.

STAFF NOTES



Gardening is a great delight and relaxation for her while she becomes really passionate about Rugby League especially when New Zealand plays Australia and her definite vices about the refereeing are voiced! Her own five children benefit from her support, enthusiasm and interest.

BROTHER MICHAEL MCCABE:

In his footsteps epitomises the life led by Br Michael who, just like St John Baptist de la Salle, has dedicated his life to teaching and working with youth. Talking to him is to realise that he has no need of wishes from the 'Three Coins in a Fountain' in Rome, he is living his wishes. He brings FDMC his wealth of experience gained in schooling in Australia.



Of Scots and Irish descent he is an Aussie from Victoria claiming that as the youngest of five children he was indulged and spoilt. It was the example of the Brothers who taught him, the genuine interest they showed in all aspects of their students lives that

prompted him to enter the nuntiate.

His particular interest is Special Education and he took a degree at Monash University. There Professor Manie Neale urged him to literally embrace books. Teaching experience in Sydney schools paved the way to St Bedes at Mentone, Victoria. There for 17 years he was Boarding Master and finally Deputy Principal.

Progressing to Principal at East Bentley he moved to Boystown in Queensland as Deputy Director. His work with youth and the esteem he is held in led him to become Vocation Director of the Brothers in Australia, New Zealand and Papu New Guinea for four years.

For the last two years he has been easing the transition of students and helping with guidance as Parent Liaison Of-

ficer during the gradual closure of De La Salle Kingsgrove in Sydney.

Brother Michael will be taking over management of boarders. He is a man who has found contentment in his chosen vocation and like his guide St John Baptist de la Salle his reward is to see students grow and change over the course of time.

RUTH MARRIS:

Joining her husband, Richard, in the English Department, Ruth came to us this year after 14 years at Waitara High School. She has also taught at New Plymouth Girls High and in Central Hawke's Bay. In her own words, she "collects languages" being fluent in French and with skills in Japanese and German. She is currently studying Spanish.



As Dean of Year 12, students have come to appreciate her kind yet firm approach. Ruth enjoys their enthusiasm attitude and likes the positive and supportive atmosphere of the College.

There have been several teachers in Ruth's extended family and she never

seriously considered doing anything else. It has been a busy life raising two daughters while teaching full-time but with the youngest completing Year 13 and the eldest at University in Melbourne, Ruth's time is becoming more flexible. No doubt she will take the opportunity to add more languages to her collection!



TEACHER AIDES



FREDA DOWD



Helping hearing impaired students and now working with other students in the classroom, Freda has been a familiar face around the college for the past nine years. Her association with FDMC goes back to 1977 when her son Tony was a student. A love of crafts, tramping and her extended family of three grandchildren keep her busy outside school.

KATH PHILLIPS

Four years ago the Phillips family emigrated to New Zealand. Kath initially did voluntary work in the library but now works as a teacher aide within the classroom. She says that the healthy climate and lifestyle has benefited the family.



GARY SIMMONDS

Gary's association with the college started in the 1980's when his two sons were students. Today he finds his continued association working as a teacher aide very rewarding and he looks forward to the challenges each day brings.



PEGGY MERCER

The Canadian Mercer family have been in New Plymouth for two years. The family find it warmer and greener than their Alberta home. Peggy, who is usually to be found working at a library computer, is our invaluable Teacher Clerical Assistant. Typing, photocopying, bookbinding, filing, all seem effortless when she undertakes them. With many parts of the country still to see she enjoys travelling around New Zealand.



KATHRYN MOORE

A Taranakian, Kathryn whose three sons attend the college is a teacher aide. She works mainly with the younger students in the classroom. Home renovation, gardening, Polytech study and her three sons keep her busy.



BEV PRYME

Although Bev has only been at FDMC for three and a half years she has been a teachers' aide for twenty five. Initially working with an individual student she now works within the classroom. She likes working with younger people and can relate to them. A keen bowler Bev also walks to keep fit.



ANN RYAN

Ann gains great satisfaction from watching the progress of students she helps and loves getting to know them individually. A keen follower of her children's sport she still finds time for her interests in folk art painting, aerobics, walking and reading.



JACQUI WHIBLEY

For fifteen years Jacky has been the indispensable help of the Science Department. Preparing experiments, making chemicals, ordering supplies and assisting students and teachers with practical experiments are just some of the many duties she performs to assist with the smooth running of the department. A recent operation to her knee has curtailed



her daily walking for now. However, she was still able to enjoy a recent trip to Asia with her husband John.

KETHA HAASE

Known to all the students as 'The Lady in the Bookshop', Ketha has been at FDMC for twelve years. Stocktaking, ordering the supplies and keeping the accounts ensure that she keeps the Bookshop running smoothly and efficiently. Always willing to assist staff in any way, she does word processing, photocopies and prepares exam papers! Many staff have been recipients of her beautiful hand-made cards and her calligraphy skill can be seen on all the award certificates that students receive. Pounding the beach and streets is Ketha's way of keeping fit. To the envy of many she attended the final of the Rugby World Cup.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOC

The PTA has had a core group of approximately 30 parents throughout the year. Not all members were able to attend every meeting, but they were kept in touch by receiving the minutes which included a Principal's report.

Some members who had been on the committee for many years resigned during the year as they had other commitments and new members joined at different times during the year.

At the meeting held in April it was decided to change the PTA financial year to run as a calendar year and so therefore the 1999 committee actually have held office for nearly 18 months. It was felt this was a more practical idea for getting accounts audited and for a new committee to be elected at the beginning of the year instead of half way through the year.

The annual school Gala was held on 27th March on a great Taranaki day. Once again the whole Francis Douglas community supported this major fundraising event and approximately \$15,000.00 was raised.

Other fundraising ventures held during the year included sales of used uniforms, new jerseys, pies and social events.

During the year the PTA purchased resources for the school including TV & OHP Units, lockers for year 7 students, school ties and polo shirts for student use when representing the school. A set of 50 athletic singlets has been ordered, after much consideration of style, design and fabric choice by students and teachers.

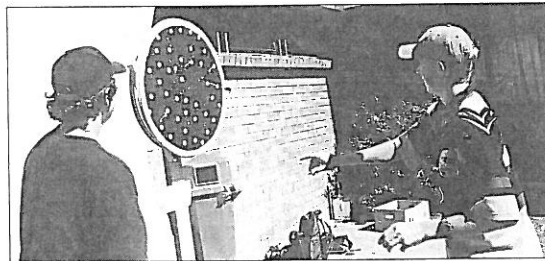
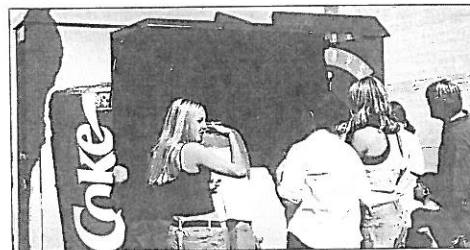
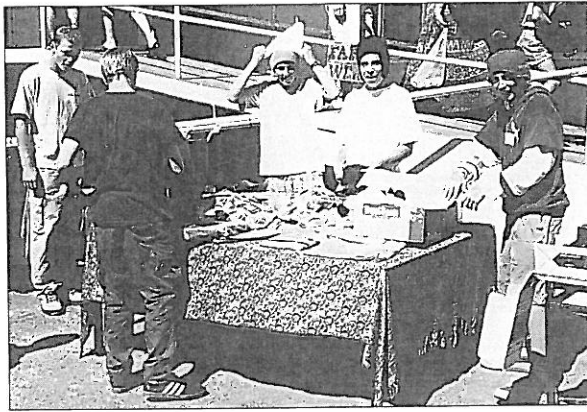
In August a great donation of \$30,000.00 was able to be made to help launch the 40th Jubilee Appeal for Stage 2 Development Plans for the school. This must be very fulfilling for parents to see money raised being used for such a great asset to the school that will benefit boys now and in the future.

Two social events were held during the year. Although not attended by great numbers it is always good to take time out to socialize with other parents of the school. It is important to everyone to keep up the contact in this busy world.

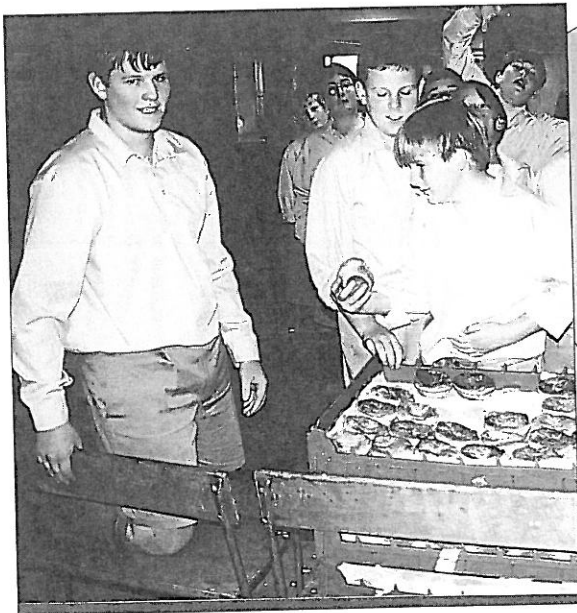
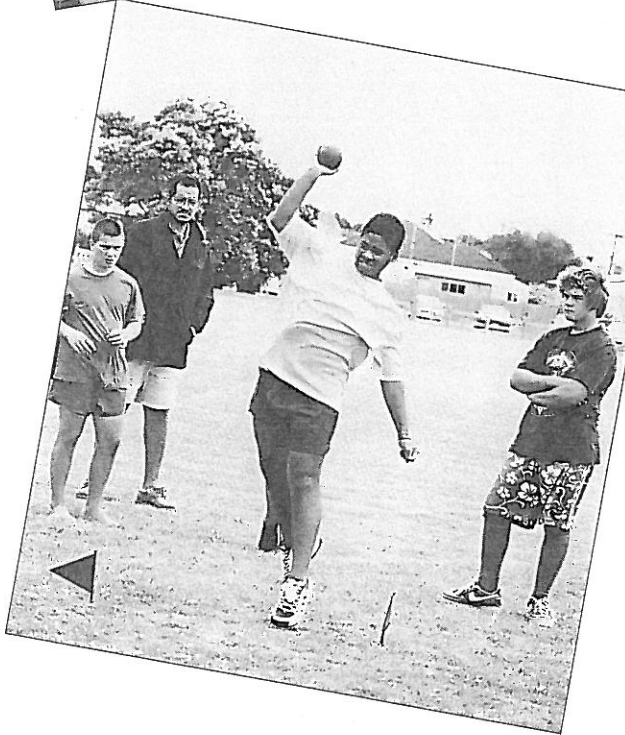
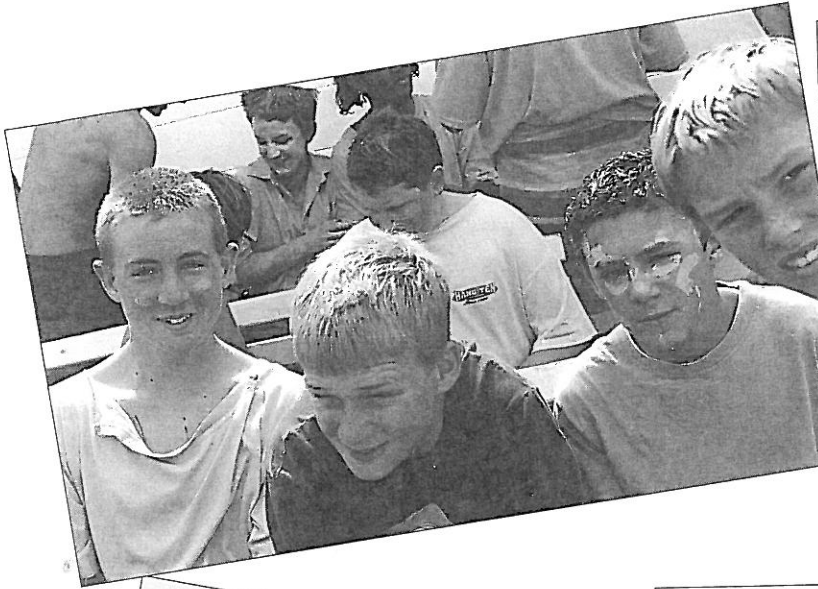
The most recent undertaking the PTA is actively promoting is the sale of school uniforms. Shirts, shorts and socks will be available to parents at a reduced price to those currently available locally. It is rewarding to be able to offer a service to parents that will benefit both families and the school at the same time.

I hope the new year brings the same enthusiasm and commitment to next year's committee as this year has had. Hopefully a few new faces will appear at the meetings and more people can gain the benefit of belonging to a great school, and enjoy being part of their children's educational community.

Glenda Elliot
PTA President 1998/99



STUDENTS



SCHOOL CAPTAIN



"You cannot discover new oceans, unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

1999 has been a year full of interesting challenges, memorable experiences and of course it has also been a period of prolonged commitment. Aside from the commitment to maintaining standards in keeping with the values system of the school there has also been a commitment to furthering my education, participating in sport, and enjoying cultural and social activities.

It is a year in which I have come to appreciate just what an extraordinary opportunity being a leader at Francis Douglas presents. There have been many challenges and many occasions when it has all seemed too much but also there have been times when because of the co-operation, assistance and guidance received from teachers and other members of the Year 13 things have run incredibly smoothly.

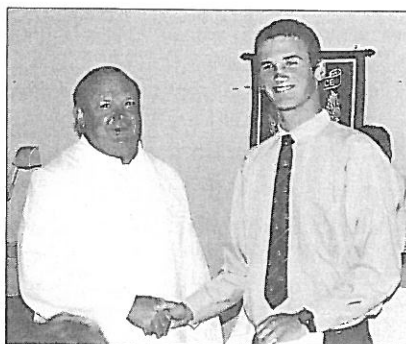
I value all of these experiences because I imagine they epitomize very much what life can be like once we leave the safety and security of our present homes and move out into the world on our own. I hope that I have learned well from them.

One thing I am glad about is that my parents, many years ago, made the choice for me to attend Francis Douglas College for I have come to love the place and the people that make up the community that is Francis Douglas.

I have been taught many valuable lessons while attending this school but always these lessons have been handed down with great humanity and with consideration for the individual.

As 99 draws to a close, an end of an era for the Year 13 leavers beckons. It is a sad but unfortunate fact that the year 2000 will bring with it a severing of many ties as each of us branches out somewhat uncertainly I imagine, in a new direction. In parting though I know there will be many heavy hearts and that always, the year of 99 will hold a special place in our memories.

It's hard to believe that just over nine months ago, the college leaders were presented with their badges at the investiture mass. I can distinctly recall the period when I along with 18 other leaders, were brimming with confidence eager to push the barriers and really forge our mark on FDMC. The Year 13 leadership crew accepted their responsibilities at this stage with a considerable amount of apprehension as a changing leadership infrastructure seemed to pose a daunting prospect. However, despite an early period of finding their feet, the team has since excelled in their chosen positions and fulfilled their duties with an admirable dedication and commitment. Perhaps, as a group we didn't achieve all of our initial goals. The pressures of bursary (studies) and other activities began to take their toll, but we did however, make a valid and honest contribution to the college community and hopefully proved in hindsight to be excellent role models for younger members of this establishment.



been all too difficult without the constant support and encouragement they offered me.

Yet in speaking of leaders, I have to proclaim that leadership doesn't just exist because one is in possession of a badge. I firmly believe that the entire group of 99 has been a credit to this school and as a group we can be proud of what we have achieved and the leadership we have together implemented.



I would especially like to thank the college deputy head boy, Conrad Smith for his grand support and comradeship throughout the year. His sincere motives to achieve were at times inspirational.

The year of 1999 has been an extremely significant one as it was the colleges 40th anniversary year and it saw the launching of the book in memory of Francis Vernon Douglas, the man after whom the college is named. Also, in keeping with the significance of the year in the schools life, there was the initiation and networking of an appeal for major new school development and of course, it's the final year of the present millennium.

Yet while it would have been easy to become pre-occupied with the likes, the college never once neglected the importance of both cultural and sporting activities.

In fact, the students of the college have again done the college proud with many meritorious and laudable efforts.

Perhaps, the most noticeable aspect that contributed to the success that was achieved this year was the continued voluntary support that we are forever blessed with from both parents and teachers alike and of course the outstanding efforts by the students.

While in many sporting areas this year, success was prominent, it was especially notable for the 1st XV rugby victory over New Plymouth Boys High by 15 - 3. The first time ever that Francis Douglas College had overcome the might of Taranaki's most famous rugby nursery. It was all made possible through the tremendous following and support that we received for such an occasion and in many ways epitomised the nature of our overall sporting exploits. Special mention must go to the likes of Mr. George and Mr. Cowie who devote many hours to ensuring the great sporting tradition of the college remains.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Culturally also, we are spoilt with great teacher backing and this ultimately is reflected in the accolades we receive. It would be impossible to thank everyone associated, but I believe it is important that Mrs Tess Gaffney receives a



special mention. Her generous contribution in all fields this year again served to remind us of what a tower of strength and knowledge she is when it comes to these events. Her expertise on public speaking and her infinite fountain of knowledge while benefiting the students also really helps to reduce the load on other teachers within the college. The success we gained at both the O'Shea Shield

and the Taranaki Speech and Drama festival is testimony to the hard work that she and others have contributed.

Socially, the 1999 structure was altered from previous years and we as leaders ventured into somewhat unknown territory. However, despite the absence of Sacred Heart College students from our school ball and a segregation of our two social committees a mass of male ingenuity and a final rush of creativity (that boys have been forever famous for) ensured another outstanding occasion.

While throughout the year there were many times when we ventured into unfamiliar territory and had much adversity to overcome, this never once distracted the focus of the social committee and they must be commended for their efforts.

As I reflect upon my years at FDMC a sense of gratitude overwhelms my thoughts. Francis Douglas has given me many special memories, and most importantly has given me an opportunity to not only learn but also to grow as an individual. For this I am truly indebted.

I ask each of you to appreciate this opportunity that you have all been given and to grasp it with the respect that it deserves. I challenge you as individuals to recognise your own very great potential so that you might one day turn your dreams into reality.

Over my seven years at FD I have witnessed many changes

and alterations at the college, but I am pleased to say that still the christian character and Lasalian spirit among staff and students alike has remained.

It is with great reluctance that I come to the conclusion of this report. I feel the need to thank and commend some special people. Firstly my parents, who have through the year offered their support and help which ultimately made my job easier and also have ensured that I remain focused and realistic so as to achieve my bursary aspirations. Brother Bill and Mr Blanks who have always been prepared to listen and have supported unanimously the ideas we have promoted. Mr Blanks especially deserves a sincere vote of thanks for his very fair and consistent handling of issues brought to his attention during this 7th form year. To Mrs Milne who has been a mentor for me throughout my time at school and in fact to all the teachers, and to our extended college family for each of you are an integral part of the makeup of this special place. Lastly but

perhaps most importantly a thank you must go to my fellow students and especially to the class of 99. Thanks for the many unforgettable memories that we shared. I am sure you and I will treasure them for years to come. I would like to take

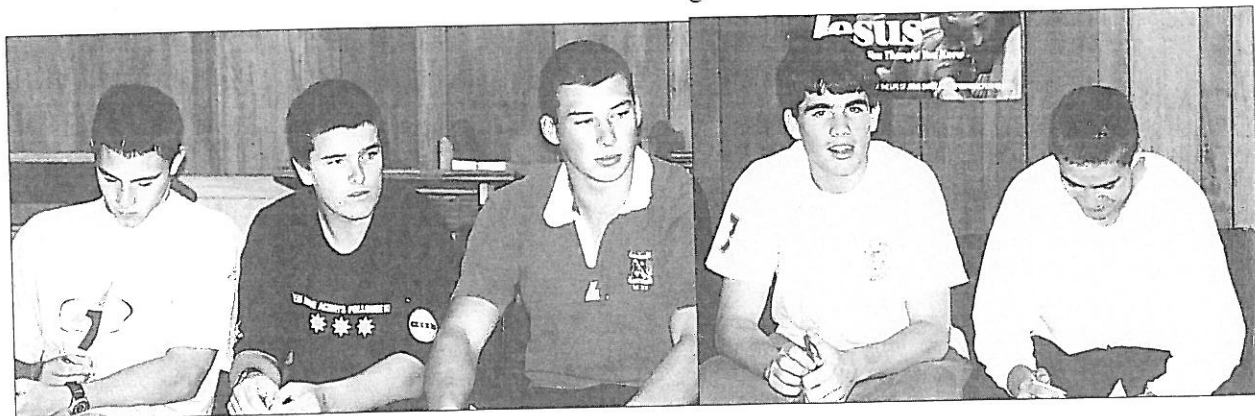


this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck for the future and I ask you all to be proud of your place of schooling and to appreciate the tremendous opportunity you all have been blessed with.

I am humbled by the experience of being college captain at FDMC as it has been the most challenging, stimulating and rewarding experience of my life. I feel deeply honoured and privileged to have represented such a spirited group of individuals and I am indeed thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the college community.

Take care and God bless.

"Just remember no one can predict to what heights you will soar even you will not know until you spread your wings."



BENILDUS HOUSE REPORT



Well, what can I say? 1999 was yet another awesome year for the 'Green Machine' and, upon my departure from Francis Douglas Memorial College, I'll undoubtedly miss the brotherly culture which the Benildus House has welcomed me into in 1999.

The competition began early in the year with the swimming sports where we competed hard in the pool to finish a much earned 2nd place due to a discovered lack of honesty shown by the other competing houses. Outstanding performers for Benildus were Justen Smith, Jason Cooper, Courtney Smith, Joseph Gibbs, Sean Zieltjes, Phillip Donaldson and Daniel Nganeke.

A week later, the heat was on for the Athletics competition which was a competed with against Benildus challenging defending champions, Solomon, for the top honours. Unfortunately, Solomon held us off and we had to settle for 2nd which was an awesome effort by all. Strong results came from Conrad Smith, Simon Gillum, Jade Vickers, Tony Maindonald, Curtis Lockley and Douglas Maindonald.

With two 2nd placings under our belt and a convincing win in the cross-country we lead the overall competition and it was time for a bit of soccer. This fixture was new to the calendar and after some hard fought grudge matches by all houses and age groups we came away with 4th which was very unlucky.

Basketball was also added to the fixtures this year and after a large number of last minute deciders from all age groups, Benildus finished 2nd overall to maintain 1st place in the overall house standings.

The traditional rugby competition saw us go in as favourites as our starting fifteen consisted of all 1st and 2nd XV members. After a convincing win over La Salle in our first match, we headed into the final against Solomon who proved to be much harder to deal with. However, after an arm wrestle of a match which was full of fireworks 'The Green Fifteen' came out on top to win the rugby for the third year in a row.

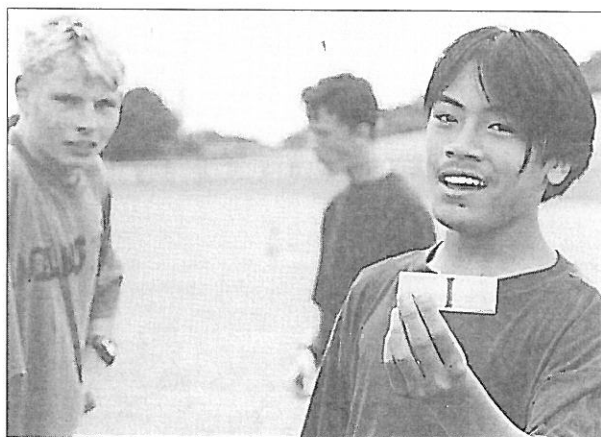
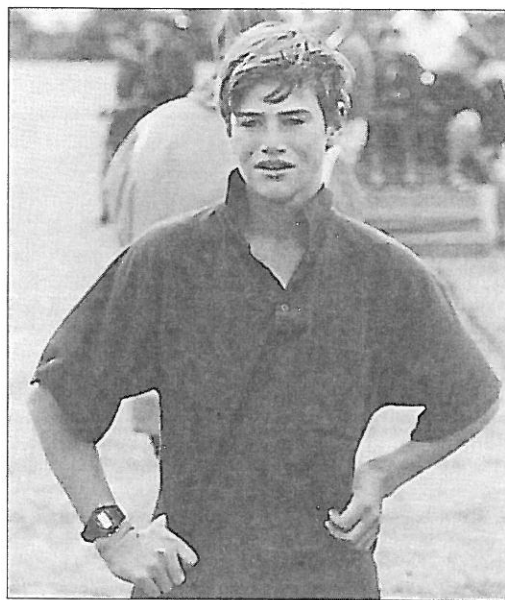
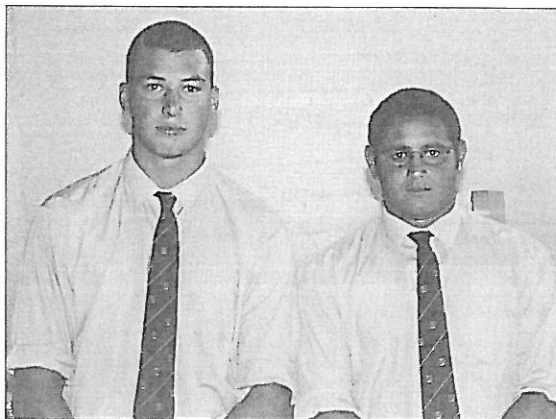
I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few special, hardworking people whose efforts tend to go unrewarded yet they are committed to the organisation of the house competitions year in and year out. Thank you very much to Mr John George, Mr Steve Simpson and Mr Andy Cowie for their significant efforts in making sure that such competitions can take place.

As you all know, I am a new member of Benildus House as I was selected earlier this year to take up the leadership role of a house to which I was new. I would like to thank everybody for welcoming me so warmly and enabling me to be a part of the strong Benildus culture. With regards to the organisation of Benildus House, I would like to thank Mr Craig Thomas and Ms Lauren O'Reilly for their assistance and hard work throughout the year. A warm thank you must go to my fellow senior students of Benildus es-

pecially Conrad Smith, Owen Harvey, Geoffrey Bourke and Simon Gillum who helped me a great deal with putting teams together and supervision of younger house members.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those involved with Benildus for a most memorable final year at the college for myself and the other last year students. You're a great bunch of people and I wish Benildus the best of luck for next year. "Let's Go Benildus!"

Benildus House Report by: Ruka Te Moana



LA SALLE HOUSE REPORT



La Salle has always been a house of great unreleased potential. 1999 was a year when we gave the college a preview of La Salle's immense ability. The year when we began our journey on the road to success.

The first sporting event on the school calendar was the swimming sports. We enjoyed mixed success on this day, coming second until after lunch and then losing our way late in the day. We were impressed with the young swimmers such as Caide Patten, James Tamarapa and Nathaniel Jones, who each showed glimpses of Olympic potential. When the 4th position was announced, we expected after 6 years of fulfilling this role to hear the name of La Salle. It was not to be, 3rd place. The La Salle leaders acknowledged this as a sign of things to come.

Athletics was a well organised day that ran smoothly from start to finish. Another day of 'what ifs' as La Salle ended the carnival in place. Highlights included the lunch at 'halftime'. But again with athletes such as Hans Kalders and Stuart Methven, the future is looking bright for the La Salle family. Sir John George must again be thanked and congratulated for his time and effort in producing such successful sports carnivals, and not to mention Mr D' Ath, a great La Sallian ambassador.

Mr Andy Cowie and Mrs Lauren O'Reilly were great in organising soccer, basketball, volleyball, touch and singing, sports competitions that the whole house could participate in. In these events we enjoyed many triumphs,

being extremely consistent, the only house to not end in the last position. A highlight was the soccer victory which was decided by an intense penalty shoot out. A gallant team effort, with Peter Schicker a goal scoring machine.

Not expecting too much from house rugby, La Salle almost upset favour- ites Benildus in the opening match, lead- ing 7 - 0 for most of the match. After a few minutes lapse in concentration

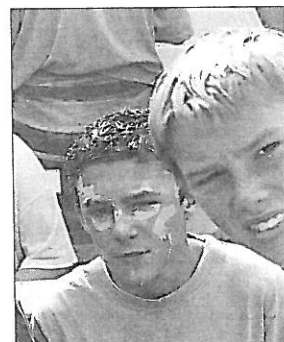
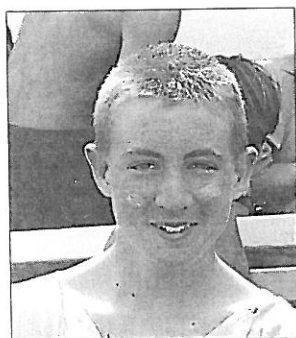
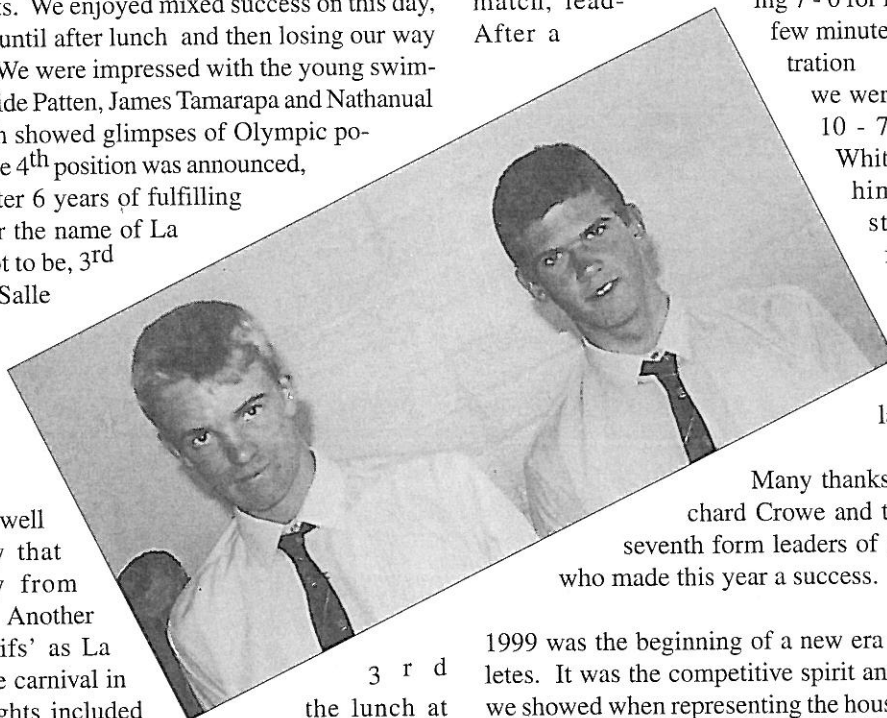
we were narrowly beaten 10 - 7 . Loreto's John Whittington can count himself lucky after star open side flanker Tristan Lerkhe was out with injury. Thus we went down in the last second, 13 - 12.

Many thanks to my deputy Richard Crowe and to the teachers and seventh form leaders of the La Salle house who made this year a success.

1999 was the beginning of a new era for La Sallian athletes. It was the competitive spirit and participation that we showed when representing the house that was the most pleasing factor. La Salle has been gifted with many talented sportsman who will bless the house for years to come. Over the next few years, it is our prediction La Salle will rise to the glory days of the late 80s.

To future House Leaders - we're sure you will lift the House Shield soon. And to all La Sallians - the depression is over. We will be the greatest house once again. The College forefathers have spoken. Good luck.

La Salle Report
by: Shaun Johnson



Standing before the men in blue I could see a fire in their eyes. Loreto pride and the burning desire to win fuelled the blue machine.

Like a fish to water Loreto swept the pool clean with a perfect blend of house participation, senior organisation and some fine individual performances from Campbell Begg, Michael Melody and David Gollan. Victory was painted blue.

Unfortunately when the fish was out of water, it died. Matthew Bennet was the only spark on a dull day. Athletics was more than disappointing with first at the wrong end proving participation was the key to victory.

To cement the day's tragedy the burning of Mr Kibby as a martyr was contemplated. However with rain on the way we gave him reprieve.

Mr Kibby responded, Loreto grew legs and finished a narrow second in the cross country, Matthew Bennet continuing his good form, Anten Kowalewski and Scott McGregor also taking out new divisions.

With the addition of rugby, house sport had previously ended. However the outstanding efforts of Mrs O'Reilly, Andy Cowie and Simmo as both organisers and referees made soccer, basketball, rugby and volleyball possible. Thanks goes out to the extraordinary efforts of these three.

After three trialling rounds the full strength Loreto soccer team assembled, Nick Betteridge was complemented by the fine young guns, the Bolyn brothers and Nobert Lee as well as an aggressive rugby contingent and produced the upset of the series. Inspired by Patrick Crowley Mullet downing Solomon to reach the finals and go down in a shoot out.

Loreto dominated basketball, taking out all but one of the age groups. All players were a credit to the house spirit and determination. This is personified in Bryan Dobson's full court drive to sink a miracle basket with seven seconds on the clock. Ollie Kirk, Brent Hayward and Stephen Dobson asserted senior on court dominance.

Like the Polynesian nations of the World Cup Loreto played expansive, spirited rugby and were only just held from the finals by a talented Solomon line up. After an early scare from La Salle, Loreto took hold of 3rd place, centres Josh Shanley and John Whittington the pick of the players.

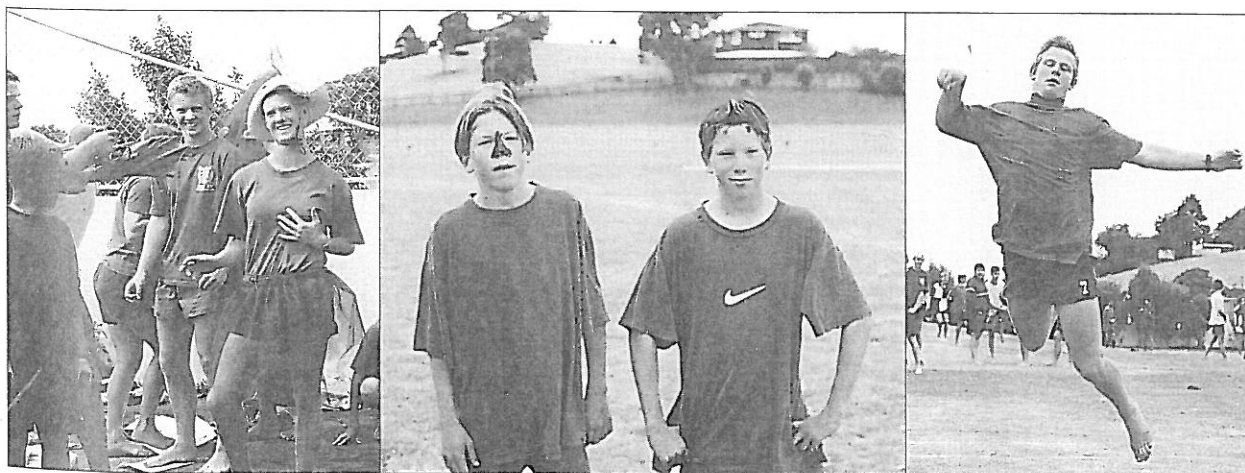
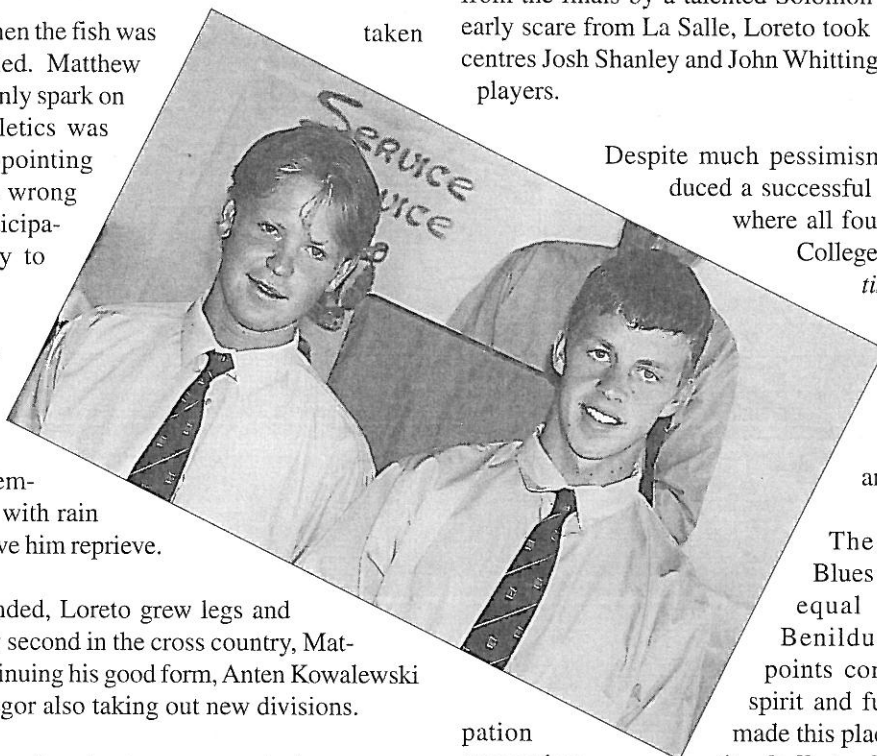
Despite much pessimism Ms Banks produced a successful singing assembly where all four houses sung the College song *St John Baptist*. Loreto showed their versatility to claim second place with a stirring tenor performance.

The prowess of the Blues earned them first equal placing with Benildus in the overall points competition. Team spirit and full Loreto participation made this placing possible. The efforts of Ollie Kirk, Loreto other Loreto seniors and the teachers both within the house and arranging events was brilliant.

With the basketball and swimming championships taken out and a determination to win the other events, Loreto stands in good stead for the new millennium.

1999 will be remembered as 'Victory painted Blue'.

Loreto House Report
By: Scott McGregor



SOLOMON HOUSE REPORT



As a member of the College for nearly seven years now I have certainly been witness to the ups and downs, the memorable and the forgettable moments of house competition. Very rarely does a house have 100% success. Losing comes with the territory and this year was no exception for the mighty Solomon house, yet we certainly gave it our all.

Swimming sports has never been Solomon's domain with only two wins under our belt in the school's history and this year was no exception. Though Solomon failed to spark in the pool the spirit of Solomon was definitely ignited out of the water. We set a new aspect to the pool scene lead by our new Solomon banners kindly made by Mrs Milne. We marched to the battle grounds in unison chanting our red man songs. Hakas were done and the scene was set. Kent Fraser (senior champion) and Hayden Mazengarb carried the pride to the pool with great results. All Hayden needs is a pool at home and Solomon could win the swimming sports in the future. Well done!

Unfortunately the points were allocated for swimming not house spirit and we ended up a closer to the tail end than we would have liked. Thanks to Mr Cleaver, Mrs Simpson and fellow seventh formers for their help keeping the red machine rolling on the day.

A fortnight later we were out of the pool and onto the track. All houses were out to topple the red machine and with seven consecutive wins to the house in athletic sports this is one loss I didn't want to have to my name. Senior champion Andrew Turner heard my plea and came back an extra year to knock up enough points to help Solomon well on its way. Also well done to Joseph Fraser, Jason Clout and Marcus Hancock for their great performance. But by no means can this glorious win be put down to a few individual efforts. It was Solomon over all superiority that brought us through. We out-classed our competition in placings and participation despite a valiantly fitting house. Congratulation to the house and good luck for next year because the competition is getting tough.

Ironically cross country was not to be a repeat of our athletic efforts. The junior lads gave it their best in Solomon style but unfortunately didn't come up with the goods. Little could be done but much should be said about the efforts of the seniors. Participation is the key and we were lacking. A little effort required here next year boys.

The introduction of some new sports brought a different dimension into the house competition. First up was soccer thanks to the organisation of Mr Simpson. As always Solomon battled valiantly and clearly we were the superior house. Unlucky for us, like the All Blacks, we lost the semi finals to a house we should have beaten and found ourselves playing off for 3rd.

Basketball was next on the agenda thanks to the efforts of Mr Cowie and as the competition went on Solomon dribbled, jumped, hustled, cheered and lost to the best of their ability. I was proud of our efforts even though fourth place was the best we could do.

The traditional house rugby was next and with many vital players out of contention due to injuries the odds were against us.

An unusual draw saw Solomon straight to the semi against an evenly matched Loreto. This proved to be a tough game but the red machine came out on top when the final whistle blow thanks to the unmatched pace of Harry (Marcus Hancock) and a South African style drop kick from Brendan Hart. The finals brought on a First XV stacked Benildus. Solomon held

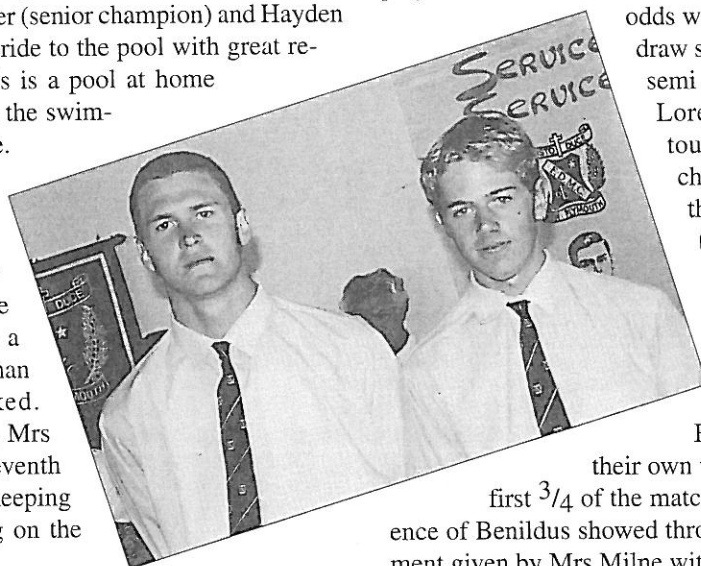
their own with a spirited effort for the first $\frac{3}{4}$ of the match but eventually the experience of Benildus showed through despite the encouragement given by Mrs Milne with her mega phone.

When it comes to culture no other house comes close. Congratulations to Scott Ireland and Jonathon Milne for taking out their year group speech competition. With the introduction of house singing Solomon was able to carry these skills over. We were in our element. With a strong sense of house spirit we stood united and sung like a house possessed. An enthusiastic ziggy turned the hymn into great rugby song. This capped off a great performance form the red house and thrust us to 1st place for some badly needed points.

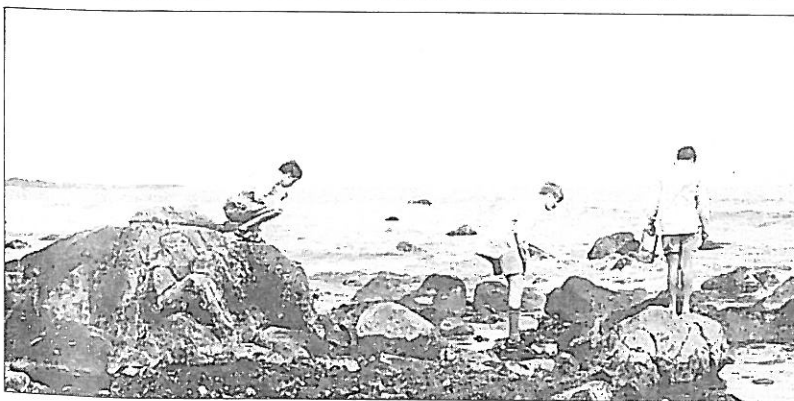
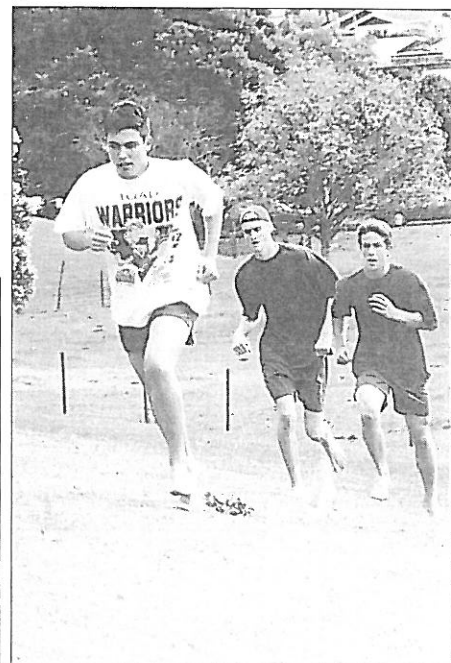
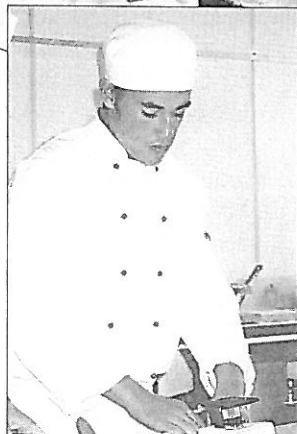
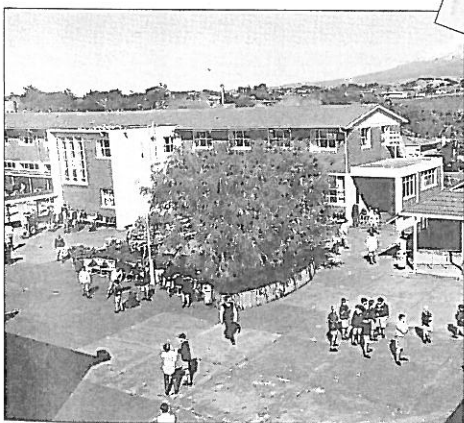
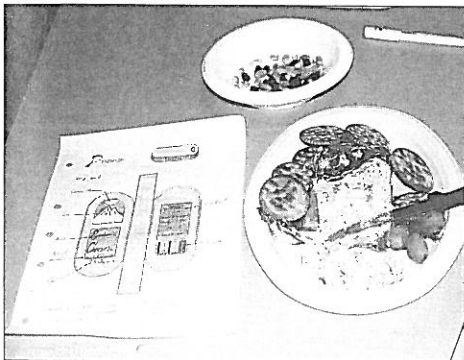
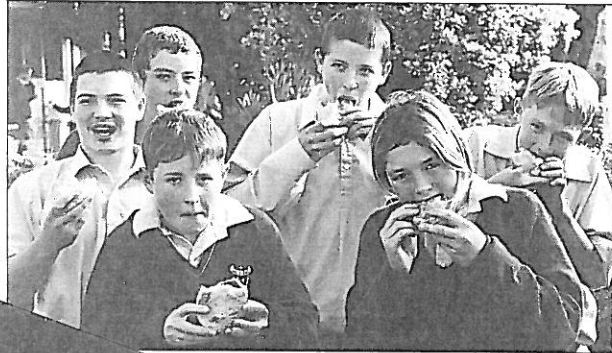
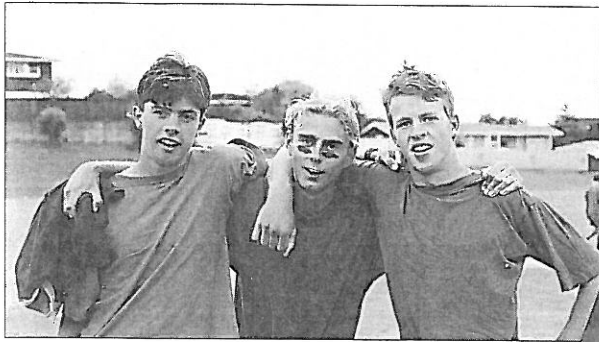
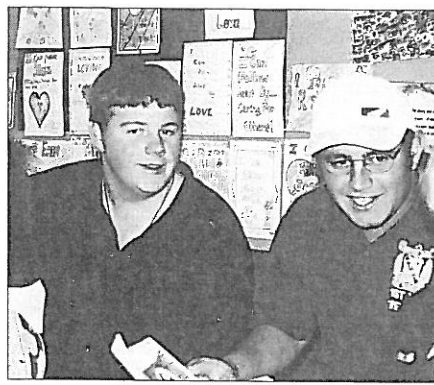
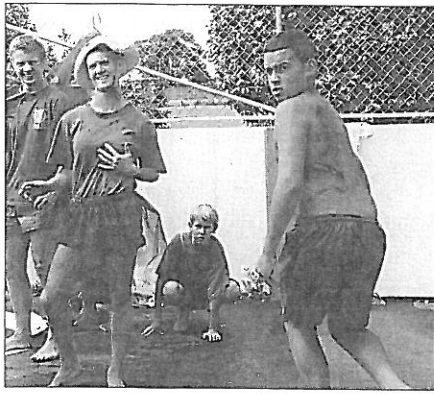
A special mention must be paid to Mr George. He puts in so much effort and time and is an invaluable asset of the college. Thank you Mr George from the whole house.

Generally an average year form the Solomon house with a great finish. No matter what the result though the boys in the Solomon house will always hold their heads up in La Sallian spirit and be proud to be members of the Mighty Solomon House.

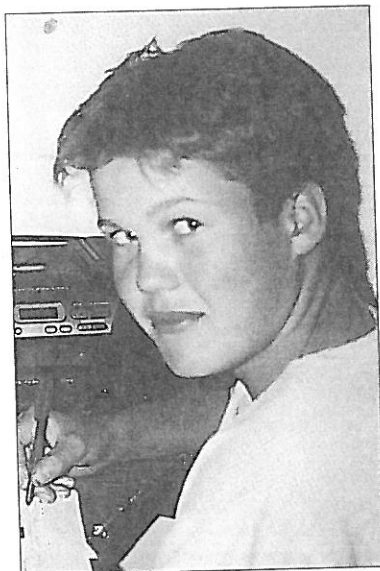
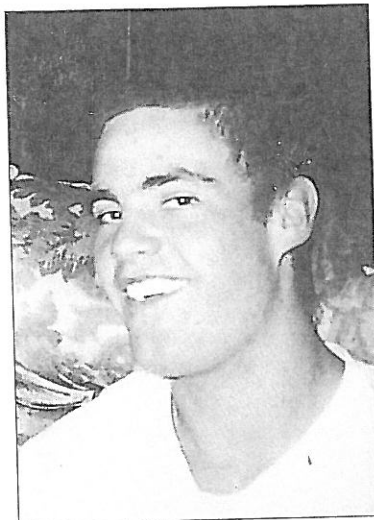
Solomon House Report
by: Tom Mace



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



HOSTEL REPORT



Another year has passed in the history of Francis Douglas Memorial College. Looking back on our ourselves in 1995, it is encouraging to see that the place still has the character that the late Brother Anthony bestowed on us all.

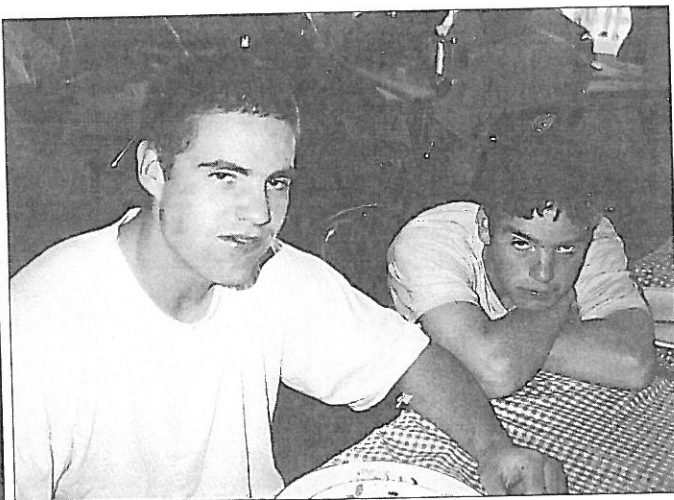
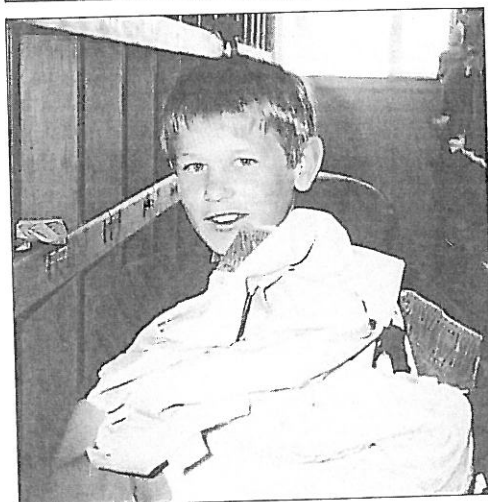
We go forward with the solid background our families have provided for us and with the wonderful preparation for adult life provided by the experiences and personnel of the hostel at FDMC. Men of the calibre of Brothers Anthony, Tim and Mark initially and now current staff. Each of us has been touched in a different way, and all have different everlasting memories of the individual men who have shaped aspects of our lives. We have been part of an environment where boys and adults respect and care for one another.

A major contributor to this environment has been our "mum away from home", Matron Mrs Fleming. Her caring, her devotion to her boys and the gift of her love to each of us has

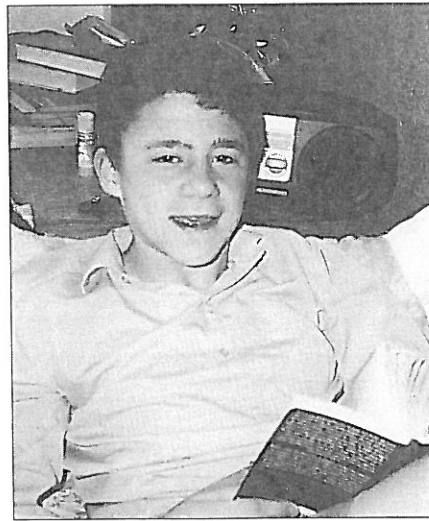
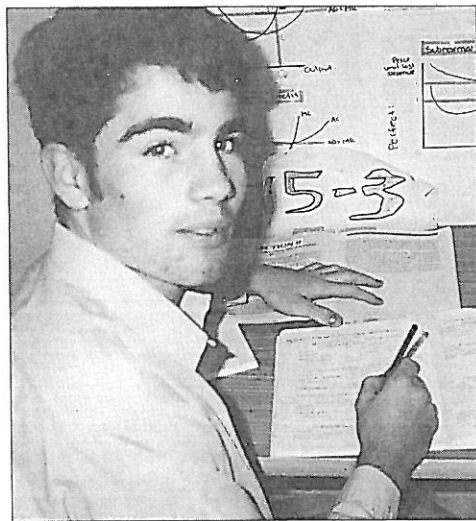
been remarkable. She has indeed earned her semi-retirement and we leave this place reassured that next year's boarders will be touched by this wonderful woman, if only in a smaller way.

We also appreciate the contributions of the kitchen staff and laundry ladies who help in the official running of the hostel. Without these ladies the hostel would not function as well as it does.

The hostel has again shown how important it is to the school in different aspects of College life. Boarders have been invaluable in the O'Shea Shield team, 1st and 2nd XV Senior A Basketball, 1st XI Cricket and the 1st IV Indoor Bowling teams. We have had so much involvement in extracurricular activities that it's a credit to our hostel. Within our Seventh Form hostel we have a Student Captain and Vice Captain, a SADD leader and two Health and Safety Monitors. They have all contributed well to the suc



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cess of such fixtures as the swimming and athletic sports, house rugby and the annual School Ball.

During 1999 we have had many enjoyable social gatherings with Sacred Heart, St Mary's, Girls High School and on the 18th of August with New Plymouth Boy's High. All were great successes.

As a Seventh Form we have engaged in such ventures as a 'Hostel Fashion Show' at the Sacred Heart College Variety Night. We have also had resounding victories over our sister school counterparts in netball and basketball.

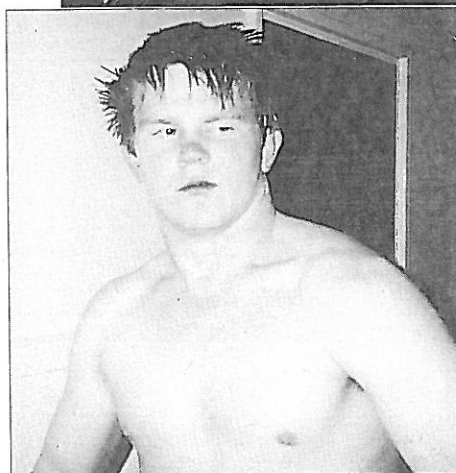
This year together we, with the help of Brother Joe and the seventh form students, have begun a discussion group within the hostel called 'Night Prayer'. This occurs every Wednesday night and involves every prayer group. It runs for twenty minutes and includes us leading the groups in talks on positive behaviour and respect for others. We always end

with a prayer and then offer ourselves to those who wish to talk about the issues raised. We hope that this activity will continue in the future.

During the course of the year the hostel has been upgraded in regards to the newly revamped laundry and the barbecue area. The new hostel has also just begun on the hill beside the Chapel. If there are any regrets, it is that we do not get to experience it.

As our form now comes to the end of our stay at the College, we will look back on our times here with fondness and sincere appreciation for the people and the place. To those who take over from us, remember that you are the backbone of Francis Douglas Memorial College and continue the pride that is evident within our hostel.

Ross Williams
Boarders' Captain
John Whittington
Boarders' Vice-Captain





Hostel Year 13

Back Row. N. Orchard,
K. Murphy, S. Mullan, B. Robb,
A. Lockett (Supervisor)
Middle Row. Br. P. Smythe,
M. McDavitt, M. Julian,
D. Gollan, O. Harvey, A. Kalin,
Br. Bill Firman (Principal)
Front Row. Br. J. Bufalo, R. Te
Moana, R. Williams,
J. Whittington, M. Fleming
(Matron).



Hostel Year 12

Back Row. P. Sherman, P. Stevenson, T. Guthrie, JP. Le-Prou, G. Bourke
3rd Row. B. Hayward, P. Crowley, C. Wratlslav, A. Gordge, H. Bourke, D. Brophy
2nd Row. Br. S. Leatherland, T. Lawn, D. Carmichael, C. Drought, G. Light, M. White,
C. Carroll, A. Cowie (Supervisor)
Front Row. Br. A. Mc Cafferty, A. Butterworth, M. Hussey, J. Leicester, S. Gregory-Hunt,
G. Luttrell, S. Young, T. Carrington, Tony Gray (Senior Supervisor)



Hostel Year 11

Back Row.
B. Muggeridge, R. Brown,
A. Buhler, D. Butler, D. McDonald
Middle Row.
John Whyte (D/Principal Supervi-
sor) N. O'Dea, M. Hughes,
D. Seator, A. Bazalo, A. Franks,
K. Orchard, M. Walsh (Senior
Supervisor)
Front Row.
Br. P. Smyth, J. Ladd, G. Charteris,
C. Fife, J. Hogan, P. Bray,
M. Fleming (Matron)



Hostel Year 10

Back Row.	M. Walsh, (Senior Supervisor), D. Collins, D. Little, B. Feaver, S. Julian, K. Bourke, J. Hill
2nd Row.	J. McSeveny, C. Carmichael, B. Guthrie, G. Billing, M. Kiser, N. Drought, P. Luond, S. McDiarmid
Front Row.	K. van de Water (Supervisor), O. McDonald, D. Little, B. Whittington, A. Fraser, D. Gunatunga, T. Dunlop, J. Mullin, M. Fleming (Matron)
Absent.	S. Cartwright.



Hostel Year 8 - 9

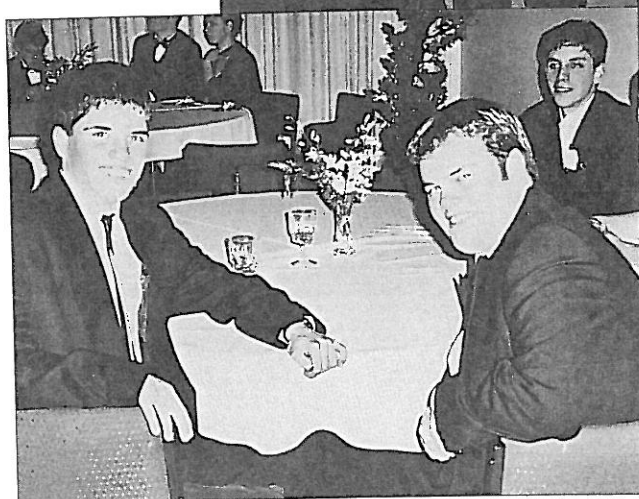
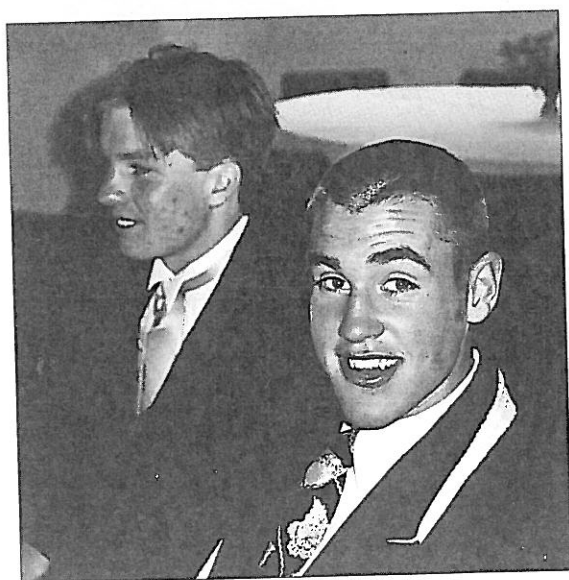
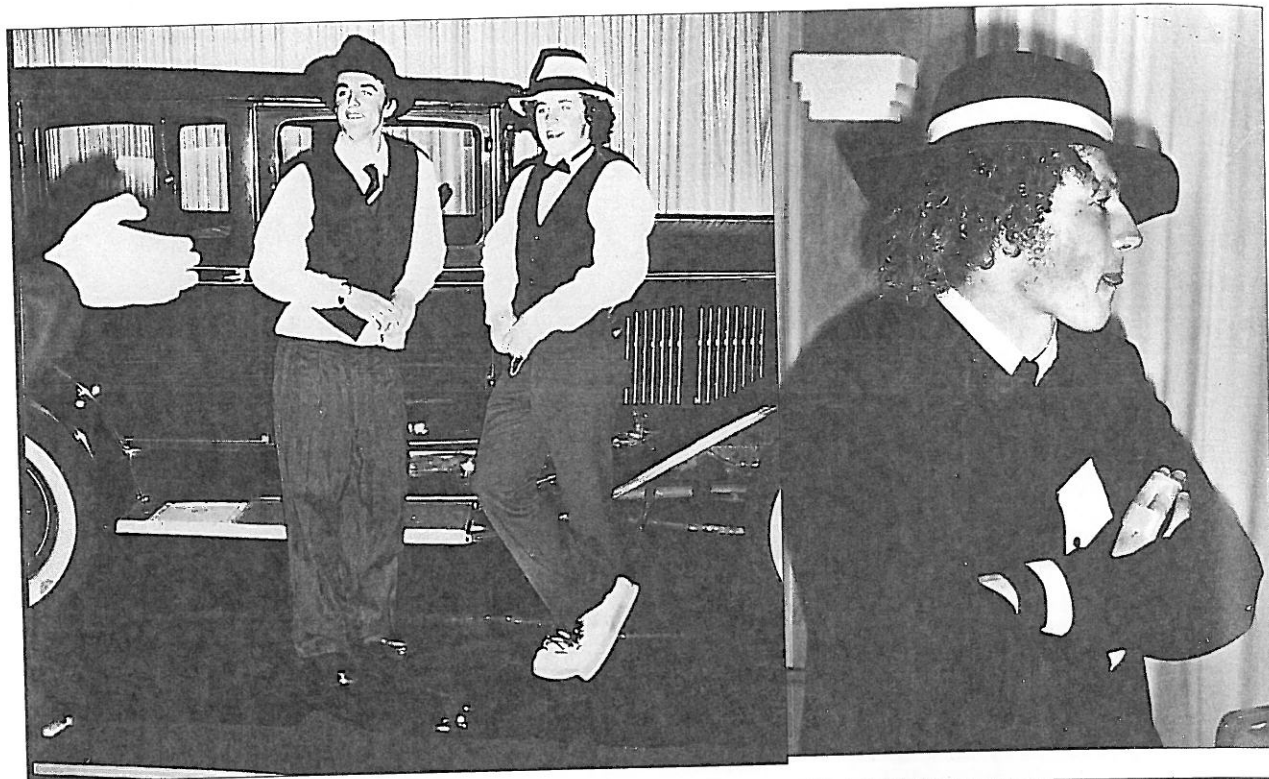
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2nd Row.	K. van de Water (Supervisor), B. Gibson, C. Muggeridge, N. Carey, J. Hawken, M. Hill, M. Seator, M. Fahy, D. George
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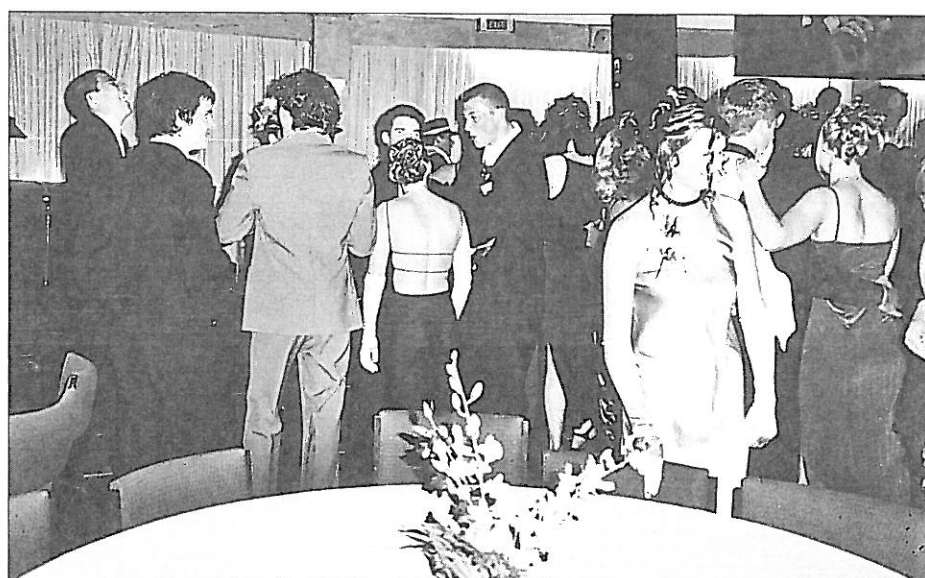
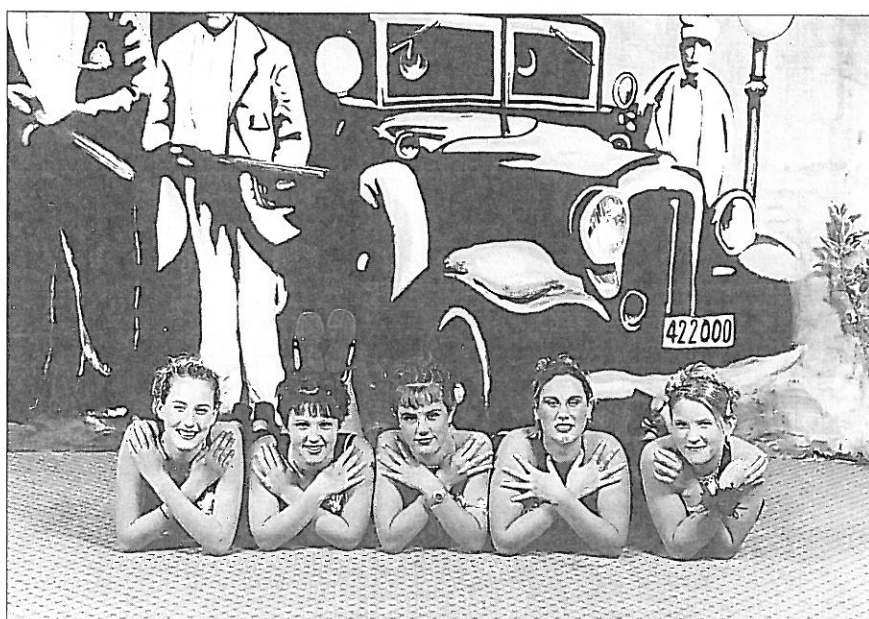
Hostel Night Prayer Leaders

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Front Row.	R. Williams, Br. Joe Bufalo, J. Whittington.

COLLEGE BALL



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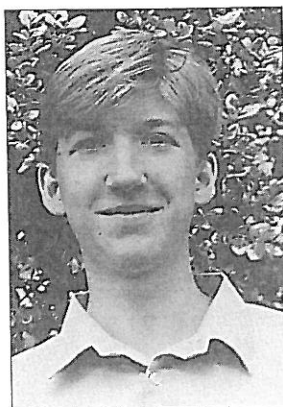


Clemens' Farewell Story by: James Stringer and Phillip Shaw

Earlier this year the shores of New Zealand were graced with the presence of Clemens Hisch, as exchange student from a small country near Bangkok that goes by the name of Austria. From the first days that Clemens started at our school the common room was filled with the talk of a fifteen year old drinking age and a compulsory armed service training that Clemens was avoiding by coming here.

Although English was Clemens' fourth language he still managed to be top of our Bursary English class (almost!) and was known to be at the top of our Statistics class as well. He participated well in all facets of college life narrowly missing out on a place on the schools Senior A basketball team and being dropped from the 1st XV after a controversial decision involving alcohol, a can of condensed milk and house pets! We tried unsuccessfully to outbid the well known Austrian cricket club "Deutschwaffen" for Clemens' services in the upcoming season but his contract denied us the opportunity.

Clemens travelled the banks of the New Zealand coast,



braving the facets of the far south, north and everything in between on a tour bus filled with other exchange students from the province (especially two Swedish Seventh Formers that Clemens informed me about with a smile).

While in New Zealand, Clemens found time to hob knob with top society, frequently chatting with Richard Prebble and the well known Neville Attanasio about the up coming Austrian election.

Clemens stayed with the Stringer family in his time here and they will never forget this brief and extremely interesting period that he was with them.

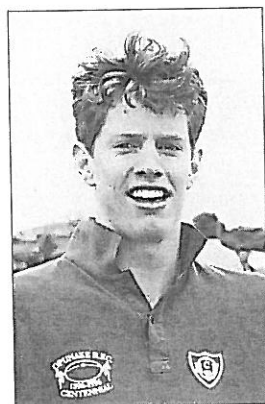
In the time that Clemens spent with us he made many new friends and acquaintances whom he still keeps in touch with from time to time through e-mail and even lengthy phone calls! He left a big impression on the school and was

sorely missed for the remainder of the year. He lightened up the monotony of school life, was the life of the party and would dance till he dropped or else fell over from exhaustion. It is only fitting the we end this article with Clemens favourite quote "Sweeeeeeet".

It was great having you here Clemens and even better to have known you. Good luck on your final exams.

APEC EXPERIENCE

It will be 2019 before the next APEC conference will be held in New Zealand, so the unique opportunity of attending the 1999 Apec conference in Auckland was an experience I was determined to make the most of.



I arrived in Auckland on the 8th of September and immediately the scene was set for a non stop, full on few days of political life with a two and a half hour meeting. This meeting was held with the company that I was to be working with over the next few days, the company that was running the CEO SUMMIT (a subsidiary conference to the APEC leaders meetings), Convention Management.

After having a relaxing day mixing with the other students on Thursday 9th, we went straight into work the next day with a morning start that was very similar to that which I am used to on the farm. This was the start of a three day period in my life that I will never forget.

The basic description of my job was that of a gofer, running around after other people, moving signs and delivering information around and about Auckland. The so called "dirty work" was by far compensated though, by the once

in a lifetime experience and wealth of knowledge that I received.

The chance to be a lift control man moving the likes of Sir Dryden Spring (ex Dairy Board Chairman) and Rob Fischer (NZ Rugby Football Union Chairman), listening to the Sultan of Brunei speak, welcoming the Chinese, Thai and Taiwanese Presidents in the morning and speaking to the likes of Sir Peter Blake are experiences that I'll never forget.

But there were two clear cut highlights for me. The first was the great honour of seeing President Bill Clinton in real life and being fortunate enough to view his speech down on the Viaduct Basin on the Sunday morning. The security here was amazing. There were apparently SAS soldiers scattered around surrounding buildings, policemen, bodyguards and police-boats everywhere and divers popping out of the water here and there in their search for bombs. I can also say that I had the added privilege of being able to vacuum the carpet where President Clinton stood for his speech. Some feet ha!

The second highlight was the overall, invaluable experience that I had. The chance to get an inside, indepth look into the highways and byways of not only national politics, but politics on a world scale, was a chance that will stick with me for the rest of my life. Overall, it was an experience that I'm extremely proud to have been involved in.

Geoffrey Bourke Year 12

The Spirit of New Zealand, Voyage 299

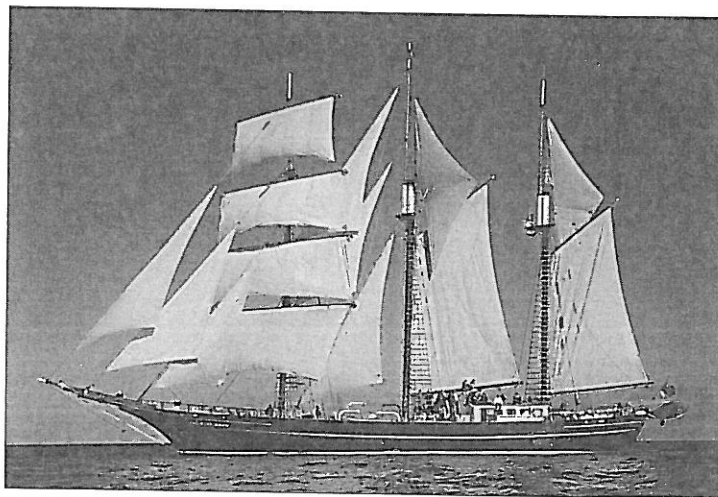
Even though it had been a very long and boring trip on the bus to Auckland I managed to smile as I met everyone for the first time. I managed to smile when I was shown my tiny bunk and even smaller single drawer, which I had to live out of for ten days. I smiled when I was shown the tiny toilets and small showers that we all had to share, I even managed to smile when I was told we couldn't actually use the showers but had to go swimming at 6.30 every morning.

I have to admit that first impressions weren't exactly the most encouraging, 50 total strangers, 20 guys, 20 girls and 11 crew, from all over New Zealand combined with a step backwards from civilised society, no music, no T.V., no McDonald's, no showers and those 6.30 swims in winter. But from then on it just got better and better. After being put in our watches (I was in Star A) we quickly became friends.

After staying the night on the boat we sailed off the next morning out under the Harbour Bridge. My watch, Star A, were on the main-sail. We raised it, with some help from the crew, and had a nice relaxing first day sail.

Next morning at 6.00 was a real shock. It was the first day proper on The Spirit of New Zealand, and I was doing laps on the deck with 50 other people at twenty past six in the morning. Then the moment of truth, standing on the rail, looking down at the flat water, wondering how cold it was. I had to jump, and I did. It wasn't that bad.

This was the routine for the next few days. Wake up at six, P.T. (physical torture) at twenty past, in the water by half past. Then breakfast, daily briefing, and clean up. Then the day's activities followed. Most days we sailed, each day having a different sail station, mizzen, mainsail, squares or foredeck. This is the way we got around, from



Auckland to Tauranga in ten days via Kawau Is, Great Barrier Is, Mercury Is, down the Coromandel to Tauranga.

Along the way the fun and activities never stopped, spending a whole day tramping and sailing the dingys on Great Barrier, to a day on the beach on Mercury Is, swimming, sports and sunbathing. Then a

heap of half day trips to see places and things I never knew existed, from marine reserves to a natural rock tunnel into a fallen crater, to a barbecue at Smokehouse Bay with a fire heated bath and four of us in together. Still it was the first and only taste of hot water in ten days.

In the evening, after some of the greatest meals I've ever had from Nevil the cook, there was always something to do. One night from two sticks, newspaper, a springy rope, tape and a banana we had to build a catapult to throw an egg across the deck for one of us to catch. Then there was the time we had to walk around the outside of the deck, blindfolded with only a life jacket to save us from the freezing night water. Fortunately no one fell in.



Then the last day, trainee day. We took over the ship, elected a captain and crew, and ran it all ourselves even getting into Tauranga Harbour. This was the most rewarding day. We used all the skills we had learnt on the voyage in sailing, teamwork, just about eve-

rything and sailed into Tauranga Harbour with no trouble, finishing the voyage on a natural high.

Now looking back I even miss the early morning swims. The experience was one I'll never forget and I would jump at the chance to do it again. The things I saw and did will stay with me forever. Do it if you can. Don't be discouraged by the thought of the swims or of meeting so many strangers. It's all worth it.

Mark White-Robinson Year 12

SPRIT OF NZ





Simon Costello

During the past year I have had the chance to undergo one of the most amazing experiences of my life so far. I have spent my time at an Aboriginal community in the Australian Outback which is, quite literally, in the middle of nowhere. Balgo Hills is 270 km south of Hall's Creek, a town in the southern Kimberley region of Western Australia. However, during the wet season, there is no land access from the north due to the roads being permanently washed out. This was the case when I first arrived over there and since there were no flights available, (there is a small airstrip) I had to be driven in from Alice Springs. This was a trip of 1000 km in 40° C heat over an extremely bumpy dirt road and took over 14 hours non-stop to complete. Once there it was then a matter of settling in and getting to know the people I would be with for the rest of my time at Balgo.

Most of my time while there was spent working at the school which is run by the De La Salle Brothers. It is not a very big school, with a roll of around 90. The ages of the kids at the school range from the very little 3 and 4 year olds of the kindergarten through to the 14 - 15 year

olds in the secondary boys and girls classes. The children in the school are what make it such a great experience. They have a phenomenal amount of energy and are able to just keep going and going. The conditions they live in are certainly less than ideal but they also have an amazingly infectious happiness and its difficult to not feel upbeat around them.

The work I actually did was pretty much a bit of everything. This included a lot of painting, putting up fences, fixing Aussie rules goal posts, as well as a lot of digging trenches and holes for poles and plants. These were some of the more physical tasks, mainly conducted under the hot afternoon sun, but there was always a variety of different jobs to be done.



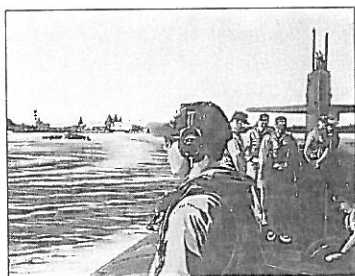
Jobs like taking some of the locally produced picture books and putting them onto video, or just helping children and assisting the teachers whenever needed. All in all, everything we were given to do was very rewarding.

I would like to thank the school community once again for the generous donation that I received during the year. It was greatly appreciated. And finally a huge thanks to the De La Salle Brothers for giving me this remarkable opportunity to experience what has truly been one of the most extraordinary years I have ever had.

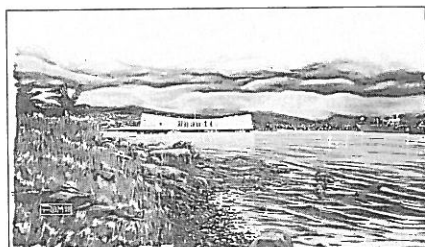


Robbie Malin

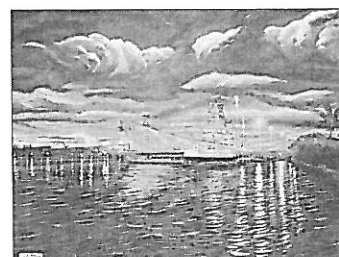
Robbie Malin was a pupil here from Form 1 to Form 7 in the 1980's and 1990's. Robbie joined the United States Navy on leaving school. Carrying on the military tradition in his family he has also been fortunate enough to combine it with his passion for art.



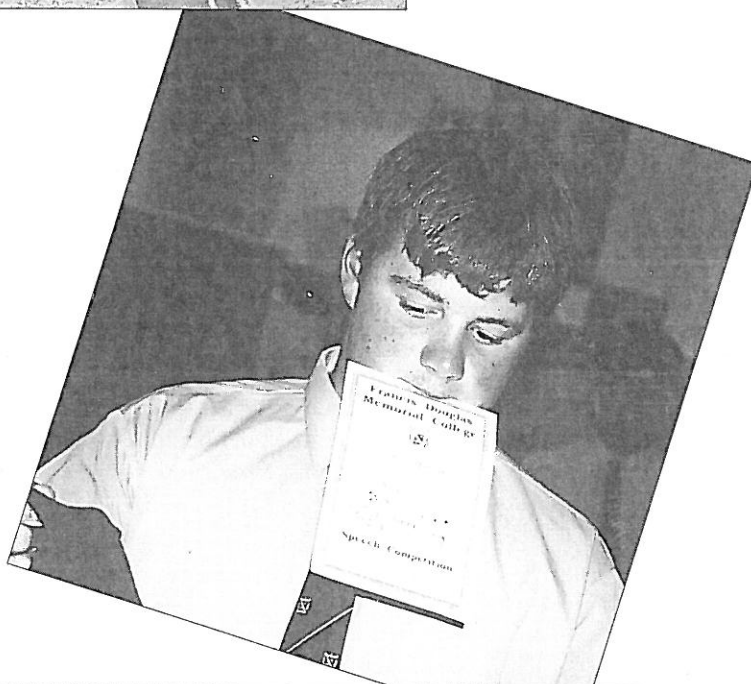
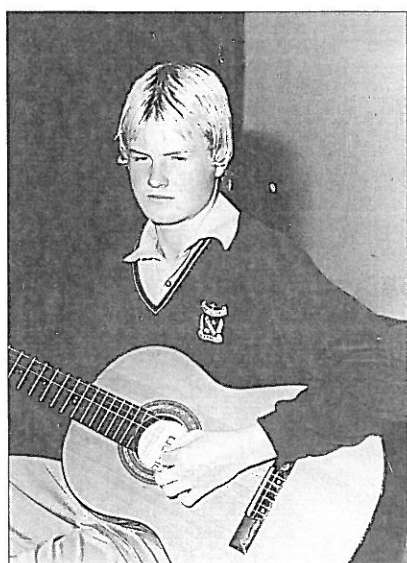
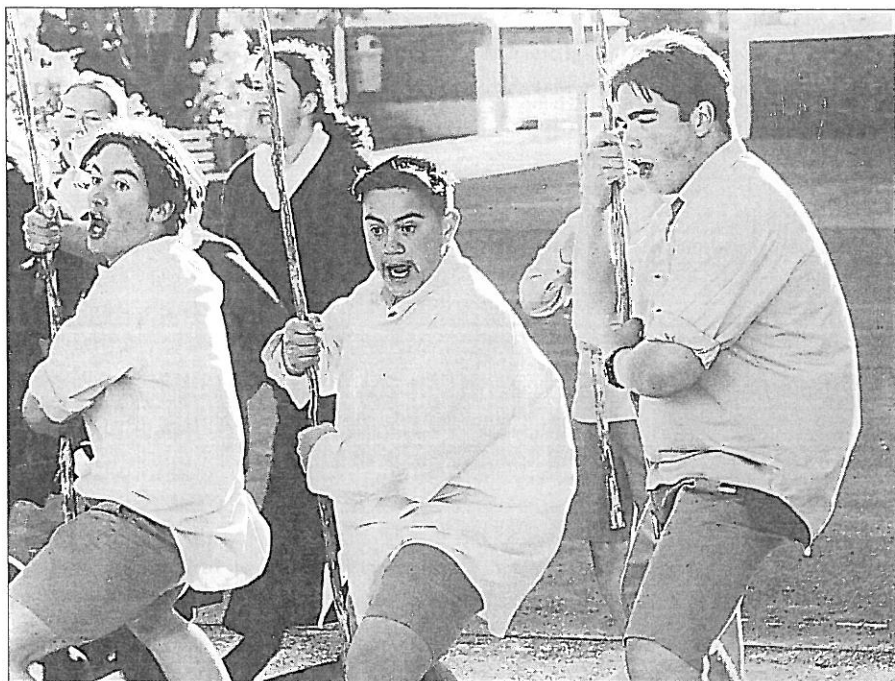
Petty Officer Malin is now involved with the Navy Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. Last year as part of Rim of the Pacific naval exercise held in Hawaii, involving six Pacific Rim countries, he used a camera to capture the scenes and has now turned those pictures into art. Ten of these paintings are now being shown around the world.



Next year Robbie is to attend the prestigious Corcoran School of Art in Washington.



CULTURAL LIFE





It was a pristine Friday morning when our mighty college farewelled 17 of its students on a mission. It is probably the most historical and longest standing mission our college undertakes. In the 53 years this mission has existed, we have never succeeded. But there was a distinct sense that this year would be different, that this year the shield would become a centrepiece of our college's proud trophy cabinet. Hopes were high that 1999 was the year when Francis Douglas Memorial College would win the O'Shea Shield.

We all piled into two mini buses that Friday morning, looking forward to a relaxing day travelling in the bus, and then touring Wellington City. O'Shea Shield teams are renowned for their brilliant singers and the trip seemed to go in a flash, such was the quality and harmony of our musical talents. The college song echoed its way down to Wellington, as well as many other timeless classics, such as 'The Gambler' and that immortal song, 'American Pie'.

But alas, the jovial journey eventually halted at our Five star, top of the range accommodation lodge Rowena's Backpacker Inn. For \$23 dollars a night it was an absolute bargain. The bunks provided brilliant comfort and although we only had a sheet to sleep with, that one sheet was beautifully clean and made of quality cotton. Even the communal showers were brilliant, providing excellent unity within our team.

We spent the afternoon enjoying the attraction of Wellington City and soaking up the quality atmosphere of our exquisite accommodation.

Slowly our enjoyment turned to nervousness as we soon all realised that most of our events were only one sleep away. Last minute preparations were made before we all settled for an early sleep under our one quality sheet.

Morning came and everyone was now feeling the pressure of public speaking. Quietly we made our way to St Mary's College, the hosts of this year's competition.



Following a short powhiri the competition began. First up were the debates. The side of Scott Ireland, Conrad Smith and Richard Crowe was stacked with cultural talent, and much was expected of the golden trio. They didn't disappoint. With vigour and conviction our debaters slaughtered the opposition, showing the benefits of their vast debating experience. This trio has never lost a legitimate debate in their 5 years together, and they deserved full marks for their masterful display. Unfortunately, they were rewarded with

only a 4 out of 6, and this disappointment at the judge's decision was a feeling we were going to rapidly get used to.



Our Religious Questions team followed up the debaters with another outstanding achievement. The combination of Scott McGregor, Patrick Southee and David Gollan showed the ben-

efits of all their preparation, and rattled off superlative answers to every question thrown at them. Their mark of five was justly deserved and Ms van de Water can be credited with at least half of those marks for all the time she put into the team.

Then, to defend our title of best Junior Prepared Speech, Jono Milne delivered the performance of the day. The young lad did the college proud with his remarkable effort, and perfectly portrayed the pride and honour that our students hold for our showpiece sport, rugby. The crowd was literally in hysterics as he told of the efforts of Ms O'Reilly to break into the male dominated game of rugby. Yet unfortunately Jono couldn't break the tradition of female judges awarding females as winners. He came second



and gained a mark of five, but we all knew he deserved better.



The extremely difficult oratory came next and Andrew Butterworth represented our school with a stirring display of public speaking. The little man held the audience in his grasp with an articulate performance, emulating the efforts of his older brother Mark who had performed just as admirably a few years before him. Andrew was hard done by in his final mark, four, but he will be back next year to avenge that decision.



The final event of the day, its showpiece, was the drama. Unfortunately our team suffered mainly from the inadequate venue which meant that watching the dramas was like watching table tennis at the MCG. The fact that they were first up on the night also didn't help. Despite all this, the young side of Brendan Clarke, Christian Holswich, Daniel McDonald, Luke Mustchin, and Martin Quicke still performed admirably and received a creditable three.

So ended the first day and somehow, almost through no fault of our own, we were out of the title race. Instead, we were determined not to lose to the vastly inferior Sacred Heart team.

The first event of the second day was Scripture Reading. Oliver Kirk, a late call up to the side, held our hopes in this particular event. The original scripture reader had been called away by superior powers, and this left Oliver to fill the gap. Like a good impact player off the bench, Oliver showed great poise and religious fervour throughout his performance and hopes were high for a good mark. He got a three, and by this stage we realised that performing well and scoring well were two separate issues.

But never fear, our trademark event still remained. Impromptu speaking has seen the rise of such legends as



Jonathan O'Sullivan and Jim Gollan from our college. This year we had our own Ross Williams. True to form Ross delivered the highlight of the weekend. Speaking on sports coaches he began, typically, at Patea and eventually ended up telling us of the coaches at our college. It was here that he began singing our college

song and we, all 17 of us, joined in and lifted the roof off the quiet chapel. The other schools were initially spell bound by our volume and tune but they eventually gave us a raucous ovation for our efforts.

O'Shea Shield Team

- Back Row. O. Kirk, R. Crowe, R. Williams, S. Ireland, C. Smith, B. Clark
 Middle Row. Mr. R. Marris, P. Southee, D. Gollan, S. McGregor, L. Mustchin, C. Holswich, Mrs M. Milne
 Front Row. D. Brown, J. Milne, Mrs T. Gaffney, D. McDonald, A. Butterworth.

Somehow Ross didn't win the event, and even more unbelievable was the fact that Sacred Heart achieved the same mark. Sacred Heart had mastered the art of scoring better than they performed, something we failed miserably at doing.

We didn't bring back the shield. We actually lost to Sacred Heart, but we were the true winners of the weekend. We took all the treatment that was handed to us, and even rose above it.

A big thank you to the teachers who taught us and accompanied us, the supporters who shared with us the tragedies, and to Danny Brown who was a stand-out performer as team mascot.

With or without the shield, the O'Shea team did the college proud and will surely win in the not too distant future when mini-bus singing is introduced as an event.

By Conrad Smith





The last week of term one saw the culmination of the annual speech contest run by the English Department. Through the month of March, under the guidance of their English teachers and in front of their own classes, all students make their speeches. These vary in length from 2 to 3 minutes at Years 7 and 8 to at least 5 minutes for the Years 11 to 13 students.

Classes can put forward representatives to the semifinals and from these this year six students in each level were chosen to compete on finals night.

Our two judges for the evening were both ex teachers from this school. Mrs Georgie Harding and Mrs Margaret Wright were once again welcomed to the difficult task of deciding a winner in each section.

Mrs Milne introduced the Year 7 and 8 students.

Chris Wicky	Coke a Cola
Daniel Burkett	The Simpsons
Phillip Donaldson	The Life of a Sock
Jeremy Clark	The Life of a Cricket Ball
Dane Taylor	The Things We Take For Granted
Tony Radich	My Dog

We then heard from the six students from Years 9 and 10 who were introduced by Ms Alexander.

Jonathon Milne	Her influence on this century
Nicholas Langton	Life in South Africa
Sam Barrett	Happiness is
Julian Wicky	New Zealand - 7 th State of Australia
Luke Herlihy	Society must punish wrong doers more harshly
Lloyd Hall	Technology isn't all good



Coming to the senior level the stakes seemed to be that much higher. Some of the contestants had reached the finals almost every year they'd been in the school. Also in the group was last year's winner keen for a repeat performance.

Mr Marris introduced each speaker and right from the start the high standard was evident.

The speakers were:

Ross Williams
Andrew Butterworth
Conrad Smith
Leon Butler

Scott McGregor

Scott Ireland

Great deeds done by women
Home Invasions
My nomination speech
That humour is essential to life
The things worth aiming for in life
When called we all have a duty to lead

After this it was over to the judges to pick first place in each group. The winners were as follows:

1 st in Years 7 and 8:	Phillip Donaldson
1 st in Years 9 and 10:	Jonathon Milne
1 st in Years 11 to 13:	Scott Ireland

The speech contest is now very much an annual event in the school calendar. This year's final, attended by well over 100 people, was as fiercely contested as any year. Congratulations to all those who reached the finals and particularly to those who came out the winners.

R. Marris





Year 7 and 8 Debating Report

by: Daniel Burkett

This year the Year 8 debating team made up of five students. Myself, Daniel Burkett as our first speaker, Chris Wicky as second speaker, Philip Donaldson as third speaker and Thomas Walsh and Jeremy Clark as researchers.

Our first debate was against Devon Intermediate negating the subject that "School days are the best days of our lives". We won and were able to advance on to the semis against Okato, negating that crime pays, and again we were victorious.

We have now made our way to the finals against Sacred Heart in a few weeks. The moot is "Auckland is the premier region in New Zealand". We will try to convince the audience that this is so!

Our Year 7 teams of Joseph Fitzgerald, Kade Sorensen, David Joines, and Jared Drummond with researcher Kieran O'Neill did very well also, considering none of them had debated before.

Their first debate was negating against the banning of animal testing and they did well beating Ngaere. Next up was against Okato, the moot "School days are the best days of our lives". We had the negative side but Okato convinced the adjudicator that their stance was the better. A good start which the team will build on next year.

Both teams have been a credit to the College according to Mrs Alexander, our coach.



Year 7 & 8 Debating

Back Row. Ms C. Alexander,
J. Fitzgerald, J. Clarke,
D. Joines, P. Donaldson,
K. O'Neill, Mrs Gaffney

Front Row. K. Sorensen, T. Walsh,
J. Drummond, C. Wicky,
D. Burkitt

Year 9 /10 Debating

Debating at the school is going from strength to strength. The beginning of a Taranaki Secondary School Debating Competition at this level has certainly helped. This competition is organised by FDMC and involves 11 schools in Taranaki.

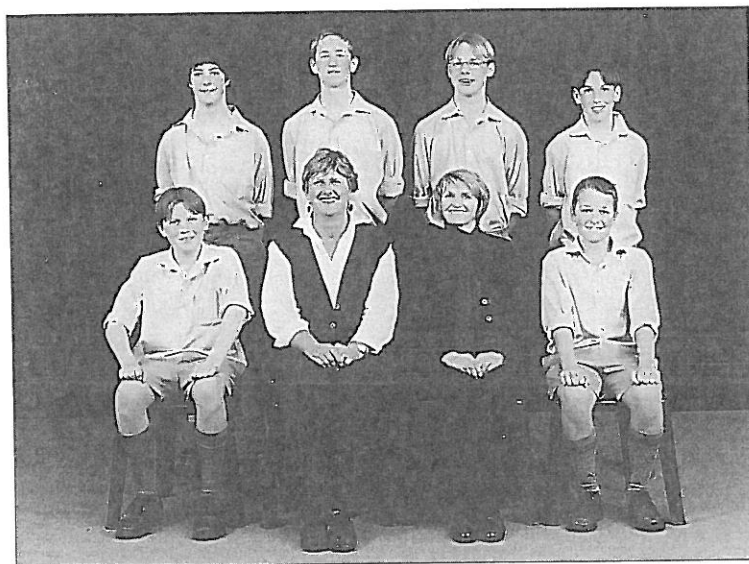
The Year 10 team of Jonathon Milne, Danny Brown and Arjun Nath has continued their success of the past years. Having moved smoothly through the qualifying rounds they faced St Mary's in the semi-final with the moot "That there are too many rules in today's society." A difficult debate for our affirmative side. Through to the final and an even more difficult exercise as the affirmative in the moot "That world peace is achievable". We took a very positive stance and the win was ours. Congratulations to the three boys who have worked so hard for debating in the college.

Five students have been involved in the Year 9 team this year; Luke Herlihy, Sam Barrett, Nicholas Langton, Lloyd Hall and Thomas Hills. As this magazine goes to bed they face Okato in the final with the negative side of the moot "That we should build more bridges". This is another very skilled group of boys who have put in a great deal of time and effort.

Debating is a wonderful skill to hone the grey cells. We hope all these boys continue with debating in the future and that there are new participants on the horizon.

We would also like to thank Scott Ireland, Richard Crowe and Conrad Smith for their interest in junior debating in the college.

Margaret Milne
Christine Alexander
Debating Coaches



Year 9/10 Debating

Back Row.

L. Hall, J. Milne, L. Herlihy, T. Hills

Front Row.

S. Barrett, Ms. C. Alexander,

Mrs M. Milne, D. Brown

Senior Debating

Back Row.

Mrs T. Gaffney,

D. McDonald, C. Smith,

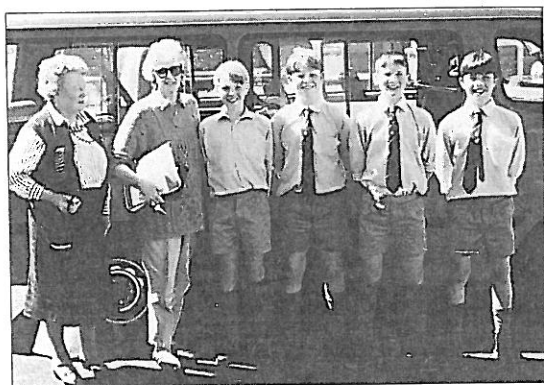
A. Butterworth,

Mrs M. Milne

Front Row.

R. Crowe, S. Ireland,

L. Mustchin



Little Debaters Grow Into Big Debaters
Form One 1993 going for their 1st inter-school debate



Reading Tutors

Back Row.

4th Row.

3rd Row.

2nd Row.

Front Row.

O. Kirk, B. Robb, S. Mullan, P. Hodson, M. Julian, C. Smith

M. Brown, O. Harvey, D. Gilmour, J. Dittert, A. Nuku, J. Shanley, D. Stark

M. Sheerin, P. Southee, B. Wackrow, R. Te Moana, E. Young, S. McGregor,

T. Mace, J. Barrett

R. McMillan, A. Kalin, R. Williams, S. Ireland, J. Whittington, N. Orchard,

T. Lehrke

S. Johnson, M. Kuriger, R. Crowe, D. Gollan, J. Coster, J. Chandler, P. Shaw.



In recent years Francis Douglas has been the team to beat at the Taranaki speech and drama festival, and this year was no exception with us once again being extremely competitive. Held at Opunake while being organised by Girls High School, it was a year of many firsts.

It was the first time performance poetry was contested and Scott Ireland's rendition of Wilfred Owen's "Dulce Et Decorum Est" gained first place for his powerful oratory skills, and the deep thematic impact of his poem.

It was also the first time for a number years that the college had a theatre sports team. Although it wasn't placed, the antics of Martin Quike, Charles Carroll, Ben Bryant and Brendon Clarke, put the audience into hysterics in a challenging event.

Danny Brown is a natural speaker, and an extremely talented impromptu speech maker. He confirmed and enhanced this reputation with a second in the junior impromptu to give him two top three placing's in two years. A supreme effort.

We are extremely lucky to have Ross Williams in the senior impromptu section. His quick wit and natural charm makes him a potent force in any public speaking event. Some feel the competition was rigged when he was given the topic "fast food", but it was clear to the audience that he was the best speaker, and rightly won first prize.

Scott McGregor spoke with confidence and clarity in the senior prepared speech. Although he wasn't placed his speech on the best things in life, subtitled Rob McGregor's bulldozer was extremely entertaining and greatly enjoyed

by all members of the audience.

The senior debating team consisting of Andrew Butterworth, Luke Muschin and Daniel McDonald, scored an impressive victory over Stratford. Best speaker was Andrew Butterworth speaking at number 2. Expect great things from this team next year. They have the necessary talents to go on to great things in this field.

The Junior Drama entitled "Murder at the towers" was a fine display of the talent at FDMC, and although they were unplaced they showed great potential for future events in their self written play.

Jonathon Milne is already known and respected as a speech maker in the college and his performance at the festival proved this to those who were yet to see him. Placed second with his speech "Glory to her name" he gave insight not only into the role of women but also the origins of rugby.

The senior drama team of David Gollan, Christian Holswich, Gareth Long, Mark White-Robinson, Brad Wackrow, David Waite and Aidan Lee performed a play on human dignity, an extract from "The Long and The Short and The Tall". Despite a few minor hiccups the talent of the guys showed through and they were placed third.

The competition for places was extremely tight, and this competitiveness showed through in the determination of the boys to do well. It has traditionally been a stepping stone to greater things, such as O'Shea Shield. If that tradition continues I foresee great years ahead for cultural events at FDMC.

David Gollan



Speech and Drama Festival

Back Row.	R. Williams, O. Kirk, S. Ireland, J. Whittington, S. McGregor, G. Long
3rd Row.	B. Clark, L. Mustchin, D. Gollan, C. Jordan, Z. Dozell, C. Holswich, B. Wackrow
2nd row.	M. Kiser, A. Lee, J. Milne, D. McDonald, D. Waite, L. Herlihy, C. Carroll, B. Drinkwater
Front Row.	D. Brown, S. Barrett, A. Butterworth, L. Hall, T. Hills, R. Callingham, I. Hayward



The Piringa Wairua O Te Uru (The joined spirits of the west)

We had a slow start to the year this year but managed to find the right tutors in Term 3 and things improved dramatically from there.

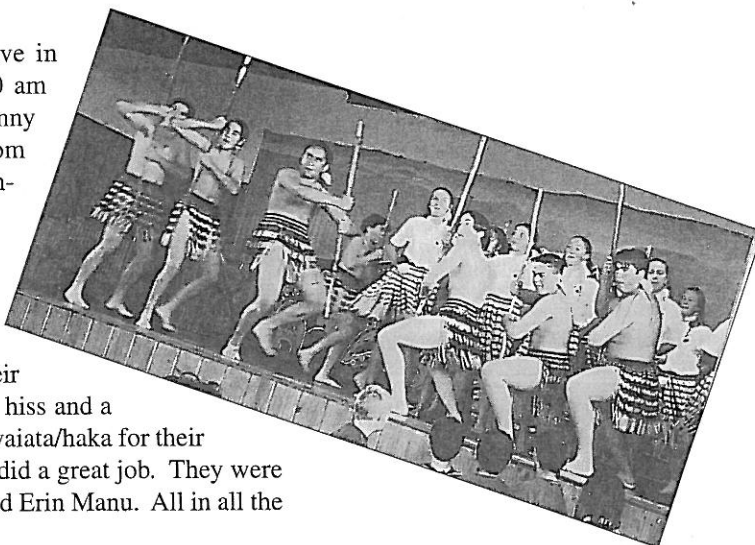
Despite having a reasonably small group the boys were extremely dedicated and attended many after school and weekend practices to get things right for the big event of the year.

This was the "Pae Rangatahi" festival, held at Ruapehu College on the 10th of September. Our combined group of Francis Douglas and Sacred Heart students left in the wee hours of the morning to arrive in Ohakune in time for the 9:30 am powhiri. It was a beautiful sunny day and the performances from the other schools were very entertaining.

Despite many nerves and getting used to wearing the new school piupiu our students performed extremely well. Their bracket of songs began with a hiss and a roar and ended with a strong waiata/haka for their exit. The three kaia (leaders) did a great job. They were Lee Foster, Louis Swannell and Erin Manu. All in all the day was very successful and it was wonderful to have many parents and teachers there for support.

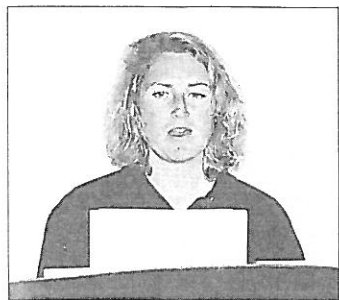
The group has noticeably improved since they began last year and I am sure they will continue to go from strength to strength.

Melanie Snook
Teacher in Charge of
Maori



Music Department Report

I began as the Teacher in Charge of music at FDMC on May 31st 1999. The next weekend I went to Auckland as an accompanist for the New Plymouth and Hawera brass



bands at the National Brass Band Championships. It was here that I heard Karl Austin play trombone in the Under 15 age group and win his first national title. He played a difficult piece with flair and style and well deserved the win.

I was immediately impressed with the number of highly talented musicians at FDMC and had already accompanied Joseph Gardner at the local competitions during the holidays where he won almost all of the classes and scholarships he was entered in! I also heard a number of other talented Francis Douglas students who performed at these competitions.

The School Jazz Band was well underway and rehearsing when I began. I began by setting up a concert band, really a band for anyone who wanted to be part of it (no matter what instrument they were learning). By the time of our first performance we had 20 members in the band and were producing a promising performance. Next came the choirs. The junior choir (Years 7 and 8) was no problem at all and many of the students were very keen to be involved. I anticipated having some problems getting numbers when it came to the senior choir but thanks to a number of enthusiastic seventh formers added to a quartet of talented vocalists and a few teachers we had a lot of fun and in the end provided an entertaining performance.

Our two rock groups performed well at the Smokefree Rockquest in July. While they were not placed they both gave performances which were well received by the enthusiastic crowd that was there. The same evening as Rockquest Joseph Gardner was singing at the National Federated Farmers Conference in New Plymouth raising money for the National Secondary Schools Choir tour next year.

In September meetings and auditions got underway for the Celebrate Children 2000 Primary Schools Music Festival which will be held at the Bowl of Brooklands on March 17th, 2000. It is a special millennium celebration which will involve 1250 primary aged children from Year 5 to 8. Francis Douglas will have 48 students involved in this production, who will dance and sing music of the 1940s along with our cluster schools Central, St John Bosco and Merrilands. Other schools form clusters with will cover the other decades. It will be a fantastic production, well worth putting in the diary now!

The music groups in the school are often asked to perform. This year the Junior Choir performed as part of the 'Music Safari' at St Joseph's Church and will also perform at St Mary's Church in December for a Christmas concert with Sacred Heart College. The Jazz Band performed at a garden party at the Rhapsody Rest Home and were commended for their efforts by the staff and guests.

Showcase was the main event of the year and for two nights bands, choirs, public speakers, dramas, Maori Culture groups and soloists performed to a very high standard for family and friends of the College. It was a memorable event which was a success for all involved.

Kirsty Banks

The Junior Choir

Since June this year Form 1 and 2 students have been warming up for the Showcase in November. Miss Banks, the co-ordinator of music for Francis Douglas, and Lisa Abbot, a guest singing teacher, both have been teaching the choir songs for the young and old, entertaining them all.

They started off singing in unison and later they started to sing in harmonies and parts.

The choir has already sung in one concert for the elderly with the help of Joseph Gardner singing two solos at the Saint Joseph's Church, New Plymouth. They are also going to perform in two more concerts, The Showcase and a Christmas concert with the Sacred Heart Junior Choir. There are 19 students in the Junior Choir who will be performing to make the audiences enjoy the fun occasions.

In the Showcase they are singing a medley from the world-like movie, The Lion King and Feliz Navidad, a Spanish

Christmas song. A small group will be performing the song Splish Splash. We are sure that you will enjoy the special F.D.M.C. Showcase.

by Tim Leuenberger and Jonathan Crean



MUSIC





The 1999 FDMC Senior Choir

What a team.

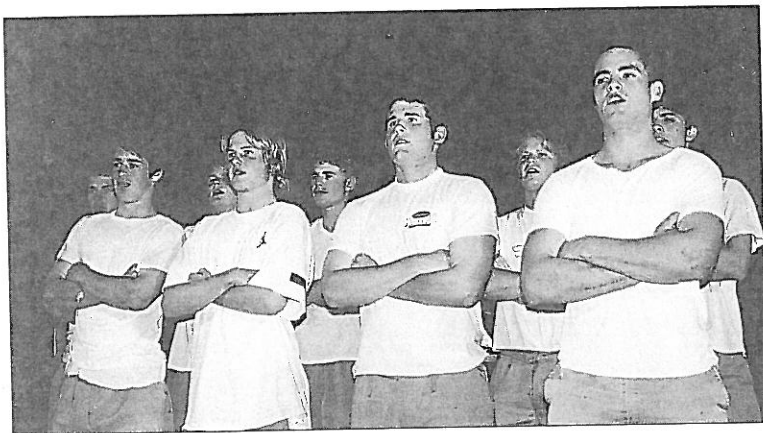
These being only a few words one could use to describe our school's first official senior choir. Though not all the best vocalists, these guys have what it takes to run in a real choir: patience, listening skills and a good sense of humour.

The choir started out with only a very few members but

quickly grew to a good number with a little help from Scott Ireland and his mates who were all the guts of the choir.

If ever I have seen a dedicated choir this must be it.

This is proof the no matter how bad a singer you think you are, everyone can sing.



Real Seriousness from "the Men"

Showing the audience at Showcase what pups they really are!



Concert Band

On 4th and 5th of November the concert band stood out as one of the main events of the two cultural evenings. The group consisted of people from Year 7 to Year 11, playing a wide range of instruments. Ms Banks played the accordion, Mr Marris the flute and Mr Mulraney the trumpet, giving their valued experience to us.

The group played four tunes, Bunyip Blues, Swinging Flutes, Batman Theme and the Muppet Theme. Mr Maunder, our conductor, created an enjoyable atmosphere that we were all thankful to be a part of.

Thanks to all the staff helping us throughout the year. It showed over these two nights with everyone enjoying themselves.



Jazz Band



Since the Francis Douglas Jazz Band was formed 6 years ago, it has continually received success year after year, and 1999 was no exception. With many senior members of the Jazz Band leaving after 1998, virtually the whole team this year has been newly formed with the exception of only a couple.

Although to begin with this year it was hard work learning new numbers with new members, this was soon overcome and the music began to flow. With the

combinations forming with the new younger enthusiastic talent, we all can expect to see many more wonderful performances in their future years with the Jazz Band at Francis Douglas.

This year the Jazz Band contains a larger number of members than ever before. With this came more depth, more ideas and more developed music which is shown through the solos and lead parts of the music. The introduction of the clarinet and the keyboard provides this depth as does the success of our trombone player over the last year.

Our one outing this year to the Rhapsody Rest Home saw the Jazz Band playing a selection of pieces involving some from around the 1930's which the old folk enjoyed tremendously. We also played at the College Showcase concert which again received huge applause as it has always since the band began. I'd lastly like to thank Stewart Maunder for his excellent efforts and hard work throughout the years, Miss Banks for her organisational work and Phil Mulraney for providing the band with a trumpet when we needed it.

by: **Matthew Kuriger**

Joseph Gardner : Achievements of 1999

This year I was selected to be part of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Choir which meant that through this year I was able to travel all over the country to perform in some amazing places such as Government House as well as in front of equally extraordinary people such as Jenny Shipley, the Governor General and his wife, Sir Michael and Lady Hardie-Boys, Marion Street and Hillary Timmins. It has also let me work with some of the country's finest teachers and musicians including David Hamilton, a very well known composer.

Also at the beginning of the year I auditioned for the 1999 New Plymouth Operatic production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in which I played the Butler and Benjamin.

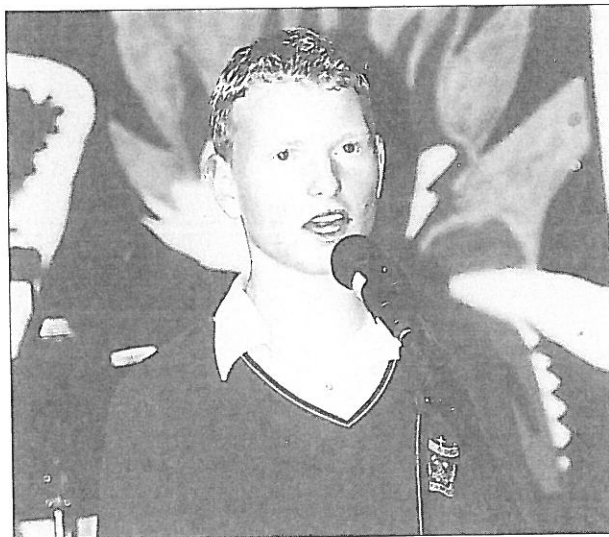
This year I competed at the New Plymouth Competitions. In this I won four classes and came 2nd in two and 3rd in one.

I had decided last year that I would change instruments this year for a challenge so this year I began playing the Viola (basically a bigger, lower violin in a different clef)

which I'm enjoying learning.

I participate in a singing exam every year and this year I passed AMEB grade five singing with honours. I also competed in the 1999 Taranaki Young Musician of the Year where I came second.

Joseph Gardner



MUSIC





Concert Band

Back Row. B. Wackrow, J. Gardner, J. Jordan, K. Austin
 Front Row. H. Mazengarb, J. Crean, M. Lucas, E. Lavery.
 Absent. Mr. S. Maunder, Miss. K. Banks, Mr. R. Marris,
 Mr. P. Mulraney, R. Pfister D. Dettling, J. Slaats,
 M. Bridger, Z. Lockett, D. Ryan.



Jazz Band

Back Row. C. Carroll, J. Jordan, N. Donaldson,
 B. Drinkwater
 Front Row. M. Kuriger, G. Williams, K. Austin,
 C. Wratislav.
 Absent. Mr. S. Maunder.

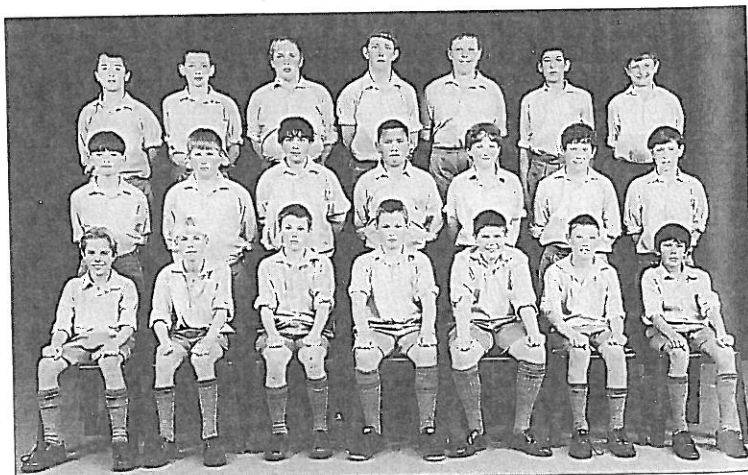


Senior Choir

Back Row. O. Kirk, S. Ireland, B. Robb,
 J. Whittington
 Middle Row. J. Gardner, C. Smith, M. Kuriger,
 S. McGregor, Z. Parkes, B. Carroll,
 Mr. G. Mustchin
 Front Row. K. Austin, J. Shanley, R. Te Moana,
 O. Harvey, K. Callaghan.
 Absent. Miss K. Banks, Mrs. L. Abbott,
 D. Ryan.

Junior Choir

Back Row. J. Crean, A. Vernon, M. Hickey,
 D. Parker, J. Bradley, D. Weake,
 P. Van der Kooij
 Middle Row. J. Fitzgerald, C. Gordon,
 J. Hosking, A. Feaunati,
 C. Yardley, W. Mercer,
 D. Taylor
 Front Row. L. Callaghan, C. Smith,
 I. O'Donnell, J. Kruse,
 T. Leuenberger, G. Sheehan,
 S. Rhodes.
 Absent. Miss K. Banks, Mrs. L. Abbott,
 D. Joines, P. Boyd.



Concert

The Showcase Review Concert has become part of the College tradition. The venues have varied but not the quality of performers.

Our Jubilee Concert in the gymnasium on November 3rd and 4th has helped to bring our 40th year towards a very suitable end.

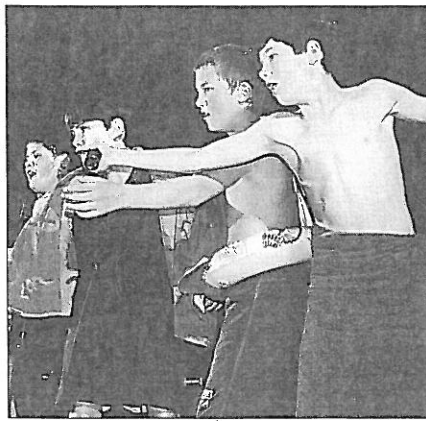
Our Kapahaka Group combined with Sacred Heart to excite us with Waiata, Poi, Haka and Whewatewa. Lee Foster proved to be a fiery leader. The young warriors' chests were noticeably red by the end. The 7B Year group supported them in the second half with "Ka Waiata".



Jonathon Milne sung the praises of female rugby coaches with great eloquence while his mum chose the killing fields of Rome to dispose of unwanted senators and military leaders to contribute to the end of the second millennium (sic).

Joseph Gardner, who surely has a great music career ahead of him, made an awe inspiring contribution. He entertained hugely with his own version of "When You Say Nothing At All"; joined with Kieran Callaghan, Karl Austin and Nicholas Langton to give us a number from *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and was part of the same quartet who led the Senior Choir in Rock and Church music.

This choir certainly got down to business with "Bird Dog" and disposed of unwanted clothing to sock it to 'em with



so their final number in costume, "Splish, Splash" was very fitting.

War was an interesting theme for our Senior Drama Group who debated the merits or otherwise of extra passengers on a route march while Scott Ireland shared Wilfred Owen with us and left us in no doubt that soldiers should not have been in such a situation in the first place.

Our music group stirred us as well. Three groups of keyboarders entertained us with a great variety. The fledgling concert band presented for our enormous enjoyment "Bunyip Blues", "Swingin' Flutes", "Batman Theme" and "Muppet Theme". Their level of maturity was most surprising and says a great deal

about Mr Maunders' leadership.



This was further demonstrated as he led the Premium Band through "The Preacher", "Blues is My Favourite Colour" and "Say What". This bracket sent everyone home humming. Our young champion, Karl Austin, was very much to the fore in these numbers just to augment his wonderful solo rendition of "The Philosopher" on the trombone. The Rock Band, Libido, gave enormous pleasure with their finely restrained version of Metallica's "Nothing Else Matters". Even the oldies were quietly toe tapping. And along with everyone else they did thoroughly enjoy the

"Eye of the Tiger". The Junior Choir refused to take a back seat and produced their own highlights with "Feliz Navidad" and a "Lion King Medley". Our weather had been ghastly

JUBILEE VARIETY NIGHT



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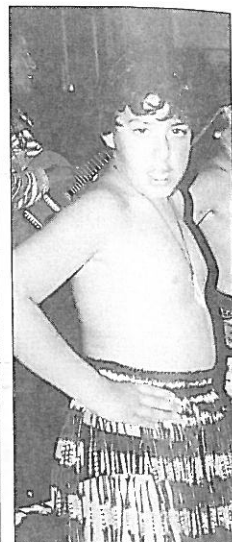
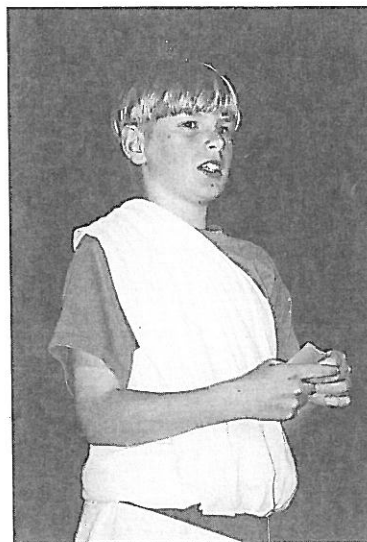
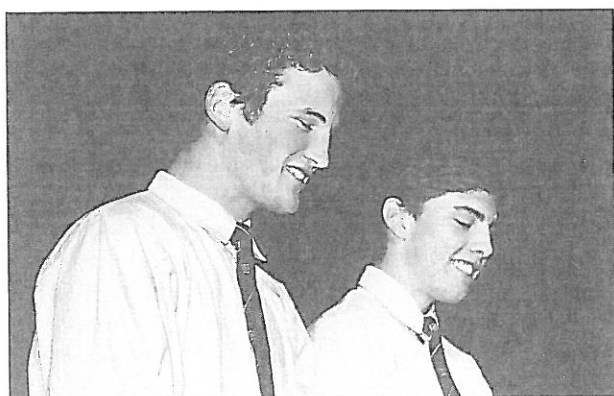


guitar duet of Zane Lockett and Mark Bridger who, in keeping with the weather thoroughly drenched wet, wet, wet with a wonderful rendition of "Love is All Around Us".

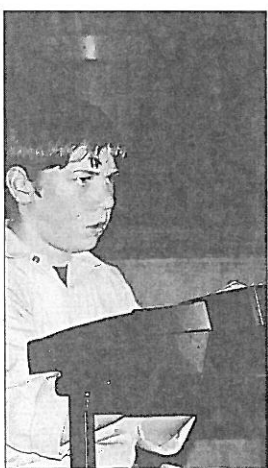
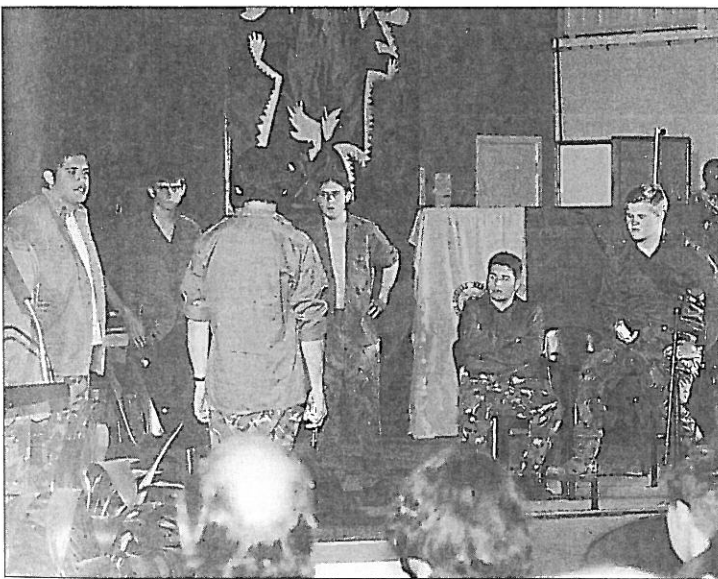


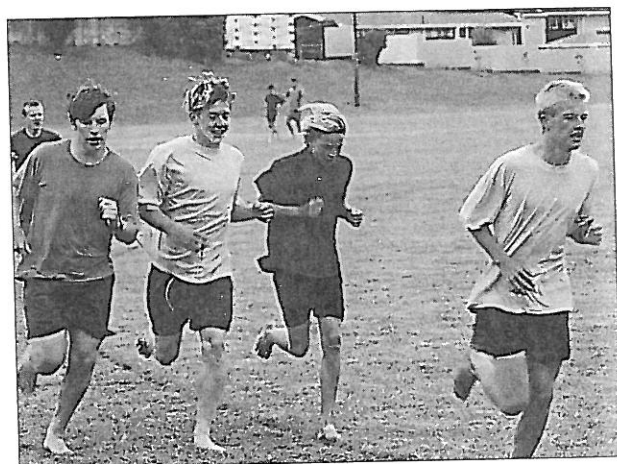
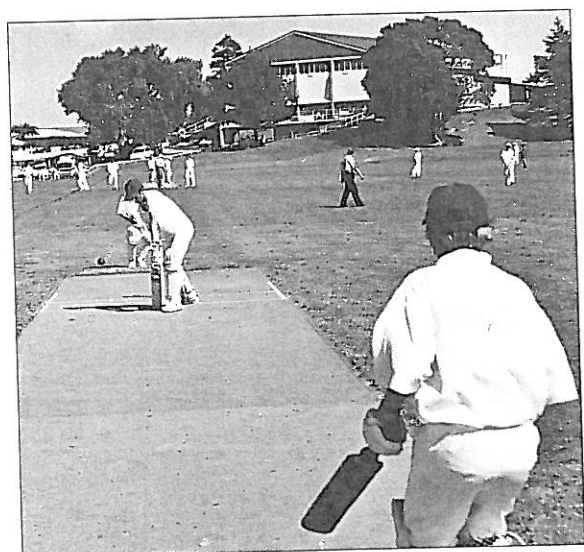
It was very fitting that the 'House Full' sign was up each night. A large number of staff and students combined to make the occasion a wonderful success. Nearly 150 students performed, manned the lights, organized the sound, distributed programmes and sold tickets. Special thanks must go to Miss Banks, who in six months did a magnificent job co-ordinating all the music students and obtaining the services of a large group of great Itinerant Tutors both in singing and in instrumental music. And Mr Marris must take a bow for organising the Drama, Public Speaking and Poetry Reading. And yet again the perennial nagging war horses, Mrs Alexander and Mr Mustchin made sure that everybody and everything was where it should be at exactly the right time. The scaffolded amphitheatre looked great and the art display assembled by Mr Hill and his examination students added a brilliant additional cultural touch for the enjoyment and appreciation of everyone at the interval.

To ensure that all flowed smoothly and kept to time our College leaders Scott and Conrad used all their considerable public speaking skills as MC's and sent us home wishing for more and looking forward to next year's offering.



JUBILEE VARIETY NIGHT





FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1999

Senior

200m Individual Medley

1 Michael Melody (L)
2.30.6 (new record)

2 Kent Fraser (S)

3 David Gollan (L)

50m Freestyle

1 Kent Fraser (S)
27.28

2 Michael Melody (L)

3 Hayden Nganeko (B)

4 Justen Smith (B)

100m Freestyle

1 Kent Fraser (S)
1.00.28

2 Michael Melody (L)

3 Justen Smith (B)

4 Hayden Nganeko (B)

50m Backstroke

1 Kent Fraser (S)
31.50 (new record)

2 Michael Melody (L)

3 Justen Smith (B)

4 Hayden Nganeko (B)

50m Breaststroke

1 Michael Melody (L)
34.43 (new record)

2 Kent Fraser (S)

3 Justen Smith (B)

4 David Gollan (L)

50m Butterfly

1 Kent Fraser (S)
31.41

2 Michael Melody (L)

3 David Gollan (L)

4x50m Freestyle Relay

1 Benildus
2.03.00 (new record)

2 Loreto

3 Solomon

4 La Salle

4x50m Medley Relay

1 Loreto
2.28.4

2 Benildus

3 Solomon

4 La Salle

Intermediate A

200m Individual Medley

1 Jason Couper (B)
2.40.97 (new record)

2 James Tamarapa (LS)

50m Freestyle

1 Jason Couper (B)
28.41

2 James Tamarapa (LS)

3 Aparangi Hemara (S)

4 Peter Coppen (L)

100m Freestyle

1 Jason Couper (B)
1.04.38

2 James Tamarapa (LS)

3 Aparangi Hemara (S)

4 Patrick Stevenson (S)

50m Backstroke

1 James Tamarapa (LS)
33.81

2= Jason Couper (B)

2= Gregory Taylor (S)

4 Peter Coppen (L)

50m Breaststroke

1 Jason Couper (B)
36.78 (new record)

2 Aparangi Hemara (S)

3 Peter Coppen (L)

4 Daryl Seator (B)

50m Butterfly

1 Jason Couper (B)
32.12 (new record)

2 James Tamarapa (LS)

3 Pat Stevenson (S)

4x50m Freestyle Relay

1 Benildus
2.13.34

2 La Salle

3 Solomon

4 Loreto

4x50m Medley Relay

1 Benildus
2.32.25 (new record)

2 Solomon

3 Loreto

Intermediate B

200m Individual Medley

1 Caide Patten (LS)
3.10.04

50m Freestyle

1 Caide Patten (LS)
29.91

2 Courtney Smith (B)

3 Regan O'Connor (LS)

4 Hamish Irving (L)

100m Freestyle

1 Caide Patten
1.08.31

2 Hamish Irving (L)

3 Regan O'Connor (LS)

4 Campbell Begg (L)

50m Backstroke

1 Caide Patten (LS)
36.56

2 Simon Gilmour (S)

3 Kieran Callaghan (LS)

4 Hamish Irving (L)

50m Breaststroke

1 Caide Patten (LS)
34.94 (new record)

2 Campbell Begg (L)

3 Courtney Smith (B)

4 Kieran Callaghan (LS)

50m Butterfly

1 Caide Patten (LS)
33.12

4x50m Freestyle Relay

1 La Salle
2.14.80

2 Loreto

3 Benildus

4 Solomon

4x50m Medley Relay

1 La Salle
2.37.14

2 Solomon

3 Loreto

Junior

200m Individual Medley

1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
2.58.88

50m Freestyle

1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
32.09

2 Nathanual Jones (LS)

3 Sean Zieltjes (L)

4 Joachim Quest (L)

100m Freestyle

1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
1.11.55

2 Sean Brennan (S)

3 Nathanual Jones (LS)

4 Blair Guthrie (LS)

50m Backstroke

1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
38.37

2 Nathanual Jones (LS)

3 Cory Avison (L)

4 John Hawken (S)

50m Breaststroke

1 Sean Zieltjes (L)
42.00

2 Joseph Gibbs (B)

3 Nathanual Jones (LS)

4 Sean Brennan (S)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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- 25m Butterfly
1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
17.4
2 Rick Smith (B)
3 Chris Webby

- 4x50m Freestyle Relay
1 Loreto
2.20.47
2 La Salle
3 Solomon
4 Benildus

- 4x50m Medley Relay
1 Loreto
3.01.91
2 Solomon
3 Benildus
4 La Salle

Year 8

- 50m Freestyle
1 Kurt Sole (S)
36.09
2 Andrew Kale (LS)
3 Phillip Donaldson (B)
4 Sebastian Cowie (B)

- 100m Freestyle
1 Kurt Sole (S)
1.18.09
2 James Moorwood (LS)
3 Phillip Donaldson (B)
4 Sebastian Cowie (B)

- 50m Backstroke
1 Kurt Sole (S)
43.28
2 Phillip Donaldson (B)
3 Daniel Brett (S)
4 Ben Ingram (L)

- 50m Breaststroke
1 James Moorwood (LS)
47.50
2 Kurt Sole (S)
3 Andrew Kale (LS)
4 Phillip Donaldson (B)

- 25m Butterfly
1 Kurt Sole (S)
19.14
2 Phillip Donaldson (B)
3 James Moorwood (LS)
4 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

- 4x50 Freestyle Relay
1 La Salle
2.51.12
2 Benildus
3 Loreto
4 Solomon
4x25 Medley Relay
1 Benildus
1.29.52
2 Solomon
3 La Salle
4 Loreto

Year 7

- 50m Freestyle
1 Mathew Jones (LS)
41.12
2 Cameron Nganeko (B)
3 Daniel Nganeko (B)
4 Hayden Mazengarb (S)

- 50m Backstroke
1 Hayden Mazengarb (S)
44.71
2 Campbell Fleming (L)
3 Daniel Nganeko (B)
4 Mathew Jones (LS)

- 50m Breaststroke
1 Hayden Mazengarb (S)
58.45
2 Daniel Nganeko (B)
3 Campbell Fleming (L)
4 David Joines (S)

- 25m Butterfly
1 Campbell Fleming (L)
22.53
2 Hayden Mazengarb (S)
3 Luke Merewether (B)
4 Peter Koha (LS)

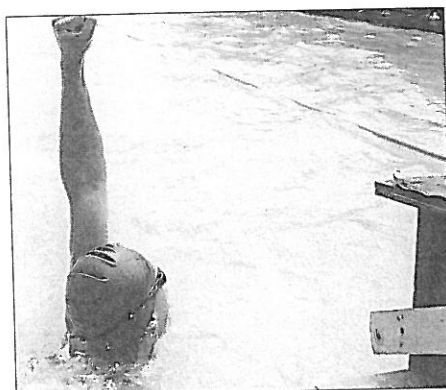
- 4x50m Freestyle Relay
1 Solomon
3.09.72
2 Benildus
3 La Salle
4 Loreto

- 4x25m Medley Relay
1 Solomon
1.42.57
2 La Salle
3 Benildus
4 Loreto

Open

- 100m Breaststroke
1 Caide Patten (LS)
1.23.06
2 Michael Melody (LS)
3 Jason Couper (B)
4 Sean Zieltjes (L)

- 200m Freestyle
1 Kent Fraser (S)
2.12.82
2 Michael Melody (L)
3 Caide Patten (LS)
4 Joseph Gibbs (B)



8x50 All Age Relay

- 1 Benildus
5.02.50
2 Loreto
3 Solomon
4 La Salle

Vertical Form Final

- 1 Solomon 3
2 Loreto 3
3 Benildus 5
4 Loreto 4

Championship

Senior

- 1 Kent Fraser (S)
2 Michael Melody (L)
3 Justen Smith (B)
4 David Gollan (L)

Intermediate A

- 1 Jason Couper (B)
2 James Tamarapa (LS)
3 Aparangi Hemara (S)
4 Gregory Taylor (S)

Intermediate B

- 1 Caide Patten (LS)
2 Courtney Smith (B)
3 Hamish Irving (L)
4 Campbell Begg (L)

Junior

- 1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
2 Nathaniel Jones (LS)
3 Sean Zieltjes (B)
4 Sean Brennan (S)

Year 8

- 1 Kurt Sole (S)
2= James Moorwood (LS)
2= Phillip Donaldson (B)
4 Andrew Kale (LS)

Year 7

- 1 Hayden Mazengarb (S)
2 Campbell Fleming (L)
3 Daniel Nganeko (B)
4 Mathew Jones (LS)

House Competition

- 1 Loreto 1175
2 Benildus 1063
3 La Salle 1028
4 Solomon 1020





Open

100m Breaststroke	Simon McDonald (L)	1.20.56	1994
200m Freestyle	Simon McDonald (L)	2.11.27	1994
8x50m All Age Relay	Loreto	4.37.15	1995

Senior

50m Freestyle	Simon McDonald (L)	26.88	1995
100m Freestyle	Simon McDonald (L)	59.12	1995
50m Breaststroke	Michael Melody (L)	34.43	1999
50m Backstroke	Kent Fraser (S)	31.50	1999
50m Butterfly	Ben Gilmour (S)	29.59	1994
200 Individual Medley	Michael Melody (L)	2.30.6	1999
4 x 50 Freestyle Relay	Benildus	2.03.00	1999
4 x 50 Medley Relay	Loreto	2.23.73	1987

Intermediate

50m Freestyle	Justen Smith (B)	27.91	1998
100m Freestyle	Kelly O'Reilly (L)	1.01.03	1984
50m Breaststroke	Caide Patten (LS)	34.94	1999
50m Backstroke	Kent Fraser (S)	33.37	1998
50m Butterfly	Jason Couper (B)	32.12	1999
200 Individual Medley	Jason Couper (B)	2.45.03	1999
4 x 50 Freestyle Relay	Benildus	2.08.03	1998
4 x 50 Medley Relay	Benildus	2.32.25	1999

Junior

50m Freestyle	N. Pennington (L)	28.9	1991
100m Freestyle	N. Pennington (L)	1.04.29	1991
50m Breaststroke	Simon McDonald (L)	38.28	1998
50m Backstroke	Jared Eagar (B)	33.32	1991
25m Butterfly	Simon McDonald (L)	15.27	1991
200 Individual Medley	N. Pennington (L)	2.34.31	1991
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Benildus	2.19.00	1996
4x50m Medley Relay	Benildus	2.41.62	1991
4x25m Medley Relay	Solomon	1.33.68	1995

Year 7 and 8

50m Freestyle	Eugene O'Reilly (L)	32.6	1983
100m Freestyle	Luke McDonald (L)	1.12.68	1993
50m Breaststroke	J.Saville (S) C.Patten (LS)	43.37	1996
50 Backstroke	James Tamarapa (LS)	39.46	1996
25 m Butterfly	Eugene O'Reilly (L)	16.9	1983
200 Individual Medley	Luke McDonald (L)	3.11.97	1993
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Loreto	2.43.53	1996
4x50m Medley Relay	La Salle	3.19.76	1989
4x25m Medley Relay	La Salle	1.22.37	1996





FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SWIMMING RESULTS AT THE TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999

Senior

Kent Fraser

2nd 100m Freestyle
3rd 50m Butterfly

Michael Melody

1st 100m Freestyle
2nd 50m Breaststroke

Justen Smith

3rd 50m Backstroke
3rd 50m Breaststroke

Relays

1st 4x1 Medley Relay
1st 4x1 Freestyle Relay
Kent Fraser, Michael Melody,
Justen Smith, Hayden Nganeke

Intermediate

James Tamarapa

3rd 50m Backstroke

Jason Couper

2nd 50m Breaststroke

New Plymouth Swimming

At the Division II swimming champs there were four Francis Douglas boys who qualified for the champs, Jason Couper, Kent Fraser, Joseph Gibbs and Caide Patten.

Jason Couper made three finals with a 4th in the 100m Breaststroke, 5th in the 50m Breaststroke and 7th for the 200m Breaststroke.

Kent Fraser made eight finals, 1st in 100 Back, 4th in 50m Freestyle, 2nd in 400 Freestyle, 4th in 100m Fly, 3rd in 100m Freestyle, 1st in 50m Back, 7th 50m Fly, 1st in 200m Back.

Joseph Gibbs made one final, the 400 Freestyle and came in 3rd.

Caide Patten made 3 finals, 1st in 50m Breaststroke, 1st in 100m Breaststroke and 3rd in 200m Breaststroke.

SWIMMING TEAM

Back Row. K. Fraser, J. Tamarapa, H. Nganeke,
M. Melody, N. Jones,
Front Row. S. Zieltjes, J. Couper, C. Patten,
J. Smith, S. Brennan

Caide Patten

3rd 50m Breaststroke

Relays

3rd Place 4x1 Medley Relay
2nd Place 4x1 Freestyle Relay
James Tamarapa, Jason Couper,
Caide Patten, Courtney Smith

Junior

Joseph Gibbs

2nd 100m Freestyle
2nd 50m Butterfly

Sean Zieltjes

2nd 50m Breaststroke

Relays

2nd Place 4x1 Medley Relay
2nd Place 4x1 Freestyle Relay
Sean Zieltjes, Joseph Gibbs,
Sean Brennan, Nathaniel Jones



ATHLETICS RECORDS



SENIOR

100 metres	11.10	C. Zawodny	(S)	1978
200 metres	23.65	L. Butler	(S)	1993
400 metres	51.10	R. Vavasour	(S)	1969
800 metres	1.52.50	J. Radich	(B)	1975
1500 metres	4.01.00	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
3000 metres	8.42.60	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
5000 metres	14.53.00	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
110m Hurdles	15.00	A. Kissick	(S)	1972
2000m Steeple	5.51.00	M. Dravitzki	(S)	1993
High Jump	1.80	A. Turner	(S)	1999
Long Jump	6.69	S. McManaway	(S)	1976
Triple Jump	12.95	M. Walsh	(B)	1979
Discus	40.08	T. Bartle	(B)	1973
Shot put	12.40	S. Stonnell	(L)	1999
Javelin	46.45	R. Bolton	(LS)	1990
4 x 100 metres relay	47.70	Benildus		1973
4 x 200 metres relay	1.39.90	Solomon		1977
4 x 400 metres relay	3.46.50	Loreto		1971

INTERMEDIATE

100 metres	11.31	M. Hancock	(S)	1999
200 metres	23.60	M. Hancock	(S)	1999
400 metres	52.00	S. Keig	(B)	1979
800 metres	2.04.10	D. Fabish	(L)	1974
1500 metres	4.13.00	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
3000 metres	9.20.22	S. McGregor	(L)	1997
4000 metres	13.25.40	B. Hogan	(L)	1980
100m hurdles	14.51	M. Hancock	(S)	1999
High Jump	1.75	A. Turner	(S)	1996
Long Jump	6.00	J. Coleman	(B)	1970
Triple Jump	13.95	M. Walsh	(B)	1978
Discus	41.80	E. Fleming	(LS)	1967
Shot put	13.60	S. Poole	(LS)	1981
Javelin	44.11	S. Gillum	(B)	1999
4 x 100 metres relay	49.87	Solomon		1996
4 x 200 metres relay	1.42.00	Solomon		1977
4 x 400 metres relay	4.00.17	Solomon		1991

JUNIOR

100 metres	11.80	C. Zawodny	(S)	1976
200 metres	25.20	L. Lawrence	(B)	1970
400 metres	56.60	S. Keig	(B)	1979
800 metres	2.01.90	D. Fabish	(L)	1974
1500 metres	4.29.80	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
3000 metres	9.24.00	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
100m hurdles	15.50	N. Eliadis	(B)	1984
High Jump	1.62	J. Omelvena	(LS)	1992
Long Jump	5.36	P. Brennan	(LS)	1966
Triple Jump	11.43	M. Walsh	(B)	1977
Discus	33.20	J. O'Sullivan	(LS)	1991
Shot put	12.30	R. Toss	(LS)	1978
Javelin	38.15	S. Gillum	(B)	1997
4 x 100 metres relay	53.70	Loreto		1978
4 x 200 metres relay	1.50.10	Loreto		1978
4 x 400 metres relay	4.16.53	La Salle		1988

YEAR 7 and 8

100 metres	13.39	J. Farmer	(S)	1994
200 metres	28.05	J. Tennant	(L)	1985
400 metres	61.10	T. Burton	(S)	1985
800 metres	2.22.00	S. Rapley	(S)	1982
1500 metres	5.02.10	M. Dravitzki	(S)	1988
3000 metres	10.48.37	M. Dravitzki	(S)	1988
High Jump	1.43	S. Deken	(L)	1994
Long Jump	4.39	J. Hales	(S)	1996
Discus	28.80	S. Toss	(LS)	1977
Shot put	10.38	J. Saville	(LS)	1996
4 x 100 metres relay	56.70	Loreto		1977
4 x 200 metres relay	2.02.20	Loreto		1977
4 x 400 relay	4.41.77	Solomon		1988



FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL RESULTS 1999

SENIOR

100 metres

- 1 Andrew Turner (S)
- 2 Shaun Johnson (LS)
- 3 Josh Ewing (S)
- 4 John Whittington (L)

200 metres

- 1 Andrew Turner (S)
- 2 Shaun Johnson (LS)
- 3 Josh Ewing (S)
- 4 John Whittington (L)

400 metres

- 1 Andrew Turner (S)
- 2 Scott McGregor (L)
- 3 Conrad Smith (B)
- 4 Geoffrey Bourke (B)

800 metres

- 1 Andrew Turner (S)
- 2 Scott McGregor (L)
- 3 Conrad Smith (B)
- 4 Gerard Light (S)

1500 metres

- 1 Scott McGregor (L)
- 2 Conrad Smith (B)
- 3 Brent Vercoe (LS)
- 4 Thomas Mace (S)

3000 metres

- 1 Scott McGregor (L)
- 2 Conrad Smith (B)
- 3 Tom Mace (S)
- 4 Brent Vercoe (LS)

High Jump

- 1 Andrew Turner (S) 1.70
(new record)
- 2 Brent Hayward (L)
- 3 Richard Crowe (LS)
- 4 Brendon Hart (S)

Long Jump

- 1 Brent Hayward (L) 5.61
- 2 Daniel Gilmour (S)
- 3 John Whittington (L)
- 4= Shaun Johnson (LS)
- 4= Josh Ewing (S)

Triple Jump

- 1 Brent Hayward (L) 11.68
- 2 Conrad Smith (B)
- 3 Andrew Turner (S)
- 4 Nicholas Betteridge (L)

Discus

- 1 Scott McGregor (L) 25.98
- 2 Aaron Nuku (S)
- 3 Steve Brbich (B)
- 4 Daniel Gilmour (S)

Shot Put

- 1 Scott Stonnell (L) 12.4
(new record)
- 2 Gerard Light (S)
- 3 Ricki McMillan (LS)
- 4 Owen Harvey (B)

Javelin

- 1 Oliver Kirk (L) 34.18
- 2 Bradley Keegan (S)
- 3 Bryan Dobson (L)
- 4 Shaun Johnson (LS)

4x100m Senior

- 1 Loreto
- 2 Benildus
- 3 La Salle
- 4 Solomon

INTERMEDIATE A

100 metres

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 2 Aparangi Hemara (S)
- 3 Adam Franks (B)
- 4 Mark Hussey (L)

200 metres

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 2 Aparangi Hemara (S)
- 3 Mark Hughes (B)
- 4 Adam Franks (B)

400 metres

- 1 Simon Gillum (B)
- 2 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 3 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 4 Dylan Hall (S)

800 metres

- 1 Simon Gillum (B)
- 2 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 3 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 4 Aaron Gordge (B)

1500 metres

- 1 Simon Gillum (B)
- 2 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 3 Stephen Dobson (L)
- 4 Aaron Gordge (B)

3000 metres

- 1 Simon Gillum (B)
- 2 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 3 Steve Dobson (L)
- 4 Daniel Webby (B)

High Jump

- 1 Aaron Gordge (B)
- 2 Keiran Orchard (S)
- 3 William Barnes (S)
- 4 Nicholas Tretheway (LS)

Long Jump

- 1 Mark Hughes (B) 5.45
- 2 Aparangi Hemara (S)
- 3 Matthew Forrest (S)
- 4 Marcus Hancock (S)

Triple Jump

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S) 11.30
- 2 Aparangi Hemara (S)
- 3 Dylan Hall (S)
- 4 Adam Franks (B)

Discus

- 1 Aparangi Hemara (S) 37.39
- 2 Peter Coppen (L)
- 3 Lewis Christensen (S)
- 4 Keiran Orchard (S)

Shot Put

- 1 Aparangi Hemara (S) 10.38
- 2 Matthew Forrest (S)
- 3 Matthew Thorburn (B)
- 4 Paul Bushell (LS)

Javelin

- 1 Simon Gillum (B) 44.11
(new record)
- 2 Peter Coppen (L)
- 3 Steven Brown (LS)
- 4 Jeremy Webling (B)

4x100m Int A

- 1 Solomon
- 2 Benildus
- 3 Loreto
- 4 La Salle

INTERMEDIATE B

100 metres

- 1 Alastair Viles (L)
- 2 Hans Kalders (LS)
- 3 Daniel Little (S)
- 4 Miles Benton (S)

200 metres

- 1 Hans Kalders (LS)
- 2 Alastair Viles (L)
- 3 Peter Schicker (LS)
- 4 Daniel Little (S)

400 metres

- 1 Hans Kalders (LS)
- 2 Alastair Viles (L)
- 3 Michael Gillum (B)
- 4 Matthew Cleaver (L)

800 metres

- 1 Michael Gillum (B)
- 2 Campbell Begg (L)
- 3 Miles Benton (S)
- 4 Preston Dittert (LS)

1500 metres

- 1 Hans Kalders (LS)
- 2 Daniel Gut (S)
- 3 Pim Bolyn (L)
- 4 Bas Bolyn (L)

3000 metres

- 1 Daniel Gut (S)
- 2 Graeme Charteris (S)
- 3 Gabriel Lockley (B)
- 4 Bas Bolyn (L)

ATHLETICS RESULTS



- High Jump**
 1 Campbell Begg (L)
 2= Jade Vickers (B)
 2= George West (B)
 2= Aaron Eveleigh (S)

- Long Jump**
 1 Campbell Begg (L) 4.80
 2 Gareth Elliot (B)
 3 Jason Clout (S)
 4 Hans Kalders (LS)

- Triple Jump**
 1 Gabriel Lockley (B) 9.50
 2 Robert Lee (L)
 3 Daniel Jackson (S)
 4 Bas Bolyn (L)

- Discus**
 1 Jade Vickers (B) 34.35
 2 Anten Kowalewski (L)
 3 Aaron Eveleigh (S)
 4 Lee Foster (S)

- Shot Put**
 1 Jade Vickers (B) 10.57
 2 Tamatoa Rima (L)
 3 Louis Swannell (S)
 4 Aaron Eveleigh (S)

- Javelin**
 1 Gareth Elliot (B) 37.2
 2 Jade Vickers (B)
 3 Anten Kowalewski (L)
 4 Richard Hurunui (B)

- 4x100m Int B**
 1 La Salle
 2 Solomon
 3 Benildus
 4 Loreto

JUNIOR

- 100 metres**
 1 Joseph Farmer (S)
 2 David Campbell (LS)
 3 Scott Peacock (B)
 4 Adam Thorburn (B)

- 200 metres**
 1 Joseph Farmer (S)
 2 Rick Smith (B)
 3 Joachim Quest (L)
 4 Nicholas Langton (LS)

- 400 metres**
 1 Scott Peacock (B)
 2 Shaan Gopperth (L)
 3 Jean-Pierre Le Prou (B)
 4 Nicholas Langton (LS)

- 800 metres**
 1 Shaan Gopperth (L)
 2 Aaron Waite (B)
 3 Jeremy Freeman (S)
 4 Thomas Hills (LS)

- 1500 metres**
 1 Aaron Waite (B)
 2 Thomas Hills (LS)
 3 Gareth Maulder (L)
 4 Brendon D' Ath (LS)

- 3000 metres**
 1 Damien Manex (L)
 2 Trent Foley (L)
 3 Gareth Maulder (L)
 4 Adam Radich (S)

- High Jump**
 1 Joseph Farmer (S)
 2 Jamie George (B)
 3 Rick Smith (B)
 4 Thomas Prestney (S)

- Long Jump**
 1 Jean-Pierre Le Prou (S) 4.23
 2 Steven Cartwright (L)
 3= Tony Maindonald (B)
 3= Nicholas Langton (LS)

- Triple Jump**
 1 Rick Smith (B) 9.44
 2 Tony Maindonald (B)
 3 Adam Walsh (LS)
 4 Joseph Radich (LS)

- Discus**
 1 Andrew West (B) 26.90
 2 Robert Hamilton (LS)
 3 Adam Thorburn (B)
 4 Daniel Bolstad (LS)

- Shot Put**
 1 Anaru Rakena (LS) 10.0
 2 Joseph Farmer (S)
 3 Andrew West (B)
 4 Arjun Nath (L)

- Javelin**
 1 Tony Maindonald (B) 26.92
 2 Carl Carmichael (L)
 3 Stuart Barnes (S)
 4 Ryan Fleming (L)

- 4x100m Junior**
 1 Benildus
 2 La Salle
 3 Loreto
 4 Solomon

YEAR 8

- 100 metres**
 1 Matthew Bennett (L)
 2 Andrew Kale (LS)
 3 Curtis Lockley (B)
 4 Jordan Hall (LS)

- 200 metres**
 1 Matthew Bennett (L)
 2 Curtis Lockley (B)
 3 Ben Ingram (L)
 4 Jordan Hall (LS)

- 400 metres**
 1 Matthew Bennett (L)
 2 Ben Ingram (L)
 3 Andrew Kale (LS)
 4 Jordan Hall (LS)

- 800 metres**
 1 Matthew Bennett (L)
 2 Ben Ingram (L)
 3 Andrew Kale (LS)
 4 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

- High Jump**
 1 Jesse Dolman (LS)
 2 Patrick Edmonds (S)
 3 Nathan Gleeson (S)
 4 Callan Day (L)

- Long Jump**
 1 Curtis Lockley (B) 4.43
 (new record)
 2 Patrick Edmonds (S)
 3 Ben Ingram (L)
 4 Jesse Dolman (LS)

- Discus**
 1 Jacob Smith (LS) 20.28
 2 Jesse Dolman (LS)
 3 Andrew Wharehoka (S)
 4 Curtis Lockley (B)

- Shot Put**
 1 Jesse Dolman (LS) 9.12
 2 Matthew Robinson (L)
 3 Curtis Lockley (B)
 4 Leon Maddern (L)

- 4x100m YEAR 8**
 1 Loreto
 2 Solomon
 3 Benildus
 4 La Salle

YEAR 7

- 100 metres**
 1 Stuart Methven (LS)
 2 Douglas Maindonald (B)
 3 Griffin Hunt (S)
 4 Jamie Hawton (L)

- 200 metres**
 1 Stuart Methven (LS)
 2 Griffin Hunt (S)
 3 Michael Mackay (B)
 4 Luke Merewether (B)

- 400 metres**
 1 Griffin Hunt (S)
 2 Patrick Collins (LS)
 3 Luke Merewether (B)
 4 Matthew Mahutonga (S)

- 800 metres**
 1 Brett Bowling (S)
 2 Tony Radich (S)
 3 Luke Merewether (B)

- High Jump**
 1 Douglas Maindonald (B)
 2= David Joines (S)
 2= Brett Bowling (S)
 4 Jamie Hawton (L)



Long Jump

- 1 Douglas Maindonald (B) 4.08
- 2 Griffin Hunt (S)
- 3 Luke Merewether (B)
- 4 Matthew Mahutonga (S)

4x100m

- 1 Benildus
- 2 La Salle
- 3 Solomon
- 4 Loreto

8x100m All Age

- 1 Solomon
- 2 Benildus
- 3 La Salle
- 4 Loreto

CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR

- 1 Andrew Turner (S)
- 2 Scott McGregor (L)
- 3 Brent Haywood (L)
- 4 Conrad Smith (B)

INTERMEDIATE A

- 1 Simon Gillum (B)
- 2 Aparangi Hemara (S)
- 3 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 4 Joshua Hullah (L)

INTERMEDIATE B

- 1 Hans Kalders (LS)
- 2 Jade Vickers (B)
- 3 Campbell Begg (L)
- 4 Alastair Viles (L)

JUNIOR

- 1 Joseph Farmer (S)
- 2 Tony Maindonald (B)
- 3= Shaan Gopperth (L)
- 3= Aaron Waite (B)

YEAR 8

- 1 Matthew Bennett (L)
- 2 Jesse Dolman (LS)
- 3 Curtis Lockley (B)
- 4 Ben Ingram (L)

YEAR 7

- 1 Douglas Maindonald (B)
- 2 Griffin Hunt (S)
- 3 Stuart Methven (L)
- 4 David Joines (S)

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Solomon
- 2 Benildus
- 3 La Salle
- 4 Loreto

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE ATHLETIC RESULTS AT THE TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999

Senior

Andrew Turner

- 1st 200m
1st 400m
2nd High Jump

Shaun Johnson

- 2nd 400m

Scott McGregor

- 1st 1500m
1st 3000m
1st 1500m Steeplechase

Relay 4x100m

- 2nd
Andrew Turner, Shaun Johnson, Bradley Kemp, Scott McGregor

Intermediate

Marcus Hancock

- 1st 100m
2nd 200m
1st 300m Hurdles

Simon Gillum

- 1st 400m
1st 1500m Steeplechase
1st Javelin

Josh Hullah

- 2nd 400m
1st 800m
2nd 1500m

Aparangi Hemara

- 2nd Discus

Relay 4x100m

- 1st (New Record)
Marcus Hancock, Simon Gillum, Josh Hullah, Aparangi Hemara

Junior

Joseph Farmer

- 1st 100m
1st 200m

Rick Smith

- 2nd 80m Hurdles
3rd 200m
3rd Long Jump

Scott Peacock

- 3rd 300m

Aaron Waite

- 1st 3000m

Thomas Hill

- 3rd 3000m

Relay 4x100m

- 2nd
Joseph Farmer, David Campbell, Scott Peacock, Adam Thorburn

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 1999

CROSS COUNTRY



SENIOR	PLACE	INT A	PLACE	INT B	PLACE
Scott McGregor	L 1	Simon Gillum	B 1	Anten Kowalewski	L 1
Conrad Smith	B 2	Stephen Dobson	L 2	Nicholas Baker	B 2
Brent Vercoe	LS 3	Joshua Hullah	L 3	Caide Patten	LS 3
Nicholas Betteridge	L 4	Marcus Hancock	S 4	Jason Skittrup	B 4
Thomas Mace	S 5	Dane Fahey	B 5	Gareth Elliot	B 5
Gerard Light	S 6	Jason Couper	B 6	Hans Kalders	LS 6
Bryan Dobson	L 7	Daniel Webby	B 7	Graeme Charteris	S 7
Patrick Crowley	L 8	William Barnes	S 8	Daniel Gut	S 8
Jason Chandler	L 9	Christopher Hart	S 9	Daniel Jackson	S 9
Geoffrey Bourke	B 10	Nathan Foley	L 10	Caley McCracken	LS 10

JUNIOR	PLACE	YEAR 8	PLACE	YEAR 7	PLACE
Nathan Hill	B 1	Pieter Van Der Kooij	B 1=	Matthew Walsh	B 1
Aaron Waite	B 2	Matthew Bennett	L 1=	Gareth Sheehan	L 2
Jean-Pierre Le Prou	S 3	Thomas Peacock	B 3	Stuart Methven	LS 3
Matthew Webling	B 4	James Slaats	L 4	Stuart Baker	B 4
Daniel Muller	L 5	Adam Burns	B 5	Luke Merewether	B 5
Thomas Hills	LS 6	Keith Preston	B 6	Courtney Smith	L 6
Jeremy Hill	B 7	Daniel Taylor	LS 7	Tony Radich	S 7
Tony Maindonald	B 8	Patrick Edmonds	S 8	Kade Sorensen	B 8
Gareth Maulder	L 9	Jayden O'Keeffe	LS 9	Patrick Collins	LS 9
Logan Vickers	B 10	Jeremy Clark	S 10	Michael Mackay	B 10

HOUSE RESULTS

SENIOR	INT A	INT B	JUNIOR
LORETO 94	BENILDUS 123	LA SALLE 235	BENILDUS 248
SOLOMON 62	LORETO 76	LORETO 214	LORETO 233
BENILDUS 46	SOLOMON 47	BENILDUS 205	SOLOMON 181
LA SALLE 31	LA SALLE 0	SOLOMON 164	LA SALLE 166

YEAR 8	YEAR 7	TOTAL	
BENILDUS 217	BENILDUS 228	BENILDUS 1067	1ST
LORETO 182	LA SALLE 199	LORETO 991	2ND
SOLOMON 177	LORETO 192	LA SALLE 782	3RD
LA SALLE 151	SOLOMON 124	SOLOMON 755	4TH

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

HELD AT FDMC 26TH MAY

FDMC RESULTS

JUNIOR BOYS	INTERMEDIATE BOYS	SENIOR BOYS
Jean-Pierre Le Prou 7	Simon Gillum 1	Conrad Smith 1
Matthew Webling 10	Stephen Dobson 4	Scott McGregor 2
Nathan Hill 11	Anten Kowalewski 9	Gerard Light 3
Jeremy Hill 19	Nicholas Baker 18	Brent Vercoe 4
Thomas Hills 20	Marcus Hancock 19	Nicholas Betteridge 5
Tony Maindonald 21	Joshua Hullah 30	Thomas Mace 10
Gareth Maulder 36	Gareth Elliot 31	Geoffrey Bourke 18
	Caide Patten 40	Bryan Dobson 21
	Dane Fahey 47	Patrick Crowley 32
		Jason Chandler 33
TEAM 2	TEAM 2	TEAM 1



TARANAKI PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

HELD AT HAWERA 20TH OCTOBER
FDMC RESULTS

11 YEARS
Matthew Walsh
Gareth Sheehan

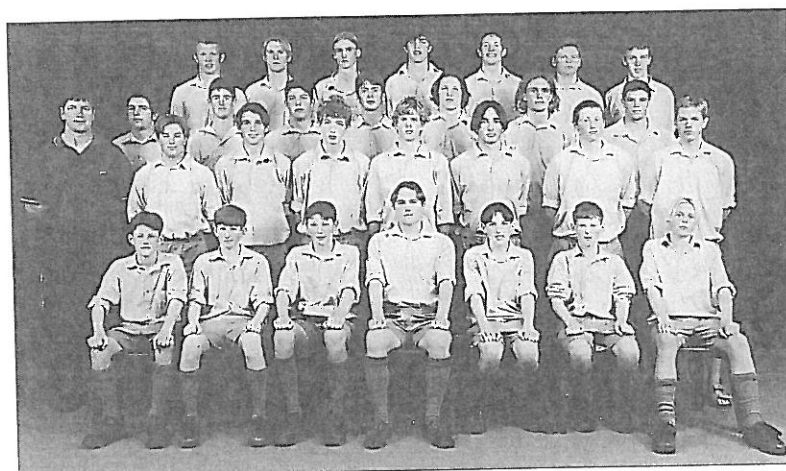
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12 YEARS
Stuart Baker
Courtney Smith
Adam Burns
Luke Merewether

36
59
80
83

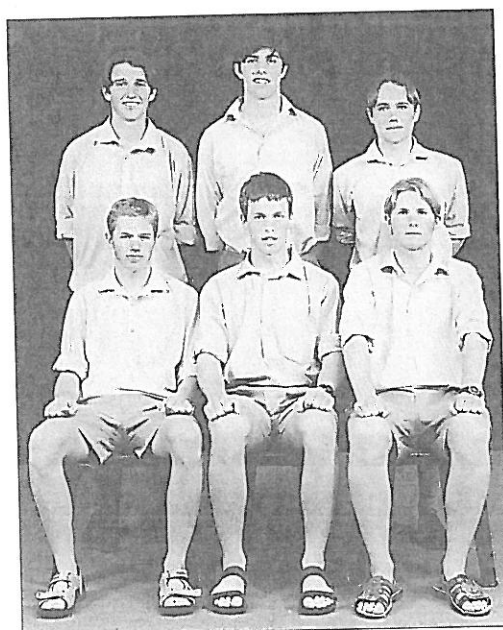
13 YEARS
Matthew Bennett
Keith Preston

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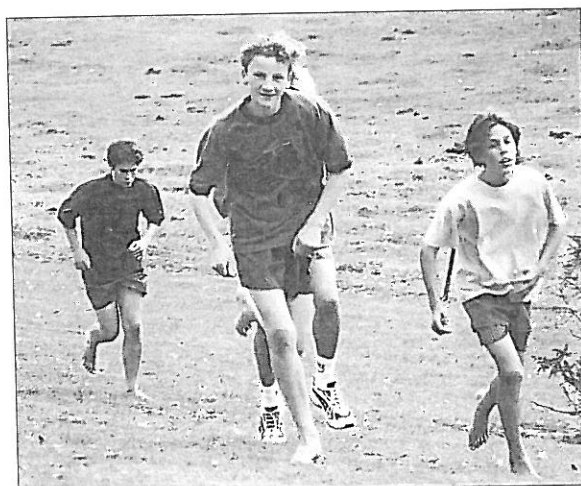
Cross Country Team

Back Row. P. Crowley, S. Gillum, G. Elliott, C. Smith, G. Bourke, J. Chandler, S. McGregor
Third Row. C. Patten, B. Carroll, J. Couper, B. Hayward, A. Kowalewski, J. Hullah, G. Light
Second Row. S. Simpson, M. Hancock, N. Betteridge, L. Vickers, N. Baker, D. Fahey, B. Dobson, T. Mace
Front Row. J. Hill, G. Maulder, J.P. LeProu, B. Vercoe, T. Hills, N. Hill, M. Webling.



NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row. N. Betteridge, C. Smith, B. Vercoe
Front Row. T. Mace, S. McGregor, S. Gillum.



TRIATHLON

Ideal conditions greeted competitors this year in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships which were held at Ngamotu Beach, Sunday 21 March.

It seems to have become a custom for Taranaki to turn on warm and relatively wind-free conditions for this event, which is raced over a course that includes a 250 m swim, 10 km cycle and a 3 km run.

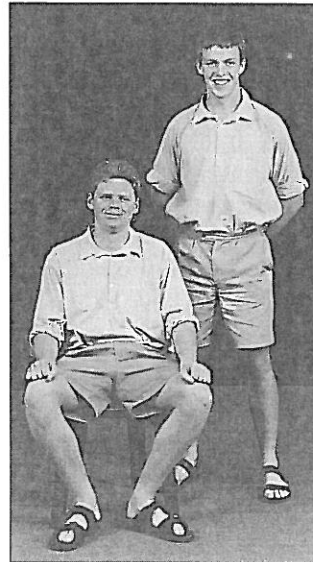
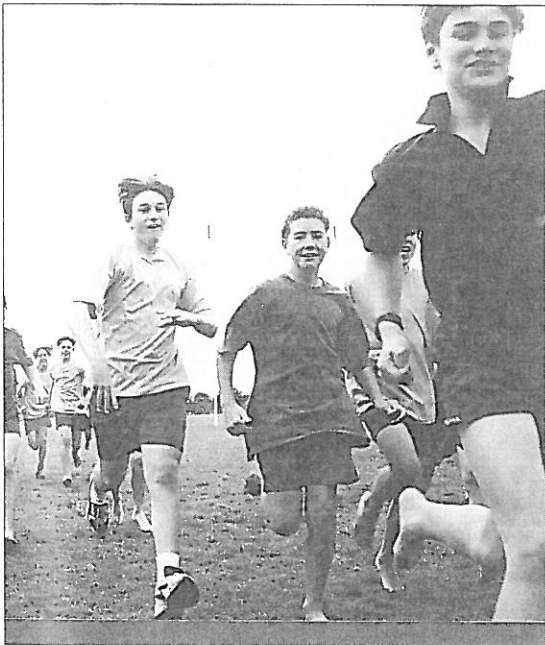
While we were not as well represented, in terms of numbers, this year we certainly maintained our high standard of participation. Again we took out the Senior Boys title with a convincing win by Scott McGregor, who came from behind after the swim leg, and a slow first transition, to

completely dominate the cycle and run legs, for a well deserved victory.

Jason Chandler showed his all-round ability in the three disciplines to take third place in the same event.

As it is the last time that these two boys will contest this event, it was pleasing to see them performing so well. Many thanks to you both for the way in which you fiercely contested this event on behalf of FDMC over recent years.

Sincere best wishes to you both in the future.
Russell C.



TRIATHLON TEAM

Scott McGregor (standing) Jason Chandler (seated)





Another very successful year with the highlight being our 1st XV win over NPBHS 1st XV. It was an outstanding year for the 1st XV to also win a Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship, runner up in the combined Taranaki Club and School Under 20 Competition and making the last sixteen in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Nike Knockout Tournament. Great credit to first year coach Richard Doherty.

Success to five other teams in winning Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships and two other teams making top four.

Winning teams were; 1st XV, 2nd XV, 4th XV, C Gold, D Gold and E Blue.

The college fielded sixteen rugby teams with 342 registered players. All teams represented the college with pride and determination. Many of the rugby skills shown in the lower grades suggests a promising future.

The morning grade teams had an enjoyable year with the two teams showing considerable promise. Our Linkhorn Cup Team (Form 1 and 2) played well in the round robin competition.

Thanks to teacher, student and parent coaches and managers, Richard Doherty and Bryce Koch (1st XV), Steve Simpson and Colin Webby (2nd XV), Craig Thomas (3rd XV), Martin Dravitzki, John Whyte and Neil McLean (4th XV) Bryce Koch (C Gold), Tony Gray (C Red), Darryl McCracken, Brendon Hart and Pat Stevenson (D Blue),

Br Peter (D Gold), Mark Walsh (D Red), Alastair Kalin, Ruka Te Moana and Owen Harvey (D White), Lauren O'Reilly, Mel Snook and Paul Freeman (E Blue), Ross McNicol (E Red), Ross Barnes (E White), Thomas Taepa, Shane Poutu and Des Manning (9th Grade), Lauren O'Reilly and Des Manning (Linkhorn Cup), Peter Costello and Peter Siffleet (10th Grade) and Br William for organising the 9th and 10th Grades.

A big thankyou to all the parents and friends of the college for your support of the college teams and helping with transport.

Congratulations to the following boys on making representative teams:

Kenneth Murphy, NZ Under 19 Training Squad, Central Regions U19, Central Regions Secondary Schools, Taranaki Secondary Schools, Taranaki Under 19.

John Whittington, Central Regions Secondary Schools, Taranaki Secondary Schools, Taranaki Under 19.

Ruka Te Moana, Taranaki Secondary Schools and Taranaki Under 19.

Brett Robb, Taranaki Secondary Schools.

Scott Ireland, Taranaki Secondary Schools.

Conrad Smith, Taranaki Secondary Schools.

Marcus Hancock, Taranaki Secondary Schools, Taranaki Under 16.

Ben Sole, Taranaki Under 16.

Simon Gillum, Taranaki Under 16.

Patrick Stevenson, Taranaki Under 16.

Daniel Webby, Taranaki Under 16.

Curtis Lockley, Taranaki Primary Schools.

RUGBY REPORT 1999

TEAM NAME:	1st XV
TEAM COACH:	Richard Doherty
TEAM MANAGER:	Bryce Koch
CAPTAIN:	John Whittington
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	John Whittington and Kenneth Murphy
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Patrick Crowley
BEST TACKLER:	Doug Henderson
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Conrad Smith
FAIR PLAY:	Brett Robb Alastair Kalin Josh Ewing Ruka Te Moana Scott Ireland

1st XV Report

The 1st XV of 1999 will go down in history and they fully deserve it. For while, in the years to come, they may be remembered only for their victory over New Plymouth

Boys High. It was across the whole season that the side displayed a consistently high standard of rugby. They epitomised how rugby must be played as a team; their strength was that they had no weaknesses. A catch phrase amongst the team was that it's not just the 15 players on the field but the 21 in the squad who win the games.

Back in April the season began when the squad embarked on a week long tour to Wellington and the South Island. At these early stages it was obvious that the side was something special. The ill-fated bounce of the ball, more than anything else, saw the side go down narrowly against a cocky St. Patricks. Silverstream, and an impressive team from St Bede's in Christchurch. The side's emphatic victory against St. Kevins, Oamaru, showed how far the side had come during the tour and what a threat they'd be in the upcoming season. But perhaps the greatest advantage of such a tour was the team spirit and unity that was created. The mullet cut, the backseat brawls and the Voodoo lounge were to have a lasting effect on the entire team which meant that they'd stick with each other throughout all the highs and lows that were bound to eventuate.

Returning to the club competition, the side immediately showed the benefits of such a tour by stringing together



several impressive wins. Injuries and selection of several key players in representative teams had a marked effect on the team's performance. Not that their replacements weren't up to standard, indeed all the reserves and players called up from other grades performed admirably in the games they played. The fact that the team had 9 Taranaki representatives is a credit to the college, as are the efforts of John Whittington and Ken Murphy in making the Central Regions. But it would be unfair to single out individuals in the side. This team played as a team. The semi-final victory without John and Ken demonstrates this fact perfectly.



Back Row: G.Bourke, J.Ewing, H.Nganeke, S.Ireland, K.Murphy, C.Smith, S.Gillum, B.Carroll
Middle Row: Mr B. Koch, J. Robinson, J.LeProu, B.Hart, B. Robb, P.Stevenson, P.Crowley, D. Henderson, Mr R. Doherty (coach)
Front Row: M. Hancock, A. Kalin, J.Shanley, J.Whittington (captain), R. Te Moana, B.Sole, R.McMillan, J.Smith

day now etched in the history of schoolboy rugby. All year the side had prepared for this, and for 40 years our college had waited. It took a special side to finally deliver the first ever victory by a Taranaki school over New Plymouth Boys High. For those who were silly enough not to watch the game, our college downed the mighty High School by 15-3. The game summed up the season, by combining passionate determination with sheer natural ability. The side dominated from start to finish in every facet of the game. It would be impossible to use words that properly describe the emotions of such a victory and it will simply remain as a golden memory to the players, old boys, students, staff and parents who witnessed this defining moment in our college's history.

One of the many advantages of the victory was the entry into the National Nike Knockout Tournament. The side progressed to the top 16 of the country before going down to a skillful Hastings Boys' High team. But the side had already achieved its goals and it now remains for the future 1st XV's to further our college's prominence in national secondary schools rugby.

To end a long and torrid season the side won back the Taranaki Secondary Schools title from Hawera High School after dominating the competition with wins of a consistently high margin.

To the coaches Mr Doherty and Mr Koch the fullest of praise must be extended. Their relaxed yet focused attitude taught the players to enjoy the game above all else through playing well and as a team. The supporters were exceptional; parents, teachers and students alike gave unconditional support throughout the season and truly deserve a share of the side's success. Finally to the players, who made it all happen, a great future remains for all of you, on and off the rugby field. Remember also what Mr Doherty often reminded you, that no matter what happens for the rest of your life the experiences and the successes of this year can't be taken away from you.

Sadly, the side lost the Under 20 final to a well-drilled and committed Southern side on the cursed field of Rugby Park Number 1. But despite the pain and agony of such a loss the side still knew that the main game was yet to come. Wednesday 18th August was the day of that main game, a

TEAM NAME:	2nd XV
TEAM COACH:	Steve Simpson
TEAM MANAGER:	Colin Webby
CAPTAIN:	Scott McGregor
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Geoff Bourke
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Andrew Butterworth
BEST TACKLER:	Samisoni Sisifa
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Owen Harvey
FAIR PLAY:	Daniel Webby
	Emmett Young
	Bradley Keegan
	Caide Patten

The strength of the team, without a doubt, lay in the forwards, though it still took quite a while for them to play to their full potential. Geoff Bourke was a dominant figure in the lineout and a lot of tries were scored from drives, from his consistent catcher at No. 7. The front row were always competitive with Daniel Webby and Adam Franks tireless in their work rate. David Gollan and Trent Guthrie could always be relied on to do the hard graft of the second row. All the lock forwards did their job well with Kent Fraser and Samisoni Sisifa the big improvers.

The 2nd XV only on a few occasions played to their full potential with a lot of games "just slipping away" in the last five to ten minutes.

The backs at times struggled to contain teams who moved the ball wide and didn't really gain their confidence until the last few games.



Second XV

- Back Row. M. Hughes, J. Coster,
T. Guthrie, D. Gollan,
S. Sisifa, M. Brown
- Middle Row. C. Webby(Manager),
O. Harvey, K. Fraser,
H. Bourne, S. Johnson,
D. Webby, A. Nuku,
S. Simpson(Coach)
- Front Row. C. Patten, A. Franks,
G. Bourke(V. Captain),
S. McGregor(Captain),
E. Young, A. Butterworth,
B. Keegan.
- Absent. A. Eveleigh, J. Matuku.

Mark Hughes brought some organisation to the back line when he had recovered from his shoulder injury. Owen Harvey was always reliable at 2nd five and James Matuku showed his versatility throughout the season.

In the end a season that could have been, especially after

a shared championship with NPBHS, because a playing date could not be agreed on.

A big thank you to Scott McGregor for his leadership throughout the season and also to Colin Webby, the manager, who gave a lot of his time to the team.

TEAM NAME:	3rd XV
TEAM COACH:	Craig Thomas
TEAM MANAGER:	
CAPTAIN:	Tim Carrington
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	James Tamarapa
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	
BEST TACKLER:	
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Daniel Stark
FAIR PLAY:	Daniel Stark Craig Drought Liam McGarvey Mark Hussey

The 3rd XV were in a very even competition this season. But the commitment and effort was lacking in some parts of the season.

Weak tackling was a difficulty all season but they performed well on several occasions.

The team went well with the amount of ball it had and at times showed glimpses of brilliance and with more commitment could have taken out the competition.



Third XV

- Back Row. T. Way, S. Conaglen,
A. Gordge, N. Tretheway,
J. Tamarapa, T. Lawn
- Middle Row. S. Gregory-Hunt,
M. Riddock, L. McGarvey,
A. Rogers, C. Dent,
C. Drought, D. Parr
- Front Row. J. Leicester, D. Stark,
J. Couper, T. Carrington,
G. Wackrow, J. Stevens,
M. Hussey.
- Absent. J. Barrett,
Mr Thomas(Coach).



TEAM NAME:
TEAM COACH:
TEAM MANAGER:
CAPTAIN:
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:
BEST TACKLER:
BEST TEAM PLAYER:
FAIR PLAY:

FDMC 4th XV
 Martin Dravitzki

 Sam Mullin
 Gareth Farmer
 Peter Sherman
 Brad McIver
 Kerry Connolly
 Mark Bridge
 Hamish McDonald
 Josh Hullah
 Louis Swannell

This year's 4th XV had one thing in common. Everybody wanted to play rugby and enjoy themselves. We still hold the Top Dog Shield and finished the season by beating Inglewood High School 2nd XV for the first time this season to win the B2 Championship.

A big thanks to Mr Dravitzki who took practices and to Mr Whyte and Mr McLean who organised the team when Mr Dravitzki had other team commitments. Also to the parents who supported us on the sidelines and helped with transport.

Fourth XV

Back Row. T. Rima, J. Hullah, C. Gall, P. Sherman, M. Bridger, B. Hayward, B. McIver
 Middle Row. M. Dravitzki (Coach), G. Light, K. Connolly, P. Wano, Z. Dozell, M. Kettle, D. Carmichael, M. McDavitt
 Front Row. L. Swannell, G. Farmer, D. Brophy, S. Mullin (Captain), G. Luttrell, S. Young, B. Laing.
 Absent. S. Stonnell, H. McDonald, G. Dettling, J. Blundell.



TEAM NAME:
TEAM COACH:
TEAM MANAGER:
CAPTAIN:
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:
BEST TACKLER:
BEST TEAM PLAYER:
FAIR PLAY:

C Gold
 B. Koch
 Mr Cleary
 Zane Lockett
 Dane Fahey
 Hans Kalders
 Zane Lockett
 Benet Carroll
 Daryl Seator
 Adrian Cleary

From our very first training run we knew that there was only going to be one game that really mattered this season, one game that was going to either make or break our year. Too many of the team were beaten finalists last year and we all understood the significance of the final game against Boys' High Gold.

Both teams were clearly superior to all others in our competition winning these games easily. The two games against each other were obvious highlights, extremely close

fought matches resulting in a win apiece. We certainly played extremely well through out the season but I believe when the team ran out onto the Gully to play the Final they lifted their performance a step further and played an uncompromising and dominating game of rugby to win surprisingly easily 28 - 0.

As a coach I would like to congratulate the boys firstly for the energy they brought to each training and the commitment they gave to the team and to each other to ensure they finished this season successfully.



Back Row. A. Hemara, M. Henderson, A. Kowalewski, D. Seator, B. Carroll, K. Bourke, S. Brown
 Middle Row. H. Volzke, A. Cleary, J. Hill, W. Barnes, D. Fahey, H. Kalders
 Front Row. M. Secker, K. Orchard, D. Kearvell, Z. Lockett, L. Foster, D. Waite, B. Peoples Absent. G. West



It was a talented team and I have no doubts that each player involved has the ability to be a real asset to the College in the future.

The front row of Hayden Volzke, Matthew Secker and hooker Kieran Bourke was extremely solid in every aspect of the game and always provided the power when it was needed. Locks Daryl Seator, Steven Brown and Adrian Cleary dominated all lineouts and were tireless and relentless in every tight confrontation. The loose forwards Jonathon Hill, David Kearvell, Anten Kowalewski and utility Bodan Peoples gave us a clear advantage in the loose, tackling and running with the ball with real passion. Benet Carroll at halfback was energetic and a great team moti-

vator, while Lee Foster provided more than adequate back up in this position. Our first-five-eight and captain Zane Lockett was an astute tactician and a devastating tackler. The midfield of Aparangi Hemara, George West and Hans Kalders were an iron wall when defending and hard running and skillful on attack. The wingers Martyn Henderson, David Waite and William Barnes could always be relied on to finish off attacks with dash and pace. Kieran Orchard was a dependable fullback who relished the opportunity to join the backline. Fullback/ winger Dane Fahey had an exceptional year being our star points scorer with a grand total of 233 points for the year.

TEAM NAME:	C Grade Red
TEAM COACH:	Tony Gray
TEAM MANAGER:	
CAPTAIN:	Zair Parkes
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Chris Fife
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Robert Hamilton
BEST TACKLER:	Courtney Smith
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Zair Parkes
FAIR PLAY:	Daniel Butler Carl Carmichael Troy Peters

The boys played well all season. We got beaten a few times but we always played fairly and competitively and we played with a lot of team spirit and pride in the college. We stepped up a level when it counted but we just weren't able to finish off Boys' High to get into the final. Never mind, there's always next year. Well done boys and thanks for a great season.



C Red

Back Row.	N. Johns, N. Watson, K. Cowie, A. Meek, D. Butler, B. Muggerridge
Middle Row.	S. Petersen, N. O'Dea, I. Cook, C. Fife, C. Carmichael, D. McDonald, Mr. T. Gray(Coach)
Front Row.	S. Armitage, T. Peters, C. Smith(V. Captain), Z. Parkes(Captain), S. Capper, R. Hamilton, R. Keegan.
Absent.	J. Madden, M. Conaglen.

TEAM NAME:	D Grade Blue
TEAM COACH:	Darrel McCracken
ASSISTANT COACH:	Brendan Hart and Patrick Stevenson
CAPTAIN:	Laine Cameron
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Scott Logan Samuel Schumacher
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Campbell Begg
BEST TACKLER:	James Stringer
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Martin Barrett
FAIR PLAY:	Chris Duke Thomas Dunlop Glen Johnson, Jason Clout, Nicholas Rowland Jacob Ladd James Prestney Adam Prestney

D Blue's year began with two inexperienced, one old hand and 17 smart, witty and quick tongued players. Our first three games were losses and as coaches had to dig deep to find a solution to our defeats. After a few late practices and by laying down the law we finally gained the respect we needed. Our team was now hard working rugby machines. The next few games produced some magical rugby with stars such as Sam (Horse) Schumacher galloping off for numerous tries. With the team's achievements we qualified first and were playing our arch rivals, Waitara, in the semi finals. The boys played hard and with their hearts but in the end we lacked the 'go forward' in our game that was essential to win. Our achievements were extended and developed by our top players Laine Cameron (captain), James Stringer, Scott Logan, Jessie Dolman and Kieran Lawn. We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude towards the families of the team for their support and Mr McCracken for giving his time and showing us how a team should be coached.



D Blue

Back Row. G. Johnson,
J. Prestney, J. Stringer,
S. Schumacher,
B. Hart(Coach)
Middle Row.
Mr. D. McCracken,
M. Barrett, C. Begg,
J. Dolman, L. Herlihy, J.
Clout,
B. Dunlop,
P. Stevenson(Coach)
Front Row. S. Logan,
N. Rowland, A. Prestney,
L. Cameron, J. Ladd,
D. Smith, T. Dunlop.

TEAM NAME:	D Gold
TEAM COACH:	Br Peter
TEAM MANAGER:	
CAPTAIN:	James McSeveny
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Shaan Gopperth
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Peter Schicker
	Reece Hannam
BEST TACKLER:	Nick O'Sullivan
	Daniel Muller
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Daniel Jackson
MOST COURAGEOUS:	Jean-Pierre Le Prou
	Nitaan Glentworth
MOST DETERMINED:	Nigel Drought
	Caley McCracken
MOST VERSATILE:	Daniel Bolstad
	Ben Gibson
MOST ELECTRIFYING:	Joachim Quest
FAIR PLAY:	Justin McCracken
	Alistair Gall
	Nathan Cleaver
	Jonathon Milne

The year did not start off well with trials close to the start of the season. We totalled three trials in all with a squad of 21 being selected at the end by Br Peter. We went into the grading games under the guidance of our coach and we came out with five wins from five games.

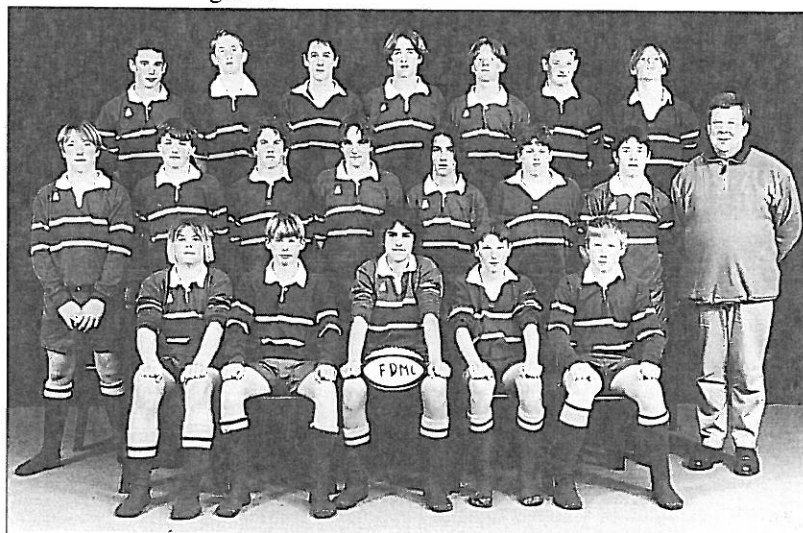
Br Peter kept us focused throughout the season and during the training sessions, which brought the team together and formed a great team spirit within the squad. Throughout the season we truly played as a team, showing great commitment and devotion to our rugby. Under the great coaching of Br Peter, the D Golds managed to go right through the season without a loss.

Facing Boys' High in the Grand Final, we knew we were up against a great team. When the whistle went, Francis Douglas hit 6th gear with four tries being scored in the first half by Shaan Gopperth, Ben Gibson, Joe Quest and Dan Muller. With a great Captain boot, James McSeveny converted all tries as well as kicking a penalty late in the second half to lead the D Gold team to victory.

The D Gold's top try scorers were Peter Schicker and Shaan Gopperth. The top goal kicker was James McSeveny who landed many of his kicks. Throughout the year the team scored 965 points which included 165 tries. We only conceded 27 points (4 tries), a great team effort. The team spirit through the year grew game by game.

D Gold

Back Row.	P. Schicker, J. Milne, R. Hannam, D. Bolstad, J. Quest, N. Drought, D. Jackson
Middle Row.	B. Gibson, J. McCracken, D. Muller, C. McCracken, N. Glentworth, S. Gopperth, N. O'Sullivan, Br. Peter
Front Row.	N. Cleaver, D. Barlow, J. McSeveny, J.P. Le Prou, A. Gall.





TEAM NAME: D Grade White
TEAM COACH: Alastair Kalin
TEAM MANAGER: Mr Maindonald
 Mr Stevenson
CAPTAIN: Daniel Collins
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Tony Maindonald
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Shane Stevenson
BEST TACKLER: Logan Vickers
 Heath Kemp
BEST TEAM PLAYER: Sam Sloan
FAIR PLAY: Cameron Walsh
 Mark Addison
 Paul Quinn

The 1999 rugby season for D White was exciting and inspirational throughout the season. Mid season saw the team hitting its straps with close losses and promising signs to what was to come.

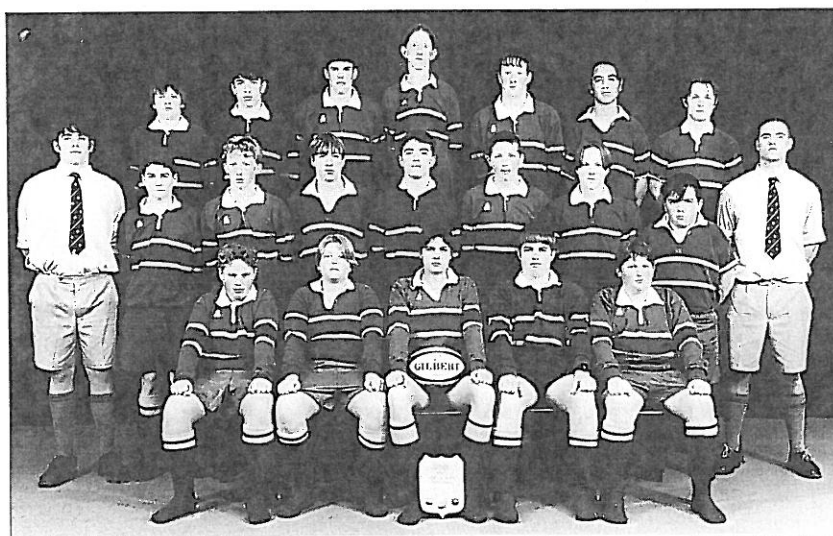
The highlight of the season had to be against FDMC Blue, which produced an outstanding game of committed, spirited football. The forwards dominated play from tight

heads to opposition line out ball. The backs had their best game of the season that was due to the go-forward ball produced by the best forwards in the competition, to lead 5 to 0 at half time. As the game progressed replacements were made, as I did in every game, and only an outstanding last ten minutes of defence meant we came out with a 10 all draw.

The confidence and spirit of the team helped it to its first win of the season, 27 to 22, over Boys' High. Even Sweeter! Unfortunately these statistics were not enough to carry the team through to the semis.

Thank you to the team members and also to parents for their support. Special thanks to Mr Stevenson and Mr Maindonald for their help and also Ruka Te Moana and Owen Harvey with assistance throughout the season.

Your 1999 Coach
 Alastair Kalin



D White

Back Row. P. Luond, C. Walsh, S. Sloan, R. Brown, K. Greenhill, J. Waaka, K. Callaghan
 Middle Row. A. Kalin(Coach), G. Cronin, J. Coombes, T. Maindonald, A. Bazalo, M. Addison, H. Kemp, N.Nelson, O. Harvey(Asst-Coach)
 Front Row. S. Stevenson, J. Dimock, D. Collins, S. Richardson, P.Quin.

TEAM NAME: D 2 Red
TEAM COACH: Mark Walsh
TEAM MANAGER:
CAPTAIN: Ben Whittington
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Dion Howells, Alister Viles
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Russell Clarke
BEST TACKLER: Simon Gilmour
BEST TEAM PLAYER: Graham Charteris
FAIR PLAY: Ben Whittington
 Dean Gibbons
 Aaron Blundell
 James George
 Zahn Thompson
 Adam Thorburn

After winning their first two grading games the D Reds found themselves in the top D grade division. Our team, under the leadership of Ben Whittington and Dion Howells performed with merit considering some key players were exchanged to help bolster the remaining two D Grade teams.

Wins against Inglewood and Stratford and some narrow losses to both teams in the return matches, along with two unlucky losses to Hawera meant we were to miss the play offs by one point.

My thanks go to all the parents who supported this team, sometimes through trying conditions. Special thanks to all my rugby squad who showed a good team spirit and never gave up against some of the stronger opposition. I would like to especially thank the players who turned up for every game and practice. Without your support our team would not have enjoyed the success that we did.

In closing enjoy the break, keep up the fitness and look forward to seeing you next year.

Mark Walsh
 Coach



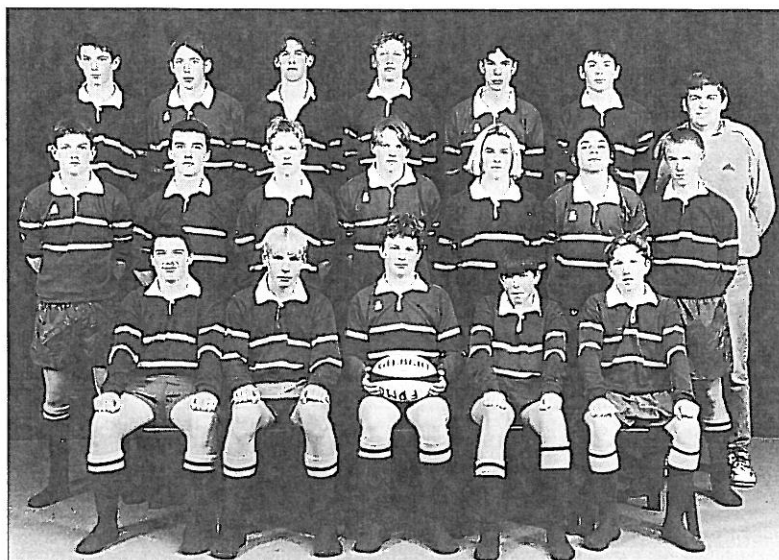
D2 Red

Back Row. J. George, C. Hawkins,
D. Gibbins, B. Guthrie,
A. Viles, G. Billing,
Mr. M. Walsh (coach)

Middle Row. Z. Thompson, G. Charteris,
S. Gilmour, S. Zieltjes,
A. Blundell, G. Lockley,
C. Blake

Front Row. A. Thorburn, D. Howells
(V. Captain),
B. Whittington, (Captain),
R. Clarke, J. Bernet.

Absent. M. Stewart, D. Knowles.



TEAM NAME: E Blue

TEAM COACH: Lauren O'Reilly
Paul Freeman

TEAM MANAGER: Mel Snook

CAPTAIN: Jeremy Freeman

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Ryan Fleming
Barry McLernon

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Danny Brown

BEST TACKLER: Matthew Webling

BEST TEAM PLAYER: Sam Barrett

FAIR PLAY: Kane O'Keefe
Paul Hooper
Seth Coleman
Steven Cartwright
Philip Yarrow

Good skills! This is what took the FDMC E-grade Blue rugby team through to become the 1999 Champions.

We started off the season with four good wins, having only one try scored against us. We had a narrow loss to Hawera but carried on with five more wins in a row. Unfortunately a four week break and injuries to some key players meant that we suffered two more losses but stayed at the top of the table.

With a fully fit team we met Stratford in the finals. It was a battle but we came out triumphant, winning 32 - 10, with the captain "Freeman" scoring three tries.

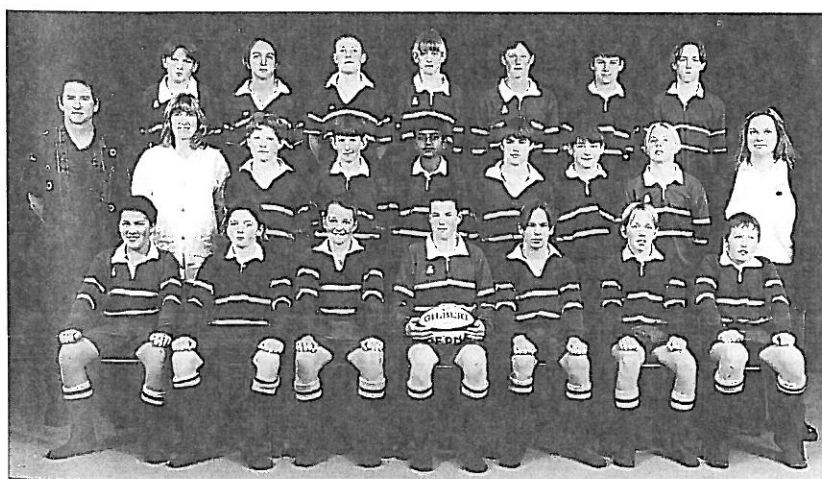
Our front row club was Paul "Hardman" Hooper, Gareth "Firey" Maulder, Seth "The Bulldozer" Coleman and Sam "The Man" Barrett.

Other tough guys in the forward pack were Blair Jones, Cameron Muggeridge, Matty Webling, Philip Yarrow, Barry McLernon.

The back line was a tough-tackling, hard running combination of Danny Brown, Ryan Fleming, Mark Seator, Steven Cartwright, Kane O'Keefe, Jeremy Freeman (captain), Adam Radich, Yeshan Ekanayake, Richard Barlow and Michael Fahy.

Special mention to the E-grade Blue originals who changed to E-Gold after the first round - Stuart Barnes, Chris Webby, Patrick Barrett and Nathan Richardson.

A big thanks to parents and supporters who were there on the sideline week after week.





TEAM NAME:	FDMC E Red
TEAM COACH:	Ross MacNicol
TEAM MANAGER:	
CAPTAIN:	Jordan Mullin
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	David Campbell Rick Smith
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Craig Mason Jeremy Hitchcock
BEST TACKLER:	Oliver McDonald
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Paul Williams
FAIR PLAY:	Daniel Cawley Geoff Hart

A good season that improved significantly when the squad was reduced from 26 to 19 players. The E Reds ended up coming third in the competition.

Highlights included plenty of tries scored by our speedsters Rick Smith, Bas Bolyn and David Campbell. Rapidly improving forwards led by example by Jordan Mullin, Jeremy Hitchcock and Tim Neeson. We defeated the two Boys High teams every time we played them, found Hawera a tough team and turned the tables on FDMC E Blue the third time we played them. Paul Williams was a

valuable kicker getting us ahead with well taken conversions. He and Joseph Radich proved to be among the top half in the grade. Craig Mason cemented the first five slot with play that improved each week. Daniel Cawley, Geoff Hart and Joal Wheeler proved to be effective and solid props, typifying the steady improvement of our forwards. Toby Jackson and Marc Jackson formed the locking duo and were mobile and fast doing much defensive tackling. Tim Neeson, Daniel Graham and Jordan Mullin were very effective loose forwards who helped us shut down opposing backlines and gain ball for our fast backs. Jeremy Hitchcock was a game reading number 8 who covered a lot of ground. Nick Carey at hooker had a big responsibility in line outs, an area we ended up dominating. Pim Bolyn and Adam Walsh were pacey and elusive wingers both bagging a few tries. Paul Gibbins was a hard running second 5. Oliver McDonald was superb at full

back pulling off try saving tackles and flying into the backline.

Final Record:

Won 9 Lost 5 Draw 1 3rd in competition



E Red

Back Row.	A. Walsh, T. Neeson, J. Hitchcock, R. MacNicol(Coach)
Middle Row.	N. Carey, B. Bolyn, J. Wheeler, P. Bolyn, C. Mason, J. Radich
Front Row.	P. Williams, D. Cawley, J. Mullin(Captain), D. Graham, O. McDonald.
Absent.	D. Campbell, R. Smith, P. Gibbins, T. Jackson, M. Jackson, G. Hart.

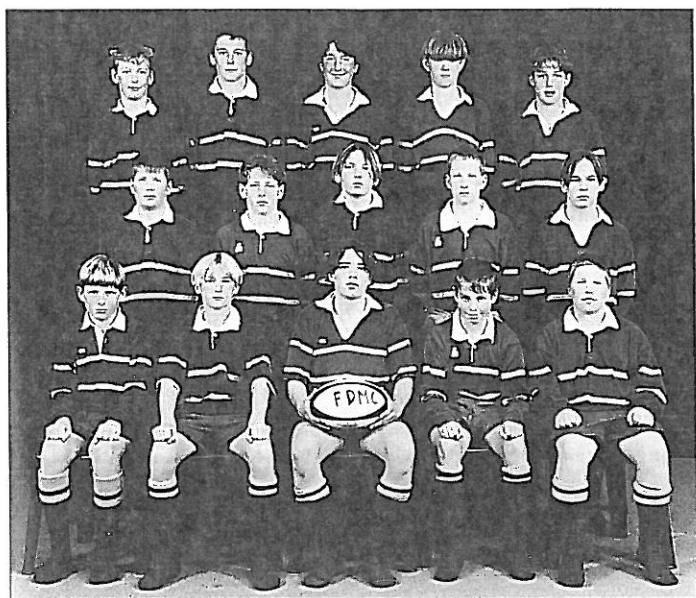
TEAM NAME:	FDMC E Gold
TEAM COACH:	Ross A Barnes
TEAM MANAGER:	Trevor Murray Snr
CAPTAIN:	Lindsay Keegan
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Owen Clark
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Richard Buttimore
BEST TACKLER:	Lindsay Keegan
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Daniel King
FAIR PLAY:	Stuart Barnes Nathan Richardson, Michael Johnstone Robert Rawles

With the extra team put together after the season had started and to give all the boys more playing time it was a pleasure to coach this team.

They performed very well under difficult circumstances and it was a credit to them. They played and developed into a very good side with some outstanding performances. They never gave in and should be very proud of the way they represented the College on and off the field.

Special thanks also goes to the parents who supported the boys and myself.

Thank you
Ross Barnes
Coach



E Gold

Back Row. N. Dey, A. Churches, K. Lawn,
L. Ewing, R. Buttimore,
Middle Row. K. Murray, R. Honeyfield, A. Belton,
J. Quinn, S. Barnes
Front Row. R. Rawles, D. King, L. Keegan,
O. Clarke, C. Webby.

TEAM NAME: FDMC 9 Grade
TEAM COACH: Thomas Taepa
TEAM MANAGER: Des Manning
CAPTAIN: Shared responsibility
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Abe Schumacher
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Willy Mercer
BEST TACKLER: Andrew Wharehoka
BEST TEAM PLAYER: Keith Preston
FAIR PLAY: Ben Roberts
Tony Stewart
Kurt Sole
Grant Maclean

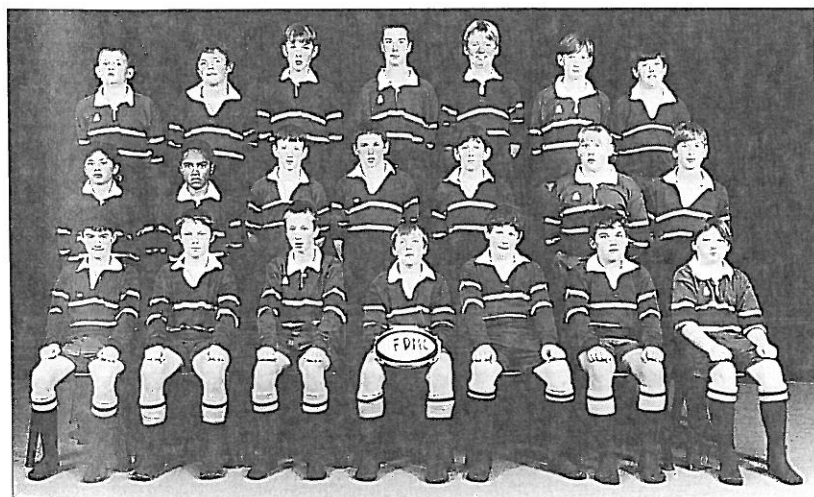
The success of any team is the improvement of its individual players. As each player grows in confidence the game starts to open up and becomes a lot more exciting to watch. The players abilities individually showed vast improvement over the rugby season.

It is very important for team members to be present at practices. This is the time when most of the growing for rugby, as a team, is done. We had 90% attendance on the average throughout the rugby season.

The parents support at games was very good. This helps the players to grow in confidence.

My support staff of Des Manning and Shane Poutu was very helpful. Des Manning has been very resourceful over the rugby season and Shane bought along his very helpful training techniques.

We also had a surprise talk from Peter Burke (All Black and Taranaki Captain) and Taranaki centre Kerry Eynon. My thanks goes to my support staff, parents and to all players.



9TH GRADE & LINKHORN CUP TEAM

Back Row. S. Peters, A. Schumacher,
K. Preston, C. Day,
B. Ingram, J. Manning,
J. McCormack
Middle Row. S. Taepa, A. Wharehoka,
J. Clark, A. Kale,
C. Reidy, S. Lee, J. Slaats
Front Row. B. Roberts, P. Donaldson,
K. Sole, T. Stewart,
W. Mercer, G. Maclean,
R. Dobson.
Absent. J. Manning.
Mr. Manning. (Coach)

RUGBY





TEAM NAME:	Linkhorn Cup Team
TEAM COACH:	Des Manning
TEAM MANAGER:	Joseph Manning
CAPTAIN:	Tony Stewart
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Abe Schumacher
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Ben Ingram
BEST TACKLER:	Andrew Kale
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Robert Dobson
FAIR PLAY:	Shane Taepa

The Linkhorn Cup team of 1999 was coached by Des Manning. The team was made of the majority of the 9th Grade team who were under the 60 kg weight restriction plus several other Year 8 students.

They had exciting wins against Inglewood and Okato and won by default against Patea. However they had difficulty combating the hard driving forward play displayed by Puketapu and the good team performance by Stratford. Overall the team finished 3rd on 12 points behind Stratford and Puketapu.

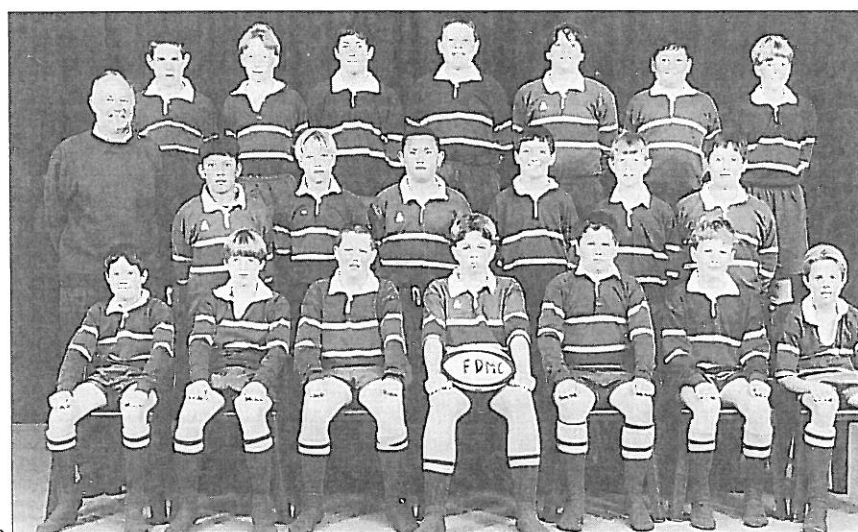
The boys had an excellent attitude and displayed a very good team spirit both on and off the field. They all took their turn allowing the whole squad to have equal opportunity on the field.

From this team many of the boys will take their developing skills into the future of FDMC Rugby. Congratulations to all.

TEAM NAME:	10th Grade
TEAM COACH:	Mr Peter Siffleet
TEAM MANAGER:	Mr Peter Costello
CAPTAIN:	Campbell Fleming
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Ben Siffleet
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Joe Bradley
BEST TACKLER:	Campbell Fleming
BEST TEAM PLAYER:	Alekana Feaunati
FAIR PLAY:	Tony Radich, Griffin Hunt, Reuben Costello Daniel Nganeko

1999 was an exciting season for this team and if there was a competition for the team with the most bonus points for near losses this team would win hands down. The team won four games and lost ten, but of those ten, seven were within one converted try. At the end of the season points against were only 14 more than points for. It was an enterprising team that never gave up. Often opposition teams would get a good lead only for our team to battle right back and create thrilling finishes. Three games ended with only a single point being the difference. The strengths of the team were the hard running, dogged determination and fierce tackling. The main focus to improve on next year will be tackling low and driving over the ball.

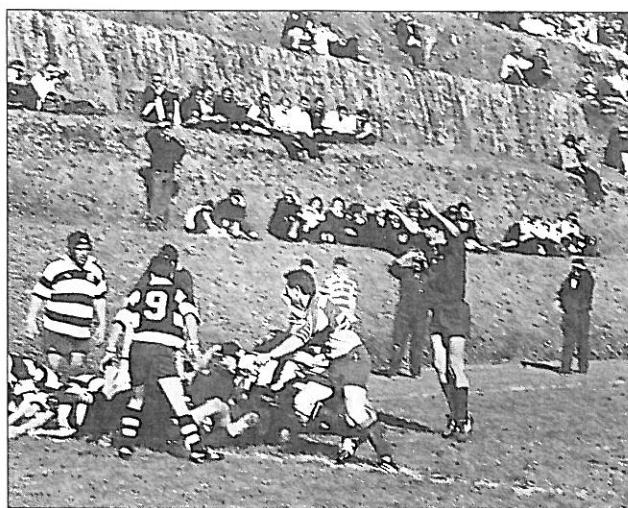
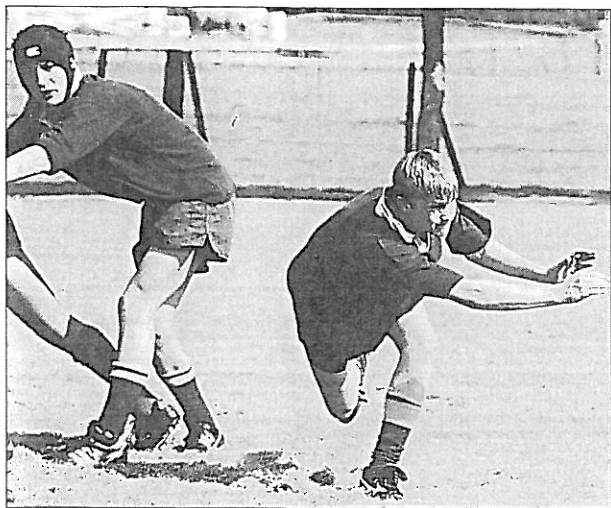
Many thanks to Mr Peter Siffleet for his generosity in coaching the team after school and to Mr Costello. The team spirit was enhanced by the wonderful support of parents and family who constantly turned up for the games on Saturday mornings and also provided transport for our away games.



10th Grade

Back Row.	B. Siffleet, J. Hawton, M. Warner, J. Bradley, D. Joines, M. Nganeko, G. Hunt
Middle Row.	Mr. P. Costello (Co-Coach), P. Koha, D. Maindonald, A. Feaunati, C. Conaglen, T. Radich, D. Nganeko
Front Row.	B. Dolan, K. Sorensen, R. Costello, C. Fleming, C. Nganeko, J. Drummond, L. Callaghan.
Absent.	Mr. P. Siffleet (Co-Coach), T. Leuenberger, J. Coleman.

RUGBY





SMOKEFREE CARDINALS BASKETBALL

With 1999 came a new identity and name to the College's basketball programme but with the same philosophy - T.E.A.M.

During the 'off' season the search for an identity and name with a logo was conducted.

Keeping in mind what the College represented, searching through magazines and brain racking, and annoying several prominent persons the identity was concluded.

CARDINALS : identifying with the Catholic religion
school colours - cardinals being red
a small but extremely energetic, active
bird with the prominent colouring being red
used in High School in America with
similar principles to us.

The next step was a design and who better than our famous art department to handle this. It just so happened that a very prominent player was also an excellent artist, Tane Morgan. After many hours spent through his January holiday break, Tane produced the logos, one for our warm up tops and one for our dress shirts, gear bags and eventually everything. Consulting with Mr Hill, the art work for screen printing was painstakingly drafted and finalised. This was not to be our final identity. Thanks to Mrs Simpson, basketball was offered further opportunity to add an important identity and cause, 'SMOKEFREE'.

The senior players felt this would enhance the message to all ages about the effects, long term and short term smoking has. A year by year sponsorship arrangement with Taranaki Healthcare was finalised providing basketball with our complete identity - FDMC SMOKEFREE CARDINALS BASKETBALL.

The College was well represented with 19 teams proudly competing in the school colours in competitions ranging from Men's Premier Grade to the Year 7 Grade.

Our very young senior teams performed well above expectations in the men's competitions and our junior teams captured three out of five championships available in the junior grade competitions, Year 7 - Open Grade (U'18/20).

Our players were also involved in various representative teams, 16 players in the three teams available.

We also had numerous boys attend the New Zealand Koru (Development) trials. The New Zealand Koru is the developing programme of junior players for future New Zealand age group representative teams. From these trials Ben Ingram was selected in the Koru U'14 team.

Throughout the season all players developed to and above the expectations within their respective grades as outlined in the team summaries.

SMOKEFREE CARDINALS 'A'

With the core of last year's seniors departing, the 1999 season was to be one of development, especially with the major structure of the team comprising of Year 10 students.

Again we used the three step format for our goal achieving with the ultimate being a place at the Secondary Schools Nationals.

The first pre season run was at a mini tournament in Hamilton, which pointed out to us just how much work was necessary for the team to achieve success, especially against the taller teams, which occurred more often than not during the season.

Then onto Western Heights, a tournament which we participate in each year as a pre season guide. With mixed results the team began building for the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships. This tournament is used to find the two teams that would represent our region at the New Zealand National Secondary Championships.

Winning our section we then met Waitara High School in the semifinals. Although the win / loss record was in our favour prior to the semifinal they were just a little more hungry and we bowed out by 9 points. (I forgot to change the glad wrap on the hoop at half time.)

From that point until the end of the regular season, motivation to get 'up' on game night dwindled. Although the players remained committed, the fire in the belly was allowed to slowly suffocate. Throughout the season however, I, as coach, was to be part of a programme that never said "Never".

I extend my gratitude to the seniors who put in everything possible at any given time, especially those times that were the toughest. My expressive congratulations to the Rookies who had to lay their own foundations and set pathways unfamiliar, resulting in the occasional crossed paths. Thank you to Pete Siffleet and company for their ever faithful support and ever present useful opinion throughout the season. The behind the scenes work was exceptional and always at the pulse of requirements.

As the millennium rapidly approaches I eagerly await the new season and especially the seasons thereafter with the exciting young talent developing.

Remember as each new season approaches:
**PATIENCE WITH PERFECT PRACTICE PROMOTES
CONFIDENCE AND CONSISTENCY.**

2000 and beyond
Andy Cowie
Coach

SMOKEFREE CARDINALS SENIOR 'A' AWARDS 1999

CAPTAIN:	Oliver Kirk
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Bryan Dobson
	Oliver Kirk
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Scott Siffleet
	Jermey Webling
	Stephsen Dobson
FAIR PLAY:	Brent Hayward
	Nicholas Shepherd
	Ben Schumacher
	Hayden Nganeke
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER:	Bryan Dobson



Back Row. N. Shepherd, H. Nganeke, B. Hayward, S. Siffleet, Mr. A. Cowie(Coach)
Front Row B. Dobson, J. Webling, O. Kirk(Captain), S. Dobson, B. Schumacher.
Absent. P. Siffleet(Manager)

SMOKEFREE CARDINALS 'B'

SMOKEFREE CARDINALS SENIOR 'B' AWARDS

CAPTAIN:	Tane Morgan
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Jonathon Milne
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Matthew Webling
	Toby Shanley
	Paul Tuuta
	Hamish Irving
FAIR PLAY:	Miles Benton
	Hans Kalders
	Campbell Begg

SMOKEFREE CARDINALS SENIOR 'B' DISTINGUISHED AWARDS 1999

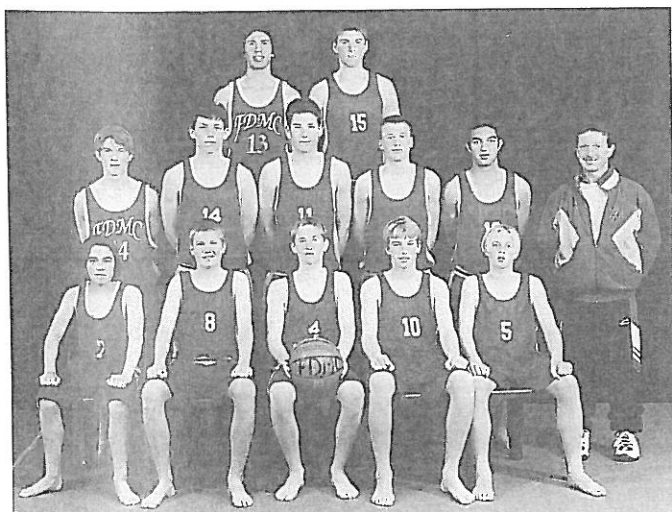
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Jonathon Milne
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Paul Tuuta
	Hamish Irving

Following on from the successful idea of blooding our juniors early against tougher and more experienced players the 1999 Senior 'B' Squad again consisted of Year 10

students. This year I decided to keep with solely junior students plus a senior student, Tane Morgan. The transition from junior to senior basketball competition (boys - men) took longer as the player didn't have someone to assist with combatting the more mature player. But saying this, they never gave up and by the end of the season were mixing it up freely against those more experienced. This proved fruitful with successful finishes at their two major tournaments, 2nd in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Basketball and 3rd at the New Zealand Central Region Secondary Schools Junior Basketball. The team also had another success at the Wanganui Invitation tournament for U'16 school teams placing 2nd to Church College.

From this team five players, Jonathon Milne, Hamish Irving, Paul Tuuta, Toby Shanley and Campbell Begg made selection into the Taranaki Region U'16 team that competed in the New Zealand National U'16 Tournament (placing a commendable 6th out of 12).

Congratulations to all the team members who put in 100% at practices and gave their all at game time. There is excitement in what the future can bring with the talent and extremely high work ethic produced during 1999. Thank you to the support crew, assisting always with generosity in all facets required in today's sport.



Back Row. P. Tuuta, H. Irving
Middle Row. S. Schumacher, M. Benton, T. Shanley, J. Stringer, H. Kalders, Mr. Cowie(Coach)
Front Row. T. Morgan, M. Carnachan, J. Milne(Captain), C. Begg, M. Webling
Absent. Mr. Brookes(Coach).

BASKETBALL





YEAR 10 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

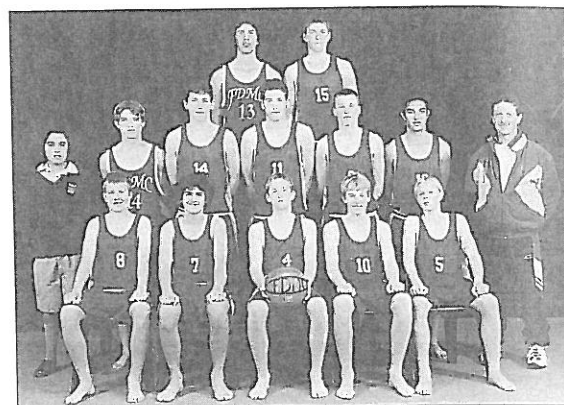
YEAR 10 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM AWARDS 1999

CAPTAIN:	Jonathon Milne
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Paul Tuuta Hamish Irving Hans Kalders
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Matthew Webling Toby Shanley
FAIR PLAY:	James Stringer Gareth Elliot James McSeveny

The team consisted of the Senior 'B' squad with Gareth Elliot and James McSeveny taking Tane Morgan (Yr 11) and Matthew Carnachan's (absent from Central Zone tournament only) places.

The team had a very successful season with placings of 2nd at the Wanganui Invitation Tournament, 2nd at Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Championships and 3rd at New Zealand Central Zone Junior Championships.

Playing together for an entire season enabled the team to get in the understandings of 'on court' and 'off court' requirements. Every member worked to their potential and exhibited excellent progress at individual and team skills.



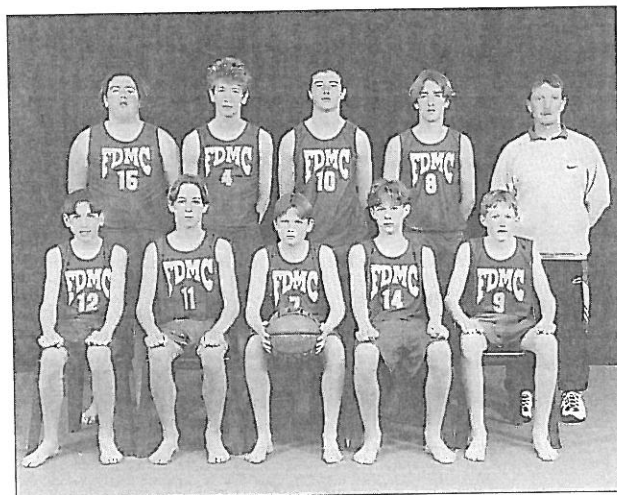
Back Row. P. Tuuta, H. Irving
Middle Row. T. Morgan(Manager), S. Schumacher, M. Benton, T. Shanley, J. Stringer, H. Kalders, Mr. Cowie(Coach)
Front Row. M. Carnachan, J. McSeveny, J. Milne(Captain), C. Begg, M. Webling.

Congratulations to all players for an excellent season. I eagerly await the pre season for 2000.

SMALL STEPS LEAD TO ACCESSIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS".

Thank you to all supporters as without your presence and roles you took on the team would not have been able to achieve the successes experienced.

YEAR 9 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM



Back Row. M. Conaglen, L. Vickers, T. Prestney, D. Bolstad, Mr. A. Cowie(Coach)
Front Row. T. Hills, R. Fleming, S. Barrett, P. Gibbins, A. Waite.
Absent. Mr. B. Warren(Coach)P. Cunningham, R. Smith, J. Ashley.

YEAR 9 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM AWARDS 1999

CAPTAIN:	Sam Barrett
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:	Daniel Bolstad Ryan Fleming
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:	Thomas Hills
FAIR PLAY:	Paul Gibbins

Under the guidance of Mr Bill Warren the hopefuls were put through a number of trial/musters to select the players who would endeavour to work with commitment throughout the season. The eleven picked then proceeded to work hard at learning about basketball. Playing as a team in the U' 16 'B' competition also contributed to their learning. Results were far above expectations with the most impressive being placed 13th at the Central Zone Secondary Schools 3rd and 4th Form Tournament.

With the sound progressive achievements by all players the future of Cardinals basketball is in excellent hands.

To all the support staff, especially the fundraising committee, I extend my expressive thanks for the commitment given towards all aspects of sport throughout the season. A special mention of thanks to Paul Cunningham who unselfishly continued to fundraise for the team even though he had prior Representative Soccer commitments and couldn't attend the Central Zone tournament.

Remember : Total Team Commitment, Cohesion and Communication will always provide for better achievement possibilities.

JUNIOR AGE GROUP BASKETBALL

Another successful season for basketball as from the five possible division championships available, Year 7, Year 8, U' 16 'B', U' 16 'A', and Open Grade, we collected three and came runners up in two.

There was also excellent representation from players in the New Plymouth and Taranaki Age Group representative teams. This was a result from the excellent, consistent coaching by all of the involved coaches for our junior teams.

To follow are the team summaries and awards accredited.

OPEN GRADE: This Grade was formed by combining the U' 18 and U' 20 grades to provide for a larger competition. We had two teams involved completely made up of players competing in the social aspect of the competition.

With other schools entering teams made up of their top grade players our teams competed with true College pride, securing a place in the semi finals. Teams are:

FDMC HOOPERS AWARDS 1999 (semi finalists)

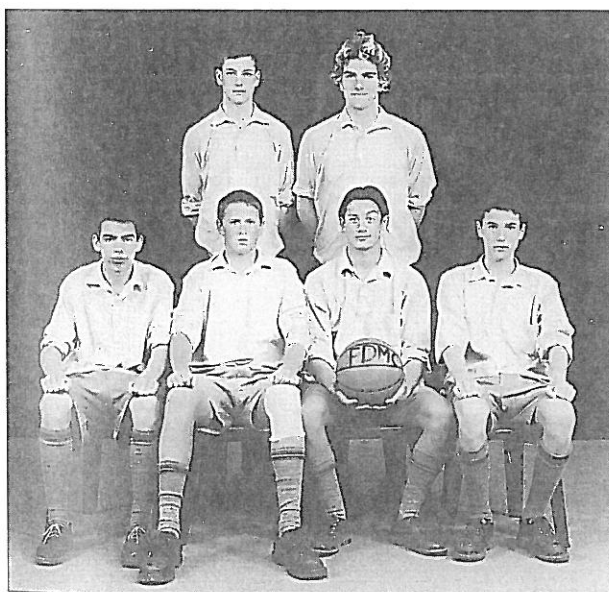
CAPTAIN: Aparangi Hemara
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jade Vickers
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Clinton Parkes
 Clayton Watkins
FAIR PLAY: Mark Bridger
 Lewis Christensen

FDMC DREAMERS AWARDS 1999

CAPTAIN: Mark D'Ath
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Mark D'Ath
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Gareth Long
 Robert Angell
FAIR PLAY: Jaxon Kirby



Back Row. L. Mustchin, G. Long, M. Sarten.
 Front Row. R. Angell, A. Lee, M. D'Ath (Capt)
 J. Kirby.
 Absent. H. Clemens (Exchange Student)



U' 16 'A' GRADE: Of the eight teams entered into the U' 16 Grade we had 3 teams in the top division. Out of these teams two made the semi finals advancing to the final. Both teams had played each other during the season with the results being tied. The final was a brilliant and highly competitive game which showed, as the score was so close throughout. the eventual victor only winning by 2 points.

As we had a shortage of coaches in this Grade, special commendation is given to all members of the respective teams for their excellent exhibition of competitiveness, sportsmanship and duty responsibility throughout the season.

From these teams five players represented Taranaki in the Taranaki U' 16 Representative team at the New Zealand Nationals.

Thank you to Stars Travel and Yarrows for again assisting by generously sponsoring two sets of singlets for teams.

Teams are:

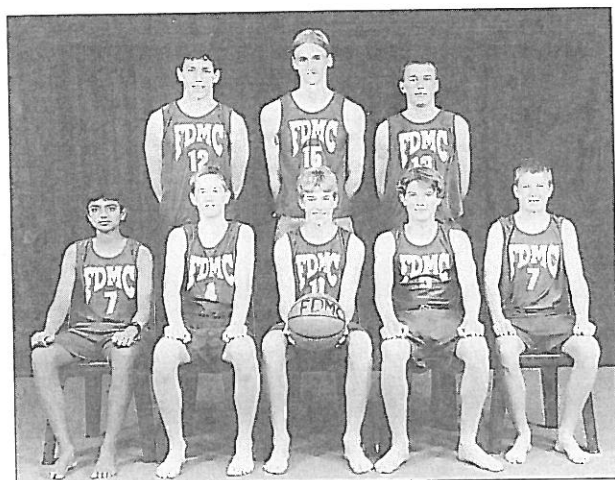
Back Row. C. Watkins, J. Vickers
 Front Row. L. Christensen, M. Bridger,
 A. Hemara(Capt), C. Parkes
 Absent. K. Merewether





FDMC STARS TRAVEL FFL'S AWARDS 1999 (Winners U' 16 'A')

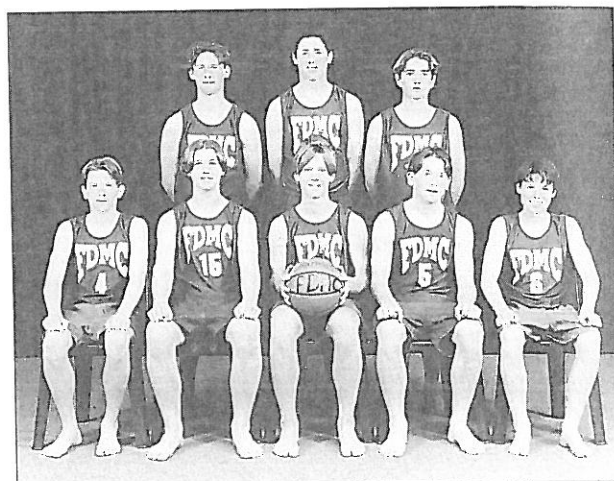
CAPTAIN: Campbell Begg
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jonathon Milne
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Toby Shanley
 James Stringer
FAIR PLAY: Yeshan Ekanayake
 Sam Schumacher
 Matthew Carnachan



Back Row. M. Benton, G. Elliot, J. Stringer
 Front Row. Y. Ekanyake, J. Milne,
 C. Begg(Captain), S. Schumacher,
 M. Carnachan.
 Absent. T. Shanley.

FDMC KORNFLAKES AWARDS 1999 (Best Sportsmanship Team)

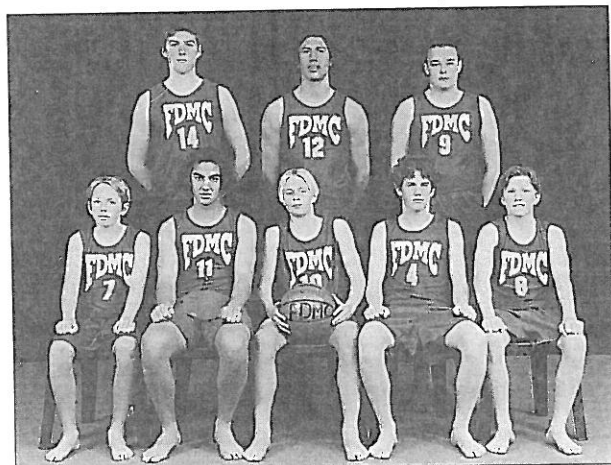
CAPTAIN: Daniel Jackson
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Dean Gibbins
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Pim Bolyn
FAIR PLAY: Robert Lee
 Thomas Kirby



Back Row. D. Gibbins, S. Crofskey,
 T. Kirby
 Front Row. P. Bolyn, B. D'Ath,
 D. Jackson(Captain), H. Silby,
 R. Lee.

FDMC YARROWS AWARDS 1999 (Runners up U' 16 'A')

CAPTAIN: Matthew Webling
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Paul Tuuta
 Hans Kalders
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Joel Bernet
FAIR PLAY: Daniel Muller
 Phillip Yarrow



Back Row. H. Irving, P. Tuuta, S. Miller
 Front Row. P. Yarrow, H. Kalders,
 M. Webling(Captain), D. Muller,
 J. Bernet.

U' 16 B GRADE COMPETITION:

There were five teams entered into this competition, two teams from Year 10 and three from Year 9, including the players from the Year 9 representative team (playing as the Lakers). Again all teams were well coached with only the Lakers having an adult coach and the others coached by senior students. Again the college was represented by these teams in all aspects of playing basketball which is a credit to the efforts by the coaches.

All teams produced excellent results and improved throughout the season with two teams qualifying for the play offs. One team winning the competition and the other finishing fourth, they were drawn against each other in the semi finals. This game (semi final) was to be the game of the play offs. The Muskrats (Year 10 boarders) were supported by a large parent group and fellow boarders along with the Lakers large entourage set the scene similar spectacle with teams trading baskets at the start until the Lakers increased the pressure and took the game.

Congratulations to all players and a huge thank you to coaches and supporters encouraging the players to achieve.



