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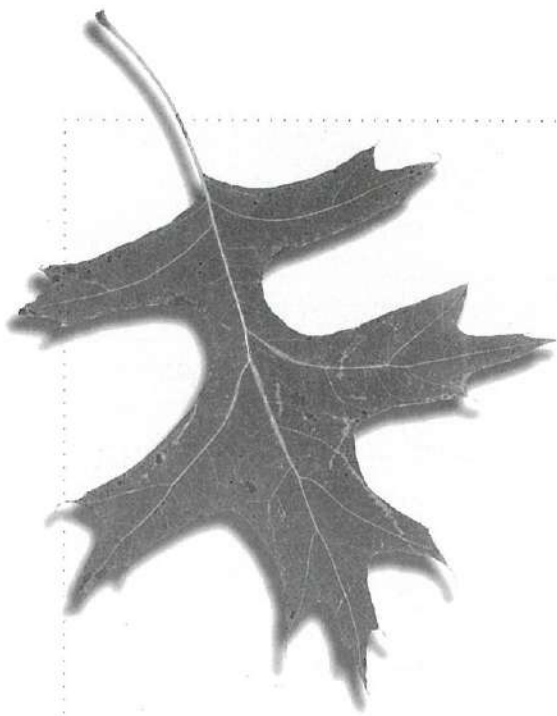
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“Schools do not shape society; they reflect it”

— Eric Anderson, in the Times Literary Supplement
25 October 1996

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Foreword

Thank you for giving me the honour of writing the Foreword for the 50th Jubilee book.

Having lived nearby, served on the High School Board for many years and had children of my own attending this school, means I have seen the school from all angles.

It has been a pleasure to see empty fields replaced by many buildings filled with fit young people and to be associated with principals and staff over the years.

What greater reward could anyone want more than the sight of healthy youngsters becoming robust young men and women, maturing in body, mind and spirit, getting ready to serve the world in general.

The school has been ably lead by a succession of principals with high values, good leadership and high academic standards.

Over the years the school roll has grown from a relatively small number of students to over 1500, before Rosehill College opened in 1970.

It has been pleasant to mix with teachers in school, or on the sports field and see the growth of young people under their tutelage. Students have been fortunate to attend Papakura High School, to acquire knowledge, form friendships and gain a basis for life in the wide world and at universities.

Congratulations principals, staff and students for this happy efficient school.

Dr Stewart Watson

August 2003

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Chapter 1



Changing Times



A new era

BETWEEN 1931 and 1945 the number of state secondary schools in New Zealand remained static at sixty-nine¹. The closest secondary schools to Papakura were Pukekohe Technical High School, built in 1921 (renamed Pukekohe High School² in 1948) and Otahuhu Technical High School constructed in 1931 (renamed Otahuhu College³ in 1947). After leaving primary school, children from Papakura and its surrounds who were clever enough, or more importantly, whose parents could afford it, went on to these two schools. However, this meant a very long day for the children, necessitating either catching a train, for those attending Otahuhu College, or travelling by bus for those going to Pukekohe High School. The country children, who came from the surrounding areas of Clevedon, Alfriston, Brookby, Ardmore, Takanini, Homai, Manurewa, Weymouth, Te Hihi, Karaka, Ponga, Opaheke, Drury, Runciman, Hunua, Waiiau Pa, Kawakawa Bay and Duders Beach left home before seven in the morning and did not get back until five or six in the evening. The other alternative was to attend boarding school, or travel daily into Auckland city.

In 1944, as a result of the "Thomas Report"⁴, sweeping changes took place in the education system, these were:

- the age for compulsory school attendance was lifted to fifteen, creating the trend towards post primary education for all
- certain core subjects were to be studied by all secondary pupils for at least two years; other subjects either academic or vocational were also to be studied concurrently as options



The Willis farm – the land on which the school was built. (Courtesy Pam Redshaw)

- provision was made for principals to 'accredit' sixth formers for University Entrance (1944)
- an upgraded School Certificate examination was introduced in 1945. This was composed of a wide range of subjects, most of them vocational, and was to be sat after three or four years at school. This examination replaced the old 'Matric' as proof of a student's level of attainment in school, and as a qualification for entry into various types of employment.

These changes, coupled with the rapid growth of Papakura district at this time, prompted the local citizens to lobby for a

secondary school for the area. On the 30 October 1945 a public meeting was held, and a committee elected to pursue with the authorities the need for a district high school in Papakura. The committee had a difficult task ahead of it, and after much hard work were eventually successful in negotiating the purchase of 41½ acres of the Willis farm for educational purposes⁵. The

¹ Tradition & Change Mt. Albert Grammar School R. C. J. Stone & N. A. C. McMillan

² Pukekohe High School 1921-1996 B. R. Hyland

³ Tradition & Change Mt. Albert Grammar School R. C. J. Stone & N. A. C. McMillan

⁴ Tradition & Change Mt. Albert Grammar School R. C. J. Stone & N. A. C. McMillan

⁵ School archives – PHS magazine 1954



School nearing completion

land was purchased from Henry Willis in 1947 for the sum of £4940⁶. It should be noted that originally it was suggested that when the roll grew to over 1000 there should be separate girls and boys high schools. To this end eight acres of land were set aside for a girls high school. However, the building of a girl's school never eventuated and in later years Papakura Intermediate was built on the reserved land.

Although land had been procured for a school site, many more deputations to the Auckland Education Board, the Education Department and the Hon. R. M. Algie (Minister of Education) took place before final approval was gained in July 1950 for the building of a school, though by this time, on the advice of the Auckland Education Board, it was decided to build a 'high school' rather than a district high school. Tenders were called in October 1951 and McKerras Bros. of Papatoetoe was successful in tendering for the



3rd FORM COMMERCIAL 1954 — Back Row (L-R): Betty Garland, Dianne Passau, Zena Hartnell, Heather Reid; 2nd Row (L-R): Elaine Quigley, Barbara Smith, Robyn Howie, Merle Redshaw, Lynette Chalmers, Pixie Harrison, Mary De Malmanche, Joy Parker, Yvonne Waugh; 3rd Row (L-R): Miss B.E. Thompson, Barbara Brown, Betty Reed, Val Andrews, Hazel Feilding, Janice Deadman, Bev Nolan, Margaret Quedley, Josie McDonald; Front Row (L-R): Barbara Johnston, Patsy Foster, Robyn Lovett, Judy Tonkin, Lynn Cossey, Sylvia Sykes, Janette Laurie; Absent: Janet Dawson, Joy Tyndall, Elizabeth Longstaff, Val Grogan.

building. In the intervening years after the purchase of the land, but before building commenced, tenders were called for grazing rights and several farmers took these up.

When building finally got under way, a new committee was formed to co-ordinate the construction of the school; with Mr J. F. Magill elected as

chairman and Mr C. C. King Honorary Secretary. This committee also took particular interest in the layout of the grounds and in the planting of trees and shrubs. It is through their vision and the tree-planting programme put in place by the second principal

⁶ National Archives Mt. Wellington



Building gang

Mr N. H. Thornton, that the school has so many splendid specimens in the grounds today. The school was completed six months ahead of schedule and opened on 2 February 1954, heralding a new era in education for Papakura.

The first intake of 320 students covered forms three to five; the sixth form came in 1955. The colour for the school uniform⁷, chosen by the Board of Governors was grey and dark green. The girls wore a grey worsted tunic frock (length two inches below the middle of the knee) with a white blouse; short sleeved for summer and long sleeved for winter. A school tie was to be worn with the winter blouse. The regulation blazer was plain dark green and was to be loose enough to be worn buttoned when on the street. Plain black shoes with black stockings (rayon, service nylon, lisle or cashmere) for winter, with grey ankle socks for summer. In summer the girls wore a plain white panama hat with school band and badge. In winter a dark green beret with school badge was to be worn. For the boys the uniform was grey shorts, grey flannel shirt, grey socks with dark green bands, black shoes and grey regulation pullover, a school cap and regulation school blazer. At the beginning of the year students were requested to pay a comprehensive school fee of £1 to cover the cost of sports and athletic equipment, library facilities etc.

Mr Arch Campbell M.A. (Hons) Dip. Ed. was appointed the first principal, Mr I. J. Day the first Board chairman, Mr C. T. McGill was Deputy Principal and Miss Win M. Tombs, who taught languages, was Senior Mistress.

⁷ School archives - 1954 Prospectus

Fifteen other teachers completed the first school staff.

In the 1950s it was a regulation of the Education Department that all pupils study a 'common core' of subjects consisting of English, social studies, general science,

elementary mathematics, music arts and crafts and physical education. In addition to these, pupils chose a course group of subjects. These fell into the following categories:

Professional: suitable for those pupils intending to enter one of the professions. This



4TH FORM VOCATIONAL GIRLS 1954 — Back Row (L-R): Aretta Randi, Avril Edwards, Marlene Middleton, Joyce Neale; Middle Row L-R): May Ballard, Norma McVeigh, Janet Ross, Catherine Lucas, Doreen Grice, Barbara Mueller, Miss J. Z. Schmidt; Front Row (L-R): Elaine Bates, Mary Johns, Noeline Walker, Pauline Orum, Kay Scott, Beverley Matthewson, Susan Allen.



5TH FORM 1954 — Back Row (L-R): Malcolm Tennant, Michael Murphy, Alister McFarland, Bob Dalton, John Wilson, Gary Pinfold, _____, Mack Phillips; 2nd Row (L-R): Garth McInnes, Elsie Foster, Elaine Raigard, Anne Bedford, Pam Webb, Jean Taylor, Terry Happy; 3rd Row (L-R): Barbara Pearson, Barbara Leaming, Jacqueline Downes, Barbara Matheson, Naelene Mansell, Margaret Gower, June Pyke; Front Row (L-R): _____, Jeff Carson, Warren Nicol.



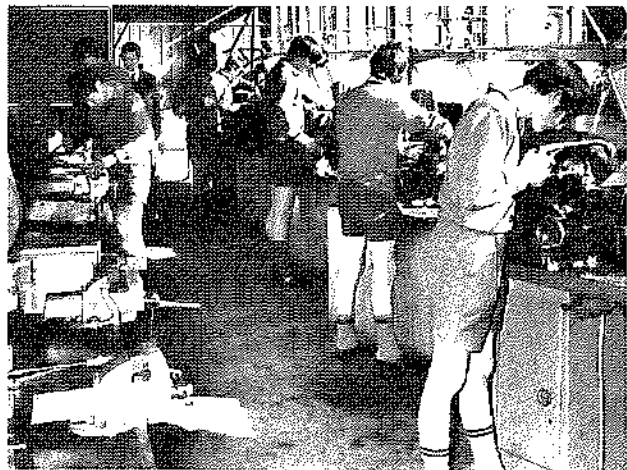
STAFF 1954 — Back Row (L-R): L. M. Cornwell, M. E. Bradbury, B.E. Partridge, C. S. Atkinson; Middle Row (L-R): R. Marshall, B.M. Smith, O.J. Lewis, E. I. Wright, J. U. Macaulay, J. E. Richardson, D. Rockel; Front Row (L-R): G. S. Miller, B. E. Thompson, C. T. McGill (First Assistant), A. J. Campbell (Principal), W. M. Tombs (Senior Assistant Mistress), E. N. Webb, J. Z. Schmidt.

Home Craft: subjects included English, social studies, arithmetic, home craft, which covered cooking, laundry work and hygiene in relation to the home, clothing which included garment making, dress design, care of garments, textiles and needlework, art and crafts.

Vocational: subjects included in this course were English, social studies, core mathematics, practical woodwork and metalwork, technical drawing, book-keeping, and geography. This course developed into an engineering course and boys were prepared for School Certificate and public service examinations.

course prepared pupils for school certificate, university entrance and university scholarship examinations. Selection was made from the following subjects: English, mathematics, French, Latin, chemistry, physics, biology, history, geography, drawing, art and crafts, plus cooking and dressmaking for girls or woodwork and metalwork for boys.

Commercial: for girls intending to seek positions as shorthand typists, bookkeepers etc. Subjects included English, social studies, arithmetic, shorthand, typing, and book-keeping, commercial practice, leading to the school certificate examination and the Chamber of Commerce and Public Service shorthand typists' examinations.



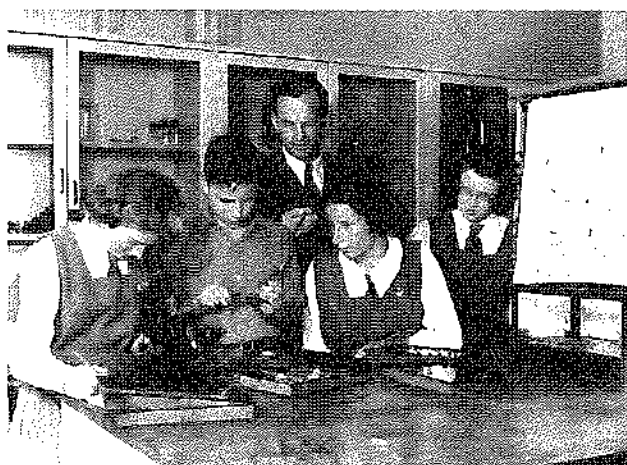
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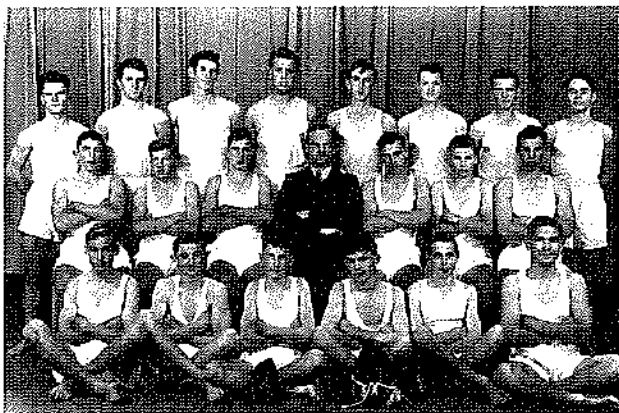
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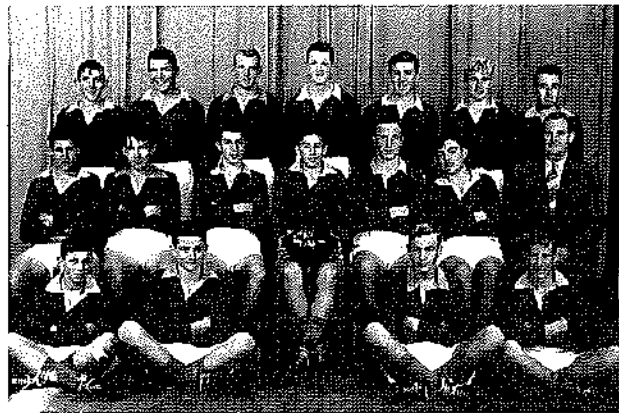


BIOLOGY WITH MR A. J. THORNTON 1955

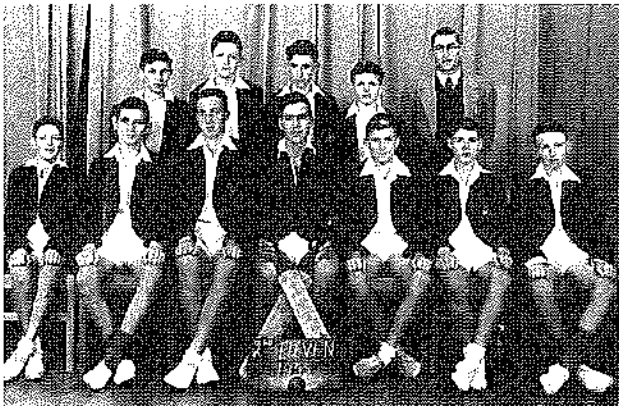
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BOYS ATHLETICS TEAM 1955 — Back Row (L-R): A. Shelley, J. Broadhurst, B. O'Reilly, A. Gore, J. Wilson, T. Howie, P. Andrew, M. Phillips; Middle Row (L-R): A. Leaming, J. Keen, G. Kelly, Mr A. J. Thornton, B. Hood, L. Grover, T. O'Neill; Front Row (L-R): A. Orum, M. Anderson, L. Walker, N. Smythe, J. Neale, R. Keston.



2ND XV RUGBY 1955 — Back Row (L-R): Gary Mudgeway, Allan Barker, Lance Harris, Tom Howie, Elon Bycraft, Colin Hunter, Barry Kidd; Middle Row (L-R): Tony Burrell, Ken Reid, Malcolm Tennant, Ron Spragg (Captain), Roger O'Neill, Winston Laing, Mr R. Marshall; Front Row (L-R): David Hobman, _____, Allen Orum, John Keen.



2ND XI CRICKET 1955 — Back Row (L-R): David Hobman, Donald Deverill, Phillip Sinfield, Lyall Lukey, Mr L. Cornwell; Front Row (L-R): Murray Watkin, Ronald Edwards, Roger O'Neill, Lawrence East (Captain), Fred Maddren, Robert Robertson (Vice-Captain), Malcolm Macgregor-Hay.



SATURDAY A BASKETBALL 1955 — Back Row (L-R): Miss M. P. Douglas, M. Barclay, L. Schou, J. Harrison, B. Mueller; Mrs P. M. Barclay; Front Row (L-R): D. Passau, J. Thorn, G. Sutton (Captain), N. Mansell, J. McDonald.

On the 20 March 1954 the Hon. R. M. Algie, L.L.M. Minister of Education, officially opened the school^a. According to a report in the 1954 school magazine, written by foundation pupil P. Anne Thomas, it was a very hot day. The mothers had been asked to cater for the occasion and the food was taken to the cookery room, where it was set out. All those attending enjoyed an abundant lunch, then at 1.15pm the official proceedings got underway with Anne Bedford presenting Mrs Algie,



OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL, March 20, 1954
Minister of Education, Hon. R. M. Algie LLM

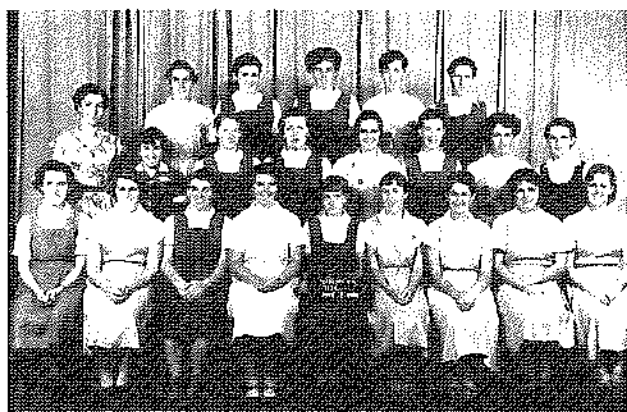
^a School archives – PHS magazine 1954

the Minister's wife with a bouquet of flowers. Mr Ivan J. Day, Chairman of the Board of Governors spoke first after which the whole school stood to sing 'Praise my Soul'. Several other speeches were made then the school choir sang 'Glad Hearts Adventuring.' This was followed by a presentation of valuable New Zealand books to the library by

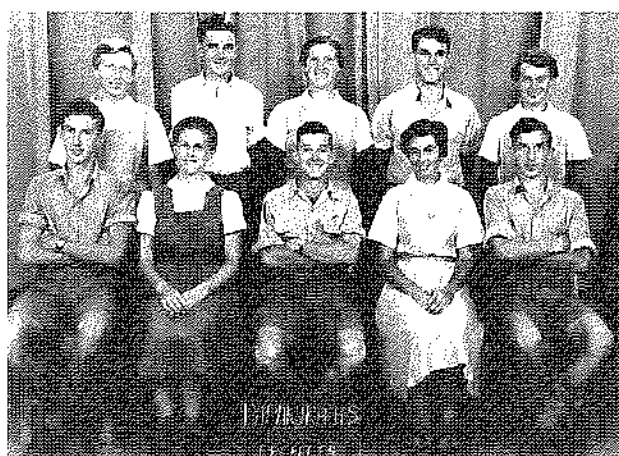
Mr McKerras (who built the school). Finally, just as black clouds came overhead, the Hon. R. M. Algie officially opened the school. Mr Algie said, "Wherever I go to open a school, black clouds seem to gather. They don't like me, I'm sure. Still they never rain on me." With the formalities over the guests had afternoon tea then took a tour of the school.

Whilst the buildings were completed on time, there were no books in the library! Obtaining books was to be one of the main tasks for the year. To overcome the immediate problem the National Library Service loaned a collection of 400 non-fiction books⁹, enabling the school to

⁹ School archives PHS magazine 1954



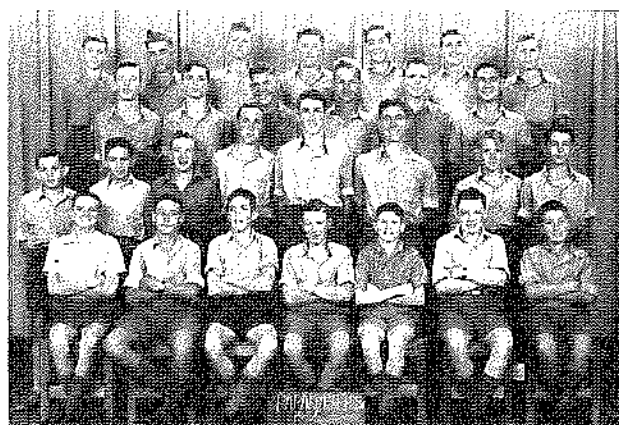
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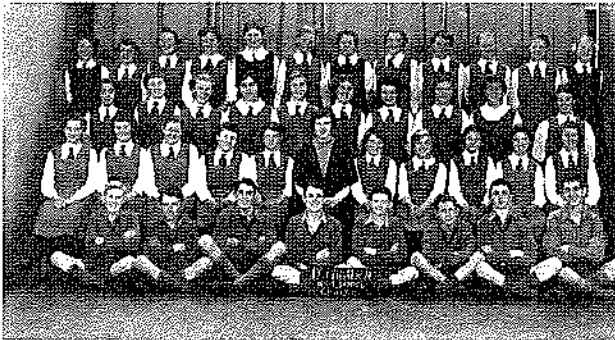
PREFECTS 1955 — Back Row (L-R): Jacqueline M. Downes, Alister E. McFarlane, Jocelyn M. Goertz, Michael H. Murphy, Barbara J. Matheson; Front Row (L-R): John C. Wilson, Elaine M. Bates, Garth McInnes (Head Boy), Elaine A. Roigard (Head Girl), Malcolm P. Tennant.



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4th FORM PROFESSIONAL 1955 — Back Row (L-R): Ross Walker, Winston Laing, John Sinclair, Peter Wood, Peter Clerk, Warwick Sykes, Graham Bull; 2nd Row (L-R): Terry Middleton, Leslie Paver, Alan Barke, Jan van Wijk, Charlie Akers, Robert Keston; 3rd Row (L-R): Alan Brash, Robert Donald, John Keen, Roger O'Neill, Richard Peacock, Maurice O'Connor, Ray Cooney, Anthony Hall; Front Row (L-R): Colin Davis, Eric McKinstry, Terry Ruthe, Robert Higham, Tony Williams, Graham Henry, Brian Loveday.



CHOIR 1954 — Back Row (L-R): Shirley Smith, Yvonne Waugh, Barbara Johnston, Glenis McLeod, Wynne Fowler, Heather Foster, Jean Taylor, Beryl Sowerby, Barbara Matheson, Edna Morbey, Elaine Bates, Susan Allen; Middle Row (L-R): Raewynne Davies, Rosaleen Billingham, Joy Bycroft, Jan Harrison, Pamela Roigard, Pauline Orum, Colleen Middlemiss, Rosemary Wood, Norma McVeigh, Helen Cheadle; Front Row (L-R): Joanna Zinzan, Lorraine Proctor, Margaret Troughton, Jeanette Bryan, Robyn Lovett, Miss J. Z. Schmidt, Janice Williams, Josie McDonald, Elizabeth Callis, Margaret Robertson, Jennifer Mitchell; Seated (L-R): Ross Palmer, _____, Mack Phillips, Warwick Sykes, David Trower, Graham Bull, Leslie Paver, Winston King

concentrate on purchasing mainly junior fiction and a nucleus of reference books. A set of Chambers Encyclopaedia was a prized acquisition. For the first term it was impossible to issue books on loan, however, by the second and third terms the first purchases had been indexed and the borrowing system established. The nine librarians worked

hard helping to catalogue and classify the books. It was decided to follow standard library practice using the 'Dewey' system of classification.

The librarians were Jacqueline M. Downes, Barbara J. Matheson, Jocelyn M. Göertz, Jeanette M. Blundell, Susan M. Allen, Pauline Orum, Elaine M. Bates, P. Anne

Thomas and Joycelyn A. Parker.

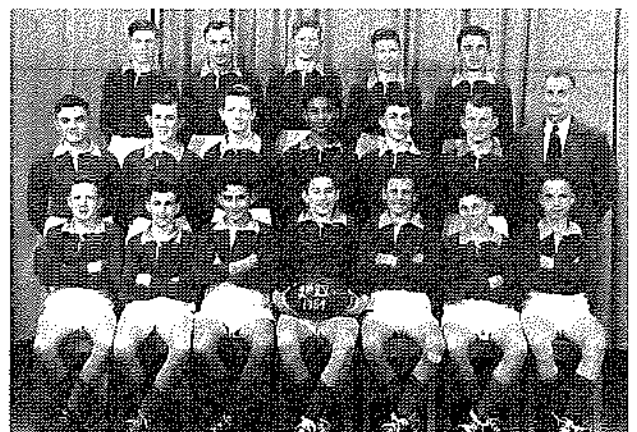
The art department also faced shortages of equipment and materials which affected the scope of the three dimensional work. In spite of this, a good beginning was made with wire sculpture, clay modelling and pumice carving. It was the philosophy of the head of the art department that



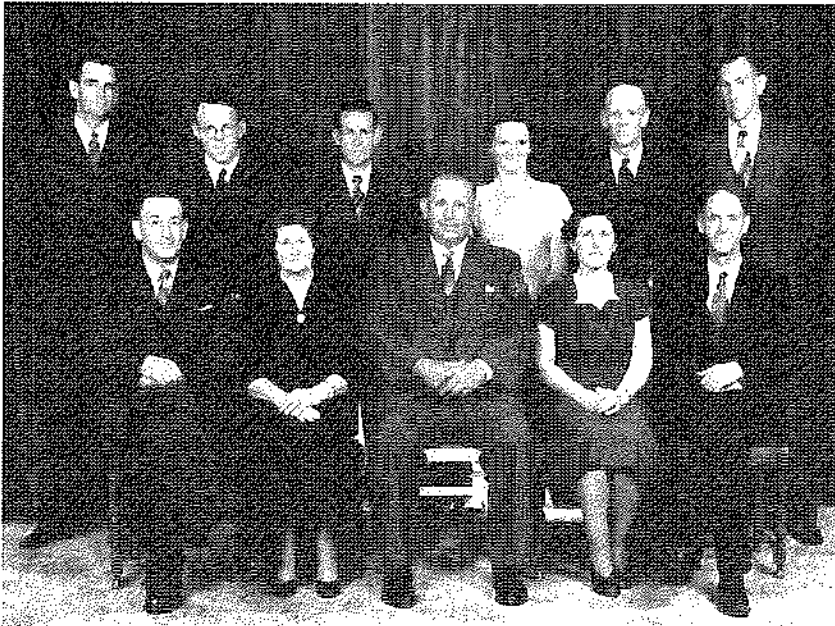
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GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM D 1954 — Back Row (L-R): Miss J.F. Richardson, Kay Townsend, _____, Janel Ross, Pam Roigard, Kathleen Webster, Mary De Malmanche, Miss J. Z. Schmidt; Front Row (L-R): Ann Thomas, Miriam Bates, Rosalie Majurey (Captain), Yvonne Waugh, _____.



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PARENT TEACHER RESIDENT ASSOCIATION 1954 — Back Row (L-R): J. S. Kidd (Waiau Pa), C. S. Atkinson (Staff), J. E. Donoghue (Ardmore), Mrs R. W. Paver (Papakura), H. G. Dawson (Manurewa), J. W. Lane (Clevedon); **Front Row (L-R):** D. J. Laing (Papakura), Mrs L. G. Tonkin (Takanini), C. A. Mansell (Karaka), Miss W. M. Tombs (Staff), A. J. Campbell (Principal).

the most important feature of the art course was the development of each pupil's personality through self-expression¹⁰, and not to train future professional artists. Therefore, the emphasis was not placed on technique but rather on a series of creative activities in each of the two-dimensional and three-dimensional fields.

The music department formed a choir early in the year and their first official performance was at the school opening. During these initial years it was traditional to sing a hymn each morning at assembly.

All schools rely heavily on the fundraising efforts of the Parent Teachers Association, though in the 1950s these were named 'Parent-Teacher-Resident-Associations'. One of the first fundraising events organized by the association, was an appeal by the use of subscription cards¹¹, this raised nearly £350, which was

appropriated towards the building of dressing-sheds. A school fair was held on Friday the 5 November 1954. Sixteen tents lined the entrance driveway offering 'all the fun of the fair'. Games and amusements were available, as well as stalls selling produce, crafts, books, home baking and

the like. One stall even offered bantams for pets and cockerels for fattening! Thanks to the hard work of parents and friends who supported the fair both by providing goods and attending in large numbers on the day, an amount in excess of £200 was realised. This was put towards the swimming baths fund. Plans were made for 1955 to hold informal socials and card evenings so that more parents could take the opportunity of meeting one another and members of the staff.

On 1 February 1955 school commenced with a roll of 483, necessitating the employment of additional staff members and the erection of a prefab. This year the school had two fifth forms and a small sixth form. School fees remained at £1.

During the summertime morning assemblies were held outside on the grass in the bays, between the wings. When the cooler weather arrived the entrance hall and

¹⁰ School archives PHS magazine 1954

¹¹ School archives PHS magazine 1954



HOME ECONOMICS FLAT
(L-R): Noeline Walker; Barbara Mueller; Norma McVeigh.

long corridor was used. The library, science laboratories and special studies room were now equipped and the construction of a new wing "M-Wing", comprising a music room, biology laboratory and general classrooms, also an assembly hall were underway.

Third and fourth form students were expected to do one to one and a half hours homework¹², fifth formers two hours, while the sixth form were required to do two and a half hours. Irregular attendance debarred pupils from promotion, as well as causing suspension of the payment of child endowment allowance.

The rapid increase in the numbers of post primary pupils plus the growth of population in the South Auckland area saw the formation of the South Auckland Secondary Schools Athletic Association to cater for inter-school competition in athletics, football and cricket.

A group of girls from Forms 4 and 5 Commercial visited the Auckland Electric Power Board and were given a tour of their offices. First they saw the cooking demonstration room on the top floor, and then were taken down to the offices where they had the opportunity to view the different machinery, which helped to make office life easier. One machine cut, printed and addressed the Board's monthly power accounts (rather similar to an addressograph machine). They were also given a tour of the accounts department where they saw the book-keeping machines in action.

On another floor they visited the switchboard operator, whose job it was to deal with ten incoming lines. The girls were also fortunate enough to

be taken to the boardroom where they were allowed to sit in on a board meeting. Finally they were treated to afternoon tea in the staff cafeteria.

The annual prize giving for 1955¹³ was held at Ardmore Teachers College as was the first swimming sports. At the end of the year 28 pupils passed School Certificate and two passed University Entrance.

In 1956 the growing size of the school became a matter of concern and opinions differed as to the optimum size the school should grow. It was felt that a co-educational school with a roll of 650 students would provide the qualities necessary for an efficient school. With the establishment of Papatoetoe High School and the projected building of a high school at Manurewa, it was envisaged that the roll could be limited to 650. As it turned out, the school opened on the 1 February with a roll of 641. School fees remained at £1, payable at the beginning of the year.

Girls and boys swimming sports were held at Ardmore College on 20 and 24 February respectively, while the inter-secondary school girls swimming sports were held at the Olympic Pool, Newmarket on 6 March. The South Auckland Secondary Schools swimming sports and the Boys Field and Track Championships were held at Pukekohe on 24 March while the Inter-secondary School Girls Athletic Sports were held at Sarawai Park on the same day.

On the 25 June 1956 a short official ceremony was held for the opening of M-Wing, attended by representatives from the Board of Governors, Mr A. McKerras, whose firm built the wing, Messrs Sayers

and Ratcliffe representatives from the Education Department and the Principal Arch Campbell who accepted the building on behalf of the school. The contribution made by the Parent Teachers Resident Association for 1956 was to provide voluntary labour to build a dressing shed and shower room with the funds they had raised. Prizegiving for the year was held in the new assembly hall.

During the 50s a range of financial assistance¹⁴ was available to parents:

- Free education until age 19
- Travelling expenses – grants towards train or bus fares for distances greater than three miles
- Boarding allowance of three shillings per school day for those pupils having to live away from home in order to attend school
- Extension of Social Security Benefits for two years up to age 18
- War Bursaries – an allowance of £25 per annum payable on behalf of pupils whose fathers died or were disabled through war injuries.

Further scholarships and bursaries were available for post-primary courses.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday 27 July 1957 when parents, staff, pupils and friends planted approximately ninety trees.¹⁵ After giving a small speech Mr G. Wood (Chairman of the Board of Governors) planted the first tree, a claret ash, in the double row running along the east of the main drive. The row was completed with melia, scarlet oak, tulip trees,

¹² School archives PHS Prospectus 1956

¹³ School archives PHS magazine 1955

¹⁴ School archives PHS Prospectus 1956

¹⁵ School archives PHS magazine 1957

magnolia, grevillea and liquid amber, planted by the mayors of Papakura and Manurewa, also members of the Board of Governors and their wives. The gathering moved to the east side of the school and Mr

Campbell (the principal) planted a "fossil" ginkgo, then the head prefects Ross Palmer and Margaret Jolly planted *diospyros virginiana* and *catalpa bignonioides*. Between C-Wing and M-Wing prefects

planted a line of Victorian waratah, also a group of flowering cherries off the west end of the hall. In front of C-wing the staff put in a block of flowering prunus and cherries. Parents and friends were kept busy planting albizia, paulownia, grey alder, golden birch, magnolia, poplar, oleanders, tulip trees and azaleas. Mr H. Beaumont generously presented some dawn redwood to compliment the ginkgo.

At the start of winter 1957 a Harrier Club was formed for those boys wishing to continue running through the winter months. About 80 boys ran in four packs through the season, i.e. *racing, fast, medium and slow*. All running was roadwork over five different courses, including "the killer" over Red Hill.

During 1958 the school was blessed with a full staff¹⁶ for the whole year. It was also the year when the last of the foundation pupils left.

The school orchestra had a number of opportunities to demonstrate its skill. Performances included playing at a Rotary luncheon in April, and at a PTA meeting in June, but as the trumpeter was absent on this occasion, Mr Congdon, a staff member filled in. At the school prize giving for the year the orchestra played the *Trumpet Voluntary* by Purcell and two movements from the *Royal Fireworks Suite* by Handel.

Papakura High School hosted the inaugural South Auckland Post-Primary School Public Speaking Contest on Tuesday 15 July 1958. Eight entrants representing four schools (Papakura and Pukekohe High Schools, Waiuku District High



PREFECTS 1957 — Back Row (L-R): Kenneth M. Reid, Charles W. Akers, Ian W. Lane, Richard J. Peacock, David T. Brown, Jan van Wijk, Robert H. Keston; Middle Row (L-R): Lloyd T. Walker, Jocelyn M. Goertz, Beryl D. Sowerby, Rachel G. Merry, Ngaire B. Hughes, A. Jean Appleby, Helen M. Cheadle; Front Row (L-R): Lorraine R. Bethune, Colin B. Fitzpatrick, Margaret L. Jolly (Head Girl), Mr A. J. Campbell (Principal), Ross S. Palmer (Head Boy), Marcia M. Irving, J. Kevin Stewart.



5th FORM PROFESSIONAL 2 1958 — Back Row (L-R): Peter McInnes, Philip Sinfield, Ian Waller, Kevin O'Reilly, John Berry, Geoffrey Marris, Erle Thomas, Colin Shaw; Middle Row (L-R): Robert Mountford, Raewyn Matheson, Sally Harrison, Glenys Moncrief, Erlene Bodmin, Linnea Browning, Ruth White, Robert Bell; Front Row (L-R): Jillian Pederson, Jean McCulloch, Coral Jobs, Marie Knibb, Gay Stevens, Shirley Matheson, Diane Corfe, Pamela Gibbons.

¹⁶ School archives PHS magazine 1958

School and Wesley College) took part. Mr L. P. Leary Q.C. acted as judge and enthralled everyone with his humorous remarks and quick wit as he summed up each speaker. Geoffrey Bolton of Wesley College came first, while Jacqueline Wills and Paul Norman of Papakura High School came second equal with Jillian Butterworth from Waiuku District High School.

The annual school dance for fifth and sixth formers was held on 18 September in the school hall. Hours of preparation and thought went into producing the fairytale underwater theme. Colourful murals decorated the walls, glittering shoals of fish swam beneath fishing nets draped from the ceiling and a giant octopus had pride of place on the stage. Miss Bruce was the mastermind behind the decorations, ably assisted by other staff members, prefects and sixth formers.

Later in the year there was great excitement at the school when it was announced that Charles Akers had been selected as one of a group of twelve boys nationwide to undertake a four month conducted tour of the British Isles.

On the 17 July four sports teams 1st XV rugby, basketball A team, and the boys and girls hockey teams went on a trip to Taumarunui High School. Pupils were billeted out around the town, and in spite of the fact that it rained the whole time; a great time was had by all.

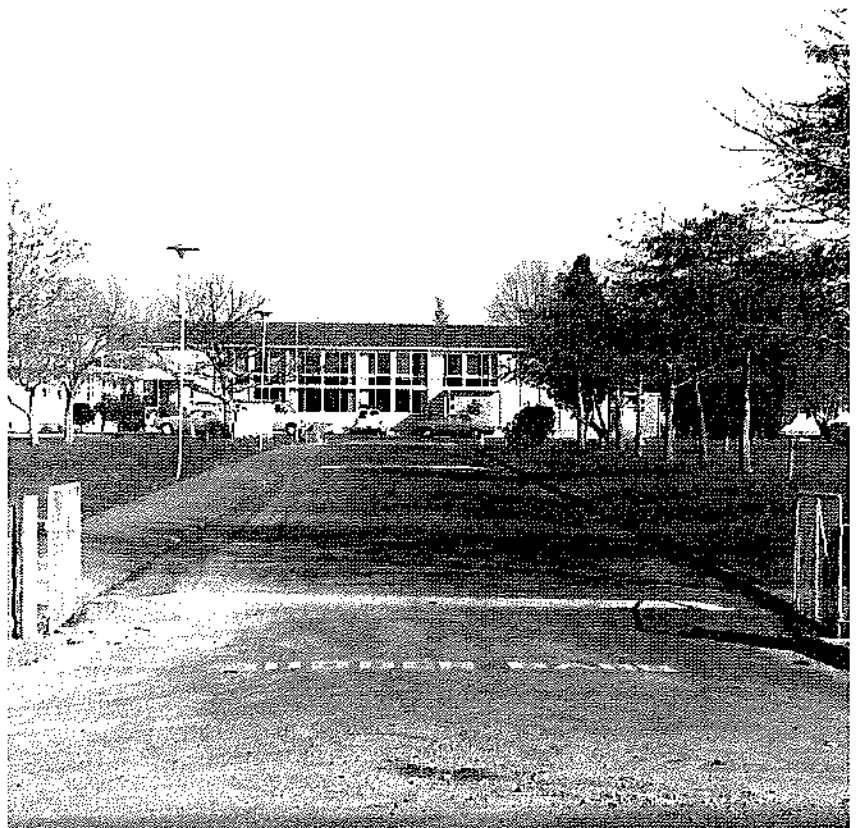
The year ended on a high note with Leslie Paver winning the first university scholarship.

School opened on 3 February 1959 with a roll of 783. Unfortunately 1959 heralded a chronic nationwide teacher shortage¹⁷ and Papakura High School lost a number of senior staff, making it difficult to find replacements. Each new post primary school that opened at this time caused the most highly qualified teachers from

existing schools to leave and fill the administrative positions in these new schools. This coupled with the influenza epidemic during the second term, proved to make 1959 a very difficult year for the school.

In football there were 15 new caps in the 1st XV. As a result, the team did not enjoy the success of previous years.

¹⁷ School archives PHS magazine 1959



Young trees in the school's driveway.

The swinging 60s — 1960-1969

WORLDWIDE the 60s often referred to as the “swinging sixties” proved to be a decade of great change. The editorials in school magazines and addresses given at meetings in the early 60s by the then principals, firstly Mr Campbell and then Mr Thornton, indicate that they found this new decade very challenging. The editorial in the 1960 school magazine refers to lack of discipline and states that “some of the strain currently experienced in schools can be attributed to the fact of the falling marriage age, which, in consequence lessened the age gap between child and parent, thereby lessening the effectiveness of parental authority”. The writer went on to say, “American influence was extremely noticeable in the young people and could be part of the problem” and further that “the American sentiment of clearheaded materialism, emphasised by prevalent scientific objectivism and the capitalistic boom in Australia has led to confusion between parental and filial values”.

With the opening of Manurewa High School in 1960, Papakura’s roll dropped to 753, however, this state of affairs did not last for long as by 1964 the roll had rocketed to 1012. School fees for 1960 were increased to ten shillings per term, payable at the beginning of each term. Mrs M. J. Brown was appointed assistant librarian¹ towards the end of the first term.

During the year the school was given the opportunity to purchase a Daneman grand piano from Papakura Army Camp for the sum of \$50. The choir of the Papakura Music Society donated the majority of the funding for the purchase and the school only needed to

‘top up’ the amount. Ironically, in later years, the Daneman was to prove more of a hindrance than an asset because of its huge dimensions. On one occasion it was shifted from the stage to the floor, however, the effort required in trying to get it back onto the stage precluded any such

further attempts! After thirty years use at the school, the piano was disposed of in 1993.

The annual school dance, this time with a Halloween theme, was held on 31 October 1960² in the assembly hall. A

¹ School archives PTA Minutes

² Sweet Singing in the Choir Lorna Clauson



4TH FORM PROFESSIONAL I 1963 — Back Row (L-R): Andrew Gough, Terence McCaughey, Ross Parker, Kerry Harvey, Michael Quigley, Lyndon Sharp, John Carmichael, James Hill, John Wilson, Stephen Short, Daniel Searle; Middle Row (L-R): Mrs M. A. Richardson, Kaye Thorburn, Lorraine Dixon, Robyn MacKinnon, Lauren Webb, Fay Leslie, Ann Balcombe, Frances Snow, Jennefer Munnings, Margaret Gatland, Elizabeth Brannigan; Front Row (L-R): Sheryl Farley, Valerie Donald, Susan Austin, Barbara Coxell, Gayle Herbert, Lesley Smith, Robyn Ludwig, Lorraine Burn, Janice Norton, Gaynor Cumberland, Pamela Davies; Absent: Julie Howe.



1ST XI CRICKET 1964 — Back Row (L-R): Kevin Collecutt, Rick Pickard, Terry McCaughey, Stewart Payne, Ian Graham, Ian Cossey, Mr R. Marshall; Front Row (L-R): Bob Lendrum, Alan Hawke, Wayne McMillan, Paul Sumpter, Antony Smith.



SWIMMING 1964 — Back Row (L-R): D. Thompson, R. Archibald, J. Lyons
Middle Row (L-R): Mr C. D. Milne (Coach), I. Howard, J. Kelly, G. Solly, J. Finlay, J. Tymkin; Front Row (L-R): R. Numans, R. Chamberlin, T. Ryan, G. Cato (Captain), G. Townsend, T. Milne.

huge yellow moon, with a witch on a broomstick flying across it was displayed at the back of the stage. In one curtained off corner "Fabulo the Fortune Teller" was in residence, whilst other decorations such as cobwebs, bats, skeletons, cats, mice, pumpkins and stars, completed the spooky effect.

The Parent Teachers Association was busy raising funds for the orchestra and also a kauri honours board, the cost of which was £150.³ It also organised several social evenings for the parents including special meetings for Maori parents, which proved to be very successful, leading to the inauguration of the Maori Club for pupils.

In 1961, because of a steep rise in production costs, the format of the school magazine changed. Also during the year the Parent Teachers Association considered providing accommodation for the staff and suggested building flats on

the section adjoining the High School grounds. It was suggested that finance be raised by unsecured debentures of £5 per unit, with repayment to be by ballot as finance became available. However, in 1962 because of insufficient

response the project was scrapped.

A very special occasion took place in 1962 when Lord Cobham, the Governor General, visited the school and played cricket with the 1st XI. The school did very well in athletics this year with the girls' athletic team winning the Drake Cup at the Girls' Inter-secondary Sports. Ian Haszard won the Bledisloe Cup for public speaking.

Other special events this year were two trips undertaken by pupils. The first was on the 5 May 1962 when Mr and Mrs Donnell accompanied a party of children from Papakura High School to Australia. This was a joint venture with other schools and pupils from Diocesan School for Girls, St. Cuthbert's College, and Pukekohe High School also went on the tour that had been arranged by the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau. The trip took in Brisbane, and the Gold Coast but sadly there

³ School archives PTA Minutes



HARRIERS 1964 — Back Row (L-R): _____, _____, Glenn Haszard, David Thorley, Peter Lourie, Gerald Townsend, Bryan Hawthorne, _____; Front Row (L-R): Mr. W. Opperman, _____, _____, Steve Lourie, Perry Cunningham, Duncan Munro; Seated in Front: Colin Marshall.

was no time for a dip at Surfers' Paradise! The tour visited Coolangatta Zoo, Gilltrap's Auto Museum, and the Bird Sanctuary at Currumbin, Northgate Pineapple Cannery and the Lone Pine Koala Bear Sanctuary. The group then travelled by train to Cairns and then on to Townsville and back to Brisbane.

The second trip was in the August holidays, when 38 pupils and two teachers visited the South Island for two weeks. The tour visited Christchurch, Lyttelton, the West Coast, and the Southern Alps where at Mt. Cook some students had their first experience of snow.

It was a particular thrill for the pupils on both trips, as not many had flown before.

Mr A. J. Campbell, the founding principal retired (after eight years service), at the end of 1962 and was replaced in 1963 by Neville Thornton. Shortly after his appointment Mr Thornton introduced a house system into the school for both sports and limited academic subjects. The first activity under the new system was swimming sports.

In 1963 at an address to the AGM of the Parent Teachers Association, Mr Thornton said, "promise not to believe all you hear of what goes on at school, and we'll promise not to believe all we hear of what goes on at home". At this time membership of the PTA stood at 177. For many years the PTA worked on fundraising for a school pool, however, in 1963 the Papakura Borough Council made a decision to build a public swimming pool at Massey Park. Because of the close proximity of this facility to the school it was decided that school subsidies should be

used towards the cost of this public pool, on condition that the school could have the use of the pool during school hours.

Now that it was no longer necessary to raise funds for a pool, it was decided that the whole school was to be involved in a fundraising scheme for a new gymnasium¹. Other important events in 1963 were that Mr Thornton put his tree-planting plan in place, the Campbell Block was built and Jessie Munro won a university scholarship.

Over the years Central School, Papakura had a reputation of passing on pupils with a high standard of learning, indeed Leslie Paver and Elaine Leaming were each dux of Central School and then went on to become dux of Papakura High School in 1958 and 1960 respectively.

School life in the 1960's was tough, wayward boys were caned (but not the girls) they received some other form of punishment such as withdrawal of privileges, or lines. As to uniform, to ensure that the girls' tunics/skirts were the correct length, the girls were requested to kneel and a teacher checked that the skirt was indeed two inches below the middle of the knee. The girls also had to suffer the indignity of knicker inspections, to ensure that they were wearing regulation undies!

The first term 1964 saw the opening of the two-storey "Nelson" block comprising an art room, an English room, four ordinary classrooms, and two science laboratories. In addition the block housed an extensive locker room, toilet facilities, laboratory preparation room and caretakers quarters. The roll

had reached 1000 requiring more new staff and these were recruited from England. However, an outbreak of influenza caused the absence of a large number of staff and pupils at the start of the school year.

Fundraising events were well under way for the gymnasium and in June the school requested sketch plans from Sargent, Smith and Partners of Auckland. Because the school was continuing to grow it was also decided to apply for an extension to the hall, however, efforts to have the hall extension approved were quashed by the Department of Education.

In his report to the AGM of the Parent Teachers Association of 13 April 1964 Mr Thornton said, "the tone of the school was still good. The school had 46 rooms with a staff of 40. The new Campbell Block was opened on the 10 April and a further eight-roomed block in front of the school was to be completed in 1966. The 1000 pupils attending the school represented a cross section of the community, a mixture of good, bad and indifferent." It was also stated that of the 1000 students 30-40 were difficult and dealing with these took up a considerable amount of time.

At the end of the year examination results were an outstanding success with Michael Hall and Ann Herbert winning university scholarships.

Head prefects for 1965 were Paul Sumpter and Clare Allington. Fifteen prefects of each sex had been appointed. The roll this year reached 1056. During the year two

¹ School archives Board of Governors Minutes

pupils were caught writing obscene things on desks and the Board of Governors resolved that they be expelled.

In February McGraths won the tender to build the new gymnasium at a cost of £19,750. After much hard fundraising, the Gymnasium was finally built and officially opened on the 12 November 1965 by Peter Snell⁵.

On the 29 April 1965 Mr Donnell the Deputy Principal retired and was replaced by Terrence Loney.

In 1966 the roll increased to 1172. To provide improved facilities for the ever-growing school, plans were afoot for a new library, new tennis courts, commercial suite and sick bays. March 1966 saw the resignation of Mr W. A. Brown, a long serving member of the Board of Governors.

In July of this year discussions were taking place regarding the building of a further secondary school in the southern part of Papakura.

At a Board of Governors meeting in October 1966 an ex-pupil modelled proposed improvements to the girl's winter uniform, the changes were:

- Yellow piping to be added to the lapels of the blazer;
- The tie to be changed to a yellow bow-type tie;
- Green knee length hose to replace the short grey socks;
- The beret to be a more tailored and stitched model not so easily disfigured.

In September 1966 Mr and Mrs A. Dykes of Red Hill made an offer to the Board of Governors that they would like to present three acres of fine bush land in the Hunua Gorge⁶ to Papakura High School. It was envisaged that the area would be a magnificent place for field studies in science.

Jannis Holdsworth was successful in winning the

(nationwide) Gaydec decimal currency competition. She received £50 and so did the school. Decimal currency was introduced in New Zealand on 10 July 1967.

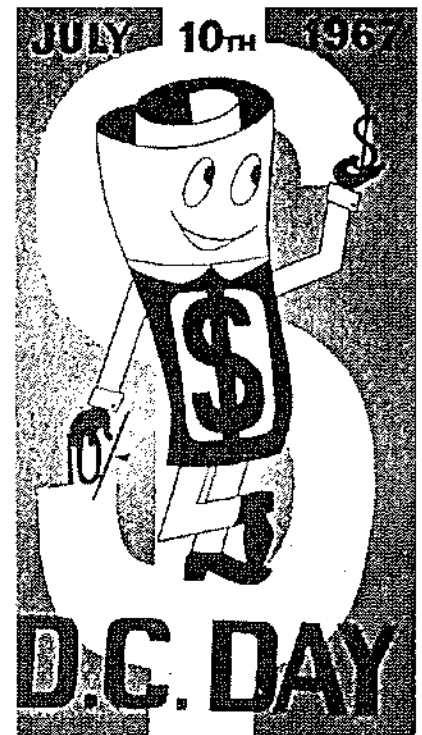
The annual school dance was held on 7 July 1966 in the school hall, which had taken on the guise of the famous Liverpool "Cavern" where the Beatles made their debut. Unfortunately, the Beatles themselves were unable to attend!! However, a local band "The Silhouettes" proved to be an excellent alternative.

Three days before the commencement of school in 1967, one female member of staff resigned because of a nervous breakdown. 1966 must have been a particularly harrowing school year!

Following the worldwide trend during the sixties, drugs became an increasing problem in all secondary schools throughout New Zealand. To help address this a programme "Drugs in schools" was introduced, whereby students were warned of the dangers of either taking or dealing in drugs.

The school dance was renamed the "school ball" in 1967 and became a far more elegant affair. The girls wore long ball gowns and were described in one of the school magazines as "radiant female partners". A high standard was achieved in all musical activities throughout the year, with the highlight being a two-part concert. The first part was a compilation of items by the three school choirs and the second part was an operetta "Martha" which was an outstanding success.

Sonny Bishop and Janie North visited the school as American Field Service Scholars. Janie won the Bledisloe Cup in the South Auckland Schools Speech



Decimal Currency Day Poster

Competition. During the year the boys progressed well with fencing and Papakura High School was top in the Auckland Province.

In minutes of a PTA meeting of 19 June 1967 it is noted that there was great concern regarding the lack of support for the PTA. The minutes state, "the PTA must create an impression of being alive", and it was suggested that a newsletter should be sent out regularly.

In July 1967 the school was involved in a fundraising walk⁶ (organized by Papakura Lions Club) for the building of Selwyn Oaks Home for the Aged. Mr Thornton went walking with 40 of his sixth form pupils. They walked from school to Brookby and back, approximately 20 miles. The assistant principal Mr T. J. Loney and two teachers, Mr Douglas and Mr Walker also

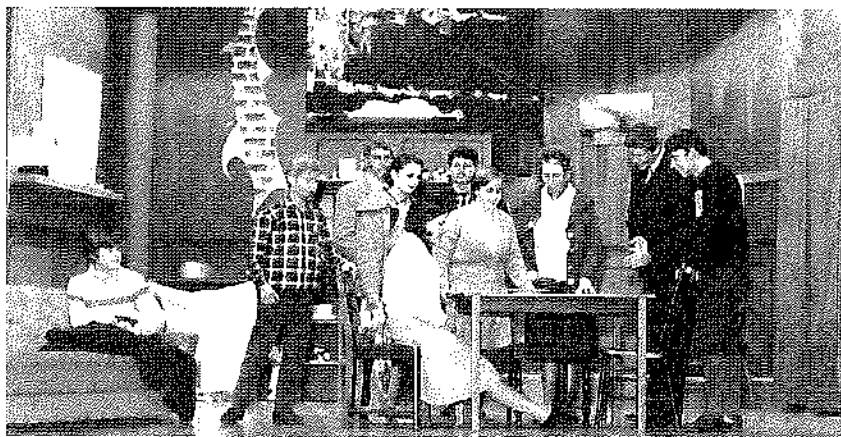
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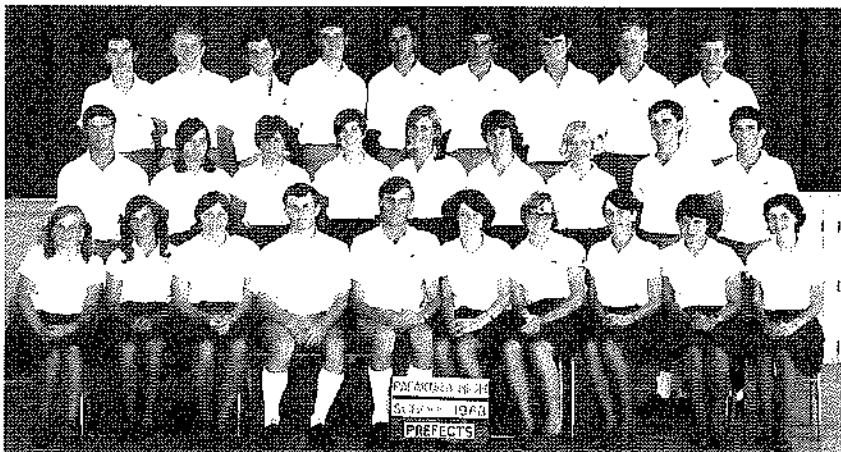
⁷ N.Z. Herald



FENCING 1965 — Back Row (L-R): _____, Stephen White, John Powell, John Coldicutt; Middle Row (L-R): _____, Robert Amies, Christopher (Kit) Denton, Murray Horne, _____, Paul Bridson, Arthur Gatland, Phillip Branton, _____; Front Row (L-R): Miss Cockburn-Mercer, _____, Stephen Short, Beverley Bach, Rilla Ranson, Mr C. D. Milne.



A scene from the *Diary of Anne Frank*.



1968 PREFECTS — Back Row (L-R): Roy F. Murphy, Graeme L. McInnes, Graeme T. Ingram, Geoffrey V. Ruthe, Dennis Toe, Peter T. Pinkham, Timothy J. Mawhinney, Roger A. Donald, Peter J. Wischnowsky; Middle Row (L-R): Bruce R. Findlay, Isobel D. Meikle, Kathryn A. Palmer, Sue J. Bayly, Jeanette Lowden, Dorothy A. Jurgeleit, Anne M. Haszard, Robert A. Amies, Paul G. Herbert; Front Row (L-R): Cathy L. Thoms, Evelyn I. Kurney, Gayle J. Lamb, Charles F. Marcy, Garth Hall, Joanne M. Searle, Ann Ryan, Janet D. McAnnalley, Louis G. Trussell, Rilla Ranson.

walked. Another teacher Mr McGarvey joined in at Brookby and walked the last eight miles. At the end of the five hour walk Mr Thornton said "never felt better in my life" and was thrilled that the school had raised \$200 towards the project.

The end of year exam results for 1967 were very pleasing with good passes in school certificate, and university entrance. Also fifteen sixth formers gained university bursaries.

At the commencement of 1968 the principal raised the question with the PTA as to whether it was worthwhile continuing to print the school magazine because of the high production costs. At the next meeting of the PTA it was reported that various comments were received and there was a "unanimous decision that it was part of school tradition and a valuable record of school activities for the future. The school would continue to print and issue the magazine".

An excellent production of the "Diary of Anne Frank" was put on from 18 - 22 June 1968, with a cast of five boys and five girls, plus understudies.

Jeanette Lowden had the honour and distinction of being the first pupil from Papakura High School to go to America (New York) on a Field Service Scholarship. The PTA arranged for a monetary gift of \$15 to be forwarded to her. Chuck Marcy from New York and Ann Rhian from Maryland were the AFS students visiting the High School during 1968.

A gala day held during the year raised \$2340, which was allocated towards musical instruments, the library, teaching aids and the proposed sports pavilion.

A sports council was formed in 1968 the purpose of which

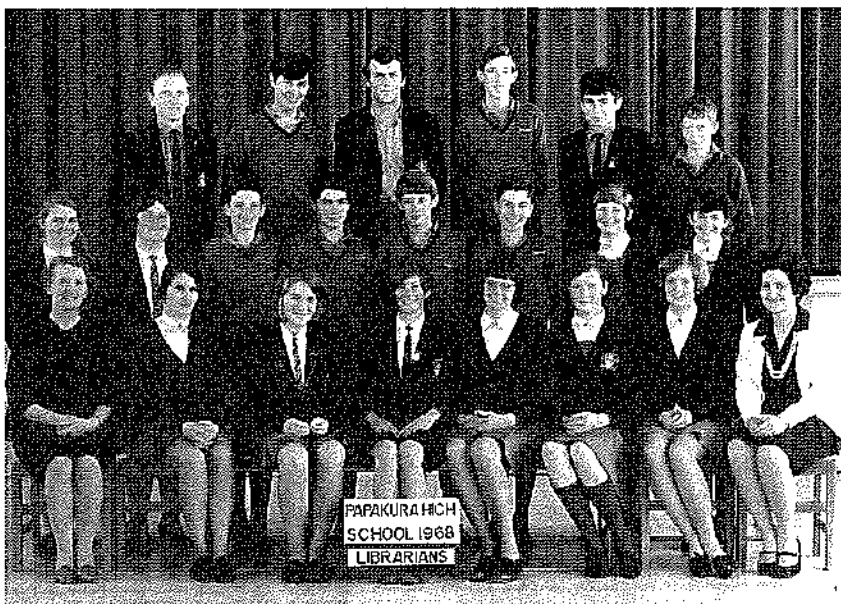
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LIBRARIANS 1968

Back Row (L-R): Keith Olsen, Peter Appleby, Michael Densem, Lyall Payne, Robin Paterson, Bryce McDonnell;

Middle Row (L-R): Kathryn Kronast, Catherine Atchison, Derek Boston, Brian Cooke, Chris Bayly, Stephen O'Brien., Susan Fox, Anne Robertson;

Front Row (L-R): Mrs J. Brown, Gay Bruning, Susan Fogarty, Susan Bayly, Janice Procter, Gillian Bolderston, Jennifer Ibbotson, Mrs E. J. Nicholson.



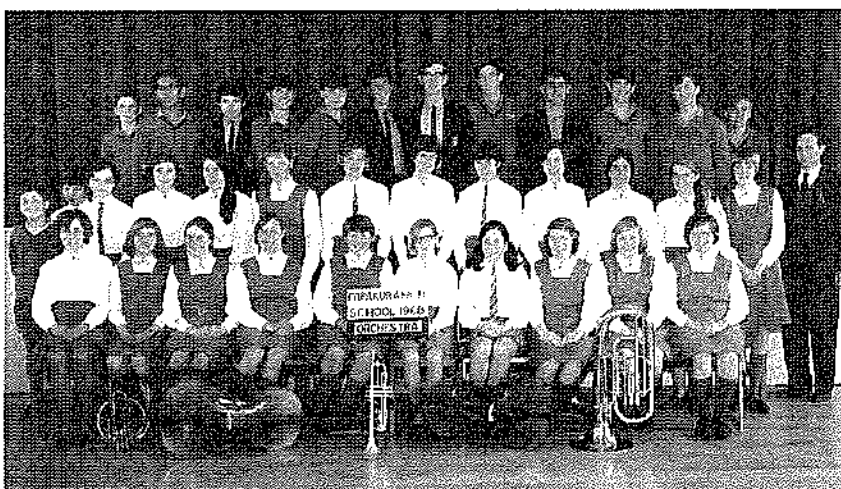
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ORCHESTRA 1968

Back Row (L-R): Derek Boston, Barry Maxwell, Brendon Haughey, Selwyn Tagg, David Seward, Ross Hinton, John Harris, Lyall Payne, Graeme Kelly, Graeme Green, Tony Jurgeleit, Colin Donald;

Middle Row (L-R): Graham Mansell, Louis Trussell, Sharon Cole, Paula Hindmarsh, Gaye Bruning, Suzanne Wearne, Judith Gedge, Janice Procter; Wendy Mathews, Valerie Bowman, Katherine Hoffman, Kathryn Kronast, Mavis Graham, Mr B. C. Jarrett;

Front Row (L-R): Shirley Bryant, Lindsay Warner, Jenny de Leon, Julie Donald, Robyn Kelly, Suzanne Carter, Diane Meikle, Margaret Kronast, Kathleen Noble, Diane Gatland.



STAFF 1969 — Centre Front (L-R): Mrs R. M. Hammer, Senior Assistant Mistress; N. H. Thornton, Principal; L. G. Thompson, Deputy Principal.



FIRST XI HOCKEY 1969 — Back Row (L-R): Brian McOscar, Bruce Stuart, Lloyd Derbyshire, Dale Kells, Robin Paterson, P.V. Roberts (Coach); Front Row (L-R): Colin Donald, Russell Lamb, Roger Donald, Bruce McDonnell, Leslie Pollock.

was to assist physical education staff and pupils, in the organization of sports in the school, especially in the field of inter-house sports. Members of the first council were Gayle Lamb, Evelyn Kurney, Joy Ralph-Smith, Roger Donald, Bruce Findlay and Richard Thornton.

The orchestra, choirs and operetta group went on a trip to Thames, while the Maori Club and madrigal group gained notoriety as they were recorded by the NZBC.

At the end of the year it was noted in a principal's report that the roll for 1969 would probably peak at 1550, requiring a further six teachers and five more prefabs. This was indeed the case, making Papakura High School the third largest in New Zealand.

On 22 July 1969 in spite of very cold weather and with competition from a televised broadcast of astronauts on the moon, 45 parents attended a panel discussion on aspects of secondary education. Although small, it turned out to be a very satisfactory meeting.

In August 1969 it was announced that the new

secondary school opening in Papakura in 1970 would be known as "Rosehill College".

The inter-house championship for 1969 was won by Bledisloe who took away the swimming, gymnastics, netball, rugby, soccer, boy's fencing, indoor basketball, harriers and speech competition trophies. Champions indeed!

Over the years Papakura High School has always achieved a very high standard in sports. In 1969 Marie King

was chosen as an international basketball representative, and Judy Game was selected for the Empire Games swimming training squad. Grant Walker won the North Island go-kart championship and went on to represent New Zealand in Australia. Also, fencing was particularly successful this year with Papakura High School taking away all the major placing's in both school and open competition.

The original sports pavilion was opened, and used for the first time when the Counties Secondary Schools Rugby Representatives played Alby Pryor's Rugby XV.

In November of 1969 the Papakura High School PTA were making headlines in the local newspaper. It was reported that they had written to the director of education expressing their concern at the unavailability of secondary schools vocational guidance councillors. The school had received only one visit during the last term of the year and felt that it was a very poor state of affairs, especially in light of the fact that Papakura High School was one of the largest^a in New Zealand.

^a School archives Silver Jubilee Magazine



BASKETBALL TEAM NO. 3 1969 — L-R: Heather MacKinnon, Vicki Wilkie, Jackie Hornbrook, Linda Dunn, Christine Lavell, Lauraine Taupaki, Gay Pira, Janet Purvis (Captain), Miss M. A. Kroemer (Teacher).

Long hair and insubordinates –1970-1989

1970s

SO BEGAN the decade of long hair, hippie culture and flared pants. Rosehill College opened at the commencement of the first term, 1970 affecting Papakura High's roll which dropped to 1500¹, bringing some relief to the over stretched school.

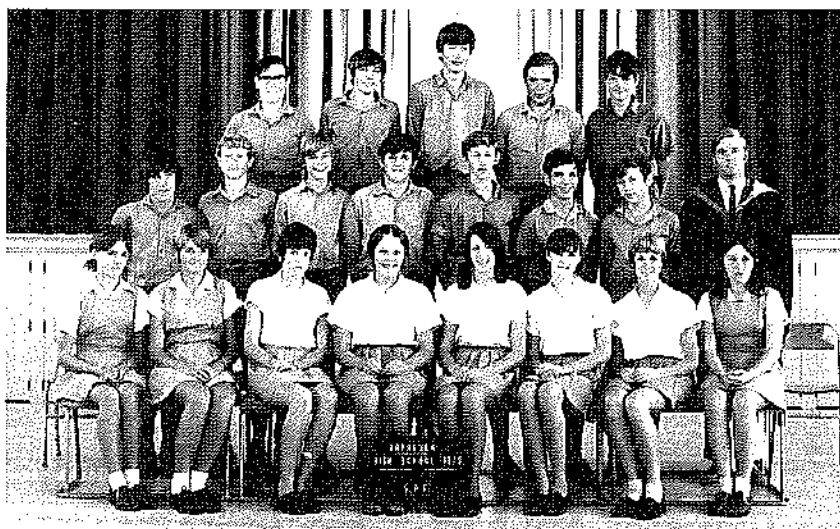
The opening of a pinball saloon in Broadway, Papakura, brought about several problems. The pupils of Papakura High School (and other schools) took great delight in frequenting the saloon, much to the annoyance of senior school staff and parents. As a result pupils were told not to frequent such places wearing their uniforms and certainly not in school time.

At the commencement of 1971 the roll dropped further to 1250, much to the relief of the principal. Tenders were called for the building of an audio visual room, and a tender of \$10,157 was accepted from D. A. Burnside Ltd., to build a senior study and common room. At the end of the year Bledisloe won the House Championships Cup.

The 1971 prefects ball took on a Polynesian fishing theme, which seemed quite appropriate, as two Tahitian girls came on an exchange visit to the school this year.

The Christian group², the "Crusaders", which was active since the inauguration of the school, changed its name and format and became known as the "Inter-school Christian Fellowship". The group became integrated instead of having separate groups for boys and girls.

Paul Tuoro did very well by breaking four records at the South Auckland Inter Schools Swimming Sports.



5 PRO F 1970 — Back Row (L-R): R. Cobb, S. Jenkins, A. Bolderston, A. Veenings, T. Walker; Middle Row (L-R): A. Senior, V. Williams, J. Scorrar, I. McLeod, G. Lockwood, R. McConnell, Mr T. R. M. Carter; Front Row (L-R): Glenda Litchfield, Diane Haslett, Lynette Kelly, Julie Beynon, Maureen Bruning, Sharon Waterman, Valerie Bennett, Carol Parker; Absent: Glenys Parker.



4 GEN 4 1971— Back Row (L-R): August Mitchell, Daniel Wilson, Brian Hobman, Stephen Prince, Barney Malloy, Tia Maa, Gary Knott, Richard Turei, Piniwai George, John Henderson; Middle Row (L-R): Mrs M. J. Stevenson, John Tewell, Laura Barrett, Josephine Bridger, Sharon Paul, Gertie Harris, Aileen Rangi, Margaret Wilson, Sally Oti, Peter Clarke, Mrs D. Mitchell; Front Row (L-R): Judith Koch, Evelyn Steward, Margaret McKinney, Roxanne Callow, Shauna Bryers, Heather Jurgeleit, Sharon Topp, Karen King, Jeanette Preston.


Several school trips took place during 1971, one in July when 15 girls accompanied by Miss Smytheman and her friend Miss McDonald, went on a three-week trip to New Caledonia³. They were billeted with families and spent the time touring and sun bathing.

It was a great opportunity for the girls to improve their French language skills, as they had to converse in French each day.

¹ School archives – Board Minutes

² School archives – PHS Magazine 1971

³ School archives – PHS Magazine 1971



PAPAKURA HIGH SCHOOL AND ROSEHILL COLLEGE

TRADES CARNIVAL '71

PAPAKURA HIGH SCHOOL
GROUNDS


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Saturday 25th September

COMMENCING 10 A.M.

Admission: Adults 20c Children Free

PROGRAMME	Includes Competition
20 cents	Entry Forms and Raffle.



"Papakura High School and Rosehill College Trades Carnival '71" programme.

Twelve boys from Form three Professional went off in a mini bus for a camping trip with Mr Serjeant to Whangamata and Waihi.

The Board of Governors resolved that a special committee be formed to decide on a change of school uniform, which was to come into effect at the commencement of the 1972 school year. After much deliberation the new committee agreed that the girls' winter uniform⁴ would be a Hunting Stewart plaid in a large check for the skirt. Hats were to be abolished, as well as ties, except when required for wearing with special uniforms. Jerseys and cardigans were chosen in lake green, but because of increasing costs, blazers were phased out. The boys' uniform remained much the same apart from the change of jersey.

Meanwhile the PTA was busy in 1971 arranging a fashion

parade of knitted and crochet wear from Kaiapoi, using some of the senior students as models. The evening raised \$230, which was donated to the library. However, the big event of the year was the Trades Carnival, which was a joint venture between Papakura High School and Rosehill College. The day was an outstanding success, thanks to the co-operation and help of local businessmen, manufacturers, pupils and parents from each school. Both schools benefited financially with Papakura High School raising \$6500 towards the building of a senior school complex.

This year (1971) Cobham managed to break Bledisloe's stranglehold on the House Championships by winning the trophy.

At the commencement of 1972 great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of the Hunting Stewart⁵ material, in addition when it was available, it was extremely expensive. This led to girls arriving at school wearing skirts with fewer pleats, using one width of material, while the regulation pattern required approximately 1 1/3rd widths of 56" material!

Trisha Browne in her memories on Old Friends.co.nz recently reported that she started her fifth form year wearing mufti, as the shop had run out of material, and on her first day, everyone thought she was an adult student!

During June/July 1972, ten teacher trainees worked at the school for three weeks, though much to Mr Thornton's dismay, it was noticeable that none taught maths or science.

⁴ School archives - Board Minutes

⁵ School archives - Board Minutes



RUGBY 1ST XV - COUNTIES SECONDARY SCHOOLS A GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1972

Back Row (L-R): J. Harvey, W. Lendrum, P. Wardrop, D. Hughes, T. McGhie, T. Morrice, S. Jenkins; Middle Row (L-R): Mr W. J. Fryer (Coach), I. McLeod, L. Duane, S. Harford, G. Muir, M. Lamb; Front Row (L-R): L. Cutfield, R. Lee, R. Duder (Captain), S. Mitchell (Vice Captain), S. Linnell, B. Pollard; Absent: W. Main, J. Savage.



FORM 3R 1972 — Back Row (L-R): P. Crookes, A. Toe, P. Craig; Middle Row (L-R): M. Alford, G. Smith, J. Tawhai, A. Farrell, N. Hutt, Mr R. D. Masters; Front Row (L-R): Lena Walker, Leigh Radford, Maureen Tukua, Bronwyn Fumage, Marama Hoete, Maxine Martin, Angela King.

Electives⁶ were introduced in 1972 for sixth form students. In terms one and two students could choose an elective subject, which they followed for four periods a week. Electives often included liberal studies, Maori studies, art and physical education, which culminated each term in a week long trip to Okui in the Urewera National Park.

In a headmaster's report Mr Thornton said, "the disciplinary situation is daily getting more difficult. Arrogant insubordination, filthy language and bad behaviour are being increasingly reported to senior staff. This applies particularly to third and fourth formers". To help address this situation a Guidance Counsellor was appointed to the school to provide personal educational and vocational counselling to the students. This was in addition to the already established Dean system, whereby one or two staff members are appointed as Deans of a particular level within the school.

On a brighter note, Veronica Hoffman's entry in the Star



FORM 5 ENG E 1972 — Back Row (L-R): A. Zambo, I. Stewart, C. Johnson, Janet McCullough, G. Morrice, C. Macpherson; Middle Row (L-R): A. Stephenson, R. Fisher, W. Tuapola, J. Ryburn, G. Cutfield, N. Shove, M. Neale, Mrs I. E. Nolan; Front Row (L-R): Annette Cross, Carol Taylor, Diane Surtees, Joanne Daley, Helen Fenemor; Christine Neill, Pamela Francis.

Secondary Schools Art Festival competition won a certificate of merit.

In June 1972 the PTA organized a visit from Mr J. Dick, principal of the Manuaku Technical Institute to speak to parents and pupils about courses available at the Institute and the necessary requirements to attend.

A new syllabus was introduced in 1972 where home economics, clothing and textiles were no longer considered "fill ins" or "craft" subjects, as cooking and sewing had previously been.

In his report of September/October 1972 Mr Thornton noted that most students had settled down to good working habits "but this year's third form has in its midst the worst elements I have known". As a result a number were to be retained in the third form the following year.

The year ended on a high with Graham Mansell winning a University Junior Scholarship.

The head and deputy prefects elected⁷ for 1973 were Selina Buckingham and Jan Christopher for the girls, with Stephen Gubb and Des Barry for the boys.

Over the years various outside groups were allowed to

⁶ School archives - Board Minutes

⁷ School archives - PHS Magazine 1973



FORM 6 ARTS II 1972 — Back Row (L-R): Claire Krybolder, Diane Gatland; 3rd Row (L-R): Beverley-Ann Marsh, Beverley Chapman, Tira Hepi, Debbie Hughes, Heather Kronast, Tania Evans, Norma Napa; 2nd Row (L-R): Mr Webster, M. Echave, A. Dunn, C. Putwain, S. Harford, A. Cole, D. Duncan, Mrs M. K. Atchison; Front Row (L-R): Lynne Parker, Elizabeth Nind, Maureen Sullivan, Cherie Martin, Lyn Stern, Susan Griffiths, Julia Cussen, Christine Lloyd-Fitt.

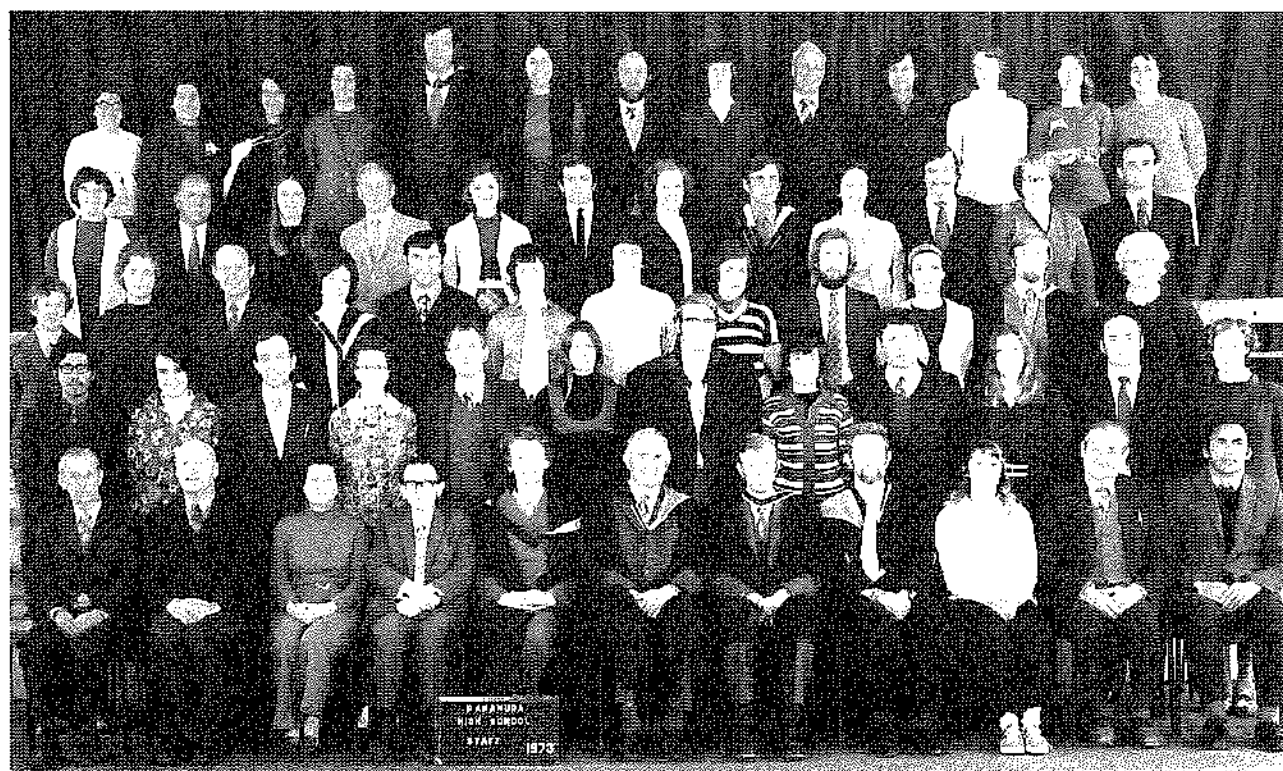
Wednesday morning assemblies developed into a singing assembly accompanied by the school's musical backing group, with Mr Boghurst leading the school in song, everything from hymns to pop songs. Later in the year the backing group were asked to go for further auditioning for the television programme "New Faces".

The prefects' ball^a took on a "hell-fire" theme. Skeletons bounded across the stage, while flames leapt up the walls. Pupils had practiced their ballroom dancing skills, learning the fox trot, waltz and quickstep, however, the teachers were somewhat miffed, as they wanted to show the pupils how well they could manage the modern style of dancing! Music was given a new lease of life as the department arranged for a visit

hire school facilities during weekends or evenings. In minutes of April 1973 it was noted, that the "Drama & Musical Society nearly burnt

the school hall down when someone turned on the heaters behind the curtains, which ended up being badly scorched".

^a School archives - PHS Magazine 1973



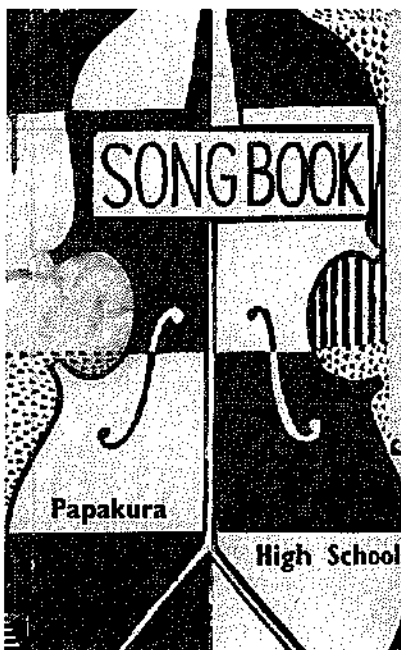
STAFF 1973 — Centre Front (L-R): Senior Assistant Mistress: Mrs R. M. Hammer; Principal: N. H. Thornton, Deputy Principal: D. T. Hunt.

from the Auckland Symphony Orchestra who played to a packed hall. The highlight of the evening was the solo performances of two students, John Lawson and Veronica Hoffmann.

Mr Roy Marshall (who was part of the foundation staff) retired in December 1973. For many years he organized school assemblies and also took a major interest in sports, tutoring both cricket and rugby after school and on weekends. The younger teachers held him in high esteem and regarded him as somewhat of a father figure.

At the commencement of the school's third decade in 1974, teachers were once again in short supply. The Board of Governors authorised Mr Thornton to recruit teachers from the United Kingdom, with a guarantee of accommodation.

As always fundraising was crucial and despite poor weather a very successful school fair was held on 28 September. An amount of \$2500 was raised, which was appropriated towards the



SONG BOOK



FORM 5P 1975 — Back Row (L-R): Martin Rooney, Karen Saunderson, Denise McIvor, Gerald Mackintosh, Karen Jenkins, Vanessa Sun, Robert Smith; Front Row (L-R): Wendy Asplin, Joanne Maskery, Shirley Robson, Lorraine Davies, Lilian Hulsbosch, Cheryl Barnfather, Janette Colquhoun.

library and audiovisual equipment.

Dr Watson (who was on the Board of Governors at this time) expressed concern at the weight of textbooks and study material being carried by pupils in their school bags. As a result it was decided to try and minimize the number of books carried and make greater use of lockers. At their November meeting, the Board of Governors⁹ raised concern at the flouting of school rules, particularly with respect to smoking.

A remedial reading programme was introduced in 1974. Because of lack of space, a converted garage, affectionately known as P51/2 (situated between P5 and P6) became the remedial reading room. Mrs Jones took charge of this programme for several years working mainly with third formers, helping them to develop their mental reading skills.

At the end of another particularly difficult year Anne Laidlaw raised morale by gaining a scholarship.

The 1975¹⁰ school year opened with most teaching positions filled. The roll remained steady at 1,140. Stephen Haslet was appointed head boy with Chris Collins his

deputy, whilst Glenys Watson was made head girl with Diane Kelly as her deputy.

Early in 1975 Mr Thornton visited Forms six and seven who were camping at Raglan and in his report stated, "in the subjects being studied there, the volume of work done is high".

During the year three pupils¹¹ were selected to crew on "The Spirit of Adventure" – Wayne Baker, John Matthews and Karen Rigby. The students spent ten days on board and were introduced to the thrills, dangers and toils of life at sea. The Spirit of Adventure Trust, the brainchild of Lou Fisher of Fisher and Paykel, aimed to promote the spirit of adventure in the young people of New Zealand.

The library reported in the 1975 school magazine that after a stock take it was discovered that in the short space of two years, 442 books had gone missing. The total replacement cost of these books was \$2210, more than the yearly library grant.

⁹ School archives – Board Minutes

¹⁰ School archives - Principal's Report Feb. 1975

¹¹ School archives – PHS Magazine May 1975

The theme for the 1975 school ball was the "Great Gatsby". The hall was transformed into a warehouse with barrels and boxes. To add to the authenticity, in one corner stood a "still" which had been ingeniously made by the science department. In addition, the boy prefects brought in an old car, which stood in the foyer.

School fees for 1976 were raised to \$5 per pupil with a maximum of \$10 per family. The year commenced with a roll of 1166. This year there were a larger number of girls in the fifth form than usual, which the principal in one of his reports said was "a reflection of the economic situation in Papakura as many girls have not been able to get work". He went on to say "It is becoming more apparent now that we have in the school quite a number of pupils who have returned because there is nowhere else to go. They are beginning to show their lack of purpose and are becoming disruptive".

The Maori Club got away to a good start in 1976 with the addition of Mrs Goldsbury and Mrs Williams to the staff. These two ladies inspired the club to new targets, one of which was the construction of a Maori Studies Centre. The house was to be used for practice by the club, to host visiting schools and for every day lessons.

A group of pupils put together a school newspaper "Contact". It was difficult getting it off the ground and subsequently there were only three issues. The aim was to produce a newspaper for the pupils, by the pupils. However, it wasn't as successful as was hoped.

Jeffrey Malpas¹² was placed first in the public speaking

contest for the secondary schools in Auckland, winning the Bledisloe Cup.

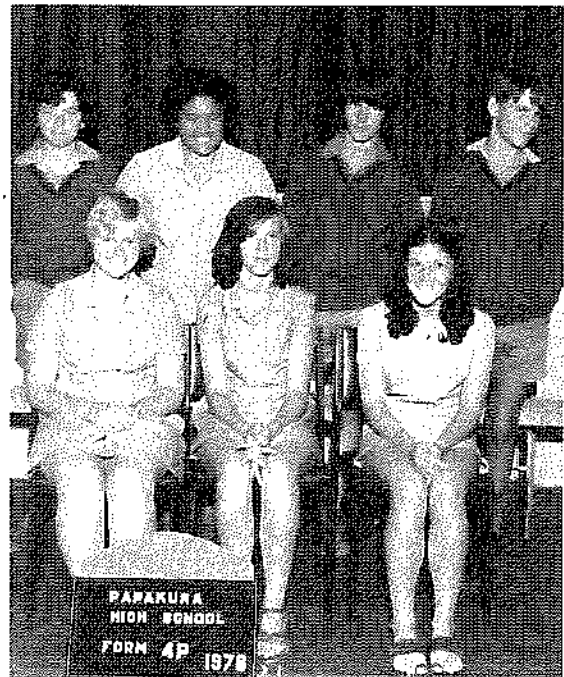
The new head of science Mr D. E. Robinson set up the Colenso Society, which covered a wide range of activities from ecology to philosophy. The society proved a huge success and is still active today.

Reports for the first term 1976 were issued in May. Eighteen fifth form students were called up to explain their poor performance. The principal said that they were the

pupils who were at school just to fill in their time until they found a job. He also said that the third form students needed a "shake-up".

On a more positive tack, because all the students worked so well towards a fundraising gala day, when \$2300 was raised in July, the principal requested the Board's approval to counting the gala day as a school day and closing the school for a day later in the year. Also the school did very well in public examinations. In University Entrance, the six who sat passed. In Bursary and Scholarship examinations Jeffrey Malpas obtained a scholarship with 96% in English. While of the other eleven who sat Bursary five gained A awards and five won Bs.

Once again it proved extremely difficult to obtain staff for the commencement of the 1977 school year. As a



FORM 4P 1976 — Back Row (L-R): Philip Barriball, Anthea Marshall, Donald Renall, Lance Daley; Front Row (L-R): Lynette Farrell, Carole Webb, Karen Petrie; Absent: Chris Kukutai, Grant Edwards, Rosina Marino, Diane Maxwell, Diana Jones.

result fourteen new teachers were employed, three of whom had never taught before. Five were fresh out of training college and three recruited from the primary service. In addition two retired teachers were employed to teach the slow learners.

Two relocatable¹³ buildings arrived, one of which was to be used as a science laboratory.

School prefects elected for the year were Hemi Williams, Head Boy and Jill Waters, Head Girl with their deputies Douglas Hayr and Debbie McClure respectively.

The 1977 third form intake was of a very different calibre to previous years. One teacher said, "you have to spend the whole time getting them to start listening before you can start teaching".

¹² School archives – Principal's Report 1976

¹³ School archives – Board Minutes



GIRLS HOCKEY 4TH FORM 1979

During the year Miss V. J. Smytheman¹⁴ was appointed senior mistress, and Mr Thornton gave notice of his intention to retire at the end of the year after fourteen years service as principal. In September the Board resolved that Mr D. T. Hunt (who had been deputy for several years) be appointed to the position of principal as from 1 February 1978. Several applications were received for the position of deputy principal and Mr G. W. Bryant (formerly from Lynfield College) was appointed.

Throughout the 1970s technology was moving at a cracking pace and a decision was made by the Board to purchase an electric typewriter for the school office.

The building of the new library began but bad weather slowed down the early stages. It had been hoped to complete the building in 46 weeks.

On the 28 December 1977 a group of eight students¹⁵ set off on a 56-day trip around the world visiting fourteen countries. The whole purpose of the trip was to allow those pupils who had been studying German an opportunity to put

their German to the test, spending time in East and West Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The bulk of the travelling through Europe was by train, staying at youth hostels. Though twice they were billeted with families in Bentheim and Erding be Munchen (two small towns in Germany).

In his April 1978 report Mr Hunt stated, "the pupils performed very creditably in the Manukau Secondary

School Sports, and the girls did very well at the Champion of Champions meeting at Mt. Smart".

In 1978 the possibility of building a third secondary school in Papakura was mooted by the Education Department to be built in the 1980s though this never eventuated. However, now, in 2003, some 20 odd years later, a new secondary school is under construction in Alfriston on Papakura's border.

In May 1978 the music department put on a very successful production "Rock Opera".

The Maori Affairs Department visited the school in July, together with well-known entertainer Howard Morrison. The intention was to impress on all pupils the need for remaining at school and obtaining the highest qualification possible. A traditional Maori welcome and luncheon was given to the visitors.

¹⁴ School archives – Board Minutes

¹⁵ School archives – PHS Magazine 1978



FORM 7A 1979 — Back Row (L-R): Lesley Inwood, Kristine Griffiths, Peter Keen, Dean Lawless, Raymond Malpas, Patricia Shadbolt, Michele Banham; 3rd Row (L-R): David Tennent, Sharleen McIntosh, Timothy Frank, Patricia Brown, Malcolm McKinnon, Jennifer Hayr, Lloyd Sharp, Julie Farley, Kevin Everitt; 2nd Row (L-R): Mr. R.A. Findlay, Gary Byrom, Laurie Mendoza, Peter Cooper, Kathryn Markwick, Brian Gould, Debbie Mahon, Raymond Steele, Susan Sheffield, Mr C. J. Archer; Front Row (L-R): Ben Chisnall, Mette Christensen, Mark Miller, Helen Graham, Peter Grant, Karen Taylor, Stephen Hocking, Lynne Plumer, Paul Noyelles.



ROCK OPERA 1979

For the first time in years the annual school ball was a financial success. The theme was "Hollywood". Unfortunately, however, due to an inexplicable misunderstanding the band that arrived was expecting a less formal occasion. Because of this the music was not particularly suitable.

School fees for 1979¹⁶ were set at \$14 per child plus \$5 for each additional child in the family. The roll was 1265, and at the commencement of the first term the school was short staffed by one in music.

Papakura High did very well at the Manukau Secondary Sports breaking four swimming records.

The Silver Jubilee was celebrated in March at which Sir Keith Holyoake officially opened the new library, which had been named the "Neville Thornton Library" after the previous principal. At this time the jubilee committee resolved that they would present the

profit from the Jubilee to the school, which, together with contributions from the PTA and the Board allowed the school to purchase a minibus.

Another very successful Rock Opera was held, thanks to the help of Mrs Williams, Mrs Arrol and her band "Showdown" who supplied the music and sound effects. Also Mr Rata, Mr Crooks, Mr Mullinder and Mr Robertson provided a great deal of help.

During the year the school competed for the first time in the secondary schools canoeing championships. Miss Smytheman visited Japan on a Japan Foundation Award.

Former pupils continued to do well at sport. Stephanie Foster represented New Zealand at the World Rowing Championships, Paul Tuoro and Bob Lendrum Counties Rugby, Roger Freeth motorcycling, Graham Frith represented New Zealand at Orienteering.

Mr Bryant set up the student council in an attempt to

improve student participation, to provide increased opportunity for leadership and to help improve communication within the school. Unfortunately after only one year Mr Bryant resigned to take up the position of principal at Whangarei Girls' High School.

Dr Stewart Watson¹⁷ who had a long association with the school, serving on the Board of Governors, was particularly proud this year. All his children who went through Papakura High School became university graduates. This surely proves, that even though there may be disruptive elements at school, those who want to achieve will.

At the end of the year in the university bursary examinations two seventh formers gained an A and eight gained Bs. Bledisloe won the inter school sports cup.

¹⁶ School archives – Board Minutes

¹⁷ School archives – PHS Magazine 1980

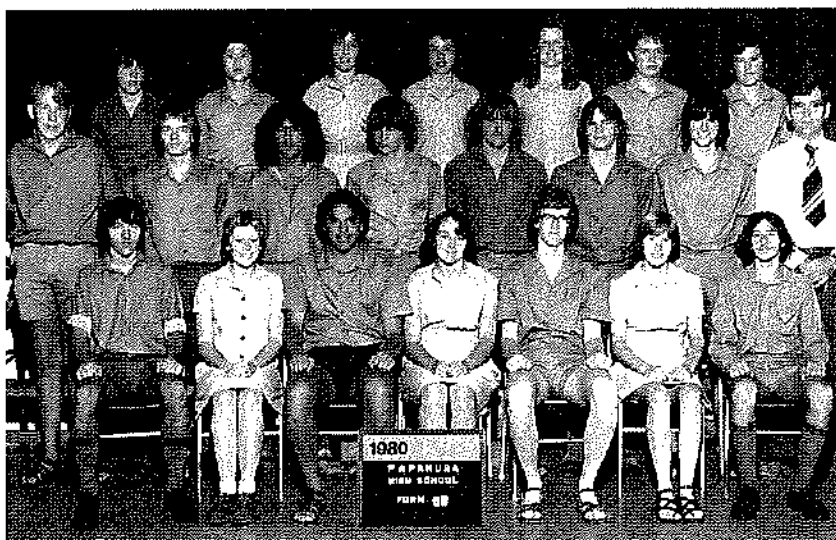
1980s

School fees¹⁸ were raised to \$19 for the first child plus \$9 for each additional child from a family. The fee became known as "school activity fees".

Mr J. Millar was appointed deputy principal, coming from Auckland Boys' Grammar where he had been senior master. Mr Millar won the respect and admiration of staff and pupils at Papakura High School by his approachable, professional manner. In the 1980 school magazine he wrote an article focussing on school spirit and pride, urging students to get involved and take part in the many and varied school activities.



HOUSE CAPTAINS 1980 — Back Row (L-R): Lynley Whittaker, Grant Rouse, Pania Hudson, Sam Lees, Fiona Dalziel, Manu Hudson, Ranjit Lala, Christine Hohepa; Front Row (L-R): Christine Quarrie, Brent Berry, Cindy Baker, Grant Clegg, Kiwi Marshall, Michael Kimberley, Christina Olsen.



FORM 6B 1980 — Back Row (L-R): S. Sowerby, K. Fong, H. Givan, R. Williams, M. Clarke, I. Holland, S. Varney; Middle Row (L-R): A. Tooley, B. McCalman, W. Comer, G. Parkinson, M. Talbot, C. Lever, G. Williams, Mr C. Archer; Front Row (L-R): G. Rooks, C. Walker, R. Ruha, R. Buckby, J. Gould, S. Kitcher, M. Devcich.

Early in the year the school said farewell to Mr Geoff Burnside. Geoff had a long association with the school being elected to the Board of Governors in 1968. After serving on the board for two years he was then elected deputy chairman, a position he held for five years. He then spent another five years as chairman. Geoff made a considerable contribution to

the governing of Papakura High and saw many changes and improvements. He was indeed held in high esteem by both staff and board members alike.

Michael Kimberley and Kiwi Marshall were appointed head boy and girl¹⁹ respectively with Shane Brown and Fiona Dalziel as their deputies.

The annual sports athletics were held at Massey Park over two days at the start of March

and several records were broken. It is noted that the event was one of the most enjoyable meetings for a number of years. For 1980, once again Bledisloe won the inter school House Championship Cup.

In 1981 the Girls' Orienteering team won the Auckland Schools' Championship. Also Karen Parkinson was selected for the New Zealand gymnastic team to compete in the World Championships in Moscow.

Proceeds from the workday held in 1981 were appropriated towards establishing computer studies within the school by purchasing some mini computers and an Apple computer.

The school drama production for the year was "Ned Kelly". The 7th Form camp was held at Whangamata. Meanwhile the Maori meetinghouse at the school was waiting for its finishing touches. A considerable amount of carving

¹⁸ School archives - Board Minutes

¹⁹ School archives - PHS Magazine 1980



ATHLETICS 1980



TENNIS TEAM 1980— Back Row (L-R): Margaret Cotter, _____; Middle Row (L-R): Ian Lockwood, _____, Tabitha or Dokes Lees, Shaun Midgely, Julie Angel, Brett Rouse; Front Row (L-R): Angela Whittle, Miss Goodman, Rosemary Gibson, Phillip Matheson, Lianne Kitte, _____, Wiremu Waretini, _____.

was to be done to decorate the building. This posed several problems, as strict procedures had to be followed under Maori lore, one of which (as the school is in the Waikato territory) was to obtain the permission of the Maori Queen.

After only one year at Papakura High Mr Millar the Deputy Principal moved on and was replaced in 1982 by Mr P. Raffills.

Simon Bilton and Iona Nu'u were appointed head prefects

for 1982²⁰ with Brent Nixey (which seemed to cause some considerable consternation by the pupils) and Amiria Thompson as deputies.

A Careers Day was held on 5th May 1982 for all fifth formers. This proved to be a great success, giving students the opportunity to reassure themselves, (or otherwise) that they had chosen the correct course subjects for the following year.

On 10 August 1982 the senior school held a workday in which most of the pupils participated. Over \$2000 was raised for the new camp at Waharau. The junior school held their workday later in the year.

The school's musical production for 1982 "Zigger Zagger" (a play about soccer) was a huge success. The main reason being that it was a play for youth about youth. The players were able to identify

²⁰ School archives - PHS Magazine 1980

Below:
GIRLS HOCKEY 2ND XI 1981 — Back Row (L-R): J. Dixon, S. Bailey, L. Montford, J. McGlade, D. Healy, D. Young; Front Row (L-R): P. Malcolm, J. Adlington, J. Steward, F. Ata, M. Lawson Absent: H. Dixon (Captain).



with the characters. Secondly student participation was large, as there was a cast of approximately 100. It was also very topical as it was the year of the Soccer World Cup.

This year a particularly hardworking PTA²¹ organized a fund raising gala, preceded by a raffle. The raffle raised \$4000 while the gala itself brought in \$5000 all of which was appropriated towards the new pavilion.

The ball for the year took on the theme of "Paris" and as always Mrs Hammer played a major role in the arrangements.

26 March 1983 saw the opening of Waharau Outdoor Education Camp on the lower slopes of the Hunua Ranges. Since then, each year students from Papakura High have enjoyed attending camps at Waharau.

Work on the new Pavilion commenced in May 1983, though considerable fundraising efforts were still required to obtain sufficient funds to complete the project. To this end the school held a project committee lottery and also took part in a combined schools lottery from which the return to the school was 70 cents in each dollar. In addition Papakura High School shared with Rosehill College in the sale of Mt. Smart mystery

²¹ School archives – Board Minutes

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FORM 4S 1981 — Back Row (L-R): R. Reihana, I. Ayers, J. McKenzie, G. Laing, C. Hayes; **3rd Row (L-R):** A. Snowling, C. Raiwhara, J. Hall, M. Brock, D. Croad, A. Hall, D. Bartlett, J. Allan; **2nd Row (L-R):** S. Baskett, J. Makaera, A. Motu, W. Green, L. Karakia, A. Wilson, R. Grundy, Mr J. B. McGilly (Teacher); **Front Row (L-R):** J. Lawson, R. Hill, L. Peacey, E. Harris, T. Innes, D. Harrison, H. Davis, T. Cleary.



ROCK OPERA 1981



FORM 5J 1981 — Back Row (L-R): K. Piggott, C. Seales, M. Jacobson, P. Smith, D. Natta, P. Hogan, C. Debuissou, Mr. D.W. Smith (Teacher); **Front Row (L-R):** D. Quarrie, N. Bartley, T. Wheeler, P. Connelly, M. Davidson, W. Ruawhare, G. Hall; **Absent:** D. Te Rito, B. Young, G. Hoskins.





FORM 5J 1982 — Back Row (L-R): E. Kennedy, M. Leota, C. Raiwhara, P. Wilson; 3rd Row (L-R): D. Brady, N. Pahiri, T. Holmes, H. Lockett, J. Kerlake, J. Stone, J. Atiga, D. Reynolds, R. Hill; 2nd Row (L-R): W. Hislop, T. Boisen, F. Paulo, D. Tatistich, D. Cleary, A. Rountree, J. White, H. Smith, Miss J. R. Minogue (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): T. Te Haara, C. Hansch, F. Steele, J. Pomare, J. Marshall, J. Ratu, J. Simpson, J. Davies, D. Young.

envelopes. Altogether it was hoped to raise \$30,000 for the Pavilion project.

Mr Arthur Brown²² tendered his resignation with effect from January 1984. Mr Brown commenced as a relief teacher at the school in 1965 and was appointed to the permanent staff in 1966.

In a report to the Board Mr Hunt noted that the examination results for 1983 were better than anything he had seen since 1970. In the seventh form, out of 19 candidates, 17 obtained bursaries. Seven A and ten B bursaries. In the sixth form, 14 pupils passed University

Entrance by examination and 36 were accredited. In the fifth from a total of 257 students sat subjects in school certificate and 192 passed in one or more subjects. Helen McNaughton obtained 98% in Japanese while John Ross scored 98% in geography. At long last, in 1983, after the trials and tribulations of the 1970s, and early 80s, Papakura High School seemed to have turned the corner.

The Governor General, Sir David Beattie, opened the new Pavilion²³ on the 14 April 1984. After the opening guests inspected the new building, then enjoyed watching a game of rugby between the 1st XV's of Papakura High School and Rosehill College. The game was closely fought, but despite the loud barracking from Papakura High supporters, Rosehill won 13-11.

Papakura High had reached its 30th birthday in 1984. To celebrate this the Past Pupils Association held a 30th Jubilee Dinner at the Leger Room, Ellerslie Racecourse on 13 April.

In 1984 Papakura High received the rare award of a "Tiki" from the Forest Service at Minginui. This was in appreciation of the work carried out by third and fourth form students from the school over the previous seventeen years.

Each year a party of boys from the school, under the leadership of Arthur Brown carried out voluntary work in the forest park. The work included clearing bracken and scrub, track work, making bench-tracks through the forest, concrete work for a tank stand and painting the Bullring Hut. Another effort was

²² School archives – Board Minutes



EXPERIENCE UNIT 1983 — Back Row (L-R): J. Campbell, S. Kett, E. Mather, P. Kaka, S. Purnell, R. Anderson, Mr D. I. Wilson (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): C. Mathews, P. Connor, J. Kimpton, J. Hines, M. Manahi, C. Proffit, L. Scally; Absent: K. Ellis, G. Tahapehi, S. Savage, O. Tini, M. Sexton.

cutting a track from the hut to Central Te Hoe. Other major work carried out by the boys was cutting a track up the Whirinaki River and then building a track from the saddle north-east of TeWairoa Hut to Whangatawhia Hut. This was a project, which took three years, with the additional help of boys from Rangitahi College who worked from the Whangatawhia Hut end.

In addition mixed parties of sixth and seventh formers spent their "Elective" week at Okui, and they too established a reputation for hard work at the campsite.

Corporal punishment had always been a school policy and in 1984 revisions were made to the policy:

- a) corporal punishment of boys only is permitted;
- b) for classroom discipline – should only be used as a last resort;
- c) it should be used only after careful consideration;
- d) a pupil who considers the punishment unjust has the right of refusal and may request for the matter to be referred to the deputy principal or principal;
- e) a staff witness is necessary;
- f) all punishments are to be recorded the same day in the register kept in the deputy principal's office. The principal must from time to time carefully scrutinise the book;
- g) the corporal punishment should be carried out in an appropriate place;
- h) no more than three strokes are to be given without reference to the principal or deputy principal.

By now computers had come to the fore – so once again more fundraising was

necessary, this time for a much needed computer room.

At the end of the year 1984 Stuart Frew obtained a university junior scholarship and Bledisloe regained the

inter-house championship cup, which, as it turned out became a stranglehold as they held it for the next ten years.

²³ School archives – PHS Magazine 1984



FORM 3U 1983 — Back Row (L-R): D. Williamson, M. Crane, P. Brown, J. Komene, B. Geyde, B. McCormick; 3rd Row (L-R): D. Cleary, J. King, M. Te Ra, D. James, K. Hetaraka, C. Underwood, K. Hackford, A. Sinclair
2nd Row (L-R): A. Harrison, B. Judkins, C. Haldane, T. Campbell, R. Hepehi, C. Bell, G. Barron, Miss C. C. Barford (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): A. Jones, Y. Brown, K. Howie, K. McCormish, C. Baker, S. Pender, G. Dunn, A. Hudson; Absent: L. Comer.



FORM 5H 1983 — Back Row (L-R): A. Sutherland, P. Comer, L. Swaney, L. Brown, S. Gotty, R. Hill; 3rd Row (L-R): S. Tairakena, D. Simon, H. Smith, W. Thornton, W. Hislop, J. Pomare, R. Marshall, T. Graham; 2nd Row (L-R): J. Miller, T. Boisen, A. Rountree, B. Pahiri, A. Galvin, S. Simon, F. Harvey, Mrs M. J. McIlvride (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): S. Hieatt, D. Pearson, E. Todd, E. Harris, J. Harrison, J. Davies, S. Tumai, P. Wilson.



FORM 5G 1983 — Back Row (L-R): L. Tumai, R. Kay, D. Hill, P. Duck, G. Hodson, G. Jones, P. Cooper; Middle Row (L-R): G. Clendon, C. Gibson, M. Franklin, K. Banks, G. Solly, P. Milne, P. Hays, Mr J. B. McGilly (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): E. Cooper, F. King, B. Jones, P. Wright, R. Manning, S. McLarnon, T. Duder; Absent: M. Ngawaka.

At the commencement of the 1985 school year the roll stood at 1250. School fees remained at \$21 with a maximum of \$41 per family²⁴. For once it was not necessary to carry out fundraising – what a relief!

As part of its centenary celebrations the St. John's Ambulance Association, held a poster competition in the first term. Students from Papakura



EQUESTRIAN A TEAM 1984

High won both sections of the competition. The winner of the individual poster competition was Adrienne MacRae who received \$25.

At the annual (Auckland wide) Mathex competition Graeme Mason won the section to design a publicity motif. Leanne Hanley gained second in the speech competition and Nicholas Lough got into the final of the individual quiz.

Four girls from Papakura High School entered and won the first Manukau Intercollegiate one-day equestrian event, held at the Tuakau Pony Club grounds. Sarah-Jane Harrison, Jackie Cole, Tonya Davies and Katherine Teys were the proud

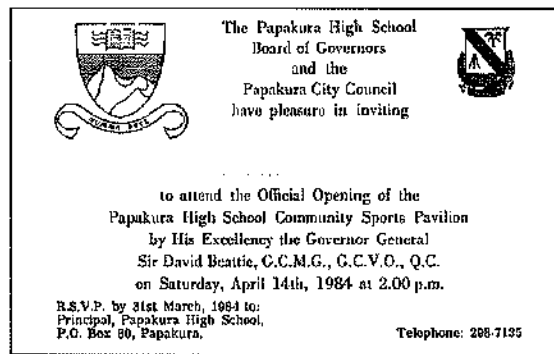
winners of the teams dressage trophy and the teams overall trophy. Such was the enthusiasm of all participants on the day; it was decided to make it an annual event.

Head prefects for 1985 were Adrienne Claysher Head Girl with

Helen Macnaughton her deputy and Wiremu Waretini Head Boy with Geoffrey Ross as his deputy.

At a meeting of the board of governors, it was decided W Wing was to be named "Watson Wing" after Dr Watson a long serving board member.

In his April 1985 report the principal announced that after a meeting with staff it was agreed the long-term aim should be to increase the number of computers to sixteen. At the time there were twelve.



Invitation to opening of sports pavilion April 14, 1984

²⁴ School archives – Board Minutes

On 22 August 1985 the school was deeply shocked when Clinton Dougherty²⁵ (4j) collapsed and died whilst running in the school cross country. In his memory a multi day was held the proceeds of which went to the Clinton Dougherty Memorial Fund.

The end of year examination results were extremely good with Derek Richards obtaining a university entrance scholarship. Out of 23 candidates there was one scholarship and 19 bursaries gained.

In April 1986 four students took part in the annual "It's Academic" school quiz

television series. The team came second to St. Mary's with Onehunga High third.

Students of all levels sat the Australian Mathematics exam competition. Seven passed with distinction and 29 obtained credit passes²⁶.

Meanwhile Craig Davidson was making waves by winning the senior ironman division in the Auckland Inter Secondary Flatwater Championships.

In a more serious vein, solvent abuse (glue sniffing) was becoming an increasing problem.

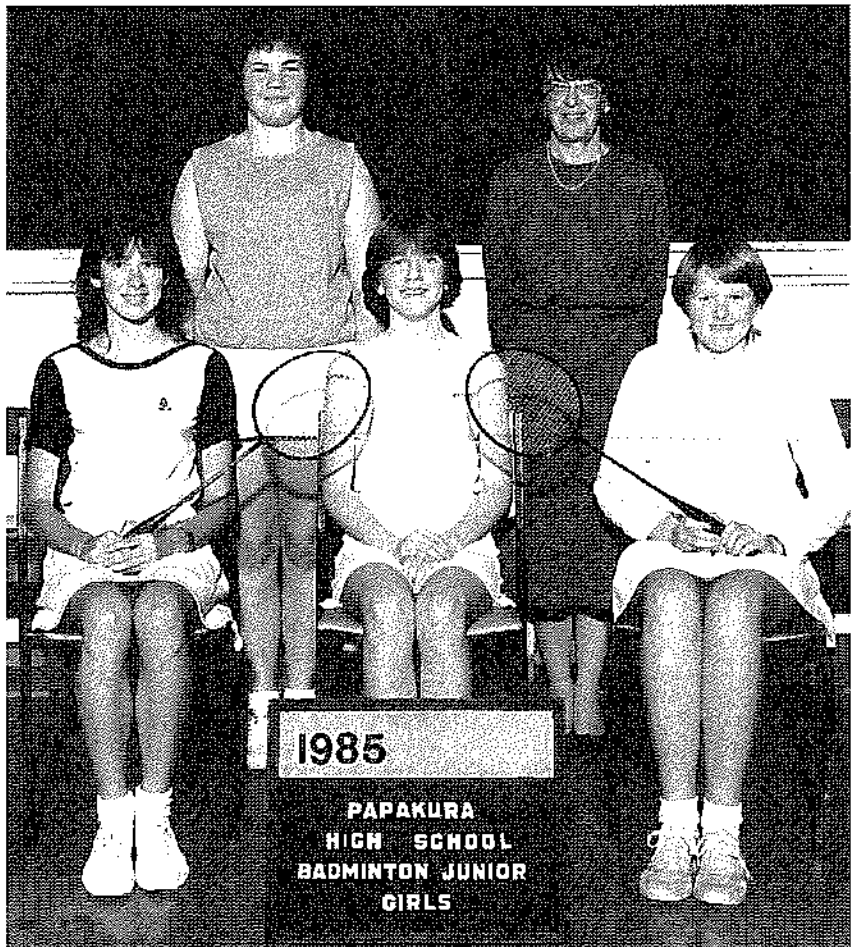
Mr B. Joyce a long serving member of the Board retired from the committee of the board of governors.

At the commencement of the 1987 school year the roll stood at 1235²⁷. School fees for the year were increased to \$25 for the first child or \$40 per family.

In April members of the school's canoe club helped patrol the Auckland Harbour between Rangitoto Island and



FORM 5D 1984 — Back Row (L-R): J. Sutton, T. Johnstone, K. Duder, H. Smith; 3rd Row (L-R): M. Moorhouse, E. Williams, J. Sabbage, B. Hau, D. Brewster, R. Bennett, T. Trillo, N. Collings; 2nd Row (L-R): G. Doull, A. Melles, K. Donald, A. Miles, B. McKenzie, I. Kirkwood, E. Tupper, Mr M. R. Howlett (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): K. Shorthouse, S. Smith, M. Munro, C. Zwier, L. Vitolio, J. Troy, P. Wetere, M. Walton; Absent: V. Cunningham, R. Inman, K. Joslin.



JUNIOR GIRLS BADMINTON 1985

²⁵ School archives – Board Minutes

²⁶ School archives – Board Minutes

²⁷ School archives – Board Minutes

St. Heliers during the Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swim. At the Auckland Secondary Schools Flatwater Canoeing²⁸ the school was placed second overall from 23 schools, whilst the equestrian team once again triumphed by coming first in dressage and was placed second overall by 0.5 of a point.

The Trusteebank Netball Tournament for Auckland Secondary Schools was held in May on the North Shore, involving over 40 secondary schools. Papakura High's Senior A team won two games and lost one. The third form A team played five games winning them all, defeating Westlake Girls High 13-7 in the final.

In fencing Andrea Lagan became the Auckland Provincial 'B' Grade Champion for 1987 in "Foil and Epee".

This year the PTA held a bookstall and raised an amazing \$1200 which helped fund a number of projects such as a video together with a contribution towards the end of year school prizes. They also funded bodices for the Maori Club, and paid for security for the Halloween Social. At the end of the year Papakura High students gained seven 'A' Bursaries and nine "Bs".

Meanwhile the school was experiencing great difficulty, mainly through lack of funding in obtaining completion of the inside of the Maori meetinghouse²⁹. As a result George Blake organized a golf tournament to raise funds for the completion of the marae. Mr Lucas Bunt (a member of the committee) approached Maori Affairs for \$20,000 to assist in completion of the

Wharenui! Surprisingly they did not knock back the approach and stated they would consider it.

The tukutuku panels had not been started so Norma Tango offered to be responsible for getting the work started. These were finally completed in 1988 but there were still considerable problems over the carvings.

The roll for 1988 again remained steady at 1254³⁰. The head girl was Dale Matheson with Charlotte Hepehi her deputy. Head boy was Tony Ludlum with Raymond Hepehi as deputy.

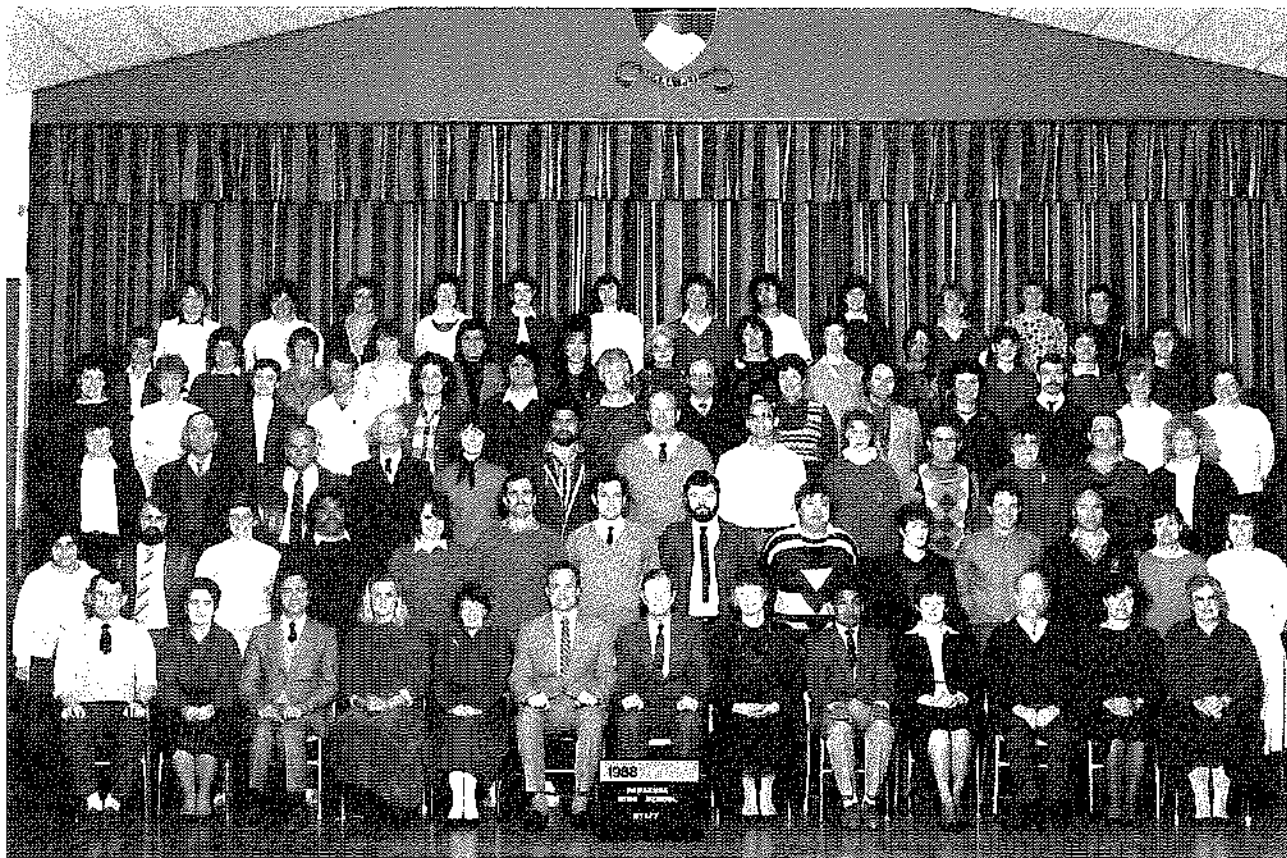
In March four boys were caught smoking marijuana³¹ on the fields during interval and

²⁸ School archives - PHS Magazine 1987

²⁹ School archives - Board Minutes

³⁰ School archives - Principal's Report

³¹ School archives - Board Minutes



STAFF 1988 — Centre Front: *Principal: D. T. Hunt; Deputy Principal: P. K. Brewin; Senior Mistresses: Mrs. R. M. Hammer and Miss V. J. Smytheman.*

were subsequently suspended. As a result of this the school formulated a policy on the use and possession of forbidden substances on school premises by pupils.

This year the South Auckland Inter-College Equestrian event took place at Wesley College. Papakura High's 'A' team won the overall title.

At this time the Labour Government of the day set up a task force to review the whole education system. The findings of the review came out as the Picot Report, entitled "Administering for Excellence". The principal circulated copies of the report to the Board of Governors and staff asking them for their comment so that submissions could be made to the minister.

Once again the PTA held a very successful bookstall and with the proceeds provided two bursaries to Manukau Polytechnic at \$150 each and \$150 for the Dux and \$100 for the Proxime Accessit.

In October 1988 Graeme Mason was awarded one of the nine inaugural ASB/Jean Batten Memorial Flying Scholarships.

This year Intensive Week commenced on 28 November. A number of varied activities were available, so as to cater for everyone's pocket. These included week-long trips away from school, school-based activities or day trips.

In the end of year examination results the seventh formers did well by gaining seven 'A' bursaries and

twelve 'Bs'. In the fifth form 192 pupils passed one subject or more in school certificate (68%).

At the commencement of 1989 the school roll remained at the 1250 mark. The Board of Governors and senior staff were extremely busy working their way through the School Trustees bill. Papakura High's main concern was that the bill required a senior student to be elected as one of the trustees. The school had previously tried to involve senior students on other committees and it had not proved very satisfactory.

The school athletics were very successful with some excellent individual performances. Six new records were created. Bledisloe won the house championship.

For the third successive year Papakura High was overall champion at the Manukau Athletics, coming first in the girl's competitions and fourth in the boys' competition. The school won the senior and junior girls' relays and came second in the intermediate girls' relay. Papakura High's school band, playing music from "The Tin Soldier" won the Auckland Secondary Schools 'Battle of the Bands' for 1989.

After a long period of consultation with the general public and teaching profession, the government finally adopted a policy on educational administration, which became known as "Tomorrow's Schools"³². These sweeping changes came into effect on 1 October 1989.

Some of the main points of the new scheme were:

- The old Department of Education with its regional offices, district education boards and secondary school boards were all disbanded.
- In their place was the newly constituted Ministry of Education.
- Boards of trustees were made up of democratically elected representatives of (mainly) parents, some staff, the principal and any other co-opted members with specialist knowledge.

Upon election of the Board of Trustees, the Board was required to prepare a written Charter listing the objectives of the school, also a Mission Statement. Once the Ministry had approved the Charter, it would commence making funds available to the school.

Four trustees were re-elected from the old Board of Governors³³ together with two new trustees. Also two Maori, one Pacific Islander and a teacher were co-opted as members.

It was now necessary for a large administrative unit to run a school, with principals becoming more like chief executive officers. Schools were regarded as similar to businesses and expected to run as such. Amazingly schools adjusted surprisingly well to this new ideology.

³² Tradition & Change - R. C. J. Stone & N. A. C. McMillan

³³ School archives - Board Minutes

Towards the new millenium — 1990-2003

1990

THE YEAR commenced with a roll of 1251, which included five students in the new special needs unit that opened on the first day of term¹.

Head Prefects for the year were, head girl Michelle Frost with Lupe Repehi as deputy, while Kent Matheson was head boy with Aaron Running as his deputy.

Five new records were established in the school swimming sports with Bledisloe winning the house competition.

In April an alternative uniform for seventh formers and prefects was approved, which was long black trousers and a white shirt, with a green jersey for the boys, whilst a red tartan skirt, white blouse and green jersey was chosen for the girls. Both uniforms to be worn with black shoes.

In these modern times, preventative medicine is the norm, so in May it was time for the Hepatitis B injections throughout the school. Eye tests came later in the year, plus health education for fourth formers. In addition over 150 staff and students gave blood when the mobile unit visited the school.

The student representative on the Board of Trustees at this time, asked if the Board would consider the implementation of Student I.D. cards, this of course, is now commonplace at all secondary schools.

Sixth Former Gaylene Hunter took the first prize in the Japanese Language Competition held at the Epsom Teachers Training College on the 21 October 1990. Gaylene competed against 40 sixth form students from several Auckland schools.

The school ball² was held on the 18 July in the hall and the theme was "Enchanted Forest".



LIBRARY MONITORS 1992

The band played a range of tunes from the 50s to the 90s allowing plenty of scope to show off different styles of dancing.

"Starblaze" a futuristic play, was the school production for the year. It was about Captain Sanderson and her crew of female space pirates who were exiled from earth by the male galactic dictator Odium.

The Maori Club performed at many functions throughout the year including joining with Rosehill College to perform a powhiri for the Governor General Sir Paul Reeves, at the opening of the Hawkins Centre.

At the end of the year three seventh formers gained scholarships, four gained 'A' bursaries and ten 'Bs'. The overall fifth form results were good, and in art three students received marks in the 90s.

The roll was now remaining steady, and commenced in 1991³ with 1250.

Head girl for the year was Gaylene Hunter with Jacqui Derwin her deputy. Head boy was Jan-Paul Mowat with Dean Frear as deputy.

On the 2 March, 26 seventh form students took part in the dragon boat⁴ races at Princes

Wharf – quite a brave undertaking. The team had three races in all, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Their placings were second to last and last! However, there were hundreds of competitors and the team entered for the experience as much as anything.

For the first time ever the ball⁵ was held off campus at the Hyatt Kingsgate Convention Centre. The theme was "Evening in Paris". David Ross and Julie Waddams won the best-dressed couple, while the belle of the ball went to Karla Cooney with Jason Breen as best dressed male. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with students hoping that next year's ball would be held off campus too!

At the Auckland Champion of Champions Tennis Competition Natasha Cairns was runner up in the junior girls singles.

In April 1991 the Board of Trustees formulated a "Smoke Free" policy for the high

¹ School archives – Board Minutes

² School archives – PHS Magazine 1990

³ School archives – Principal's Report

⁴ School archives – PHS Magazine 1991

⁵ School archives – PHS Magazine 1991

school, the goals of which were to prevent the detrimental effects of smoking by dissuading young people from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke and by promoting a clean air environment.

The official opening and rededication of the Wharenui took place on Saturday 5 October 1991. This was the culmination of many years of fundraising, hold-ups and hard work.

For the second year in a row Papakura High entered in the National Secondary Schools Ski Championships at Whakapapa, Mt. Ruapehu. Over 120 schools entered the competition and Papakura High gained a 57th placing.

At the end of the year seven students won 'A' Bursaries and fifteen "Bs", with sixteen students gaining university entrance. Dean Frear was awarded Dux⁶ of the school for 1991 and was aiming to go on to Medical School in 1992.

For the first time in many years 1992 saw the roll increase and grow to 1295. This, in the main, was caused by senior students staying on longer at school to obtain the necessary higher qualifications demanded by the labour market. As it was, job prospects were gloomy.

Penelope Axtens and Nigel Birse were appointed head prefects for the year with Hiraani Winiken and Wayne Collett their deputies.

Mr D. Hunt retired at the end of Term One 1992 ending a 22 year reign at Papakura High School, fourteen of which he served as principal. Mr Hunt's legacy to the school was the establishment in the early 70s of a P.E./Rec Course for 6th/7th formers, the highlight of which was the trip to the Ureweras at the end of Term One.

In the mid 70s he introduced the idea of orientation camps for both junior and senior pupils. These first took place at Raglan then later at Waharau. Another of his pioneering ideas was the introduction of liberal studies for 6th/7th formers. His main philosophy, which he liked to drill into students, was the importance of co-operation.

Mr P. K. (Kris) Brewin (deputy principal) was promoted to principal and Peter Gall was appointed associate principal.

It was now three years since the inauguration of "Tomorrow's Schools" and the Board of Trustees had completed their first term of office. Only one sitting member made themselves available for re-election⁷, however, the newly elected trustees had expertise in a wide variety of fields and soon settled in to their new found responsibilities.

Much to the delight of the senior students, a "Coke" vending machine was installed in their common room.

This year there were a particularly large number of exchange students, hailing from all corners of the globe. There were students from Australia, Sweden, America, Japan, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, Thailand and Fiji.

The school production for 1992 was "Sheik(h) Rattle 'n' Roll", a fast paced, action filled storyline set in Arabia⁸.

Meanwhile the Maori Club were encouraging everyone to speak Te Reo Maori.

A "Chocolate Challenge"⁹ was mounted in the second term 1992. This was a marketing scheme by Mayell Foods Ltd., Christchurch, who offered commerce students from 30 New Zealand schools

the opportunity to market and sell their product. Students had the task of selling cookies and chocolate marshmallows. The first prize of \$500 (for selling the most cartons) went to Jeremy Fletcher. Wayne Walker was runner up and received \$200. A total of 850 cartons were sold raising approximately \$40,000.

This year's ball was once again held at the Hyatt Kingsgate, with a 'New York, New York' theme.

Each year several external competitions are held in which Papakura High's students invariably enter. These are Mathex, the National Bank Maths Competition, the Australian Science Competition and the National Bank Science Competition. In 1992 Papakura High students received placings in all competitions entered.

Marc Hatton set off in September 1992 for a ten-day trip on the Spirit of Adventure and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

Fleur Campbell and Ceri Lewis were appointed head girl and boy respectively for 1993 and the student representative on the Board of Trustees for the year was Katriona Holehan-Duncan¹⁰.

Mrs R. Hammer retired¹¹, after 31 years admirable service to Papakura High. She joined the school in 1962, becoming the youngest senior mistress in the country, working in that position from 1962-1992. She then became deputy principal from 1992-1993. Though a strict teacher, she was always a fair, kind and

⁶ School archives - newspaper cuttings

⁷ School archives - Board Minutes

⁸ School archives PHS Magazine 1992

⁹ Papakura Courier July 1992

¹⁰ School archives - Board Minutes

¹¹ School archives - PHS Magazine 1993

caring person. Mrs Hammer made an enormous contribution to the school, teaching English, history and Latin. She was always available to give a helping hand at various school functions, especially the annual ball.

Mrs Angela Appleby was appointed deputy principal, filling the position vacated by Mrs Hammer. Mrs Appleby had previously taught in New Zealand at Nga Tupawae and Edgewater Colleges.

David Naylor (the newly appointed HOD Music) was busy establishing a new music programme at the school and it wasn't long before his passion for music rubbed off on the students. The new internally assessed school certificate programme, introduced in 1993 was a breakthrough in music education. Prior to this, approximately five students studied fifth form music each year. However, in 1993 twenty-one budding musicians attended the class.

The school production for the year was a musical "Bye Bye Birdie", which played to capacity houses. The Auckland District Music Adviser said it was the best school show he had ever seen!

This year the dragon boat team came an impressive second to Rutherford High School.

Early in the year Dr Lockwood Smith, Minister of Education visited the school to view problem areas with the school buildings. As a result of the visit various capital works were carried out such as upgrading the staff room, English resource room and the gymnasium floor. In addition two new computer rooms were provided.

The ball this year was held at the Ellerslie Function Rooms

where there was an ice palace theme. Vesta-Anne Gribben was belle of the ball, James Neilson best dressed guy while Katie Kirkaldy and Lewis Wilkinson were voted best couple.

The Maori Culture Group struggled at the beginning of the year without an HOD. However, Mr Matthews was appointed Head of Department in term two after which a large number of students joined the Culture Group. The Polynesian Club also got off to a slow start and as a result of which were unable to compete in the annual secondary schools Polynesian Festival. However, the highlight of the club's year was the Po Fia Fia night when invited schools plus the Papakura High School Maori and Polynesian Clubs gave performances in the hall. Papakura High students dazzled the audience with a stunning performance for the finale.

With the encouragement of Miss Chhima, an Indian Club formed at the beginning of the year. The members of the group represented several nationalities such as Fijian, Gujanti, Muslim, Punjabi and Indians.

The library staff worked very hard during the year and with the help of two extra assistants, loaded over half the library books on to a computer system.

Finally, at the end of the year twelve students¹² gained 'A' Bursaries and seven 'Bs'. Bledisloe won the Inter-house PTA Cup; Cobham was second with Fergusson and Freyberg third equal.

The school's 40th Jubilee year commenced in 1994 with the appointment of Alana Cook as head girl and Mua Alatope as head boy.

As a result of the Ministry of Education's major revision of curriculum subjects, (commenced in 1993 dealing with one or two subjects per year), the curriculum offered in 1994 was a consolidation of the initiatives made, based on the seven essential learning areas identified. Mathematics and science were the first two revamped subjects with English and other subjects steadily coming on stream over the next few years. On completion of the changes, students would have the opportunity to choose conventional or non-conventional (vocational based) courses under the new national framework.

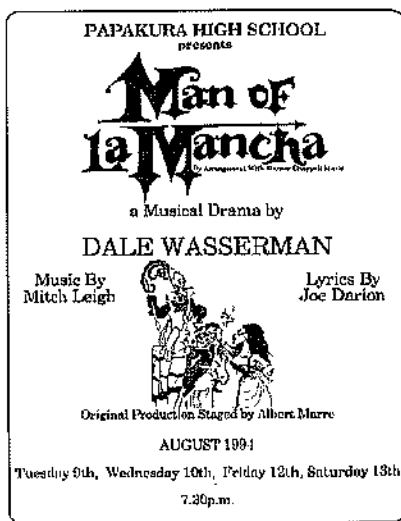
In 1994 Papakura High introduced an enrolment scheme that would safeguard the school from the risk of overcrowding. An Education Review Officer completed an "Assurance Audit" and the school received good comments on its direction and progress.

The school production this year was "Man of La Mancha" which played to four full houses. A gala evening was held on the first night, with a pre show mix and mingle at which authentic Spanish food was served.

Once again it was a change of venue for the school ball¹³ which, this year, was held at the Aotea Centre under the theme "Masquerade". Katrina Evans was belle of the ball, Mua Alatope beau of the ball, Adeline Long and Alan Ranby were voted best couple, while Ben Broadstock won the best tie award and Katrina Nathan-Patuawa most originally dressed.

¹² School archives – Board Minutes

¹³ School archives – PHS Magazine 1994



Man of La Mancha programme 1994

The music department was now stretched to the limit and Richard Ghent was appointed to assist Mr Naylor. Mr Naylor said 1994 had been the toughest of his life, keeping up with the fast "tempo" of music at Papakura High.

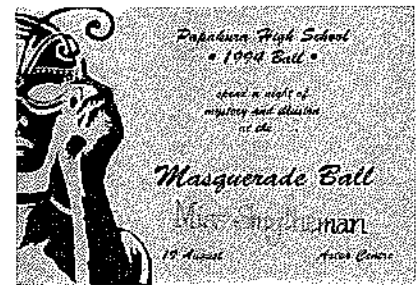
With high hopes, once again Papakura High entered the annual dragon boat race, winning the first two races. However, with only metres left in the final race, three schools were fighting it out. As Papakura edged away from Northcote, only Kawerau stood in the way of victory. With one stroke in it Kawerau passed the line first! This left Papakura High vowing to return in 1995 and bring back the gold.

As there was yet another teacher shortage, Mr Brewin was experiencing difficulties in appointing staff in specialist areas for the commencement of the 1995 school year.

The second term of office of the Board of Trustees under the "Tomorrow's School" regime expired in Term One. The astute financial management of the outgoing Board¹⁴ had been impressive, enabling the purchase of additional

resources. These included the completion of a new drama suite, an additional computer suite and the establishment of an International Student Centre.

Melanie Beauchamp was the student representative on the Board for 1995 and each month she presented a full and



Masquerade Ball ticket 1994



STUDENT EXECUTIVE 1995 — Back Row (L-R): Anita Jador, Marsha Te Rongomau, Trent Parkinson, Karl Foster, Miriam Milne, Michelle Insley, Joeline Lendrum; Middle Row (L-R): Malcolm Young, Danny Addison, Felicity Holehan-Duncan, Koren Pickard, Richard Barnes, Thomas Troy; Front Row (L-R): Mr P. R. Gall (Associate Principal), Mrs A. M. Appleby (Deputy Principal), Cameron Smith (Head Boy), Jane Warne (Head Girl), Mr P. K. Brewin (Principal), Miss V. J. Smytheman (Deputy Principal), Brian Stanney.

comprehensive report on subjects of student concern. Her contribution was extremely valuable with the board acting on many of her suggestions. Jane Warne and Cameron Smith were appointed head prefects for the year.

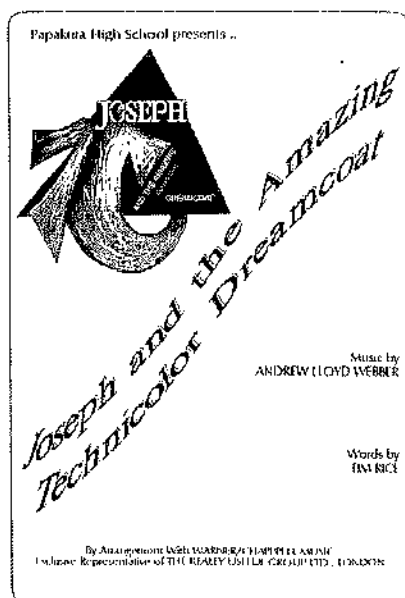
This year the school ball¹⁵ was held at the very ritzy Carlton Hotel with the theme of "Academy Awards". The highlight of the evening was the master of ceremonies Nick Nickless who introduced laughter into the formality of the evening. This year's belle of the ball was Karen Pickard, beau of the ball Rewi

Hamilton, Peter Ross won best tie, most originally dressed was Amanda Rowe, most unrecognisable Melanie Beauchamp with best couple voted as Malcom Young and Catherine Roscoe.

Seventh form student Felicity Holehan-Duncan was determined to apply for a berth on the Spirit of New Zealand. As this is an expensive undertaking she found a part time job and approached Takanini/Clevedon Rotary to help with funding. She finally

¹⁴ School archives – Principal's Report

¹⁵ School archives – PHS Magazine 1995



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat programme

realized her ambition and earned herself a place on the next trip. Unfortunately, on the fourth day out, the boat encountered one of the worst

storms it had ever experienced, leaving the 35 trainees with their heads in buckets¹⁶. Despite the storm Felicity thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sailing on the Spirit of New Zealand.

On the 26 September Jonah Lomu visited the school during interval and addressed a packed hall, after which he was kept busy signing autographs. Another highlight during the year was the Four Schools Festival hosted by Papakura High. It was an extremely successful event, at which the Maori Parents Support Group provided a magnificent hangi.

Congratulations went to the cast of seventy students, plus staff that were involved in this year's school production "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Each show was a sell-out, testimony to the excellent performances and directorship. However, special mention must be made of the stars of the show Cameron Smith (Joseph) and Wendy Parker (narrator). Also the Director Mr Rowsell and Musical Director Mr Naylor. This production turned out to be Mr Naylor's swansong, as he left at the end of the year to go to Rosehill College.

At the conclusion of the year Cobham won the inter-house Championship PTA Cup¹⁷.

Schools nationwide adopted the introduction of a four-term year in 1996¹⁸. The appointment of head prefects went to Sarah Peters and Tim Porter.

¹⁶ School archives – PHS Magazine 1995

¹⁷ School archives – PHS Magazine 1995

¹⁸ School archives – Board Minutes



STAFF 1996 — Back Row (L-R): J. Davidson, P. Ngan, H. Kaur, L. Sabbage, R. Gordon, H. Chhima, K. Sabbage, V. Folkard, L. Cribb; 4th Row (L-R): S. Patel, A. Smith, R. Weir, L. Nicholson, T. Avei, N. Feary, L. Maharaj, D. Thompson, C. Ngawati, J. Mein, M. Collecutt, A. Clark, J. Deoki, A. Michaels, M. Honan, A. Ahmed; 3rd Row (L-R): P. Schmidt, J. Fletcher, P. Boyce, K. Garthwaite, A. Andersen, S. Brown, V. Pointon, J. McCoskrie, S. Wong, A. Fisher, L. Coopan, A. Ross, F. Teevale, C. Nemeth, S. Pendergrast, C. McAnnalley; 2nd Row (L-R): K. Rowe, B. Pohata, V. McCollum, A. Lucie-Smith, S. Lees, W. Rangihuna, B. McDougal, J. Henderson, D. Boston, R. Ghent, D. Neate, A. Foster, K. Dell, K. Parker, E. de Beurs; Front Row (L-R): A. Ross, K. Nichol, S. Waanders, G. Sayers, I. Deoki, S. Parnell, G. Junge, V. J. Smytheman (Deputy Principal), P. Brewin (Principal), P. Gall, A. Appleby (Associate Principal), S. Lofroth, J. Francis, M. McIlvride, A. Rabin, S. Saville, T. Vanderlaan

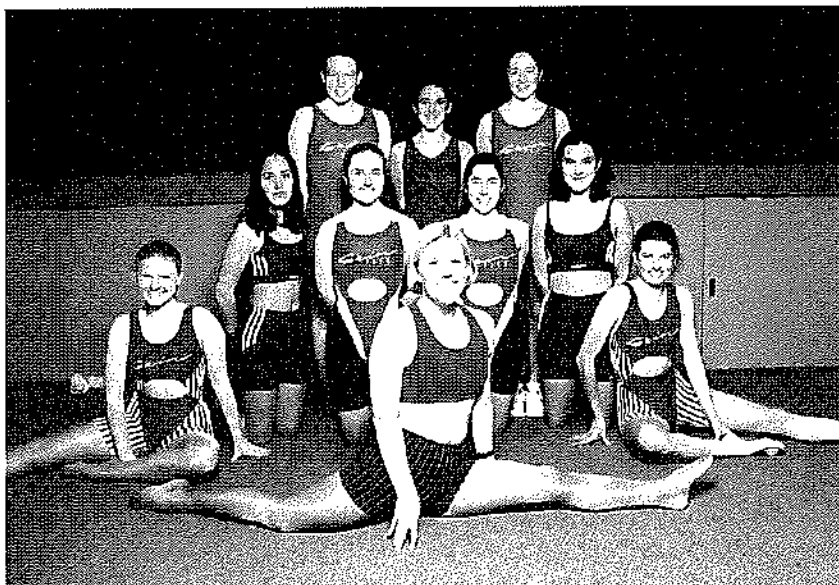
A team from the Education Review Office visited the school in July and carried out their inspection.

The International Student Programme run by Miss Smytheman was steadily growing and this year 18 students enrolled. Seven came from Japan, five from Korea, two from Taiwan, two from Fiji, one from Singapore and one from Papua New Guinea.

Mr Brewin tendered his resignation in August, he was moving on to the Wairarapa where he had been appointed principal of Rathkeale College. The school and local community would miss his leadership, management, vision and dedication. As his replacement Mrs Angela Appleby was appointed principal.

The school held an arts festival "PHASED" which opened on a Wednesday evening with a wearable art fashion parade. An exhibition of art mainly paintings and sculptures was mounted at the back of the hall. Other activities were drama productions, speech finals, a debating match between students and teachers, poetry readings, a talent quest, chalk drawing, theatre sports and guest speakers. Perhaps the highlight of the festival was the contribution made by the International Students with the Japanese demonstrating origami, Ikebana and calligraphy. A group of Korean girls sang the Korean version of Pokarekareana while the Chinese danced using streamers, umbrellas, fans and large yo-yos.

A very popular pupil this year was Jean-Phillipe Leveau, an exchange student from Brabant in Belgium who spent a year at the school. Jean-



AEROBICS 1997 — Back Row (L-R): J. Vette, S. Bull, R. Rawnsley-Mason; Middle Row (L-R): M. McCormick, A. Johnson, T. Stephens, A. Hapeta, S. Timu, Elke Powell; In Front: Faye Pitman.

Phillipe enjoyed participating in rugby, hockey, cricket, cross-country, drama and much more. He was highly respected by the boys and obviously quite a heartthrob amongst the girls.

This year the fourth form went to camp at Waharau, the fifth form geography camp was held at Rotorua, the sixth form went to Motutapu Island Outdoor Education Camp whilst the seventh form went to the Matamata Christian Youth Camp.

In his final principal's address Mr Brewin said "1996 would rate as one of the most difficult I can recall in my teaching career". Unlike Mr Thornton (who also reported a difficult year in 1972, mainly caused by behavioural problems with pupils) Mr Brewin experienced administrative difficulties brought about by curriculum changes, teacher recruitment and retention, also breakdowns in teacher contract negotiations. Finally at the end of the year, seventh former Layton Narbey was one of seven students in New Zealand

who were awarded a Bayer Scholarship for 1996.

The commencement of the 1997 school year saw the introduction of tutor groups, instead of form classes¹⁹. Each tutor group (or vertical form class) comprising third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh form students would meet for fifteen minutes at the start of the day with their tutors. This new initiative (using a whanau approach) was hoped to offer a greater integration of junior and senior students.

The new system²⁰ also meant a radical shift away from established year level deaning positions to new 'House Dean' leaders, who had all encompassing roles involving both pastoral care, discipline and house leadership. House spirit certainly bloomed under this new system and the annual house sporting challenges such as athletics, swimming and SHARN trophy were often a riot of house colours and chanting supporters as each

¹⁹ School archives - PHS Magazine 1997

²⁰ Tom Vanderlaan's notes

house strove to be the best. Prefects jobs changed into that of motivational and organisational house leaders with only the head boys and girls left with the more traditional roles.

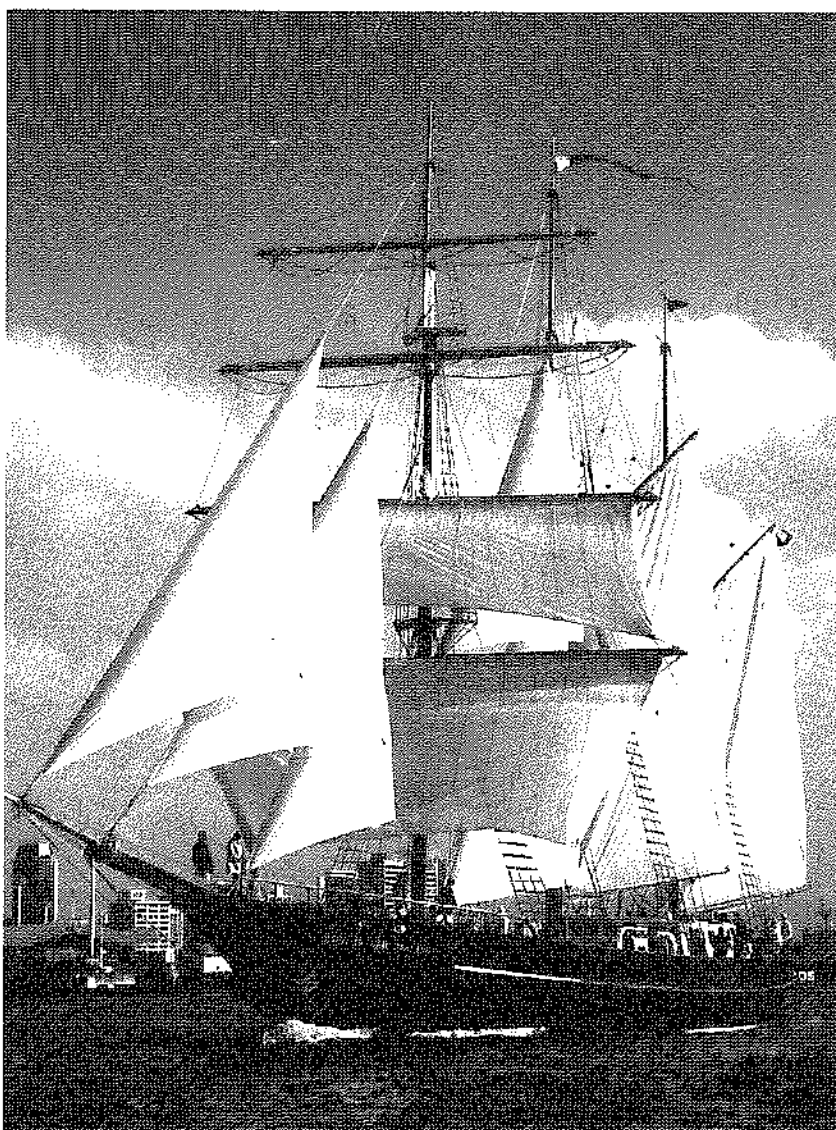
The new system worked well and is still in use today.

It was a very successful year for sporting achievements, with many students gaining representative status. In particular many trophies, certificates and medals were awarded in the following codes, hockey, cricket, soccer, wrestling and rugby. Also the year brought recognition and rewards for debating, theatre sports, and music. In addition the Maori, Samoan and Cook Island groups gave excellent performances at the Secondary Schools Festival.

During the year the board of trustees worked on a strategic plan for the school as well as updating the school's charter.

Janna Sandford was one of two New Zealand representatives (the other a student from Epsom Girls Grammar) chosen to attend a four-week science research programme held at the University of Singapore. The programme aimed to give sixth and seventh form students an opportunity to take part in research on approximately eighty projects in the fields of mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics and engineering.

In August 249 students attended the school ball²¹, which this year was held at the Aotea Centre. The Retro 70s theme was popular amongst some students who dressed for the occasion wearing wigs, clothing and hairstyles from the era, providing great amusement.



Spirit of New Zealand

This year the school's drama group entered into the Shakespeare Festival with an adaptation of 'Othello'. Aja Timu took the lead role of Othello, whilst Kelda Churches played his wife Desdemona. In addition to their extremely professional performance at the festival, the group performed at two school assemblies.

The dragon boat team earned itself a place in the grand final, competing against six other teams. Papakura High School came fourth with only one second between each of the first four teams. Split second timing indeed!

At the end of the year students gained outstanding performances in bursary English and school certificate art.

The roll as at July 1998, stood at 1158.

As part of a curriculum development review all heads of faculties were required to prepare reports on the operation of their respective departments for presentation to the board of trustees.

Hayley Arnet spent ten days on the Spirit of New Zealand visiting Great Barrier Island,

²¹ School archives – PHS Magazine 1997



2ND XI GIRLS HOCKEY 1998 — Back Row (L-R): Rebecca Spick, Kelly Boustred, Darienne Givan, Miss N. R. Feary; Front Row (L-R): Natalie Hunt, Lisa Hopkins, Megan Forer (Captain), Anabela Torre Sanrame, Hayley Marino; Absent: Nicola Kemp, Ashmita Nathu.

Kawau Island and Cape Brett. On this voyage the trainees saw dolphins and whales and experienced sailing in four metre swells. In 1998 the cost of this trip was \$800.

Rosita Rawnsley-Mason was selected as part of a group of 130 students from throughout New Zealand to take part in the three week Genesis National Science and Technology Forum held at Auckland University in the summer holidays.

The annual ball was held at the Strand and the theme 'Hollywood' prompted several James Dean and Marilyn Monroe look-a-likes. Tom Vanderlaan awarded prizes to Hayley Henwood for Belle of the ball (she dressed as Scarlett O'Hara) and Troy McCullum for Beau. Amy Calway received the prize for Best Dressed to Theme (she went as Marilyn Monroe). Chris Taylor received the award for Best Tie.

On the 12 September 1998 the school received news that its second principal, Neville Thornton had died. Perhaps his most enduring contribution to

the school was the tree-planting programme that he put in place.

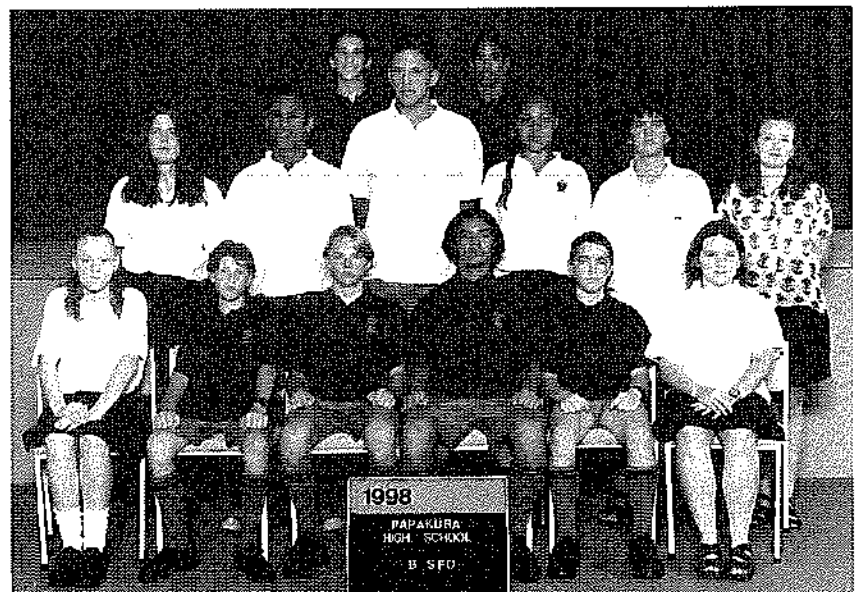
Val Smytheman retired after 33 years service to the school (not three as she had originally intended). She made a huge contribution to Papakura High, teaching mainly languages, but she seemed to get involved in

everything including sports. She also was head of the inaugural International Students programme. She was very well liked and a much loved teacher.

Another long serving member of staff Derek Boston²² left at the end of the year to take up the position of Head of Department Social Science at Mt. Maunganui College. He was a former student of Papakura High, who after his training returned to the school as a teacher and stayed for 22 years. Indeed Derek worked alongside a number of teachers who originally taught him! Derek taught social science, geography, and history. He was also keenly involved with the fencing club.

The 1998 arts festival was another resounding success, opening on a Monday morning with a powhiri, after which a guest band "Native Tongues" gave a performance. The festival followed the same

²² School archives – PHS Magazine 1998



TUTOR GROUP BSFD 1998 — Back Row (L-R): Anthony Singh, Manny Jack; Middle Row (L-R): Amber Hatch, Elric George, Charles Beattie, Nuseta Leapai, Ross Sutton, Ms R. A. Sandford (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Stephanie Bongard, Jay Quinn, Alexander Lean, Kingston Smith, Adrian Coughy, Sarah Marshall.

format as the previous year with musical performances, student/teacher debates, theatre sports, pavement art and a wearable art contest. The last day of the festival, 'cultural day', held at the International Student Centre was the busiest of all. In addition an exhibition of the

application. Each year five or six scholarships of \$800 are awarded to the top candidates.

As at 1998 the Work Experience (XP) unit had a roll of 32. These students, who function approximately six years below their chronological age, have major learning difficulties, particularly in

The school swimming gala took place on 5 February 1999 with Cobham House the overall winners. Fifteen international students enrolled for the year, with a further seven expected.

Khan Ahokava²⁶ was encouraged by his teacher Jeff Lockhart to submit a painting for a book called "Myths and Legends of Aotearoa", published by Scholastic New Zealand. In all, three of Khan's paintings were chosen. Two were used for illustrations, plus a third for the cover.

In April 1999 the Ministry of Education conducted a nationwide review of the length of the school day and school year in New Zealand. Then in November members of the Education Review Office attended at the school for seven days to conduct their review of the high school. As a result, the staff was delighted to receive a positive accountability review that highlighted many of the excellent programmes and opportunities, which are such a strong feature of the school.

The Papakura High School senior debating team beat Onehunga High School at the annual contest. Meanwhile Melissa Johnson was selected to represent Auckland in the under fifteen Girls 'A' Hockey team, and once again the annual arts festival was an outstanding success.

In 1999 Papakura High was the first school in New Zealand to introduce a school based tertiary foundation arts course²⁷. The course aimed at school-leavers and adults who wish to pursue art, and is monitored by the Manukau



TUTOR GROUP YVDL 1998 — Back Row (L-R): Matthew Frazer, Roberta Hawke, Brendon Manning, Byun Chul Kwak, Bradley Fleming, Lance Ball; Middle Row (L-R): Carl Montier, Scott Cullum, Vanessa Barron, Lewis Hori, Taraanie Taraare, Dane Clark, Mr T. J. Vanderlaan (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Jasmine Gosney, Tuileisu Time, Anne Marie Allbrett, Rangi Leef, Ngahuia Cruller, Miranda Tang; Absent: Kristy Davies, Denize Motterhead, Myra Hovell-Misimake.

"Best of the Best" (a variety of the weeks activities) was on display in the school hall.

With the ever constant changes in technology, modernization and refurbishment is an ongoing programme at the school. This saw the completion of a new laboratory in S1 and a new suite of computers (leased for three years) installed in W10²³.

The Academic Institute²⁴ was introduced in 1998 and its purpose is to provide an extension programme for the more academically able students. Students are selected after sitting a scholarship exam and completing a written

numeracy and communication skills, and sometimes, behavioural problems. The unit is very much a part of the Papakura High School community and student participation in all school activities is encouraged at all times.

In 1999 school fees were increased to \$80²⁵ per student to cover activity costs. The main reason for the increase was that not all students had paid their fees for the previous year. This year, for the first time, trousers for girls were introduced into the school uniform.

²³ School archives – Board Minutes

²⁴ School archives – PHS Magazine 1999

²⁵ School archives – Board Minutes

²⁶ Papakura Courier Mar 1999

²⁷ Papakura Courier May 1999



THEATRE SPORTS 1998 — Back Row (L-R): Monique Pointon, Rebecca Irvine, Janet Shaw, Justin Peters, Alexis Shrimpton, Rosita Rawnsley-Mason; Front Row: Ms S. E. Matthews; Absent: Theresa Carter, Melanie Carter.

Institute of Technology. The then Head of Department Jeff Lockhart was instrumental in getting the course based at the school.

Congratulations went to Sarah Trafford, Rosita Rawnsley-Mason, Kristen Samuy, Geoffrey Bardsley, Sammy Szeto and Megan Forer who were all presented with ASB scholarships.

This year saw the formation of the Indian dance team, though 50% of the members were non Indian (an indication of the integrated nature of the school). The team won Best Costume award at the inaugural High School Dance Competition run by Natasha Arts and Indian TV Nayan.

Because of curriculum changes technical drawing, metalwork and woodwork had not been taught at Papakura High School for well over ten years. In their place a new subject "Design Technology" was introduced. Design Technology required students to design their own project,

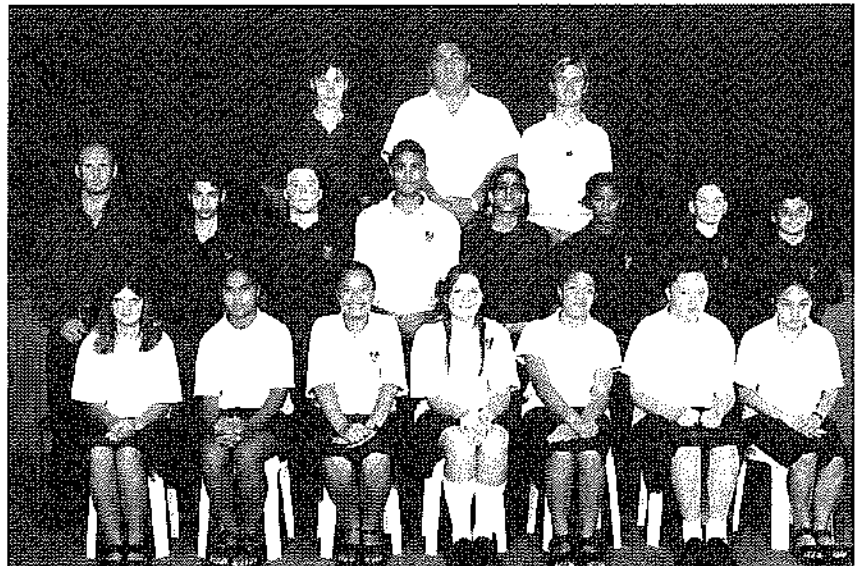
investigate methods and materials required for the project and finally construct their design. As at 1999 the high school offered excellent facilities in the two new graphics rooms that had been

created out of the old woodwork room.

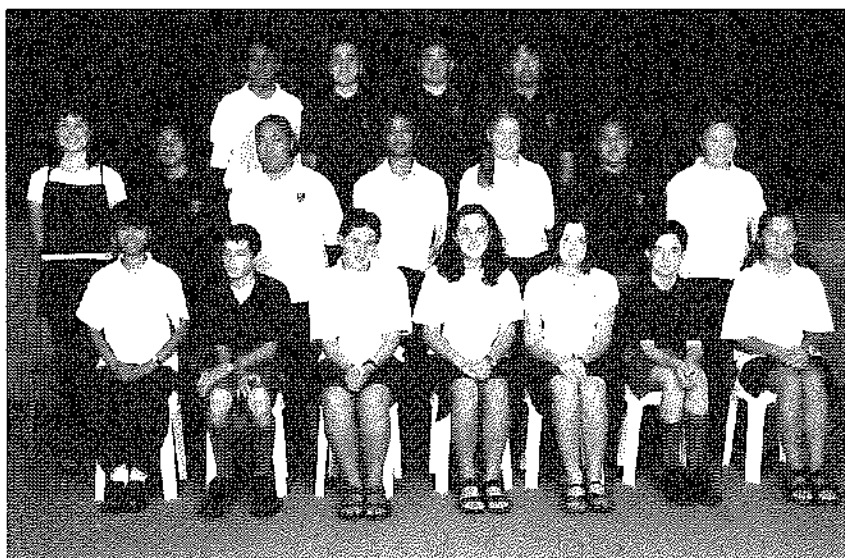
As part of the young enterprise programme, a group of students formed a company "Laissez Faire" and successfully marketed and sold a multipurpose key ring that not only held keys but also opened bottles.

This year two large groups of international students attended the school, representing 22 different nationalities though the majority were from Brazil. Once again the highlight of the year was the International Students Open Day²⁸ with displays of arts, food, scripts and Indian hand painting. The best display was the Samba lessons and the Brazilian students persuaded Mrs Parker and Mr Vanderlaan to dance (as well as approximately 100 students) though apparently nobody could wiggle quite as well as the South Americans!

²⁸ School archives - PHS Magazine 1999



CLASS BWKS 1999 — Back Row (L-R): Christopher Fenwick, Uaina Leituala, Justin Peters; Middle Row (L-R): Mr G. Weeks (Teacher), Jyles McKinney, Joshua Kirkwood, Barry Southgate, Inderjit Bolla, Elvis Uerata, Damien Burke, Mark Blick; Front Row (L-R): Angela Sutton, Alexis Anderson, Melina Uasi, Melissa Cranston, Doris Parker, Billie-Jo Ngapera, Emma Fruean; Absent: Simatavai Alefaio, Paul Clement, Crystal Coughy, Natalie Hunt, Raymond Matiu.



CLASS BGRG 1999 — Back Row (L-R): Roland Olago, Saif Salim, Nicholas Green, Yuan Tan; Middle Row (L-R): Ms W. Greig (Teacher), Dex-Leon Ngata, Tualagi Filimoeatu, Louisa Anderson, Taryn Miller, Joshua Le'Au, Michelle Ngopera; Front Row (L-R): Elizabeth Sibal, Richard Cullen, Abbey Francis, Louise Hunt, Keryn Cunningham, Mark Kitchingman, Sarah Woodroffe.



CLASS FFRA 1999 — Back Row (L-R): Peter Stowers, Paul Betham, Jason Murray, Ryan Urban, Stefan Norris, Steven Betham, Shane St. John; Middle Row (L-R): Stellianni Mitsoulis, Haraina Te Tuhi, Christopher Clarke, Caleb Hapeta, Paul Rippingale, Jim Hudson, Rowena Gosset, Brent Miller, Mr J. Francis (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Christopher Roberts, Susie Stowers, Rachelle Allen, Monique Hapeta, Leila Rawnsley-Mason, Claire Russell, Melissa Urban, Mathew Jenkin; Absent: Sarah Overwater.

Tom Vanderlaan reminisces on the nineties

The nineties²⁹ were a period of great change and there were changes a-plenty. Senior management staff seemed to turn over regularly and a visit to the 'rogues gallery' of former deputy principals in the present

student reception area will illustrate the varied persons who have performed this role in the school over the last decade. Rachel Hammer, Val Smytheman, Kris Brewin, Angela Appleby, Peter Gall, Mike Leach, Gil Laurenson, Barbara Hughes, Ray Bull, Tom

Vanderlaan and Jan Coslett have all served the school well in this time.

With the bringing together of music, drama, dance and art into one faculty³⁰ the school began to move more to an annual arts festival which allowed a greater showcase of student talents along with a much greater level of student participation. The head of this faculty, Jeff Lockhart also continued to build upon the great tradition in the school of excellence in art. He managed to maintain and improve on the incredibly high standards set in external art results by the legendary Linda Sabbage.

Tom also remembers the old AV room being converted to a drama suite along with the development of specialised music teaching rooms in the end of M-wing. The technology block being completely upgraded in the mid nineties and a wonderful commercial kitchen added to H-wing to enhance the teaching of food technology.

Art moved lock, stock and barrel to the old typing and commercial A-wing in the late nineties allowing the accommodation of the exploding number of school computers into the W-wing. Staff such as Derek Boston, Graeme Junge and in more recent years Rob Milford-Burgess, did enormous amounts of planning and work to accommodate the rapid growth in this area.

2000

The school was justifiably proud of its 100% pass rate in school certificate geography for Year 10 Academic Institute students. In addition the school certificate art results were also outstanding. The

²⁹ Tom Vanderlaan's notes

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highlight of the sporting year was the 1st XV Rugby winning the Counties Championship for the second time in three years. Also, the school's musical talent was not going unnoticed, as several students received

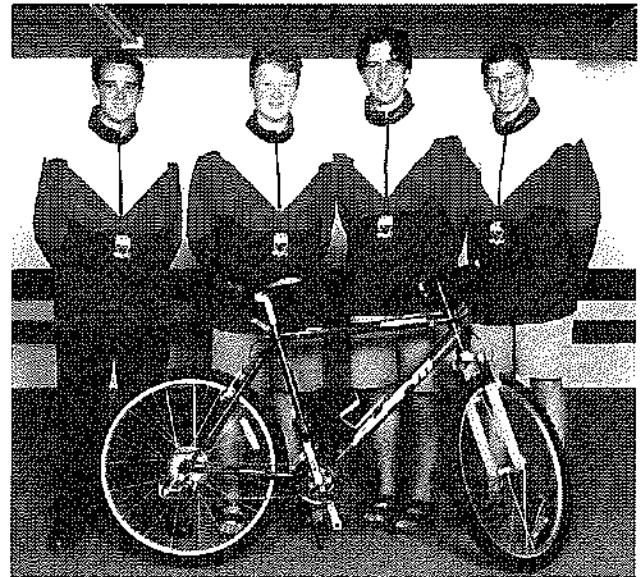
national fame for either composition or performance at the Aotea Centre in August, through the Henrietta Ford Stagecoach.

Samuelu Aati was quite shocked to be elected student

representative on the Board of Trustees for 2000. He had only attended the school for two years, however, due to his popularity, attained the position with a margin of 100 votes.



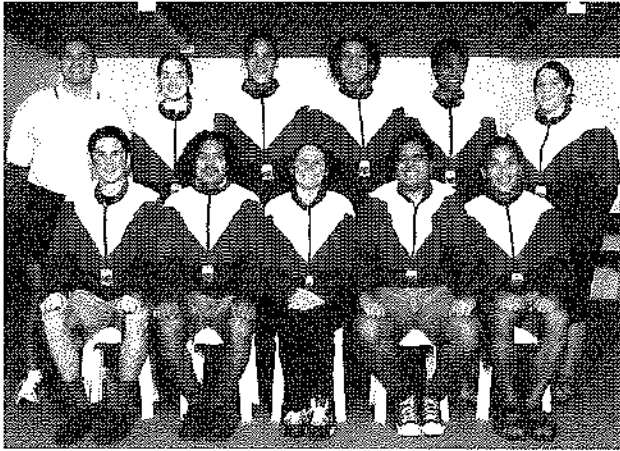
YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME - LAISSEZ FAIRE —
Back Row (L-R): Jason Murray, Geoffrey Bardsley, Rochelle Keys; Middle Row (L-R): Paul McVeigh, Loretta Elive, Timothy Burnie, Shara Lee, Rosita Rawnsley-Mason, Daniel Hapeta, Mrs S. A. Lofroth; Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Webb, Elizabeth Fruean, Kimberley Schumacher, Leah Thomas, Lyly Te, Kelly Oudshoorn.



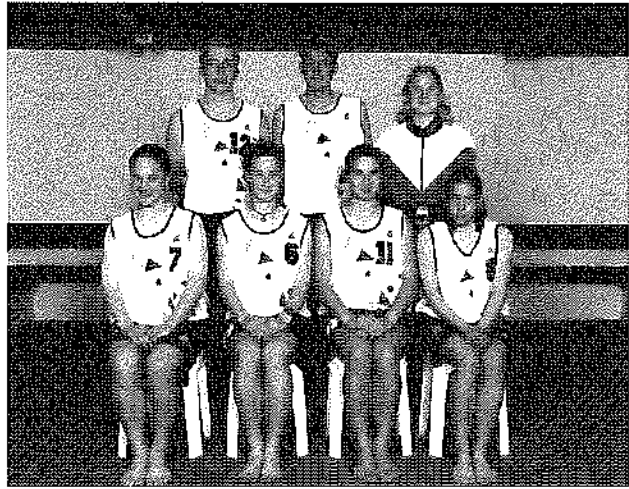
MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM 1999 — L-R: Mark Rainbow, Paul Sanderson, Timothy Burnie, Shane Rodokal.



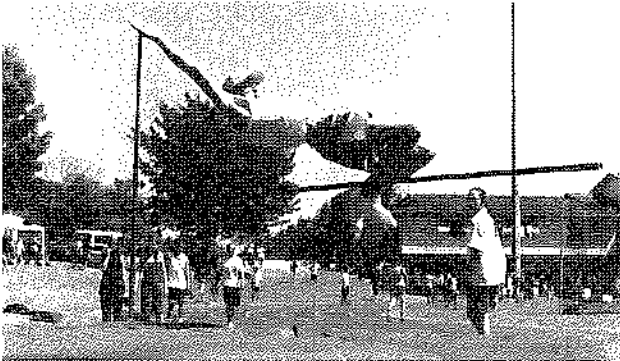
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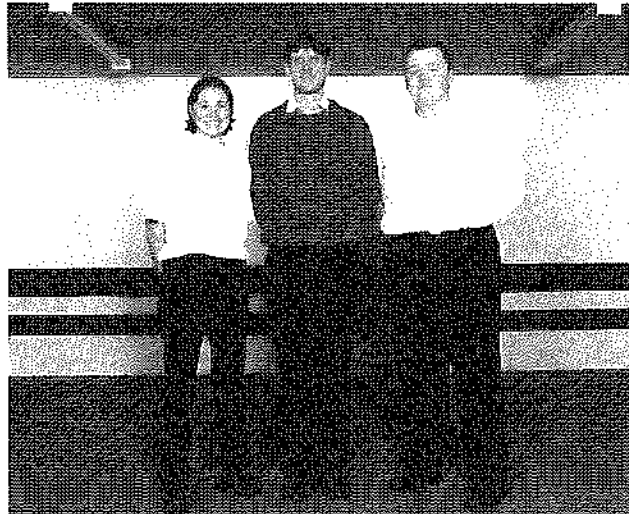
OUTRIGGING TEAM 1999 — Back Row (L-R): Mr W. Rangihuna (Coach), Kristen Samu, Bronson Nathan, Steven Smith, Poupehi Te Kawa, Cheryl Nash; Front Row (L-R): Carlaus Te Kawa, Kasimilo Figota, Nga Raena Derwin, Ojay Leef, Jack Ngaha.



TRIATHLON/DUATHLON TEAM 1999 — Back Row (L-R): Nigel Mason, Ryan Urban, Miss S. McRobbie (Coach); Front Row (L-R): Keriana Wilson, Rebecca Spick, Selina Crosby, Amy Papuni.



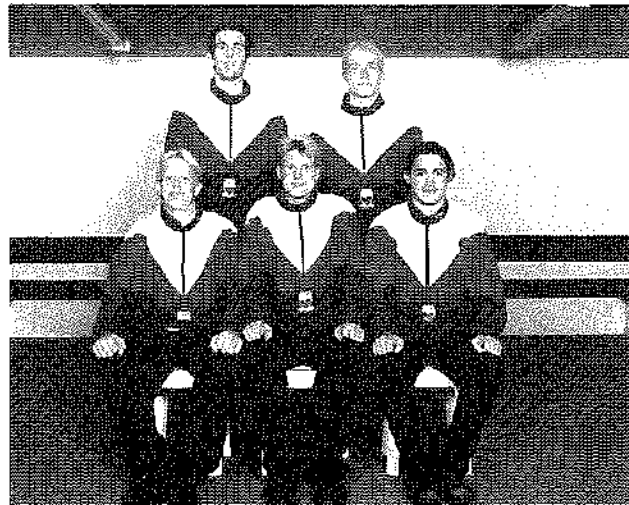
High Jump – Athletics Day 2000



ADVANCED DEBATING TEAM 1999 — L-R: Rosita Rawsley-Mason, Mr S. Saville, Geoffrey Bardsley.



Long Jump – Athletics Day 2000



BOYS WRESTLING TEAM — Back Row (L-R): Troy Richardson, Nigel Mason; Front Row (L-R): Aaron Gisel, Ryan Urban, Caleb Hapeta.



Track Event – Athletics Day 2000



Scene from Princess Smartypants 2000

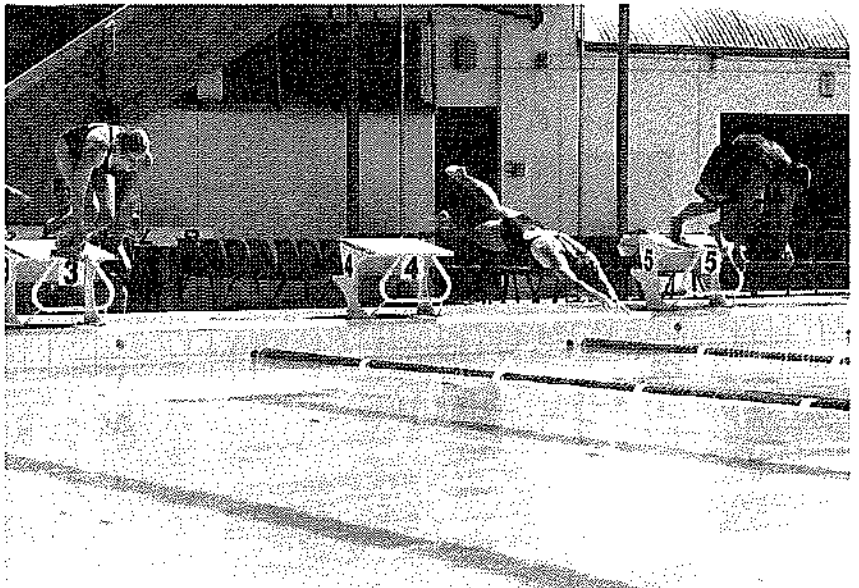
As part of a move towards providing a safe and pleasant environment a shade and shelter area was constructed for students to use in all weathers³¹.

The school production for 2000 was "Princess Smartypants" based on a Babette Cole book, adapted for stage by Steve Saville. Sara Matthews and Wendy Greig directed the show. A great deal of interest was generated amongst the general public, after an article appeared in Papakura Our Town. They were intrigued to see the custom-made costumes and set created by the Foundation Arts students. Because of its popularity the production also toured around five primary schools over a three-day period.

Once again Papakura High had an entry in the annual Shakespeare competition, held at St. Cuthbert's. It was the largest competition to date and for the first time was held over two days. Papakura High entered the student-directed section with Janet Shaw responsible for the production. Choosing a scene from "As You Like It" Janet directed fellow students Rebecca Irvine,

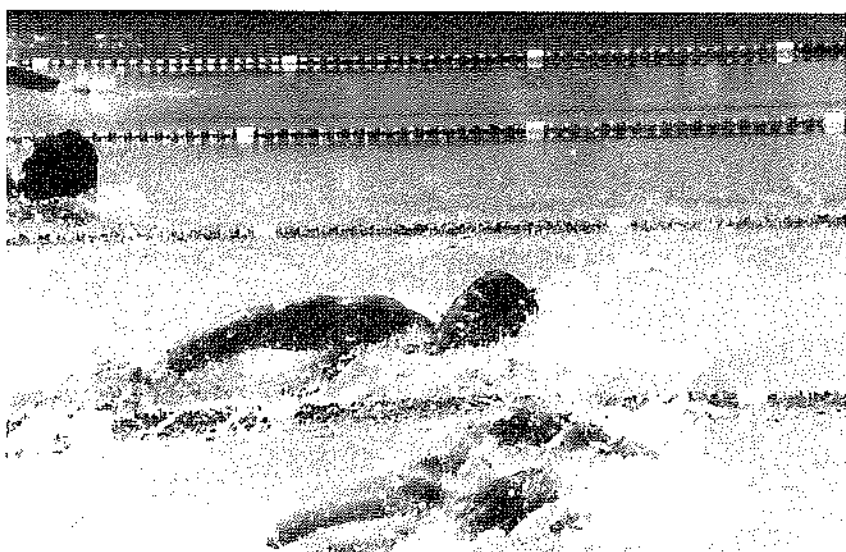


Scene from Princess Smartypants 2000



Swimming Sports 2000

³¹ School archives – Principal's Report



Swimming Sports 2000

Amber Hatch and Rene Styles in a Shortland Street version of this amusing Shakespeare play.

This year for the first time the Theatre sports group reached the Auckland Secondary Schools finals by winning all their competitions. Sadly the team comprising Janet Shaw, Rebecca Irvine, Leila Rawnsley-Mason, Sean Henry-Helling, Simon Thompson and Leanne Belieski were not placed but certainly did well to get to the finals.

The International Students programme received a significant number of students from China this year. Most of them coming for one or two years before university to improve their English. Once again two groups arrived from Brazil, together with a number of Japanese students from Papakura High's sister school 'Wakamatsu'. Koreans, Indians, Taiwanese, Pacific Islanders and Filipino students also took part in the programme providing a truly multicultural mix, making up 38 fee-paying students in all.

In June three students represented the school at MUNA 2000 (Mock United Nations Assembly) held at

Auckland's Girls Grammar³². They represented the country Tunisia and spent three days from 7am-5pm debating world issues. One of the highlights of the event was the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister, Helen Clark.

The Papakura High School year 2000 ball was held on the 7 August at Sky City. Prizes went to Sailosi Tagicakibau and Louise Hunt for Ball King and Queen, Sam Aati and Lisa Karl were awarded Ball Prince and Princess, with James Imlock and Sara Goff winning Ball Duke and Duchess.

It is interesting to note references to the new millennium which have been made in three Papakura High School magazines, the first appearing in 1965 written by Andrew Gough, B Science where he says:

"... Electricity was very plentiful, one of the few things that were (excluding people) and so every house had many electrical items, including very elaborate cooking stoves, which was rather silly as you just ate the food, which was in capsules, as it was given to you. It was never cold thanks to many heaters, in fact even

the streets were heated and often it was warmer outside than inside.

It was easy enough to contact anyone, wherever you were, as the satellites made it easy to relay pictures and messages. There was still the twentieth century innovation, television, but in a different form ...". Perhaps he went on to work for Vodafone or Sky T.V.?

The second, an editorial written by Mr Hunt in the 1970 magazine refers in part to:

"Physical education, organised sport, games, as well as cultural activities such as music, opera, choirs, art and drama have an importance for all pupils. With increasing automation there will be less and less work for people to do. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that before the year 2000, with the advance of medical knowledge the average life span may be 90-100 years. It is important therefore that pupils leaving school should be aware of this and have some idea of how to use their increased leisure time". Well the average lifespan has increased, but not to the extent Mr Hunt predicted. Also the majority now work more hours not less!

The third, was written by an anonymous pupil for the 1979 Silver Jubilee Magazine

"... Classrooms will probably still look the same except a computer may have replaced the teacher. Imagine the class greeting a computer the beginning of each lesson before taking out calculators and other articles of advanced technology. Or will such apparatus be out-dated by then? Perhaps mental

³² School archives - PHS Magazine 2000

telepathy will have superseded mechanical aids whereby pupils pursue their studies through the central computer at the front of the classroom. Another possibility might be the use of television sets relaying information from a central source. This has horrific connotations with overtones of George Orwell's "1984". But by then, Orwell will be "old hat" and no longer a fear anymore, as the community will be ready to accept such teaching techniques.

If scientists perfect technology to such a degree that computers are in control, then subjects like history could become more interesting. Pupils could enter simulated time capsules as described in H. G. Wells's "Time Machine".

But as yet, this is all mere supposition. We shall have to curb our patience and await events". Well computers do rule our lives, but not quite to the extent predicted!

Merepeka Raukawa-Tait was guest speaker at the senior prize giving for 2000. She encouraged students "to set their sights high and go after what they want, to honour their word when they made promises and to ask for help when they needed it".

Doug Rosie joined the senior management team at the commencement of 2001, filling the newly created position of associate principal³³.

Once again the school fared well in school certificate and also in its sporting endeavours. The girls' touch rugby team were successful in reaching the Auckland finals and the boys' rugby team also did well in the Counties Championship.

During the year, three more suites of computers were installed along with a half suite



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in the media studies area. Early in the year the school was granted \$700,000 by the Ministry of Education towards the building of a new gymnasium³⁴. The new gym was to be attached to the existing gymnasium, which also was to be upgraded. The Board of Trustees allocated a further \$400,000 to allow the completion of stage one. Additional funds were to be sought locally to enable the



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completion of stages two and three within two years.

Discussions took place regarding the 50th Jubilee to be held in 2004 and arrangements made to form a committee³⁵.

This year 55 fee paying international students joined the programme. International Day was a popular event and one of the star attractions was Satoru, from Japan who managed to karate chop through three blocks of wood without any ill effects. As usual the Samba lessons proved extremely popular with staff and students alike, and much to the delight of the staff the Vietnamese students cooked mince and noodle soup and black bean pudding in the staffroom.

At the annual finals of the Theatre sports competition Papakura High came a close second to Macleans College. The high school band 'X-Pand' entered the annual Rockquest³⁶ competition and found themselves up against 37 other bands. They made it through to be one of the 14 finalists and took second place in the regional finals, with a chance to enter the national finals.

An exhibition of the work of the XA Unit was held at the Papakura Art Gallery. The display was the culmination of one and a half years' work by the students. The Gallery Director commented on the high standard of work that she described as "beautiful, full of life energy and colour".

The school production for 2001 was "The Witch That Wouldn't" with Leila Rawnsley-Mason taking the lead role. Papakura High's junior debating team were finalists in the

³³ School archives – Principal's Report

³⁴ School archives – Principal's Report

³⁵ School archives – Board Minutes

³⁶ School archives – PHS magazine

Auckland Debating Association competition, coming second, only narrowly defeated by Baradene College.

Medieval Masquerade was the theme for the 2001 Ball held at the Ellerslie Convention Centre. The award of Damsel and Knight of the Seventh Form went to Kylie Biddick and Solomona Viliamu. Head Prefects for the year were Edward Porter and Bae-Yong Purukamu also Leila Rawnsley-Mason and Moana Jacobs. In the third term a combined group of year 12 and 13 economics and accounting students flew to Wellington. They visited the commercial district of Wellington, in particular the Westpac Trading rooms and also took a trip through the Beehive, parliament buildings and Te Papa. Once again Cobham won the Interhouse PTA cup.

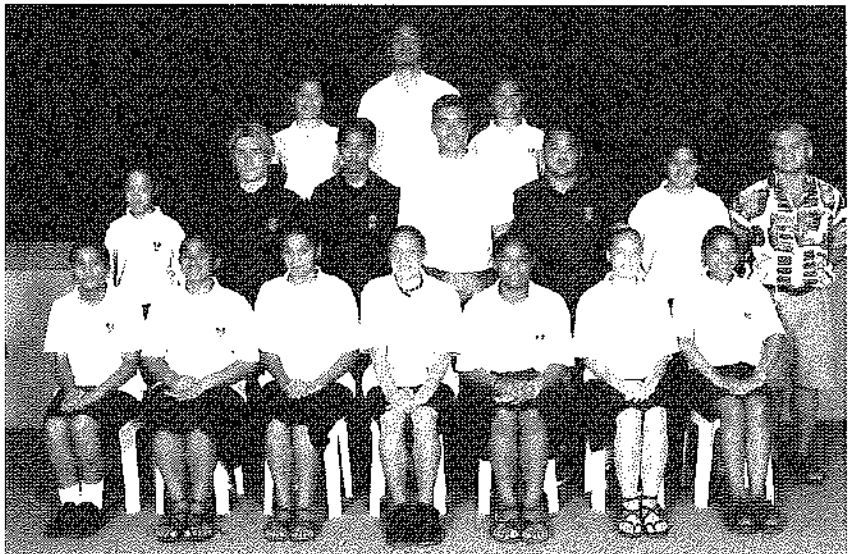
2002 brought with it the implementation of NCEA Level One initially affecting the students and staff of Year 11 who had a considerable workload ahead of them. The year was also plagued with national teacher pay strikes, making it a difficult time for staff and students alike.

One of the highlights of the school year was the commencement of the construction programme for the new gymnasium, which had an expected completion date of November 2002. The gym was not only intended for the use of Papakura High School students, but also for the wider

Right:
CLASS CDEO 2001 — Back Row (L-R): Mrs K. Keys (Teacher), Nicholas Bailey, Jesse Tautuku, Joshua Hogan, Wiremu Fentan, Joshua Taylor, Rhys Maxwell, Mrs J. Deeki (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Nicholas Olsen, Jackson Manukau, Sarah Sadler, Kiri Kaihe, Jasmeet Kaur-Bogal, Hayden Munro, Shayne Murray.



CLASS YJMS 2001 — Back Row (L-R): Morgan Rakai, Leon Witihira, Thomas Tarapata, Ihaka Davis, Dyer Simon-Anderson, Mahinarangi Hori, Potariki Wilson, Mrs M. James (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Waimarie Te Ngahue, Katana Boyd, June Matafeo, Jacqueline Tate, Michelle Cribb, Anna Puhī, Sharlene Reti.



CLASS BSTL 2001 — Back Row (L-R): Eva Williams, Ray Arama-Ormond, Haley Murphy; Middle Row (L-R): Haley Marina-McQuade, Jacob McCall, Totaita Rakena, Pateriki Peel, Shane Sun, Tara Brown, Mr G. Stirling (Teacher); Front Row (L-R): Jasmine Tuakana, Moana Kirkwood, Katie Henry, Tarrah Muir-James, Loretta Maniapoto, Te Oraiti Repia, Kathy Rangī.



community, in conjunction with the Mansell Field. To this end Papakura District Council and the Papakura Rugby Club made donations towards the project.

The \$1.7 million dollar combined classroom and gymnasium³⁷ facility was duly completed on time. It has been built adjacent to the original gym, which really does put the school at the leading edge in the region for the provision of facilities for physical education, health and sport.

This year's ball³⁸ was held at Crowne Plaza in July with the theme of "The Four Elements", fire, water, wind and earth. Best-dressed girl was Tualoa Simati and best-dressed boy Sean Harvey. Best dancer was Mark Kitchingman, while best dressed to theme went to Nixie Moore (girl) and Stanley Lokeni (boy).

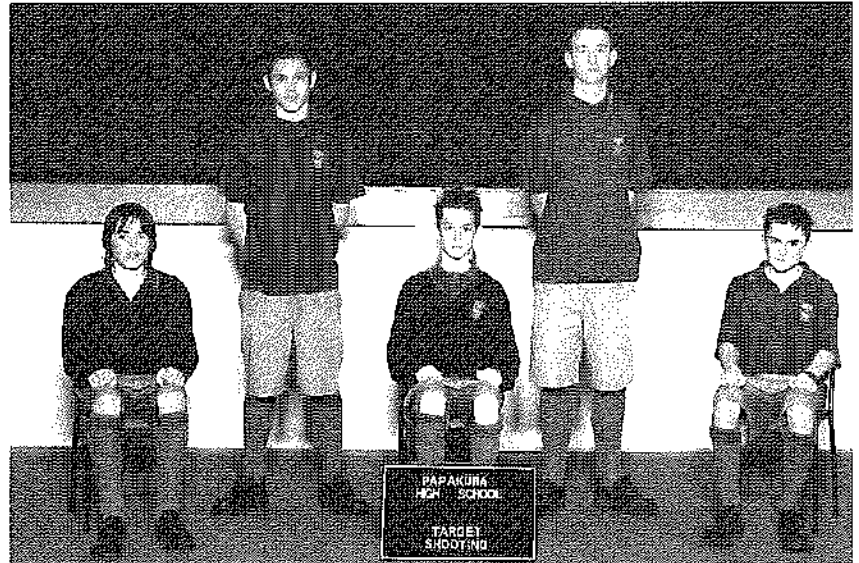
The school was fortunate to be involved in a research

project headed by Professor Russell Bishop from Waikato University focussing on raising the achievement levels of Maori students. The initiative involved four staff and two junior classes predominantly made up of Maori students.

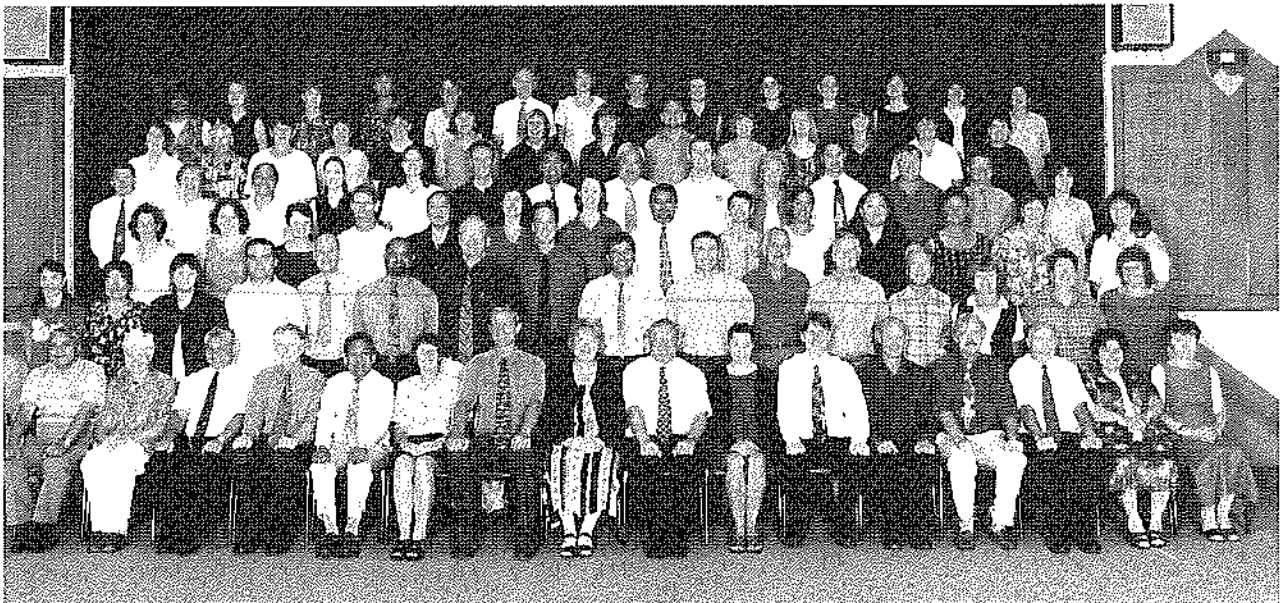
The aim was to build strong and effective teacher/student relationships through the use of co-operative learning strategies and effective teaching practices.

³⁷ Tom Vanderlaan's notes

³⁸ School archives – PHS Magazine 2002



TARGET SHOOTING 2002 — L-R: Michael Appleton, Loyden Papps, Ricky Smith, Brendan Long, Matthew Sleeth.

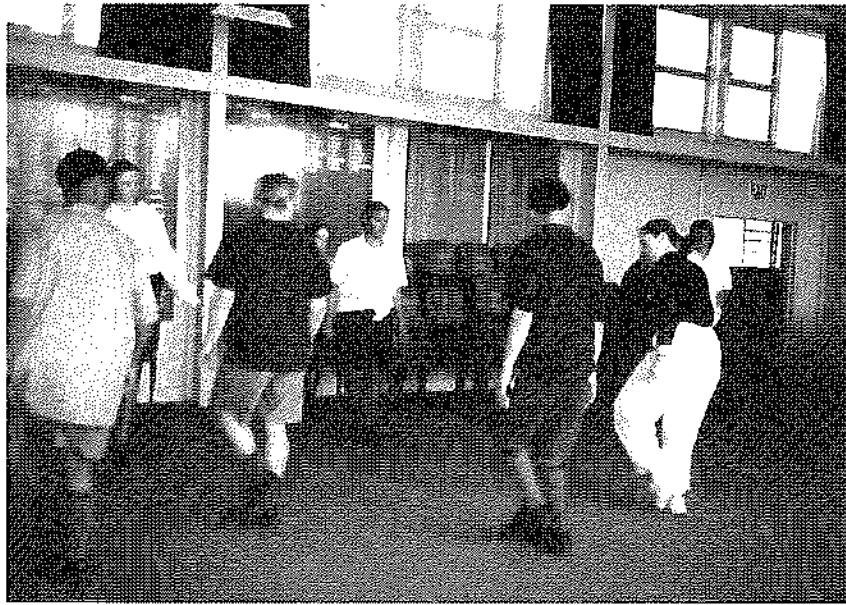


STAFF 2001 — Back Row (L-R): S. Mukund, N. Leafberg, H. Kelly, K. Chester, P. Schmidt, D. Eltingham, J. Browne, S. Matthews, K. Twyford, A. Rabin, R. Schnazer, W. Polkard, G. Thomas, K. Malloy; 5th Row (L-R): J. Deoki, S. Jones, C. Crabb, M. Honan, J. Nash, J. Moin, S. Pericolini, D. Thompson, A. Stierman, K. Park, L. Davis, J. Tyson, N. Cole, A. Michaels; 4th Row (L-R): R. Banks, L. Williams, G. Vai, N. Hunter, M. Storrie, P. Jennison, F. Teevale, S. Wong, D. Jardino, M. McIlvride, S. Emmerson, P. Soanes, G. Sayers, G. Pillay; 3rd Row (L-R): C. Hutton, C. Orr, C. Clark, J. McCoskrie, G. Gilbert, G. Rees, K. Becroft, M. Haniff, N. Dunn, D. Tupaea, L. Harford, J. Fletcher, K. Keys, G. Matthews; 2nd Row (L-R): W. Greig, M. Collocutt, K. Parker, S. Wikohika, D. Gaskell, R. Dunn, G. Junge, S. Broun, R. Basdow, B. Dickson, F. Jamieson, J. McGilly, C. Gillespie, G. Nichol, V. Pointon, W. Brooks; Front Row (L-R): L. Overmeyer, G. Garthwaite, G. Sterling, B. Wilson, I. Deoki, S. Parnell, T. Vanderlaan, A. Appleby (Principal), R. Bull, M. Brown, S. Saville, J. Lockhart, R. Milford-Burgess, A. Foster; M. James, A. Andersen.

Special scholarships went to Edward Porter who gained the Auckland University of Technology Engineering Award, First /Foundation Scholarship went to Talia Marshall, Tafu Tuilaepa won a University of Auckland Scholarship, Leila Rawnsley-Mason gained a Rotary Noel Bryant Memorial Scholarship Award and finally Anita Samu won the Papakura Rotary Clubs Performing Arts Scholarship.

Harsha Chhima³⁹ who came to the school as a first year teacher in 1993 and subsequently left, was welcomed back to the senior management team in 2003.

According to the PPTA the shortage of school teachers⁴⁰ for 2003 "is the worst on record". It was also reported that teachers applying for heads of department positions had fallen to critically low levels, mainly because of the poor salaries.



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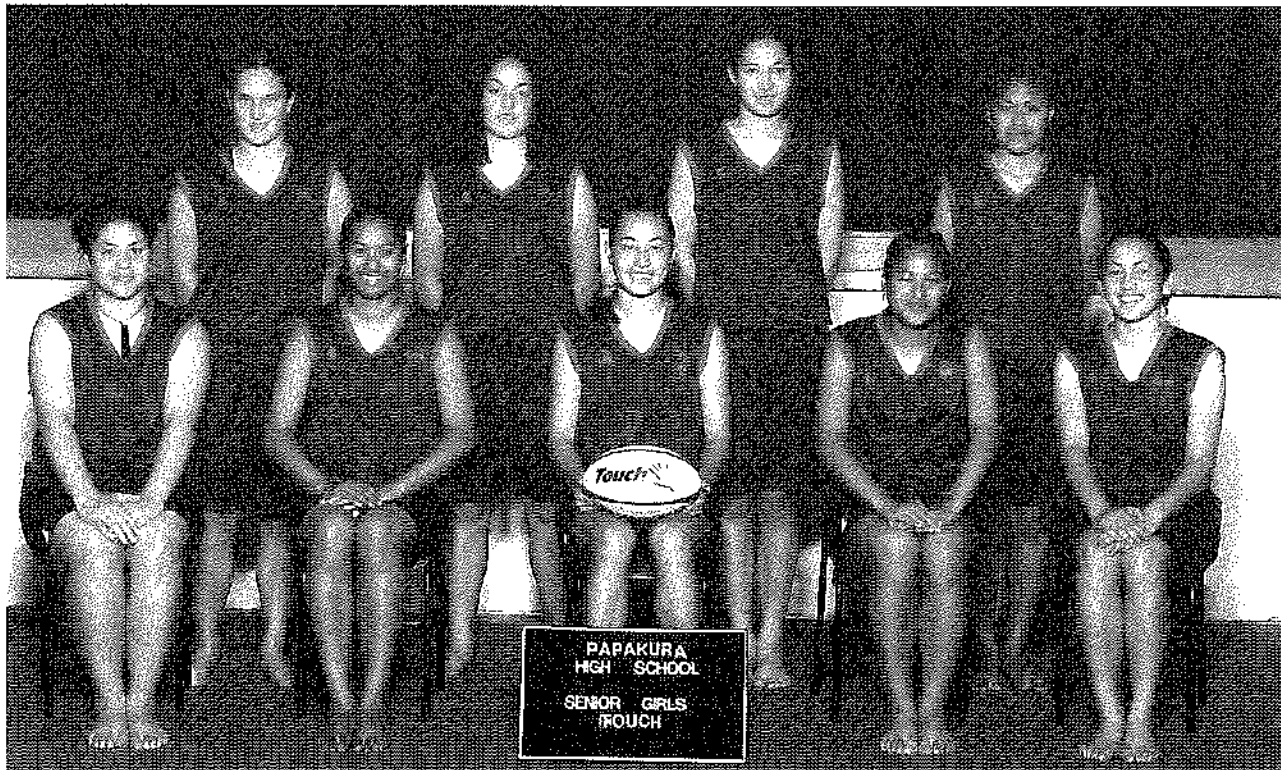
School fees⁴¹ for 2003 were set at \$90 for one child. Discount is available for more than one child in the family if a payment is paid by the end of Term One. In addition a materials fee is charged for some practical subjects. Also,

course notes fees are charged where students are given (to keep) a large amount of printed material.

³⁹ Tom Vanderlaan's notes

⁴⁰ N.Z. Herald - Jan 2003

⁴¹ School Prospectus 2003



SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH 2002 — Back Row (L-R): Keriana Wilson, Nikki Samu, Georgina Skelton, Tualaola Simati; Front Row (L-R): Jamie Anderson, Shannon Tupaea, Herena Timu, Ewai Tupaea, Mirianna Wells.



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