An aerial photograph of the Francis Douglas Memorial College campus. The main building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent yellow roof and white walls. It is surrounded by other smaller buildings, some with orange roofs. A parking lot with several cars is visible in the foreground. The campus is situated in a green, hilly area with trees and fields in the background. The text "Francis Douglas Memorial College" is overlaid in a large, yellow, cursive font.

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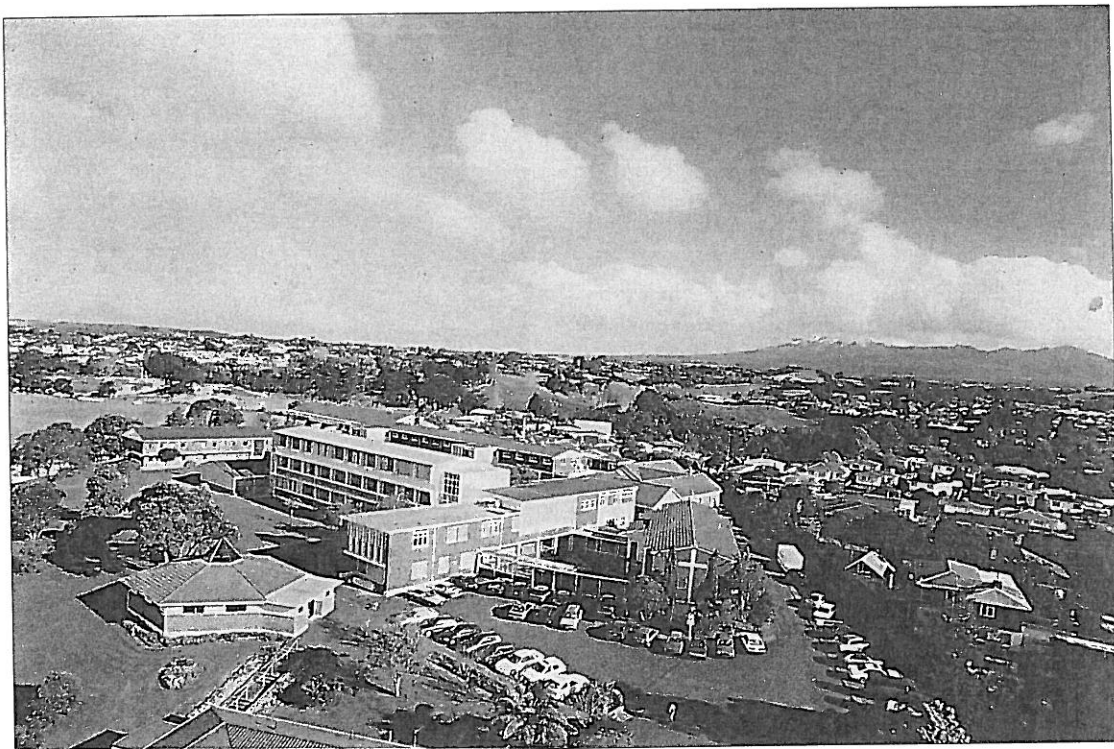
# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

CHRISTO DUCE



With Christ as our Leader

Educating Boys with God's help since 1959  
(Conducted by the De La Salle Brothers)







Brother Anthony was a brave man. Bravery means different things to different people - to some it conjures up war scenes, to others the scaling of great mountains. Br Anthony's bravery took the form of making fun of my clothes - my sacred cow.

I once wore a designer label silk apron - very stylish I thought - however, the minute I walked in the staffroom Brother Anthony roared with laughter and he didn't give it a rest all day. The apron has hung forlornly in my wardrobe ever since.

I usually got my revenge though. He'd come to the library or my office on his knees because he wanted some favour.

In the staffroom Brother Anthony was like a huge ball of sunshine with always a grin from ear to ear. We all felt a terrible chill the day he died.

He left a vacuum that will be filled, but not easily.

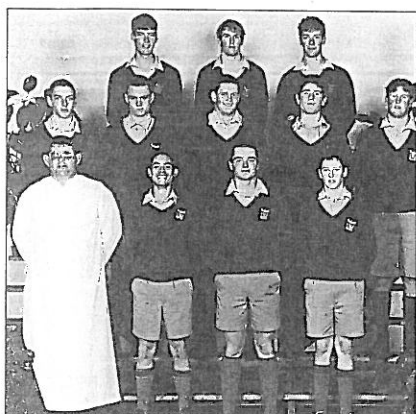
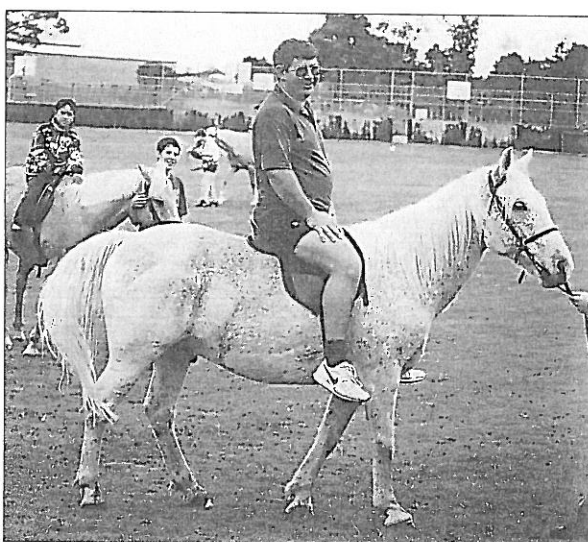
I would like to finish with a special prayer that I'm sure Brother Anthony will appreciate.

My prayer this morning is for God's people to appreciate the diversity he created and to remember God made man first but it was only a practice run.

Margaret Milne  
Spoken at Brother Anthony's Memorial Mass  
12 Feb 1998

The following is the text of a speech made by Daniel McDonald Year 10, which won the school Speech Competition and also won the Junior Prepared Speech at O'Shea Shield in Hastings.

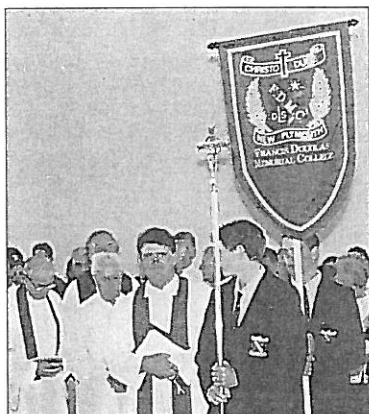
When we are asked to name a great leader we automatically run to the History Books. We drag out names like Churchill, Ghandi, Jesus Christ, Te Rauparaha. Sure every one a great leader, every one of them well deserved with their place in history, along with many other heroes and leaders that history provides. But apart from Jesus most of these other great leaders have not had a personal influence on the lives of you and I. Maybe they have led the





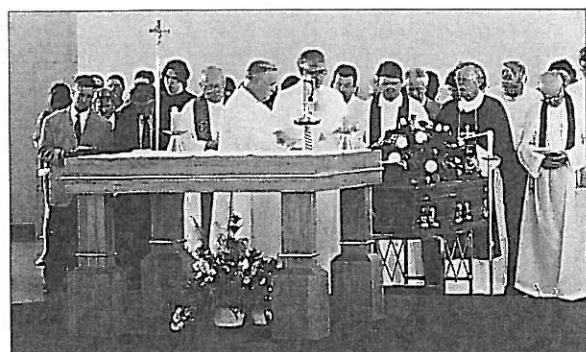
people of their time in history, but to the class of '98, so what if Churchill won the war or Te Rauparaha led the passive resistance, what if Hillary was the first to climb the hill.....to me a leader is a person who gives you the lead, a person who shows the way. Not only by word but also by actions. To me a leader is not a person who's there for you, not something or someone you have to research about. On the other hand sadly many great leaders aren't recognised as such until they're no longer there to lead. It's only when we feel their absence that we realise the extent of the influence these people had over us. When we suddenly feel alone and they're no longer there.

On 27th January this year we at Francis Douglas Memorial College lost a great leader. A 38 year old Aussie with a big frame and an even bigger heart. A man we all knew as Buv and a man we all loved as Buv. Yes Brother Anthony Hawkins has earned a special place in the hearts of the boys at FDC. He will be remembered by all as a friend, a teacher, a boarding master, but most of all a leader. Who could not forget this man for all seasons, this man who taught us to "trust in the Lord", who could not forget the example that he gave us or the memories that he left us with. Remember the Saturday morning rugby, the vocal encouragement and hearty roar for which he was so well known. These were his boys and he let everyone know his pride and his love for them; you could hear his voice above everyone, "Send it, send it, SEND IT!" We played



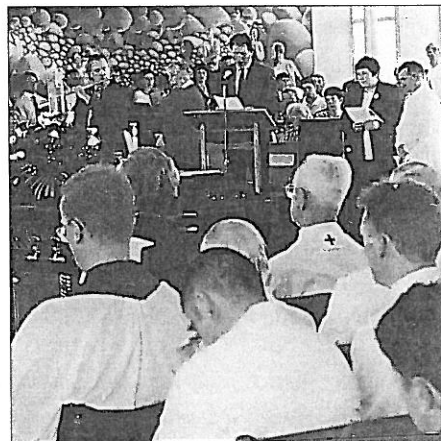
with Buv, we gave our all for Buv. We recall the ray of hope he offered to the 3rd formers when he walked into the middle of a 4th form raid. Help at last. Surely Buv will sort out these 4th formers, but all we got was "Watch out for the pot plants," but we knew Buv wouldn't let it out of hand. We remember

the customary reply he would give to the many requests from the boarders as to what the weekend movie was- "Hot Sex in Bangkok". We all knew what the answer would be but somehow we got comfort from that predictable response. Silly as it sounds but I'm sure if he were here today the boys would still ask the same question knowing exactly what the answer would be.



In a college like Francis Douglas with boys away from their homes and families, boarding life can be some times tough. There are times when you feel depressed and everything seems to be against you. It's in these situations now that we really miss Buv. When the task ahead looked tough Buv would simply say "Trust in the Lord, just put your trust in the Lord." Leaders are usually remembered and made famous for an action or event, like Hillary's mountain or Armstrong's space walk, but Buv will be remembered for his total commitment to his vocation. Instead of the one big event Buv gave us a little bit of himself in ways we will never forget. I'll always remember his response to talking after lights out- "I'll get the last laugh in the morning" and sure enough 5:30 was Buv's time to even the scores. "Meet you at the van in 10 minutes." Again great leadership skills as Buv drove us 10kms from the college. Door open-boys out- "If you want your breakfast you had better hurry." and before we could get a single word in Buv would say "Trust in the Lord" and drive off without looking back. Brother Anthony's faith in the Lord provided us with a perfect example of what our religion stands for. He could mix it with the best of us, he joined us in all the games and traditions at Francis Douglas Memorial College but at all times we looked up to him and we never lost our respect for him.

He wasn't filled with bravery and courage, He couldn't have led the troops at Dunkirk or an expedition to the South Pole. Buv never looked for glories or rewards, he certainly wouldn't have won a fitness or a body building contest, but Buv was Buv, and everything he did he did for us. He may not have lived a long life but he certainly lived a good one.



To me real leadership is measured in terms of how you are able to influence others. To me real leadership is shown in giving rather than taking, real leadership is all about leaving others with something worthwhile, real leadership is all about being an influence and a guiding hand. Real leadership for me is encompassed in one small word BRUV.

You crossed the ditch in '93,  
Five years was your lot to be.  
In this short time we came to love,  
This Aussie bloke we knew as Buv.  
Your hearty laugh and bandaged knee,  
Are vivid in our memory:  
In our hearts you'll forever board.  
As we remember TRUST IN THE LORD.







We consider ourselves truly blessed at Francis Douglas Memorial College because we have a College Chaplain, Father David Monaghan.

For Fr. Dave Tuesday July 28 was a special day as it was the Golden Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. He celebrated the occasion with the New Plymouth community with mass and a luncheon. How appropriate for it was in this same city that he was ordained in 1948.

As a young priest he served Catholic communities in Wellington, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and in the top part of the South Island in Westport and Motueka, areas that he still loves dearly.

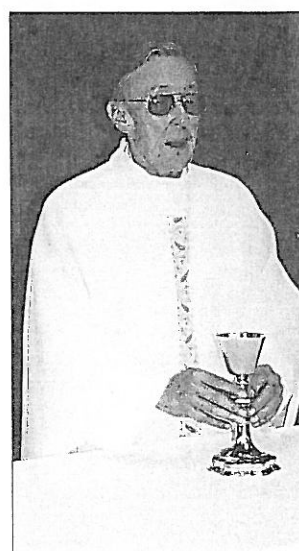
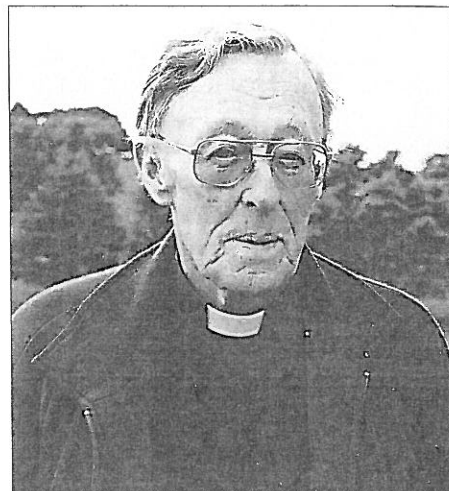
His associations with our College have extended over a very long period of time for his father served on the committee which established the College. Fr. Dave tells us that as a lad Fr. Francis Douglas himself coached a rugby team that he played in and sometime later again it was rugby that was to bring him into contact with the De La Salle Brothers. He recalls that when a curate in Stratford he would take primary school teams up to Mangere for games; quite a trip in those days.

Yet in spite of apparently strong ties his arrival at the College to become chaplain in 1980 was as the result of what appeared on the surface to be an accident. In retirement, on a fateful day in the late 1970's, he called in at the College to have a look at the place that his father had helped to establish. He met Br. Peter Bray, the new Principal, who suggested that he, Fr. Dave, might like to return as the Chaplain. The rest, as they say, is history.

For the last eighteen years Fr. Dave has become thoroughly imbued with our living Lasallian spirit and has involved himself in every activity that is beneficial to the College and to the students in particular. He has coached football and cricket teams with great dedication. He has always been available to respond to the spiritual needs of the community by acting as counsellor, confessor and celebrant. He has received some of our young men into the Church and regularly, until quite recently, was of great assistance to the Deputy Principals by being a relief teacher and examination supervisor. Whenever the College was on the move Fr. Dave was there and even now no College sports carnival would be complete without his starting the races.

Very much a member of the Brothers' community, he is an avid reader and a voracious stamp collector. No day is empty. He is a prayerful man of God who is intensely involved in and interested in the family of Francis Douglas Memorial College.

Servant, brother, friend. We salute yet another who shares the mission very much alive in hope.





# IN MEMORIAM 1998

## Br Anthony Hawkins

Boarding Master 1994-1997

Died suddenly of a heart attack in the week prior to school starting in 1998. Brother was just 39 and was much loved by fellow teachers, parents and students. He was a larger than life figure excelling in all aspects of his short life.

## Br Kieran Rush (FDMC 1960's)

Died while on holiday in Ireland

## Barbara McDonald

Science Teacher of 70's and 80's.

## Patrick Barrett (FDMC late 80's)

Drowned at New Plymouth City Port

## Tommy Whittaker

Died after a fall from a building in New Plymouth

## Ray Dolan

Attended FDMC in 1970's

## Aaron Foley

Attended FDMC Intermediate mid 1990's

The College family is saddened at the deaths of these people.  
We pray for the happy repose of their souls and extend our sympathy to their families.  
RIP

# OUR GRADUATES 1998

## Massey University

Aspin, Glen Brian  
Barrett, Patrick Neville  
Beg, Orson Francis  
Burton, Tony Burns  
Clarke, David Andrew  
Dettling, Craig John  
Dowd, Michael John  
Duoba, Stasys Virginijus  
Larmer, Mark Patrick  
Mann, Timothy Toby  
McDonald, Nathan James  
Richards, Russell David  
Richardson, Terence John  
Secker, David Leonard  
Stuck, Matthew Paul  
Taylor, Jeremy Richmond  
Wells, Hayden Jon

## University of Auckland

Dravitzki, Matthew Craig  
Gray, Brent Buchanan  
Gray, Leon Edward  
Jaquiere, Nelson Sean

BApplSc  
PhD(Soc Sc)  
BBS  
BBS  
BTech  
BApplSc  
BE  
Exec MBA  
BSc(Hons)  
BRP  
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BSW  
Dip BusStuds  
DipSocSc (Dist)  
BRP  
BSc  
BBS

BCom(Hons)  
BE  
BMus  
LLM

## University of Otago

Bourke, John  
Butler, Leighton Cramar  
Finnigan, Simon Mark  
Gilliland, Adrian Howard  
Hargreaves, Michael John  
Hargreaves, Patrick Thomas  
Hocken, Darren James  
Theyers, Timothy Carl

MLitt  
BSc(Hons)  
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MB ChB  
LLB  
BSc  
BSurv  
BA

## Victoria University of Wellington

Marinovich, Nik Jure

LLB

## University of Waikato

Morgan, Clayton Rosss  
Wano, Troy Rayner Damian

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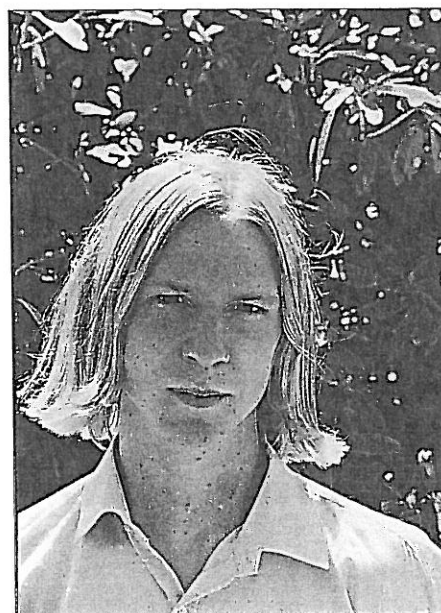
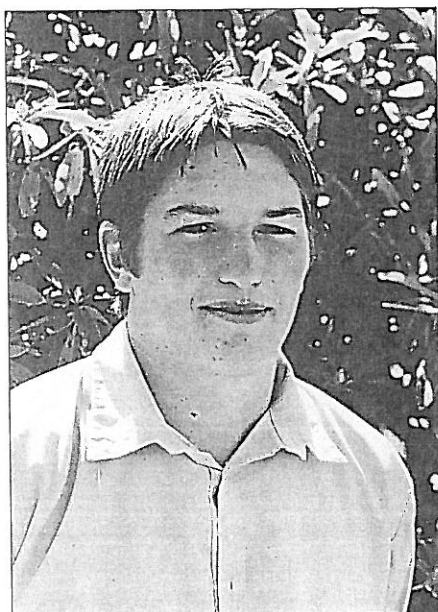


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1966	D. Moynihan
1967	M. Parsons
1968	F. Roebuck
1969	J. Reilly
1970	C. Pearce
1971	B. Nicholas
1972	J. Luoni
1973	K. Reilly
1974	R. Richards
1975	K. Walsh
1976	K. Brophy
1977	M. Karalus
1978	G. Eager
1979	S. Hogan
1980	M. McColl
1981	A. Dowd
1982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

## SCHOOL DUCES

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



# HOUSE LEADERS

## BENILDUS

1962 J. Julian  
 1963 J. Castelli  
 1964 B. Hannan  
 1965 N. Fitzgerald  
 1966 G. Dwyer  
 1967 G. Watt  
 1968 J. Hickey  
 1969 C. Pearce  
 1970 R. Burnside  
 1971 J. Stone  
 1972 P. Yarrow  
 1973 K. Lawrence  
 1974 M. Riordan  
 1975 G. Shearer  
 1976 J. Radich  
 1977 D. Shearer  
 1978 D. Novak  
 1979 M. Bell  
 1980 D. Harris  
 1981 G. Reumers  
 1982 B. Novak  
 1983 S. Keig  
 1984 J. Ellis  
 1985 G. Schumacher  
 1986 J. Battersby  
 1987 K. O'Donnell  
 1988 K. George  
 1989 A. Beet  
 1990 M. Dowd  
 1991 D. Ratahi  
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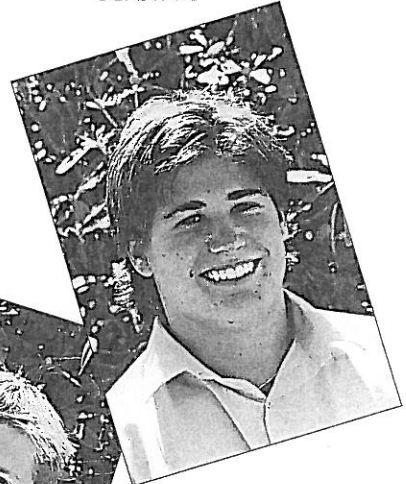
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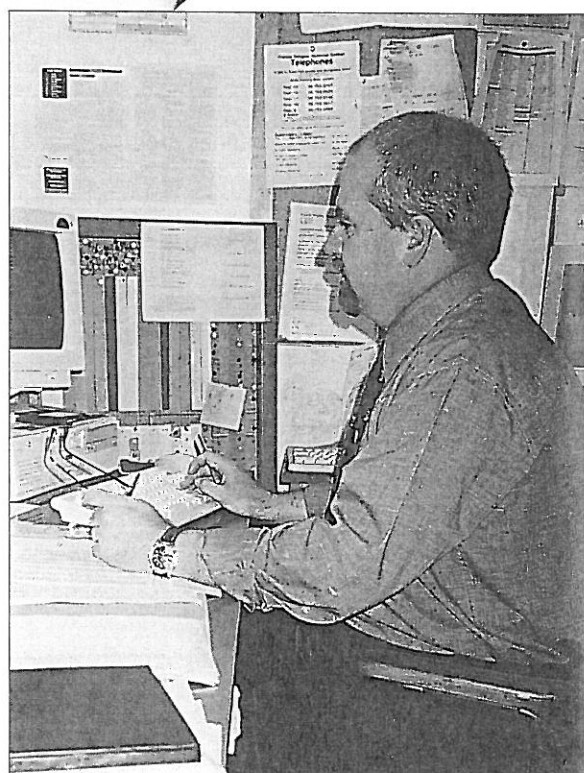
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 C. McKenna  
 H. Slaats  
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 S. Crow  
 P. Secker  
 G. Kennedy  
 T. Davidson  
 D. Zimmerman  
 C. Vince  
 S. Iremonger  
 A. Bailey  
 D. Cowley  
 S. Death  
 S. Ball  
 K. Ryan  
 T. Penn  
 J. Mason  
 R. McDonald

## SOLOMON

F. Finnigan  
 L. Schumacher  
 V. Mardon  
 B. Walsh  
 P. Roebuck  
 F. Roebuck  
 M. Wackrow  
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 C. Norgate  
 W. Christiansen  
 D. Kukec  
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 N. Keegan  
 V. Maclean  
 M. Stuck







## TERM ONE

<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Term One begins</b>
Feb 06	Waitangi Day
Feb 12	Brother Anthony Memorial Mass
Feb 16	College Leaders Investiture
Feb 17	1st XI plays Opunake High School
Feb 25	Ash Wednesday
Mar 02	Class Photos
Mar 03	Swimming Sports
Mar 06	Athletic Sports
Mar 09	Taranaki Anniversary
Mar 10	TSS Swimming Sports
Mar 11	1st XI v THS
Mar 13	Multiple Schlerosis Appeal
Mar 14	TSS Athletics
Mar 18	1st XI v St Peters
Mar 20	Interim Reports
Mar 23	Bro Provincial Visit
Mar 24	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar 24	1st XI v NPBHS 1st XI
Mar 28	Gala Day
Apr 02	TSS Music Festival
Apr 04	Study Tour to Japan
Apr 08	Speech Finals Night
Apr 08	1st XV v St Stephens
Apr 09	Term 1 Ends

## TERM TWO

<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
Apr 28	Science Road Show
May 04	Topec Camp
May 12	Australian Science Competition
May 13	Dr Barnardo Appeal
May 15	O'Shea Shield
May 22	Shared Mission Staff Seminar
May 27	Cross Country
May 28	Practice Reference Tests
May 29	Founder's Day Mass
Jun 01	Queen's Birthday
Jun 03	Education Review Officers
Jun 07	TSS Senior Basketball
Jun 08	Senior Exams
Jun 10	Hamilton Field Days
Jun 14	TSS Road Relays
Jun 17	1st XV v St Johns
Jun 19	Reports Distributed
Jun 21	Hostel Open Day
Jun 21	Vocational to Wellington
Jul 01	Debating Finals
Jul 02	TVNZ Eitaph Programme
Jul 03	Term 2 Ends

## TERM THREE

<b>Jul 20</b>	<b>Term 3 Begins</b>
Jul 21	TSS Skiing
Jul 28	Parent Teacher Interviews
Jul 29	Australian English Competition
Jul 30	Mufti Day - PNG Tsunami Appeal
Jul 31	Fr Dave 50th Jubilee Celebration
Jul 31	Inter School Christian Fellowship Day
Aug 01	Senior Ball
Aug 03	Parent Teacher Interviews
Aug 05	1st XV v St Augustines
Aug 12	1st XV v St Peters
Aug 13	Taranaki Speech & Drama Festival
Aug 14	"Bald on the Beat" Child Cancer Appeal
Aug 16	TSS Ten Pin Bowling
Aug 21	Science Fair
Aug 26	1st XV v NPBHS 1st XV
Aug 30	TSS Cycling
Sep 03	Senior Leadership Camp
Sep 04	Maori Culture Group to Wanganui Comps
Sep 05	1st & 2nd XV's to De La Salle Mangere
Sep 07	Round the Lakes Relays
Sep 10	Taranaki Primary Schools Music Festival
Sep 11	Linkhorne Cup Final
Sep 14	Topec Camp
Sep 16	Musical Showcase
Sep 22	Sport & Culture Photos
Sep 25	Term 3 Ends

## TERM FOUR

<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>Term 4 Begins</b>
Oct 15	Senior Exams
Oct 16	Year 10 Retreats
Oct 21	Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country
Oct 26	Labour Day
Oct 29	Year 12 Retreat
Nov 06	TSS Junior Touch
Nov 12	Years 9 & 10 Athletics Competition
Nov 13	Dinner/Dance for Leavers
Nov 16	Junior Exams
Nov 18	TSS Junior Softball & Tennis
Nov 20	Year 13 Last Day
Nov 23	Years 9 & 10 Cricket Tournament
Nov 25	Year 11 Last Day
Nov 26	Year 12 Last Day
Nov 27	School Cert & UE Bursary Exams Begin
Nov 27	1999 Orientation Day
Nov 30	Year 12 Leadership Course
Dec 02	Year 9 Camps Begin
Dec 10	Reports Distributed
Dec 10	Junior Prizegiving
Dec 11	Term 4 Ends





## A LETTER FROM THE INSIDE - STUDENT REP

When I was elected Student Rep on the Board Of Trustees for 1998 I really didn't have the strongest of ideas on what to expect. I don't think anyone did who was in the running for the position to which I was elected.

Drawing on my own personal knowledge, and that of those around me, the Board of Trustees was going to be a group of suit and tie yuppies who carried around mobiles and pagers. This was definitely not the case. These people ranged from the office at the College to high earning white collar workers and even to parents of students at the school.

For the year of 1998 I was privileged enough to sit amongst a team of 12 trustees and gain an insight into the running of a school the size of ours. If anyone saw the amount of work that these people do for the College and its well-being you would have a different perspective on the school and its employees.

This year the main function in representing my peers at these meetings was to give a student report. These have all been positive due to the special spirit in which the students of this college have participated whether it be in the sporting arena, cultural arena or academically. The students should be proud of the way they have represented the school.

I couldn't have done this job without the help of Br Bill, the Principal and Board Secretary, Mrs Blair, the Administration Manager and Mr Marris, the Staff Representative on the Board. Thank you all very much for the help and guidance over the past year, and all the best for the future to you and the rest of the Board.

I would like to thank the rest of my fellow students for placing their trust in me. I hope in your eyes I served you well. It's the students who make this school, but the Board

of Trustees does so much work that they are the backbone of the College and everyone in the school appreciates this. I was very proud to be on this team.

To next year's student rep, best of luck and I hope you will benefit as much as I have from this opportunity.

Eric Menefy

## STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

People outside the Board of Trustees probably wonder what the Board actually does as they don't seem to have much contact with the wider school and its activities. I attended board meetings most of last year as an observer and this year was elected as Staff Representative on the BOT.

The Board of Trustees meets every month on the second Tuesday as a full board and sub-committees meet at other times during the year. Board meetings are public meetings and any member of the public may attend their meetings.

The major issues dealt with during the year have been :

- 1) Providing documentation for Board procedures.
- 2) Planning for and dealing with the ERO visit and the subsequent report.
- 3) Looking at long term planning with regard to the provision of buildings and resources for the future.
- 4) Bulk Funding of teachers' salaries.

The previous Board of Trustees completed its term early in the year and the following people are now members of the Board for a term of 3 years, excepting the Student Rep who is elected on an annual basis.

Mr Michael Finnigan (Chairperson)  
 Br Bill Firman (Principal and Secretary)  
 Mr Alan Melody  
 Br Pat Lynch  
 Mr Tony McNair  
 Mrs Angela Shanley  
 Mrs Maria Bushell  
 Fr Rodney Smyth (till July)  
 Fr Tom Lawn (since August)  
 Br Mark McKeon  
 Mr Paul Butterworth  
 Mr Richard Marris  
 (Staff Representative)  
 Mr Eric Menefy  
 (Student Representative)



The Board is assisted by Mrs Karen Maclean as minute secretary and Mrs Diana Blair the school Administration Manager.

Richard Marris



## Introduction

1998 began in almost the most traumatic possible way. The unexpected, sudden death of Br Anthony shook the school community but also united us in grief and appreciation of an outstanding man who had contributed so enthusiastically to the hostel and the school at Francis Douglas. The support of all at that time was very much appreciated.

My overwhelming conviction, as I write my report, is that I have come to a school in very good shape. It is very clear that the College has enjoyed excellent leadership by the College Board, by Br Tim and his administration team over the past few years and more recently by John Whyte, Acting Principal in 1997, assisted primarily by Martin Dravitzki and Margaret Milne.

The mission of the Brothers, carried almost exclusively by the Brothers for the first 200 years, is now a "shared mission" in which many others, in various ways, choose to participate. The Superior General of the Brothers, Brother John Johnston wrote in 1988:

*Lay people take their place as full partners - and we Brothers gladly associate them with us in our mission.*

All Board members, staff and parents at Francis Douglas Memorial College are invited to share in the Lasallian heritage and mission. During the year Trustees and staff benefited from an excellent seminar on the Lasallian spirit conducted by Br Gerard Rummery, a member of the Rome-based General Council of the Brothers.

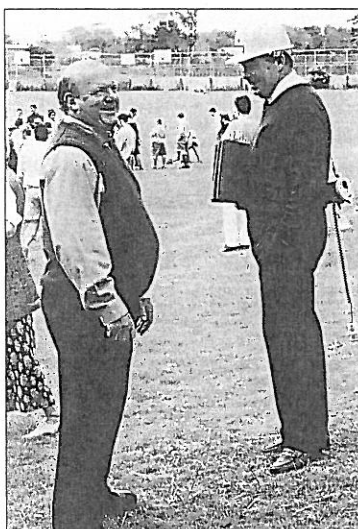
Francis Douglas has enjoyed spectacular roll growth in recent years. Parents and students constantly talk of the quality of education delivered here. The biggest problem we have is the inability to accommodate all who wish to come here.

### What contributes to this quality of education?

There is a strong commitment of all staff to the Special Character of the College as a Christian school in the Catholic tradition. Staff prayer at the beginning of each day is a daily reminder of the focus of this College. The presence of a resident chaplain is a great blessing. The joint Parish-College celebration of Fr Monaghan's Golden Jubilee of ordination during this year was one of the highlights. Thank you Fr Dave for your fidelity and friendship to all and Fr Tom Lawn for strong parish support.

The further development of Youth Ministry by Brother Joe greatly enhances the Catholic tradition of the College which is promoted by the delivery of a sound programme of religious education by Graeme Mustchin and our Religious Education Department.

Staff-student relationships are excellent, characterised by mutual respect, lack of anger and easy affability. Francis Douglas is a just and peaceful place.



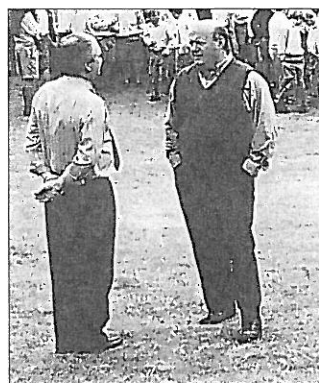
Francis Douglas has a committed staff with very good people in positions of responsibility. Discipline, under John Whyte, is exercised firmly yet compassionately. He is well supported by the Deans at each year level. Richard Doherty coordinates our high quality Intermediate School and, with the staff, creating great enthusiasm among the boys beginning their education here.

Margaret Milne, with customary efficiency, has organised excellent support for our students with special needs, maximising the use of the special funds available. Thanks to both voluntary and employed persons enlisted by Margaret for helping these boys.

There is an excellent spirit among the boys. Misconduct such as bullying stands out as the exception among behaviours which are normally manifest by respect and compliance. This school is a very happy place. Classrooms are generally well controlled and boys are cooperative and compliant.

There is very good parental involvement in school activities - Gala Day, school camps, coaching teams, supporting teams and so on. I would describe it as a very good family spirit. My thanks to the many active members of the PTA for their generous contribution to College life.

Their example is inspiring.



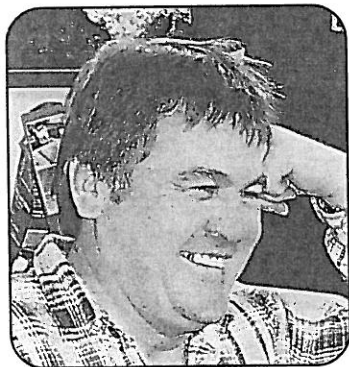
Deputy Principal, Martin Dravitzki, and the Heads of Department invest a lot of time in curriculum development and delivery. I note the introduction of courses in Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori as a significant advance and am also very much in support of the current review of curriculum management and delivery which Martin has initiated.

Our new teacher of Maori, Melanie Snook, has made a great contribution in her first year here. It is good also to see the growth of the challenging language, Japanese, in the College curriculum as well as the introduction of Spanish. The trip to Japan this year organised by Mrs Parke was a great success.



Francis Douglas Memorial College is expected today to have in place correct professional documentation - specific documents on the Special Character of the school and the Charter of the College. We are expected to be clear on our goals, objectives and mission statement. The catch-word of the time is ACCOUNTABILITY and we are accountable. The ERO visit generally confirmed that we have good documentation and procedures in the form of school policies, staff task descriptions, teacher assessment, staff handbook, personalised timetabling, and so on. Finances are very well managed and scrupulously accounted for. My thanks to our Business Manager, Diana Blair, who is very thorough and supportive as she discharges her duties conscientiously and generously.

The hostel makes a very positive contribution to the spirit of FDMC. I am very pleased to note the obvious good relationships between day boys and boarders, a total lack of the rivalry that occasionally afflicts some boarding schools. I wish to compliment the boarders on the way they have coped with the tremendous loss of Br Anthony. The leadership of Boarders' Captain, Simon O'Sullivan and Vice-Captain, Brendan Bourke, College Captain, and, indeed, all of the Year 13 resident students, has been a significant factor in the way the year has passed. Their maturity in organising socials for boarders has been very impressive. *"Let's make it good as Bruv would have wanted it!"*



My thanks also to Matron, Margaret Fleming, and to the Hostel Supervisors, Tony Gray and Mark Walsh, for the quality care they have given, ably assisted by other hostel staff. The new canteen, now run by the Hostel, has proved very popular.

Jason Stevenson (the College Captain), Phillip Smiley (College Vice-Captain) along with Eric Menefy (Board Representative) as well as the House Leaders have given excellent leadership to the school, with the capable assistance of Year 13 Dean, Graham Blanks. The organisation and conduct of the various sporting carnivals and the Senior Students' Ball as well as the relationship of our leaders with leaders in other schools has been very balanced and pleasing.

The speech, debating and drama programmes supported by many staff are also very valuable co-curricular activities. Once again, coordinated by Richard Marris, we participated very successfully in the O'Shea Shield competition. Later in the year, the Musical Showcase organised by Ms Van Lent was very successful.

The sporting programme is quite extraordinary, something very special. I am in wonderment at the number of teams competing for our College. We enjoy our wins but, more

importantly, have a tradition of competing well. The Sports Co-ordinator, John George, has done an outstanding job. The work of Andy Cowie with basketball also deserves special commendation.



There is also a well planned commitment to aiding worthy causes through appeals. We have begun a Student Representative Council, with John Neeson as mentor, which will give the students more voice in the conduct and distribution of the benefits of such fund-raising. Year 12 Dean, Deborah Keenan, is heading up a leadership training programme, in preparation for the selection of next year's leaders.

Facilities are generally very well maintained and the grounds are magnificent. Francis Douglas is characterised by an attractive environment with beautiful gardens and first class fields. Special thanks to octogenarian, Brother Oliver, and to Br William, for their great contributions to the care of the gardens and grounds. Thanks also to the very supportive office staff and to the property and maintenance staff who carry out their tasks so competently.

### What are the problems facing us?

Our facilities for teaching and staff are below standard. There is simply not enough room for the increased number of students and staff. The provision of four new classrooms by the Board this year has been a most necessary and helpful addition to the school plant. What we have is well kept - but there is still not enough teaching space. The school library is too small with inadequate student access to information technology.

The Board of Trustees has addressed this deficiency as a matter of priority and we have developed a coherent master plan supported by a detailed submission to the Catholic Education Management Board in Wellington.

Past enrolment policies and procedures have not been adequate for coping with the greatly increased number of applicants. An enrolment policy is now being put in place to help overcome some of the difficulties and to ensure there are clear statements explaining the basis on which priority is determined.

As for the students, it is my judgement that the level of academic commitment of some pupils is not high enough. More time needs to be given to private study than I observe many boys giving at present. I see it as a matter of priority for me as Principal, to improve the commitment of the boys to academic excellence and to the acquisition of good study habits

## Conclusion

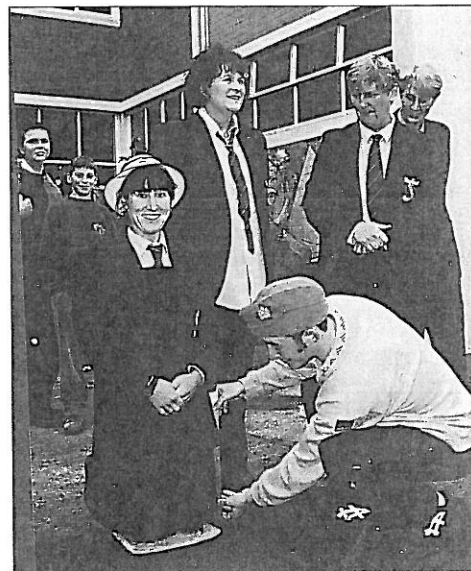
Francis Douglas Memorial College is an excellent school where the boys are very happy. I consider myself fortunate to have come to such a school. I am conscious of so many good things and good people whom I have not commented on. One cannot cover everything.

The Board of Trustees works constructively with the Principal to provide the essentials for education. I wish to thank the Chairman of the Board, Mr Michael Finnigan, who has provided me personally with much wise counsel and guidance. His contribution to Francis Douglas is without

parallel. The positive response to teachers' requests for more money for textbooks, the provision of the new classrooms and the flexibility that has seen a new common room for the boarders provided in lieu of space taken over from the hostel have been very positive initiatives. Thanks also to Mr Paul Butterworth, Trustee, who chairs the Hostel Management Committee, for his generous support.

Next year is the Forty Years Jubilee of the College. It is a window of opportunity for us to leap courageously into the future with school development as a priority. Let us look to our responsibilities for the future with great hope.

- Br Bill Firman fsc





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Br Bill Firman  
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Mr Martin Dravitzki

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

Principal  
Deputy Principal  
Deputy Principal

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BA, Dip Teach  
BA, BTP, Dip Teach  
Dip Teach, Dip Rdg

HOD English  
HOD Science  
  
DRS  
HOD Intermediate  
HOD Mathematics  
HOD Social Sciences  
HOD Middle School

Mr Richard Doherty  
Mr Graham Blanks  
Mr Ross MacNicol  
Mrs Margaret Milne

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Mrs Margaret Milne  
Mr John Neeson  
Mr Peter Smith  
Br Peter Smyth  
Mrs Deborah Keenan  
Mr Graham Blanks

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Dip Teach, Dip Rdg  
B Ed, Dip Teach  
Dip Phys Ed, Dip Teach(dist)  
BA, Dip Ed, MEd, Grad Dip Maths Educ  
B Sc, Dip Teach  
BA, Dip Teach

Dean Intermediate  
Dean Year 9  
Dean Year 10  
Dean Year 11  
Dean Year 11  
Dean Year 12  
Dean Year 13

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Br Joseph Bufalo  
Mrs Elizabeth Barrientos  
Mr Russell Cleaver  
Mr Peter Costello  
Mr Andy Cowie  
Mr Phil D'Ath  
Mrs Bronwyn Donaldson  
Mrs Freda Dowd  
Mr John George  
Br William Harnett  
Mr Peter Hill  
Mr Bryce Koch  
Mr Wayne Kibby  
Ms Carol Land  
Mr Lindsay McMorran  
Mr Poobalan Maistry  
Mrs Jeanne Marshall  
Mrs Beth Moller-Tank  
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Youth Minister  
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Guidance Counsellor  
Physical Education  
Technology  
Science, Maths, RE  
Special Needs  
Sport Co-ordinator  
Agriculture  
Art  
Home Room  
English, Careers Adviser  
Home Room, English  
History  
Economics/Accounting  
Science  
English  
College Chaplain  
Vocational Skills, Work Exp  
Home Room  
Japanese  
Agriculture  
Science (till Sept)  
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Science  
PE, Health

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Mr Phil Sole  
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Ms Yvonne Van Lent  
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Technology  
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Music  
Religious Education  
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Mrs Robyn Wackrow  
Mrs Kath Phillips  
Mr Blair Brookes  
Mr Gary Simmonds  
Mrs Ann Ryan  
Mrs Bev Kawaroa

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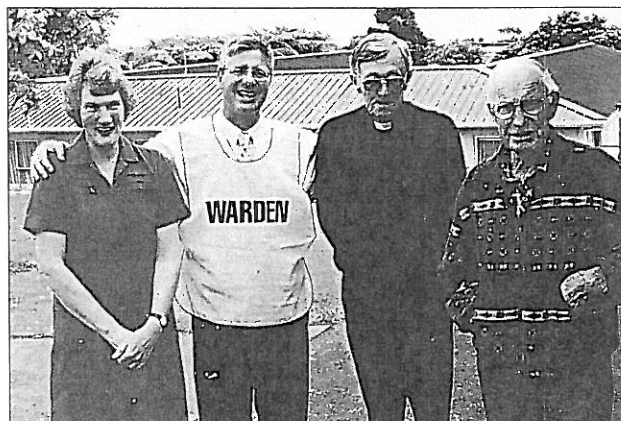
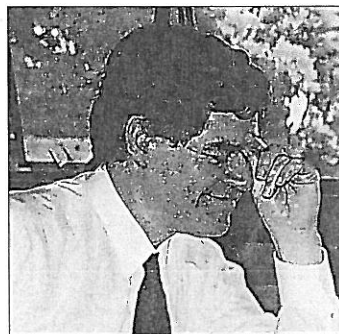
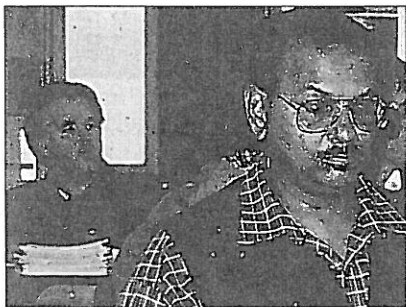
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Secretary  
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Librarian

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Br Oliver O'Leary  
Mr Fred Fenwick  
Mr Dan Keegan

FSC

Gardens  
Maintenance  
Property Manager





Another momentous year has passed and changes have been wrought in the school and will continue to be made. As staff we look in the mirror and see more grey hairs - some see a lot less hair. There were even staff members this year who tried to hasten the aging process by having their hair shaved off - quite a risk when it may not grow back! Others tempted fate and other retribution by feeding their hair mind altering drugs so their dark hair became blond or even pink or, dare I say it even in hushed tones, marmalade orange.

Our new principal Brother "I don't believe in changing things that are working well" Bill arrived at the end of last year and took over the reins in January. We had no idea so much was broken. The winds of change have certainly been sweeping since then into all corners of the school.

There have been changes in the power houses down below and John Whyte has moved back into his old office. Martin Dravitzki has continued in the other power house producing living documents.

Staff were deeply shocked and saddened by the death of Brother Anthony just before the school year was to begin. Such a jovial, good natured friend who was the centre of much fun was going to be missed by us all. The Brothers are an important part of our staff community and for one to die so young took some coming to terms with.

This year we welcomed on to the staff some new faces.

**Beth Moller:** After being involved in small businesses, professional theatre, both here and overseas, as well as being a full-time mother, Beth decided that what she really wanted to do



in life was teach. In 1997 she completed her training at the Taranaki Outpost run by Massey University at the local polytechnic. This year has been Beth's first year of teaching and she feels it has been full of experiences and that she has honestly loved working with the students and staff at Francis Douglas Memorial College and being

part of the college community. Unfortunately Beth is leaving FDMC and she says that she goes with a mixture of sadness and excitement. She and her family set out on a new adventure and will soon be setting up home in Indianapolis, USA. We are certainly sorry to see such a good teacher go and we hope that one day she will be back. All the best Beth and God bless you as you set up home in the United States.



**Bronwyn Donaldson:** Bronwyn Donaldson brought to us the experience that she gained teaching at the International School of Choueifat in the United Arab Emirates. A Taranaki person and a Maths and Science specialist, she taught at Hawera High School prior to travelling overseas with her family. Her three sons attend this school and her daughter goes to Sacred Heart.



**Br. Joe:** One of several Aussie imports, Brother Joe, the new Youth Minister, hails from Melbourne. A Brother for twenty years, he joined straight from school. Eight months overseas travelling through the UK, Ireland and the States looking at ministries in other De La Salle schools,

and teaching, retreat and faith ministry in Papua New Guinea, New South Wales and Malvern have given him a strong ministry foundation. His love of food, the arts and people make him an easy person to talk to.

**Br. Peter:** Former Aussie rules player, Brother Peter, the latest addition to the Maths and RE departments has also been a Brother since leaving school. A teaching and boarding master at St Bedes and prior Head at De La Salle, Malvern where Brother Tim is now has given him teaching and administrative experience. He is a coach of rugby and cricket and he swings a golf club and walks the streets to keep fit.



**Elizabeth Barrientos:** Born in Argentina, Elizabeth arrived from South Africa fourteen months ago with her husband, 10 year old son and 6 year old twins. New Zealand has been a good change for the family. She is enjoying this school and uses her infectious sense of humour to teach Spanish to the junior classes.



**Brian Coulthard:** Former Sacred Heart Deputy Principal, Brian Coulthard, has been taking Vijaya Paul's classes since the end of term three. He has found the students responsive and has enjoyed his time here but is looking forward to going back to his business interests.

**Melanie Snook:** A local girl from Stratford and educated at New Plymouth Girls' High School, Melanie spent three years in Britain and Australia with her family prior to attending univer-



sity at Waikato and Massey. Teacher training at Palmerston and a Total Immersion course at Rangiatea gave her the experience needed to establish the Te Atawhai centre at our school. Her aim is to nurture, care for, raise the morale and provide educational opportunities for Maori students,

while at the same time fostering cultural understanding within the whole community.

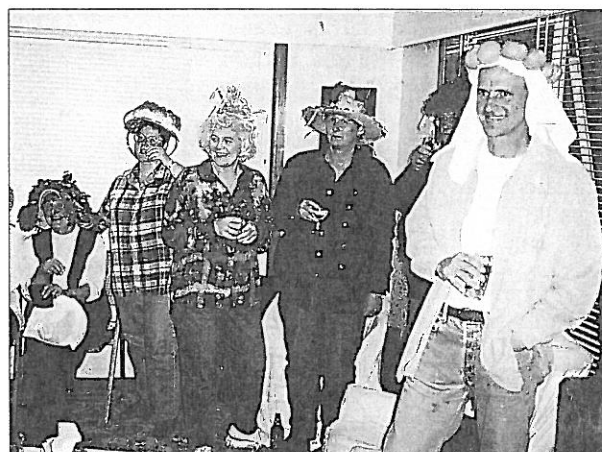
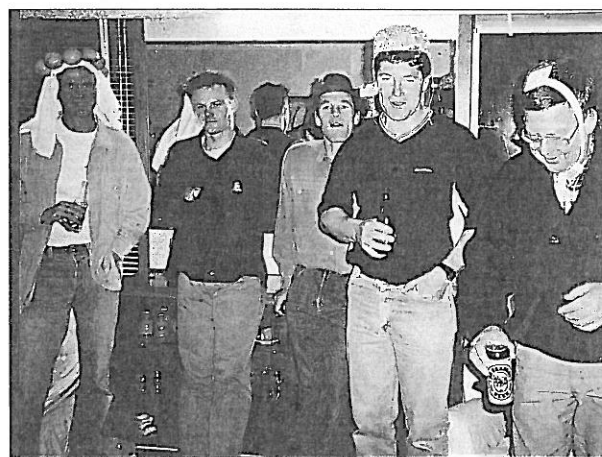
**Return of Yvonne Van Lent:** A year's study award in 1997 enabled Yvonne to continue her studies in psychology and music. She found this opportunity to be a wonderful 'time out' that provided the incentive for her to continue with Post Graduate studies this year. Since returning as Head of Music she feels as if she has never been away.

**Mick Parsons:** Mick comes here from farming in Patea. He is an ex student of FDMC and an illustrious School Captain in 1967. Here he has been handing on some of his farming expertise to the students.

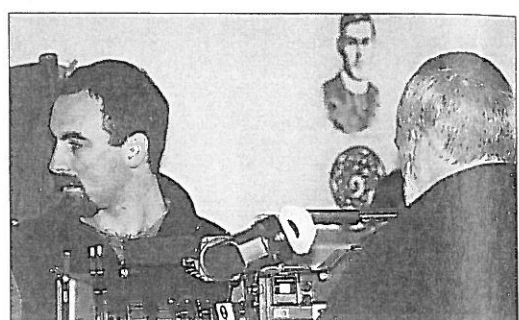
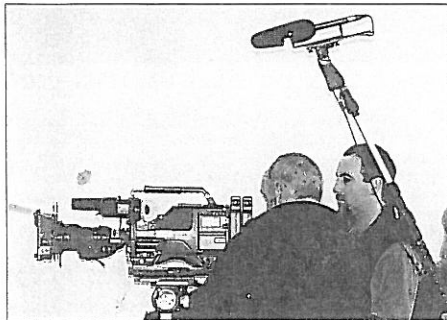
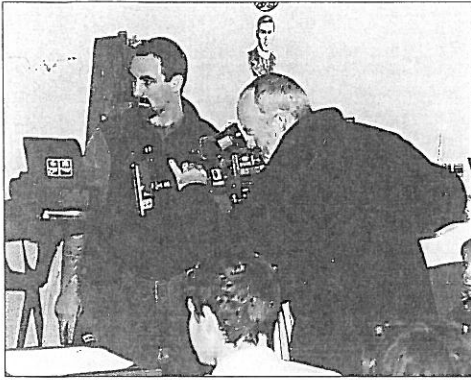
Also resurrected back again was John George under a new title. It is good to have him back on the staff after his short lived "Claytons" retirement.



The other person who must not go unmentioned is our wonderful relieving teacher, Mrs Estelle Meier who has relieved when staff are away. In fact she has probably been here more days than anybody else this year.







Sooner or later everyone who comes in contact with our Community be they teacher, parent, student or visitor asks the question,

### **"What does FDMC stand for?"**

And anyone who has spent time with us will tell you that it stands for the memory of Father Francis Vernon Douglas, a Columban missionary priest who worked in the Philippines during the second world war.

So it was that early this year our Principal, Br. Bill Firman, received a call from Television NZ. They wanted to do a programme on Fr. Francis Douglas' life. Could they call at the College and discuss the possibilities?

In New Zealand we have a programme called "Epitaph", the brain child of Mr. Paul Gittens who is perhaps better known as a former star of our hospital soap, "Shortland Street." Each week Paul visits grave sites and unravels fascinating background stories about the former lives of the deceased. What we have finished up with is a potted social history of our nation.

It turns out that Paul had been reading about Japanese War crimes and came across the name of Francis Vernon Douglas and the incident that led to his apparent death at the hands of Japanese soldiers in the village of Pillila. He was fascinated and wished to know more. And so the sleuths arrived at our College in July.

The crew spent two days with us as they explored archives; spoke to staff and students and pondered the significance of various memorabilia. We have the



sanctuary lamp from the church in Pillila. We have an old football and cricket bat as well as priestly garments and resources for saying mass as well as administering the sacraments. For us they have been means of keeping alive in our hearts the spirit of a generous man who tried to live out the Gospel message in his all too short but incident filled life from 1910 to 1943, in Wellington, New Plymouth and the Philippines. For the Epitaph team it was an opportunity to provide visual colour in the exploration of the background of yet another kiwi who had contributed in some small way to the story of Aotearoa.

The highlight of the two days for the Epitaph team came with the celebration of mass in the College Gymnasium. We sang our College song to St. John Baptist and some of our top student public speakers reflected on the life and living spirit of the man after whom the College had been named. True, all of us were performing for a camera and a potentially large TV audience but it was done with pride, with a sense of being able yet again to focus as a worshipping community on some very valuable and real Christian ideals within the framework of our Lasallian Heritage.

Paul Gittens spoke to us after communion and thanked us for our welcome and for the opportunity to share in worship. We all wait now for the end result and wonder if Fr. Francis Vernon Douglas will be pleased.



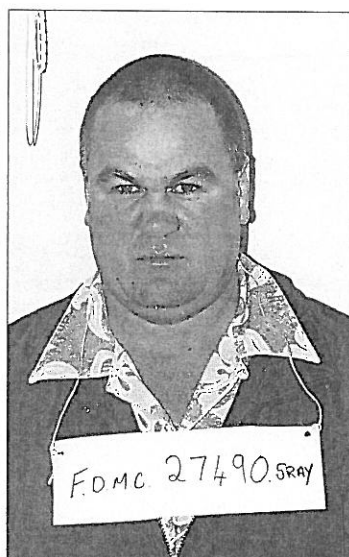
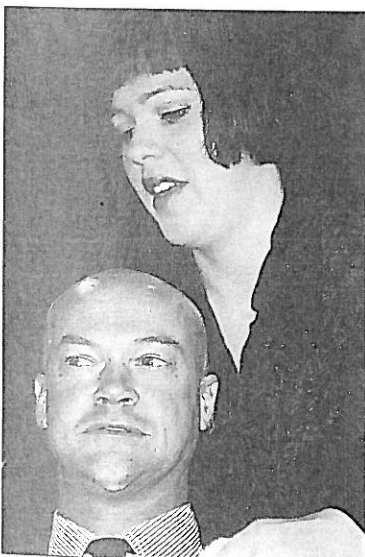
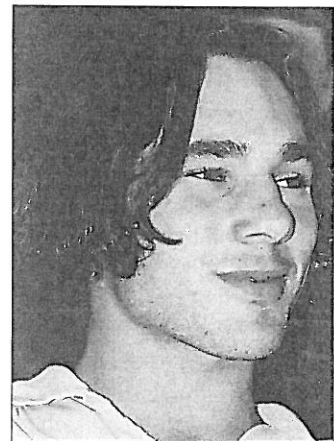
## Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow By Matthew Wilson

On Friday, at 12 noon at the Francis Douglas Memorial College Gym, all the students gathered together for the "Bald on the beat" programme. Staff and students volunteered to get their heads shaved in front of the whole school.

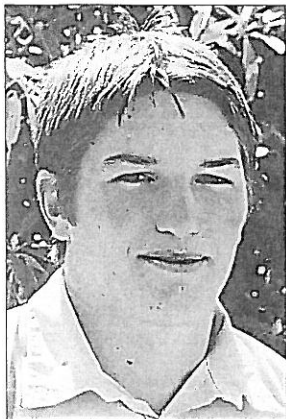
In special cases, beards and moustaches were taken off to raise money for the worthy cause of The Cancer Society. Three voluntary hairdressers came, prepared to shave heads, beards and moustaches. Students lined up and down the gym, waiting to be picked. One student exclaims "It's a free haircut, why not?" One of the school's teachers who has gone completely bald, said "I don't mind at all, it's for a good cause."



The same thing will be done today to voluntary police officers from Taranaki at Centre City. The school raised \$1,100 towards the cause. "We felt sorry that they lost their hair," says police education officer, Carol Reidy, "so we gave them all a beanie!" The students were very happy to see the teachers' heads shaved. "Can't wait for English with Mr Alder," one student said.







As we look back over the year of 1998 and reminisce about some of the events that took place, the year unfolds to release memories of many emotions.

One of the most heartfelt was the unexpected death of the school's prominent personality, Brother Anthony Hawkins. His death, just before the school year was about to begin, shook the

whole college community and uncovered a hidden strength within the students who had come to know his jolly sense of humour and caring nature. This was shown when the students all wore their college uniforms and formed a guard of honour singing the College hymn outside the church as a sign of the utmost respect for a man who had touched the lives of so many people. His immortal and infamous words "Trust in the Lord" are forever remembered.

From a time of grieving we turned to welcome four new Brothers to our Brothers' community - Brother Joe, Brother Peter, Brother Steve and our recently arrived principal, Brother Bill. We have come to know Brother Bill as a wise man full of fresh ideas for improving the college, with firm leadership and a caring nature and a concern for all members of the college community. He has proved to be an outstanding asset to the college as he actively participates in all functions of the college from teaching to strumming away at his guitar whenever the occasion calls. Brother Bill's focus in ensuring the college excels, certainly suggests a very bright future for Francis Douglas Memorial College.

The third big event on the college calendar was the celebration of the college chaplain, Father David Monaghan's 50th year since ordination into the priesthood. The mass was celebrated at St Joseph's church and a large number attended a luncheon here at the college.

Throughout the year there have been a number of changes and achievements which all contribute to the ever increasing Lasallian spirit of the college.

The huge increase in roll numbers over the past years has meant there was a need for new classrooms. At the beginning of the year we saw three new classrooms built and with Year 13 students giving up the old common room to make a total of four additional rooms.

The college has also moved forward tremendously with its cultural diversity. The opening of the new Maori room, Te Atawhai, saw the college widen its eyes to being culturally sensitive. The Maori culture group performed well and earned the respect of many with their fearsome haka.

Academically the college has also excelled. The Australian science, maths and English competitions were all well represented. One of the more outstanding achievements

in this faculty of the school was the group of Year 10 students who represented the college in the Young Enterprise scheme and took out some of the major awards with their "Hot Heads Beanies".

Sporting achievements were plentiful this year with not only the major team sports being represented by great numbers but also numerous individual sports.

Rugby in the college had another outstanding year with participation levels of which we can be very proud. Over 15 teams, 310 players, represented the school this year. Six rugby teams made it through to the finals day, with the 2nd XV, C2 Red and the E Grade winning their respective competitions. The 1st XV had a particularly successful season, holding their own in the Under 19 competition and winning four of the five college matches, beating De La Salle College, one of the highlights of the season. The basketball teams also had a successful year with the Senior A representing the college at the national basketball tournament.

Determination brought success also to the cricket, soccer, hockey, skiing, wrestling and many other sporting codes available at the college. This success would not have been possible without the valuable support and coaching of staff and parents.

Our cultural team of debaters, speakers and dramatists performed with distinction at the O'Shea Shield and Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival.

The theme of the combined Sacred Heart and Francis Douglas College's ball was "Enchantment under the Sea". The night went superbly and all who attended were thrilled by its success. The true credit for the night lies with the Social Committee and the numerous hours spent organising the evening.

Little did I know when I began here at Francis Douglas Memorial College five years ago as a small year 9 student looking with awe at the college leaders, that I would be given that privilege of leading the college, to maintain the standards set by my predecessors.

I now would like to thank my deputy Philip Smiley for his support and help through the busy year. The year began before the school year even started with our trip to Narooma, Australia, where we met with college leaders from De La Salle schools across Australia.

At this point I would like to thank the De La Salle brothers for the great opportunities they have provided for me and for this I cannot express enough gratitude.

To the leavers I would like to wish you all the best for the rest of your lives and hope you find them rewarding.

Finally I would like to thank my parents for the support and encouragement they have shown me throughout my college life. Without this reassurance I would have found the responsibility a lot more difficult.





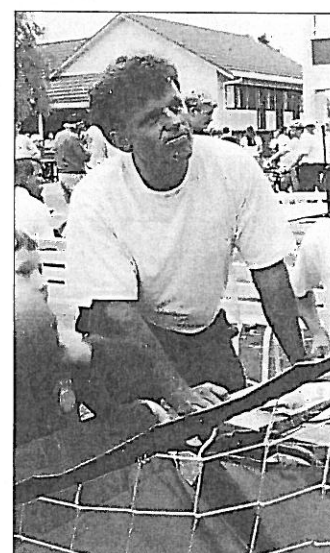
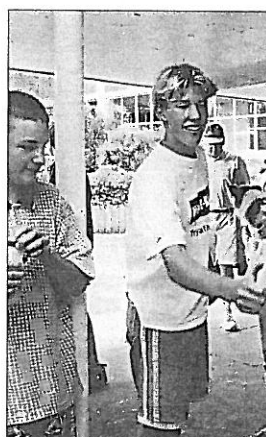
Yet again it is pleasing to report that our PTA has had an enormously successful year not just in terms of raising money but also in terms of being involved in the life of our special college.

The executive consists of President Glenda Elliott, Secretary Jocelyn Young, Treasurer Clare Smiley, Teacher Rep Margaret Milne.

The PTA meets every month and it is pleasing to report that there is a regular attendance of some 15 - 20 parents and teachers. The business of raising money and being of assistance in purchasing extra resources for the students is a major focus but there has also always been ample opportunity to socialise and debate issues related to the community of FDMC.

The GALA day was a resounding success. It was a beautiful day for Leen Bolyn's swan song as organizer and resulted in making \$15,000 profit. Thank you, Leen, for all your efforts and your relentless persistence in chasing our sponsors and supporters both beforehand as well as on the day. It will be a difficult act to follow. The day was also notable for the great support from the students as well as the staff.

As we go to print the annual raffle is in progress and present indications are that it will also be a financial success. Very generous sponsors have ensured that the prizes are attractive. Next year we may consider posting books out to the community as in spite of our best efforts it is clear that some books never surface from deep in the bow-



els of school bags until the last moment.

Our PTA has always been most enthusiastic about providing extra resources. The efforts this year have resulted in the purchasing of four TV/ video units that are easily transportable from room to room and are proving to be very much in demand. A set of very flash tracksuits has been purchased for the use of students who represent the college in cultural and sporting fixtures. They were much admired even in Japan earlier this year when our students on tour wore them everywhere.

The parents accompanying the group were also keen to wear them. And at long last a move is being made to provide lockers for students to store their gear in. The PTA has been responsible for supplying funds for these.

Each year the PTA tries also to organise a social function to give people an opportunity to mix and meet. Those who attended the Halloween party had a ball!

We are pleased to note that the School Council is again in session and we appreciate hearing of their activities and views. We hope that a regular report will be a feature of future meetings along with Br. Bill's very detailed and entertaining reports and Mrs. Milne's astute and incisive vignettes of daily life at FDMC.

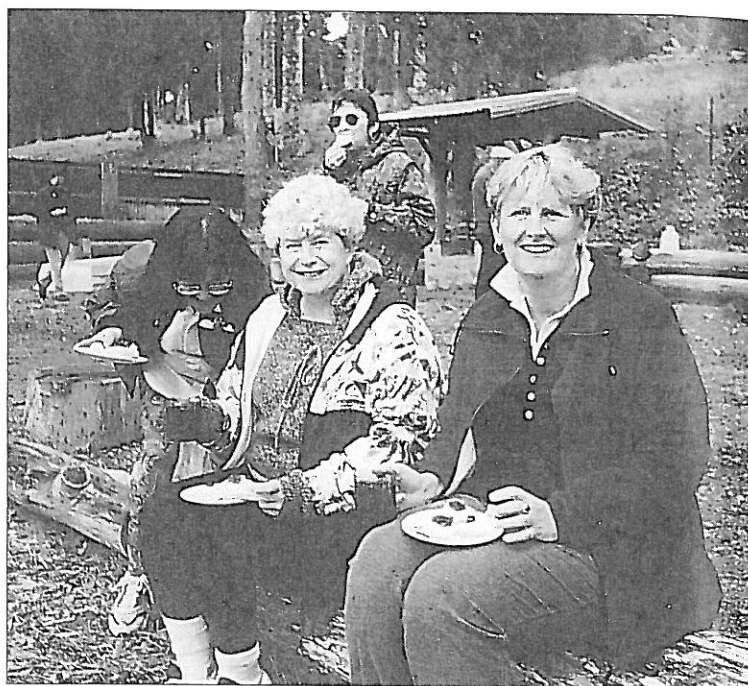
We do raise money but we enjoy meeting new people and having them share new ideas with us. We have the good of the college community at heart and find that this forum is a wonderful way of learning more about this special Taranaki Lasallian community.







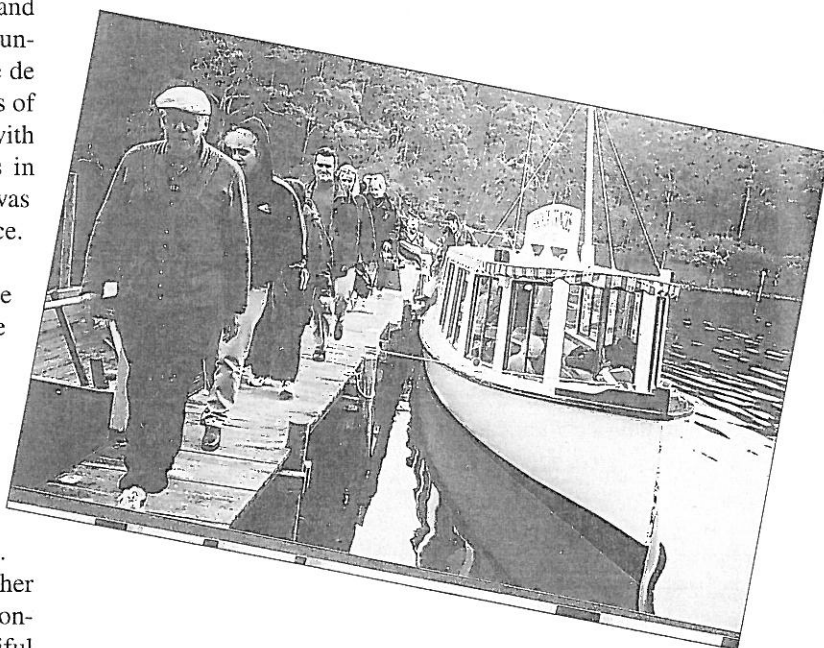
During 1998 four members of staff have had the privilege of representing Francis Douglas Memorial College at conferences at Narooma. Dan Keegan, Margaret Milne, Graham Blanks and Christine Alexander all winged their way across the Tasman at various times of the year.



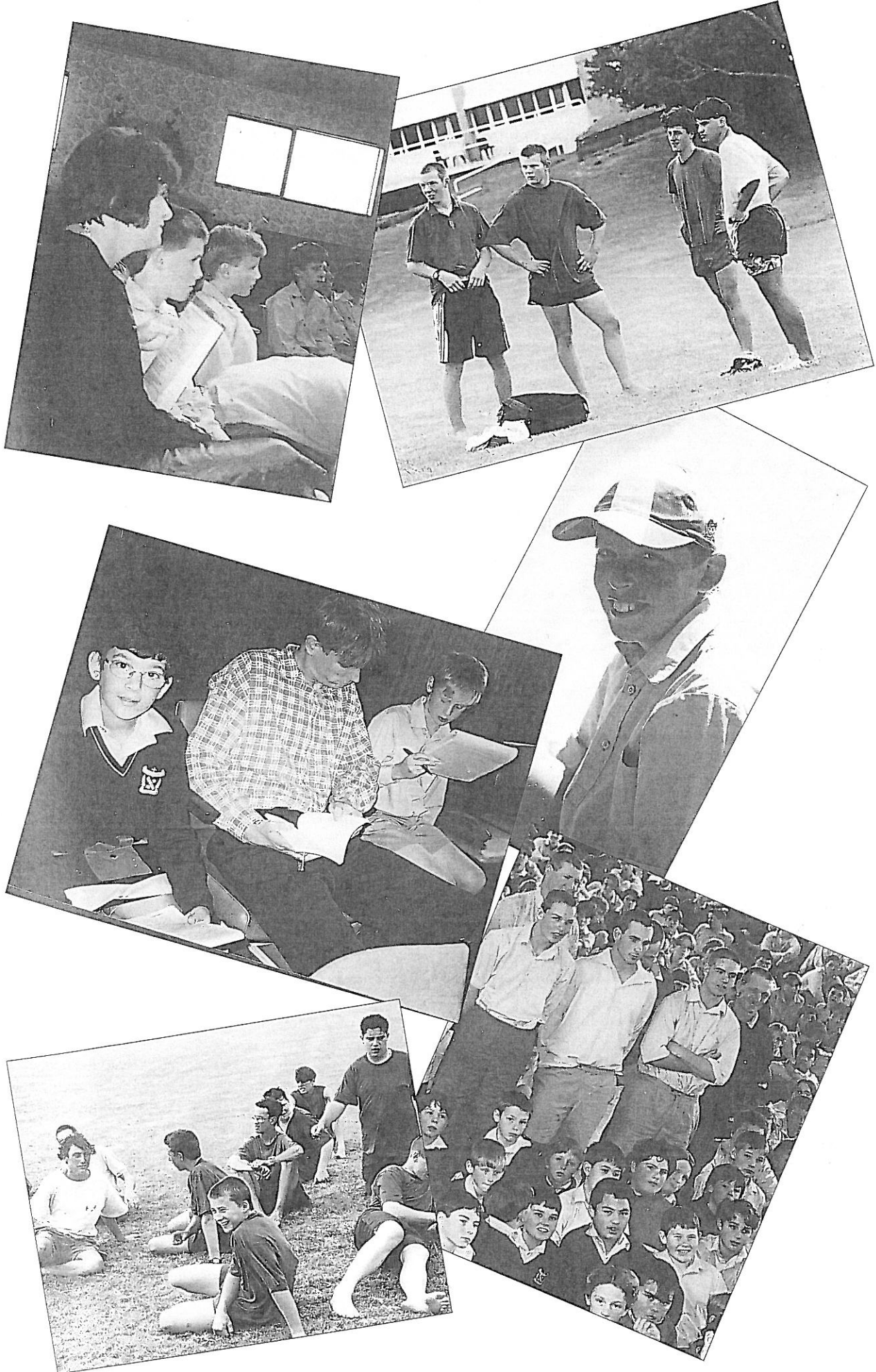
We all came away rested and relaxed and more importantly with a much deeper understanding of the life of John Baptiste de la Salle and our vocations as employees of a Lasallian school. Being able to share with others doing similar work in schools in Australia, Singapore and New Guinea was a wonderful and enlightening experience.

Our impressions? It is a privilege to be part of a Lasallian school and we have an important role in carrying out the teachings of John Baptiste de la Salle. They are as relevant today as they were all those years ago in France.

Thank you to the brothers and staff at Narooma who looked after us so well. We all enjoyed catching up with Brother Greg again and each of us had his personalised guided tour of Narooma - a beautiful place.



# STUDENTS





1998 has been, I think, the year of the Green Machines. It all started back in February when votes were taken for House Captains and in a way 1998 turned out to be like 1994. Then we had dynamic Paddy Gower, now we have Nathan Hessel growing in the mould of the forefather of all houses. Under Nathan were two of the college's characters, Myles Bartlett and Jarrod "Chooky" Smith. Who could ever forget Chooky, even if he did leave half way through the rugby season, to fulfil his lifelong ambition of milking cows.

The year's sporting events for House Competition started off with the swimming sports and here again we displayed the tradition that the Benildus House has shown with student participation. The house has a number of well known swimmers, with the Smith brothers, Jarrod, Justen and Courtney, and Hayden Nganeko and Jason Couper. The talent in the junior school is pleasing and I am sure Benildus will be a magic thread in the future with the likes of Phillip Donaldson and Pieter Van Der Kooij leading the way.



This year Benildus went into the swimming sports as underdogs to Solomon who were the reigning champs. The incentive to win was given a boost with Captain Hessel declaring a \$10 pay cheque to anyone who won his overall competition. That is something the great Gower didn't even do. At the end of the day there was only one winner and, due to the great participation, Benildus came out on top. Well done lads! We were back to our best and scenes of the early 90's were fluent again.

This was a great way to start the year and it was only four days later that we changed speedos for spikes - the pool to the track. Athletics day 1998 was one to be remembered fondly by all in Benildus. Even though we couldn't pull off the double in one week, we were leading for a long period of time. It was a very satisfying second place all the same. Again there is a lot of potential here, with the likes of Ben Sole, Simon Gillum, Justen Smith, Douglas Henderson and Gabriel Lockley. A special mention must be made of Pieter Van Der Kooij. Pieter contributed a lot of points on the track and I feel he is a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Congratulations to Solomon on their fine win. You had talent to burn and speed to use and you did it well. Also to Loreto who managed to be beaten by La Salle. Well done guys!

Both these events are ones that are looked forward to and remembered for months. The thing with the house of

Benildus is that everyone gets involved, young and old, and the spirit is one that lives on. Everyone encourages others and the support given is outstanding. As Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." And this is what Benildus did in 1998.

The major house events took a break for a while, until the end of the rugby season. This is our strongest event - House Rugby. With a team filled with experience and youth, the Green Machines were ready to come out firing. This year it was a round-robin competition. Each team played three games. Two were on a Tuesday night with the final on Thursday. Again we met Solomon in the final. There was little between the two teams but as we were defending champs we were tagged as the favourites. The first half started off slowly, but after a classic half-time speech by Captain Hessel there

was no stopping the boys in green. With the 1st XV captain out injured, Myles Bartlett, Kenneth Murphy and Conrad Smith took control of the game., with the powerhouse forwards dominating (well, as if anyone could dominate Ku). Douglas Henderson also sparked the backline, and with it another victory. The boys dug deep for the sweet smell of success. On the day there was no substitute for guts. It was an effort even Chooky would have been proud of.

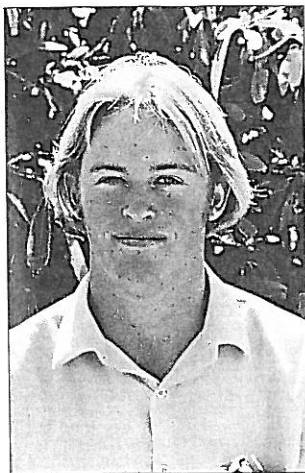
The cross-country, another annual event, saw Benildus take several honours with very commendable performances by Simon Gillum, Ben Sole, Conrad Smith and Pieter Van Der Kooij. The machine with a non-stop engine, Myles Bartlett, also chipped in with some valuable points. A great effort by all those involved.

To all the teachers, Mrs O'Reilly, Ms Land, Mr Blanks, Mr Doherty, Mr Maistry and especially Mr Thomas for his House Convenor role, thank you very much for your help and support. Without you Benildus wouldn't form the special Lasallian character it holds.

On behalf of Benildus House Captains I would like to thank all other Year 13 Green Machines for their senior role, especially with the help on the swimming and athletics days.

As I finish I would like to wish Mr Thomas and the rest of the Benildus House all the very best for the next year. Just remember, whatever you do don't do it halfway! And keep up the tradition of participation. Trust me. It can be the difference between winning and losing.

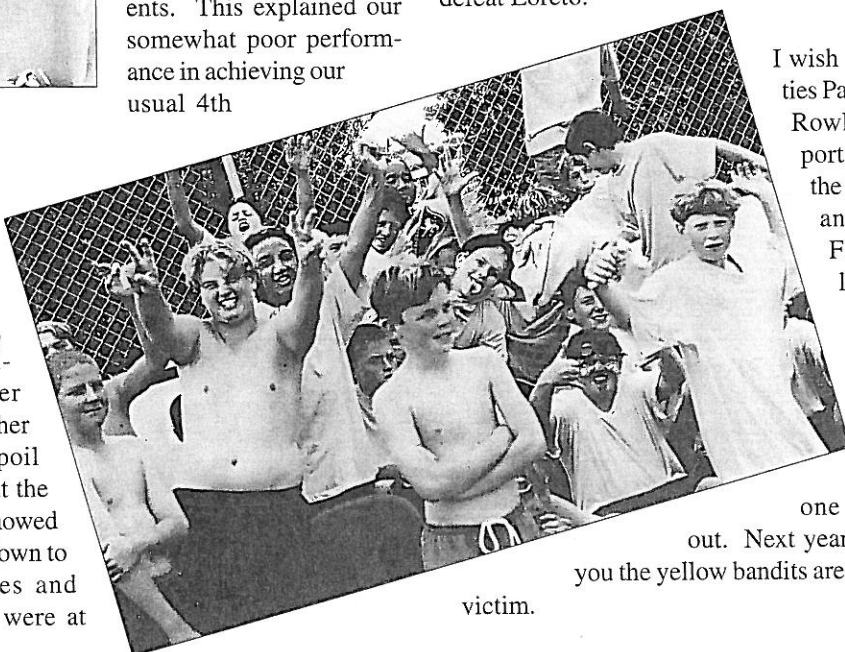
And one last thing. After every event on the House Calendar I expect everyone to have lost his voice!!!  
Brendan Bourke



Well this year there is only one word for the mighty yellow house - Success. Yes for the first time in many years La Salle produced some brilliance to push itself off the bottom of the ladder. The swimming sports were approached as a training ground to expand our talents. This explained our somewhat poor performance in achieving our usual 4th

place.

This would be the motivation we needed. We went into intensive training and tricks, to become a challenge to the other houses. The weather did threaten to spoil our preparation but the La Salle strength showed through. It came down to the last few races and maximum points were at stake.



The troops rallied and we managed to pull through and take third place, with La Salle showing their strength to comfortably take out the premier event, the senior 4 x 100 metre relay.

The next event in the year was house rugby and again the quiet achievers were waiting to pounce. Once we all massed as a team we showed that La Salle was now the third best house in the four house race. With the goal kicking of Paul "T" O'Byrne and the try scoring machine of Gareth "the demon" Douglas we were inspired to defeat Loreto.

I wish to thank my deputies Paul O'Byrne and Art Rowlands for the support given to me over the year. To Mr. D'Ath and all the Vertical Form teachers and leaders who inspired us, we owe you one. Well as Leonard said last year "What goes around comes around!" and one house found this

out. Next year watch out! I warn you the yellow bandits are looking for another

victim.

Good luck next year guys and do the house proud.

Robbie Watt

The House Leaders and their Deputies in 1998





If there is one word that could sum up Loreto's plight for the championship this year it would have to be "Robbed". Robbed of the chance to show our true colours and robbed of the chance to beat our arch losing rival, La Salle.

For those of you who don't know how the rivalry stands in the college it's basically Solomon versus Benildus for the number one spot and Loreto versus La Salle for the number three spot. Although the Benildus and Solomon battle is of a high calibre and very professional it's fighting for the scraps which really brings out the personality and the pride in a house. This is the personality and the pride which Loreto has become respected and admired for. This is why I must fight to clear our name of the loser's title and set the record straight.

We started off with a hiss and a roar this year as the blues socked it to the yellows in the water, beating them hands down and getting hold of the wooden spoon. What came next was a surprise to us as Loreto managed a stunning victory in the cross country beating all the other houses dead in their tracks. We took the win modestly and moved on to the athletic sports.

Previously we haven't been renowned as being a great running team but we always managed to beat La Salle. However, this year wasn't to follow suit as the heirarchy plotted an elaborate plan to see the downfall of Loreto as the wooden spooners.

Picture this; a wet miserable athletics day with Loreto and La Salle locked together in third place. The gun sounds for the final race which is a senior relay. Our boys get a good start and we look for second place. But suddenly as they make their way round the final bend our runner is pushed and falls flat on his face losing the race and losing the wooden spoon. The team is shattered. We were robbed. We were subject to a conspiracy. Slowly we managed to pull ourselves together, thinking we'd take them on in the rugby.

September arrives and it's our chance to win back pride and position in the house rugby. We begin by playing Solomon and then Benildus and although we didn't beat them we gave them a fright with our tactical placement of

basketballers in the locking positions, runners in the backs and the rugby ignorant ... well they pretty much went where they wanted.

Then it was time for the big match. This was the final contest to decide who really deserves the wooden spoon.

As the whistle went the clash began. The mighty blues socked it to a limp La Salle and came up at half time with a healthy five tries to one lead.

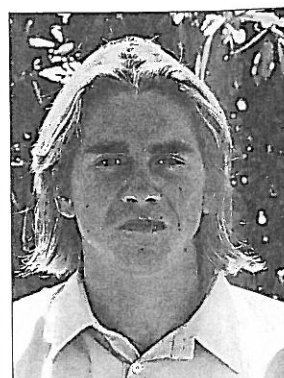
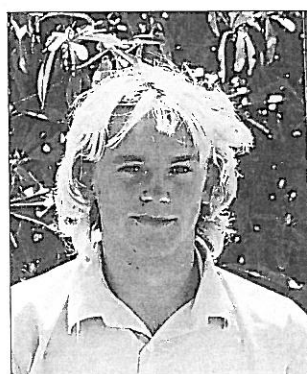
What was to follow was the biggest load of bull dust I've ever seen in my time at the college as the referee cheated us out of our victory and robbed us of our due title. We were all deeply scarred.

On a lighter note a big thanks must go out to my captains, Luke McDonald for their help in the organisation and to the Loreto Year 13's and Mr Kibby for their help.

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Finally a note to all those who plotted the conspiracy against the blues ... "We know where you live."

Ryan McDonald  
Loreto Captain



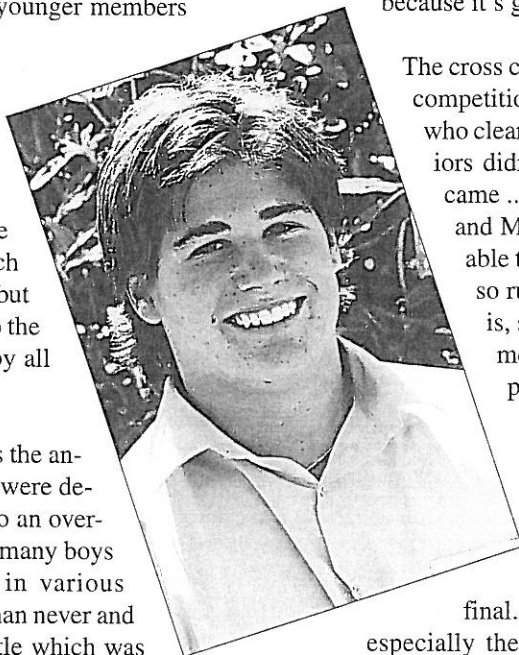
By all accounts Solomon House has had another successful year in the inter-house college competition. To come as close to last year's efforts was an accomplishment in itself. The whole house once again showed the Lasallian spirit to never give up and never back down. A lot of credit must be given to the house seniors for providing the leadership and inspiration to the younger members of the house.

There is no better way for a first year student to get involved than to compete in this fabulously healthy inter-house competition where quotes made from teachers such as "it's not how you compete but whether you win", help add to the high competitive spirit held by all the houses.

The first event of the year was the annual swimming sports which were delayed for several weeks due to an overdose of chlorine which made many boys feel rather uncomfortable in various places. However, better late than never and Solomon had to defend its title which was always going to be tough. We all fought hard to repeat last year's effort but we were the first loser (2nd place) when the day ended. A special thanks must go out to all who participated and especially individuals Paul Cracroft-Wilson, Eric Menefy, Joseph Farmer, Sean Brennan and our swimming champions Adam Fraser (Senior), Kent Fraser (Intermediate B) and Kurt Sole (Form 1).

In less than a week the pool was drained and the war paint was back on and it was time for Solomon's speciality, the biggest event of the year, athletics. When you've won it the pressure increases each year and it becomes an expectation. There was speculation within the other houses that Solomon could finally be toppled in 1998 but again the Solomon spirit prevailed. It was a close fought battle and no sun shower was going to stop Solomon whose overall participation became a major factor in retaining the title. Solomon was crippled by the absence of some top performers such as Andrew Turner, Reece Williams and Ben

Sole. So others had to step up and it was done, thanks to individuals Tom Mace, Gareth Farmer, Paul Cracroft-Wilson and Eric Menefy. Also to our athletics champions Joseph Farmer (Year 8), Marcus Hancock (Intermediate B), Gerard Light (Intermediate A) and Anthony Light (Senior) congratulations. Good luck to next year's crew because it's getting tougher.



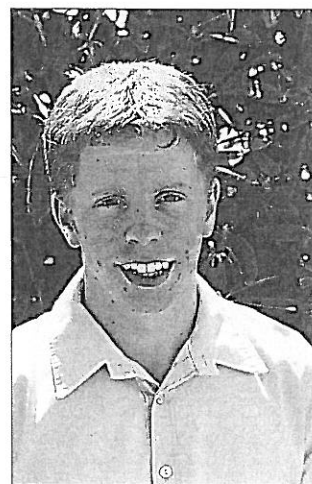
The cross country has become a really competitive competition with a superb effort from our seniors who cleaned up. However, unfortunately our juniors didn't reach the same level and Solomon came ..... even with a few sly tactics from Eric and Michael which didn't work we were unable to win what we should have won. Okay, so running isn't that much fun but winning is, so more participation from the younger members of the house would be most appreciated by next year's house leaders.

The house rugby turned out to be much like last year's competition and it seems like the gap is closing between Solomon and Benildus as Solomon was only a narrow second after the final. A special thanks to all who participated especially the contribution made by the basketball "heads" such as Mathew Lawn's devastating breaks and the red Tito who managed to make a pretty good fool of himself. Also to the 1st XV members who provided as much structure as possible. Not a bad rugby report for a basketball player!!

To the teachers who get just as involved as the students and sometimes more out of control such as Mr Neeson, Mr Cleaver, Mr Murphy (super calm), Mr Sole, Mr McMorran and especially to new comer, quick and ready to get involved, Mrs Ramsay-Ryan, who showed no attempt to hide the happiness of being in a winning house.

A very special and final thanks to the so called "retired" Mr George who obviously loves watching young students compete and achieve their goals in sports. Why else would he organise and spend so much of his time when organising these complicated events. Thanks from all the houses Mr George.

Anthony Light







Another year is drawing to a close, one which has flown by so quickly yet so many things have happened.

The year started out on a tangent no one expected. This was the loss of our inspirational boarding master Br Anthony. After spending four years here he had always said that he would like to finish off with one more year, as he started when this year's group of seventh formers was 3rd form. Bruv said he would like to "see us off." But on the 27th January this dream ended after he suffered an unexpected heart attack. This really put a dampener on the year as everyone was thinking how could we get by without him. After this setback, and the boys coming to terms with the loss, the year was one to look forward to.

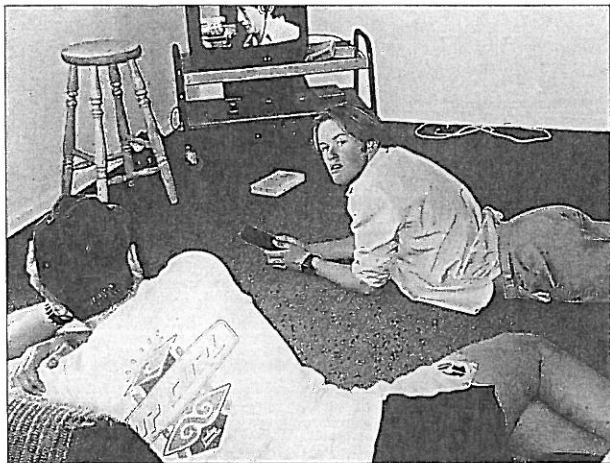
Five years ago a large group of apprehensive 3rd formers entered hostel life and now this smaller, but very close unit of 7th formers, is nearing the end of its time at FDMC. Over this period of time we have formed

some invaluable friendships that will carry on for a lifetime. The experiences gained will stand us in good stead for the future.

This year we have enjoyed many social events with Sacred Heart, St Mary's and New Plymouth Girls High through dances and BBQ's. These have been enjoyed thoroughly by all involved.

During the course of the year the hostel has again shown why it is the backbone of the college with numerous leadership roles and participation in almost anything that goes. Members of the hostel were seen in the O'Shea Shield team, 1st and 2nd XV rugby, Senior A Basketball, 1st XI cricket, athletics and swimming even if not in a lot of academic study. All in all a great number have been involved in some way, shape or form in different sporting, cultural and extra-curricular activities. This just shows how important the hostel is to the school. All should be congratulated on their efforts.





This year has seen two boarding masters. Firstly Mr Mark Walsh, who spent last year under the guidance of Br Anthony. This was to get used to the concept of leading the hostel which he was to take over when Brother Anthony left. This was shortened by a year but Mr Walsh did himself proud and is a real asset to the hostel environment.

After the loss of Br Anthony, Br Bill asked Mr Tony Gray, a New Zealander who worked under Br Bill in Australia last year, to move to New Plymouth to help manage the hostel. His new style took some time to get used to but he has now settled in.

Someone who hasn't yet been mentioned is Matron, Mrs Fleming. The hostel would not be the success it is today if it wasn't for the all the hard work that Matron does. A lot of this is done behind the scenes and sometimes goes unrecognised. Her dedication is second to none and the care for all the boys' well being is like that of any mother. Matron is our

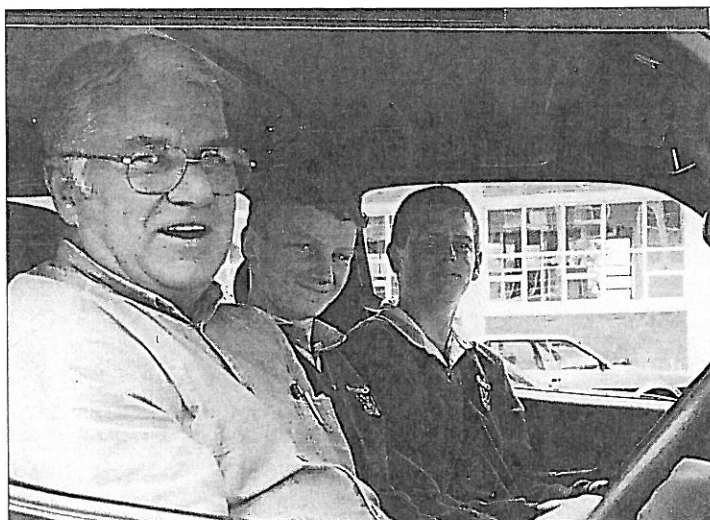
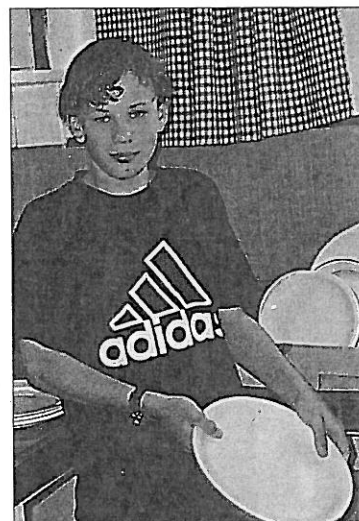
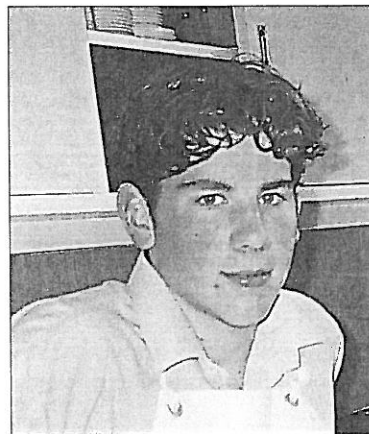
"Mum away from home." So a big thank you to you Mrs Fleming especially from the 7th formers whom you have looked after for the last five years. It is very much appreciated.

To all the domestic staff - kitchen, laundry, cleaning, supervisors - you have all done the hostel proud this year. All your work is valued highly and if it wasn't for you the hostel would not be what it is now.

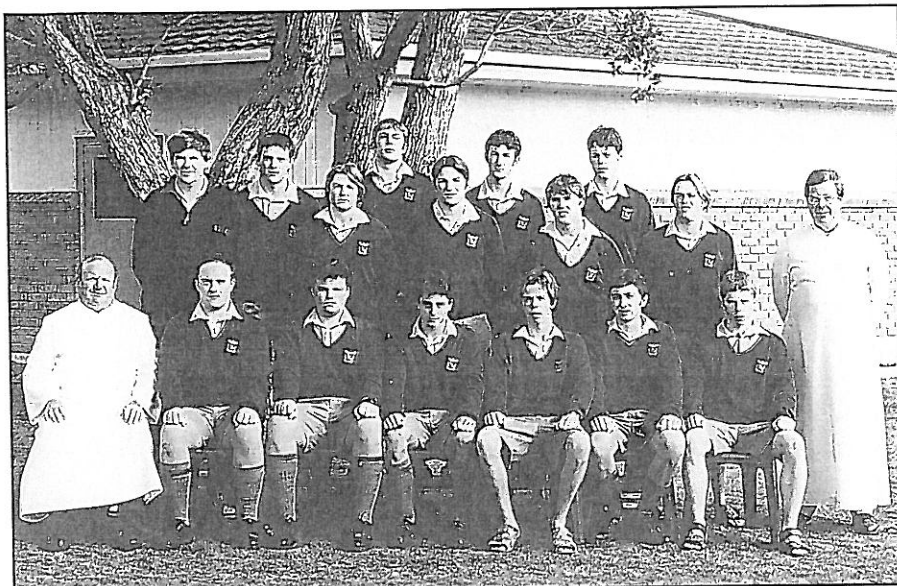
A special thanks goes to Br Bill. He has changed many things with the hostel coming out the winner. New facilities and BBQ's every Friday night have been great.

Finally we would like to thank all boarders for their general manner and support of us throughout the year. And to next year's 7th form good luck and may you work a lot harder than we did. You have a lot to live up to, but I am sure you will do your best, as we all do.

B. Bourke & S. O'Sullivan  
Boarding Leaders





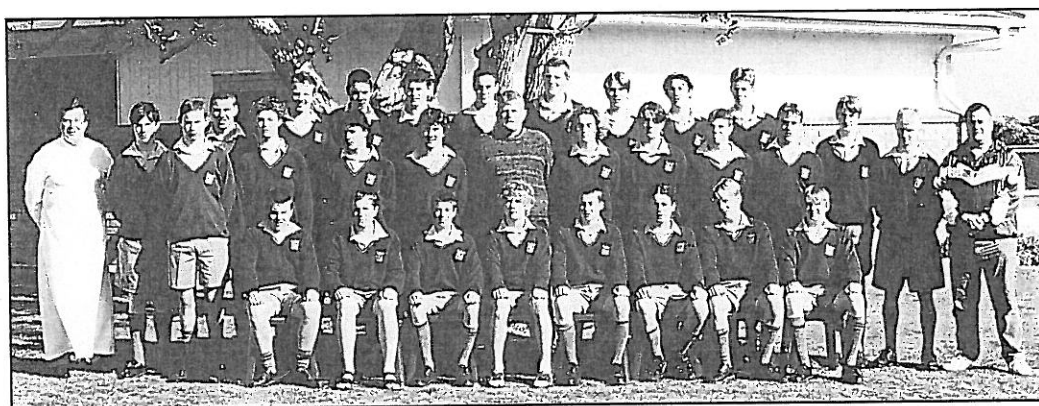
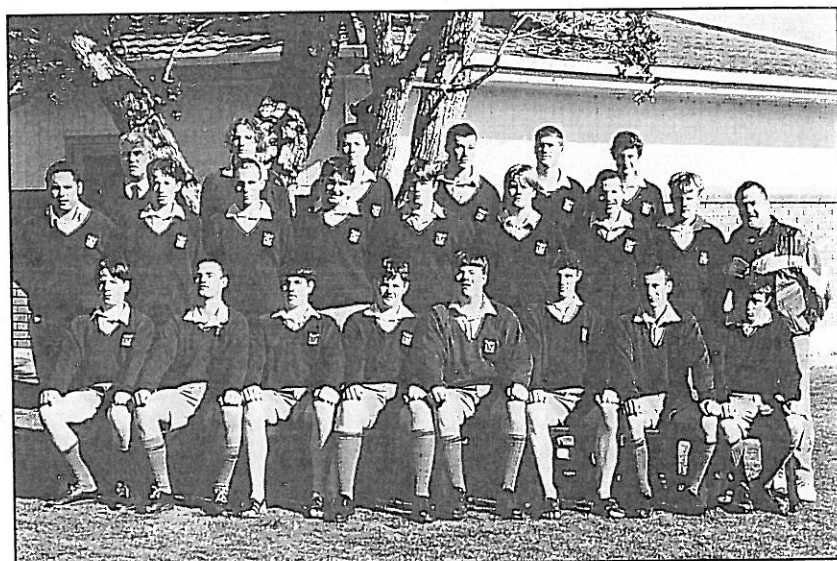


Hostel Year 13

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Mr. M. Walsh (Supervisor),  
B. Bourke, M. Bartlett,  
M. Lawn, J. Glasgow  
Middle Row.  
R. McDonald, J. Stevenson,  
S. O' Sullivan, R. Watt  
Front Row.  
Br. Bill Firman, Q. Werder,  
E. Menefy, J.H. Quin,  
A. Rowlands, S. Lynskey,  
A. Light, Br. Peter Smyth.

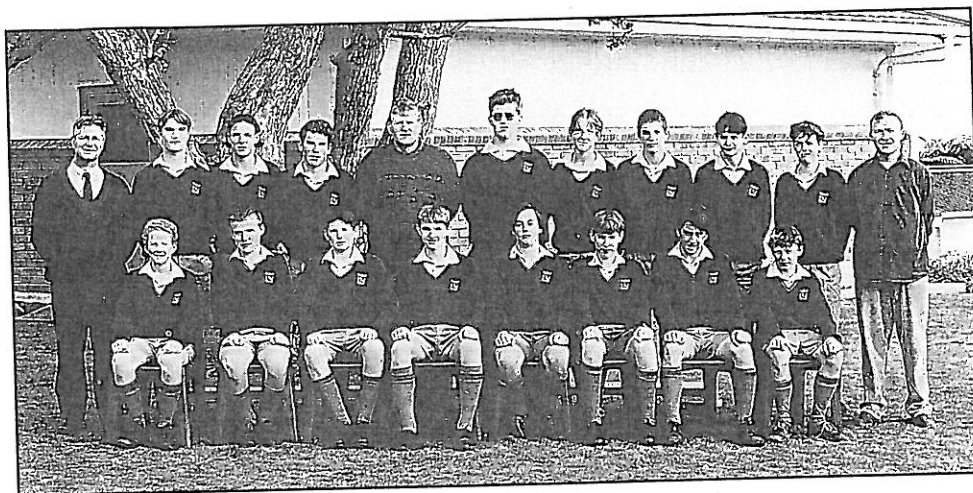
Hostel Year 12

Back Row.  
Br. S. Leatherland, S.Mullan,  
B. Robb, K. Murphy, J. Iremonger,  
M. Julian  
Middle Row.  
S. Kaweroa, I. Ries, R. Bray,  
H. Coombe, J. Whittington,  
D. Gollan, N. Hurley, G. Morgan, Mr.  
T. Gray (B/Master)  
Front Row.  
M. McDavitt, O. Harvey, A. Kalin, N.  
Orchard, R. Williams,  
M. Anderson, M. Gopperth,  
D. Murphy, J. Leicester, M. Hussey.



Hostel  
Year 11

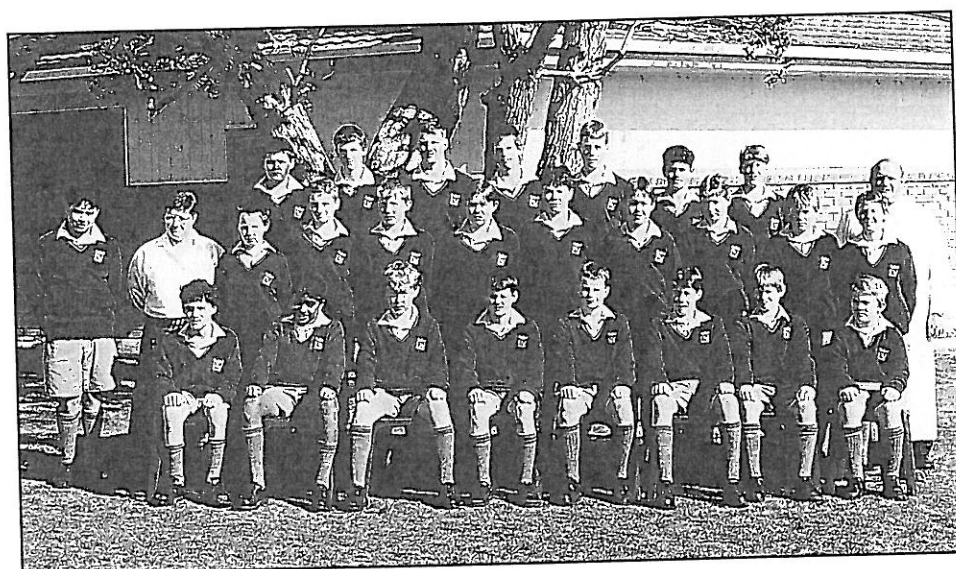
Back Row. Br. P. Smyth, T. Lawn, J. Le Prou, P. Cowley, A. Becker, A. Gordge, H. Nganeko, P. Stevenson,  
B. Hayward, H. Bourne, G. Bourke  
Middle Row. D. Carmichael, C. Wratlslav, S. Gregory-Hunt, M. White, A. Lockett (Supervisor), C. McNeill,  
A. Rogers, G. Light, C. Drought, P. Sherman, H. Murray, T Gray (B/Master)  
Front Row. L. Robinson, C. Carroll, G. Clegg, T. Carrington, A. Butterworth, K. Fahy,



Hostel Year 10

Back Row. Br. J. Bufalo, D. Seator, R. Mumby, A. Franks, Mr. A. Lockett (Supervisor), A. Buhler, R. Brown, M. Hughes, B. Muggeridge, D. Butler, Mr. B. Brooks (Supervisor)

Front Row. J. Ladd, C. Fife, D. McDonald, K. Orchard, W. Ngata, J. Hogan, P. Bray.



Hostel Year 9

Back Row. D. Collins, S. Julian, D. Little, B. Feaver, K. Bourke, J. McSeveny, B. Guthrie,

Middle Row. J. Dolman, K. Van de Water, G. Angell, A. Fraser, J. Coombs, C. Carmichael, G. Billing, M. Kiser, N. Drought, P. Luond, J. Mullin, Br. Bill Firman

Front Row. S. McDiarmid, D. Gunatunga, T. Dunlop, S. Cartwright, B. Whittington, D. Gut, O. McDonald, T. Walsh.

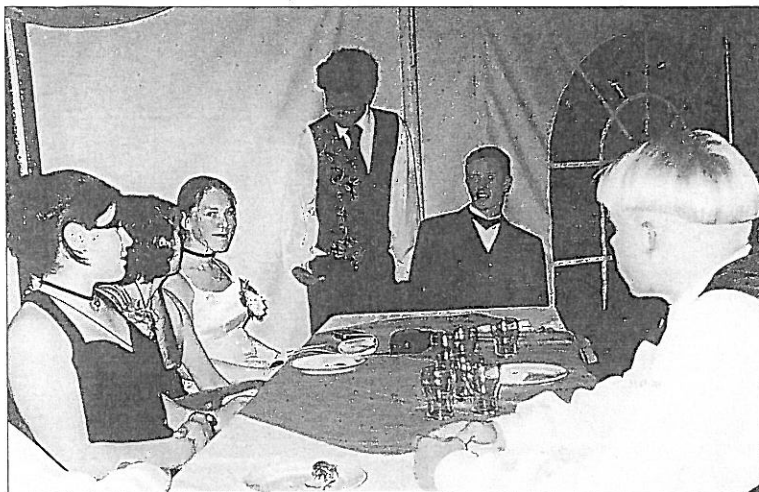
## Hostel Staff

Back Row  
C. Honeyfield, H. Yardley,  
J. Charteris, C. Burnard,  
M. Smith, N. Gunataunga,  
L. Loveridge

Front Row  
I. Hanlon, K. Connell,  
M. Fleming (Matron),  
C. Stachurski, H. McDowell







The annual College Ball was held on the 1st August 1998 at its new venue, the Egmont International Conference Centre. The night was a huge success and everyone in attendance had an outstanding time.

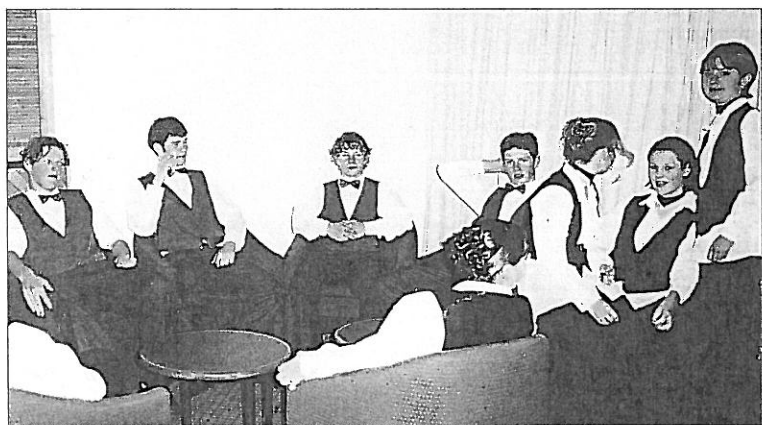
The preparation for the big event began way back in the early months of the year where the newly formed social committee were stuck with the dilemma of where to hold the grand event (due to our previous venue being converted into a furnishing shop). After a lot of desperate searching we eventually secured the Egmont, who proved to be wonderful with their hospitality and cooperation.



The year passed very quickly and soon enough the big night was just around the corner. Many late nights were spent preparing the decorations and trying desperately to balance our funds.

The night arrived and work overalls were swapped for polished tuxedos, the farm ute gave way for the limousine and everyone sparkled for the evening of glitz and glamour.

The theme for the evening was "Under Water Enchantment" and the hard work put into decorations was made worthwhile by the welcoming atmosphere that filled the room.



The night flew by and before anyone realised Quinnies band was playing their final song. Sure enough all the beautiful Cinderella's were running to their pumpkins and their Princes followed, picking up their bits and pieces.

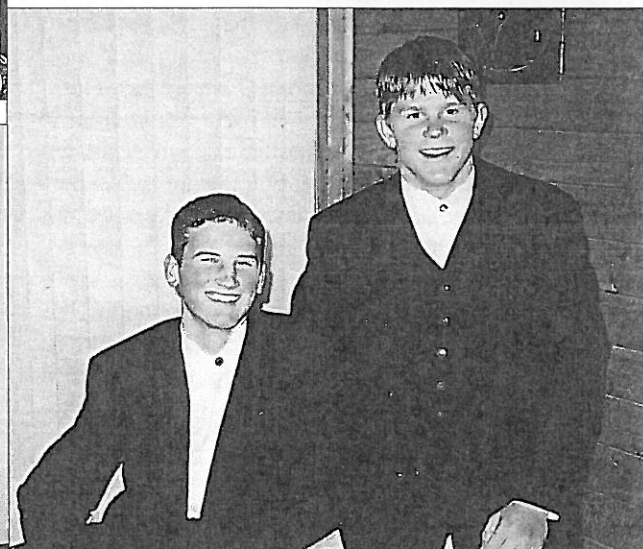
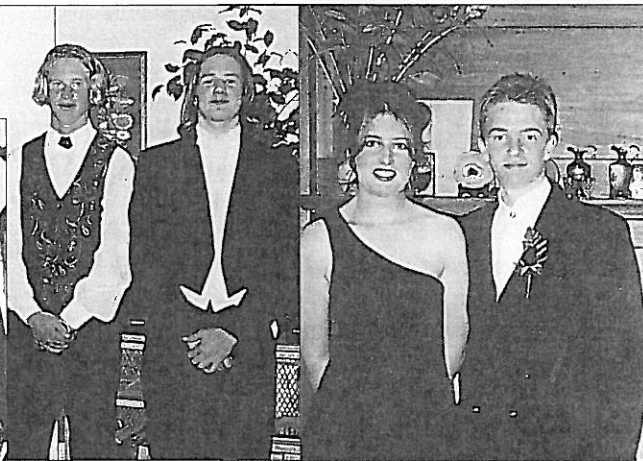
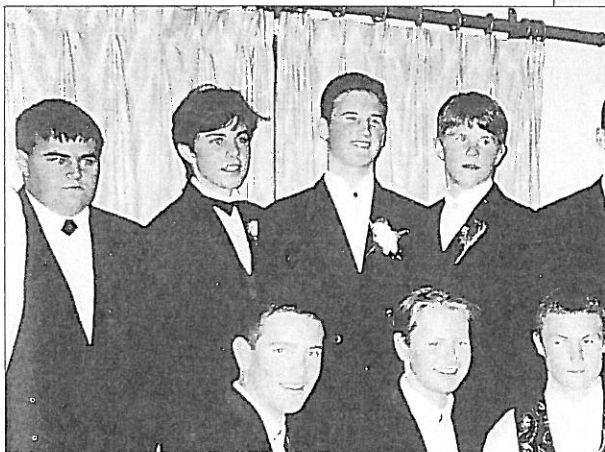
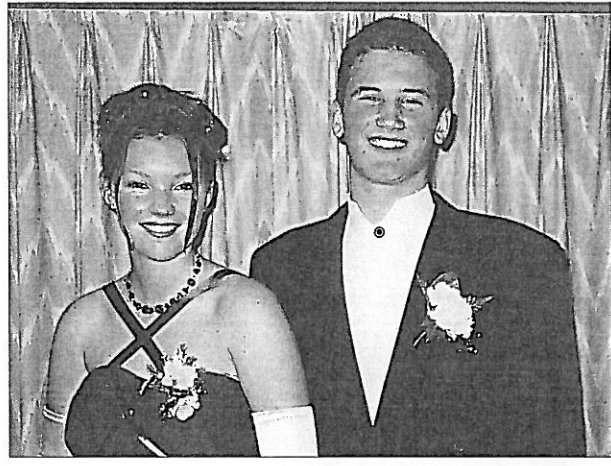
Special thanks must be expressed to Mr. Blanks, the administration staff for all their help and putting up with all our problems and the countless parents who donated their time and effort.



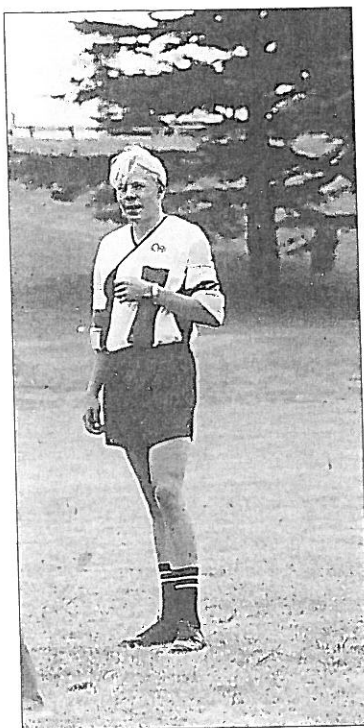
The evening was helped along by the efforts of the 5th Formers who dressed for the occasion and complemented the evening with their fine hospitality.

Once again special thanks must be expressed towards all those involved with the Ball especially the Egmont, Oobson's, Quinnies Band, Hi Lite lighting, parents and staff. Oh yeah, and a special pat on the back for all the hard working and ever-endearing social committee members. The whole event wouldn't have been half the night it was without you.

# COLLEGE BALL







Lauri Ylonen

Lauri Ylonen from Finland has spent the past year here as a year 13 student. He comes from Savonlinna in East Finland. Both Lauri's parents are teachers - his father at a university and his mother at a business college (like a polytech). He has one older sister.

Lauri has been used to a co-ed school of 1000 students. His school consists of 3 levels and he still has two of these levels to complete when he returns to Finland.

Lauri believes that students in Finland work much harder. "They have to work hard to get through. We have exams five times a year and you have to pass all of them."

After completing school Lauri will have to do his eight months compulsory military training before going to university to study history and geography.

When asked why he chose to come to New Zealand Lauri said, "because it was furthest away from home." He had done a large project on New Zealand while at school and the physical environment and appeal of nature had attracted him to New Zealand. One thing that surprised him was that he had expected Taranaki to be flat. Lauri has not been at all homesick this year making only monthly phone calls to his parents. He travelled often before and has been away from home travelling around Scandinavia and Europe.

While here Lauri has stayed with two local families - one just for a month while his other host family was away overseas. After holidaying in the Coromandel over Christmas Lauri will leave New Zealand on January 3rd.

He is a keen orienteer participant and achieved success in that sport while here this year. Sport is not part of schooling in Finland except the picking of rep teams when they play other schools. Also back home Lauri is keen on skiing and unihock which is like hockey.

He says "its been quite nice here in New Zealand." He's glad he came and will certainly recommend it to others back home. Maybe he will pay New Zealand another visit in the future, he says.

R. Marris

Mikel Ayesa:

In the short time that Mikel spent with us he made a big impression on Year 12 students. His interesting background and cultural differences intrigued us all. Mikel's witty repartee and ability to adapt to our strange and sometimes confusing lifestyles were exceptional. He made many friends, both in the student body and the faculty. While in Taranaki he lived with Mr. and Mrs. D'Ath in Egmont Village, both of whom are teachers in the college.

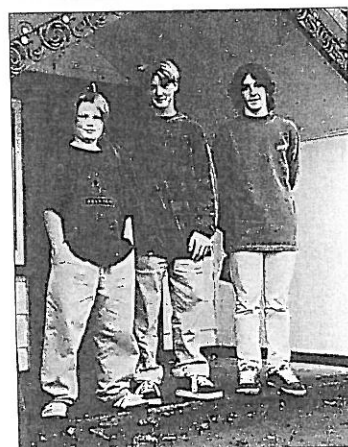
Mikel came from the city of Pamplona in the north western province of the Spanish Mainland.

He told many of his fellow students about his country's fascinating history, especially various aspects of Spanish involvement in the Second World War, and the effects on his country.

Mikel fitted in extremely well during his time at Francis Douglas, competing in our first eleven soccer team as striker. Mikel has travelled the globe as an exchange student and is thinking of returning next year to New Zealand when he finds the money. He also promises to look us up while he is here. Although he was only here for two months the majority of us enjoyed his company.

Mikel returned to Spain on the second of September and will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Phillip Shaw  
David Loake



## "SAILING THE SPIRIT"

In April this year, I spent part of my holidays on the 10 day voyage known as the Spirit of New Zealand, travelling from Napier to Auckland, 459 nautical miles (or as we were told 850,297,500,012.3 mm).

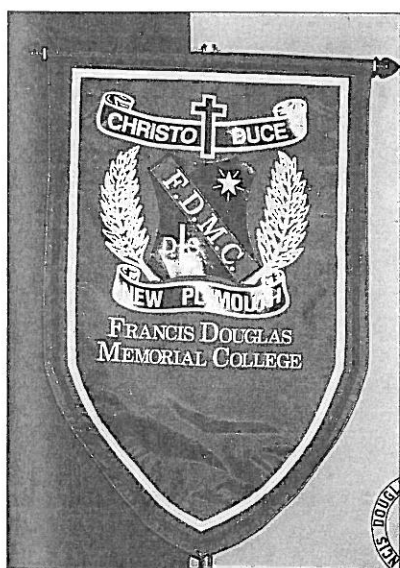
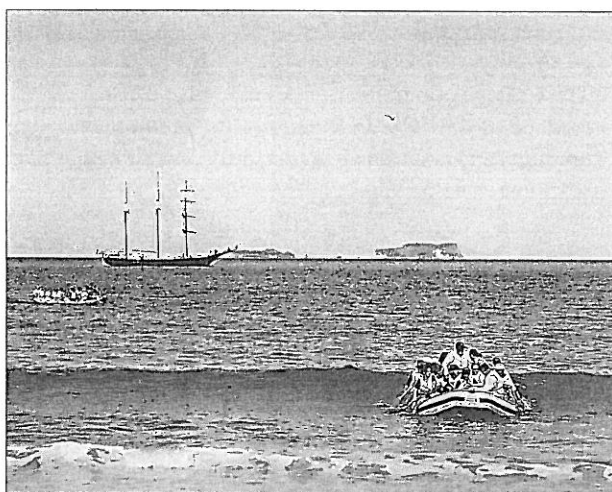
Words cannot really express how I felt. To know, you've really got to go on it yourself. These 10 days were some of the best I've had and most definitely a decision I advise any one of you to make if you get the chance. It is a once in a lifetime experience, where memories last, friendships form and civilisation is taken away.

On my voyage, there were people from Whangarei to Gore and even exchange students from the USA, Germany, Sweden and Holland. As I said it's hard to describe the feelings on board - they're just irreplaceable. I still keep in contact with a lot of them - even my German mate who writes frequently.

Some of the highlights were tramping over Great Barrier Island, being in full control of the ship, scaling the yards (the things that go across the masts) - especially the highest one - the royal - and being on it while we sailed under the Auckland Harbour Bridge on our way into port.

Photos can't tell the story - you've got to see it for yourself. If the opportunity arises, grab it with open arms - it is something that you and the 40 or so other trainees will treasure. It sure is an eye opener, and as a person you become better off.

Brendan Bourke.



Firmly established here at Francis Douglas Memorial College is the tradition established by the 7th form students leaving the College of presenting a thank you gift as an acknowledgement of their years spent at the College. Usually this gift has been a book for the reference section of the library, but at

the request of the Form 7 students of 1987 they wanted to change this to the gift of a school banner. They sought Mrs Gaffney's advice initially and she took up the challenge and put things in the capable hands of Mr Hill who spent countless hours submitting designs and screenprinting the banner.

The 1997 Form seven students and the College owe a big

debt and say many thanks to Trudy Armitage who gave freely of her professional skill and advice sketching designs, sorting out what colours and materials to use. All this had to be approved by the 7th Form students before she allowed it be cut and sewn.

The banner will be used on all formal occasions. Sadly its first outing was at Brother Anthony's funeral mass. Deputy Head Boarder, Brendan Bourke, was the bearer on this very sad day for the College.

Next time it was used was at O'Shea Shield, when for the first time Francis Douglas Memorial College was able to have their banner held proudly by Nathan Hessel, alongside the banners of the other 18 secondary Catholic schools.

All New Zealand will be able to see the banner as it will be part of the "Epitaph" programme on the life of Father Francis Douglas, to be screened on TV1. Quinten Werder of this year's Form 7 was the banner bearer at the mass for our College Chaplain at St Joseph's Church in New Plymouth. This mass was to celebrate Father David Monaghan's ordination to the priesthood 50 years ago.

To you all, class of 1997, a wonderful gift. It was a wonderful way to say thank you.

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE/BANNER



On September 23 this year the Francis Douglas Memorial College Student Representative Council was formed and met for the first time after several years of not having one. The year group representatives were elected by their year groups, there being 2 reps at each year level plus school and hostel leaders, BOT Rep, SADD rep and NPDC Rep.

The mission statement of the SRC is that the Council represents all the students in the College by managing and communicating the interaction of student interests and affairs within the College life and the extended La Sallian family and community.

A special thanks goes to Br Bill, Mr Neeson and Jason Stevenson in investigating and tailoring this student body to cater for the student needs within our College.

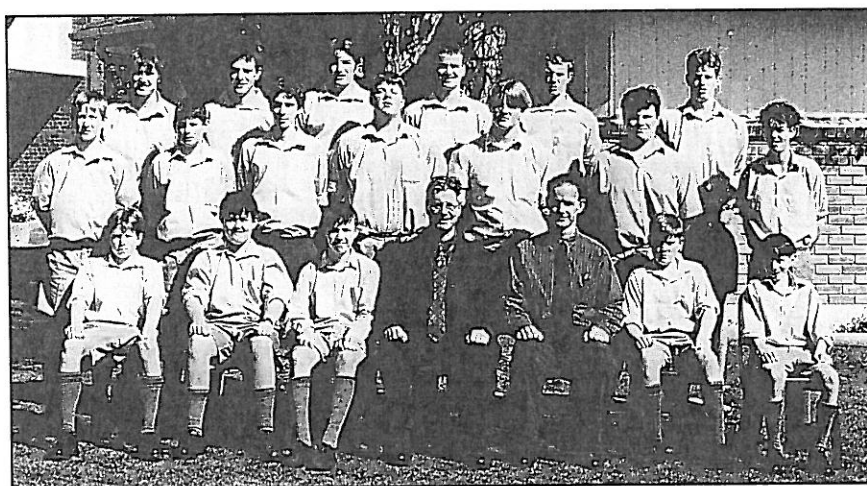
The College community hopes that all students take advantage of the SRC in the future to communicate their opinions and concerns with the daily operation and long term vision of the College.

Although we formed late in the year the students managed to use this as a vehicle for relaying their ideas to the PTA as to how they would like to see the Gala Day money spent on some of the students' interests within the College. This was successful and some interesting ideas emerged from all the year groups.

In the future the general role of the SRC will be to :

1. To give representative voice to students at all levels of the College.
2. To help with the general organisation of the Gala Day.

3. To help decide upon and manage charity appeals.
4. To have input via the Rep on the BOT.
5. To have input into the Health & Safety Committee.
6. Arrange some activities and competitions eg *Keep our College clean competition*, National Excellence of Teaching Award.
7. To encourage the younger students to learn leadership from the older pupils.
8. To bring forward problems of the younger students.
9. To liaise when necessary with other schools.
10. To help make the transition of new students throughout the year easier.
11. To communicate with and organise appropriate assemblies.
12. To promote peer conflict resolution schemes.
13. To communicate student insights and concerns about the daily running of the College.
14. To have input into subject selection and curriculum surveys.
15. To have input into College planning and vision.
16. To offer suggestions in the spending of the College's fundraised money.



Student Representative Council

Back Row.

S. O'Sullivan, B. Bourke, J. Stevenson, P. Shaw, P. Crowley, G. Bourke

Middle Row.

J. Milne, D. McDonald, P. Smiley, R. Williams, D. Gollan, E. Menefy, D. Butler

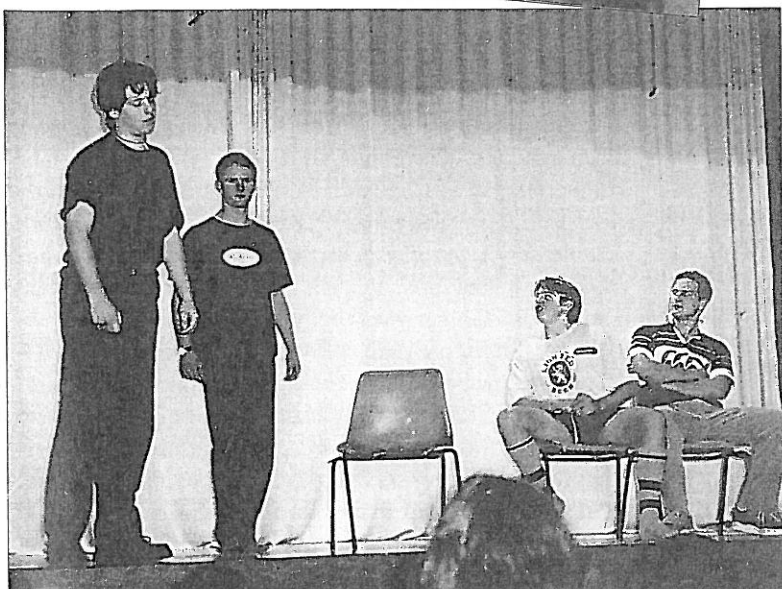
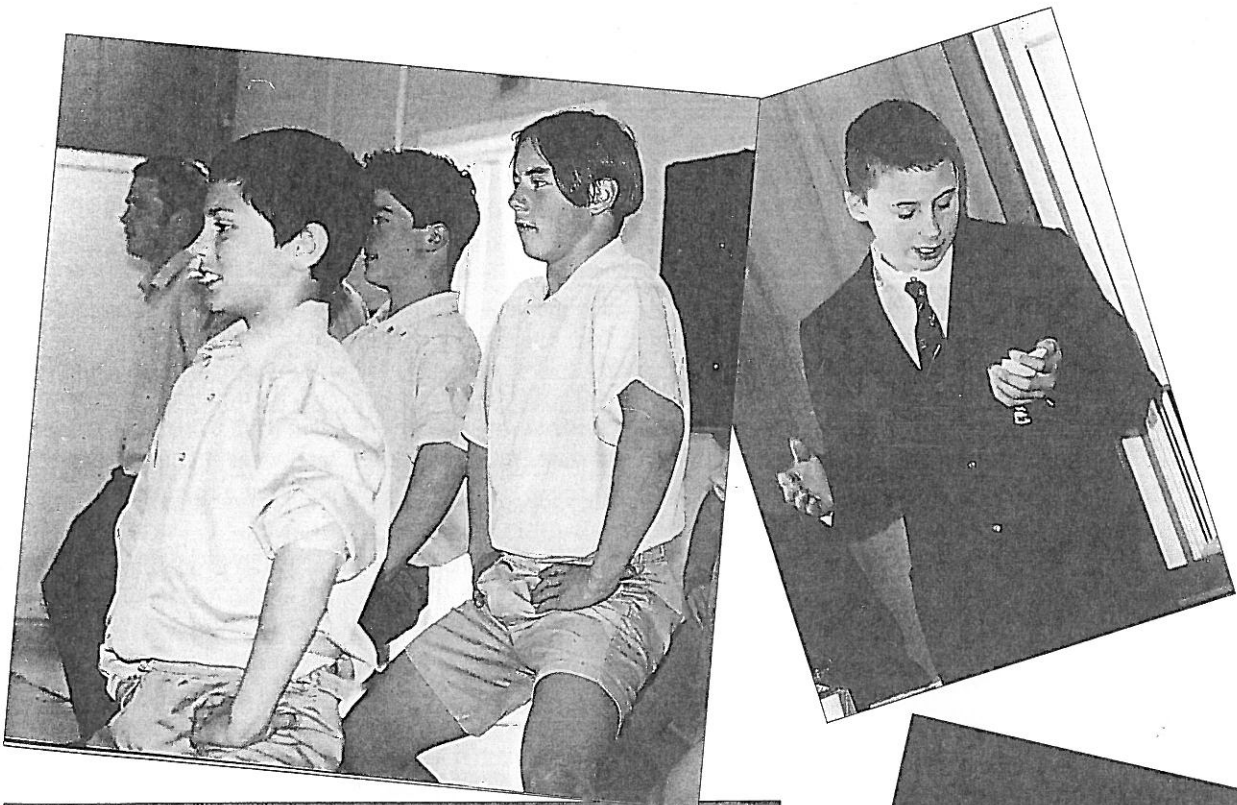
Front Row.

B. Bolyn, M. Wilson, K. Johnson, Br. Joe, Mr. Neeson, S. Barrett, C. Wicky.

Absent.

B. Hitchcock, L. Herlihy.

# CULTURAL LIFE







Friday, May the fifteenth, nineteen ninety eight. The day dawned fine, clear, perhaps an omen of what the weekend may bring. The weekend in question, you ask, the weekend when all our prayers would be answered. The weekend where Francis Douglas Memorial College could finally establish itself as the premier Catholic secondary school in terms of culture in the lower half of the North Island. The place? Saint John's, Hastings. There could only be one winner, and Francis Douglas would do everything in it's power to be the one.

Hopes were high as 14 boys and 6 teachers piled into two minivans. Destiny awaited.

After a seven hour trip which included three stops, a lost rugby ball and a chewed up tape in Christian's stereo, not to mention great covers of all your favourite hits by David "Elvis" Gollan and Nathan "Simon and Garfunkel" Hessel, we eventually arrived at our destination Arataki Holiday Park, which was of a much higher quality than the previous years at Rowena's Budget Motel.

After getting settled into our separate apartments and fitting in a few rounds of mini-put, we ventured into town to experience the wild night-life of Hastings. After the non-event that was Hastings we decided it was better if we actually went into a town where there were people, so we drove to Napier. Here is where the evening got interesting

as we ditched the "oldies" who had lost their "I'm a poor teacher" routine and dined at an exclusive restaurant. After us "children" got sick of partying at KFC and McDonalds, we all met back at the vans and we headed back to the Holiday Park, reciting all the classics loudly and out of tune (the only way we know how). A stern lecture from our leader about the need to keep the music down and to go to bed at a reasonable hour.

Next morning we all found out what a frosty morning really meant as we left our rooms for our continental breakfast, supposedly prepared by Mrs Milne. We then left for the day's proceedings and to be on the way to claim the coveted O'Shea Shield for the first time in our history.

After waiting for an eternity listening to all the welcoming speeches we were on our way with the first event, the debate. Our team of Conrad "Snakey" Smith, Scott "Spader" Ireland and Richard "Dick" Crowe couldn't miss. How could a team so prepared and so perfect in their topic lose unless the unthinkable happened. To cut a long story short, the unthinkable did happen and due to unforeseen circumstances ( thinking we were affirmative when actually we were negative), the debaters were given the worst possible start. However, with their cunning and quick thinking, they were able to give a credible performance under the circumstances, but one can only wonder "what if". They were awarded a two.

Next up was everybody's least favourite event, including the participants, the religious questions. After what seemed an eternity, it was Sacred Heart's turn. Now everybody was listening as Sally Cope. That blond strutted her stuff. But seriously, our guys were up next. The team of Reece "Dunlop" Williams, Patrick "Walkman" Southee and David "Go" Gollan (everybody telling me to). Gollan absolutely blitzed the field. We were left speechless as passage after passage of quotes and illustrations were given to each question asked of them. A win was a mere formality. Yet again, by some alien force perhaps preventing Francis Douglas from obtaining the shield, as it was discovered that both us and Sacred Heart had been awarded fives but that they had won. Hmm!!! Must have been that Sally Cope.



Daniel McDonald's junior prepared speech was next on the cards. This is the event that FDMC had always performed well in and this year was no exception. "Macca's" left his audience almost in tears with his stirring speech on the life and times of Brother Anthony. I'm sure "Bruv" would have been smiling down from heaven when he heard that Daniel had been placed first. At last, some silverware for the trophy-cabinet back at school and also five more valuable points to keep us in the hunt

Next it was over to the gym for the senior oratory where our leader Nathan Hessel was performing. Nathan got up and he delivered, boy did he deliver, he delivered his lines eloquently, so smoothly, so majestically that he was almost slipping over himself, he was that slick. Once he had finished, we knew that he had to be up there somewhere, such was his fine display. Unfortunately we had to wait until the evening to find the results.

It was now back to Arataki Motor Camp, where we saw the Hurricanes just lose to the Blues and a trip to McDonalds and back to the College to watch the Drama. These young actors were very nervous as some were quite young and inexperienced. They were a bit worried about a couple of lines of "Mustchin humour". After viewing some good performances it was now our turn to show what we were made of and the team of Shane "Vodka" Wilson, Brendan "Donuts" Clarke, Martin "Impish" Quicke, Christian "Bean" Holswich and of course Nathan "I can't sing but at least I try" Hessel, gave a very credible performance although the judge wasn't overly impressed, but they scored a higher mark than quite a lot of schools. It was also here where we heard the shattering news about Nathan's mark - he was awarded a 3 - but he deserved a lot more. The judge told us of the criteria he was using but it's not a lot of good at the end of his speech.

We returned home for the night, and everybody was a little bit disappointed at the day's proceedings and there was a lot of "what ifs". We had a relatively uneventful night (enough said) although Conrad didn't enjoy his Chinese much and told us that "it was the catalyst" for an uneasy night.

Breakfast came and went as did Mr Marris who was unimpressed with our lack of organisational skills and so took off with 4 people in his van, letting the other 16 people cram into the other van.

We arrived, albeit squashed at St Johns for round two of O'Shea 98. First up today was Ollie "dough boy" Kirk's turn to weave us some magic in the Scripture reading and performed superbly on his debut. He will be back next year to win it.

The last event was the Senior Impromptu and that brilliant young lad Ross "Teletubby" Williams gave us a magnificent insight into Patea's inner beauty and had the crowd in stitches. Once again we were unfairly treated but Ross did us all proud.

Before we left, we had a mass where Nathan and Conrad were our representatives. Following on was prizegiving with a loud cheer for our youngest performer Daniel McDonald who was the only one to win his section.

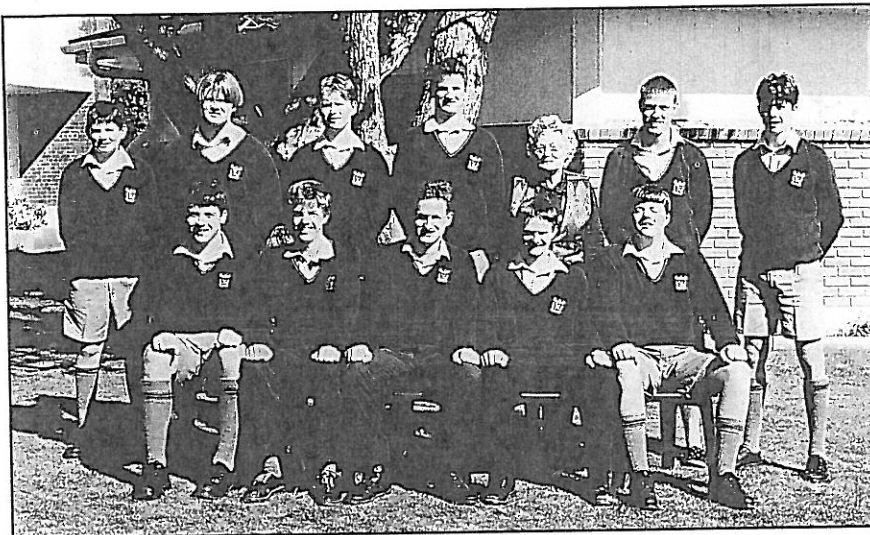
It was an interesting trip back to New Plymouth, where many a good story came up, including my favourite, where Mrs Milne forced us to believe that

she's never lashed out in anger (dreams are free), and she even had the audacity to say Gavin Larsen was useless (as if she would know - she's a woman)

Finally, a big thank you to all the teachers who came with us and looked after us so we wouldn't miss our mummies. It was truly a really enjoyable trip and good luck for next year. "Go the college".







O'Shea Shield Team

Back Row.

D. McDonald, D. Gollan,  
O. Kirk, S. Ireland,  
Mrs. T. Gaffney, R. Williams,  
C. Smith

Front Row.

B. Clark, R. Crowe,  
N. Hessel (Team leader),  
S. Wilson, R. Williams.

Absent.

P. Southee, C. Holswich,  
P. Quicke.

### THE SPEECH FINALS

The month of March is the time that all students in the college write and present speeches to their respective classes. Each year students must fight their way through class speeches then semi-finals and on to the finals night.

This year the speeches ranged from paying tribute to Brother Anthony, to alcohol and teenagers. The judges, Mrs Margaret Wright and Mrs Georgie Harding, had a very difficult decision in deciding who the eventual winners would be. The Year 7 & 8 competition was taken out by Sam Barrett with his speech on Alexander Graham

Bell. Daniel McDonald triumphed in the Year 9 & 10 section with his touching tribute to the man who sadly died at the beginning of the year, Brother Anthony. The Year 11, 12 & 13 section was tightly fought for by a number of senior students in the College. Ross Williams won overall with his speech on his home town, Patea.

The night was enjoyed by a large crowd, and if this year's talent is anything to go on, Francis Douglas Memorial College will continue our great reputation in the field of Public Speaking.

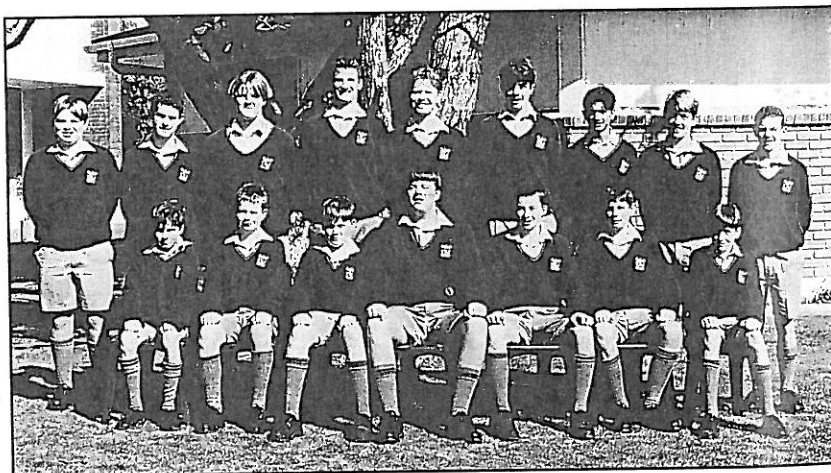
### Speech Finalists

Back Row.

D. Parke, R. Pfister, D. Gollan,  
S. Ireland, O. Kirk, C. Smith,  
A. Nath, B. Schumacher,  
L. Butler

Front Row.

P. Edmonds, B. Whittington,  
S. Barrett, R. Williams,  
A. Butterworth, D. McDonald,  
T. Hills.



### DEBATING YEARS 7 & 8

The Year 7 & 8 debating teams were both second best in the second round of their debating contest. After such an amazing year in 1997 every team from every school was dead set on beating us.

The Year 8 team consisting of Sam Barrett, Daniel Parke, Reuben Callingham and Martin Phillips took the negative side of the topic "That New Zealand should consider federation with Australia." Against Highlands Intermedi-

ate we won and progressed to the second round.

The Year 7 Team with Chris Wicky, Joshua Bollen, Thomas Peacock and Darren Weake won also against Highlands Intermediate when they took the affirmative of the moot, "That public zoos should be abolished."

In the second round the Year 8 team came up against last year's finalists, Sacred Heart. At Sacred Heart the girls

in red beat our boys in blue who consisted of Luke Herlihy, Lloyd Hall, Thomas Hills and Sam Barrett. Sacred Heart successfully argued "That the town is better than the country."

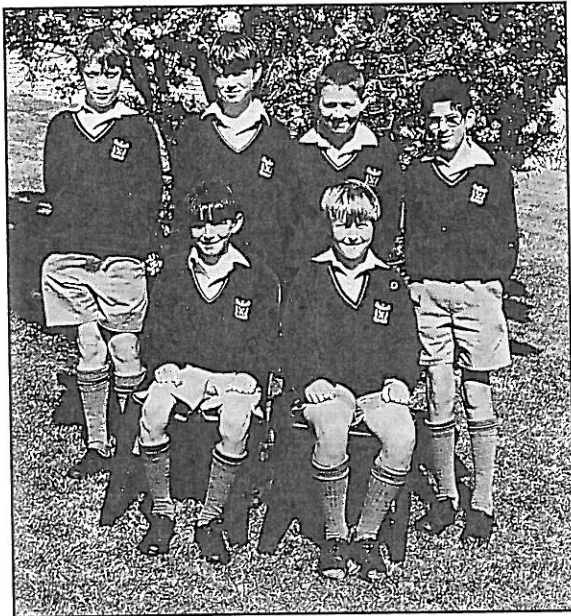
The Year 7 team for the second round had Daniel Burkett, Jeremy Clarke, Phillip Donaldson, Thomas Walsh and Zach Beardman. They came up against Puketapu School with the moot being "That New Zealand is the finest country in the world to live in." They took the negative and argued that New Zealand is a fine country to live in but it

is not the finest. We lost by one point and our luck of 1997 had left us.

Both teams competed with good heart and enthusiasm, were well prepared and a credit to Francis Douglas Memorial College.

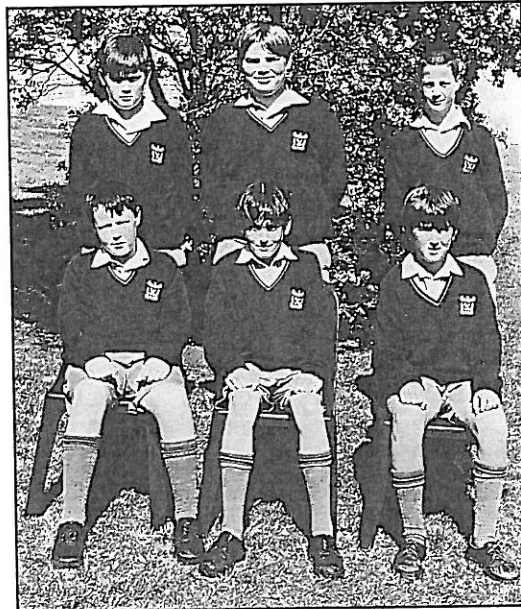
Manager, Mrs Alexander, was a great asset to the Year 7 and 8 teams and we would like to thank both she and Mrs Gaffney for all their outstanding help and hard work.

S. Barrett



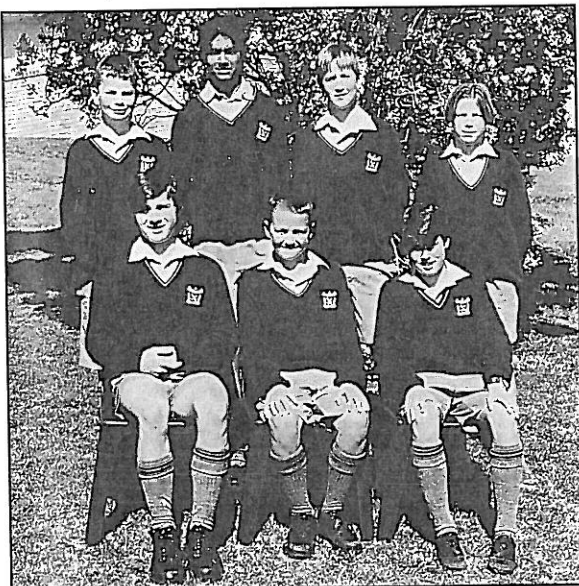
Debating Year 7

Back Row.  
P. Donaldson, J. Clarke, J. Bollen, D. Weake  
Front Row.  
C. Wicky, T. Peacock.



Year 8 Debating

Back Row.  
S. Barrett, D. Parkes, L. Hall  
Front Row.  
M. Phillips, T. Hills, R. Callingham



Debating Year 9  
Back Row.  
B. Whittington, A. Nath, J. Milne, P. Bolyne  
Front Row.  
K. Callaghan, D. Brown, R. Lee.



Year 10 Debating  
Back Row.  
C. Parkes, J. Tamarapa, R. Pfister  
Front Row.  
L. Butler, D. McDonald, G. Charteris





A debating competition at Years 9 & 10 involving most Taranaki schools was begun this year. It was felt that there was a big gap after the highly successful Year 7 & 8 competition.

We have tried to involve two teams of students at each level so that more will experience competitive debating. It is recognised that debating is a desirable skill.

Both groups, Years 9 and 10, reached the finals. The Year 9 team debated against Inglewood with the moot, "That the pen is mightier than the sword." We had the negative and the adjudicator was most impressed with the argument taken by Jonathon Milne (1st speaker), Danny Brown

(2nd speaker) and Arjun Nath (3rd speaker). These boys were successful in winning the final.

The Year 10 students were ably coached by Mrs Margaret Wright and they too reached the finals. They were up against St Mary's with the moot "That what was good enough for our forefathers is good enough for us." Our team of Richard Pfister (1st speaker), Leon Butler (2nd speaker) and Daniel McDonald (3rd speaker) worked well together but were narrowly defeated.

It is good to see so many students keen to be involved in debating. Hopefully this tradition will continue to grow at the College.



This annual event was held at NPBHS and as usual we had some success. We were involved in debating, drama, prepared speech and impromptu.

The impromptu event is always a difficult one as the students are only given a few minutes to organize their speech. Danny Brown, a first time impromptu speaker, came third in the junior section so this looks promising for the future.

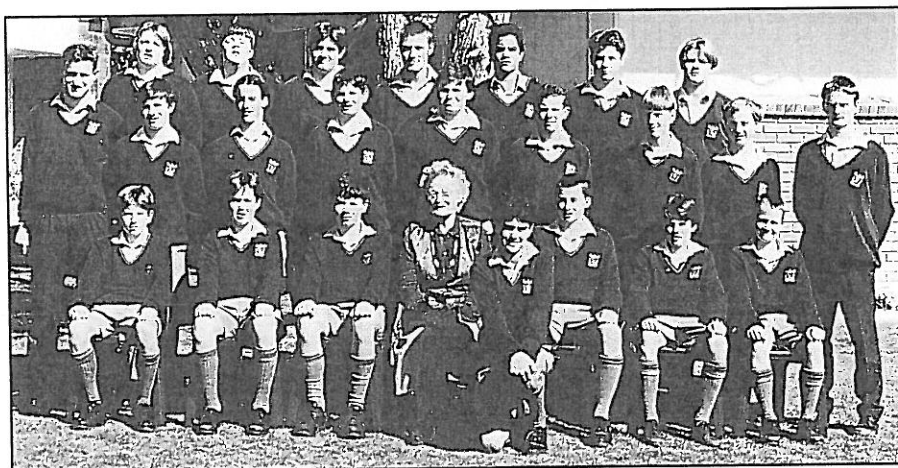
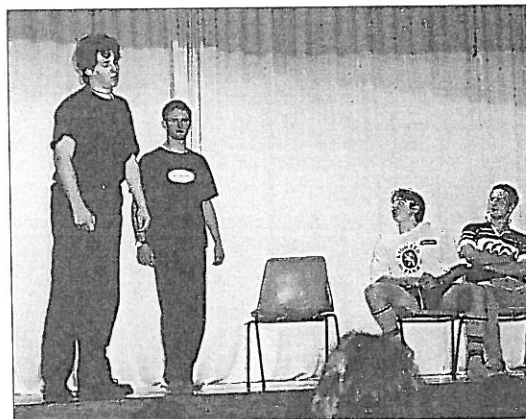
FDMC is becoming a force to be reckoned with in debating and so it was pleasing to see a new senior team of Luke Mustchin, Andrew Butterworth and Christian Holswich compete so well. Andrew was awarded Best Speaker.

Ross Williams and Daniel McDonald represented us in the prepared speech and both gave polished performances.

Both our senior and junior drama groups took out their sections. We always knew that FDMC students overdramatize everything, so obviously they were in their element.

Leon Butler managed to lose his way in the labyrinth of Boys High - no wonder his team lost their debate.

A good day had by all. Thank you to Ms Land and Mr Alder for their work with the boys.



Taranaki  
Speech and  
Drama  
Festival

Back Row.

N. Hessel, R. McDonald, R. Williams, L. Mustchin, R. Williams, J. Tamarapa, B. Clarke, D. Gollan

Middle Row.

K. Callaghan, P. Johnson, D. McDonald, M. Bolton, L. Butler, B. Drinkwater, J. Forrest, S. Wilson

Front Row.

B. Bolyne, M. Kiser, G. Billing, Mrs. T. Gaffney, J. McSeveny, A. Butterworth, R. Lee, D. Brown.



Maori Culture Group

Back Row.

R. Mason, J. White, P. Tuuta,  
S. Stonnell, A. Rakena, K. Connolly,  
Lee Foster

Middle Row.

J. Waaka, L. Swannell, G. West,  
J. Connolly, J. Farmer,  
T. Maindonald, K. Callaghan,  
W. Ngata

Front Row.

S. Taepa., P. Hooper, M. Snook,  
J. Delamere, A. Nuku, R. Smith,  
P. Benson.



1998 has been a great first year for the culture group. Firstly we gained an inspiring and enthusiastic tutor in John Delamere. The boys started with the basics, and gradually moved on to being experts in their own school haka.

The first performance was a combined one with girls from Sacred Heart at "Pae Rangatahi" in Wanganui. This was a Maori Festival for all secondary schools in Taranaki and Wanganui. The group outdid themselves and gave a performance they could all be proud of.

The boys next performed in front of their own peers, in assembly. This went down very well, and many of the other students were impressed.

The FDMC Showcase was an excellent opportunity for the combined FDMC and SHGC group to show their talents again. They certainly were a popular act to watch.

To celebrate the signing of the 1835 "Declaration of Independence", the group was involved in a powhiri at Pukeariki landing on the 28th October.

All in all the year was a great success. The students involved in all these activities were a credit to this school.

"KA PU TE RUHA, KA HAO TE RANGATAHI"

As the old die away, youth will take its place.

Melanie Snook  
Teacher of Maori





## MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS 1998

April 2	Taranaki Secondary Schools Music Festival
May 21	Smokeyfree Rockquest - Regional Heats
June 12	Smokeyfree Rockquest - Regional Final
	No Cents, Agent, Espionage
July 1/2	Agent - Lunchtime Concerts
	FDMC and SHC
August 23	Taranaki Battle of the Bands - No Cents
Sept. 10	New Plymouth Primary Schools Music Festival
Sept. 15/16	FDMC Musical Showcase
Sept. 19	Taranaki Jazz Festival
Sept. 24	Form 4 Bands, Kronik Incentive and Uprising - SHC Culture day
Nov 6	Recital - St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral
	Keyboard and piano students
Nov 17	Form 4 Music - New Plymouth Hearing Association

## EXAMINATION PASSES 1998

The following students passed examinations from the Trinity College and Royal Schools this year for keyboard, piano and theory.

Benet Hitchcock	Grade 2 Merit (piano)
Jonathan Jordan	Grade 2 Pass (piano)
Kelvin Hong	Grade 3 (theory)
Cameron Walsh	Grade 2 Distinction (elec. keyboard)
Jason Forrest	Grade 2 Distinction (elec. keyboard)
Patrick Bradford	Grade 1 Merit (elec. keyboard)
Martin Quicke	Grade 4 Pass, Honours (piano - Australian Board)
	Grade 4 Pass

Congratulations also to Karl Austin for first place trombone solo in the City Band Solo Competitions in July this year.

## SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST 1998

In early June this year the Xtra Smokefree Rockquest was held at the Opera House. FDMC entered three bands - Agent, Espionage and No Cents.

Espionage was unlucky enough to be drawn first to play but it didn't take long for Aidan Rogers to get the seated crowd up and moshing with their opening song 'A.K.A'. They also played 'Funny Cleaner Guy'. Both these songs were originals.

Agent was the second FDMC band to play and although they had a few technical problems before they started their set, it came right and their two original songs '00' and 'Untitled' were played really tight and their keyboardist Jono Somers added a unique sound to Agents perform-

ance. Agent managed to get 3rd but were a bit hard done by not to get a higher placing.

No Cents were the last competing band to play. Their two songs 'Don't Eat the Foo Munchoo' and 'Muesli My Mullet' were played with heaps of speed and volume. Daniel Gilmour was clearly the most energetic singer of the night, running around and jumping off anything he could climb up onto, but unfortunately it was not enough to secure No Cents a placing.

All in all it was a well rounded performance from the FDMC bands and it was good to see support from the college on the night.

Emmett Young



Smokefree Rockquest Bands  
Agent  
No Cents  
Espionage

Back Row.  
J. Smith, O. Oariki,  
D. Gilmour, H. McDonald  
Front Row.  
P. Smiley, N. Donaldson,  
C. McNeill, A. Rogers,  
E. Young, J. Donaldson

## FDMC JUNIOR CHOIR

Early this year all students in the Year 7 & 8 music classes were auditioned for the Junior Choir and those of us who made it through were pretty excited. Practices were once a week and were fun but hard work so at times we were sweetened up with lollipops.

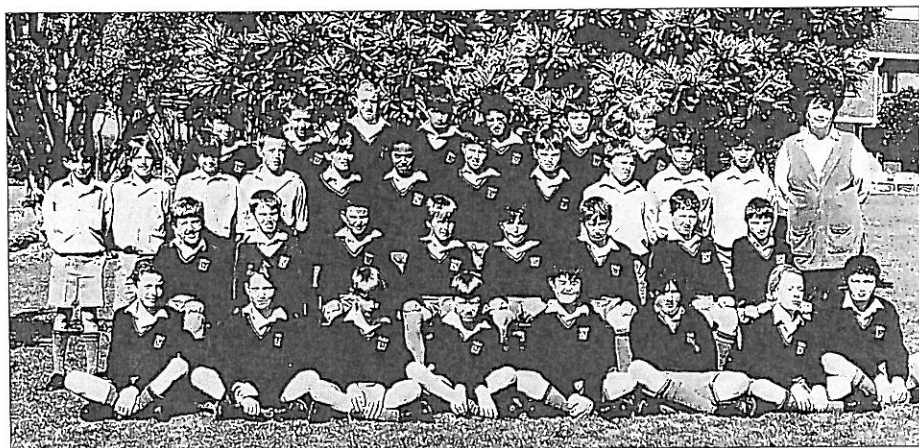
In the second term we began preparing for the Taranaki Primary Schools Music Festival. Rehearsing with all the schools was quite fun but as we were the hosts, we had to greet the schools, show them where the toilets were and act as ushers, which was extra work on top of our singing. The fourth form music class were the backing band for our individual item as well as for all the massed choir items.

The performance itself at the T.S.B. Stadium ran very

smoothly and was spectacular as all the schools put in a lot of time and effort.

To many of us it was a new experience singing with and in front of SO many people. Within a couple of days we were practising for our next performance at the FDMC Showcase and that also was a great success. At the end of the last term we had an enjoyable day at the Aquatic Centre for our hard work. Our year was wrapped up with our final performances at the FDMC prizegiving.

By Daniel Burkett  
Michael Lucas  
Andrew Wharehoka



Junior Choir

Back Row.	W. Mercer, J. Bollen, A. Radich, S. Wells, D. Weake, L. Maddern, R. Hancock
3rd Row.	C. Wicky, J. Morwood, D. Taylor, T. Stewart, C. Siverson, A. Wharehoka, M. Lucas, J. Burkett, T. Walsh, R. Ottley, N. Gleeson
2nd Row.	D. Burkett, I. O'Donnell, D. Turner, E. Brennan, P. Radford, A. Burns, P. Van Der Kooij
Front Row.	J. Hope, A. Mazengarb, D. McCracken, J. Manning, M. Wilson, M. Conaglen, G. Crean, M. Robinson.

## FDMC JAZZ BAND

1998 was definitely the year of the Francis Douglas Memorial College Jazz Band. I've been the drummer for the band for the past four years now, but '98 was the year it really came together. Last year we were graced with the presence of two new saxophone players, Matthew Collier and Oliver Kirk, who brought a whole new element to the band. Again this year we were lucky enough to be joined with a new guitarist, Charles Carroll, and Karl Austin on the trombone. Of course the members of the rhythm section of the band were as lively as ever, with Matthew Kuriger on the piano, James Donaldson on the bass guitar and myself on the drums.

We were grateful this year to be invited to play at the Taranaki Jazz Festival, held at the Grapevine in New Plymouth. We played a tight set to a small but really appreciative crowd. It was a really great experience which I

felt showed in our performance. We also performed at this year's FDMC Showcase which I'm sure a lot of you attended.

Throughout the year, we as a band have grown together musically, with the help of our Band director Mr Stewart Maunder. Mr Maunder has been taking the FDMC Jazz Band as well as the concert band for the past 3 years. It has been his enthusiasm and willingness to give up his own time that has really added that professional edge to our performances.

This being my last year with the band, I'd like to say thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the years, especially Ms Van Lent, HOD Music. I wish all the best for the years to come for FDMC Music.

Philip Smiley





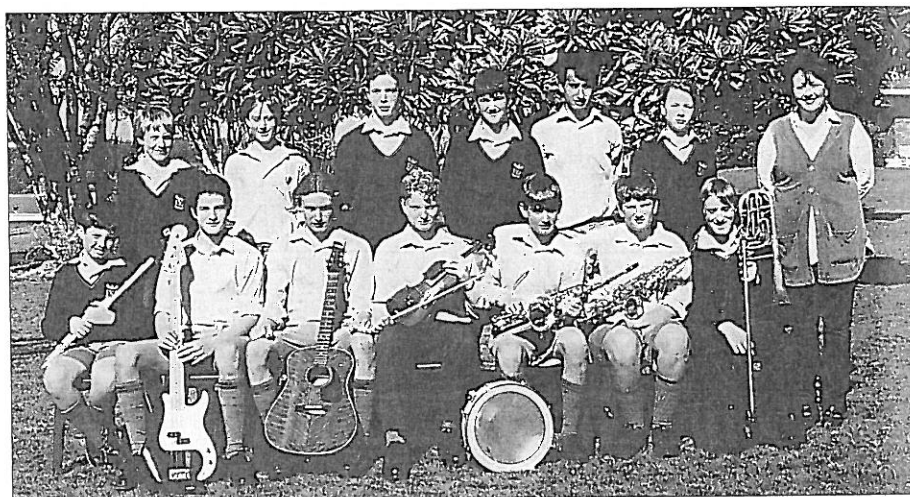


Jazz Band

Back Row.  
C. Carroll, Mr. P. Mulraney, Mr  
S. Maunder, O. Kirk  
Front Row.  
M. Kuriger, K. Austin, D.  
Smiley, M. Collier.

Music Ensemble

Back Row.  
G. Dettling, J. Forrest,  
W. Barnes, G. Williams,  
J. Jordan, G. Crean,  
Ms. Van Lent  
Front Row.  
M. Lucas, Z. Lockett,  
J. Hullah, J. Gardner,  
B. Wackrow, A. Pearce,  
K. Austin.



A Band

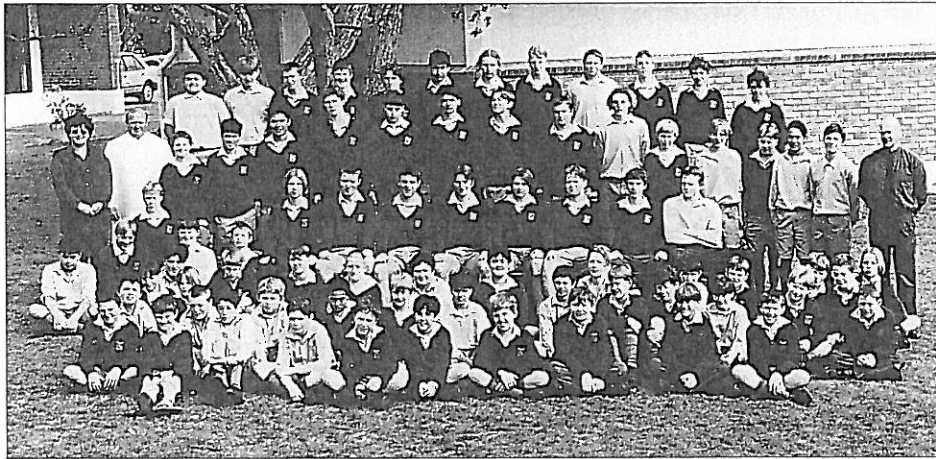
C. Hart, W. Barnes, R. Keegan,  
J. Hullah





Irish Band

Back Row. Mrs. Montgomery  
Front Row. C. Smith, G. Dettling,  
G. Clegg, J. Gardner, M. Bridger.



#### SHOWCASE PERFORMERS







The Francis Douglas Memorial College Musical Showcase, staged at the State Insurance Theatre on the 15th and 16th of September was a unique opportunity for music staff to join in with the students, to perform together and to display their wide range of musical talent to the wider community. It was a great occasion and it was fantastic to once again see experienced performers, but it was even better to see a lot of new people involved this year and for some of them it was their first time on stage.

MC's, Reece Williams and Nathan Hessel, kept the programme flowing with timely (well sometimes) repartee and short background anecdotes to introduce each item although at times it was a bit of a struggle reining in Nathan. Their duet 'personality' set the scene for the rest of the evening but it left a lot to be desired.

The FDMC and SHC Maori Culture group was the first item on the programme. It was a wonderful performance and a credit to both schools, demonstrating the emergence of Maori Culture in our schools.

The classical guitar group entertained us all with their different type of performance and they were followed by the Junior Choir who performed confidently in front of so many people.

The Beatles alias Charles Carroll and Chris Wratilav popped in for a visit and showed that they've lost none of the class that made them superheroes, particularly John Lennon who was showing no effects of being dead for 15 odd years.

The Irish band led by that mad woman Vonda Montgomery got the audience clapping their hands and tapping their feet and they even had the audacity to busk for money and so earned a quick \$8.

This was followed by the piano duet, violin duet and instrumental solos involving students and piano and violin tutors. These performances were a credit to these people who put in a lot of time and dedication to get them to the very high level that they are at.

Our Principal Brother Bill (a.k.a Moses) sang to us a beauty of a ditty and accompanied by the Junior Choir had the audience in fits with laughter.

Kronic Incentive, a hard core rock metal fourth form band were next, playing two cover songs and following, the Jazz Band got us all jigging and jiving in our seats.

The FDMC music ensemble and choir was first up after the intermission and it was another great performance by these youngsters who unlike the two MC's, showed no signs of nerves.

The Spice Girls arrived from England on the same plane as the Beatles and their performance was in the same vein as their male counterparts - brilliant, although they were somewhat hairier and showing signs of a bit of over-indulging on good old kiwi tucker. They certainly warmed to the audience which was just as well as some of them were not wearing much at all and had all sorts of things hanging out.

We are very fortunate to have people such as Mike Harding working as itinerant staff at the college as Mike has made many albums and has been touring New Zealand recently promoting his latest. He sang of the horror/fun of working at the freezing works in 'gutboard blues'.

The Jazz Band was up next again. This band has been together for a few years now and are getting better and better with every performance. They are definitely a credit to the College's already prestigious musical reputation.

The Itinerant Staff Band comprised of those music teachers who work at Francis Douglas Memorial College and who receive no recognition for their excellent work in shaping the college's musicians. They give up their valuable time and effort and we are very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated team.

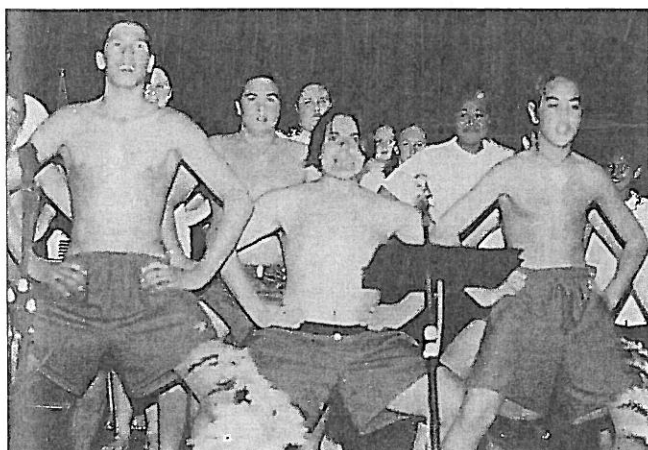
Next up was a young student at the College, Joseph Gardner. This young man sang us a song that captivated us for the whole duration and he certainly has a bright future if he sticks with it.

The last act was another old favourite who was also showing no effects of living in heaven for the past 25 odd years - Elvis (Tony Gray) Presley. This man certainly has his old 'blue suede shoes' on still and is still able to swing that pelvis.

THANK YOU - there are so many, so to all the people who were involved in this hugely successful musical showcase, thank you for all your hard work and judging by the number of the junior students participating, the future in music at the college is looking great.

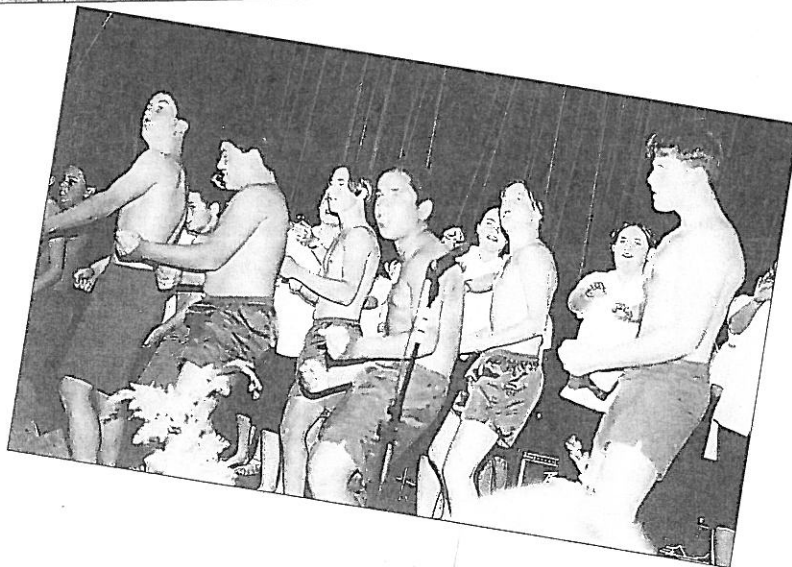
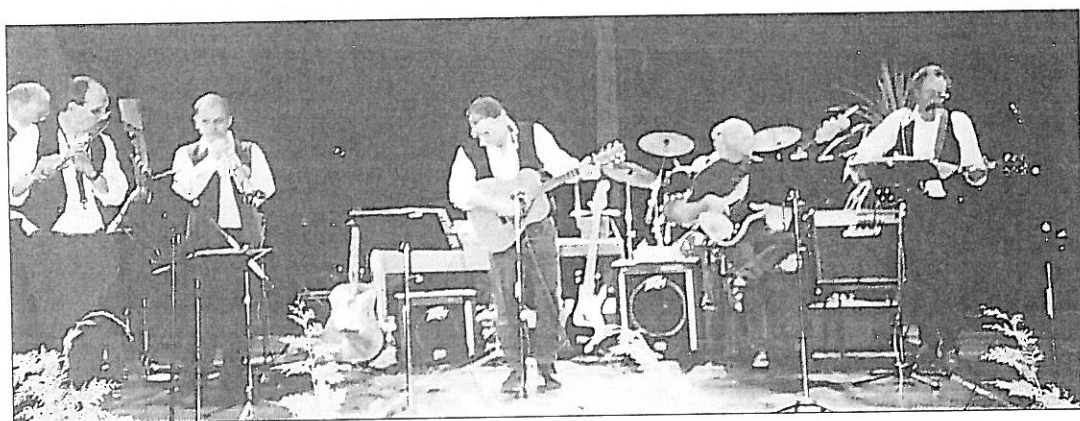
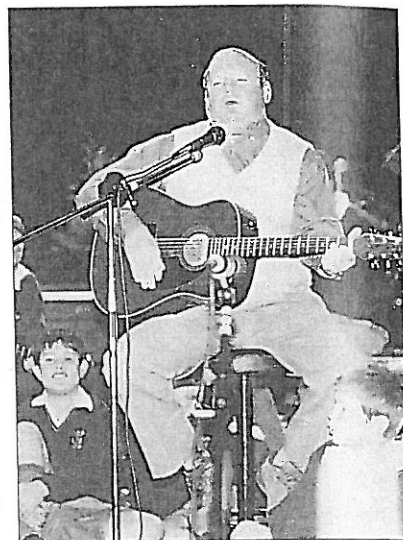
Finally, a huge bouquet must go to Ms Van Lent who overcame all sorts of unfortunate obstacles to organise this showcase and without her time, effort, dedication and patience (sometimes) these two nights wouldn't have been the success they were and the best musical talent at Francis Douglas wouldn't have been on show.

Reece Williams

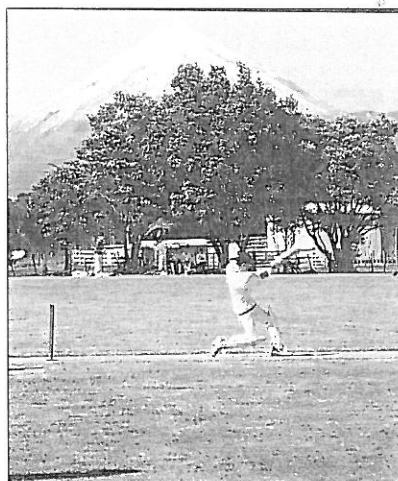
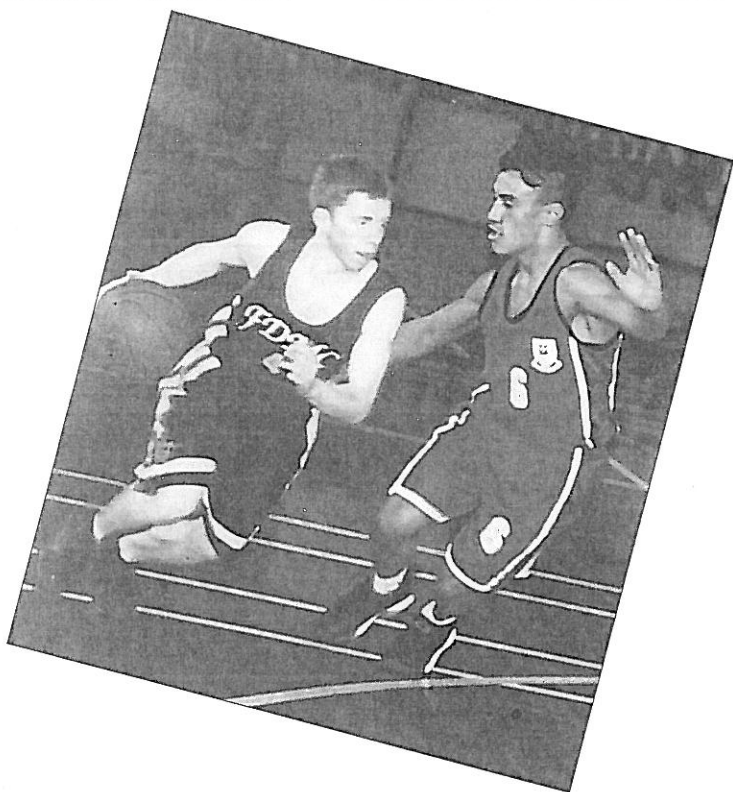
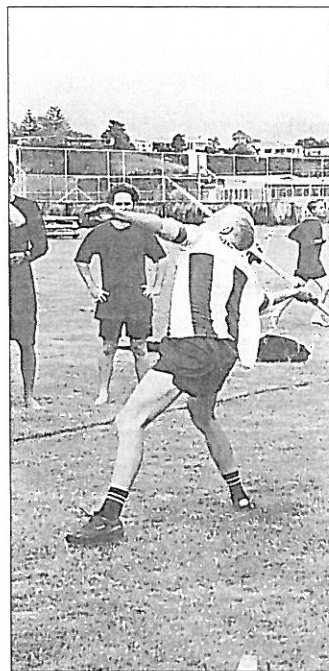
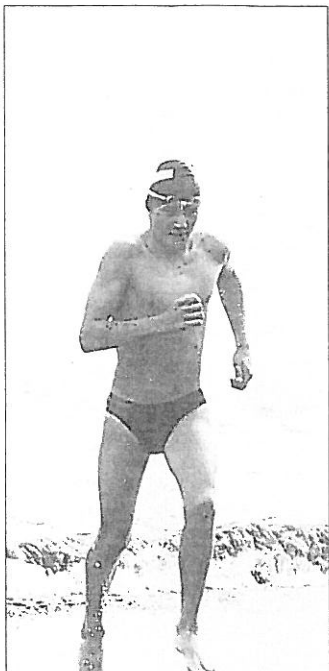




# MUSIC SHOWCASE



# SPORTING LIFE





## FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1998

### Senior

200m Individual Medley	
1 Adam Fraser (S)	2.45.87
2 David Gollan (L)	
3 Jason Chandler (L)	
4 Simon O'Sullivan (B)	
50m Freestyle	
1 Luke McDonald (L)	28.55
2 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)	
3 Adam Fraser (S)	
4 David Gollan (L)	
100m Freestyle	
1 Adam Fraser (S)	1.06.8
2 Jason Chandler (L)	
3 David Gollan (L)	
4 Jarrod Smith (B)	
50m Backstroke	
1 Luke McDonald (L)	35.41
2 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)	
3 Simon O'Sullivan (B)	
4 Eric Menefy (S)	
50m Breaststroke	
1 Adam Fraser (S)	40.38
2 Luke McDonald (L)	
3 David Gollan (L)	
4 Jarrod Smith (B)	
50m Butterfly	
1 Adam Fraser (S)	32.74
2 Luke McDonald (L)	
3 David Gollan (L)	
4 Simon O'Sullivan (B)	
4x50m Freestyle Relay	
1 Loreto	2.06.27
2 Solomon	
3 Benildus	
4 La Salle	
4x50m Medley Relay	
1 Loreto	2.33.97
2 Solomon	
3 Benildus	
4 La Salle	
Intermediate A	
200m Individual Medley	
1 Kent Fraser (S)	2.59
2 Justen Smith (B)	

### 50m Freestyle

1 Justen Smith (B)	27.91 (New Record)
2 Kent Fraser (S)	
3 Hayden Nganeko (B)	
4 Gareth Farmer (S)	
100m Freestyle	
1 Kent Fraser (S)	1.06.8
2 Hayden Nganeko (B)	
3 Justen Smith (B)	
50m Backstroke	
1 Kent Fraser (S)	33.37 (New Record)
2 Justen Smith (B)	
3 Hayden Nganeko (B)	
4 Ben Mason (L)	
50m Breaststroke	
1 Justen Smith (B)	39.72
2 Hayden Nganeko (B)	
3 Michael Bocoock (S)	
4 Aaron Taylor (S)	
50m Butterfly	
1 Kent Fraser (S)	33.5
4x50m Freestyle Relay	
1 Benildus	2.08.03 (New Record)
2 Solomon	
3 La Salle	
4 Loreto	
4x50m Medley Relay	
1 Benildus	2.37.94 (New Record)
2 Solomon	
3 La Salle	
4 Loreto	
Intermediate B	
200m Individual Medley	
1 Jason Couper (B)	2.46.31
2 James Tamarapa (LS)	
50m Freestyle	
1 Jason Couper (B)	29.4
2 James Tamarapa (LS)	
3 Aparangi Hemara (S)	
4 Patrick Stevenson (S)	

### 100m Freestyle

1 Jason Couper (B)	1.04.69
2 James Tamarapa (LS)	
3 Patrick Stevenson (S)	
50m Backstroke	
1 James Tamarapa (LS)	33.78
2 Peter Coppen (L)	
3 Gregory Taylor (S)	
4 Aparangi Hemara (S)	
50m Breaststroke	
1 Jason Couper (B)	36.95 (New Record)
2 Daryl Seator (B)	
3 Peter Coppen (L)	
4 Keiran Orchard (S)	
50m Butterfly	
1 Jason Couper (B)	32.17 (New Record)
2 James Tamarapa (LS)	

### 4x50m Freestyle Relay

1 Benildus	2.22.22
2 Solomon	
3 Loreto	
4 La Salle	
4x50m Medley Relay	
1 Benildus	2.39.04
2 Solomom	
3 La Salle	
4 Loreto	

### Junior

200m Individual Medley	
1 Joseph Gibbs (B)	3.16.25
2 Sean Brennan (S)	
3 Reece Ball (L)	
4 Blair Guthrie (LS)	
50m Freestyle	
1 Caide Patten (LS)	33.25
2 Campbell Begg (L)	
3 Joseph Gibbs (B)	
4 Sean Brennan (S)	
100m Freestyle	
1 Joseph Gibbs (B)	1.14.89
2 Sean Brennan (S)	
3 Courtney Smith (B)	
4 Blair Guthrie (LS)	



## 50m Backstroke

- 1 Caide Patten (LS)  
37.38
- 2 Joseph Gibbs (B)
- 3 Hamish Irving (L)
- 4 Courtney Smith (B)

## 50m Breaststroke

- 1 Caide Patten (LS)  
38.28 (New Record)
- 2 Joseph Gibbs (B)
- 3 Courtney Smith (B)
- 4 Sean Brennan (S)

## 25m Butterfly

- 1 Joseph Gibbs (B)  
18.4
- 2 Sean Brennan (S)
- 3 Campbell Begg (L)
- 4 Jonathon Milne (S)

## 4x50m Freestyle Relay

- 1 Loreto  
2.26.35
- 2 Benildus
- 3 Solomon
- 4 La Salle

## 4x50m Medley Relay

- 1 La Salle  
2.51.5
- 2 Loreto
- 3 Solomon
- 4 Benildus

## Form 2

### 50m Freestyle

- 1 Nathaniel Jones (LS)  
36.62
- 2 Joseph Farmer (S)
- 3 Cory Avison (L)
- 4 Michael Conaglen (L)

### 100m Freestyle

- 1 Nathanual Jones (LS)  
1.28.5

## 50m Backstroke

- 1 Nathanual Jones (LS)  
46.4
- 2 Michael Conaglen (L)
- 3 Mark Addison (LS)
- 4 Paul Hooper (S)

## 50m Breaststroke

- 1 Nathaniel Jones (LS)  
48.36
- 2 Joseph Farmer (S)
- 3 Mark Addison (LS)
- 4 Michael Fahy (S)

## 25m Butterfly

- 1 Mark Addison (LS)  
23.03
- 2 Rick Smith (B)

## 4x50 Freestyle Relay

- 1 Loreto  
2.52.2
- 2 La Salle
- 3 Solomon
- 4 Benildus

## 4x25 Medley Relay

- 1 Loreto  
1.31.05
- 2 Solomon
- 3 Benildus
- 4 La Salle

## Form 1

### 50m Freestyle

- 1 Kurt Sole (S)  
37.59
- 2 Phillip Donaldson (B)
- 3 Jacob Smith (LS)
- 4 James Slaats (L)

### 100m Freestyle

- 1 James Morwood (LS)  
1.32.58
- 2 Matthew Bennett (L)

## 50m Backstroke

- 1 Phillip Donaldson (B)  
44.19
- 2 Kurt Sole (S)
- 3 James Morwood (LS)
- 4 Pieter Van der Kooij (B)

## 50m Breaststroke

- 1 Kurt Sole (S)  
49.17
- 2 James Morwood (LS)
- 3 Phillip Donaldson (B)
- 4 Pieter Van der Kooij (B)

## 25m Butterfly

- 1 Kurt Sole (S)  
20.89
- 2 Phillip Donaldson (B)
- 3 Pieter Van der Kooij (B)
- 4 Jeremy Clark (S)

## 4x50m Freestyle Relay

- 1 La Salle  
3.14.91
- 2 Benildus
- 3 Loreto
- 4 Solomon

## 4x25m Medley Relay

- 1 Benildus  
1.45.95
- 2 Loreto
- 3 Solomon
- 4 La Salle

## Open

### 100m Breaststroke

- 1 Jason Couper (B)  
1.28.72
- 2 Adam Fraser (S)
- 3 Kent Fraser (S)
- 4 Justen Smith (B)

### 200m Freestyle

- 1 Kent Fraser (S)  
2.22.79
- 2 Jason Couper (B)
- 3 Adam Fraser (S)
- 4 James Tamarapa (LS)

### 8x50 All Age Relay

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

## Championship

### Senior

- 1 Adam Fraser (S)
- 2 Luke McDonald (L)
- 3 David Gollan (L)

### Intermediate A

- 1 Kent Fraser (S)
- 2 Justen Smith (B)
- 3 Hayden Nganeko (B)

### Intermediate B

- 1 Jason Couper (B)
- 2 James Tamarapa (LS)
- 3 Peter Coppen (L)

### Junior

- 1 Joseph Gibbs (B)
- 2 Caide Patten (LS)
- 3 Sean Brennan (S)

### Form 2

- 1 Nathanual Jones (LS)
- 2 Mark Addison (LS)
- 3 Joseph Farmer (S)

### Form 1

- 1 Kurt Sole (S)
- 2 Phillip Donaldson (B)
- 3 James Morwood (LS)

## House Competition

- 1 Benildus 1281 points
- 2 Solomon 1158 points
- 3 Loreto 1045 points
- 4 La Salle 763 points



## Open

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

## Senior

50m Freestyle	Simon McDonald (L)	26.88	1995
100m Freestyle	Simon McDonald (L)	59.12	1995
50m Breaststroke	Simon McDonald (L)	37.45	1994
50m Backstroke	Simon Mori (LS)	33.94	1986
50m Butterfly	Ben Gilmour (S)	29.59	1994
200 Individual Medley	Simon McDonald (L)	2.35.78	1995
4 x 50 Freestyle Relay	Solomon	2.04.20	1976
4 x 50 Medley Relay	Loreto	2.23.73	1987

## Intermediate

50m Freestyle	Justen Smith (B)	27.91	1998
100m Freestyle	Kelly O'Reilly (L)	1.01.03	1984
50m Breaststroke	Jason Couper (LS)	36.95	1998
50m Backstroke	Kent Fraser (S)	33.37	1998
50m Butterfly	Jason Couper (LS)	32.17	1998
200 Individual Medley	Jared Eagar (B)	2.45.03	1992
4 x 50 Freestyle Relay	Benildus	2.08.03	1998
4 x 50 Medley Relay	Benildus	2.37.94	1998

## Junior

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

## Form 1 and 2

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

# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SWIMMING RESULTS AT THE TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

## SENIOR

Adam Fraser  
3rd place 100m Freestyle  
3rd place 50m Butterfly  
3rd place 50m Breaststroke

Relays  
3rd place 4x100m Medley Relay  
3rd place 4x100m Freestyle Relay

## INTERMEDIATE

Kent Fraser  
2nd place 100m Freestyle

Michael Melody  
3rd place 100m Freestyle  
3rd place 50m Breaststroke

Relays  
2nd place 4x100m Medley Relay  
2nd place 4x100m Freestyle Relay

## JUNIOR

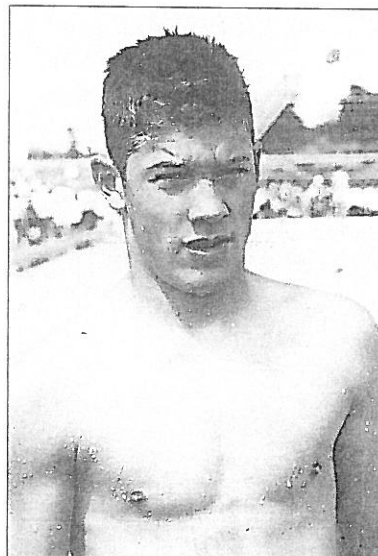
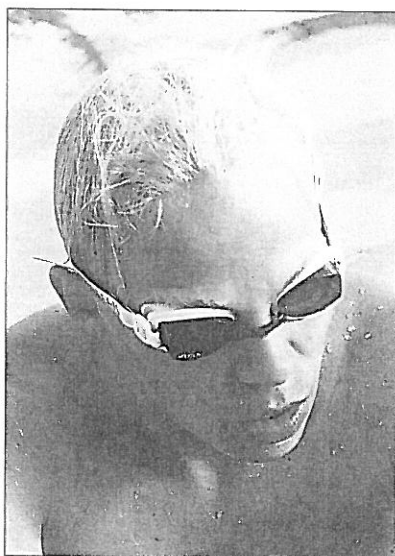
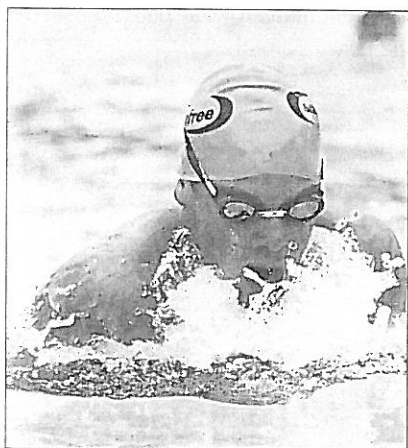
Caide Patten  
2nd place 50m Breaststroke

Relays  
2nd place 4x100m Medley Relay  
2nd place 4x100 Freestyle Relay

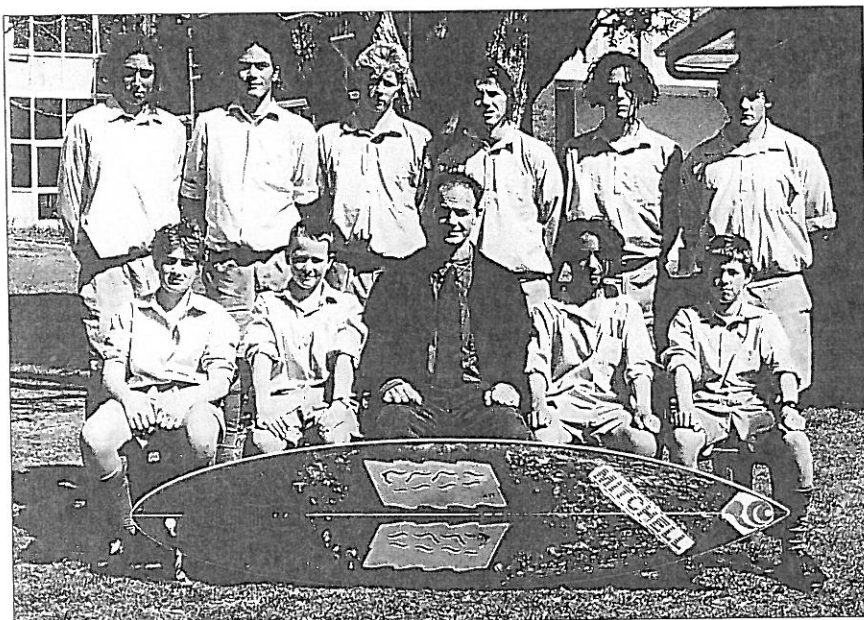


## Intercollege Swimming

Back Row.  
C. Patten, J. Chandler, J. Smith,  
Front Row.  
S. Brennan, L. McDonald, K. Fraser,  
J. Couper, P. Cracroft-Wilson







Surfing Team

Back Row.

D. Kaweroa, M. Kettle, S. Deken,  
L. McDonald, P. Wano, J. Shanley

Front Row.

N. Johns, D. Brown, Mr. Neeson  
(Manager), R. Hurunui, M. Davies  
Absent.

J. O'Brien, G. Farmer, O. Oaariki.

## TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SURFING COMPETITION

This event was held on the 16th February at Fitzroy Beach involving six schools. The surf was 3 - 6ft with a slight northerly onshore wind blowing. It was difficult for the competitors to show their skills with the double over head waves "dumping" across the beach.

Francis Douglas Memorial College Team 1998

Surfing:

U14 Richard Hurunui  
Mitchell Davies  
Danny Brown  
Reserve: Nick Johns

U16 Simon Deken  
Jamie O'Brien  
Michael Kettle  
Reserve: Gareth Farmer

U18 Luke McDonald  
Danny Kaweroa  
Nick Winger  
Reserve: Joshua Shanley

Body Boarding:

U14 Thomas Kirby  
U18 Paora Wano  
Reserve: Oren Oaariki

Team Manager: Mr Neeson

In the surfing our boys made it into the final events. Nick Winger surfed consistently well to come second in the under 18 year old section. Simon Deken's fluent and gutsy style gained him first place in the Under 16 year olds section. Mitchell Davies' big wave skills gained him a third in the under 14 year old section.

Danny Kaweroa, Richard Hurunui and Jamie O'Brien each came 5th, all making it into the semi finals, in their different age groups.

Once again this year, Danny volunteered to surf in the under 18 year old section when he is really only 15 years old. He surfed remarkably well to come 5th in this section.

Thomas Kirby's experience in big waves gained him 2nd place in the under 14 year old Body Boarding. Although the event was split into two judging arenas it was a long day finishing at 5pm.

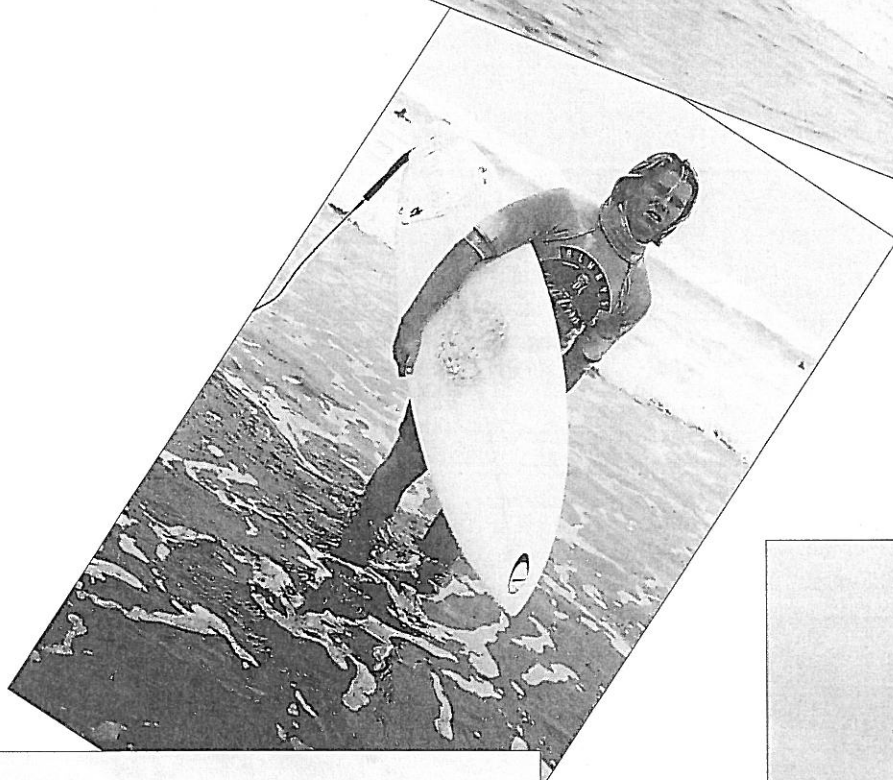
All the boys' serious approach to this sport and personal practice in their own time has been a credit to themselves and their College. They displayed what talents our boys have compared to the larger schools.

The placings of all the schools were:

1st	NPBHS	89 points
2nd	FDMC	74 points
3rd	Spotswood College	56 points

The Whitaker Cup once again goes to NPBHS.

# SURFING





## SENIOR

100 metres	11.10	C. Zawodny	(S)	1978
200 metres	23.65	L. Butler	(S)	1993
400 metres	51.10	R. Vavasour	(S)	1969
800 metres	1.52.50	J. Radich	(B)	1975
1500 metres	4.01.00	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
3000 metres	8.42.60	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
5000 metres	14.53.00	M. Roycroft	(LS)	1993
110m Hurdles	15.00	A. Kissick	(S)	1972
2000m Steeple	5.51.00	M. Dravitzki	(S)	1993
High Jump	1.80	A. Turner	(S)	1997
Long Jump	6.69	S. McManaway	(S)	1976
Triple Jump	12.95	M. Walsh	(B)	1979
Discus	40.08	T. Bartle	(B)	1973
Shot put	12.00	P. Fife	(L)	1976
Javelin	46.45	R. Bolton	(LS)	1990

Relays				
4 x 100 metres	47.70	Benildus		1973
4 x 200 metres	1.39.90	Solomon		1977
4 x 400 metres	3.46.50	Loreto		1971

## INTERMEDIATE

100 metres	11.60	P. Tracey	(L)	1967
200 metres	23.80	C. Zawodny	(S)	1977
400 metres	52.00	S. Keig	(B)	1979
800 metres	2.04.10	D. Fabish	(L)	1974
1500 metres	4.13.00	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
3000 metres	9.20.22	S. McGregor	(L)	1997
4000 metres	13.25.40	B. Hogan	(L)	1980
100m hurdles	15.40	D. Bendall	(L)	1971
High Jump	1.75	A. Turner	(S)	1996
Long Jump	6.00	J. Coleman	(B)	1970
Triple Jump	13.95	M. Walsh	(B)	1978
Discus	41.80	E. Fleming	(LS)	1967
Shot put	13.60	S. Poole	(LS)	1981
Javelin	43.30	R. Bolton	(LS)	1988

Relays				
4 x 100 metres	49.87	Solomon		1996
4 x 200 metres	1.42.00	Solomon		1977
4 x 400 metres	4.00.17	Solomon		1991

## JUNIOR

100 metres	11.80	C. Zawodny	(S)	1976
200 metres	25.20	L. Lawrence	(B)	1970
400 metres	56.60	S. Keig	(B)	1979
800 metres	2.01.90	D. Fabish	(L)	1974
1500 metres	4.29.80	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
3000 metres	9.24.00	M. Karalus	(L)	1974
100m hurdles	15.50	N. Eliadis	(B)	1984
High Jump	1.62	J. Omelvena	(LS)	1992
Long Jump	5.36	P. Brennan	(LS)	1966
Triple Jump	11.43	M. Walsh	(B)	1977
Discus	33.20	J. O'Sullivan	(LS)	1991
Shot put	12.30	R. Toss	(LS)	1978
Javelin	36.73	R. Bolton	(LS)	1986

Relays				
4 x 100 metres	53.70	Loreto		1978
4 x 200 metres	1.50.10	Loreto		1978
4 x 400 metres	4.16.53	La Salle		1988

## FORM 1 and 2

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

Relays				
4 x 100 metres	56.70	Loreto		1977
4 x 200 metres	2.02.20	Loreto		1977
4 x 400 metres	4.41.77	Solomon		1988

Intercollege  
Athletics



Back Row.

S. Johnson, J. Smith, H. Nganeko, M. Bartlett, D. Little, S. McGregor, A. Turner

Middle Row.

S. Gillum, C. Patten, H. Kalder, A. Hemara, J. Hullah, T. Rima, M. Gillum, G. Light, A. Light, R. Watt

Front Row.

B. Vercoe, A. Kowalewski, D. Gibbons, G. Lockley, A. Viles, M. Hancock, L. Foster.

# FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL RESULTS 1998

## SENIOR

### 100 metres

- 1 Robbie Watt (LS) 12.18
- 2 Paul O'Byrne (LS)
- 3 Josh Ewing (S)
- 4 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)

### 200 metres

- 1 Robbie Watt (LS) 24.83
- 2 Josh Ewing (S)
- 3 John Whittington (L)
- 4 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)

### 400 metres

- 1 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S) 55.56

- 2 Jarrod Smith (B)
- 3 Robbie Watt (LS)
- 4 Anthony Light (S)

### 800 metres

- 1 Anthony Light (S) 2.15.66
- 2 Karl Kalders (LS)
- 3 Tom Mace (S)
- 4 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)

### 1500 metres

- 1 Anthony Light (S) 4.37.93
- 2 Tom Mace (S)
- 3 Brent Vercoe (LS)
- 4 Scott McGregor (L)

### 3000 metres

- 1 Anthony Light (S)
- 2 Brent Vercoe (LS)
- 3 Scott McGregor (L)
- 4 Lauri Ylonen (B)

### High Jump

- 1 Josh Ewing (S) 1.65m
- 2 Mathew Lawn (S)
- 3= Jarrod Smith (B)
- 3= Lauri Ylonen (B)

### Long Jump

- 1 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S) 5.43m
- 2 Mathew Lawn (S)
- 3 Karl Kalders (LS)
- 4 Darryl Taylor (L)

### Triple Jump

- 1 Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S) 11.23m
- 2 Josh Ewing (S)
- 3 Conrad Smith (B)
- 4 Robbie Watt (LS)

### Discus

- 1 Myles Bartlett (B) 26.67m
- 2 Scott Ireland (S)
- 3 Craig Laing (S)
- 4 Owen Harvey (B)

### Shot Put

- 1 Simon O'Sullivan (B) 10.15m
- 2 Kenneth Murphy (S)
- 3 Myles Bartlett (B)
- 4 Craig Laing (S)

### Javelin

- 1 Lauri Ylonen (B) 30.90m
- 2 Jay Warren (B)
- 3 Anthony Light (S)
- 4 Oliver Kirk (LS)

### 4x100m Senior

- 1 La Salle 48.7
- 2 Solomon
- 3 Benildus
- 4 Loreto

## INTERMEDIATE A

### 100 metres

- 1 Shaun Johnson (LS) 12.86
- 2 Hayden Nganeko (B)
- 3 Justen Smith (B)
- 4 Gareth Farmer (S)

### 200 metres

- 1 Hayden Nganeko (B) 25.61
- 2 Shaun Johnson (LS)
- 3 Justen Smith (B)
- 4 Gerard Light (S)

### 400 metres

- 1 Gareth Farmer (S) 57.37
- 2 Gerard Light (S)
- 3 Justen Smith (B)
- 4 Geoffrey Bourke (B)

### 800 metres

- 1 Gareth Farmer (S) 2.37.87
- 2 Jonathan Hales (S)
- 3 Gerard Light (S)
- 4 Nicholas Betteridge (L)

### 1500 metres

- 1 Gerard Light (S) 4.53.05
- 2 Bryan Dobson (L)
- 3 Geoffrey Bourke (B)
- 4 Joel Earley (B)

### High Jump

- 1 Brent Hayward (L) 1.68m
- 2 Brendon Hart (S)
- 3 Simon Deken (L)
- 4 Justen Smith (B)

### Long Jump

- 1 Gerard Light (S) 5.25m
- 2 Brent Hayward (L)
- 3 Jonathan Hales (S)
- 4 Shaun Johnson (LS)

### Triple Jump

- 1 Shaun Johnson (LS) 10.62m
- 2 Justen Smith (B)
- 3 Brendon Hart (S)
- 4 Hayden Nganeko (B)

### Discus

- 1 Jonathan Hales (S) 29.64m
- 2 Colin Ridley (S)
- 3 Scott Gordge (B)
- 4 Richard Bray (LS)

### Shot Put

- 1 Richard Bray (LS) 10.83m
- 2 Scott Gordge (B)
- 3 Aaron Nuku (S)
- 4 Joshua Shanley (L)

### Javelin

- 1 Nicholas Shepherd (LS) 33.43m
- 2 Bryan Dobson (L)
- 3 Andrew Butterworth (L)
- 4 Brad McIver (S)

### 4x100m Int A

- 1 Benildus 50.25
- 2 Solomon
- 3 Loreto
- 4 La Salle

## INTERMEDIATE B

### 100 metres

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S) 12.71
- 2 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 3 Michael Hyland (L)
- 4 David Waite (B)

### 200 metres

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S) 25.35
- 2 Keiran Orchard (S)
- 3 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 4 Michael Hyland (L)

### 400 metres

- 1 Joshua Hullah (L) 56.56
- 2 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 3 Mark Hughes (B)
- 4 Adam Franks (B)

### 800 metres

- 1 Joshua Hullah (L) 2.18.10
- 2 Marcus Hancock (S)
- 3 Stephen Dobson (L)
- 4 Aaron Gordge (B)

### 1500 metres

- 1 Aaron Gordge (B) 5.21.01
- 2 Tim Carrington (S)
- 3 Paul Gadsby (LS)
- 4 Travers Carr (LS)

### 3000 metres

- 1 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 2 Paul Gasdby (LS)

### High Jump

- 1 Marcus Hancock (S) 1.55m
- 2 Aaron Gordge (B)
- 3 Nicholas Tretheway (LS)
- 4 Peter Hanover (L)

### Long Jump

- 1 Aparangi Hemara (S) 4.95m
- 2 Nicholas Tretheway (LS)
- 3 Joshua Hullah (L)
- 4 Kieran Cowie (L)

# ATHLETICS RESULTS





## Triple Jump

1 Aaron Gordge (B)

## Discus

1 Aparangi Hemara (S) 30.50m

2 Laurence Maindonald (B)

3 Steven Brown (LS)

4 Mathew Secker (L)

## Shot Put

1 Aparangi Hemara (S) 10.55m

2 Matthew Thorburn (B)

3 Patrick Stevenson (S)

4 Paul Bushell (LS)

## Javelin

1 Peter Coppen (L) 34.50m

2 Laurence Maindonald (B)

3 Jeremy Webbing (B)

4 Shane Coomey (L)

## 4x100m Int B

1 Solomon 51.49

2 Loreto

3 La Salle

4 Benildus

## JUNIOR

### 100 metres

1 Hans Kalders (LS) 12.95

2 Daniel Little (S)

3 Alastair Viles (L)

4 Lee Foster (S)

### 200 metres

1 Hans Kalders (LS) 27.11

2 Daniel Little (S)

3 Alastair Viles (L)

4 George West (B)

### 400 metres

1 Hans Kalders (LS) 1.01.01

2 Michael Gillum (B)

3 Craig Coombe (L)

4 Lee Foster (S)

### 800 metres

1 Caide Patten (LS) 2.27.39

2 Craig Coombe (L)

3 Michael Gillum (B)

4 Zane Lockett (LS)

### 1500 metres

1 Hans Kalders (LS) 5.25.88

2 Gabriel Lockley (B)

3 Daniel Gut (S)

4 Toby Jackson (L)

### 3000 metres

1 Gabriel Lockley (B)

## High Jump

1 Campbell Begg (L) 1.45m

2 George West (B)

3 Daniel Little (S)

4 Martyn Henderson (B)

## Long Jump

1 Zane Lockett (LS) 4.50m

2 Hans Kalders (LS)

3 Daniel Little (S)

4 Gabriel Lockley (B)

## Triple Jump

1 Gareth Elliot (B) 9.70m

2 Gabriel Lockley (B)

3 Bas Bolyn (L)

4 Daniel Little (S)

## Discus

1 Anten Kowalewski (L)

26.73m

2 Jade Vickers (B)

3 George West (B)

4 Lee Foster (S)

## Shot Put

1 Jade Vickers (B) 10.23m

2 Rima Tamatoa (L)

3 Craig Coombe (L)

4 Gareth Elliot (B)

## Javelin

1 Dean Gibbons (LS) 32.14m

2 Jade Vickers (B)

3 Anten Kowalewski (L)

4 Thomas Betteridge (L)

## 4x100m Junior

1 Solomon 53.97

2 La Salle

3 Loreto

4 Benildus

## YEAR 8

### 100 metres

1 Joseph Farmer (S) 13.39 (NR)

2 Michael Denton (S)

3 Rick Smith (B)

4 Cory Avison (L)

### 200 metres

1 Joseph Farmer (S) 28.67

2 Rick Smith (B)

3 Adam Radich (S)

4 Luke Mann (LS)

### 400 metres

1 Joseph Farmer (S) 1.10.48

2 Garth Te Waaka (LS)

3 Thomas Prestney (S)

4 Rick Smith (B)

### 800 metres

1 Joseph Farmer (S) 2.44.53

2 Aaron Waite (B)

3 Tony Maindonald (B)

## High Jump

1 Rick Smith (B) 1.34m

2 Joseph Farmer (S)

3 Nathanual Jones (LS)

4 Anthony Churches (LS)

## Long Jump

1 Joseph Farmer (S) 4.12m

2 Rick Smith (B)

3 Anthony Churches (LS)

4 Logan Vickers (B)

## Discus

1 Michael Conaglen (L)

15.63m

2 Sam Forest (S)

3 Adam Thorburn (B)

4 Gareth Maulder (L)

## Shot Put

1 Adam Thorburn (B) 8.97m

2 Logan Vickers (B)

3 Paul Cunningham (S)

## 4x100m YEAR 8

1 Solomon 58.10

2 Benildus

3 La Salle

4 Loreto

## YEAR 7

### 100 metres

1 Matthew Bennett (L) 15.12

2 Tyrine White (S)

3 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

4 Patrick Edmonds (S)

### 200 metres

1 Matthew Bennett (L) 31.34

2 Andrew Kale (LS)

3 Tony Stewart (S)

4 Jonathan McCormick (L)

### 400 metres

1 Matthew Bennett (L) 1.11.02

2 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

3 Andrew Kale (LS)

4 Kurt Sole (S)

### 800 metres

1 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

2.44.91

2 Matthew Bennett (L)

3 Andrew Kale (LS)

4 James Morwood (LS)

## High Jump

1 Patrick Edmonds (S) 1.20m

2 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

3 Shane Taepa (LS)

4 Andrew Kale (LS)

## Long Jump

1 Patrick Edmonds (S)

3.77m

2 Andrew Kale (LS)

3 Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)

4 Robert Dobson (L)

## 4x100m

1 Benildus 1.03.59

2 Solomon

3 La Salle

4 Loreto



8x100m All Age	
1	Solomon 1.45.55
2	Benildus
3	La Salle
4	Loreto

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### SENIOR

1	Anthony Light (S)
2	Paul Cracroft-Wilson (S)
3	Robbie Watt (LS)

### INTERMEDIATE A

1	Gerard Light (S)
2	Gareth Farmer (S)
3	Jonathan Hales (S)

### INTERMEDIATE B

1	Marcus Hancock (S)
2	Joshua Hullah (L)
3	Aparangi Hemara (S)

### JUNIOR

1	Hans Kalders (LS)
2	Jade Vickers (B)
3	Lee Foster (S)

### YEAR 8

1	Joseph Farmer (S)
2	Rick Smith (B)
3	Adam Thorburn (B)

### YEAR 7

1	Matthew Bennett (L)
2	Pieter Van Der Kooij (B)
3	Patrick Edmonds (S)

### HOUSE POINTS

1	Solomon	1484 points
2	Benildus	1312 points
3	La Salle	967 points
4	Loreto	934 points

## FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE ATHLETIC RESULTS AT THE TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

### SENIOR

<b>200m</b>
2nd Robbie Watt

<b>400m</b>
1st Andrew Turner

<b>800m</b>
1st Andrew Turner
2nd Anthony Light

<b>1500m</b>
1st Anthony Light

<b>3000m</b>
1st Brent Vercoe
2nd Scott McGregor

<b>1500m Steeple Chase</b>
1st Scott McGregor
2nd Myles Bartlett

<b>1500m Walk</b>
2nd Scott McGregor

<b>High Jump</b>
1st Andrew Turner

<b>Shot Put</b>
3rd Myles Bartlett

<b>Hammer</b>
1st Scott Gordge

<b>Relay 4x100m</b>
2nd Place

### INTERMEDIATE

<b>100m</b>
3rd Shaun Johnson

<b>200m</b>
1st Marcus Hancock
2nd Hayden Nganeko

<b>400m</b>
1st Ben Sole
2nd Gareth Farmer
3rd Joshua Hullah

<b>800m</b>
1st Ben Sole

<b>1500m</b>
2nd Gerard Light

<b>High Jump</b>
3rd Ben Sole

<b>100m Hurdles</b>
2nd Marcus Hancock

<b>1500m Steeple Chase</b>
1st Simon Gillum

<b>1500m Walk</b>
1st Aaron Gordge

<b>Javelin</b>
2nd Simon Gillum

<b>Relay 4x100m</b>
1st Place

### JUNIOR

<b>100m</b>
3rd Alastair Viles

<b>200m</b>
1st Alastair Viles

<b>300m</b>
2nd Hans Kalders
3rd Michael Gillum

<b>800m</b>
1st Michael Gillum

<b>Triple Jump</b>
3rd Gareth Elliot

<b>Javelin</b>
1st Jade Vickers
3rd Anten Kowalewski

<b>Discus</b>
2nd Anten Kowalewski

<b>Shot Put</b>
1st Tamatoa Rima
3rd Jade Vickers

<b>Relay 4x100m</b>
3rd Place





## 1998 FDMC CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Y7/8 11 YEARS			Y7/8 12 YEARS			Y7/8 13+ YEARS		
1	Pieter Van Der Kooij		1	Matthew Bennett		1	Aaron Waite	
2	James Slaats		2	Logan Vickers		2	Nathan Richardson	
3	Adam Burns		3	Gareth Maulder		3	Thomas Hills	
4	Thomas Peacock		4	Andrew Kale		4	Tony Maindonald	
5	James Morwood		5	Anthony Churches		5	Cory Avison	
6	Ben Ingram		6	Joseph Manning		6	Jamie George	

JUNIOR		INTERMEDIATE		SENIOR		HOUSE	
1	Anten Kowalewski	1	Simon Gillum	1	Anthony Light	1	LORETO
2	Hans Kalders	2	Nicholas Betteridge	2	Thomas Mace	2	BENILDUS
3	Craig Coombe	3	Gerard Light	3	Scott McGregor	3	LA SALLE
4	Caide Patten	4	Bryan Dobson	4	Conrad Smith	4	SOLOMON
5	Zane Lockett	5	Stephen Dobson	5	Brent Vercoe		
6	Gabriel Lockley	6	Rory O'Connor	6	Andrew Turner		

## 1998 TSS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The Championships were held at FDMC in June. The results were outstanding with three College teams winning their grades and in the Senior Boys taking out the 1st four places.

JUNIOR		INTERMEDIATE		SENIOR	
5	Caide Patten	2	Simon Gillum	1	Anthony Light
9	Hans Kalders	7	Nicholas Betteridge	2	Conrad Smith
10	Zane Lockett	8	Bryan Dobson	3	Thomas Mace
15	Gareth Elliot	9	Stephen Dobson	4	Brent Vercoe
17	Craig Coombe	11	Joel Earley	6	Scott McGregor
22	Graeme Charteris	18	Joshua Hullah	8	Andrew Turner

Teams : 1st Junior, 1st Intermediate, 1st Senior.

The Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country was held at Hawera and an outstanding run by Pieter Van Der Kooij resulted in a win in the 11 years age group. Aaron Waite and Thomas Hills also performed very well.



Cross Country

Back Row.

A. Turner, C. Smith, S. Gillum, P. Shaw, S. McGregor

Middle Row.

A. Light, H. Kalders, Z. Lockett, C. Patten, M. Bartlett, J. Hullah,  
S. Dobson, N. Betteridge

Front Row.

B. Vercoe, G., Lockley, A. Kowalewski, P. Bolyn, T. Mace, N. Baker, D. Fahey.

## WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE RELAY

Celebrating the 20th running of this event, Wanganui turned on another cold, blustery and sometimes wet day. Despite the occasion of its 20th, much to everybody's disappointment, our hosts Wanganui Collegiate still only managed to provide one cream bun each at prize giving function - and imitation cream at that!!!

The teams of four run a relay on a 2km circuit around Virginia Lake and once more the event attracted strong competition from all over the North Island.

It was unusual for us not to have a year 9 team but we were still very well represented by the following:

Junior A (placed 4th):- Simon Gillum, Stephen Dobson, Brian Dobson and Nick Betteridge

Senior A (placed 5th):- Anthony Light, Tom Mace, Brent Vercoe and Conrad Smith

Senior B (placed 4th):- Scott McGregor, Grant Wackrow, Simon Gillum (again) and Andrew Turner

All runners performed extremely well and with all but two of the lap times being between 7:18 and 7:35, consistency was a strong feature.

Well done to Simon Gillum, who ran in two legs, for different teams, in the same race. Stephen Dobson produced one of the many great performances on the day with his lap time of 7:18, only bettered by Anthony Light's blistering pace which produced a time of 6:53, leaving him not far behind the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Champion, who ran the same lap. Amazingly Anthony still had time to appreciate the beautiful scenery en route.

The successful day was capped off by a social time had by all, in sharing a bus with NPGHS and NPBHS.

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## TRIATHLON

Our major event on the triathlon calendar was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon Championship which were held this year on Saturday February 28 at Ngamotu Beach New Plymouth.

FDMC has traditionally been strongly represented in this sport and this year was no exception. Conditions were ideal for the event, overcast with no wind, and the course consisted of 250m swim / 10km bike / 3km run.

Scott McGregor showed his class as an all round athlete in comfortably winning the Senior Boys' event, despite being about 2 minutes down on the leaders after the swim leg. This followed his second place in last year's event. Well done Scott!

Tom Mace also performed very well to achieve 4th place in this race and Brent Vercoe wouldn't have been too far behind him, had he not taken a wrong turn on the bike ride. Considering this, his 11th place was also a very good effort.

Thomas Dunlop was our only representative in the Under 15 Boys race and he put in a tremendous effort in all three stages, finishing third overall.

We managed to take out the quinella in the open teams event with a tremendous 100m sprint finish between Simon Gillum and Anthony Light. Anthony was very disappointed to have made up good ground on Simon on the run, only to be out-kicked at the finish, Simon taking the race with his team of Michael Melody and Mike Reader from Anthony, Eric Menefy and Myles Bartlett.

A great effort from both teams. Congratulations to all those boys on their fine performances, including Matty Webling and Jordan Mullin who also competed in the teams event.

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## Triathlon

Back Row.

S. Gillum, T. Mace, A. Light  
Mr. R. Cleaver

Front Row.

T. Dunlop, M. Reader,  
J. Mullin, M. Webling  
Absent.

S. McGregor.



Another successful year with three Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships and three runner up placing's from nine grades.

The morning grade, the 9th and 10th Grade teams, had a good season with the three teams showing we have some skilled players coming through the college.

Our Under 15 Development Team went to a North Island Tournament at Palmerston North and played two college games while our Linkhorn Cup Team was runner up. Congratulations to our 1st XV for their unbeaten Catholic college season, including a win over De La Salle College, and for the quality of rugby they played.

Special mention must go to our 2nd XV for their most successful season. Not only did they win the A2 competition but on the way to this defeated Waitara, Inglewood, Spotswood and Opunake 1st XV's.

Thanks to all parents and extended families for your support at games and transporting the boys to games. Special thanks to the following for coaching or managing teams: Martin Dravitzki and Graham Blanks (1st XV), Richard Doherty (2nd XV) Craig Thomas and Bruce Young (3rd XV), Mark Walsh and Colin Webby (4th XV) Bryce Koch (C Gold, Under 15 and Linkhorn Cup Team) Peter Costello

and David Dent (C Blue) Simon O'Sullivan, Brendan Bourke, Brian Reader and Neil Armitage (C Red), Steve Simpson (D Gold), Br Peter Smythe (D Red), Darrell McCracken (D Blue), Ross MacNichol and Peter Kirby (E Red), Lauren O'Reilly, Mel Snook and Paul Freeman (E Blue), Paul Walsh and Chris Stevenson (9 Blue), Tony Grey (9 Red), Ryan McDonald and Craig Laing (10th Grade), Br William (Co-ordinator 9th and 10th Grade).

The college rugby fraternity would like to thank Martin Dravitzki for his dedication and commitment to the 1st XV over the past four years. A South Island and North American tours for team building set the standards that Martin's 1st XV's attained. He has had a very successful four years and has gained our 1st XV a prominent place not only in Taranaki but in New Zealand. Thanks Martin. Richard Doherty will be 1st XV coach in 1999.

The following boys were selected for Taranaki Representative Teams:

Secondary Schools: Simon O'Sullivan, Scott Ireland, Eric Menefy, Kenneth Murphy, Myles Bartlett.

Under 16: Marcus Hancock, Simon Gillum, Jacques Le Prou, Brendon Hart, Justen Smith, Ben Sole, Hayden Nganeko.

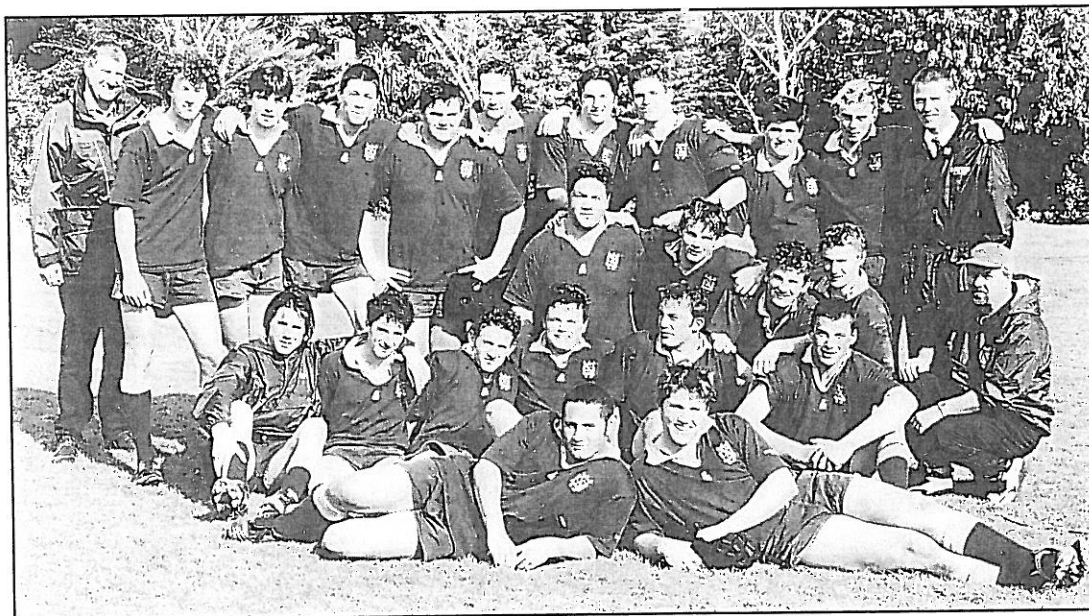
Primary Schools: Tony Maindonald, Cameron Gall.

## 1ST XV REPORT -1998

1998 proved to be another good year for the 1st XV. While we failed to win the Under 20 club competition we found ourselves playing in the semi-finals with 8 first choice players unavailable through injury, rep. duties or road washout. The team tried hard but were unable to overcome the odds. In the Taranaki secondary competition the team made the final but was unable to hold out a strong Hawera High School team to retain the trophy for what would have been an unprecedented fourth year.

The team continued to seek games with colleges outside of our region, with an early season game against St

Stephen's College. St Stephen's proved too strong but gave us a good indication of what could be expected later in the season against De La Salle. After last season's close game against New Plymouth Boys High School there was a lot of expectation that we could go one better this year. On a good day, in front of a big crowd at the College, the team tried hard but were beaten by a better team which showed the benefit of constant high level play. The annual fixtures against St Augustines, St Johns and St Peters all saw comfortable wins to Francis Douglas with the team ending the year travelling to Auckland to play our brother school, De la Salle, Mangere. In a performance that ranked



as our best of the season the old foe was beaten by 21 to 7 in a game which we dominated for long periods.

The team maintained a high standard both on and off the field during the season with a significant number of players achieving higher representative honours. Once again the level of support from the College, parents and sponsors was a special feature of the season and was greatly appreciated by the team. Special thanks must go to Mr Graham Blanks and Reece Williams who were a very efficient management team and to Mr John George who supported the team so well as Master in Charge of Rugby.

As the flagship for rugby at Francis Douglas the 1st XV showed commendable discipline, commitment and enjoyment in all that it did. We hope that many of the players in the College's other 15 teams will aspire to become part of the team in the future and look to carry on the proud tradition of team.

#### Highlights and Statistics

- \* 24 games played, for 18 wins and 6 losses.
- \* The team scored 824 points, including 129 tries, while conceding 294 points.
- \* Jon-Henri Quin was the top try scorer crossing for 18 tries in the season.
- \* 5 players were selected for the Taranaki Secondary

Schools team, which played in the final of the Northern Regions Tournament and then toured New South Wales. The players were : Myles Bartlett, Scott Ireland, Eric Menefy, Kenneth Murphy and Simon O'Sullivan.

\* Both Myles Bartlett and Simon O'Sullivan were selected for the Taranaki Under 19 side and acquitted themselves very well. Myles was also invited to be a part of the Taranaki Men's Sevens Squad.

#### Team Awards

Kane Paltridge Trophy for the Most Outstanding Player  
Myles Bartlett

Crawford Cup for the Most Valuable Player  
Kenneth Murphy

Murray Millham Trophy for Sportsmanship  
Luke McDonald

Keinzley Cup for the Outstanding First Season Player  
Ruka Te Moana

John George Cup for Most Points in a Season  
Scott Ireland

Brendan O'Neill Cup for Most Tries in a Season  
Jon-Henri Quin

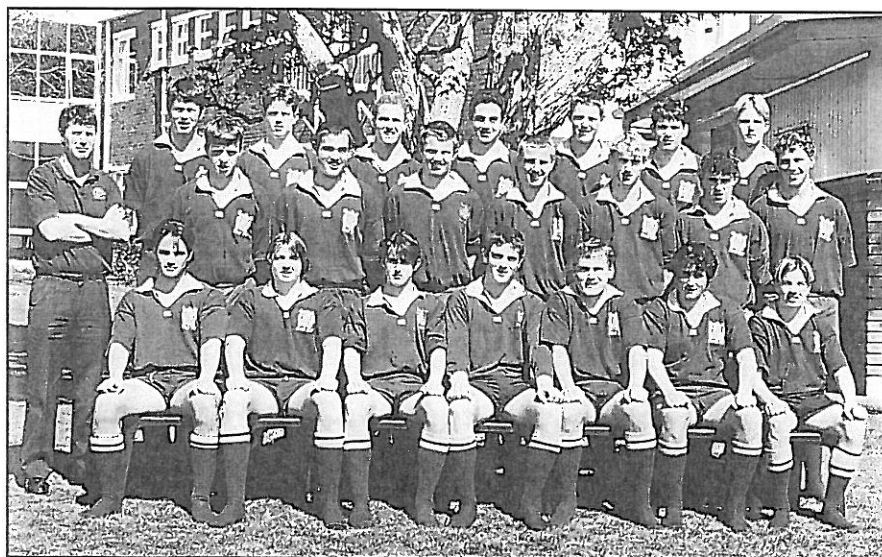
<b>TEAM NAME:</b>	<b>2nd XV</b>
<b>TEAM COACH:</b>	Richard Doherty
<b>CAPTAIN:</b>	Brendan Bourke
<b>MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:</b>	Riki McMillan
<b>MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:</b>	Jaques Le Prou
<b>BEST TACKLER:</b>	Justen Smith
<b>BEST TEAM PLAYER:</b>	Brendan Bourke
<b>FAIR PLAY:</b>	Craig Laing
	Josh Shanley
	Matthew Anderson

This year's 2nd XV has my utmost admiration for its approach to all facets of this year's rugby season. Training sessions were not only fully attended but many of them were taken by team members themselves.

Our success in firstly reaching and ultimately winning the championship final was achieved through team work. It was not a case of one or two 'stars' pulling us through, but rather a combined effort of a team of very talented players.

Brendan Bourke's captaincy showed the mark of a true leader. I appreciated his valuable support and input in all matters.

This year's 2nd XV are deserved Taranaki champions.



Rugby 2nd XV

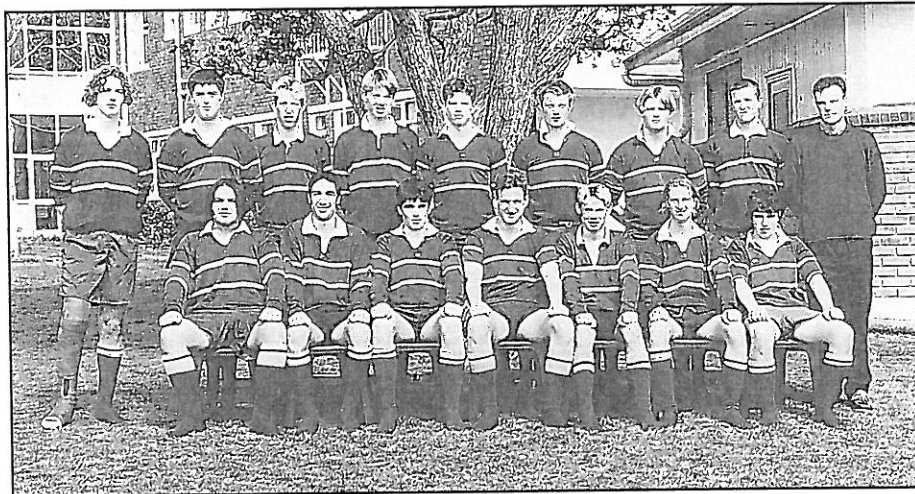
Back Row.  
M. Beckett, G. Bourke, B. Kemp,  
H. Nganeko, P. Stevenson,  
B. Hart, S. Gillum  
Middle Row.  
Mr R. Doherty,  
S. McGregor, J. Robinson,  
P. Crowley, B. Sole, J. Coster,  
M. Anderson, J. Le Prou  
Front Row.  
R. McMillan, R. McDonald,  
J. Smith, B. Bourke (Capt.),  
C. Laing, J. Shanley, M. Hancock  
Absent.  
J. Smith



**TEAM NAME:** 3RD XV  
**TEAM COACH:** Craig Thomas  
**CAPTAIN:** Nathan Hessel  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Geoffrey Bourke  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Steve Brbich,  
 Sam Conaglen  
**BEST TACKLER:** Reuban Doyle  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Patrick Crowley  
**FAIR PLAY:** Alastair Kalin  
 Bradley Keegan  
 Karl Kalders

The season began very well with some good wins in the grading rounds. We qualified in the B1 Division which proved to be a very competitive grade. With the teams being so even often when the final whistle blew unfortunately we were just behind on the scoreboard. The team spirit throughout the season was a credit to the boys, along with good leadership shown by the senior players.

Best of luck to the boys who aspire to make higher teams next year and those leaving the college.



Rugby 3rd. Fifteen

**Back Row**  
 S. Mullan, S. Conaglen,  
 K. Fraser, S. Brbich,  
 G. Bourke, P. Crowley,  
 D. Gollan, P. Shaw,  
 C. Thomas ( Manager)  
**Front Row**  
 A. Nuku, C. Kalders,  
 A. Kalin, N. Hessel,  
 J. Blundell, E. Young,  
 B. Keegan



Rugby 4th. fifteen

**Back Row**  
 M. Walsh (Manager),  
 H. Coombe, N. Tretheway,  
 R. Bray  
**Second Row**  
 O. Harvey, H. McDonald,  
 R. Little, S. Kawaroa,  
 D. Webby, M. McDavitt  
**Front Row**  
 D. Orchard, P. Bushell,  
 D. Parr, M. Gopperth,  
 J. Stevens, D. Stark,  
 G. Wackrow

**TEAM NAME:** 4th XV  
**TEAM COACH:** Mark Walsh  
**TEAM MANAGER:** Colin Webby  
**CAPTAIN:** Marc Gopperth  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Marc Gopperth  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Nick Tretheway  
**BEST TACKLER:** Owen Harvey  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Daniel Webby  
**FAIR PLAY:** Mark Brown  
 Hamish McDonald  
 Michael McDavitt

to NPBHS and Inglewood showed us that the team had the potential to make the finals, but a lack of fitness plus the loss of three key players for the rest of the season put paid to our chances.

Many thanks to the hard core of players who turned up for practice every week. Keep working on your skills because hard work and lots of practice will bring rewards.

Thanks to the whole squad for an enjoyable season. Special mention must go to D Webby, J Stevens, D Parr, N Orchard, M Gopperth, H McDonald, P Bushell and M Brown for their sportsmanship both on and off the field. Finally a special mention to Colin Webby who spent many hours helping me at practices and gave up his free time on Saturdays. The team along with myself thank you.

The season started pretty well with one win and two narrow losses in the grading games. This meant the 4th's were in the B 2 Division for the season.

Wins over Waitara, Hawera, Opunake and narrow losses

Hope you all have a great summer.

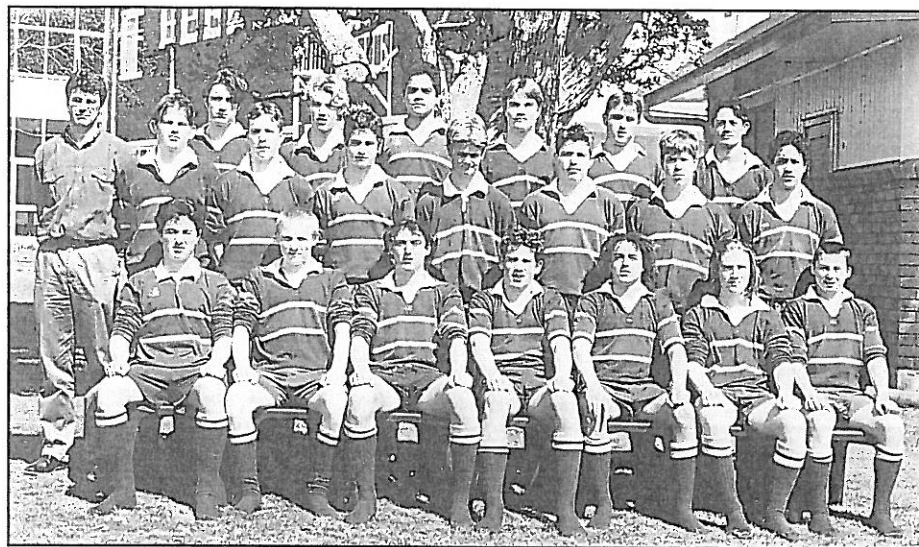


**TEAM NAME:** C GOLD  
**TEAM COACH:** Bryce Koch  
**CAPTAIN:** Adam Franks  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Adam Franks  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Daryl Seator  
**BEST TACKLER:** Aaron Taylor  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** James Matuku  
**FAIR PLAY:** Brad McIvor  
 Matthew Secker

The team enjoyed a very good season playing in a tough C grade competition this year. They progressed well during the year and played really good rugby, displaying great skills and commitment. The forwards were a super efficient unit and were not bettered by anyone. The backs

confidence in their attacking options increased the more they played together and they formed a solid defensive line. As a team they always tried to produce their best and were prepared to give everything on the field and at practice.

However, the year cannot be considered a complete success as after winning the fourteen straight games leading up to the final, we stumbled at the last hurdle and lost an extremely close last game. It was unfortunate to lose the only game of the season in the final but if there is one positive they can take from this, it is that at this stage of their rugby careers it will be a useful experience that they can use to motivate them for other finals I'm sure they'll play in, in the future.



Rugby C Grade Gold

Back Row.  
 A. Rogers, K. Fraser,  
 J. Tamarapa, D. Seator,  
 C. Drought, A. Hemara  
 Middle Row.  
 B. McIver, W. Barnes,  
 Z. Lockett, J. Hales, C. Patten,  
 H. Volzke, J. Matuku  
 Front Row.  
 L. Foster, A. Taylor,  
 H. Bourne, A. Franks,  
 G. Farmer, M. Secker,  
 A. Butterworth,  
 T. Carrington.

**TEAM NAME:** C Blue  
**TEAM COACH:** Mr. Peter Costello  
**TEAM MANAGER:** Mr. David Dent  
**CAPTAIN:** Stephen Gregory-Hunt  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Mark Hussey  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Ben Schumacher  
**BEST TACKLER:** Aaron Eveleigh  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Gareth Dettling  
**FAIR PLAY:** Mark Bridger  
 Nick Donaldson  
 Michael Barrett

This was a team with a strong forward pack and a back line that showed it could score good tries out wide. Unfortunately the essential ingredient of consistent support play was too often absent.

Best game was the 0 - 3 loss to NPBHS White, closely followed by the 37 - 0 win over NPBHS Red. These games showed the team's true abilities.

Rugby C Grade Blue



Back Row.  
 H. Irving, N. Hurley,  
 P. Tuuta, T. Way, C. Dent  
 Middle Row.  
 Mr. P. Costello, T. Lawn,  
 A. Eveleigh, J. Couper,  
 D. Murphy, B. Schumacher,  
 G. Dettling  
 Front Row.  
 H. Frew, Z. Dozell,  
 M. Hussey, S. Gregory-Hunt,  
 N. Donaldson,  
 M. Barrett, C. Carmichael  
 Absent.  
 K. Connolly, L. McGarvey,  
 A. Benton, D. Little,  
 B. Emson, T. Whyte,  
 M. Bridger.





<b>TEAM NAME:</b>	<b>C RED</b>
<b>TEAM COACHES:</b>	Brendan Bourke Simon O'Sullivan
<b>ASSISTANT COACH:</b>	Brian Reader
<b>TEAM MANAGER:</b>	Neil Armitage
<b>CAPTAIN:</b>	Sam Mullin
<b>MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:</b>	Sam Mullin
<b>MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:</b>	Hans Kalders
<b>BEST TACKLER:</b>	Khazarn Fahy
<b>BEST TEAM PLAYER:</b>	Mike Reader
<b>FAIR PLAY</b>	Peter Sherman Tamatoa Rima Cameron Gall Steven Brown

This year's season with the C Red team was very enjoyable and it was finished off in style with a great win in the final of the C 2 Division of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Final. The guys were unbeaten in this grade and it was a credit to them for their fine record. They all worked hard, listened and in the end put the practice on to the field and performed. As coaches we really enjoyed the experience and were pleased to see the boys succeed.

Special thanks must go to Mr Reader for his dedication to turn up for practices and games. Also to Mr Armitage who looked after all the gear, bottles etc and results. To all who were involved in the team, especially the players, thank you and well done.



Rugby C Grade Red  
C2 Championship Winners

Back Row.  
T. Rima, A. Gordge, K. Meijer,  
P. Wano, C. Gall, H. Kalders  
Middle Row.  
S. O'Sullivan (Coach), K. Fahy,  
R. Green, S. Brown, B. Haywood,  
J. Barlow, B. Bourke (Coach)  
Front Row.  
M. Reader, J. Leicester, S. Bernet,  
S. Mullin (Captain), H. Murray,  
B. Laing, T. Carrington.

<b>TEAM NAME:</b>	<b>D Gold</b>
<b>TEAM COACH:</b>	Steve Simpson
<b>CAPTAIN:</b>	Mark Hughes
<b>MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:</b>	Mark Hughes (consistent)
<b>MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:</b>	David Kearvell
<b>BEST TACKLER:</b>	David Waite
<b>BEST TEAM PLAYER:</b>	Bodan Peoples
<b>FAIR PLAY:</b>	Kieran Bourke Caley McCracken Gareth Elliott Adrian Cleary George West Josh Hullah Kieran Orchard

backs having to go (well done Bodan and George). Zair Parkes, David Kearvell, Anten Kowalewski and Jacob Stenner (I'll play anywhere) were all hungry for the ball and tackled well.

The backs were serviced by Courtney Smith at half back (made it on time for the final and look what happened!). At first five Mark Hughes developed as a player and as a leader, choosing his options wisely and doing some great cover work when needed. The centres George West, Bodan Peoples and Michael Riddock were always dependable defensively and moved the ball wide to release the exciting wings Josh Hullah, Martyn Henderson and David Waite (did he miss a tackle all season?). At full back Kieran Orchard was always reliable on defence and very decisive and elusive on attack.

GAMES PLAYED 16    WON 14    DREW 1  
LOST 1

This team contained many talented players and played with flair and enthusiasm all season. The forward pack was hardworking (though a bit loose at times) and was complemented by classy backs. This resulted in many games being won by 60 points or more.

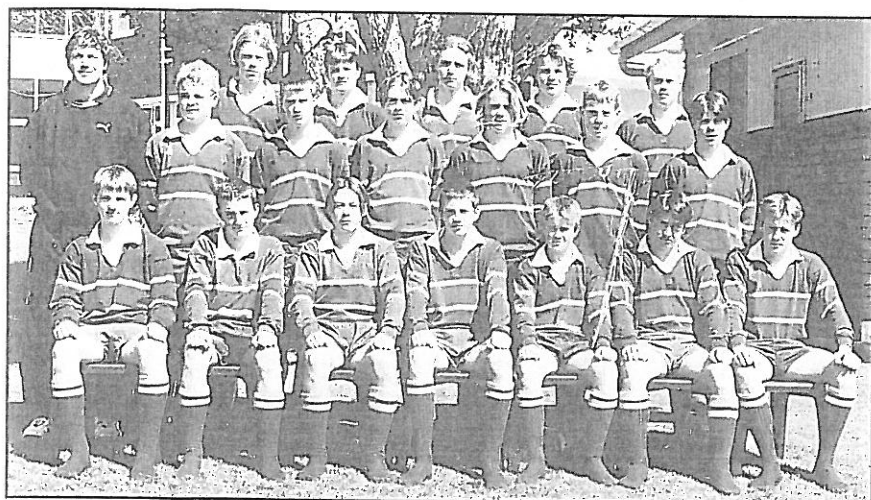
Shane Petersen, Caley McCracken, John Hogan and Kieran Bourke made up a strong front row which always made it difficult for the opposing scrum. Kieran Cowie and Gareth Elliott were the main line out jumpers, well supported by Adrian Cleary who also showed ability at No. 8. Many loose forward combinations were tried, with even some

Unfortunately it has to be said the one loss of the season happened to be the final against NPBHS after beating them the previous week. The boys will have learnt from this experience and should feel proud of the way they played all season.

Overall a most successful season.

Finally a big thank you to all the parents who supported the team and particularly Paul Cleary for his help with first aid and practices.

Also our thoughts remain with Mathew Muller and his family.



Rugby D grade Gold

Back Row.  
K. Cowie, Z. Parkes, J. Hullah,  
A. Kowalewski, A. Cleary  
Middle Row.  
Mr. S. Simpson (Coach),  
J. Stenner, D. Waite,  
M. Henderson, M. Riddock,  
K. Bourke, D. Kearvell  
Front Row.  
K. Orchard, C. McCracken,  
G. West, M. Hughes (Capt.),  
C. Smith, J. Hogan, B. Peoples  
Absent.  
G. Elliot, S. Petersen.

**TEAM NAME:** D Reds  
**TEAM COACH:** Br. Peter  
**TCAPTAIN:** Daniel McDonald  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Dane Fahey  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Graeme Charteris  
**BEST TACKLER:** Daniel Jackson  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Chris Fife  
**FAIR PLAY:** Chris Duke  
Dan Butler  
Robert Hamilton

The season started slowly. Training was well attended. We had an abundance of forwards but not too many backs. The grading rounds saw us on the receiving end of a few trashings. We soldiered on. Players were tried in different positions. Forwards had to become backs. Defence was a real weakness early in the season until we started to make tackling one of our strengths. As the season ground on, so did the D Reds.

This group had some great team strengths. They listened, took training seriously and worked to the team plan in games. Individual skills that were practised at training were tried in matches with considerable success. Teamwork and support became hallmarks and tries became team efforts rather than the good and at times great individual efforts of the earlier part of the season. Above all the Reds became a team that would not give in.

Highlights included: coming back from 0 - 27 with 20 minutes to go to win 28 - 27 against Inglewood; scoring all our points in the last 5 minutes to win the local derby against FDMC Blues 12 - 10; climbing off the bottom of the table to beat the top side Waitara; winning the Top Dog Shield and retaining it for the next three weeks; scoring at least one try in every game; the great captaincy and decision making of Dan McDonald; the dazzling speed of the try scoring machine Dane Fahey and most importantly, the steady individual and team improvement.

Special thanks to Terry Jackson for giving his time and expertise at training and to the boys' families who offered their support in the most obvious way with their presence.

## D Grade Red

Back Row. C. Parkes,  
R. Brown, D. Gibbons, I. Cook  
Middle Row. S. Moselen,  
B. Wackrow, D. Butler, D. Fahey,  
D. Jackson, N. Drought,  
Br. P. Smyth (Coach)  
Front Row.  
C. Duke, C. Fife, G. Charteris,  
D. McDonald, N. O'Dea,  
K. Callaghan, R. Hamilton  
Absent.  
J. Freeman





<b>TEAM NAME:</b>	<b>D Blue</b>
<b>TEAM COACH:</b>	Darrell McCracken
<b>TEAM CAPTAIN:</b>	Rodney Keegan
<b>MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:</b>	Joshua Russell
<b>MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:</b>	James Prestney Nick Rowland Travers Carr
<b>BEST TACKLER:</b>	Rodney Keegan
<b>BEST TEAM PLAYER:</b>	Troy Peters
<b>FAIR PLAY:</b>	Nick Johns Shane Capper

This squad consisted of 22 players with a very large number being forwards (8 locks). Therefore we had to develop boys into new positions.

Unfortunately the team was badly affected by injury and sickness throughout the season. The team started poorly but steadily improved as the season went on.

The front row was Travers Carr, Justin McCracken, Nick Johns and Ben Lee. Justin and Travers were always in the thick of things.

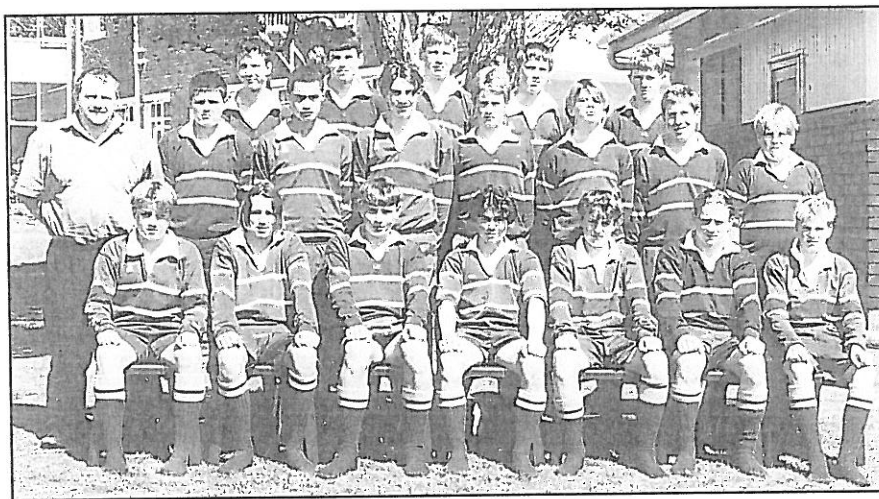
The locks were Samuel Sloan, Phillip Drew, David Geurts, Daniel Collins, Jude Arden and Adam Meek who was unfortunately injured for 95% of the season. Good ball win-

ners in the lineout were Phillip, David and Jude and were well lifted by Ben and Nick.

The loose forwards were Jude Arden (when not playing lock), Nick Watson, Dion Howells, Matthew Cleaver and Nick Rowland although Nick R, Nick W and Dion showed their versatility by filling in on the wing. No 8 was Ardy Straathof who was the team's vice captain and always gave his best. A late arrival was Bruce Osborne who knew only one way - straight ahead. Troy Peters was made into a halfback and played outstandingly. 1st 5's Jason Briskie and Shane Capper were both good kickers and liked to run. They both shared the kicking responsibilities.

The midfield had Joshua Russell. Josh was a lock converted into the midfield and this was a success story with his hard running. Rodney Keegan was the captain and a very aggressive runner and tackler. Wings James Prestney and Nick R were the most improved players. Fullback Reece Hannam liked coming into the backline and was always in good position.

The team had good heart and attitude. Sometimes one or two let referees' decisions worry them too much. A great bunch of kids who I enjoyed coaching. Thanks to parents and families for your support

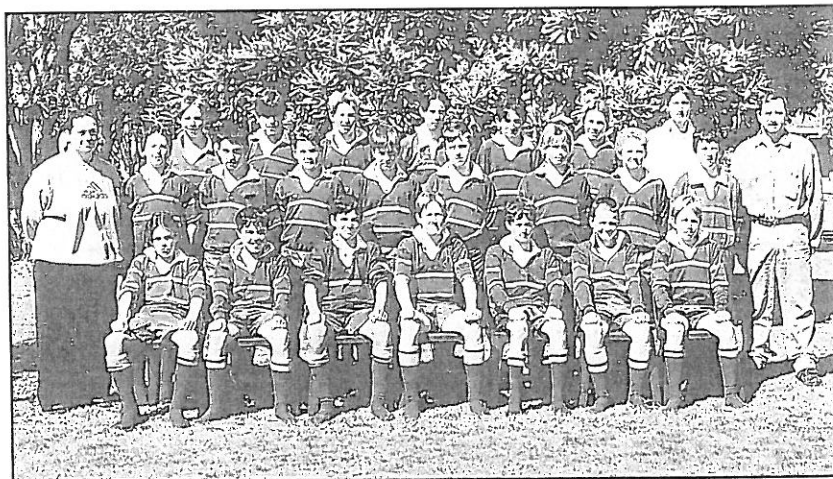


Rugby D grade Blue

Back Row.  
J. Prestney, S. Sloan, D. Geurts,  
N. Watson, P. Drew  
Middle Row.  
Mr. D. McCracken, D. Collins,  
J. Russell, A. Straathof,  
M. Cleaver, N. Johns, T. Carr,  
B. Lee  
Front Row.  
N. Rowland, S. Capper,  
D. Howells, R. Keegan,  
J. McCracken, B. Osborne,  
T. Peters  
Absent. R. Hannam.

## E Grade Blue

Back Row.  
J. Clout, M. Barrett, C. Begg,  
A. Viles, R. O'Connor, A. Blundell,  
L. O'Reilly (coach), P. Freeman  
(Asst. coach)  
Middle Row.  
Melanie Snook (Manager), J. Mullin,  
N. Glentworth, G. Cronin, P. Luond,  
M. Stewart, D. Barlow, J. Ladd,  
Front Row.  
M. Johnson, T. Morgan, G. Lockley,  
(V.Capt.), J. Milne (Capt.),  
B. McLernon, D. Brown, P. Yarrow,  
J. Madden.



**TEAM NAME:** E Blue  
**TEAM COACH:** Lauren O'Reilly  
**TEAM MANAGER:** Mel Snook  
**CAPTAIN:** Jonathon Milne  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Campbell Begg  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** David Barlow  
**BEST TACKLER:** Jeremy Freeman  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Michael Stewart  
**FAIR PLAY:** Jason Clout  
 Nitaan Glentworth  
 Barry McLernon

Guts! Determination! Team Work!

These are the words that describe the 1998 E Grade Blue Rugby Team. We had a brilliant start to the season winning the first four games but unfortunately FDMC Red held us out in the fifth game and continued to be elusive for the rest of the season.

Our forward pack improved throughout the season with Michael Stewart and Jacob Ladd packing down in the front row and Danny Brown a converted winger taking on the hooking role. Martin Barrett, Rory O'Connor, Geoff Cronin and Phillip Luond formed the rest of the tight five. Jordan Mullin, Jeremy Freeman and Barry McLernon formed a fast and aggressive loose forward trio with Jason Clout adding his speed to the forwards on many occasions.

Jonathon Milne at half back ran strongly and linked well with Nitaan Glentworth, our top kicker.

Aaron Blundell and Gabriel Lockley showed the ability to make breaks and score tries with Campbell Begg joining the back line at pace and often making the crucial tackle as the last line of defence.

The wingers David Barlow, Tane Morgan, Philip Yarrow and Michael Johnson were steady on defense and elusive on attack. Alastair Viles was a top try scorer in the backs until injury put him out at the end of the first round.

**TEAM NAME:** E Red  
**TEAM COACH:** Ross MacNicol  
**TEAM MANAGER:** Peter Kirby  
**CAPTAIN:** James McSeveny  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Daniel Muller  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** James Stringer  
 Thomas Kirby  
 Simon Gilmour  
**BEST TACKLER:** James McSeveny  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Joel Bernet  
**FAIR PLAY:** Ben Whittington  
 Nic O'Sullivan  
 Scott Logan  
 Heath Kemp  
 Kyle Merewether

This resulted in lots of running rugby with the ball frequently reaching the fleet footed wingers. Defence had to be spot on - the risk of break outs was minimised with superb tackling by the backs, lousies and the full backs. Our forwards (many of them new to the scrum) improved all season and turned the tables on other forward packs that had dominated them in early games. As our ball winning ability improved so did the half backs and backs - with more ball. There was opportunity to try different things, the play was varied, few passes were dropped and the points came. Team work, support, determination - these were key features of the season; members co-operated, trained hard, and enjoyed themselves and a great spirit developed in the team. I would like to thank all 22 players in the squad for your positive, hard working attitude. Well done, a deserved championship finals win over Hawera, coming after they beat us 13 - 10 in the mud of 5th Taranaki, the 100% record over the two Boys High teams and the local derby game against the E Blues.

This year the E Reds had a very good season in what was a tough and even grade. With a 50 kg weight limit it was the first time these players had met teams of equal size.

Rugby E Grade Red



Back Row.  
 Mr. MacNicol (Coach), S. Gilmour,  
 B. Guthrie, J. Stringer, J. Waaka,  
 D. Muller, T. Kirby  
 Middle Row.  
 B. Whittington, R. Clark, K. Merewether,  
 G. Johnson, Z. Thomson, N. O'Sullivan,  
 M. Webling  
 Front Row.  
 O. McDonald, S. Cartwright, P. Bray,  
 J. McSeveny, S. Logan, T. Dunlop,  
 J. Bernet  
 Absent.  
 P. Gadsby, H. Kemp.





**TEAM NAME:** 9 Blue  
**TEAM COACH:** Paul Walsh  
**TEAM MANAGER:** Chris Stevenson  
**CAPTAIN:** Sam Barrett  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Luke Herlihy  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Daniel Parker  
**BEST TACKLER:** Tony Maindonald  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Adam Radich  
**FAIR PLAY:** Mark Addison  
 Shane Stevenson  
 Richard Barlow

The 9th Blue team were highly competitive in almost all games this season. While they recorded only a few victories, they gave some of the top qualifying teams a real hurry - up and came close to causing a few upsets.

The consistently good numbers at practices was impressive and this enthusiasm was carried through into the way the team played their games. It was pleasing to see two of our team make the Taranaki Primary Rep. Team - congratulations Tony and Alistair.

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents, etc. who provided transport and support on the sideline during the season. Your help and encouragement were truly appreciated



Rugby 9th Grade Blue

Back Row.  
 L. Vickers, B. Irving, J. Farmer,  
 P. Manu, C. Blake  
 Middle Row.  
 S. Forrest, B. Dunlop, A. Prestney,  
 J. Coombes, A. Belton, A. Thorburn  
 Front Row.  
 P. Hooper R. Smith, P. Quin,  
 N. Richardson, R. Buttimore,  
 G. Maulder, P. Barrett.

With only one training session a week these guys performed like professionals. They moulded together and played really well. Excellent team spirit and a willingness to compete made them a very formidable force in their grade. Over half of them were picked for the Linkhorn Cup Team and distinguished themselves admirably. Congratulations to the whole team and all the best for next season.

**TEAM NAME:** 9 Red  
**TEAM COACH:** Tony Gray  
**CAPTAIN:** Nathan Richardson  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Joseph Farmer  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Patrick Barrett  
**BEST TACKLER:** Logan Vickers  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Jared Coombes  
**FAIR PLAY:** Thomas Prestney  
 Nathan Richardson

Rugby 9 Red

Back Row  
 J. Connelly, A. Rakena,  
 T. Maindonald  
 Second Row  
 A. Radich, M. Connelly, C. Walsh,  
 J. George, D. Parke, A. Churches  
 Front Row  
 C. Webby, M. Addison, B. Gregg,  
 S. Barrett, S. Stevenson, A. Gall,  
 R. Barlow



**TEAM NAME:**  
**TEAM COACH:**

**CAPTAIN:**  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:**  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:**  
**BEST TACKLER:**

**BEST TEAM PLAYER:**  
**FAIR PLAY:**

**10th Grade**  
Craig Laing  
Ryan McDonald  
Tony Stuart  
Jessie Dolman  
Ben Roberts  
Andrew Wharehoka,  
Willie Mercer  
Grant McLean  
Pieter Van der Kooij,  
Philip Donaldson,  
Stuart Barnes,  
Robert Dobson

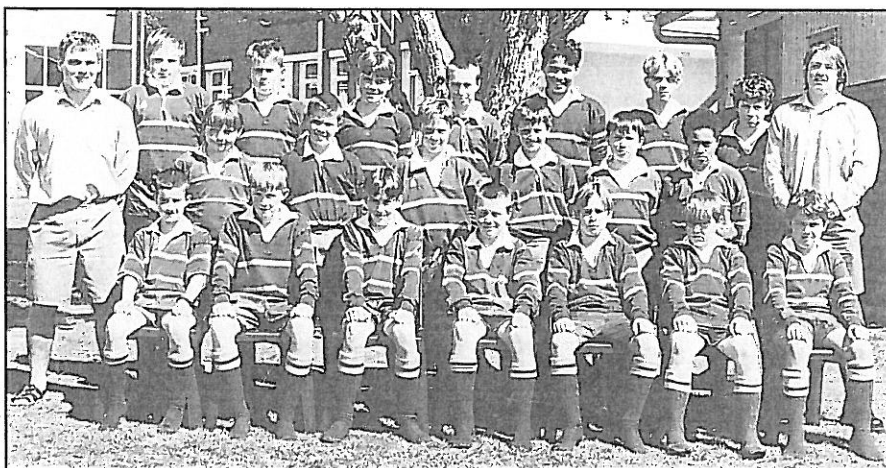
This team had a hard start to the year as most players seemed to be in unfamiliar territory as it was the first time they had played together. They had a few good efforts and wins which saw the 10th grade up against bigger and more experienced opposition. There are a lot of good players for the future of FDMC rugby.

Rugby 10 Grade  
Back Row.

M. Hickey, S. Peters,  
A. Schumacher, K. Sole,  
J. Dolman, D. Smiley,  
W. Mercer, R. McDonald (Coach)  
Centre Row.

R. Dobson, M. Lucas,  
P. Donaldson, P. van der Kooij,  
D. Taylor, A. Wharehoka  
Front Row.

B. Roberts, A. Waite, T. Hills,  
T. Stewart, S. Barnes, A. Barrett,  
G. Maclean



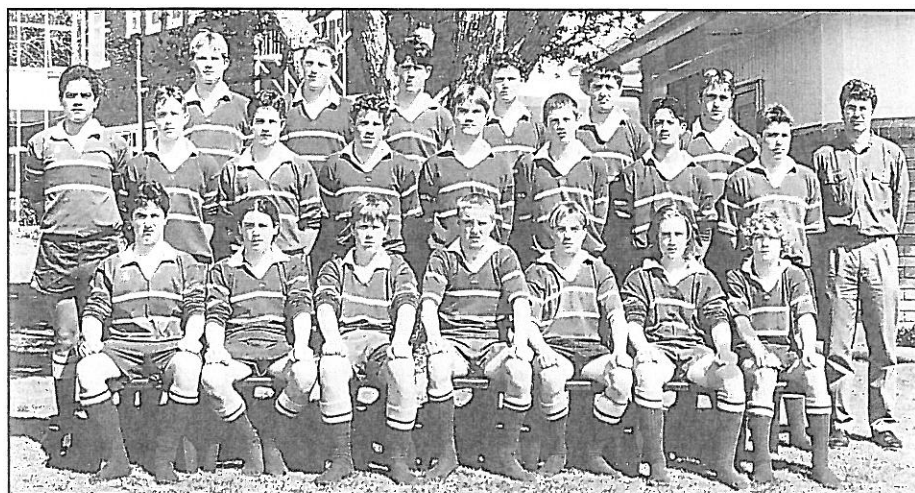
This was an exciting talented team that had the potential to play excellent well controlled rugby. We entered the North Island Under 15 tournament in Palmerston North, competing against some very well performed sides. Unfortunately the team's performance on the first day was only mediocre and we drew and lost games we should have won. Over the next two days they demonstrated their true ability and played great rugby that thrilled the large group of parent supporters. We missed the opportunity to win the tournament on the first day but over the last two days they proved they could match it up against bigger teams and gained respect from everyone else in the tournament. It was hardly unexpected that the boys proved off the field to be great ambassadors for the College with their

behaviour and attitude.

We ended the season with wins against St Augustines (Wanganui) and St Peters (Palmerston North) and won both games easily.

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

**UNDER 15**  
Bryce Koch  
Richard Doherty  
Ben Sole  
Ben Sole  
James Tamarapa  
Adam Franks  
Marcus Hancock  
Tim Carrington  
Nicholas Trethaway



Rugby Under 15

Back Row.  
S. Gillum, P. Stevenson,  
N. Trethaway, A. Gordge,  
S. Conaglen, C. Drought  
Middle Row.  
J. Tamarapa, W. Barnes,  
Z. Lockett, A. Franks,  
D. Seator, M. Hughes,  
A. Hemora, C. Patten  
Front Row.  
L. Foster, K. Fahy, H. Volzke,  
B. Sole, M. Hancock,  
M. Secker, T. Carrington.





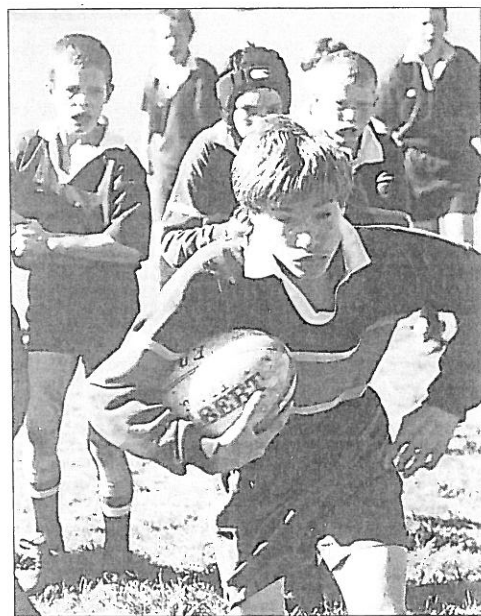
**TEAM NAME:** LINKHORN CUP  
**TEAM COACH:** Bryce Koch  
**CAPTAIN:** Ryan Fleming  
**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Joseph Farmer  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Michael Fahy  
**BEST TACKLER:** Tony Maindonald  
**BEST TEAM PLAYER:** Ryan Fleming  
**FAIR PLAY:** Logan Vickers  
 Adam Thorburn

The Linkhorn Cup team this year were a highly motivated talented group of boys who were very keen to retain the cup won last year. Unfortunately they failed to do this, losing to Stratford Primary School. The boys can feel very proud of their efforts in making the final, winning all of the Round Robin matches in some style. They played an expansive open game of rugby which was greatly enjoyed by the large group of parental supporters who came to each game. Many of the boys demonstrated remarkable talents and their skills and energy will certainly be great assets for college teams in the years to come.



Rugby Linkhorn Cup

Back Row.  
 C. Walsh, J. Farmer, L. Vickers,  
 T. Maindonald, A. Prestney,  
 Middle Row.  
 J. Coombes, A. Radich,  
 S. Stevenson, B. Dunlop, J. George,  
 S. Forrest, A. Thorburn  
 Front Row.  
 R. Barlow, A. Gall, A. Belton,  
 R. Fleming, R. Smith, G. Maulder,  
 N. Richardson.



Members of the New Zealand Academy

R to L : Xavier Rush,  
 Mark Ramby, Doug Howlett,  
 Greg Feak, Reuben Thorne  
 At College Assembly 1998

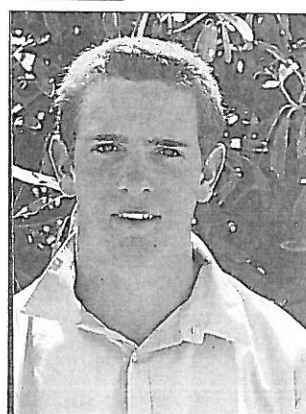
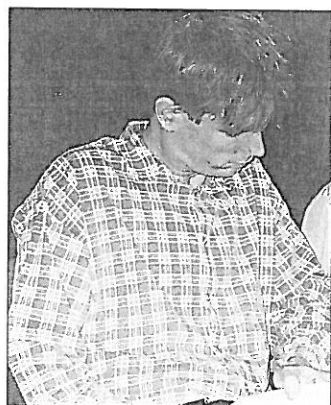
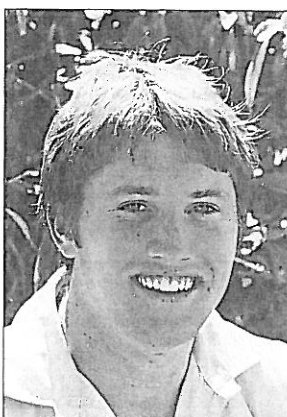
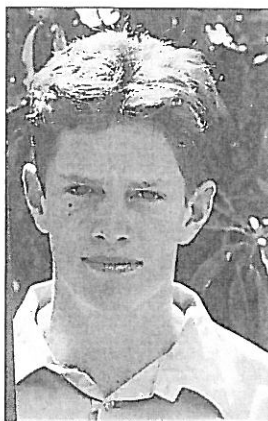
## TENNIS

Tennis at FDMC was given a welcome boost this year with Mr. Chris Patten, a special needs teacher at school, who also spent a couple of years in the States with a scholarship. Mr. Patten was in the Top 30 there and this year was the Senior Coach at FDMC.

The 1997/98 season started off really well for FDMC. This began at the 3rd and 4th Form tennis championships at Waitara late last year. The 4th Form team of Geoffrey Bourke and Patrick Stevenson did the school proud with an unbeaten record, winning the doubles title.

This year almost started off in the same way as it ended last year. The senior team of Brendan Bourke, Simon O'Sullivan, Patrick Stevenson and Rhys Bishop participated in the BP Secondary School Knock - Out Tournament at New Plymouth Boys High School. With a re-shuffled team, the lads almost pulled off a huge upset. After easily beating Inglewood first, they went in for the final against Boys High as underdogs. The team drew 3 - 3 and in the end lost only one of their games by 6. It was a story of so close - yet so far. Special thanks to Mr. Patten for his time and help and to next year's team - see if your tactics will be enough for a great victory.

Brendan Bourke



## MICRON SAILING

On the weekend of March 3rd & 4th Chris Wheatley travelled up to Auckland's Narrow Neck Beach to compete in the New Zealand National Micron Sailing Champs.

Six races were to be held over the regatta but Saturday's races had to be cancelled due to gale force winds and lightning storms.

Sunday's races were held with Chris Wheatley winning all his races and comfortably winning the overall national title for the micron class yacht.



# TENNIS / SAILING





## 1ST ELEVEN SOCCER

In the club competition the team had another successful season finishing second in the Youth League. An unfortunate loss in one game where the team was severely weakened by injuries was enough to deny the team a first place. For the record the team played 15 club games, winning 12, drawing 2 and losing 1. In the process 78 goals were scored for, 17 against - a very good record. Leading scorers were James Donaldson (14) and Peter Schicker (11).

Throughout the season the team sought to play attractive and enjoyable football and largely succeeded in doing so. A disappointing aspect was the strength and approach of some of the opposing sides which at times did little to challenge the team. With the ever increasing and improving pool of talent present at the school, I feel now is the time for the 1st XI to return to the ranks of the Senior competition.

Representative players were :

14th Grade

Jonathan Jordan, Peter Schicker, Jade Vickers

16th Grade

Philip Bence, Brendan Clark, Karl Dolan, Chris Jordan (Captain), Nicholas Rush

Under 19

David Bence, Chris Jordan

Player of the season was David Bence with Richard Crowe and Chris Jordan providing valuable support. Most improved player was Jonathan Hodgson while Brent Vercoe and Peter Schicker showed a good team spirit.

Laurie Jordan

Coach/Manager



Soccer 1st XI

Back Row.

J. Donaldson, L. Ylonen,  
J. Hodgson, D. Bence,  
J. Vickers, N. Rush

Front Row.

J. Jordan, J. Clark, K. Dolan,  
R. Crowe(Captain), C. Jordan,  
B. Vercoe, P. Schicker.

Absent.

P. Bence, Mr. L. Jordan(Coach).



Youth League Soccer Lasallians

Back Row.

Mr. Bolyn(Coach/Manager),  
J. Forrest, J. Herbert, M. Bolton,  
M. Benton, N. Baker, S. Huesser,  
C. Beckett

Front Row.

P. Bolyn, B. Bolyn, S. Crossan,  
P. Johnston, D. Gut, R. Lee,  
H. Fitzgerald.

### YOUTH LEAGUE LASALLIANS

We had an excellent season. The students were very faithful to their practices and that must have reflected on our success especially during the second part of the season.

I hope that the team will carry on with the game and return next season with the skills they have developed this year. Thanks to you all. Keep working on your game and good luck.  
Mr. Bolyn

Coach

Manager

Player of the year

Most improved player

Best team spirit

Mr. Bolyn

Mr. Beckett

Pim Bolyn

Nicholas Baker

Miles Benton.



## THIRTEENTH GRADE CELTICS

Against all odds, a second 13th. grade soccer team was formed, a group of boys who really wanted to represent their school. Although it was a very tough season, the boys played with heart and with pride. They have supported one another and the team as a whole has received a great deal of help and support from all the parents concerned. It has been a pleasure to have been involved with such a fine group of young men.

Coach	Mr. Brennan
Manager	Mr. Shearer
Most improved player	Adam Mills
Best team spirit	Terry Davenport.
Player of the Year	Alex Brien.

## THIRTEENTH GRADE HIBERNIANS

After losing all three games in the grading round the team won the preliminary round of the Second Division with 5 wins from 5 games. The team was promoted to the first division where they won two games and drew one.

This was a very young team whose achievements exceeded expectations. Their secret was that they played very well as a team. Special thanks must go to Mr Mulraney for his assistance in coaching the team.

Played 15 games; won 7, lost 7, drew 1.

Coach/ Manager	Mr. Clark.
Player of the year	Jonathan McCormick
Most improved player	Ben Ingram
Best team spirit	Patrick Edmunds.



Soccer Celtics

Back Row.	A. Fraser, C. Day, C. Scott, M. Bridger, C. Shearer, M. Drew, T. Davenport
Front Row.	I. O'Donnell, J. Burrows, A. Mazengarb, A. Mills, M. Cartwright, S. Wildbore, E. Brennan.



Soccer 13 Grade

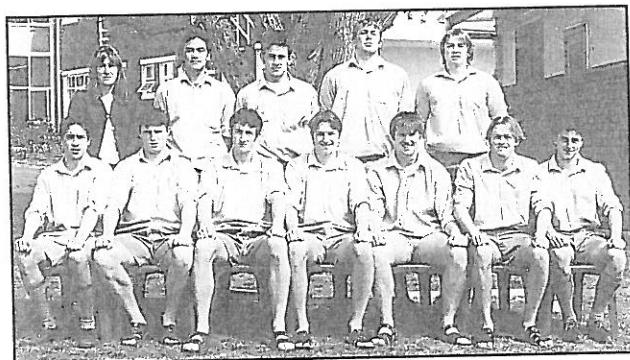
Back Row.	Mr. Mulraney(Coach), M. Smith, J. Slaats, B. Hunter, B. Ingram, A. Kale, M. Bennett, P. Edmonds
Front Row.	S. Ward, B. King, J. Clark, J. McCormick, L. Mann, A. Waite, K. Fabish.
Absent.	Mr. P. Clark(Manager).



## Senior Touch Team

Jason Stevenson, Simon O'Sullivan, Mathew Lawn, Jon-Henri Quin, Ryan McDonald, Myles Bartlett, Matthew Anderson, Robbie Watt, Doug Henderson, Michael Kettle, Riki Mason, James Matuku.

At the Taranaki Secondary Schools Touch Tournament in March the Team had wins against Spotswood (8 - 0) and Stratford (2 - 1) but lost to Waitara (6 - 7) in a very close game. In the semi-finals the team lost to Hawera (3 - 1). Top try scorers were Jon-Henri Quin and Mathew Lawn.



Senior Touch Team

Back Row.

L. O'Reilly, M. Kettle, D. Henderson, M. Bartlett, R. McDonald

Front Row.

J. Matuku, M. Anderson, M. Lawn, J. Stevenson, S. O'Sullivan, R. Watt, J. Quin.

## Golf Team

Jeremy Butler

At this year's Secondary Schools Golf Championship, our FDMC golf team performed very well, playing against teams from ten different secondary schools from around the province and gaining third place.

The tournament, held at the Te Ngutu Golf Course near Hawera, operates on a team combined best three nett scores from one round. The four man team, consisting of Mark Kennard, Hayden Nganeko, Andrew Benton, and Jeremy Butler, produced a solid performance that saw them finish six shots behind the champions, New Plymouth Boys High School.

For the last two years, the team has finished near the bottom, so to come third this year is a great achievement and with this year's success to build on, next year our team will be even stronger.

With all four members of the team being in the fifth form and below, we have a good chance of winning in the future.

## Junior Touch Team

Adam Franks, Mark Hughes, James Tamarapa, Martyn Henderson, George West, Lee Foster, Daniel McDonald, Zane Lockett, Caide Patten, Dane Fahey, Jonathon Milne, Jonathan Hales.

At the Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Tournament on November 8th the team went through the heats unbeaten playing Waitara (4-1) Spotswood (4-0) and Stratford (8-1). In an exciting semi-final they beat NP Boys High 6-4 and went on to play Hawera in the finals. They eventually lost 1-4.

The team was awarded the Fair Play award for the tournament. The top try scorer was Jonathan Hales.

A special thanks goes to Sam Tamarapa for his coaching.



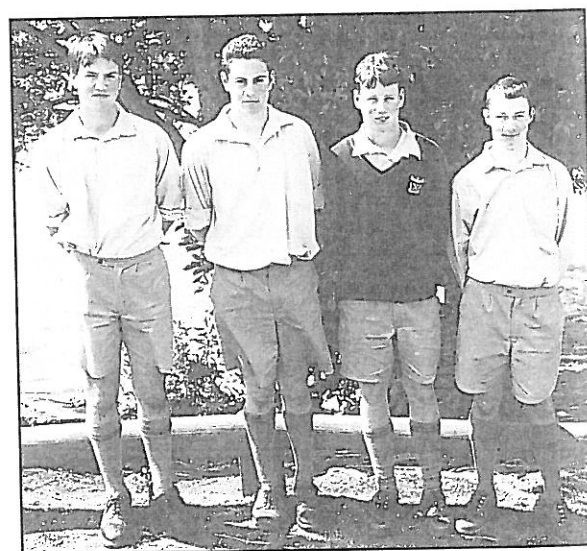
Junior Touch

Back Row

J. Hales, Z. Lockett, M. Hughes, J. Tamarapa, D. Fahy

Front Row

G. West, J. Milne, A. Franks, D. McDonald, C. Patten



GOLF

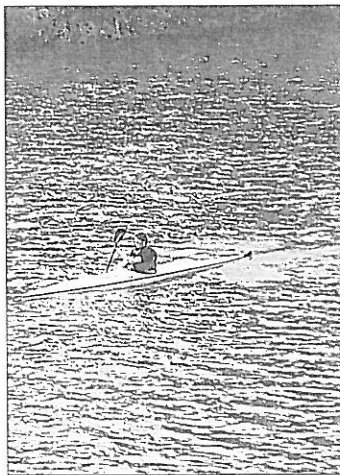
J. Butler, H. Nganeko, A. Benton, M. Kennard

## Kayaking

Russell Cleaver

In Jason Chandler, the school has a promising young paddler. He has enjoyed a fair degree of success in various events that he has entered this year.

One achievement of note was his first placing in the mens under 19 event at the North Island Marathon Championships for kayaking. This event was held in Tauranga on August 29th and Jason received a gold medal for his efforts in the 15km event which was raced on flat water.



Moving closer to home, Jason competed in the New Zealand Championships which were held in Waitara on September 26th and 27th of this year. Despite not having been in the best of health leading up to the event, Jason achieved a very creditable fifth placing, in his age- group race - well done!

At the time of writing, Jason has still a number of races mapped out into the new year and we wish him all the best in these events.

## Mountain Biking

We are fortunate to have a small but hard core group of mountain - bikers at the college. Together they have produced some outstanding results in the many local events held throughout the year.

We were very well represented at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Mountain Bike Championships which were held over the weekend of the 18th and 19th of April.

Mike Reader, Nicholas Shepherd and Matt King all competed in both the cross country and the downhill with Mike and Nick achieving top twenty placings in the downhill and Matt just missing out on a top twenty placing in the cross country, with his twenty - first placing.

Bradley Kemp and Jared Coster also competed strongly in the Senior section of these two events and Tom Mace distinguished himself in both the cross country, with a fourth placing and the uphill with a silver medal. Gaining a twenty - sixth placing in the downhill was enough to

give Tom fifth placing overall in the Senior Championship - an outstanding result.

Again they were mixing it with the mud at the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Mountain Biking Championships which were held at Lake Mangamahoe forest. This was a teams relay event where a team of three took alternate laps over six laps of about 1 1/4 hours riding.

Our A team of Nick Shepherd, Matt King and Mike Reader, took out first place and was not far short of making a quinella when the B team of Scott Logan, Heath Kemp and Glenn Johnson finished third.

Next came the National Secondary Schools' Mountain Bike Challenge Relay which is run by Rotorua Lakes High School at the end of term three. This event involved teams of four, again racing in relay style, through the Rotorua forests for a gruelling three hours. Both teams competed in the under 16's race.

Our A team was joined by Matthew Sarten and came in at thirteenth place with the B team having the addition of Thomas Betteridge to achieve twenty - sixth place. This was a good result in an event that attracted 50 competitors from all over the North island. Considering the B team consisted of Year 8 boys racing in the under 16 division, they should be very pleased with their efforts.

A tremendous vote of thanks must go to Mr Brian Reader for his time and effort in transporting those boys and their considerable amount of equipment to the above venues in Levin and Rotorua. The boys certainly valued the experience and it would not have been possible without his help.





## In-Line Hockey

This is a new sport for FDMC pupils with a schools league introduced in 1997 and FDMC entering a combined Yr 7 and 8 team. This year saw teams from years 7,8 and 9 competing. All teams participated well in the competition and finished in the top five. Zach Beardman (Yr 7) competed in the New Zealand nationals and Sam Beardman (Yr 9) was selected for the Inter - Provincial Under 14 team. FDMC's in-line hockey future is looking bright.



TEAMS:  
YEAR 7 AVALANCHE  
Zach Beardman  
Phillip Donaldson  
Michael Drew  
Brad Hunter  
Jacob Manning  
Christopher Reidy  
James Slaats  
Robert Dobson



YEAR 8 DEMOLITION  
Matthew Smith  
Rhys Ottley  
Alex McCleary  
Jared Coombes  
Felix Hartmann  
Cameron Scott  
Reuben Callingham  
Adam Mazengarb  
Jonathan Voss



YEAR 9 ICEMEN  
Martin Barrett  
Sam Beardman  
Kieran Callaghan  
Phillip Drew  
Chris Duke  
Jonathan Holloway  
Heath Kemp  
Nicholas Baker



