



From the President

Here we are at the end of the year and hasn't it been a big one from the Association's viewpoint.

Let's start with the Jubilee, and what a wonderful weekend it was. A big thanks to those of you who attended the celebrations. Friday night was well supported with people even hoping to get in at the last minute but having to be turned away which was very sad from my point of view and although I didn't agree with the decision to do so I suppose there had to be a cut-off at some stage. Saturday night was again most enjoyable.

It has been discussed many times that the celebrations may have been better supported had the price been lower but in my opinion the whole weekend was great value for money, in particular the Saturday night dinner where the cost included all wine, food and entertainment.

Further to the Jubilee some of you may have seen the correspondence in the Advocate recently about the shortfall of the Jubilee. This must have just confirmed to you all that the Jubilee was never going to be a money making venture as some had suggested although it was hoped to break even. If it ran at a loss the plan always was that schools were responsible for covering the shortfall 50/50 and there was never any onus on the Old Boys' Association to assist. As it turns out, through the generosity of some Old Boys and some sponsorship the School did not have to dig into precious reserves to cover their share. And it is never too late so if individuals albeit members would like to make a donation to the School we would fully support that, that right belongs to the individual. Whether it be for the Jubilee or to assist with any of the development programmes the School has planned that is over to you.

On a happier note the publication put together by past teacher Mr Don Gwilliam and our own Greg Weaver is just great. It is a pictorial review of the School over the last 125 years with photos taken from the School Archives and also from the Advocate. There are some wonderful personal photographs, notes and stories included and I daresay something of interest for anybody ever associated with the School. The Old Boys' Association has invested hugely in the production of this book and I would urge you to contact Greg to purchase your copy.

Riding on the back of the Jubilee if you had thought about joining the Association now is the time to do something about it. We are fully aware of the goodwill that exists towards the School from its Old Boys but only through us maintaining a financial membership can we continue to operate in the current mode. It would be a shame to see all the hard work and

endeavours by a number of our Old Boys over the past 2-3 years amount to nothing.

We have been reasonably active this year in support of the School and have made donations along the lines of aerial photographs, books and student financial assistance. Of course we would like to keep this up as much as possible. But it isn't all about the School is it.

I know that, like me, many of you have enjoyed receiving the updates of what is happening at the School through email and newsletters and if we are to continue to do this as well as provide opportunities for Old Boy gatherings we need your support through membership. So please give it some serious thought.

There are other ways we can support the School and the Association through working bees and the like, so please make yourself available when Greg puts out the SOS email looking for help with some small project. The most recent one was sorting through and destroying old school records, which was a very interesting exercise, and my thanks to those of you who came along to lend a hand.

The Association is also looking at financially supporting Greg's position, although we are in the early days of this but we feel that the work Greg does for us is invaluable and we should take a more active roll in supporting him rather than rely entirely on the School to do so. Further discussion needs to take place with the School and we will inform you more as things change.

And on that note, now would be the perfect time for me to thank Greg for his outstanding work not only with the Jubilee but the extra hours and effort that he puts in for the Association. It is noticed and a huge thank you from all of us.

Apart from that if you ever need to know anything about the Old Boys' Association, or have something along those lines you would like to discuss, please feel free to email me on kevin.salmon@xtra.co.nz and I look forward to being able to help.

For now I trust that you had a very happy and safe Xmas and look forward to a very prosperous 2007 during which I hope to catch up with many of you.

Kind regards
Kevin Salmon
President WBHS OBA



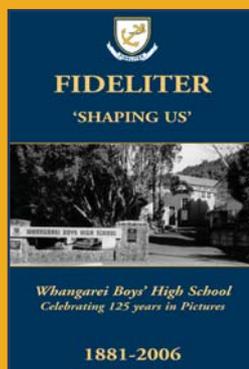
Retirement – Alan McGunnigle



Many of you will remember Alan McGunnigle who retired at the end of 2006 after 27 years at the School. Alan started here in 1979 and has been a stalwart in the science department ever since. The School will miss the enthusiasm he has brought to the role. When Alan leaves he takes with him the dubious honour of being the last Carruth housemaster to use the cane to discipline boarders. It makes you

wonder who the last one was. The Old Boys' Association would like to wish Alan a long and happy retirement.

Fideliter – Shaping Us



The Old Boys' Association, in conjunction with Don Gwilliam, produced an excellent publication entitled 'Fideliter, Shaping Us' for the Jubilee this year. This is a pictorial review of the School with photos from the last 125 years and these are offered for sale at \$25.00 per copy (plus p&p if ordering by mail). You can order one of these books by completing and returning the order form enclosed with this newsletter.

HEADMASTER'S COMMENTS

Well, the end of the Jubilee Year has arrived and what an outstanding year it has been! The Jubilee was the success we hoped it would be and even though it ran at a financial loss, I must thank sincerely the group of very supportive Old Boys and friends of the School who assisted us in meeting that loss so the School did not have to dig into its much needed reserves. The year also culminated in a visit from the Education Review Office, which occurred the week prior to the Jubilee and, once again, the overall thrust of the review was extremely positive although (of course) there were several recommendations that will allow us to further improve the programmes we run here and assist our young men – particularly those who are at risk.

The School is finishing the year in good heart and at our Senior Prize-giving the boys were an absolute delight – with the whole programme running very smoothly and having a distinctive and professional feel about it. The Dux of the School for 2006 is Andrew Donald who was 1st in Year 13 Chemistry, Physics and Latin, had a 2nd place in Statistics and Modelling and a 3rd place in Mathematics with Calculus. Andrew is an outstanding academic student and will certainly enjoy life at Victoria University where he plans to study Mathematics and Linguistics. The senior boys' choir stole the show at the prize-giving with their rendition of Unchained Melody by the Righteous Brothers. With all the Whanau Leaders and key players of the 1st XV and other senior sports teams in the choir the role modelling and positive image that this wonderful group gave to the other boys and to the public was simply superb. We look forward very much to the choir growing next year



Andrew Donald

when all Prefects will be, as of right, included in it. At the Senior Prizegiving the Headboy for 2007 was announced and he is Joshua Chamberlain. Joshua will be ably supported by Tyler Rudolph, Deputy Head Boy and Carruth Whanau Captain. The other Whanau Captains are: Royd Hodgson - Bledisloe, Ben Keyte- Grey, James van Rooyen – Hobson, Zane Adams-Morris – Marsden and the Head Boarder is Shaun Kennedy. To cap off the senior leadership the new Board of Trustees Student representative is Patrick Rusk.

The 2006 year, apart from the Jubilee, had a number of other highlights, especially in the area of property with the completion of the two new Art rooms with dedicated digital dark room, a third of a new gymnasium added to the centennial

gymnasium and the piece de resistance - the School's new long overdue Whare – Te Aka Matua was opened early term 4. The building programme, as a result of roll growth, is all but completed but the final stage of the Technology Block along with a new Student Services Centre will be completed within the next 5 years. The key building programme now is for the completion of the Joe Morgan Memorial Boarders' Lounge, and fundraising is continuing in earnest with that project.

When I was absent on sabbatical in term 3 (visiting 26 schools throughout the country observing best practice) Acting Headmaster Geoff Seletto presided over a superbly organised Commemoration for our very own VC winner Lloyd Trigg. The work that Greg Weaver and his team did in order to make this function a reality was huge and Greg is certainly worthy of considerable acknowledgement for this outstanding afternoon.

Looking forward to 2007, the school roll will be similar to this year (mid 1100's) and the hostel will once again be full. For the first time in 27 years the school will start life without the services of long serving Science teacher Alan McGunnigle and we wish him and his wife Beryl a wonderful and well deserved retirement. Head of Science Rod Watson is also on leave for the 2007 year and we look forward to welcoming him back in 2008 fully refreshed and rearing to go! While there is no Jubilee we are certainly hopeful that Greg Weaver, Old Boys' President Kevin Salmon and the Old Boys' Committee are certainly focussing on continued contact in an informal and relaxed setting e.g. at rugby fixtures and at least one other occasion in 2007 – I look forward very much to this occurring.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a most enjoyable festive season and if you are fortunate enough to have holidays – a very enjoyable Christmas break! I also look forward very much to continuing to keep in contact with you in 2007 and beyond and trust that all Old Boys, should they pass through Whangarei and wish to pop in, will indeed do so. Thank you for your ongoing support. Warm Regards.

A F Kirk
HEADMASTER

Lloyd Trigg VC. DFC.

On 23rd August the Old Boys' Association and The School held a commemoration to Old Boy Lloyd Trigg VC. DFC. The function was attended by a number of Old Boys, members of the Trigg family (including Lloyd's son John and also Lloyd's sister Olwyn), members of the RSA and also current School staff and pupils. Head Boy Paul Waggott and Whanau Captain Tyson Sturme presented stirring speeches on the life of Lloyd Trigg and also of the involvement of the School in past conflicts.

Lloyd was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross during WWII after engaging and sinking a German U-Boat, but only upon testimony from the U-Boat Captain was the VC awarded. As the Capt said *'when in the morning of August 11 Trigg's Liberator attacked our surfaced U-Boat, we opened deadly fire from our two 2 cm machine guns and already the first salvo at a distance of 2000 m, set the plane on fire. Despite this, Trigg continued his attack. He did not give up as we thought and hoped. His plane sank or flew deeper and deeper. We could see our deadly firing piercing through his hull. And when Trigg was almost over us we saw his "ash cans" coming down on us and when the plane exploded hitting the sea, the "ash cans" exploded and damaged the boat to death. And I said to the interrogating officers that such a gallant fighter as Trigg would have been decorated in Germany with the highest medal or order.'*

The function at the School was marked by the unveiling of a memorial plaque, kindly prepared and donated by Old Boy Grant Crowley. This is now hanging in the foyer of the School.



Grant Crowley and John Trigg

Crossing The Stream



Here is a photo that appeared in the Report back in September 1986 of two guys crossing the weir over the Waiarohia Stream. It would be great to know who these intrepid lads are so if anyone has any idea can they please get in touch with Greg Weaver.

1981 Centennial Run

Last year celebrated 25 years since one of the most significant events in the School's history. In 1981 the School, through the inventiveness and enthusiasm of Wally Wallace in particular, organised and ran a relay from Whangarei to Wellington to mark the School's centenary year. The run was significant as it repeated the journey made by our Founding Father back in 1878 but it also had an underlying objective of raising some funds towards the cost of the new gymnasium.

This was an achievement that surely will not be repeated and is one that must take pride of place in the School's history. Not only was it a project of some magnitude purely when you consider that it involved teenagers running virtually the length of the North Island, but even more so from an organisational viewpoint which in today's legislative environment would probably be too monumental to even get past the suggestion stage. That it actually did just proves again the tenacity and ingenuity that has helped to shape boys at Whangarei Boys' High School over the years.

Members of the relay team lead the whole school out of the school grounds. All the boys ran through the town to Otaika and the relay team continued to Waipu. Over the following days 14 runners ran to Wellington with overnight stops at Papakura, Otorohanga, Raurimu, Ohingaiti and Levin. There was a reception at Parliament.



1981 Centennial Run - The runners who were received on the steps of Parliament.

Front Row: Grant McCullough, Alistair Ackers, Duncan O'Neill.

2nd Row: Peter Cook, Warwick Thirkell, Darin Robinson, Craig Bell.

3rd Row: Dave Scratton, Todd Hamilton, Ian Webb, Brent Eastwood, Cliff Brunker.

4th Row: Sean Brickland, Graham Child, Craig Waalkens, Bill Costley.

WBHS FOUNDATION HEADMASTER

Whangarei Boys' High School had a visit from Mr John Munro of Scotland on 10th March this year. What was so special about Mr Munro was that he is the great, great grandson of Foundation Headmaster, Mr Oliphant Smeaton, who was Headmaster from 1881



– 1883. Mr Munro provided us with the following article on his great great grandfather : Ever since I was a young lad, growing up in Edinburgh, I heard about New Zealand, and particularly about Whangarei, where my grandmother was born in 1882. For me, Whangarei was only a name on the map until this month, when a visit to the school has given me a connection with the real place.

My great grandfather, Mr Oliphant Smeaton, was the youngest son of Rev Professor George Smeaton, the Principal of New College in Edinburgh, the divinity school for the United Free Church of Scotland. I think Oliphant had decided as a young man that he did not want to follow his father's footsteps into the ministry, and so 'escaped' to New Zealand in 1878, at the age of 22. In 1881, as your school history tells, he was invited to be the first Headmaster of the newly formed Whangarei High School ('Mr' Smeaton rather than 'Rev Professor', a possible confusion with his father's title). The school history tells the story of Oliphant Smeaton's short stay as Headmaster. While in Whangarei, Oliphant met and married his cousin, Wihelmina Clark, whose family had emigrated from Ireland. His only daughter, Aileen, was born in Whangarei in 1882. Oliphant Smeaton's subsequent career took him to Melbourne as a journalist and then in 1893 he returned to Scotland to teach English literature and to pursue a career as an author. His daughter Aileen married a minister, Rev John Davidson, in Scotland. Their daughter also worked for the Church, and I have followed in their footsteps as a minister of the Church of Scotland. Visiting Whangarei has fulfilled a life-long ambition. As I jokingly said to Mr Kirk, another ambition might have been to play for the All Blacks, as I qualify with a New Zealand Grandmother, but Mr Kirk pointed out that there are several hundred thousand New Zealanders ahead of me in the queue – and I am thirty years too old!

Rev Dr John Munro
Minister of Kinross Parish Church
Perthshire, Scotland

Times Haven't Changed

When the English teacher in Room L11 asked for her students' impressions of hell she was asking for it. Below is a response she got from one ingenious and artistic young man.



125th Jubilee

What a weekend it was and going by the amount of post-jubilee communication that occurred we would have to say that all those who attended had a fantastic couple of days. We are sure you will see that from some of the photos displayed in this newsletter. Certainly opportunities such as these to catch up with 'old' school mates and renew 'acquaintances' are not to be missed but alas in this day and age are becoming less and less popular. Here's hoping that we can still draw a crowd for the next one and maybe get a bit more support from the 'local' Old Boys and Girls which was one disappointing facet from this year's event. All we will say to those people who did not make the effort to come along to the Jubilee you missed out on a great weekend.

Certainly there are lessons to be learnt that we need to carry forward to the next one but that is for the future. For now we can take a few moments to look back on a weekend that without the involvement of an event management company (in our case Conference Innovators) would probably not have occurred.

The weekend began with a powhiri at each of the Schools on Friday morning. From that moment on it was pretty much full on for the next couple of days. Not only were there the scheduled events that formed part of the Jubilee celebration but of course there were a number of spontaneous or informal occasions taking place around the town in some of the hospitality establishments. From a formal viewpoint the weekend's schedule went something like this:



Friday - Registration day. It started with a Powhiri at each School as already mentioned and then was followed by an open day at the School that included guided tours around the School grounds and buildings. At lunchtime there was a concert in the assembly hall where some of the current School's talent performed, including Louis Tangiia (piano), Hiroo Fukuoka (violin) and the Fideliter Band. While all this was going on there was a Jubilee golf tournament being held at the Whangarei Golf Club's course at Mt Denby. This proved very popular with over 100 entries.

That evening saw the first of the social functions with the Mix n Mingle at the Kensington Stadium. Some 1450+ people attended this, to renew old friendships and catch up with those they may not have seen for many years. From all reports this went on well into the wee small hours.



Saturday - Official Opening. Saturday morning began with a ceremonial march from Girls' High along Manse Street and down Kent Road, accompanied by the Whangarei Pipe Band, into the quadrangle at Boys' High where the official opening was held. The ceremony was attended by a number of dignitaries including the Minister of Education, the Mayor of Whangarei, local MPs and past Principals of both Schools. Attendees were officially welcomed by the Headmaster of the Boys' School Al Kirk and the co-Principal of the Girls' School Lyn Sneddon, and then welcomed back to Whangarei by the Mayor Pamela Peters. Finally it was left to the Minister of Education Steve Maharey to formally open the celebrations and the Jubilee cake was then cut by our oldest Old Boy Doug Morrison accompanied by Old Girl Joyce Wilson and Head Prefects from both Schools.



Attendees then adjourned to the Girls' School for decade photos while also partaking of some of the refreshments that were available. That afternoon was basically free time as some of the Jubilee sports games planned did not eventuate although both the hockey games were played and the shooting competition also took place. While some took the time to support these games others remained around the School to view memorabilia items on display and to chat with past comrades.

As mentioned there were probably a number of unofficial get-togethers happening over the weekend and one of these was at the Hockey Stadium where over one hundred past and present teachers gathered to again renew their associations with former colleagues.



On Saturday evening the main social function occurred with the holding of the formal dinner and cabaret. Some 750 guests enjoyed a three course meal, accompanied by suitable beverages and were entertained by the Basin City Big Band. Many danced the night and most of the next morning away. A highlight of the evening was the return of a piece of School memorabilia that had been removed from the Deputy Headmasters office over 35 years previous. Old Boy Ross Murphy very kindly returned the cane, with suitable apologies, to the current DP Geoff Seletto.



Sunday – Church Service. This was held at Christ Church in the Regent and the church was filled to capacity. While obviously a number were unable to make it after the previous evenings celebrations, those that did were on hand to hear the Rev George Bryant give a very stirring sermon, to hear both Schools Head Prefects deliver the readings and then the combined choir lead the congregation in that old school hymn, ‘Lord Dismiss Us’.

The conclusion of the service also signalled the conclusion of the Jubilee. Those that attended would say it was a successful weekend and we can now look forward to the next one, whenever that might be.



DVD

In their wisdom the Jubilee Organising Committee arranged for Whangarei company Moving Memories to film the entire Jubilee and then convert this to DVD. The following is a review of the DVD by WBHS Old Boy and ex-Carruthian Davd Templeton who writes:

It was great to experience again the wonderful Jubilee Weekend by viewing the excellent DVD produced by the Jubilee committee. From the stirring Powhiri at Whangarei Boys’ High School to the moving church service on Sunday and everything in between the video has captured the moment. There were a number of activities that I was unable to attend over the weekend, so it is great to have a complete permanent record of this wonderful occasion. They have captured some wonderful moments of reminisces by past pupils of the schools, and some wonderful insights from the current student body. I would recommend this DVD to those who attended the jubilee and for those who unfortunately were unable to experience the Jubilee.

If you would like to order a copy of this excellent DVD, with 65 minutes of highlights from the Jubilee, you can do so by completing the enclosed order form and returning it to us. DVDs cost \$20.00 plus p&p.

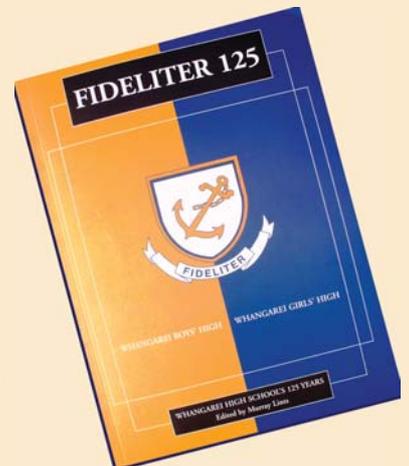


Fideliter 125

The official Jubilee book ‘Fideliter 125’ is still available although stocks are running low. This book, which is a history of the School, was compiled by former Headmaster Murray Lints specifically for the 125th Jubilee. The book is probably best described by Murray in his foreword where he writes: ‘The first part of the book draws heavily on the work done by the late Bruce Collier who was responsible for the centenary publication, “Fideliter” (Calder Print, Whangarei, 1981). Bruce poured heart and soul into writing that history and I am grateful for the permission granted by Mrs Sydney Collier to freely use his material as the basis for this book. I apologise if, in adapting his work, I have made any errors.

The second part of the book covers the last twenty-five years and is based mainly on the contributions of successive school principals leavened by reminiscences from some head prefects and by pen portraits of numerous long-serving staff members. That section alone will conjure up many vivid memories - largely pleasant, I trust - for past pupils. The final chapter provides a brief report of the jubilee along with decade group photographs.’

This book sells for \$40.00 (plus p&p) and can be ordered using the enclosed form.



Carruth Masters Study

Many of you will remember the old masters study in Carruth which in recent years has become a flat for one of the Hostel Directors. It has been in dire need of some work and these pictures are testament to how much difference a coat of paint and a new roof make.



Before



After

School Sports Results for 2006

1st X1 Hockey

The boys had a great season this year finishing second in the reserve men's grade, where they played against some determined and intimidating men, but they held their heads high and concentrated on what they needed to do. The boys took the same attitude and leadership with them to the India Shield tournament, which is the second tier secondary school tournament in NZ, where they came second and in doing so qualified the team for Rankin Cup next year. The Rankin Cup is the top secondary schools tournament in NZ.

Athletics Results Summary

Champions:

Senior: 1st Troy Woodman (Marsden) 2nd Bruno Watkins (Carruth) 3rd Logan Millar (Grey)

Intermediate: 1st Symon Whittaker (Bledisloe) 2nd Royd Hodgson (Bledisloe) 3rd Ryan Smith (Bledisloe)

Junior: 1st equal Marcus Hansen (Marsden) and Shane Eady (Marsden) 3rd Trent Keogh (Grey)

The Whanau competition was won by Carruth, closely followed by Bledisloe then Marsden, Grey and Hobson

Badminton

Whangarei Boys' High School players totally dominated the Northland Secondary School Championships where 11 out of the 14 individual players entered were from WBHS. Simon Knight won this event with Brendon Johnson 2nd and Tommy Le Quan 3rd.

Rugby

The biggest achievement this year was of course the 1st XV who won the Northland Under 18 title before losing to Westlake in the first regional game which placed the team in the Top 16 teams in the country. All Whangarei Boys' High School teams performed extremely well in their respective competitions with every team finishing at least in the top four of their respective grades.

Shooting

Certainly the most successful team of individuals in the School during 2006 and was justifiably awarded the prize for the Team of the Year with Daniel Erceg being named Shooter of the Year as well as the Northland Shooter of the year at the ASB awards for 2006. The accomplishments of this team of boys have been well documented in previous correspondence to Old Boys but in case you have not seen this the results

achieved are briefly as follows:

Northland Fish and Game Competition, the Number 1 Team 1st, Number 2 Team 2nd

The number two team won the McConnell Trophy at the Whangarei Round, beating the number 1 team in the process. This trophy was last won by Whangarei Boys' High in 1992.

In July, our number 1 team won the Hamilton Boys' High School Point Score Competition and the next day won the North Island Point Score teams competition.

In September for the South Island and New Zealand Secondary School Competitions, Daniel Erceg won gold for the HOA New Zealand Skeet Championship and also made the North Island three man skeet team. Brent Martin won Bronze in the South Island Skeet. Nick Gavin and Brent Martin won the two man Skeet team competition. Nick Gavin came 1st in the Boys' Point Score after a shoot off. He was also in the five man North Island DTL Team. Daniel was 7th in the New Zealand Single Rise Trophy after a shoot off. Nick was also 3rd in the Kilwell Individual Postal Shoot.

Swimming

Championship winners this year were:

Senior: 1st Joseph Erceg 2nd Gene Wheaton 3rd Braeden Hawke

Intermediate: 1st Aaron Millar 2nd Aiden Rudolph 3rd Simon Parker & Dylan French

Junior: 1st Logan Rudolph 2nd William Hape 3rd Scott Batchelor

The winning Whanau was Grey with Carruth 2nd.

Cross Country

2006 Champions are:

Junior: 1st Jack Thomas 2nd Ben Hyde 3rd Robert Mason

Intermediate: 1st Ryan Smith 2nd Aaron Millar 3rd Damien Clark

Senior: 1st Karl Morrison 2nd Logan Millar 3rd Harry Darkins

OVERALL HOUSE COMPETITION

The Champion House (or Whanau as it is now called) for 2006 is CARRUTH. Bledisloe was second by just 3 points and then followed Grey 3rd, Hobson 4th and Marsden 5th.

Well done to Carruth which no doubt pleases all you Carruthians out there.

New Printing Press



The Art Department would also like to acknowledge and extend their thanks for the anonymous donation from an Old Boy living in Europe that enabled them to purchase a new printing press.

Fundraising Notice

With this newsletter you will find a couple of enclosures, one being a message concerning fundraising at the School. Now I know that everyone has their own opinions as to how this has been approached in the past and for many fundraising for the School is not dear to their hearts. I hope though that you can put all that behind you and take the time to read the message.

Unfortunately it is a fact of life in the current education environment that the School has to raise funds from other sources for it to achieve the best for its students and to continue to evolve and develop as technology and other forces also progress. As an Old Boy of the WBHS it is hoped that you might consider helping out your old School.

Many thanks
Kevin Salmon

Aerial Photos

You may be aware that the Old Boys' Association donated a series of aerial photos of WBHS to the School this year. The years covered were 1942, 1946, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1983, 1996 and 2004 and these are now hanging in the main foyer of the School. So we urge you to take time to have a look at them next time you are at the School. We also have permission to re-produce these and on-sell them to anyone interested (as long as we provide a copyright fee for each one sold). They are A3 size and can be laminated. All are black and white except 1996 and 2004. If you would like one of these, again they can be ordered using the enclosed form. Please indicate which year you would like and whether laminated or not. Cost for these is \$15.00 plain or \$20.00 laminated (plus p&p).

Shakespearean Performers

In the Sheila Winn Shakespearean Festival Paul Wag-gott, Joel Stanners and Aaron Kearney represented the School at the finals in Wellington, after winning the regional competition, in the '5 minute student directed section'. These were held over Queens Birthday weekend and ran for 4 days. Paul & Joel performed a scene from 'Othello' with Paul going on to win 'Best Actor in a Supporting Role', and the group won 'Best Understanding of Shakespeare'. From the New Zealand Festival, two students are chosen to represent New Zealand at the Australian Shakespearean Festival. These students are generally from different schools but this year Paul and Joel were both selected to represent New Zealand. A huge achievement for both the boys, Adam Thornton (TiC Drama) and the School. Here is a brief account of their trip from Paul Waggott, Head Boy 2006.

'Joel Stanners and I travelled to Australia to participate in the "Shakespeare Globe Centre Australia National Youth Production" of Shakespeare's first play "Titus Andronicus"

- a revenge tragedy centered around the return to Rome of a victorious General and his Goth prisoners. Joel and I spent twelve days in Sydney's infamous King's Cross with about 35 other performers from all over Australia - high school students who had all been selected from their State Festivals as some of the best young talent in Australia. The event began on Thursday 21 September and the cast auditioned for roles the following night, receiving their parts just before noon on Sunday 24th September and performing three public shows starting just six days later at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre on the world famous Bondi Beach — two on Saturday 30th September and one on Sunday 1st October. I was selected to play the part of Marcus Andronicus, Titus' brother and one of the few survivors while Joel played the part of Martius Andronicus, one of Titus' sons, who is executed by the Emperor during Act II. The days building up to the performances were intense, beginning at 0700, starting work at 0900, consistently working for twelve hours until 2100 and finally arriving back at the hotel at around 2200. We worked with industry professionals (voice coaches, movement trainers, choreographers, fight directors etc) and alongside some of Australia's best high-school actors and dancers, put on an outstanding production. Joel and I have both been invited back to participate in "Shakespeare -. Unleashed!" which takes place towards the end of January next year. The event has been a tremendous success and we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported us along the way, particularly the Old Boys' Association and those Old Boys who helped us financially. Without this support we would not have been able to take advantage of such an opportunity.'



Joel Stammers, Adam Thornton and Paul Waggott

Paul Waggott
Head Boy 2006

Notices

Old Boys' Association Committee

If there are any Old Boys who would like to assist with the running of the Association through being a Committee Member please can you contact Greg Weaver at the School. Meetings will be held every two months and your commitment time wise will only be extended if there are particular projects being considered. It would be great to get a few more willing members to assist.

Working Bee

This is mainly to all you ex-Carruthians but certainly even if you were a day boy you will not be turned away. The interior of Dorms 1 and 2 in Carruth House are in desperate need of painting and decoration but to do this we need the help of Old Boys, friends, parents, students. The plan is to hold a 'painting' bee beginning Thursday 25th January 2006 through to Saturday January 27th and any assistance that any Old Boy can give would be very much appreciated, even if it is just a couple of hours here and there.

Now when we say help we are talking physical as well as material. While the aim is to get as many helping hands doing the work as we can, if you are unable to make it along that weekend but could still help out with paint supplies, paint brushes etc, or even a small cash injection to help with costs, that also would be gratefully accepted. While there is a small budget set aside to do this work, if there is anyway that we can offset this with either gifts or good deals it all goes towards helping the School.

So please get in touch with Carruth Director Trish Holloway by phone on 09 4304175 or 021 531051. For your help we have assurance that all workers will be well fed and refreshed for their efforts.

Old Boys Golf day and Charity Dinner

It is planned to hold an Old Boys golf day one Friday in April and this will be followed that evening by the inaugural WBHS charity dinner. Come to either or come to both but please come so try and keep your Fridays free and when we have settled on a firm date we will let you know.

We had initially thought of holding this back in November 2006 but time constraints made this impossible. The dinner will be aimed towards raising some funds towards one of the School projects, including a proposed auction. And along those lines please keep your eye and ear out for items that we can procure for the auction (eg sports memorabilia, celebrity items, art etc). Also those who wish to lend a helping hand organising it please give Greg Weaver a call.

Whangarei Intermediate School 50th Jubilee

The Whangarei Intermediate School on Rust Ave is celebrating its 50th Jubilee from 12-14 October next year. If you are a former pupil of this school could you please contact organising committee member Phil Cullen by email at phil.cullen@wghs.school.nz, by phone 09 438 6612 (hm) or 027 497 4370 (mob) or simply write to him at Whangarei Girls' High School, P O Box 5056, Whangarei.

Fideliter 125 (seconds)

Those of you who ordered the Jubilee book will know of the dramas that occurred in its production. Well one of those dramas resulted in us having a stock of books that had been incorrectly trimmed by the binders and so had to be re-printed before it could be sent out. There is no detraction at all from content but you will notice there are no apostrophes in the School names on the front cover and I can tell you some changes were made to the Jubilee photos in the back. Apart from that the book is pretty much the same as the formal copy and is offered for sale at \$15.00 per copy.

Or you can take both this book and also the Fideliter Shaping Us book for a total of \$35.00 (plus p&p). Again orders can be made on the enclosed form.

Email Addresses: If we do not have your email address could you please send an email to g.weaver@wbhs.school.nz

New Buildings

The newest additions to the School's array of buildings.



The extension to the gym nearing completion.



Te Aka Matua - The school's new Whare.



The new Art Block.

Where are they now...

Clark Lee (WBHS 1989-93)

After leaving Boys High I finished a BCOM at Auckland University and then began a career in sales. I worked in a couple of different roles and then headed to Korea to teach English to Korean children to begin my OE. After spending 14 months in Korea and travelling around Asia I returned to New Zealand and once again got into sales. I am currently living in Kingsland and have just got a new job as Territory Manager for a company called RTL that manufactures and sells road signs and motorway signs etc. I am still playing soccer currently for Western Springs and get out on the golf course whenever I can. Socialising with friends and family is still a huge part of my life and the one thing I regret is that I hardly get up to Whangarei these days.



Des Adams (WBHS 1961-65)

The main thrust of my energies have revolved around my pharmacy business which we have worked hard to build to be one of the top in the country. My goal is to strive for excellence and I make no apologies for trying to be the best. One day we may get there. I enjoy the innovative market driven approach to a profession that has been traditionally legislation driven. I have tried to give back to my profession by taking on pharmacy interns each year, numerous speaking engagements, my work with the College of Pharmacists, and advisory work with the Ministry of Health.

When I took up my managers position at Albany Pharmacy I managed one part-time shop assistant. Orewa & Albany Pharmacies now have a staff of 46 & 19 respectively with Orewa being one of the top 10 pharmacies in the country for size & revenue. I also have a franchise chain of 7 pharmacies. I also enjoy helping other people to succeed in their endeavours and to have a happy and harmonious environment in which to work and relax. My staff and business partners are treated as extended family and this has been the main reason for my success.

My main interests away from work are diving, sailing, fishing, tennis, golf, working out at the gym, swimming and traveling. I share the enjoyment of most of these activities with my wife. Over the years I have navigated many yachts and a power boat between the Pacific Islands and New Zealand as well as navigating in the off shore races on the New Zealand Coast.



Noel Parkin (WBHS 1971-75)

My story is fairly simple - played hockey right through my working career - fairer to say that I have fitted work around hockey. It has been a balance between my interests in music, audio and electronics, academic work and sporting things. I have a daughter, Greer who turns 21 in December who she is independent with her own modelling career. I have settled back here in the north again with some 10 acres of bush at Patua North to keep me occupied in summer and looking to build on it in the next couple of years.

Workwise, I have mainly been producing and selling electronics and software, the last five years was with a small specialist company called Mandeno Electronic Equipment Ltd. They import and resell components such as switches, sensors, measuring equipment and bigger items for CAD such as printers, scanners, signwriting cutters and all the software. I have also been writing a book to keep my brain active.

I used to play snooker with Nick Rowe in Auckland and he has a good recall of the teachers like Harnett, Sticky Blow etc - when you think about it they were a weird lot. I remember Wally Wallace and Maudsley and mainly the study work - which continues today.

Other memories of WBHS include:

Basketball or scragball in the quad.

Playing 500 in the 7th form common room.

School hockey trips with Gifford - getting caught with alcohol on the Nelson lakes tramp was not great.

Nor was the 7th form careers trip which ended our relationship with the girls school after that party at one of the Uni hostels.

Most of the stuff I remember you can't print.



Old Boys in the News...

Congratulations to Adam Blair (WBHS 2000-2002) for his selection and performances for the Kiwis in the recently completed rugby league Tri-Series with Australia and Great Britain. You are a great ambassador for your old School.

The Old Boys' Association would also like to acknowledge the performances of Caine Lobb (WBHS 2002-2006) in the motor racing scene in New Zealand. Caine is currently competing in the National Formula First Championship where he sits in 4th place with 5 rounds remaining. Keep it up Caine.

