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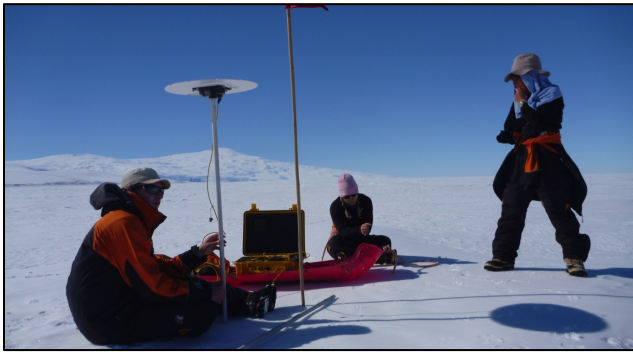
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Mount Erebus through the tent



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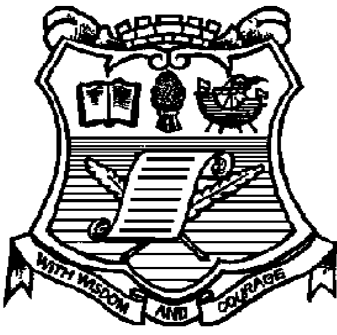
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Representative for the Board of Trustees – TBA

Old Students Association Developments

2012 has proven to be a difficult year for the Association, the death of Bill Sewell has meant the annual accounts have not been completed and with this the Annual Meeting has been delayed. The accounts have now been submitted to past student Brian Crump (of Amy, Kerr & Associates) to be finalised in preparation for the annual meeting.

Sue Southey, currently our secretary, has a new role at work and is finding time to do the O.S.A duties a struggle. It is hoped that when we do finally have an annual meeting that she will be able to find a replacement, so please consider joining the team.

Data Administrator - Angela Snowsill

In 2008 the school employed, on a part time basis, an administrator specifically to deal with Old Students issues and the development of an electronic database of past students.

This database is forming the nucleus of the archive services and we are now after many years nearing the end of entering all the past students from the original enrolment cards. Our aim will be to have this completed by the end of this year. These entries are then updated and verified as individuals respond and fill in the registration forms either on line or by mail.

Angela also assists with the typing of larger articles for the *College Catch Up* magazine and assists with the posting and emailing duties, along with limited research of past students.

Angela will be leaving us at the end of this school year to move up north and her position at this stage will not be filled.

General Comments

During my tenure as the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Wairarapa College I was passionate about the reinvigoration of the Old Students Association. Throughout the past 5 or so years there have been huge strides made in this area, not least the development and publication of the *College Catch Up* Magazine and the establishment of the current database. We need past students to stand up and come forward to assist.

Your help can be in the form of becoming a committee member, offering to assist with some clerical duties, help get sponsors to support the publications, or even make a donation towards the next edition especially if you have skills in Graphic Design. Publishing or Database management if you are willing to assist with any of these options I would be delighted to hear from you.

After all this considerable work I would be disappointed to have this resource lie idle again and see the magazines production wound up. I enjoy immensely the contact I have with past students and I have learnt a great deal about publishing and I am happy to continue to produce a magazine on an annual basis, but I can not do it alone.

One of the most common comments I receive is "Oh yes I get the magazine and when I have finished with it I pass it on to XYZ as well" So the numbers reading this missive may well be double the number we print and post.

We have over the past 4 years reconnected many past students back to the college and assisted in the organising of reunions of class and year groups.

I welcome any comments or input you may have. Karen Barbour

Principal's Report

2012 started with a slightly higher level of enrolments than that predicted by the Ministry of Education which is positive for the school but does mean some pressures on our timetables. We had 1004 students enrolled at the college and have 124 in the Hostel at the start of the year.

The board have been focussing on some significant personnel and property issues. We recently received the resignations of Tony Browne, our Hostel Manager of 14 years and Rex Fowler, our Adult and Community Education Coordinator, also after a long tenure.

College House is a vital part of the character of Wairarapa College and we are committed to ensuring that this position is filled with a suitable calibre of person to ensure that the solid foundations laid during Tony's time are maintained and built on.

The provision of adult education (night school) is an important way for the college to connect with its community so this is also an important appointment. I would like to thank them for their long and valuable service to the school in their respective roles. I am very pleased to welcome Nigel Shields as Hostel Manager and Leah Burns as Adult & Community Education Coordinator.

The school hall has been the venue for some top-notch entertainment of late. On June 12th the U.S Marine Corp 50 piece Band put on a show commemorating the 70th anniversary of Marines in the region. Or particular note was the presentation by the US Ambassador of commemorative medals to former servicemen. The presentation to Wayne Harter, 90, ex-Marine who has lived in the region since the war was particularly special.

On June 14 the Vector Wellington Orchestra held an entertaining concert called 'Baby Pops' for the youngsters in the area. It was a great success.

Our History students have returned from a successful trip to Vietnam over April holiday break. I had the pleasure of accompanying the Prefects to the Dawn Parade on ANZAC Day. The group were fine ambassadors of the college. The speech from Hannah Minnell at the Dawn Parade was outstanding.

The sporting and cultural aspects of the college have been performing all over the country lately with the highlight being the first place gained by our Stage Challenge crew in the recent Wellington regional event.

Winter sports codes are underway and it is great to see the participation from our students in their chosen sports.

This extra-curricular activity is a vital part of making Wairarapa College a great school but must always be additional to the main role which is to provide the opportunity for all our students to gain an education that allows them to succeed in life beyond school.

I wish to thank those parents and members of the community who actively support our students in sports and cultural activities. Whatever the role is, your involvement and on-going support is appreciated.

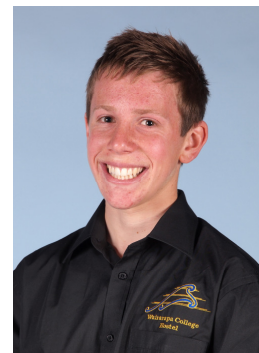
Mike Schwass, Principal

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 - 30th Jan- 5th April - Term 2 - 23rd April - 29th June - Term 3 - 16th July - 28th September - Term 4 15th October - 7th Dec

Louis Murphy- Harris Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

I am a current year 12 student at Wai Col. I come from Tora, which is a small beach community south-east of Martinborough and went to primary school out there at Tukurumuri School with a whopping 26 students from year 0-6. From there I bumped it up to Huntley School in Marton which was a great school that set me up perfectly for college and the whole boarding aspect which I was going to experience when I went to Wairarapa College House! Hostel life is great, it's just so much fun being with your mates and it is such an easy way to meet people and get involved with the school. That's also how I got into the whole Student Council thing and the Board of Trustees because older people at the hostel were into it so I thought I would give it a try and join. This year at school I'm really into my Cultural stuff like drama, music, the main production, which is Sweeny Todd, Choir, mentoring, leadership, style bands, and a bit of rugby, social basketball and cricket on the side! For the future I'm not to sure yet but am pretty keen on either media, acting or geography.



College Leaders



Head Girl 2012

Hi, my name is Cara Butcher and I'm head girl at Wairarapa College for 2012. During my time at

Waicol I have been heavily involved in all aspects of school, from netball to the annual Shakespeare Festival. Outside of school, I enjoy fashion and sewing, as well as watching movies and keeping active. My favourite school subjects are media studies, classical studies and drama. Next year I plan to study film and psychology at Victoria University. I feel honoured to have been chosen as Head Girl and I look forward to the challenges it will bring.

Head Girl College House Anna Girdwood

Star sign: Taurus

Nick name: Ann the Man!

Age: 17 **Birth Place:** Wales, Swansea

Where I live: Wellington

Favourite Hostel Food: Burgers & Wedges

Sporting Interests: Social Sports

Hobbies: Swimming, painting, hanging out with friends, snowboarding

Most admired persons: My brother - he always aims high and achieves his goals. He has heaps of fun doing it and is an awesome person to be around.

Ambitions/Goals: Achieve to the highest ability I can in school so that when I'm finished it can lead to a positive career path. Succeed in what I choose to do in future life.

Advice for other hostel students:

Get involved in hostel/school activities and make the most of the time you have here. Be positive and have heaps of fun. Succeed.



Head Boy College House Dean Wardle

Star sign: Gemini

Nick name: Dean the Bull!

Age: 17 **Birth Place:** Palmerston North

Where I live: Out of Pongi (Go the Puke)

Favourite Hostel Food: Wedges

Sporting Interests: Rugby, cricket, log running, underwater volleyball

Hobbies: Surfing, golf, motorbike riding, harvesting potatoes

Most admired persons: Izi Dagg, Cam

Waru

Ambitions/Goals: Become a rally driver/do a base jump

Advice for other hostel students: Take the front seat, don't even think, just do it!

Head Boy 2012

Hi my name is Ryan Cundy and I have had the privilege of being head boy at Wairarapa College for this year. Wairarapa College is a brilliant college that offers a wide range of activities to its students. From year 9 I have been involved in many activities in the school particularly in the arts. I have performed in the Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival (this year a national finalist with head girl, Cara Butcher), Stage Challenge and the Major Productions. I also had the honour of receiving a full scholarship to visit Japan for three weeks in 2011.



When I was in Japan I visited a senior high school and whilst there I talked to a group of people about what activities they did at school, I found out that they were only able to choose one of the activities that the school offered. This made me realise how special we are here at Wairarapa College, we can take on any number of activities and I have endeavoured to do so during all my years here.

When I'm not at school I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and listening to music. I keep busy with two part time jobs, which help me to save for my tertiary education. I am involved with the arts in the community, performing for Masterton Amateur Theatrical Society and Harlequin Theatre. My aim in the future

Colin and Melva Denby

Wai Col Colin Denby 1952—1954 Melva Denby (nee Violich) 1953—1955

The show must go on and thanks to well over half a century of tireless dedication by the likes of people such as Colin and Melva Denby the show has gone on mostly without a hitch. Colin and Melva have been unwavering stalwarts of the Masterton Amateur Dramatic Society (MATS) since the 1950s, so it is fitting that Colin has just been elected patron of the society. As past president of 26 years and an honorary life member, Colin certainly has paid his dues. The Masterton couple have a lifetime of wonderful memories from MATS and also Harlequin during the early years. As well as the smooth-running successful productions, they remember times when the curtain almost came down on a couple of performances.

A one-in-a-hundred-year rain-storm flooded the theatre on dress rehearsal night of the 1986 production of Grease effectively cancelled that most important of practice runs. "There was water pouring out of the light fittings," says Colin. Despite the washout, the show opened the following night without a hitch. On another occasion, a power short nearly cut all power during the finale of Heidi and the show had to finish with only a couple of spots and some hastily rigged orchestral pit lighting. Colin says he is very honoured to be made the society's patron at the last annual general meeting. "It made me pretty proud to have that honour bestowed on me," he says. He first performed with MATS in 1955 and has been involved in all most every aspect of production over the years. He played the dual lead role in the theatre's most successful ever production where's Charley? Directed by Paddy Turner in 1963. It attracted more than 10,000 people over the entire run.

Colin plays piano, banjo and percussion and has made musical contributions to many shows. He was often responsible for much of the behind the scenes works, such as securing the rights to a show, publicity and negotiating donations, sponsorships, subsidies and grants, building purchases and financing. Melva has been indispensable in the administration of the society as well as frequently taking to the stage as a chorus member. She has been the convener, business manager and booking officer for 34 years. She was also the business manager of the mid-year productions for 13 years. Along with Colin, Rex Stevens and Marilyn Bouzaid, Melva initiated the highly successful Theatre Restaurant shows.

Appointed honorary secretary treasurer in 1989, Melva carried out the extremely varied duties of this position for 19 years. Considered a true ambassador for MATS, Melva was honoured with life membership in 2008. She says they seem to have theatre in their genes. Both Colin and Melva's fathers were in musical theatre and their daughters Sara and Pip have been very successful in their respective theatrical careers. "One of Sara's earliest recollections is looking up from her carry cot and seeing the elderly faces of the wardrobe ladies beaming down at her," says Melva. They have made a wonderful network of friends all around New Zealand

More Success

Erin Banks 1997—2001

Erin Banks has once again received one of the country's most prestigious theatre awards. Erin Banks received her third Chapman Tripp Theatre Award at a ceremony in Wellington late Dec 2011.

Miss Banks received the Orbit Corporate Travel Award for Best Supporting Actress for her part in a play called The Engine Room. The Play, written by Ralph McCubbin Howell, looks at John Key's thoughts on the 1981 Springbok Tour – prompted by a radio interview he gave in 2008.

Miss Banks played eight characters including MP Gerry Brownlee and journalist Mark Sainsbury. "It was a lot of fun," she said and an "honour" to be recognised. "I'm really stoked, especially because I hadn't really done a lot of theatre this year. "It's really nice when people appreciate the work you loved doing."

Former teacher Marilyn Bouzaid said Miss Banks always stood out at Wairarapa College. "When I first saw her in Year 9 I knew she was going to be a star," she said.

Student Achievements

Ruby Bennett - Ruby has been accepted into the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orchestra. She was chosen from numerous applicants to play second flute which is a huge achievement as flute is a particularly difficult instrument to gain entry on. She will be joining the orchestra in Christchurch.

Brayden Mazey - was invited to attend the Aaron Baddeley International Junior Golf Championship event in Lion Lake Country Club, Qingyan, Southern China last December. Brayden was placed 2nd in the 16 year age group and tied for 9th overall. This places Brayden as number 2 ranked player in the world for his age group.

Te Aniwaniwa Hurihanganui - recently attended the trials for the Wellington Region sevens rugby. Several trials culminated in selection for the Wellington Seven exhibition game. This squad is seen as part of the development towards the Olympic Sevens in 2016.

Margaret Christensen (nee Bubbers) Wairarapa College 1942—1946

I left Wairarapa College when I was about to turn 17, from a tiny 6A class, in fact I may have been the only one in it. I sat University Bursary exam in 3 subjects, English, French and History. I had no teaching or a syllabus taught me, and had to write History notes from Bill Fairchild, and do French translations all by sitting in other 6th form classes. There was no vocational guidance given. Girls either went teaching, nursing, or did office work. Teaching seemed the only way to get on, but I hated the thought as my older sister had a severe breakdown after a short while teaching. Bursary results did not come out until mid-February then, so, greatly daring I offered my resignation at Teachers Training College (that was not popular) and decided to go full-time to Victoria University for a BA. I did English, French and History Year 1, French, English and Psychology Year 2, English, Music and Greek History Art and Literature (compulsory) Year 3 as one advanced towards an MA (Hons). Actually Greek HAL remained perhaps my most useful subject thereafter and still does. Music (I had learned piano from the age of 8) was also useful as it gave me an entrée to my working life in Broadcasting and I had the tremendous privilege of study under Douglas Lilburn and Prof Fred Page.

I worked for the NZBC Reference and Music Library HO at first in Waring Taylor Street, Wellington, giving out scores for the small orchestras as well as the Symphony Orchestra, then I worked for the Concert Section, doing publicity work.

I remember seeing the TV production trials upstairs and can never forget seeing a zoo monkey snatching a hand held camera and throwing it across the room.

I transferred to 2ZB as a Transcription Officer handling the spoken recordings (huge 16-inch discs) of serials, sent round the country. Then I moved to the Hope Gibbons building and the Copywriting Department. That sounds horrible but it was good training in writing a thousand words a day fresh, or rewriting copy which had done 6 broadcasts. Also I went out and about to advertisers, on the trams or to Aunt Daisy's office in Kirkcaldy's building. She was a very different person from her on-air persona. I used to feel so sorry for her secretary.

I really wanted to be a journalist and transferred to Talks and Documentaries under wonderful Bert Hall. Also I did relieving work at weekends on the 9pm National News. I was sent in news copy from Tourist and Publicity and also had to record overseas news broadcasts sent down the line from Quartz Hill receiving station, often of very poor sound quality short wave. I had a crash course in typing at Gilbey's College at this time.

Suddenly I was chosen for the literary staff on the Listener, the only woman among 3 men writers, a renowned editor (Monte Holcroft) and a chief sub-editor, the famous film critic John Marconi, a terrifying scot. He used to reduce my female predecessor often to tears so my biggest resolution was never to cry. It was a great place to work and I met many of the literati, from James K Baxter to Alan Mulgan, Denis Glover to Arnold Toynbee the great historian.

From a visiting BBC newsman I was offered a job if I ever arrived in the UK, which I did a few years later, accompanying my mother who had not been home since she married a NZ soldier in 1918. After travelling round Europe with a busload of Brit and Commonwealth tourists for 3 months, (this was during the Cold War so we never got to East Germany and a Hungary in Revolution) I went to work at the BBC Home News in Langham Place, connected by a tunnel with the main building. We worked 12-hour shifts, 10.30am to 10.30pm, 3 days on 3 days off and sometimes 10.30pm to 10.30am. Then we were allowed a half-hour break to sleep under coats in the cloakroom. The pay was a measly 7 guineas per week. It did have some interesting bits, such as ringing Scotland Yard or the Foreign Office night clerks to run news items past them for approval. There would be about 30 journalists and typists in the big room. With a chief copy taster at the top and a room behind full of spewing ticker tape machines tended by minders.

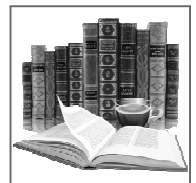
I was friendly with the successful former Masterton actress Paddy (Patricia) Turner. Through her I was offered a job as PA to well known film and TV series composer and children's TV presenter Eric Spear composer of the Coronation Street Theme. I worked at his Finchley house in an office adjacent to his magnificent studio with its grand piano and wonderful collection of antique Elizabethan and Bristol blue glass. Eric and his wife had both been in British films pre-World War 2 and knew many show-business Personalities, Film and stage stars, and musicians. It was my job to prepare music parts and scores, engage the musicians for recordings of film, advertisements on ITV and cabarets. Through all this I visited most of the British film studios, Abbey Road EMI and its clever young recording engineer George Martin who produced the Beatles discs a little later. Quite often the actors and singers performing Eric's songs came to the house. I remember Peter O'Toole and his then wife, Sian Philips, particularly. We used the Mike Sammes Singers and Beverley Sisters quite often. I timed the orchestra to the second as film extracts rolled.

When it was time to move on, I went to Paris to work for John and Piera MacArthur, who had been at Victoria University with me. John was then 3rd Secretary at the NZ Embassy, I was the au pair for their 2 children so I spent my days off going to all the museums and famous arts venues I could, and Versailles Palace just a short county bus away from the outer village where we lived. I went to the Paris Opera, the Opera Comique, the Comedie Française and outdoor Moliere in the Tuileries Gardens, and, of course, the Louvre and Napoleon's tomb.

My mother had become terminally ill and I flew back home. I re-entered broadcasting as an announcer and news compiler at Radio 2XA Wanganui and met my husband, a technician, there.

I was able to transfer to the Masterton station when it went on to longer hours. When our daughter arrived, it was impossible to do regular shift work, so I did longer hours and speciality programmes for a while. I was asked to teach French at St Matthew's Collegiate and that led to many years of teaching many subjects, relieving at

Makoura, Wairarapa, St Bride's and Solway Colleges and then to librarianship at Chanel.



Margaret Christiansen continued.....

All this time I reviewed for the Listener, Books, and particularly ballet, as I had taken up ballet again in Wellington until I went to England. I had seen most of the great dancers and opera singers while I was in London and Europe.

As an announcer I studied speech and drama, passed my Licentiate examinations and became a fellow of the speech board. My Honours in English was very useful. So was my French in ballet. In London I was on the Fringe of the famous Angry Young Men drama Movement, through a boyfriend. Whose sister was married to a famous novelist Kingsley Amis. I saw many famous actors, Oliver, Vivien Leigh, Joan Plowright, Irene Worth, Kenneth Williams, Schofield among them. With a young child, I was very bored, however and with no available child care I became active in the Woman's Movement.

When my son went to Kindergarten at last, I was asked to stand for the Masterton Borough Council. I served 3 terms and found it interesting and rewarding but by 1989 there were ageing parents to care for and local body amalgamation so I gave that away.

I became a coordinator for the Women's Suffrage Year in 1983 and taught Speech and Drama privately. For many years.

I am currently Wairarapa representative for Victor Wellington Orchestra.

What I have learned is that loved knowledge is never wasted.

THE GRANTHAM FAMILY AT WAIRARAPA COLLEGE

Norman William Grantham (known as George) Wairarapa College 1948-1949

Nancy May Grantham (nee Goodin) Wairarapa College 1948-1950

Alan Grantham Wairarapa College 1973 - 1976

Bruce Grantham Wairarapa College 1971-1975

Claire Grantham Wairarapa College 1976-1979

Nancy came up to College by train from Carterton. The train started at Cross Creek and picked up students at various places. All students got off at Renall Street. It was not unusual for the train pupils to be asked to stay after assembly because of some misdemeanour!

George took the Trades Course (boys only) and Nancy Commercial (girls only). They both enjoyed many sports including winning swimming and diving College and Inter-College events. Though keen on rugby, George was small for his age and for varying reasons his success in this sport was not within the College.

George wanted a job with more time outside and became an apprentice painter and paperhanger which he has enjoyed throughout his working life.

Nancy's first job was as a shorthand-typist at Loan & Mercantile which was situated between the Times Age and Town Hall buildings. She went on to work at two accountancy firms and also had part-time employment at the Carterton District Council while looking after her father and brother when her mother died. George and Nancy met at a dance in Carterton when they were both 16 - it is hard to understand why they did not get to know each other at college. They have now been married for over 55 years with two sons and one daughter. The family were very sporty and all children had piano lessons.

Bruce, the eldest, was at College for five years. He took part in many sports playing in the 1st XV and the 1st II. At the end of his last year he was DUX. He went on to do a Civil Engineering degree at Canterbury, worked at several jobs in New Zealand and Australia, did some OE in the United States and finally settled in Dallas, Texas. He is married but has no children, and has his own business and premises with a staff of eight. Alan, the second son, was at College for four years, taking part in several sports and his high jump record stood for quite a number of years. He was part of a band at College playing guitar (George was the father who stayed up late carting all their gear to and from gigs). He obtained a Music Degree on his own initiative playing classical guitar in front of a panel of five. He continues as a professional musician, has written radio jingles, a great deal of music and numerous songs which we are very proud, and now teaches acoustic guitar in Auckland. He has been married and has one son.

Both our sons played chess at College and even beat the girls in the typing class!

Claire was at College for four years and played tennis and netball.

She has always worked in travel businesses - in New Zealand, London, the Maldives and Australia where she has been living for many years.

Her present job is in Casino in New South Wales. She is married and has three sons and, apart from maternity leave, has worked very hard all her married life.

Because all three live away from Masterton, George and Nancy have travelled many times to visit - and, of course, Dad came in handy when work needed doing on their homes!!

Thus no grandchildren followed at College in their footsteps.

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Gruelling journey ‘definitely a oncer’

Lindsay Gault—Wairarapa College 1967—1970

Struggling with typhoid in 50-degree Celsius heat and with 150 Kilometres to pedal was the closest Wellington mountain biker Lindsay Gault came to throwing in the towel on a 12,000-Kilometre journey through Africa.

“It was absolute agony, every pedal stroke was excruciating and all I could think of was I had 150 Kilometres to go. “I was very tempted to chuck it in and get in the truck,” the 57-year-old IT consultant said this week, after completing the Tour d’Afrique from Cairo to Cape Town.

His effort raised \$8000 for medical and children’s charities in Africa and New Zealand. He unknowingly contracted typhoid from contaminated water in Nairobi in the early stages of the four-month tour. Feverish and suffering from diarrhoea, he road 150km on the next stage before being diagnosed with the illness.

He finished the stage in pain only to be roundly told off by the tour nurse. “By the time I was too stuffed to care, all I wanted was to lie down and sleep.” Mr Gault spent six days recuperating, and losing tour points, before rejoining the group. “Sickness was a lottery, everybody went down with something ... some rode with malaria without stopping.” He arrived back at his Island Bay home this week, having lost 15 kilograms and gained a lifetime of memories. “Right from the start, when we began under the shadows of the three great pyramids at Giza, it was an amazing, awesome experience,” he said.

All up, the tour cost him about \$25,000 – or the price of a small late model car – but he said every cent was worth it. The value was infinite ... a new car would not have given me half the pleasure that I got in the last four months. The basic living conditions of sleeping in a tent every night after a day of hard grunt gave me a new perspective on life.

You were stripped down to bare basic and everyday worries were pushed aside”. The group of 20 endured marathon riding days, sometimes of up to 200km a day, in temperatures reaching 50C on rutted roads with bumps ‘the size of a man’s head’. “Every day was a solid workout ... day in, day out, it was harder than I expected.”

He drank 12 litres of water a day to ward off dehydration, and force-fed himself to replace the 6000 calories he burnt up each day. Among the highlights were Sudanese villagers who greeted the group with hot minted tea, the ‘blasting heat’ of the Sudanese desert, the vast open nothing were incredibly generous.



THE BUCHANAN BURSARIES

The Buchanan Bursaries have been awarded since 1953. Miss Janet Buchanan, who founded the Trust from which the bursaries are awarded, did her philanthropic work without thought of public recognition. Born in Australia in 1868, Miss Buchanan was taken by her parents to Scotland until the age of about three years, when her father, Donald Buchanan, and his brother Walter, emigrated to New Zealand and purchased the Tupurupura Station near Gladstone.

Walter, afterwards Sir Walter Buchanan, became a Member of Parliament for South Wairarapa, and was a member of the Wellington Education Board for many years. Donald moved with his family to Taranaki at the close of the Maori wars.

For the remainder of her life Miss Buchanan’s interest centred round South Taranaki; but she did not forget the Wairarapa as is evidenced by her generosity towards Wairarapa College. The trust was established in 1953, and announced in the prize giving address of the Principal, Mr W.I. Shrimpton; and the first awards were made in that year to D. McLeod and Lois Patchett to enable pupils, particularly from country districts, to extend their schooling when further education was merited.

Until 1958 the Board of Governors awarded a scholarship to the candidate gaining highest marks in the School Certificate Examination and a number of bursaries to worthy students to make it possible for them to attend a second year in Form VI.

From 1959 until 1965 only the scholarships for highest marks in the School Certificate Examination were awarded.

In 1966 the terms of the awards were revised to bring them in to line with the aims of the original bequest, and since then the awards have been made to country pupils on the grounds of diligence and hardship.

Miss Buchanan’s was a full and active life. She concerned herself with the work of the Presbyterian Church; with the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen from World War II, for which she received the M.B.E; with more than 80 years of attendance at Egmont A. & P. Show; and with gardening, which was her main recreation. She was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Horticulture. Her mind and remained active until her death in July, 1966.

This Bursary is still available to current students some 59 years after the original bequest of £5,000 in Government Stocks.

Wairarapa College and the Polar Regions.

Tessa Williams

Antarctica has always been a place that has fascinated me. When I was fourteen I decided that when I grew up I wanted to go to Antarctica and count penguins.

This is a dream that stayed with me throughout my time at Wairarapa College, and when Bob Williams went on a trip to the ice during my 7th form year I was motivated and encouraged by his experience to pursue my dream. I knew that the University of Canterbury in Christchurch offered courses in Antarctic Studies and I decided that studying Science at Canterbury would take me one step closer to the Antarctic.

After completing a degree in Geology in 2010, I had the opportunity to apply for the Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic studies programme at Canterbury, a 14 week interdisciplinary course covering all aspects of the Antarctic, from Science to Law and everything in between. It also includes a trip to the ice. I was accepted and in December 2010 I was off on my first trip to Antarctica.

We travelled South with the New Zealand Antarctic programme on a US Air force C17 Globemaster. After stopping in briefly at Scott Base we were off into the field where we spent ten days camped on the Ross Ice Shelf at Windless Bight. We spent our time in the field studying the geology, seals, ice sheet dynamics and glaciology of Ross Island. We were also fortunate enough to visit Cape Royds, which is home to a large Adele Penguin colony and is the site. If Shackleton's Hutt built during the Nimrod expedition. We also visited Scott's Discovery expedition Hutt at Cape Evans. Seeing these huts preserved as they were when they were home to the great explorers 100 years ago was a very humbling experience. After ten exhilarating days we returned to Scott Base and after a brief visit to the Americans at McMurdo station we were back on the Globemaster to return to Christchurch.

My first experience of the Antarctic was absolutely overwhelming. It is a place that really captures your imagination. Antarctica had really affected me, I knew I would be back.

My second trip came about much sooner than I had anticipated. Last year I received an email out of the blue from a scientist putting together a team to spend the summer studying the Biology of the Prince Charles Mountains in the Australian Antarctic Territory.

They were looking for a junior geologist who had Antarctic field experience and I was very fortunate to be offered a place.

The plan was to travel to Australia's Davis station by ship. From there we would be flown out to field camps where we were to spend a total of two months at three camps, spread across the Prince Charles Mountains. Unfortunately my summer season came to an abrupt end when I took a fall while working at our first field site, Mount Menzies. I had to be evacuated, quite an undertaking as our base camp was situated some 800km from Davis Station. From there I was returned safely to Hobart.

After this trip I returned to University in Christchurch to continue studying towards a postgraduate diploma in Antarctic studies. I completed this in July. I am unsure what the future holds now but despite recent misadventures I am determined as ever to return to the Antarctic. *(Some photos of Tessa's experience feature on the inside front page of this edition)*

Students on Ice An informal group last year looked to establish a format that allowed a Wairarapa College student to be part of the internationally acclaimed **Students on Ice Programme** to celebrate the success of former Wairarapa College Student Grant Redvers. The informal group managed to raise \$15,000 towards the total cost of \$20,000 (the remaining shortfall was raised by Mary and her family) and send its first student on this amazing experience.

A number of local trusts, donations and events contributed to funding the total cost. The organising committee are currently hoping that the Lands Trust will take over the administration of this and create a scholarship long term that will allow an Wairarapa secondary student to be part of this programme every two years. This scholarship will cover part of the cost with a support group raising the shortfall. What a wonderful way to recognise an amazing past student.

Mary Williams

I am the first Wairarapa recipient, as part of the Grant Redvers Scholarship to attend the international Students on Ice Expedition to Antarctica this summer.

I had such a brilliant time and learned so much! I really felt privileged and humbled to be selected. Through the regular classes I attended with 68 other students from around the world, I was taught about Antarctica's unique and special ecosystem, about the science of ice movement and about the complicated issues surrounding climate change and how it is affecting our planet. Mixing with so many other teenagers from all around the world (but mostly from North America) was really exciting! I got to learn that – while we have our different personalities we all share the same interest in protecting our planet from damage for the sake of our future and ourselves. Visiting Antarctica was a very, very special experience – one that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Grant Redvers

Environmental Scientist and Sailor

Prior to taking to a life at sea in high latitudes, Grant Redvers worked as a scientist in New Zealand and at Scott Base in Antarctica. He has a masters degree in environmental science, and is a qualified yacht skipper and dive master.

In early 2000 he sailed from New Zealand to Antarctica and South Georgia Island on a 45ft yacht for mixed climbing and glaciology research expeditions. After sailing back to NZ through the Pacific Islands he then joined Tara Expeditions. Aboard Tara he completed a number of expeditions to Antarctica and South Georgia and Patagonia, supporting diverse range of research, natural history and adventure projects, before setting a course for the Arctic.

The last project on Tara took Grant to the Arctic Ocean for almost 2 years from 2006 -2008 as leader of an expedition to study climate change as part of the International Polar Year. He then sailed to the West Coast of Greenland to support glaciology research projects and has just published a book about Tara Arctic mission.

Peer Support

A new school programme brings together diverse age groups and enhances student networks

The distance between Years 13s (7th formers) and Year 9s (3rd formers) at Wairarapa College shrunk during Term 1 thanks to their involvement in the college's Peer Support Programme. The entire Year 9 group and 130 Year 13s spent many of their mornings during group time building up relationships, completing tasks, playing games and getting to know each other.

The programme has been developed by Guidance Counsellor Deanne Littlejohn and Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour Pamela Evans. The senior students participated in training with the Principal, senior managers, deans and youth workers. Mrs Littlejohn said The aim of the programme is to provide an additional, largely informal, layer of help and support within Wairarapa College. She said for the Year 13s it showcases their leadership skills, increases their self confidence and enhances their sense of responsibility. For the Year 9s, Mrs Littlejohn said, "They became familiar with the College and its routines quickly, they build relationships with older positive role models, learn resilience and it enhances their emotional health." Year 9 student Kyla Coulson (13) said she has enjoyed participating in the programme. She said it has helped her develop a better relationship with the older students and good communication. Katherine van Woerkom, 17, agreed, saying "Being a peer supporter has helped her to know the Year 9s better and learn their strengths and weaknesses. The activities have made it easier to relate to them." Gemma Goddard 17, said "When she first started secondary school she would have liked to have been involved in a peer support programme. 'We were scared of the Year 13s,' she said. The programme will continue to run throughout the remainder of the year .

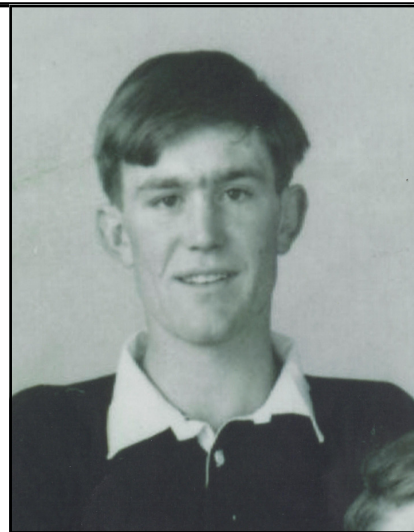
Ian Turley - W.C. 1959-1961

Ian's sister Pam Paterson recently submitted this photograph to be included on the college *wall of fame*. Ian played rugby for Wairarapa College but was never picked to play in the first XV. As a member of the Red Star Rugby Club he is also honoured on their wall of fame. He played 147 first class games for Wairarapa Bush through the years 1965 - 1979 .

During and after that time he was an age group selector along with Brent Elder for the under 16yrs for 4 years and the under 18yrs for 3 years.

Ian represented New Zealand as a Junior All Black twice in 1967 and 1968. He was selected to be in the NZ All Black trials for 1967,1968,1970 and 1971. Ian began his career as a flanker and as his lungs "gave in" (his words) he moved to the position, lock. Ian has spent most of his life in the Wairarapa only recently moving to the Hawkes Bay.

Sister Pam tells us Ian is not well at the moment as he had a lung transplant 15 years ago (was meant to live only 4 years), has survived all odds to the extreme, is now the longest living lung organ recipient in the world.



Shaun runs for Christchurch Scholarship

Shaun Rolston- W.C 2004—2007

Shaun Roulston lives and breathes *Outward Bound*. As an instructor himself at *Outward Bound* Hong Kong, he was back in New Zealand briefly and is running to raise money for a Classic Outward Bound Scholarship.

Shaun is passionate about *Outward Bound*. He was the recipient of the 'Guy Houlbrooke White Memorial Trust Scholarship' to attend a course while at Wairarapa College in 2007. In his own words " I would not be where I am or who I am now without this life changing experience I gained from attending the 21 day Outward Bound course. I would like to be able to give someone the same opportunity I had." The 'Christchurch Earthquake Classic Outward Bound Scholarship' is open for anyone who has been affected by the earthquakes to help them gain a positive, life changing experience at the Outward Bound School, New Zealand. "

A Christchurch native, with family badly affected by the recent earthquakes, Shaun wants to give back to Christchurch by creating the opportunity for a local to attend an Outward Bound course.

Shaun ran the 67km solo at 'The length of the lake' run event' in Taupo, but with a twist - he had decided to do it with NO training! He was placed 27th in the individual section with a time of 10.57.08

We completely support Shaun and his dedication! To make a donation to the 'Christchurch Earthquake Classic Outward Bound Scholarship' please visit this site www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/outwardbound

Please note this event was held in Feb 2012 but I an certain Shaun will accept late donations to this worthy cause ED

Articles from the Archives

ROYAL VISIT, 1954.

The last Christmas vacation provided a memorable occasion for Wairarapa College with the passing through our grounds of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, during their visit to the Wairarapa district on January 15th, 1954. Although Masterton had been enjoying a spell of ideal holiday weather, the day of days unfortunately turned cloudy with some light drizzle at times. The local schools were drawn up along the route across our grounds with our own pupils lining the entrance drive to College House. It was an eager and excited throng of staff and pupils who gathered there long before the expected arrival of Her Majesty and received the flags issued by Mr. Bird. The excitement mounted as the time grew near and the arrival of the pilot car brought as much anticipation as the arrival of the pilot car brought disappointment. For as the roar of greeting and the frenzied waving of flags paralleled the progress of Her Majesty across our playing fields we could see, to our regret, that she was travelling in a closed car. However all caught a glimpse of her as she was driven slowly past. Leaving an impression of loveliness, a charming smile and a gracious wave for us all. All too soon the Royal Car had moved on and excited comment on having seen her majesty in person at last was heard on all sides. Frequently one heard the statement that the Duke had been scarcely noticed, all eyes were fixed on our lovely Queen.



After the Royal Car had turned into Renall Street many went into town to line Queen Street to see and cheer the Queen again and again. This way truly a great day for Masterton and an historic occasion for Wairarapa College, the first time a reigning Monarch has visited our school. It was an occasion we will remember all our lives. We feel now, more than ever, that she is our Queen.

Present past students from that time would like to congratulate Her Majesty on her grand reign.

SPEED AND THE MODERN YOUTH From 1951 School Magazine

The tempo of the world changes with the years. Scientific developments introduce new idea which hasten or decrease the pace of the industrial world, but I sometimes wonder if the changing tempo vitally changes the basic nature of a person. Is a youth of today different from a youth of twenty years ago? Progress in science would be no advantage if it did not alter the outlook of a youth over a period of twenty years; neither would it be an advantage if it altered the basic qualities and true nature of a youth.

Today the world is a hive of industry. The practical application of science to things of universal use has increased the general pace of travel in every part of the world. Electricity has replaced the slower method of steam: atomic power will probably replace the slower method of electricity. It is possible to do more in each day because power has shortened the time it takes to do one job, and so time has lost some of its importance to a person of today.

A wider variety of activities has developed, and each new activity attracts the naturally curious mind of an alert youth who is constantly looking for something newer-something quicker. Today speed seems to be a disease of the human mind. As speed has influenced industry, so has it influenced sport, which today is almost a case of who, or which object, can move the fastest.

Speaking generally, the quickening tempo of the years has altered the outlook of today's youth, but beneath this veneer of modern outlook, due to modern conditions, is the same youth of twenty years ago. He still thinks the same things: "what shall I do with my life?" "Will there be a war soon?" The important things of life remain the same, for a child still likes to play. A boy still likes to fight, a girl still likes to dream. Perhaps they play different games, or fight with different weapons, or dream different dreams, from their friends of 1931, but, to me, the only real difference seems to be twenty years of progress in speed. *The more things change the more they stay the same, this article could still be relevant 61 years later!*

Wireless Club 1927

The wireless club has had good membership and excellent patronage this year. The membership subscription was 2/6, and this, together with the small collections taken from the various demonstrations enabled the three-valve set under construction to be completed. Mr Morice has always taken great interest in the work and was organiser of the club. F Dickens, the chairman of the committee, and the operator of the club's set, deserves much credit for his unfailing interest in the club and the welfare of the set.

Obituaries

John Meredith 1924 — 2012

Wairarapa College 1938 - 1941

As a small boy he and his brother Dick and sister Audrey moved with their parents Clarence and Elsie from Lowlands to Maringi and then on to Castlepoint. During the time at Maringi, Elsie taught John by correspondence for two years, but a later move to Tiki Tapu saw the three children ride their ponies six miles to Mauriceville School. John and Dick went on to Wairarapa College and boarded weekly at his Auntie Edie's travelling by rail car Monday mornings and returning by goods train Friday.

John loved sport but was handicapped by damaging his right eye. He had started College in 1938 but then war broke out and he had to take time off school to help at home as labour was short. Leaving College in 1941 he returned to the station and his spare time was spent possum trapping. He saved enough money to buy his first motorcar, a 1936 Jaguar sports saloon. This was the start of a life-long love for smart, fast cars.

In 1942 he decided to join the Air Force but to get there he had to join the Air Training Corps 21 Squadron, he passed all the medicals including the eye test by covering his blind eye twice by changing hands, he became a Flight sergeant then warrant officer and was sent for an Air Crew medical but his eye caught up with him and he was rejected, so back to the farm. He vowed he would fly one day and so began his love for fast aeroplanes.

Guy Wagg played a large part in John's life; he was a constant companion and great friend to our family. In 1946 the Meredith's moved to Orui in partnership with Pat Borthwick and began a big clearance and development programme. The Station consisted of mostly of gorse and rabbits. Two D4'S and a large John Deere wheel tractor began the job. In 1949-50 John went to work and gain experience on Thomas Borthwick's station in North West Queensland, cattle mustering, branding, droving, working with mounted police and went on buying trips for the station in the brand new land rovers sent out from England. Mt. Isa working in a copper mine was his next foray then he returned to 'Orui' in 1950 in time for shearing. In 1954 'Orui' was purchased fully and was back in the Meredith family. In 1957 John married Jenny in Brisbane – Fifty four years and five months ago. Their house completed, they moved in the following year. Glen was born in 1959 and in the same year John bought a Piper Top dresser for \$2300. He then purchased 2 Cessna, so his fleet grew. Joanna was born in November 1960, Lynda in 1963 and Suzanna in 1966. A wonderfully fulfilling family and working life.

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Corran McLachlan

By Emma Tankersley

Wairarapa College 1957—1961

Corran McLachlan, who died on August 9 from cancer aged 59, will be remembered as the face of A2 milk and its staunchest advocate. McLachlan was born on a family farm in Wairarapa and attended Wairarapa College before gaining a first class honours degree in chemical engineering at Canterbury University and a PhD at Cambridge University.

On returning to New Zealand he held a variety of roles, including senior investigating officer of the Treasury's energy section and founder of DSIR's biotechnology sector. His involvement in the dairy industry began in 1989 as managing director of Tenon Developments, which in a \$5 million joint venture with the Morrinsville Thames Cooperative Dairy Company (later Waikato Valley Cooperative Dairies) developed a process for producing cholesterol-free butter and low-fat meat products.

New Zealand Dairy Group dropped the project following the takeover of Waikato Valley Cooperative Dairies but it sparked McLachlan's interest in cholesterol and heart disease research. After hearing about a possible link between the protein beta casein A1 and diabetes – and a patent to that effect being taken out by the NZ Dairy Board and the Child Health Research Foundation

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OBITUARIES

SEWELL William Colin (Bill)
Wai Coll 1951 -1954

DALLAS, Betty (nee Grey)
W.C. Dates not on database

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W.C.1955-1956. DOD 2010.

BEDER, Shirley
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W.C.1949-1952. DOD 2011.

BERNEY, Richard Warwick
W.C.1960-1962. DOD 2010

BIRCH, Barbara Theodora
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Aged 88 Years

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W.C.1949-1951. DOD 2011

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– he spent five years researching correlations between beta casein A1 consumption and heart disease.

His conclusions lead him to take out his own patent and with the backing of co-founder and South Island entrepreneur Howard Paterson, who died suddenly in July, A2 Corporation was formed in 2000.

McLachlan's goal of providing milk free of beta casein A1 was realised earlier this year, when A2 milk went on sale in New Zealand and Australia. But the A1 versus A2 milk debate is far from over. A2 Corporation is due to appear in the Auckland High Court next week to defend an application by Fonterra to strike out action by A2 under the Fair Trading Act. A2 is accusing Fonterra of misleading the public about the harmful effects of A1 milk. Fonterra still maintains there is no scientific evidence A1 milk causes the negative health benefits claimed by A2 when Rural News last interviewed McLachlan just three months ago he was looking forward to A2 having its day in court and upbeat about recent research which he believed backed up A2's claims. "Only history will prove whether we're right or wrong but I believe we're right".

OBITUARY

W C (BILL) SEWELL (Wai Col 1951 – 1954)
"One of life's good guys" – Bev. Jackson

May 14th 2012 marked the demise at age 74 of prominent Masterton citizen, Bill Sewell. As an only child, Bill found in his class mates the companionship he so appreciated and which he valued as he would brothers and sisters. His father was a popular local men's hairdresser and perhaps it was from him that Bill gained great rapport with people and a genuine interest in their lives.

Bill was a popular student and showed talent in his chosen sport, soccer, which was first introduced as a college sport during his time there in 1953. He was a keen member of the College's inaugural 1st XI and as a true team player; he showed flair and persistence as an attacking forward. It came as no surprise that he went on to a lifetime involvement in the game as player, administrator and supporter of Masterton Amateur Football Club. Most of his professional career was spent as a partner in a share broking and investments firm where he had to survive the vicissitudes' of volatile market conditions. Part of his commitment to the community was to loyally serve with Masterton South Rotary where he enjoyed a solid reputation for participation and energy.

When the College Principal of the day, George Sutherland decided to form a College Trust for the development of a body to raise and manage finance for matters over and above usual sources, he turned to Bill Sewell for advice. Bill responded positively and went on to become the initial treasurer, a position he held from 1969 till the day he died in 2012. He also linked in with the Wairarapa College Old Students Association where his cheerful input included being part of reunion activities.

Bill is survived by his wife, their four children and their families. A crowded St Luke's Church for Bill's funeral bore testimony to his positive significance in community and college.

Wairarapa College Parents Association report 1938

A Tree planting ceremony took place in the College grounds and 24 deciduous trees were planted by the lady members of the committee and the wives of the Board of Governors.

The association's thanks are due to Mrs Nops, who so generously donated to the College, through the Association, half an acre of land adjoining the Hostel which is to be used for tennis courts for the use of the Hostel boarders.

Letters to the Editor

Really enjoyed getting the magazine again and recalling many names and faces. Thanks for all the work you have put into it. I have a receipt/ membership card dated 1965 for Life Membership of the Old Students Association under my maiden name. Is that still valid or do I need to start a new Life all over again? I'll go for the latter if it will eliminate all the creaks and groans of the aged bones! Kind Regards
Barbara Udy (Carle)

If there are more of you out there like Barbara the answer to her question is, no you do not need to re register. We do not seem to have any record of past Life Memberships so please accept our apologies if you are not being recognised as such. We are more than happy to reinstate you if you can notify us.

1998 Magazine

I have had a number of letters now regarding the publication that was printed in conjunction with the 1998 reunion . Documentation at that time was not well structured or in any way complete which made compilation difficult, this situation has not altered greatly. Limited archiving was completed a number of years ago but it certainly is not a comprehensive or organised record. It is my understanding that it is unlikely that this publication will be reprinted.

However if any of you are interested in helping with a new publication for the 90th or 100th anniversary, I am more than happy to point you in the right direction. KB

What a thrill to receive the copies of the magazine, wandering down memory lane was just great. Enclosed is a subscription for membership and a magazine. Sadly my sister Ivy passed away but she attended the college for the years 1942-43. Your address rang bells as well. While in teacher training I spent a time with Thelma Hollow who was principal of Fernridge School. Her husband taught at Wai College.

Regards and thanks Hillary Smith

A thank you to Karen Barbour and all those involved in maintaining the archives and historical data for Wairarapa College and, from my personal perspective here in Vancouver Canada, the bonus of online access. Remote access, along with Karen Barbour's personal assistance, has uncovered details that help turn family history from a list of names and dates, into something close to alive and vibrant.

Family folklore tells of Ernest Edward Thomas (Ted) Moore attending Wairarapa College following the 1931 Napier earthquake, yet it appears from school records this, in fact, may not be the case. The records show he earned his accountancy qualification through attending night school at the College in 1948, but as yet no record has been found of his attending as a high school student. Mysteriously though, there is reference in the Wairarapa College Magazine of 1938 to his engagement and forthcoming marriage, which would rather suggest he had, at some time, ties to the College. And as such, the challenges and convolutions of researching family history continue. At the time Ted met his wife-to-be, he was a delivery boy for Graham's, riding around town on a push bike with a large basket attached to the handlebars.

Ted, as Company Secretary, played an integral part in the development of the Kaingaroa Logging Company located in the tiny village of Murapara in the Bay of Plenty in the 1950's. By the mid-1960's he was the Internal Auditor for Tasman Pulp and Paper Company in Kawerau, where he stayed till his retirement. In his away-from-work life, in his early adult years he was a Harrier (long distance runner). He was a Free Mason, a fisherman, an avid cricketer (with the broken nose to match!), and a Borough Councillor. He volunteered his time in Budget Advisory to those in financial distress, and latterly year after year grew a most successful garden and became enamoured with lawn bowling. He built three family homes over the years, and raised a family of four daughters (and a couple of well-loved, spoiled beyond belief, delightfully happy dogs!).

Ted's father, Albert, was a long-time Wairarapa resident. He owned a Cordial Manufacturing business, "Moore, A.E. and Co", for many years in Masterton's early days; and Albert's father, Edward, had a rope, line and twine making plant, initially in Takapau, but later relocated to Waipawa in the mid to late 1800's. A newspaper article records upwards of 400 employees at the factory in its hey-day. This plant was washed away during the devastating 1893 flood when the Ngaruroro River burst its banks. Edward, for his rope making, won an elegant certificate and a gold medal at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition held in London in 1886. The award ceremony was attended by the Duke of Edinburgh, although there is no way of knowing now if Edward attended personally. The certificate is still in the family. The gold medal was sold, or so it's believed, during the Great Depression of the early 1930's.

Ted's wife was the daughter of Maitland James Leith, who himself was Head-teacher at Masterton's Lansdowne School from 1933 to 1936. Maitland's eldest son, George - who followed in his father's footsteps and became a school teacher, and later a rising influence within the NZEI - attended Wairarapa College and is mentioned in the Pipe Band section of the 50th Reunion Booklet" as participating in band events with other Wairarapa College students. From this article, it would appear the band did very well, was invited to attend many events and was well received. And there is a story - once again in the Wairarapa High School Magazine (1935 edition) - of how George, "keeps an official eye on the laboratory and we are told in confidence he is experimenting with a new perfume to be made from carbon disulphide". George, in 1934 won a First in Latin: unlike his future brother-in-law Ted Moore, who would tell of the recommendation by his teacher(s) to himself and his parents, of how "It would be of benefit to all, if Moore gave up Latin".

It is because of online access to School and student history, and because of the considerable assistance provided by people such as Karen Barbour, that the lesser known details, the overlooked or forgotten details can be rediscovered. Family history is all about accurate recording of past events, a process made more alive when more than just dates are referenced. The re-telling of my family story is all the better, in part, due to the work of Karen and those like her. I thank the forward thinking individuals who develop, support and continue to add to this welcomed service. Pamela Moore. Vancouver, Canada.

Sir Jack K Hunn C.M.G., L.L.M 1906 – 1997 Early Days Pupil

Jack Kent Hunn was born in Masterton, and attended Wairarapa High School, before joining the Public Trust Office as a cadet. He attended Victoria University of Wellington, where he gained an L.L.M Hunn joined the P.S.A in 1940, and worked on the executive, and became New Zealand Public Service Association President in 1945. In 1946, Hunn stepped down to become an Inspector of the Public Service Commission, working within Government to resolve public sector industrial issues. He became a commissioner in 1954, and expanded his knowledge across a broad range of the public service. While a commissioner, Hunn acted as secretary of Internal Affairs, Secretary of Justice, and Secretary of Maori Affairs.

In 1960, Prime Minister Walter Nash engaged Hunn to do a review of the Maori Affairs Department. Hunn included in his review a wide-ranging summary of Maori assets and the state of Maori in New Zealand at the time. Maori were going through a process of urbanisation, and Hunn's report raised the issue of integration of Maori within broader New Zealand, as opposed to segregation or assimilation. The Hunn report served as the blueprint for the establishment of the Maori Education Foundation, and the New Zealand Maori Council, and became the basis for Maori policy throughout the 1960s.

Hunn was appointed to the new role of Secretary of Defence in 1963. This involved the establishment of a civilian department to be charged with defence policy, separate from the military Chiefs of Defence Staff. He advocated a full integration of the New Zealand Defence services, but was opposed by the individual military forces.

During 1964 Hunn was a strong opponent of New Zealand involvement in Vietnam. Initially, New Zealand Ambassador to Washington George Laking was a strong advocate for intervention, with internal opposition from Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alistair McIntosh. Hunn was the clearest opponent: while Defence Chiefs were in favour of New Zealand involvement, Hunn argued that New Zealand's interests remained with supporting Malaysia, but that South Vietnam was not a sovereign state, and did not need military support. When New Zealand sent combat forces to Vietnam in 1965, Hunn retired early from Defence.

Hunn served as Chairman of the Fire Service Commission from 1973-1977, and under the mandate of Internal Affairs Minister Allan Highet, he established a national professional fire service from a large number of small, provincial brigades. He also wrote his memoir, "Not Only Affairs of State".

Hunn's two sons have been prominent in public life: his elder son, Don Hunn, was a senior diplomat and served as State Services Commissioner, and his younger son, John, was Chief Executive and Chairman of the Todd Corporation.

Hunn was awarded the GMC in 1964, and advanced to KCMG in 1976.

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Organ donation Still beating strong

Judy Cundy (nee Malmo) WC.1953—1956

Judy Cundy would probably never had met most of her grandchildren had she not been given a healthy heart. "If I hadn't had a transplant, I would have died," she says. "It's as simple as that." In the mid-1990s she developed a heart condition called cardiomyopathy that made it hard for her to get rid of fluid, making it difficult to breathe. It felt like she was "drowning from the inside out". A heart attack, four years and several false hopes later, Judy was eventually on the surgeon's table at Greenlane Hospital to receive a new heart. Since the transplant she has never felt better. "The heart's worked perfectly, which is wonderful," she says. "I'm as good now as I have been in the last 12 Years." She wrote a letter to the donor's family thanking them for the wonderful gift from their departed loved one. "Thank you is the least you can do, isn't it?" she says. "I'm just very grateful for the opportunity and the second change that I've had". It is important that donor's families clearly understand the donor's wishes before the decision is upon them, so they are clear about what the donor would have wanted. Judy's partner is Laurie Keats. Laurie is well known for his pivotal role in the founding and running of Golden Shears, and he was Judy's caregiver during her health travails and the transplant. Laurie said the shearing life prepared him well for the communal living up in Auckland while he supported Judy in her recovery.

'I'm just very grateful for the opportunity and the second chance that I've had.'

Wairarapa College Hall

The Wairarapa College hall was officially opened on 26th February 2010 by Sir Brian Lochore. It was built by Holmes Construction at a cost of \$4,693,431. The original foundation stone laid in 1936 when the old hall was built adorns the left hand side of the main entrance. We can seat an audience of 1200 people and have had close to this number on several occasions. We hosted the Live Television Production of the Young Farmer of the Year. This entailed over twelve months planning with a final rush in the last four days before the programme went to air. There were three of our sound and lighting students involved in this production and they learnt so much in those final four days. We had Nigel Latter talk to an audience of around one thousand people. This turned out to be a very successful night for Solway School who ran it as a fund raiser. Also in the hall we have had a wedding of around 200 people, and another one coming up, Combined Churches Pentecostal Service, Douglas Park School Breakup, Reunions, College major productions and orchestral recitals. We have also had a U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band that is based out of Hawaii and is fifty strong. This was to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the arrival of U.S. Forces in New Zealand during WW11.

The Wellington Vector Orchestra will also be performing for schools and interested persons.

The hall is used on a daily basis for lots of college activities and it is good to see that it is being utilized to near its full potential.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall can get in contact with:-

Ray Thomson - Mobile Phone: 0274520747 Email: rthomson@waicol.co.nz.



More College Achievements

Swimming =*Taylah Mawson*—3rd in North Island Secondary Schools' Swimming Championship in 14 yrs & under 100m Breaststroke and 200m Medley.

The Stage Challenge Team *who were awarded the following:*

2012 Stage Challenge 1st Place Open Division, Girlfriend Award of Excellence for Performance Skill, DANZ Award of Excellence for Choreography, NZ Lottery Grants Board Award of Excellence for Stage Use, Award of Excellence for Concept, Award of Excellence for Drama, The Edge Award of Excellence for Soundtrack, Award of Excellence for Set, Design & Function, Award of excellence for Costuming Character, NZ Lottery Grants Board Award of excellence for Visual Enhancement, Award of Excellence for Stage Crew, Award of Excellence for Lighting Design.

Music - *Fiona Thomson* (Wairarapa College Jazz Band Trumpeter) - received the Graeme Parker Award for the Most Outstanding Trumpet Player at the Manawatu Jazz and Blues Festival. * *Alex Fafeita* (Cantate Choir member) won a Big Sing prize and received the Award for Best Performance of a Student Composition for his Exodus for Choir, strings and percussion.

Cantate & Pogonologists performance at the Big sing in the Wellington Town Hall. *Wairarapa College chamber music group the Jarheads*—flautist Ruby Bennett, pianist Jaeik Jang and percussionist Alex Fafeita won the NZ Music Prize for Best Group overall.

Red Hot Corelli Peppers string group - highly commended at chamber music competition.

Battle of the Bands— *Front Back & Sides*—*Cameron Elliot, Edward Kerr, Emilio McFadzean & Connor O'Hagan* were placed **2nd**, and *Back to the Remedy*—*Jesse Brown, Jake Schrodoski, Hayden Warren & Zac Emerson* were placed **1st for the 3rd year in a row** and also received the Low Down best song award.

Netball - *Maddie Davis* received the Marj Jendan Netball Cup - most valuable player Under 15 Regional Netball Tournament.

Wairarapa Sports Awards 2012—**Youth Team of the Year:** Girls Hockey 1st XI; **Youth Sports Person of the Year:** Finalists all from Wairarapa College: Megan Hull, Alex Fafeita, Alison Andrews-Paul. **Winner:** *Alex Fafeita*.

Megan Hull was awarded the Sports Education Trust Scholarship award on the evening. It is valued at \$3000 and she will use this to further her Hockey career.

National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival—After winning the 5 minute student-directed scene at our Regional competition, *Ryan Cundy* and *Cara Butcher* travelled to Wellington at Queen's Birthday Weekend to perform their scene from 'Romeo and Juliet' Their clever interpretation portrayed a fast-paced journey through the whole play, and it received an enthusiastic reaction from the Wellington audience. Following on from the Nationals, *Ryan* has now been chosen as one of approximately 40 students to attend the National Shakespeare Schools Production Week in the September/October holidays. Students study aspects of Shakespeare's plays under the direction of leading directors and they are also involved in high calibre workshops.

From this intensive week, a group of 24 will be selected to travel to the Globe in London in 2013. Congratulations Ryan

Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards: **Silver Award:** Ewan Cottle, **Bronze Award:** Zachary Cordery, Taylor Houston, Joseph Stevens, Aran Warren.

Cross-Country *Alison Andrews-Paul (Year 10)* - superb effort to be placed 9th in the NZ Secondary Schools Cross-Country in the Junior Girls (Under 16) event, held at St Kentigan's in Auckland.

Cunningham Family

Bruce Cunningham 1939 - 1940

Kaye Cunningham 1944 - 1949

Ross Cunningham 1949 - 1950

I phoned my brother to see if it was alright to send the clipping about him that was published in the Dominion Post to you, if you want to publish it, he didn't mind at all. He was a Head Prefect in 1940 and a Teacher in 1948. My other brother Kaye did a few years at college, He was a Prefect also I would say in Ian Sayers days. After he finished college he did some training at Weir House, then was sent to some back country school, Later on he followed a girl over to Brisbane Australia and married her. Later on in years he ended up at teaching in a college there, then he was made a principal. At his retirement he drove stretch limo's around Brisbane for a while. Now he's settled down to a good retirement with his wife. They have two boys.

As for me I'm just a plodder I did my training at the Hutt Railway Workshop, as a carpenter. Later on in years the Manager & Assistant Manager came to me and asked if I would become an instructor of which I had to agree. I had six boys at a time working on the old red unit, pulling the interior out of windows and refining all with new materials and new type of windows. I've had a good life. We built a bach around at Lake Ferry and sold it recently when I found I had arthritis and I couldn't get up & down on a ladder. I haven't stopped working around home here in Wainuimata but slowed down a good bit. I also take an interest in and I'm part of the Grey Power here, we have about 130 members and it's just like being in Masterton.

Bruce Cunningham, 92, of Miramar, was a Lancaster bomber pilot during the Second World War. A reminder of the price we paid for freedom

Bruce Cunningham, 92, has attended more Anzac Day services than he can remember. The former Lancaster bomber pilot grew up in Masterton and planned to be accountant before the Second World War broke out. He joined the Air Force at 22 and after getting his wings for Tiger Moths and Airspeed AS.10 Oxfords was based at 3 Group, Bomber Command, near Cambridge in England.

He flew the Vickers Wellington and Short Stirling bombers before transferring to the famous Lancaster. "It was a wonderful aeroplane to fly. It reminded me of the old Vauxhall car. It was mass produced but it was marvellous. You had a lot of faith in them." Mr Cunningham says he is pleased that more young people appear to be showing an interest in Anzac Day.

"It's a good thing because they find out that their freedom cost something," he says. "It's only natural to take it for granted." Mr Cunningham flew 12 bombing missions into Europe, including Berlin. He never thought about being hit by enemy fire, even though according to crews in his compound – the unofficial average number of missions that bombing crews survived was 4 ½. "You're not hurt until you're hit," he says. "I just never thought I'd get bumped off."

However, on 11 May 1944, Mr Cunningham's Lancaster was shot down while on a mission over Belgium. The plane was on fire and going down when he bailed out at 1am. He parachuted onto the roof of what he thought was a pub was a café. "I looked up and saw the other planes right above me flying home to have bacon and eggs." Three of his crew managed to find their way home. Two were on the run for eight weeks. Mr Cunningham was captured by German soldiers. "They took me down through the manhole in the roof. It was the only time in my life I used French," he says with a chuckle. He was transported to Frankfurt for interrogation, put on a cattle truck and taken to a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp at Sagan, now in Poland. Eventually, Mr Cunningham ended up in a POW camp run by the Russians, at Luckenwalde, 50km south of Berlin. Mr Cunningham's first escape attempt failed. The second time he managed to make his way to Brussels and was flown back to England.

After the war, he scrubbed his experiences from his mind but in recent years has been thinking about them more, especially after watching documentaries on the History Channel. "I'm a product of my generation, the Depression and the war. Those things must have a bearing on you." He considers himself lucky. When asked what he remembers most he replies: "The joy of flying aircraft and wonderful comradeship; we were all there for the same purpose. It was an exciting and eventful life. Hopes were always high for those not at breakfast the following morning. I saw Nations at war.

Bruce recently attended the Bomber Command Memorial in England sponsored by Veterans Affairs. Thirty two pilots flew to England in an Air Force Boeing 757 and accommodation, transport, travel and medical costs were funded along with the accompaniment of one caregiver for every two pilots. The trip took four days each way as all the ex - pilots are now in their late 80's and 90's. The Bomber Command Memorial in London's Green Park commemorates the 55,593 allied lives lost (that included 1851 New Zealanders) during the World War II specialist offensive and was dedicated by the Queen.

School Trophies, Cups and Awards

Wairarapa College has a large number of Cups, Trophies and Awards that have been donated and awarded over many years. In the following magazines I wish to highlight these. Many Old Students ask if the cup they donated is still being awarded. If you or your family donated a cup or trophy and wish to specifically know about it, contact me with as many details as you can and I will research and report. ED



Hatch Cup – for Oratory

Donated by R. Hatch 1935 and first presented 1936.

It was to be competed for during the debating season.

This Cup is currently awarded for Senior Girls Public Speaking

Recipients of recent years:- S. Cairns -1998, N.Hansen -1999, E. Fackney -2000, E Banks -2001, N Aporo -2002, S Barber -2003, E Beech -2004, J Hansen - 2005, H.Banks -2006, E Williams -2007, V Harding -2008, L Hansen -2009, L. Hansen - 2010, C Butcher -2011.

Pictured left - Lisa Hansen winner of Hatch Cup 2009 and 2010

ATHLETICS - Cross Country

From the 1932 College magazine

This year a cross-country run was inaugurated. This championship run was held on October 3rd, under ideal weather conditions, over a 3 ½ mile course from the Park Oval. We have to thank the Masterton Harrier Club for their interest, help, and the presentation of a handsome cup, which was won by A.R. Todd, with the time of 24min. 25sec.

The first ten men in were:- A.R. Todd 1, R. Clarke 2, J. Warham 3, E. Reilly 4, F. Long 5, B. Reid 6, T. Morgan 7, G. Ross 8, B. Reid 6, T. Morgan 7, G. Ross 8, B. Welch 9, E.R. Chesterman 10.

The first three men in from each House were (figures in parentheses give actual placing in the run):- Nelson: E. Chesterman (10), G. Arcus (15), L. Taylor (18). Raleigh: Reilly (4), Ross (8), B. Welch (9). Scott: A. R. Todd (1), R. J. Clarke (2), T. Morgan (7). Uttley: J. Warham (3), F. Long (5), B. Reid (6).

Championship Cup – Donated by Masterton Harriers Club 1932

Recent Senior Boys Champions - B Borrie- 1998, K Moran- 1999, C Miller- 2000, S Alsop- 2001, N Macklin- 2002, N. Macklin 2003, K Brown- 2004, P Wardle- 2005, W McKenzie 2007, W McKenzie- 2008, C McFadzean - 2009, N Finlayson- 2010, J Farley- 2011, P Gimson- 2012.

Intermediate Championship Cup – donated by Masterton Harriers – 1951

Intermediate Boys Champions - C. Miller- 1998, A Gaskin-1999, S Dorman-2000, J Stevenson-2001, T Vatselias-2002, A Barbour- 2003, L Kokiri- 2004, J.Boyle-2005, C McFadzean-2007, W Simpson- 2008, J Jury- 2009, J.Farley- 2010, A Sumenko-Bucknell- 2011, K Paine- 2012.

West Bush Challenge

On the March 30th Wairarapa College held the West Bush Challenge where students were challenged to complete a 20 km sponsored walk. What a fantastic day it was! Students dressed in their bright House colours and took to the roads! Some ran, most walked... and nearly everyone managed to complete the walk. Staff were out in force - walking, biking, driving and manning the spots and water stations. St. John Ambulance dealt with any sore feet. Our major sponsors Bread craft donated a sausage in bread to all the finishers. Hansells also donated some juice at the end of the walk. Our thanks go to these people and everyone else who sponsored a walker.

Pictured - Principal Mike Schwass & Masterton Mayor & past student Garry Daniell





Basketball A Team, 1934.

Standing - Jean Rutherford, Jean Morice, Peggy Andrews,
Jo Buckley, Mavis Edwards, Joan Russell

Sitting - Rosamond Drummond, Tui Anderson,
Onyx Brenkley, (Captain), Betty Ogilvy
(Photo by courtesy of Neville Ross)



Hockey 1st XI., 1934.

Standing - Jean Rutherford, Jean Morice, Barbara Belliss, Peggy
Andrews, Barbara Tomlinson, Mavis Edwards.

Sitting - Tui Anderson, Onyx Brenkley, Jo Buckley, (Captain),
Nancy Spiers, Heather Brown.
(Photo by courtesy of Neville Ross)

SCHOOL NEWS. 1929

Towards the end of the First Term, the School was favoured by a visit from Mr Nathan Kera, A native of the Solomon Islands. Mr Kera gave a very interesting address on the life and manners of the Islands, with particular reference to the great progress made in educating the natives.

An Indian Conjurer gave a display to such of us as were interested in exhibitions of the Eastern art. The small boys, especially, were as delighted with his pidgin English as with his jugglery.

Guy Houlbrooke White

Guy was born in Huntley on 11 January 1971. By the time he was 2 years old he and his family were living on the sheep & beef hill country family farm in the Northern Wairarapa. That was his "home" for the rest of his life.

Living in the country gave him many responsibilities, but also the freedom and space to roam, dream and test himself, with his brother and sister for company.

He went to Wairarapa College in Masterton, where he was a boarder, for 5 years. In his final year at college he was Head Boy at the Hostel, deputy Head Boy at the college and had the rare distinction of captaining both the 1st XV rugby and 1st XI cricket teams. He coped well with secondary schooling, leaving with an "A" bursary, which was a real asset when he enrolled at Otago University, Dunedin.

After 3 years at Otago University he had his BSc, majoring in Chemistry, and a love of tramping and climbing in the mountains.

From Dunedin he moved to Auckland where he studied Te reo Maori and become a fluent speaker of the language. He also helped run the AUT Maori Expositions and was involved from the very beginning with the Marae at AUT.

Guy was very committed to his Ngai Tahu and Ngati Kahungunu heritage.

Guy had a passion for the great outdoors, for learning and was a natural teacher. Guy died in Val d'Aosta, Italy on the 12th of February 2000. He was 29 years old and he was on a climbing trip with friends when he slipped and fell to his death.

A group of Guy's friends suggested that a way to remember him and his work would be to set up a Trust to sponsor young people to attend the Outward Bound course at Anakiwa. His family fully supported this idea as a way to continue the work he had been doing.

The group raise money to send young people from the Wairarapa College catchment area to Outward Bound courses, Guy grew up in the Wairarapa and attended Wairarapa College, so when the Trust was set up we decided to use the College students as those who could apply for the scholarships to attend Outward Bound.

The Guy Houlbrooke White Memorial Trust is a registered charitable organisation under the New Zealand Charities Act 2005 and is happy to receive donations.

If you would like to make a donation to the Guy Houlbrooke White Memorial Trust please either make a deposit

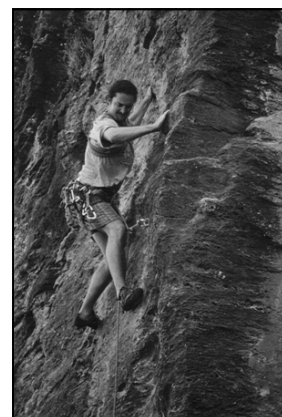
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Past Guy Houlbrooke White Scholarship winners:

2010 - Wiremu Eayrs Percy,
2009 - Leighton Calkin, 2008 - Adelaide Percy,
2007 - Tessa Williams,
2006 - Leigh McKinlay, 2006 - Shaun Rolston,
2005 - Jessica Smith,
2004 - Caleb Berry, 2002 - Sarah Hannam,
2002 - Ben Stuart.

**Right - Guy at Roadside Crag,
Wanaka. Jan 1996.**



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Far Left = School Swimming sports and
Centre = Senior Students laying a wreath
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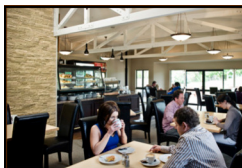


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