

NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

150yrs

1872-2022

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Napier Boys' celebrated its 150th Jubilee over Queen's Birthday weekend. What a fantastic weekend of connecting with Old Boys, their families, and past and current staff! Registrants ranged from 1940's to 2000's, some coming from as far away as USA, Canada and Australia to join us and all enjoyed a wonderful weekend of events, and of course the jewel in the crown was retaining the Polson Banner with a nail-biting finish for our team. It was wonderful to see our Old Boys back at Napier Boys', reminiscing and recognising such a milestone event.

We thank our staff who volunteered their time over the weekend and the support from our sponsors HB Construction, Trio, Fujifilm and Willis Legal.

Napier Boys' High School will mark its 150th Jubilee with past and present students, staff and whānau set to come together in celebration at Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Hawke's Bay's oldest state secondary school, it opened on a site in Clyde Rd, Bluff Hill, in 1872, two years before the town of Napier was constituted as a borough, moved in 1927 to its present Te Awa site, about 30ha between Te Awa Ave and Chambers St.

Included in the June 3-5 celebrations and signifying the longevity of the school and its associations will be the 118th Polson Banner 1st XV rugby match between the school and Palmerston North BHS.

Among other events are a mix-and-mingle, a ladies high tea, the Napier Boys' High School and Hawke's Bay Construction jubilee dinner, and a boarders breakfast at Scinde House. The Queen's Birthday Weekend celebrations will end with a Sunday morning of tours exploring the school's facilities, along with musical and cultural performances by students.

Originally started on Bluff Hill but long based between Te Awa Ave and Chambers St, Napier BHS has had just 14 headmasters, and with a current roll of about 1150, had educated tens of thousands of boys, leading to wide-ranging success across various spheres of academic, professional, business, sporting and cultural achievement around the world.

Headmaster and comparatively recent arrival Jarred Williams says it's important to recognise the influence that NBHS has had on the education of boys in Hawke's Bay.

"The evidence is shown in the wonderful boys to men who have passed through Napier Boys' and are now giving back and part of the community," he said, noting generations of families had been through the school.



Napier Boys' High School at its original site in Clyde Rd, Bluff Hill.

In his eight months as headmaster, he's recognised the Māori whakataukī - He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata (What is the most important thing in the world? It is people) - has rung true.

"My standout has been the quality of people and the shared investment that they have for the place," he said. "That's the teachers and staff and boys and old boys who are protective and passionate in wanting to continue to push success forward for the school." School archivist Phillip Rankin, who has lived and breathed NBHS for the past 50 years, 37 of which were in a teaching role, said in the Axford Room - named after former dux Sir William Ian Axford, a 1946-1950 pupil who became a space scientist and last year posthumously had a mountain named after him – that the school boasts a rich history. For him, there isn't just one thing that stands out, from tales of resilience in the face of natural disasters to the boys who served in World War I, and the many boys to men who have gone on to have successful careers in a plethora of industries. He also commented on the generations that passed through the school, saying: "As far as I can tell the Parsons family have had five generations attend, dating back to at least the 1880s, and they are the most continuous."

Names line the corridors and artefacts remind the students of the sacrifices made, and the possibilities that lie ahead, like old boy Edward Herman Weber's bugle and diary. "Weber was an old boy who fought in WWI and was injured in battle at Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli. He survived by strapping his bugle to his leg and managing to crawl to the beach to safety."

"That's probably our greatest acquisition," he said.

Nelson College is regarded as the oldest state secondary school in New Zealand, having opened in 1856, but Te Aute College had opened as Ahuriri Native Industrial School in 1854

Wakefield School, near Nelson, claims the title of being the oldest continuously operating school in New Zealand, dating back to 1843.

Jubilee HIGHLIGHTS

150th Jubilee Events

The weekend celebrations were kicked off on Friday night with a busy and buzzing, sold-out Mix and Mingle event. It was great to see the smiles and hand-shakes of reconnecting Old Boys who had not seen each other in years, potentially decades.

Saturday the sun shone, the food trucks were busy and the Polson Banner games were well supported by current students & families, Old Boys and their families and the wider community. The 118th time the Polson Banner has been contested. The Polson Banner game was televised by Maori Television, the grounds team had been very busy making our rugby fields look amazing, and an extra grandstand was brought in thanks to Willis Legal. Both NBHS and PNBH were amped, ready to play.

From the incredibly moving Haka from both teams, to the nail biting, last minute win by NBHS - what a great day!

NBHS 1XV (22) vs PNBH 1XV (18)





NBHS & Hawke's Bay Construction Jubilee Dinner



The Jubilee dinner was well attended, Centennial Hall looked amazing and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying lively banter, reconnecting, selfies a-plenty and enjoying a delicious meal. Simon Tremain had hands flying for a few fun auction items and it was great to see those who brought their dancing shoes and enjoyed the fantastic band, Naked Gun.

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On Sunday morning Old Boys warmed up inside the Scinde House dining hall, welcomed by Ash Johnson and Jarred Williams (Headmaster) and served a Boarders Breakfast, with credit to the Hostel chefs, as some didn't want to leave!

The breakfast was followed by tours of the school campus by our Prefects and performances by our Kapa Haka and music groups in Henderson Hall.









Bruce Davie

1940s

1940

1946

1948

1949

1949

1949

Past & Present Headmasters

Jarred Williams - Current Headmaster Ross Brown

1950s

Grahame Buist	1950
Trevor Gorst	1951
Trevor Atkins	1952
Steve Perfect	1953
Tom Dean	1953
Mervyn Harding	1953
Rex Hawkins	1953
Graham Whiteman	1953
Philip Berry	1953
Garry Owen	1953
Ken Hodgkinson	1953
David Grant	1954
Alan Husheer	1954
Rarawa Kohere	1954
Adrian Wiig	1954
Richard Struthers	1954
Alan Stewart Day	1954
Maurice Bartlett	1954
Ron Swenson	1955
Barry Finlayson	1955
Ken Wood	1955
Brian Young	1955
Maurice Eddy	1956
Jim Howell	1956
Peter Tong	1956
Selwyn Hawthorne	1956
Robert. J. Kyle	1956
Murray Frater	1956

Ken Scheele

James Scott

Don Plested

John Mcmillin

Don Alexander

Murray Holland

Gilbert Duncan 1956 Kim Morgan 1956 Stuart Wright 1956 Patrick Parsons 1956 Michael Whitworth 1956 Andrew Collow 1957 Lawrence Goldsmith 1957 John Chappell 1957 Graeme Mclean 1957 Noel Hawkins 1957 Murray Fletcher 1957 Michael Cresswell 1957 Colin Mackinnon 1957 Ken Geenty 1957 Tom Castles 1958 Reg Vautier 1958 Barrie Browne 1958 John Gahagan 1958 Wynn Nation 1959 Ian Crooks 1959 Jeremy Rumbal 1959 **David Cormack** 1959 Don Macdonald 1959 **Ewan McGregor** 1959 Doug Knight 1959 **Rob Carthew** 1959 Jim Kerr 1959



Brian Smith	1960
Myles Girvan	1960
George Ebbett	1960
Ian Gilray	1960
Bill Sadler	1960
Jordan Pishief	1960
Chris Bendall	1960
Laurence Guillemot	1960
John Hague	1960
Dale Simkin	1960
Hugh Pearse	1960
Warren/Jock Eddy	1960
Gavin Exeter	1960
Graeme Robinson	1960
Brent Hannah	1960
John Dixon	1960
Gary Steed	1960
Robert Cottrell	1961
Morris Mear	1961
Allen Connor	1961
Bruce Tucker	1961
Richard Cross	1961
Terry Exeter	1961
lain McKay	1962
Graham Barrie	1962
Bill Vautier	1962
Dennis Munro	1962
Neil Bishop	1962
Ian Blair	1962
Larry Dallimore	1962
Robbie Robertson	1962
Jonathan Bissell	1963
Paul Spackman	1963
Gary Mills	1963
Robert Forrest	1963
lain MacEwan	1963
Bill Pendlebury	1963
Ross Longney	1963
Stam Pishief	1963
Peter Robin Exeter	1963
Brian Manson	1963
Chris Geddis	1964
Jeff Morton	1964
lan Bray	1964
Lawrie Duncan	1964
Bevan Cottrell	1964
Alan Brady	1964
Tim Wood	1964

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Neil Struthers	1964
Nigel Cowan	1964
Les Nash	1965
Len Andersen	1965
Anthony Wright	1965
Bryce McGhie	1965
Mark Stoddart	1965
Peter Durham	1965
Rod Earnshaw	1965
Colin Frost	1965
Simon Wenley	1965
Steve McRae	1965
Roger Gilligham	1965
Richard Woodhouse	1965
Dennis Mills	1966
Alan Mitford-Taylor	1966
Robert Ayling	1966
Allan Hall	1966
Noel Bates	1966
Phillip Blundell	1966
Kevin Mitchell	1966
Philip Holt	1966
Peter Williams	1966
Bryan Faulknor	1966
Doug McPhail	1966
Virginia Lum	1966
Gael Dunstall	1967
Michael Thomas	1967
Kerry Clarke	1967
Peter Christie	1967
Trevor von Hartitzsch	1967
Brian Sinclair-Thompson	1968
Rei Kohere	1968
Ihaka Smith	1968
Michael Single	1968
Geoff Mitford-Taylor	1968
Kevin Brian Dixon	1968
Philip Woodhouse	1968
Tad Tadsen	1968
Bruce Hurst	1968
Walker Manaena	1969
Dennis Mitchell	1969
John (PJ) Smith	1969
Perry Gilbert	1969
Bob McCaw	1969
Hirini Matunga	1969



Reti Ross Pearse	1970
Gower Smith	1970
Paul Dunstall	1970
Craig MacErlich	1970
Paul McGettigan	1970
Barry Keith	1970
Peter Callinicos	1970
David Pearson	1970
Ira Kohere	1970
Rodney Allen	1970
Ian Kennedy	1971
James Purcell	1971
Kevin Callinicos	1971
Chris Sutton	1971
John Loughlin	1972
Kerry Ansell	1972
Colin Smith	1972
Brett Percival	1972
Wayne Steele	1972
Grant D Anthony	1972
Ben Lee	1972
Phillip Rankin	1972
Neil Philpott	1972
Simon Woodhouse	1972
Mark Andersen	1973
Murray Rofe	1973
Mark Sweetapple	1973
Tony Callinicos	1973
Chris Devine	1973
Nigel Harvey	1973
Brent Muggeridge	1973
Robert Stephens	1973
Jim Thorburn	1973
Dave Morton	1974
David Jackson	1974
Gavin McNaught	1974
David Lawlor	1974

Niels Nikolaison	1974
Michael Kampkes	1974
Barry Streeter	1974
Bevan Riddell	1974
Ken Moloney	1975
Wayne Monteith	1975
Richard Wimsett	1975
Bruce Williams	1975
Alex Sellar	1975
Greg Johansson	1975
Nigel Mannering	1975
Mark Jessep	1975
Ron Garland	1975
Stephen Jenkinson	1975
Don McConnochie	1975
Craig Dawson	1976
Mike Smith	1976
Simon Lord	1976
Rick Helliwell	1977
Stephen Morton	1977
Todd Highsted	1977
Lance Parsons	1977
Pete McGlashan	1977
John Hughes	1978
Aaron Millar	1978
Dean Chrystal	1978
Grant Dearns	1978
Warren Alcock	1978
John Mackay	1978
Brenton Giddens	1978
Neil Lunt	1978
Russell Phillips	1978
Todd Douglas	1978
Kevin Russell	1978
Paul Lees	1979
Jamie Lawson	1979
Peter Wimsett	1979
Dean Toomer	1979



Ashley Young	1980
Dennis Paxie	1980
Chris Tremain	1980
Ina Nukutai	1980
Tim Wong	1980
Brendan Slui	1980
Pita Lloyd	1980
Stu Smith	1980
Michael Kaye	1981
Alan McFadzean	1981
Sandy Hoggarth	1981
Alun James	1981
Stuart Nash	1981
Simon Tremain	1982
Paul Campbell	1982
Aaron Raisey	1982
Nic Clere	1982
Rob Smithers	1982
Justin Pratt	1982
Blair Robinson	1982
Fraser Holland	1982
Simon Kerr	1982
Stephen Humphreys	1982
Stu Forster	1982
Richard Turner	1983
Paul Sloane	1983
Marty Screen	1983
Clinton McKee	1983
Nathan Heath	1983
Phillip Purvis	1983
Kevin Guillemot	1983
Ramnan Mudaliar	1984
Michael McCaw	1984
Bevan King	1984
Rob Hollier	1984
Mark Tremain	1985
Shane Brown	1985
Matthew Hawkins	1985
Hamish Guthrie	1985
Ben Langdon	1985
Geoff Smith	1985

Jarrod McMillan	1985
Mathew Lane	1985
Aidan Cudby	1985
Alistair Alcock	1985
Gus Struthers	1985
Richard Jamieson	1985
Kane Raisey	1985
Zach Davis	1985
Matt Ellingham	1985
Craig Findlay	1985
Reece Kennedy	1985
Ross McKinnon	1986
Doug Haines	1986
Stuart Gourdie	1986
Hamish Thomson	1986
Shane Windelev	1986
Grant Baxter	1986
Alistair Martin	1986
Duncan MacLeod	1986
Stuart Pratt	1986
Kelly Allan	1986
Marc Bridgman	1986
Harley Evans	1986
Jason Blair	1986
Tony Swenson	1986
Barry Boyden	1987
Aaron White	1987
Jamie Stevenson	1987
Erin Walshe	1987
Scott Weir	1987
Gerard Brown	1987
Phillip Smith	1987
Chris Greene	1987
Matthew Fleming	1987
Richard Parsons	1987
Campbell Furlong	1988
Toby Davis	1988
Hayden Meredith	1988
David Blair	1988
Aaron Dolbel	1989
Geoff Keighley	1989
Matthew White	1989
Julian Stewart	1989
Jae Lemin	1989
Philip Rowden	1989
Justin Puna	1989
Dwayne Wilton	1989



Aaron Tipene	1990
Glynn Smith	1990
Angus Agnew	1990
Stuart Pearse	1990
Wade Stoddart	1990
Michael Berry	1990
Marcus Hall	1990
Justin Mills	1991
Ronnie Turner	1991
Paul Ennor	1991
Alistair Penny	1991
Karl McDonald	1991
Aidan Callaghan	1991
Travis LeComte	1991
Simon Porter	1991
Stefan Stewart	1991
Kane Ritchie	1991
Kent Karangaroa	1991
KJ Dooney	1991
Dave Moule	1992
Cam White	1992
George Waterworth	1992
Shaun Brown	1992
Rohan Watson	1992
Ken Turner	1993
Greg Haines	1993
Matthew Doole	1993
Shanan Symes	1993
Blythe Rees-Jones	1993
Ben Dalton	1993
Neil Fountaine	1993
Shane Gregory	1993
Jordan Pepper	1993
Casey Williams	1993
Toby Simcox	1993
Malcolm Henricksen	1993
Cameron Ward	1994
Nik Shipkov	1994
Robert Arrell	1994
Mahesh Muralidhar	1994

Daniel Whyte	1995
Jeremy Darby	1995
Paul Battersby	1995
Adam Bray	1995
Simon Wallace	1995
Andy Scott	1995
George Diack	1995
Chris Henricksen	1995
Sam Adam	1995
Clayton Stoddart	1995
Karl Tipene	1995
Mac Dalton	1996
Matthew Carter	1996
Andrew Atkinson	1996
Ben Hasselman	1996
Ben Potaka	1996
Andrew Doole	1996
Joe Snee	1996
Colin Bourke	1997
Kevin Martindale	1997
Ally Paine	1998
Grant Bicknell	1998
Ryan Hambleton	1998
Fraser Toulmin	1998
Simon Danks	1998
Sam Cave	1998
Peter Stevens	1998
Hayden Henderson	1999
Dan Waenga	1999



Rhys Evans	2000
Brice Cameron	2000
Josh Kendrick	2000
Nick Demaine	2000
Haden Hawke	2001
Hayden Nikolaison	2001
Rick Purvis	2001
Sam Pryde	2001
Eli Paewai	2001
Angus Brown	2001
Sam Faulknor	2001
Tom Mead	2001
Ted-Stuart Symes	2002
James Warren	2002
Brad Weber	2004
Kieran Scheele	2004

Tiaki Renata	2004
William Mead	2005
Moewhare Taana	2005
Richard Doole	2005
Chris Biggs	2005
Greger Rough	2005
Luke Tomalin	2005
Ben Slui	2006
Sven Muggeridge	2007
Ashton Tuck	2007
Gareth Evans	2009
Rex Newman	2010
Lynyrd Hall	2011
Nick Wright	2014
Mihnea Vlad	2015
Tristan Walker	2020



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