



Network News

The Newsletter of the HVHS Past Pupils & Friends Association Inc.

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NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES – PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY

The building of the new gym, changing rooms and entrance way gave me the opportunity (and wall space) to have an area dedicated to the Past Pupils of HVHS who have represented New Zealand in their respective sports. I felt it was important for current pupils of the school to know that there is a very strong tradition in sport at HVHS and that they know the names and faces of the people that have created this tradition.

What I didn't have was the money to fund the project. This is where the HVHS Past Pupils & Friends Association came to the rescue. I approached them at their AGM in 2006 and they very generously granted me \$3,000 to implement the idea.

My first contact was with Alexander Turnbull Library where I spent 2 hours going through files and found negatives of Thelma Kench, Robert Glading, Colin Loader, Bruce Morrison, Bruce Murray, Don Higgins, Don Jowatt and James Fitzgerald. My next call was to Bob Luxford at the NZ Rugby Museum for the photo of Ron Jarden. Softball NZ were able to supply photos of Zavana Aranga and Craig Wallace. New Zealand Cricket sent me photos of our women's representatives Anna Dodd (nee Corbin) and Amanda Cooper.

I discovered the Photosport website and managed to get the photos of Jonathan Wyatt, Chris Nevin, Jamie Hunt, Nick Willis, Mark Brown, Andrew Barron and Heath Davis. David Mealing at the NZ Cricket Museum at the Basin Reserve gave me a photo of John Reid. Ross Collinge and the Hewson family supplied photos and finally Vanessa Chatfield, who works at the school, was photographed. All framing has been done by Gordon Hay at "Picture This" in Petone.

The 'Wall of Fame' contains 24 of Hutt Valley High School's NZ representatives, however, there is still many more names and photographs to be added. Names such as Brent and Peter Miskimmin, Mike Clamp, Jason O'Halloran, Neroli Knight, Lionel Smith, Muriel Howe.

Kevin Campbell (Sports Director)

HVHSPFA AGM

MONDAY 26 MARCH 7.00pm.
HVHS School Pavilion –by School Hall

GUEST SPEAKER
"BAGs" (Bruce) MURRAY
&
TOUR OF THE NEW GYM
KEVIN CAMPBELL

Farewell to Judi Witcher & Colleen Cresswell
SUPPER PROVIDED

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The year has started well at school, with the roll a little lower than last year, in line with predictions. The house at number 14 St Alban's Grove has been removed, and once the designation process is complete, we will have a little more playing space - sorely needed.

The new Art and Media block is ahead of schedule, and is going to be an excellent addition to our facilities, with four specialist art spaces, a dedicated computer suite, and two classrooms for Media Studies, who will share the computers. The design allows for a lot of exhibition space, so the opening will also be an opportunity to showcase some of our talent.

We were as a school saddened by the death of Professor Alan MacDiarmid, and flew the flag at half-mast for two days. He kept in touch with the school, and every year there is a senior Chemistry prize in his name. We are proud to have the framed photo of him with his Nobel medal in our administration area.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done in the Archives by Colleen Cresswell, who retired at the end of last year after 20 years. Colleen was a fount of information, and had the skill of devising interesting and pertinent displays for the cabinet in the library foyer. We have not yet found a replacement, so if you would like to spend 4 hours a week, paid, working with the Archives, please contact me for a job description and a chat.

Sylvia Burch

Excerpts from Colleen's Farewell speech

The school Archive has successfully come of age from very humble beginnings and proved its worth as demonstrated at the 75th Jubilee. One thing about school archives is that they have to be practical, not cost too much and they need to be used. Hutt High now manages that. I have assisted classes doing work including school history, answered queries from around NZ and abroad as well as producing the reunions and school displays.

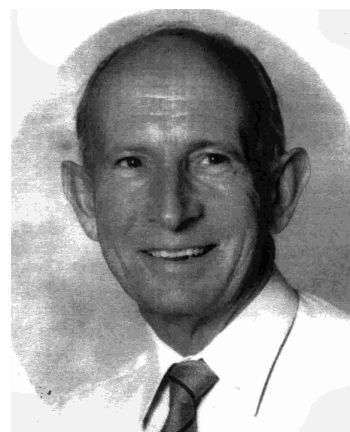
I must thank Sylvia who is my favourite past pupil. She has been a tower of strength, shown lots of interest, and has never said no to any request.

I will miss this place terribly and the people more.

Colleen Cresswell

In Memory

H. F. (Peter) Fletcher (1920 – 2007)



Born in Southend, England, Peter began training as an accountant before serving in the army in the Middle East and Egypt in World War 2, as Captain Fletcher. Post war Peter retrained as a teacher, a career he loved.

Peter, wife Jackie and daughters Wendy and Jenny migrated to New Zealand in the early 1950's and Peter taught in Opunaki, Taranaki. In 1959 Peter obtained a position at Hutt Valley High School and taught science, technical drawing and physics. He took active roles in the ATC cadet's scheme and as a careers adviser. Both daughters were pupils.

In later years Peter was the Senior Dean, a role he particularly enjoyed, HOD Physics, and Deputy Principal. He shaped the lives of thousands of students, setting them high standards with his strict yet gentle manner. The staff admired his efficient organisation, superb wit and great trust – a great mentor. Peter developed an electives scheme which encouraged students to become self reliant, coached and managed a nationally successful yachting team, organised school Galas and the 60th Jubilee in 1986. The magnificent rose garden at the front of the school was constructed by Peter and Jackie and maintained by Peter for many years.

Peter retired from H V H S in 1987, moved to Auckland to join daughter Wendy, and continued teaching physics at Epsom Girls Grammar School until the age of 80. He was then presented with a jersey of his beloved Southend football team.

Fred Harris

In Memory

Carol Barker nee Tuson (1963-67)

Carol passed away at home in December 2006 aged 57. She joined the Past Pupils Committee when it was restarted in 1999 to prepare for the 75th Jubilee and assisted with all the activities. Carol's father Win Tuson taught at HVHS from 1953-1980.

Carol is survived by her husband Gerry and children Matt, Dean and Carly.

The Past Pupils committee remember Carol with great affection and miss her generous help and friendly smile.

HVHS PAST PUPILS NEWS

Rodger Marvelly (1944-47) sent this article titled "Salt of the Earth" about his classmate:

"Independent fisheries scientist **Bob Steet** is highly respected by generations of Bluff oystermen for his experience and years of down-to-earth research through his breeding, seeding and tagging experiments with oysters in Bluff Harbour and Foveaux Strait.

Since he started fisheries work with the former Marine Department in Otago in 1956, Bob has mainly focused on Paua, rock lobster and oyster research in Otago and Southland. At 76 he still has a busy schedule. He is presently working on a pilot project to capture wild-oyster spawn on spat collectors suspended in Bluff Harbour, grow them to the size of the old 50 cent coin then release them into selected areas to mature in 2 years to legal size—"giving nature a helping hand".

Helen Lear (1997-2001)

Helen graduated with First Class Honours from Victoria University, studying with Emily Mair ONZM, then moved to London to study at the Royal College of Music. She graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma (singer), with Distinction, and made a transition in voice type from mezzo-soprano to soprano.

Helen is keen to work on directing and producing opera and other musical events when she returns to the UK in February to finish her studies and also in New Zealand as a long-term goal.

Bryon Green (1949-53) wrote last year about attending a birthday party earlier in 2006. The attendees were members of the HVHS 1st XI cricket team of 1954 including George McConnell; Dick (RKP) Jones; Don Knight; Peter Wright and Graeme Lane. This group also keeps in touch with Bob Thompson; Arnie Hare; Graeme and Ron Owles from the Wellington area.

"Each time we get together the conversation seems to carry on from last time – as if we had not been away for months. We are all married and have been for at least 40 years and surprisingly all wives are from other than HVHS (*significant?*). It's great to have a bunch of school mates like this"

Alison Frude nee Hills (1964-68)

Alison and her husband Paul retired from teaching at HVHS at the end of 2006. She had been a member of staff for 33 years as a language and music teacher, Department Dean and later an itinerant Flute teacher. Alison's father **Ivan Hills** taught at HVHS from 1939-1972 including 11 years as Deputy Principal and acting Principal. Ivan also led the first school orchestra and started the Girls Choir, nick named the "Harem", which grew to a group of 60 pupils. **Paul Frude** joined the staff in 1979 as an itinerant tutor of Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet and Saxophone and started the first Concert Band and Jazz band. He was on the staff for 28 years.

The Hills-Frude family gave 68 years of service to HVHS.

Stuart Jacobson (1943-46) who now lives in Sydney came over for the 80th anniversary dinner. He later wrote "I had no sooner entered the Student Centre when a voice boomed out my name, it was Alan Whiteman whom I had not seen for over 60 years. He said, "Do you remember putting a book on top of the door, intended for me & Stan Ramson walked in?" I certainly do remember! Alan Whiteman must have a remarkable memory, firstly in recognising me and also in recalling the book incident. I was certainly not one of his brightest students nor unduly unruly."

(Hmm – books on doors not unruly?) Ed

HVHSPFA Committee 2006

Chairperson: Rosemary Thompson

Vice Chairperson: Paul Giles

Secretary: Judi Whitcher

Treasurer: Geoff Kiddle

Celia Andrews, Pat Blades, Katriona MacDonald, Pat Manning, Graeme Marshall, Pauline Patchett, John Stanton, Betty Hennes, Paul Logan

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

LOWER HUTT LITTLE THEATRE

SAT 31 March 7pm

SUN 1 April – Matinee

MON 2 April 7pm

TUES 3 April 7pm

School production – great talent
Tickets available from the HVHS School Office

HVHS ANNUAL BRIDGE FUN RUN/WALK
SUNDAY 6 MAY at HVHS Pavilion

**If undelivered, please return to:
Past Pupils & Friends Assn, HVHS, PO Box 31 909, Lower Hutt**