



Network News

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

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Condensed AGM report 2005

Database & Newsletter & Web Site

The current database contains 3008 entries ranging from a few 1926 foundation pupils to some 1993 students. The email facility of the database was used to advertise the AGM this year. We need your help to maintain current email addresses.

A small subscription was introduced in 2004 to cover the costs of the newsletter. This has reduced the numbers of current members but has kept the "Network News" viable.

The web site has an active bulletin board.

The Archives

The new computer/printer and scanner system, provided by Past Pupils donations, enabled our archivist Colleen Cresswell to copy and reproduce archival material for displays and for our records. Colleen's work over more than 10 years in archives was recognised with the presentation of an "Ad Alta" award at the 2004 prize giving. Copies of Jean Bowden's Roll of Honour are used by the pupils for project work.

Social events

The first and second decade "Tea & Chat" continues to be a very popular event.

In March 2004 we held a very successful 3rd & 4th decade dinner in the School Student centre. Our guest speaker, Alan Smith, reminisced about the "good old days" and the archive display provided a good deal of interest. The attendees opted to continue every two years.

The May 2004 Bridge Run/Walk had over 100 participants. Plenty of spot prizes and cheering provided a fun morning. Profits helped purchase 18 tables and 84 chairs for the Student Centre

Music Festival supper: The Past Pupils provided a sumptuous supper for the annual Music Festival at a small cost but good profit.

Finance

John Cranefield retires after 6 years as our treasurer including the Jubilee year. John is not a past pupil but his children have attended. He has proved to be a valued friend of the school, donating hours of work keeping our finances on track. We will miss John and his wise council and are fortunate to have Geoff Kiddle willing to take over the job as treasurer.

Scholarships

Three \$1,000.00 scholarships, to assist with the costs of tertiary education, were awarded at the Senior Prize giving in Nov 2004.

- Keesing McLeod Law Scholarship
- Chris MacKay Financial Planning Scholarship
- HVHSPP&FA Scholarship for valued contribution to school life

We appreciate of the generosity of Past Pupils who have donated these scholarships

On the death of George Kaye in May 2004 the school received a bequest from George & Elizabeth Kaye of the entire proceeds of their Estate to be used for a scholarship in memory of their son David. Both George and David were Past Pupils of HVHS.

School Liaison

Our staff representative, Katriona Macdonald, provides a valuable link between the School and the PPFA committee.

We are grateful to the continued support of the Principal, Mrs Sylvia Burch and staff at HVHS who are always willing to assist.

The committee is always open to suggestions on how to provide a popular programme of events and provide information of interest to our members. The committee members have worked hard this year and I thank them.

Rosemary Thompson, Chairperson, March 2005

Financial Report 2004

The report presented at the 2005 AGM covered the financial year January 2004-December 2004. Income was from the introduction of membership fees and a small contribution from the 3rd and 4th Decade Dinner and Bridge Run. This generated a surplus of \$5800 after operating costs of \$1990 and funded a \$1300 donation to the Archives. Tables and chairs for the Student centre were funded from the Reunion surplus.

The Association is financially sound with \$49000 invested with Westpac and UDC (the interest from \$23000 of this funds the yearly scholarships). The remainder allows the Committee to donate significant funds towards specific projects at the School.

Geoff Kiddle – Treasurer

Keith Elsom

Those who knew Keith Elsom were saddened at his death.

He enrolled as a pupil at HVHS in 1946 and the school was an important part of his life. He was a good student who participated to the full in school life. He was an excellent cricketer and a fine musician who made an important contribution to the band.

He attended university and graduated with an MA degree. He returned to the school as a teacher and made his mark. A popular, friendly and excellent teacher he earned the respect of his students and his colleagues.

He will also be remembered as coach of the 2nd XI. His promotion to Head of Department of Social Sciences was well deserved. He also took charge of the closed circuit television. He retired in 1990 taking with him an excellent knowledge of HVHS and its history.

His wife predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters and his partner Denise. He will be missed by his family and many friends

A.L. Whiteman

Principals Report

The school finished a very busy first term with the magnificent stage production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". A very dedicated group of students and supporters treated the wider community to four sold out performances of superb entertainment.

Term two has seen our debating team narrowly miss out on winning the Wellington Debating Championships. Volante, our school choir, performed with distinction at the Wellington Choral Festival.

Steve Chapman, Acting Principal

Congratulations to other achievers:

Karlo Margetic won the national award, at the NZ Chamber Music competition for the 2nd year running, for his original music composition for string quartet, clarinet and piano.

Connor Lui has been selected for the NZ Waterpolo Squad.

Eight students have been selected as Wellington Hockey Reps

Admir Balicevac is in the NZ Under 15 Soccer team hoping to qualify for the World Finals in Hong Kong in July

Alexander Gordon is one of 5 students, chosen nationwide by The Royal Society of NZ, to attend the Harry Messels Science School in Sydney for 2 weeks in July.

Amy Thomasen is a contestant in the Karate Koi World Cup to be held in Moscow in July

HVHSPFA - COMING EVENTS

Music Evening

Friday 26 August - 7.00pm

in the School hall. Ticket price includes supper. Proceeds to musical instrument repair fund.

Tea & Chat

For 1st and 2nd Decades (1926-1945)

Wednesday 7 Sept. from 1.30pm

Bring your memorabilia as Past Pupils will be invited to visit classes to talk to students.

HVHS past pupils in the news



DEBATING TEAM
T. Groser, A. Shaw, E. Wilson.

Former pupils (1964-1968) prepare for life of public service

You may have read recently about Tim Groser, diplomat & E.U. trade expert, becoming a National Party candidate. Alick Shaw is deputy Mayor of Wellington. What is Peter Wilson doing?

Nick Willis, middle distance runner, turns professional and breaks John Walker's 30-year old 1500m NZ record on 2 July 2005. The 22 yr old is based in Michigan, USA.

Nigel Cox won a Deutz Medal for Fiction at the Montana New Zealand Book Awards with his book Tarzan Presley (published by Victoria University Press)

GREAT TURNOUT FOR 2005 AGM

Was it due to Graeme Marshall's reputation as an excellent speaker, the emailed invitations or because we phoned our local members? Graeme lived up to expectations and provided an interesting and amusing insight into the workings of public service.

BRIDGE RUN/WALK A BIG SUCCESS

Held on 15 May we had 166 entrants, ages ranging from six to 65 years. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors the HVHSPP&F committee raised over \$1,300 that will be used to buy equipment for the Student Centre. Results are listed on the www.hvhs.school.nz past pupils message board.

Mrs Reynolds, who held the garden parties in the 1930s, lived in Pharazyn Street. Thanks to all who replied to Jean Bowden.

Found in Australia

A 1939 HVHS prize book belonging to R.A. Smith. The finder, Danielle Nutt, is writing an article for her local paper about the book and our school. The book will come to the HVHS archives.

Reunion for HVHS Latin 1958

Wellington 15 October 2005

25 confirmed plus 2 teachers, Ailsa Carrad and Alan Whiteman.

Organiser Bruce Kennedy has located Anne Jamieson & Gillian Patterson but has yet to find Lynne Spottiswoode or Shirley Wong. Can you help?

Reunion Lunch at Plimmerton Cafe

Spotted recently at the Plimmerton Cafe was a group of women, all third formers at HVHS in 1953. Several of the group have maintained contact since leaving school and meet for lunch on a regular basis. Judging by the length of the luncheon, there was still plenty of news to share!

Present were (maiden names):- Shona Gillen, Dorothy Cotton, Gretchen Lazarus, Lindsay Cuttriss, Joan Lewis, Lorraine Mathews and Pam Enting. Several others were not able to attend this time.

Information Request

Does anyone have any information on the history of our Panda bear mascot used in the 1980s? The bear appears in several sports team photos and also on top of the Mini used to try and get a Guinness book record for the number of people a Mini could hold. Senior pupils are presently fundraising to buy a Panda bear suit to use as a mascot at sports and other school events. Our 1980s stuffed bear complete with school cap and tie is assisting them.

Replies to HVHSPP&F by mail or email please

HVHSPPFA Committee 2005-06

Chairperson: Rosemary Thompson

Vice Chairperson: Paul Giles

Secretary: Judi Witcher

Treasurer: Geoff Kiddle

Celia Andrews, Carol Barker, Pat Blades, Katriona MacDonald, Pat Manning, Graeme Marshall, Pauline Patchett, John Stanton, Pam Stevenson, Ken Stevenson.

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