



Papanui High School

Alumni Association Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Anderson recently exhibited her weaving at the Waikato Art Society's Exhibition. Anne Field was her tutor at PHS Evening School from 1979-86. Mary started up her own business in 2000.

75th Reunion

Queens Birthday
June 3-5 2011

Start your planning now
by contacting your classmates

Greetings, Tēnā koutou katoa!

Throughout the years one of the hallmarks of Papanui High School has been the variety of curricular and co-curricular activities in which students become involved.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that, that tradition is carrying on in your old school in 2010. The daily notices of 16th June for example showed exactly how much is going on.

Included in that day's notices were; reminders for meetings for the Book Club, for the Video Editing Art Extension class, for the catch up Unit Standard assessment for genetics, for the scholarship class, the Science Club, and the ICT Helpdesk.

Sports practices were signalled for Basketball, Girls' Rugby, Netball, Badminton, Orienteering, Break-dancing and Ice Hockey. And there was a draw for the twenty five teams playing in the Wednesday sports competition the next day. Invitations were extended also to the kapa haka practice, major production (Grease) rehearsals and a meeting of the back-stage crew, the school speech competitions, the student Sport and Health Committee meeting, and the Christian Group. In addition a Benchball House competition was announced and tickets for the formal went on sale.

Senior students who were considering their career options were invited to put their name down for visits to CPIT, to the Early Childhood open day, and Natcoll. And a number of Year 12 students were invited to career interviews.

Not bad for one day. No wonder students enjoy being here so much.

Denis Pyatt
Principal

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Members News - Recent Registrations

Simon Teague (1987-91)
Sharon Moller (1994-96)
Dale Burden Principal Mt Albert Grammar
Patricia Wakeham (Robinson) 1942-44
Adrian Mee (1975-78) Medical lab scientist
Ivan Adcock
Christopher Benns (1988-93)
Ashley Crampton
Bob Ryburn (1965-68) Staff
Suzanne Scott (1982-85) residing Sydney
Sharon Honeywill (Eason) (1984-86) overseas travel now in Chch
Melanie Archer (Orchard) (1988-92) Overseas travel. now at Otago Uni)
Glen Whitley (1991-95) RNZAF Plays cricket for NZ Defences. Rugby referee
Anna Dillon (1989-93)
Henry (Snow) Davis (1940-1943)
Christine Wilton 1974-76
Janice Fletcher (nee Leggett) 1954-55) Runs the Rapahoe camping ground near Greymouth
Angela Moulin (Melrose) (1993-97)
Jason Smith (2002-2006)
Michael Ouwerkerk (1984-89) 15 years o'seas
Sandra Hitchcock (1986-89)
Emma Norrish (1996-98)
Brent Bird (1973-76) Refrigeration industry
Deborah Lang (1977-80) Involved in tourism in Queensland.
Jame Te Purewa McDuff (2001-05)
Stephanie Garrett (2003-05)
Kelly Simpson (2003-2007)
Marie Moar (Gibson) (2003-05)
Jennifer Reid (2003-07) At Otago doing degree in Physiotherapy
Janet Little (1977-80) Photography industry
Frank Cammock (1957-61) Retired BOP
Rachel Gibson (1990-94)
Amanda Baird (1991-95) MSc. Doing research at Christchurch School of Medicine
Alan Brennock (1971-75)
Brian Kelleher (1976-80)
Chris Brooks (1972-76)
Lara Russell nee (Satterthwaite) (1986-89)
Lynne Florance ex-staff (1970-1989)
Natalie Hughes (2006-09) Studying drama/music
Raeann McPerson (Syder) (1985-89)
Stephen Griffin (1965-70) Civil Engineer
Clare Dobson (Walker) (1986-90)
Julia Lockhart (1983-86) Pre-school teacher
Darryl Griffin (1963-67) Local govt management
Jill Hill (Wood) (1962-65)
Sarah Johnson (1999-2003) BSc and HR Diploma
Michael Hurst (1971-75)

David Yan (1982-86)
Glenn Connor (1982-86)
Georgina Compton (Bendall) (1991-95) Chiropractor
Kirstin Taylor (Schroder) (1990-94)
John Burdett (1951-54) Air traffic controller
Dave (Sam) Weller (1961-65)
Sandra Charlesworth (Phelan) (1958-62)
Graeme Prentice (1964-67)
Bettina Bank (1997-99)
Samantha Groves (2003-07)
Lian Martin-Hill (1976-79) Professional dancer now a personal trainer in New York.
Carolyn Moana Taueki-Stott (Taueki) (1991-95) Working in Maori Education in the Far North
Amanda Docherty (2002-05) doing teaching degree
Murray Halstead (1961-65) Head Boy 1965
Debbie Thomas (Horwarth) (1984-86)
Rochelle van Eysden (1986-90) Optometrist
Charlene Scott (Kelly) (1988-92) Now in Blenheim
Allan Cleave (1948-49)
Joyce Cleave (Cross) (1950-51)
Michele Field (1973-75)
Sam Meni (2004-2009) computer graphic course
Joy Hannah (Robinson) 1948-49)
Venetta Palmer (Harper) 1945-47)
Majorie Heal (1945-47)
Margaret Debenham (1945-47)
Betty Richards (Baillie) (1945-47)
Shirley Moore (Brunt) (1945-47)
Barry Leadbetter (1966-69)
Larry Houston (1952-54)
Joyce O'Connell (Trott) (1972-74)
Norma Timms (1962-64)
Michael Riach (1987-91)
Vannesa Riach (nee Carson) (1988-1992)
Bruce Wetherall (1955-58) Lived overseas 32 years now retired in Auckland
Ana Connor (Dawson) (1984-88)
Jan Finlayson (1980-84)
Maureen Rikihana (Ovens) (1956-58)
Rob Haywood (1983-88) BSc. Working in IT
Naomi Rumbold (nee Waipouri) (1997-2001)
Jenine Davie (Cox)
Beveley Murray (Gray) 1953-56
Philippa MacLean (1969-72)
Charlotte MacLean (1969-72)
Joan MacDonald (Kimber) (1960-62)
Christie Macdonald (1958-61)
Rebecca Watson (Cotton) (1995-99)
Bill Scott (1942-45) lives in Rangiora
Brian Neill (1956-60)
Dennis Neill (1961-64)
Margaret Price (Neill) (1962-65)
Peter Clothier (1961-64) Finance industry in NSW

More names
 in next issue

From the Alumni Office

We could really use your knowledge to grow our membership by re-establishing contacts with past students, staff and other school associates. **Email addresses are particularly helpful – Please advise if we don't have yours.**

Why not add names and send back. Our website has an on-line registration form.

Name:

Address:

phone: Email: Years attended eg 1961/3

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75th Reunion Programme

(All events held at the school)

Thursday 2 June 2011

10 -4.00pm Registration packs available

Friday 3 June 2011

2.30 -6.30pm Registration packs available

7.00 – 10.30 Official Welcome/Conversazione
Canapes provided, drinks own cost at cash bar

Saturday 4 June 2011

9.00-11.30 am Ex-staff breakfast at The Elms

1.00-5.00 pm Photos in decades in Hall
Tours of school
Areas set aside for each decade in marquee/hall?

3.00–4.00 pm PTA/Board afternoon tea

4.00-6.00 pm Cocktail/pre-dinner drinks
Nibbles provided, drinks own cost at cash bar

Evening Dinner with your school chums
you choose where to go
(list of suggestions on website soon)

Sunday 5 June 2011

11am -3.30pm Showcase by school students
Guestspeaker Michael Hurst
(ex-student)
Packed lunch (12.30) Bar open
Official close of reunion

NB Staff (current and ex) do not need to pay registration
Costs should be available by October and registration forms at the same time on the school website

1987 The office ladies Wendy Dow (deceased)
Yvonne Mardon and Pat Snook- all here 20 years.
New computer too?



Deborah Lang (1977-78). Deb has travelled a good deal and ran backpackers accommodation. After a stint in Canada she settled in Australia and was a tour guide for Contiki Tours. Now in Queensland selling caravans and campervans.

Carolyn Moana Taueki-Stott (1991-95) Met her husband Dougal while teacher training and now homeschools their 5 children. Working on education initiatives in the Far North.

John Burdett (1951-54) John trained as a radio operator and worked for Civil Aviation until 1967 when he immigrated to Canada and worked in air traffic control. Fondly remembers his classmates Bonner, Dawson, Parrish and Schwass.

Clare Dobson (nee Walker) (1986-90) Lived in England for 9 years working on projects for investment banking firms. Now lives in Piha with her husband and 2 daughters and works as a facilitator with a telecommunications organization.

Chris Brooks (1972-76) A degree in aviation and worked for RNZAF and AIRNZ.

Rob Haywood (1983-88) Graduated in 1991 with BSc. Working in IT

Maureen Rikihana (Ovens) (1956-58) Originally a shorthand typist. Been in Australia for 25 years and now retired.

Michael Riach (1987-91) Has worked extensively in the media industry. Currently General Manager of Advertising for Fairfax Media in Melbourne. Married Vanessa Carson (ex PHS) and they have two young sons.

Regan Heller (1990-94) Spent 23 years as a back country tramping guide in the South Island for 6 months each year and then in sports training camps in Pennsylvania for the remaining 6 months. He is currently an air traffic controller.

Cheryl Sanders (Scott) (1966-70) Trained as a primary teacher, married a diplomat and has lived all over the world. Currently in Tehran.

Kelvin Boyd (1992-95) After completing a builders' apprenticeship he gained a BA in Psychology at Canterbury and after 5 years at Auckland Uni now has a Masters in Architecture.

Michael Hurst (1971-75) An apprentice actor at the Court Theatre in 1977 and moved to Auckland the following year. He has been an actor and director in theatre, film and television both nationally and internationally. A NZ Arts Laureate in 2003 and an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit in 2005.

1945 Shorthand Typing Class

Members of this class recently had a 'get together' lunch at the Copthorne Hotel. I managed to pop along and have a chat. Those who attended were Venetta Palmer (nee Harper), Daphne Inder (nee Johnson) Dorothy Jones (nee Eder), Marjorie Heal, Margaret Debenham, Betty Horn (nee Pugh), Margaret Sinclair (nee Hockey), Betty Richards (nee Richards) and Shirley Moore (nee Brunt). Their teacher was Miss Ada Hall.

Lois Cruden (nee Nicol) is preparing an article about netball at PHS 1954-70. Should you have information or photos please contact me and I'll organize Lois to contact you.

Do you remember?

Students queued on Fridays at Sanitarium to buy large bags of '2nd grade' weetbix at bargain prices to help the family budget.

If you do, you attended in the early 1940's.

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The Debutante Ball

The fore-runner of the modern day ball that now entails the buying of a ball dress, the make-up appointment, the hair appointment, a body tan, hire of a limousine plus the purchase of the ticket to the Ball and the After Ball Party (wearing a different outfit). That's just for the girls!

The Old Students Association organized a number of Debutante Balls which were held in the Winter Gardens on Madras Street. Gold and green were the dominant colours for the decorations and large school logos were placed at the entranceway. The first ball was in 1952 and they continued until 1963. The girls were presented to the wife of the then current Principal and flower posies donated by the association were presented to each debutante. Mrs Reynolds prepared the girls with deportment lessons and the proper way to curtsey!! The people who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves but selling of the tickets was the most difficult task and consequently they were generally run at a small financial loss.

A 30th Anniversary ball was held in the Brevet Club and then in 1968, 69 and 70 a Ball was held at The Manhattan on Kerr's Reach.

The photo was taken at the 1957 PHS Debutante Ball

Can anyone supply names?

GLIMPSE OF THE BALL

Thursday 29 July 2010
PHS Hall 7.30 pm

Come and see the girls from 2010
model their ball gowns
view at www.papanui.school.nz

Photo boards. If you would like to be a sponsor. We can give priority to your particular year if not already taken. Cost \$250. Already sponsored 1942, 43, 53, 55, 56, 57, 60, 62, 64, 65 and 66.

The Pranks

Two girls riding a tandem around the school grounds.
Two girls hiding in a cupboard in a sewing room for an entire period. ***Wonder who they were??***

Can you help find these people

Gillian Cox

Judith Sooksombatisat (nee Prentice)

A fellow prefect from 1966 is keen to make contact .

Friends of **Colleen Cooper** (1952)

Paul Cleaver - a writer

Email the Alumni Office

Old Student News

Annual Luncheon 25 August at Papanui Club

Golf Match Monday 27 September

Contact Arnold Sheppard Ph 03 358 2005

Obituary

Graeme Warburton – a history teacher in the 1990's who was involved with cricket.

Colleen Cooper 1952

Barbara Jones (Hampton) a clothing teacher 1966 died in 1990.

Doreen Riley (nee Palmer) 1936 first day

Bernice Reuben (nee Creamer) 1939-43

Noel Comyns (1960-61)

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