



FIDE ET VIRTUTE

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ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL



SILVER JUBILEE

1959-1984

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"Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let everyone of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves."

John Ruskin - The great teacher of C19

Do You Remember! Lily Trowern (teacher) tangled her feet in a chair at Morning Tea. It took 3 male teachers to extricate her.

SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE



Back Row: Jackie Wilkinson, Eddie Watson, Lynette Butler, Colin McKenzie, Dianne Haskell, Greg Lewis, Lani Steadman.

Middle Row: Alan Bray, Sheryl Midgley, Diane Facon, Pat Nielsen, Colleen Dawson, Robyn Bulkley, Patricia McDonald, Georgina Fenn.

Front Row: Gail Hartner, Anne McIntyre, Anne Bruford, Bill Dickson, Robert Kelly, Janette Collins, Maureen King.

Committee Members:

MESSAGE FROM JUBILEE CHAIRMAN

It is indeed with great pleasure that I write these words and become part of the Magazine to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Ohehunga High School.

On February 3rd 1959, I started my ties with Ohehunga High School as a foundation pupil. Three things will always stick in my mind about this school. Firstly, that the first day we should have been at school turned out to be a holiday as the workmen had not completed the school on time. Secondly, seeing all the brand new uniforms. Because this was the first day of a new school, there were no hand-me-down uniforms or second hand uniforms like we had seen and worn at Primary and Intermediate School. Boys with their caps - Girls with their hats - my goodness how times have changed. Thirdly, the clay; no dirt, no grass, just a sea of clay. You didn't dare step off the concrete paths for fear of disappearing.

O.H.S. was marvellous in 1959, only 190 pupils and 10 teachers. Pepole will tell you that times change and I agree. We have now inherited in our world, murders, violence, drugs, unemployment, and in some places poverty; but one thing hasn't changed. Yes, you've guessed it. O.H.S. 25 years on. Now with a roll of close to 1,000 pupils and 60 teachers and it is my opinion that we still have a great school.

I took pride in belonging to O.H.S. in 1959. I saw with pride my brothers complete their schooling at O.H.S. and I experienced a very humble and proud feeling when I enrolled my own children at the school.

Now as a staff member myself I feel pride in belonging to a school which is considered to be one of the better High Schools in the Auckland area.

With this feeling in mind it was decided to call a public meeting on 4 August 1982 to see if there would be enough interest in holding a 25th Jubilee Reunion. An advertisement was placed in the N.Z. Herald and Central Leader Papers. 36 people attended the meeting. 33 of the 36 present offered to stand for the committee. This was the starting point of the Jubilee. Sub-Committees were set

W. Dickson (Chairman) O.H.S. Silver Jubilee Committee

up to handle the registrations and functions, and a finance committee was set up, and executive committee was established to oversee the overall running. Now 18 months later the reunion has become realistic. An enormous amount of work has been put in by the committee.

I would like to publicly thank the committee for the work they have done in making the weekend possible. It is because they have stuck together that the work load has been shared by all.

While our committee numbers are too great to mention all of the names I must mention my executive committee. Barbara Warrender our Secretary, thank you for all your help since the start; Jackie Wilkinson, our past treasurer, now replaced by Anne Brueford, my thanks for keeping our finances in excellent order; Janette Collins, our extra typist, my thanks for the sterling work done by you in helping with the registrations and magazine typing and the days spent at the school helping; Maureen King for her tireless work done in organizing the magazine and Editing same and her general assistance; last but not least to Robert Kelly, my sincere thanks. Robert has worked day and night organising the registrations, organising the committee members to assist him and in general keeping the mail flowing through. Robert thank you. At one of the first meetings in 1982 I stated that the success of the Jubilee Weekend would be as good as the participation that the committee was prepared to put in. I thank you as a whole for an excellent weekend and for your total dedication.

It would be unjust if we did not include in our accolades our thanks to the Office Staff at the School, The Principal, Mr Prebble and to Mr Tee and the Board of Governors. Without your assistance our job would have been much harder.

W. Dickson
Chairman O.H.S.
Silver Jubilee Committee

EDITORIAL ...

Twenty five years ago, 1959, and today in 1984, changes aplenty have occurred and certainly by the time our Golden Jubilee comes around in the year 2009 there will be many more! Still required, however, will be our good, honest, hard-working citizen and proudly we can say that Onehunga High School will continue to make positive contributions in this respect.

How else could it be otherwise - building on to what has happened in our past twenty five years, our present and future pupils will indeed benefit by the fore thought of those who built the solid foundations of this school.

From our school Motto "By Loyalty and Courage" our thoughts are always for our pupils both present and past. We think of them with pride and trust that they will always retain fond memories of Onehunga High School, a school which is here to serve.

For the assistance received from Janette Collins (nee Aberhart 1959-1961) in producing this magazine, to Mr C.J. McCarthy, former staff and pupils, recalling anecdotes, the hard-working colleagues of the Jubilee Executive and Committees - may I thank you all sincerely.

May you enjoy the result.

Maureen King
Editor
(Staff Member from 1974)

SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Executive:

Bill Dickson (Chairman)
Barbara Warrender (Secretary)
Anne Bruford (Treasurer)
Janette Collins (Magazine Secretary)
Robert Kelly (Registrations)
Maureen King (Staff Rep. & Magazine Editor)
Jackie Wilkinson (Ex Treasurer)
together with —

Committee:

Robyn Bulkley, Gary Dickson, Jim Cato, Anne McIntyre, Shona Leckie, Gail Hartner, Colin McKenzie, Greg Lewis, Georgina Fern, Sheryl Midgley, Alan Bray, Eddie Watson, Lynette Butler, Diane Facon, Patricia McDonald, Pat Nielsen, Colleen Dawson, Dianne Haskell, Lani Steadman.

*Janette Collins
Jubilee Magazine Secretary
Foundation Pupil*



*Editor and Secretary
in consultation*



FOUNDATION STAFF

We opened in February 1959 with 190 pupils and a teaching staff of 10. What wonderful pioneers they were! They had qualifications, teaching ability, a sincere interest in pupils and a sense of loyalty and perseverance quite rare.

Teachers were hard to get in those days and yet we were fortunate to obtain these stalwarts to lay the foundations of our school.

The keys of the school were handed to the Principal at 5.00pm on the day before we were due to open but no toilets were connected. However, for the previous three weeks staff were busy unpacking desks, chairs and other supplies which were literally dumped on the door step. We had no staff room for some months, so we had lunch and morning tea in the cooking room and got to know each other very well. Many stories can be told but the spirit of this foundation staff stands out. They laid the foundations of Onehunga High, its academic standards, its co-operative spirit, its concern for others, and its uniqueness that made Onehunga High School famous.

Bruce MacLean, First Assistant left after one year to become foundation Principal of Kamo High School, transferred to Mt Roskill Grammar School later and is now retired.

Miss Phil Gee, Senior Assistant Mistress. The girls loved Miss Gee and willingly accepted her advice and correction. Many parents informed the Principal of the girls' appreciation of her kindness. She was ill for a year before her death in February 1970.

Ron Riddolls became First Assistant in 1960. A most capable Administrator who made his mark in many aspects of School Activity. His sudden death during 1968 shocked the school. A trust fund was established to commemorate him with prizes in English to the classes he taught.

Eddie Van Sambeek - Head of Languages. An outstanding language teacher, loved by his pupils. His contribution to every aspect of O.H.S. was enormous. Cigarettes won in the finish - He died of lung Cancer October 1974.

Brian Thornton. He made a solid start as Head of Science but resigned during 1960. Retired from Otahuhu College, now teaching at Sacred Heart College.

Jack Allen, A most versatile teacher who taught shorthand, Bookkeeping, and mathematics. Transferred to Pakuranga at end of 1959. Now retired.

Sheila Cunningham. Hardworking Homecraft teacher who put her department on a sound footing. Left at end of 1959 to set up a family.

Ray Grigg. Outstanding head of Technical Department. His department was a picture of hardwork and organisation. He organised rugby and took part in all school activities. A loyal and able colleague, he died at the beginning of the third term in 1971.

Lily Trowern. She taught English and Art in 1959. A Character of a teacher with great versatility. She left at the end of 1960 to go the Mt Roskill Grammar School.

Marie Robinson. A most accomplished musician. She led singing with her lovely voice - a gem at school functions. She left on leave at the end of 1960 to go to England. Was in New Zealand at the time of Mr McCarthy's Retirement from the School. And present at an evening for this occasion put on by the Foundation Pupils of the School. Now married, living in Europe.

Con McCarthy



Mr C. J. McCarthy, M.Sc.
Foundation Principal, 1959-1977

SPENDING MONIES

On 3 July 1957 Cabinet authorised expenditure of £22,000 for the purchase of approximately 14 acres (5.6ha) in Pleasant Street, Onehunga as a site for a new co-educational post primary school. A grant in the sum of £38,010 was also authorised for site development.

The school opened in February 1959 with a roll of 190 pupils. Constructed to the "Linear" design the administration facilities. A further 13 units and the hall were added in 1960. Overall cost to establish the school buildings was £153,000.

Major Building Development

1965	Gymnasium and PE Block	Department's subsidy	£14,868
1969	Acquisition of land (approx 2 acres)		\$23,225
1969	Library		\$52,400
1974	Senior Studies Block		\$420,140
1975	Development of cafeteria		
1979	Bus turning bay and car park		\$44,000
1979	Arts and craft room		\$109,000

ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF 1959



ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF 1984



OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING

A hush fell, the school filed in and sat down. At a signal from Mr Riddolls, everyone seated in the hall stood, for the arrival of the Official Party, led by our Prime Minister. The Rt. Hon. W. Nash, C.H.M.P. Our teachers looked very impressive in their academic gowns billowing behind them as they moved through the hall. When they had reached their placed on the stage, a chord was struck on the piano and the National Anthem was sung.

Mrs Barrett, the chairwoman, gave the opening speech, then announced in turn, the speakers Mr L.A. Manning, Mayor of Onehunga, gave a very interesting speech on the "History of Education in Onehunga." Both the Hon. H. Watt and Mr E. Le F. Ensor spoke on their own schooldays.

Our Principal, Mr C.J. McCarthy, spoke on the "Progress of Our School," and the standards of work he expected from us.

After Mr McCarthy's speech, the moment we had all been waiting for, arrived. Mr Nash was to give his speech. Everyone sat silent and attentive to every word. He spoke about the importance of education. The applause Mr Nash received was proof of how everyone appreciated his address.

Between the various speeches, the school sang, "The New Commonwealth", "Go Forth With God" and "Funiculi, Funicula".

The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of the plaque, bearing the date of the Official Opening.

After visitors had inspected the school, afternoon tea was served in the hall. It had been a very successful day.

Lynne Cathie
4 Latin



● The Prime Minister, Mr Walter Nash, officially declares the Onehunga High School open. Seated behind him are Mrs E. E. Barrett, chairman of the school's board of governors, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr and Mrs L. A. Manning, and Mr Hugh Watt, M.P. for Onehunga.

Onehunga News, July 11, 1960

Do You Remember! Van Sambeek's joke about "No phones in China" Too many Wings and Wongs, they would always Wing the Wong number.

FOUNDATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS 1959 - 1961



29.3.1959

IN THE BEGINNING ...

by J.L. Henderson, J.P.

Foundation Board Member

Mayor of Onehunga since 1980

In the 1950s the great post-war population increase in the Auckland Isthmus area with its rapidly increasing number of children in need of schooling, was recognised by the Education Department, and a number of new schools were built. Lynfield College was built and opened in 1957 and the Department took an option on land in Pah Road, Royal Oak to build another secondary school to serve the Onehunga - Royal Oak area.

Unfortunately, while the Department was making up its mind, the firm of Korma viewed the site and very quickly bought it. What a great pity it was that such a lovely flat area of land, ideal for development of a school and playgrounds, should be lost to industry.

Further land was looked at and eventually purchased in Pleasant Street, a site most difficult and expensive to develop. A large area of land on the northern boundary was offered to the Department as part of the initial purchase, by its owner Mr Stanton, but because of a shortage of funds, was turned down. And so in 1957 work commenced on site development of this area which was already known to be under the required minimum for adequate accommodation for buildings and recreational areas for a modern secondary school complex.

When the first stages were completed, twenty per cent of the total area comprised useless banks which were difficult to maintain.

Because of these site restrictions, the Education Department set a limit of 750 pupils for the school - a number which the Caretaker Board was not happy with and which respective Boards later knew to be well below the potential number of pupils who would be seeing secondary schooling in the area. Because of this and other problems, somewhat strained relations existed between the early Boards of Governors and the Education Department, whose senior officers just did not seem to want to know the school existed when the many problems were brought to them. What with the school roll quickly reaching and passing the maximum of 750 set by the Department, they proved truly difficult days with much pressure on successive Boards to try and acquire more land to enable the school to properly expand to its full potential.

It took nine years with three changes in the heads of the Education Department before the final breakthrough came. With the appointment of Mr Harry Craig in 1967 as head of the Department a sweet breeze of change began to blow.

He was former secondary school Principal, and when we by arrangement as a Board presented ourselves to him to plead our problems, we were sympathetically received and not only was he quick to recognise our difficulties, but eventually moved very quickly to do something about curing them. In surprisingly quick time he saw to it that the Stanton property was purchased by the Department and handed over to the school.

After so many years of frustration, this brought great rejoicing to the Board and Principal, for now redevelopment could take place which would ensure that in both buildings and grounds the school could now safely cater for a thousand and over pupils. I remember Mr Harry Craig as one of nature's gentlemen, imminently suited to the job as head of the Education Department. He received his visitors with great courtesy, had a warm sense of humour and showed a ready willingness to get to grips solving them.

Onehunga can be very grateful for the contribution he

made by quietly removing the strait jacket our High School had been placed in by his predecessors in office, and thus enabled it to grow to the splendid educational complex that it is today.

Site works for the Onehunga High School commenced in 1957 and by mid-1958 were roughly completed with some of the main buildings already constructed. At this stage the Education Department took the necessary steps to set up a Caretaker Board of Governors whose responsibility would be the oversight of all further buildings and grounds development, to interview and appoint a Principal who would work along with them to see that the numerous tasks required to have the school operational by the start of the 1959 school year, moved to a careful timetable.

In June-July 1958 an election was held to appoint three members from the elected Committees of the five contributing schools - Onehunga, Royal Oak, Oranga and Te Papapa Primary and Manukau Intermediate. The three members elected were Mrs Elsie Barrett, Mr Ivan Hodder and myself.

At the same time appointees were requested from the Onehunga Borough Council, Auckland Education Board and the Office of the Governor-General. Councillor Fred Goodall was appointed by the Onehunga Borough Council, Mrs George was appointed by the Auckland Education Board and Mr Eric Sellars was the Governor-General's appointee. The meetings of the Caretaker Board were held in the Education Department at Newmarket and because of the amount of work to be done, were frequent and generally very late into the night. With barely six months to go before the school was due to open, the Board was wasted no time in getting on with the job. Mrs Barrett was elected Chairman of the Board, Mr Hookway, a staff member of the Education Department, was appointed interim Secretary to help guide the members in their various decisions, also Mr Alan Thom, the District Senior Inspector of Secondary Schools, was seconded to the Board to lend his expertise and help until the school finally opened.

The first task was to choose a Principal and from a list of forty six applicants, a short list of seven was prepared and a Saturday afternoon devoted to the interviews and making of the final appointment. After some considerable discussion, a unanimous decision was made in favour of Mr C.J. McCarthy who at the time was head of the Mathematics Department at Takapuna Grammar. He was informed of his success and congratulated by all. During the interviews the Board was very favourably impressed with another man who had applied - Mr Bruce McLean. After appointing Mr McCarthy, the Board took the unusual step of recommending to him that Mr McLean be appointed his Deputy, and this was done. He only remained with the school for one year and left to take up an appointment as Principal of Kamo College at the beginning of 1960.

Mr McCarthy proved to be a great enthusiast, with tremendous driving force and one cannot but underline how important his contribution was over this very vital and busy period. Nothing but the best was his aim for the school and he worked unsparingly himself to ensure that the Ministry of Works did their job well. We also had great support from our Member of Parliament, the late Honourable Hugh Watt who fortunately was Minister of Works at that time. He showed great interest in the progress of "on site" work and gave the Caretaker Board the utmost co-operation and help. Regular visits were made by the Board and Principal to the school site to check on progress and make sure that the builders kept as closely as possible to their construction dates and that good standards of workmanship were maintained. In those early days passage ways between buildings were by paving slabs laid in the form of a path over a subsoil clay and were very muddy on rainy days.

The Principal took care of the appointment of staff and did a superb job. They proved to be of excellent calibre and many of them stayed with the school a long time. The design of a suitable school crest and motto was an interesting exercise and the one chosen was very appropriate being a heraldic ship on the sea representing the school's close proximity to a large harbour and shipping. The motto chosen was "Fide et Virtute" - by loyalty and courage.

Considerable discussion took place on school uniforms as most of the variations on the popular school colours of blue, red and maroon were already being used by established schools. On the night of the final decision I was wearing a brushed wool bottle green pullover under my suit coat, and it occurred to me that this was possibly a very suitable colour for our uniform. I unbuttoned my coat and pulled it to one side so that members could better see the colour and said, partly in humour, "What about a nice green?" Members viewed the colour with approval and it was finally decided on as our main uniform colour. The Board eventually sorted out winter and summer uniforms for girls and boys and I believe the choices were very good ones. Quality of material was checked year by year to ensure pupils and parents got the best possible available.

The school opened on time, an election was held for the appointment of four parents representatives to bring the Caretaker Board up to full strength. Mrs Barrett remained as Chairman, Mr McCarthy became Secretary, Messrs Thoms and Hookway with their work of guidance and help now completed, retired from the scene and the full Board was now in control of the school's destiny. Meetings of the full Board were now held in the school's staff room. They were days of hard work for all - Board, Principal, staff and pupils - and steady progress was made. A great deal of support came from the Onehunga community, as is evidenced by the large number of cups and trophies presented for competition, prizes to recognise special attainments and money provided for scholarships to help those going on to University studies.

As a layman, I look back over these years with considerable satisfaction and count it a privilege to have had an opportunity to be part of the founding of a fine High School. It has been a unique and rewarding experience to have been in at the beginning. The whole concentrated effort of founding and launching a Secondary School, to have helped steer its growth over the early years, to have been associated with an outstanding Principal and first-class staff, to have been able to watch the work and progress of so many pupils and see the build up of its own special traditions, has been for me a rather rare and wonderful service. I have enjoyed very much in later years meeting so many past pupils who have settled into various professions and occupations all around the country, and who have been kind enough to have recognised my wife and I, and have made themselves known to us. I have valued also the continuing interest which I have been able to maintain in the school through my council work and as Mayor. I have enjoyed watching the progress of our young people through their school years, and seeing them develop into young adults. New Zealand's greatest continuing asset is its young people and what we do with guiding, educating and helping them to become mature and worthwhile citizens, is vitally important for the future of our young nation. My fervent hope in these days is that as a nation we can return to a situation where there will be worthwhile work opportunities for all, when they can stand tall as useful individuals able to contribute to the making and keeping of a happy progressive community life.

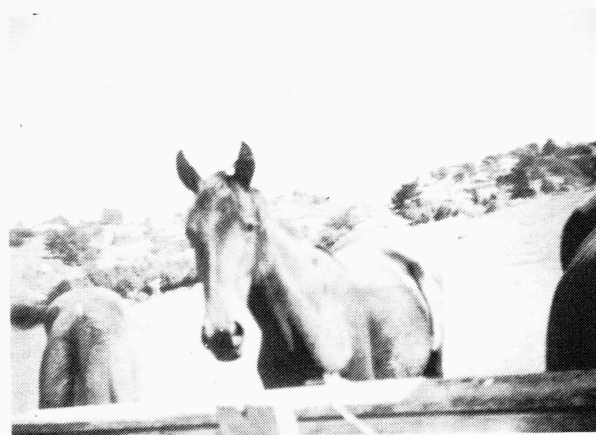
L.J. Henderson

Do You Remember:

That boy came to assembly with a thing in his ear - we waited while he left - the silent accompaniment was deafening.



Earlier Residents on School Land ... 1957



My late husband and I were very pleased that a School was built opposite us although none of our children attended.

There was only a dirt track just for one car at a time and the footpath started half way up the street.

Also a high bank in front of the house.

I have lived in Pleasant Street for forty-seven years so have seen many changes since the High School was built.

Even had two taxi drivers refused to take me down Un-Pleasant Street as they called it.

Now it is a Pleasant Street. I have a nice view and lots of smiles from the pupils.

Addie May
Neighbour across the Street



PLEASANT STREET

In the early days of the school in 1959, we tried to make capital out of the name. We tried to promote the slogan "The Happy School in Pleasant Street".

But, it was in such a mess! It was all metal with a poorly defined footpath - full of pot-holes. One staff member claimed that he might lose his car in one of these holes and asked who would pay the compensation, if he broke his axle on the way to school. He was not impressed when offered the alternative of parking his car in Trafalgar Street and walking the rest of the way!

One day we were shocked to see a notice at the top of the street "Road Closed". Some staff ignored the sign and others actually left their cars in Trafalgar Street.

When our chairman Mrs Barrett arrived on her usual morning visit about 9.30am she was most disturbed with the state of affairs. "We can't have this. Something must be done". In short order an urgent telegram was despatched to the Minister of Works - Hon. Hugh Watt who was also member for Onehunga and well-known to Mrs Barrett. "ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL ISOLATED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT ACCESS?"

By early afternoon we had lots of visitors - Ministry of Works officials and Borough Engineer with retinue.

The explanation was - when a road is closed it is never closed. No road is ever closed, but if you suffer an injury on this road it is your own fault!!

Discussion and argument proceeded for a long time with the result that the sign was removed. Many days later, work commenced on the road and after very long and difficult months we eventually got a reasonable surface on the track to Onehunga High.

Con McCarthy



THE SCHOOL BADGE

The foundation Principal was requested by the Board of Governors to suggest a badge for the school.

He explained to the Board that we wanted a symbol by which the school would be known and a motto to guide the pupils. The motto was quickly arrived at, but the form of the badge took 12 months to develop.

"By Loyalty and Courage" was considered by the Principal to be an ideal motto. Loyalty of the School's members would always be needed and all would need sheer courage to pursue this and other basic values taught at the school. Mr Van Sambeek quickly provided the translation in Latin - Fide et Virtute. The Principal had many suggestions for the badge, from friends and acquaintances and from critics. As we were situated by the sea, most suggestions invoked ships and shells. One good-natured friend suggested three flounders across the top, a tangle of sewer pipes with a victim sinking in the mud and a motto "Flounderati in Fluvitorium".

An expert artist had composed the badges of most new schools of that time tried hard to persuade us to have a succession of scallops. The Principal eventually decided on a ship as shown on the New Zealand Coat of Arms together with the Southern Cross. The badge was to be worn on a green uniform so it would have to have a scarlet white and green setting. He persevered with many drawings and then with Water-colour paintings, then cut-out coloured papers - hundreds of designs.

Eventually the form developed and he knew what he wanted.

The ship would have a white sail, the background would be scarlet, the lower part green and white. Mr Peter Smith who was then a lecturer in Art at Auckland Secondary Teachers College was then consulted. He quickly straightened the yard-arm of the sail and stylised the sea to finish the badge.

It has stood the test of time and is well regarded throughout the country.

Con McCarthy

SENIOR MISTRESSES

- 1959 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
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- 1962 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1963 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1964 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1965 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1966 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1967 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1968 Miss P.C. Gee, B.A.
- 1969 Miss P.O. Arnold, B.A., Dip., Lib.
- 1970 Mrs D. Moffatt, M.A.
- 1971 Mrs D. Moffatt, M.A.
- 1972 Mrs D. Moffatt, M.A. (ON LEAVE)
- 1972 Mrs G. Eisler, B.Sc. Hons. (ONE TERM)
- 1973 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1974 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1975 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1976 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1977 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1978 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1979 Mrs O.B. Archibald, B.A. ATCL
- 1980 Mrs O.B. Davenport (Nee Archibald), B.A. ATCL
- 1981 Mrs O.B. Davenport, B.A. ATCL
- 1982 Mrs O.B. Davenport, B.A. ATCL
- 1983 Mrs F.J. Compton, M.A.
- 1984 Mrs F.J. Compton, M.A.

FIRST BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

Elsie Barrett J.P.

Mrs Barrett was the foundation Chairman of Onehunga High School. She was a member of the Manukau Intermediate School Committee and was elected to the High School Board in September 1958 as a representative of the School Committees of the district. She held office until she resigned in June 1961. Mrs Barrett loved Onehunga and loyally supported any local activity.

She and her husband had run dancing classes and social activities for the young people of Onehunga for many years, so when school opened most of our pupils knew her affectionately as "Mum" Barrett.

She regarded the School as a victory for Onehunga. The new Board met for the first time in September 1958 and the interim Secretary charged them with their first duty of naming the school. During construction, the project was known as the Royal Oak Post Primary School Mrs Barrett led the discussion "How could we not call it Onehunga High?" she argued that the school was within the Onehunga Borough Boundary and she always regarded it as a re-incarnation of Onehunga District High School which had existed from 1903 to 1911. So

Onehunga High School it was named. Mrs Barrett was also a member of the Onehunga Borough Council at this time and all Councillors were fully informed about the school and its needs. Mrs Barrett visited the school every day from just after 9.00am until the Principal drove her home about noon.

The first Board was so impressed with their first task of selecting the foundation Principal that they talked about it at every monthly meeting for the next two years.

Mrs Barrett was totally loyal to this Principal and in conversation anywhere at all times, referred to him as "my Principal". She identified herself completely with the school, knew all of the pupils and even made herself a dress out of the school's green summer dress material. Onehunga High was the greatest school ever, in her estimation and she was always thrilled to hear of any news item that involved an O.H.S. pupil. She was a lovable old lady with an Onehunga heart. She died quietly in 1982. May God rest her Soul.

Con McCarthy

SCHOOL EVENTS 1961

Teacher	Form	Room	Symbol
Mr Allpress	4L	8	A1
Miss Anderson	3A	16	A
Miss Dent	—	24	D
Mr Dreaver	4B	26	Dr.
Mr Fisher	—	23	F
Mr Fris	3TB	31	Fr.
Miss Gee	—	11	G
Miss Goodenough	5M	9	Gd.
Mr Grigg	5T	2, 4	Gr.
Miss Hankin	3L2	7	Hk
Miss Harris	4H	6	H
Mr Heywood	3TA	3, 4	Hy
Miss Knight	3H	5	Kn.
Mr Lillie	—	—	L
Mr Linklater	4TA	15	Lk
Miss Mills	3B	25	M
Mrs Prendiville	4Com.B	21	P
Mr Riddolls	—	13	Rd.
Mr Robey	5B	19	Ry.
Miss Robinson	4Com.A	1	R.
Miss Saunders	3Com.	—	Sa.
Mr Smith	4TB	22	Sm.
Mr Thornton	5A	14	Th.
Miss Trowers	4A	18	Tr.
Mr Van Sambeek	3LI	12	S

HOUSE CAPTAINS

BOYS:
Red House: Bruce Travers, Don Reddish.
Green House: Bruce Gow, Keith Appleton.

GIRLS.
Red House: Robin Dixon, Shirley Orwin.
Green House: Margaret Joyce, Leilani Allen.

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SCHOOL EVENTS, 1961

- February:
 1—Term I begins.
 21—School Swimming Sports.
- March:
 3—Intersecondary Boys' Swimming Sports.
 8—Intersecondary Girls' Swimming Sports.
 9—School Athletic Sports.
 25—Intersecondary Boys' Athletic Sports.
 31—Good Friday.
- April:
 5—School inspection.
 8—Intersecondary Girls' Athletic Sports.
 27—Panorama and Summer Sports' Teams Photographs.
 19—First Term Examinations Commence. Change to Winter Uniform about this time.
 25—Anzac Day.
 28—School Social.
- May:
 5—Term I ends.
 23—Term II begins.
 25—Parents' Meeting to discuss first term reports.
 31—Class photographs to be taken.
- June:
 5—Queen's Birthday.
- July:
 13 & 14—School Concert.
- August:
 3—Second Term Examinations commence.
 11—School Social.
 15—Winter Sports' Teams Photographs.
 18—Term II ends.
- September:
 11—Term III begins.
 14—Parents' Meeting to discuss second term reports.
 26—School Steeplechase.
 29—Final of Speech Contest.
- October:
 23—Labour Day.
 Change to Summer Uniform about this time.
- November:
 16—Third Term Examinations commence.
- December:
 1—School Social.
 7—Prizegiving Ceremony.
 8—School year ends.
- 3

Do You Remember:

... the day Diane Hodgson was called up in front of the assembly to be made a prefect? Unfortunately Diane had been tied to the chair by some unnamed colleagues behind her.

Frantically, the afore mentioned struggled to release her while a worried Mr McCarthy muttered about Diane not being at school.

At last, with the knots undone, a red-faced Diane went to the stage to receive her badge. She went on to be a popular prefect.

Jackie Wilkinson
 (nee Borman)

THE WAY IT WAS

By Tom Fisher - 1960

When you spend one third of your life doing the same job at the same place there are bound to be changes along the way.

To begin with take Pleasant Street. In 1959 it was a narrow wheel-rutted clay track which even Ron Riddolls' pre-selected Riley found hard to negotiate. Now it is still a narrow road but tarsealed with a no-parking yellow line on the top of the hill, which usually means nothing to the owner of the car with no garage! The tarsealing also means that motorbikes can do wheelies up and down at a moderate 80km. Needless to say pupils still wheel their bikes down Pleasant Street. Clay was the topsoil in those days back in the 50s. Clay, clay and yet more clay. Duckboards helped the journey to the office as did the crude arrows pointing the way.

Uniforms have changed drastically. Those school caps with badgepins embedded in the foreheads of new bug third formers. The girls' panama hats that were written on all over - not to mention the 'kneel test' for height of skirts!

Visually the big change has been botanical - from six standard roses just inside the main gate, (that was) to Rousseau's Paradise! You can't even see Ken Prebble's pebble; it is covered with ivy and obscured by a beautiful golden Robinia.

Of course you can't run a school well without good discipline, and Con McCarthy and his merry band were just the ones for the job.

Boys who needed social and physical adjustments met the likes of Phil Lilly, Eddie Van Sambeek, John Fris, Tom Hubbert and that great exponent of the boot, Japanese armar and frog march - Pip Boyd.

Sport really hasn't changed much - records are still being broken along with noses, teeth and arms. What has changed is the venue. Way back, the school held the annual sports at Waikaraka Park while their own grounds were being laid out. One memorable day (very hot) we all stopped for lunch and apart from Con McCarthy, Ron Riddolls and Phi Gee (who felt they had to keep an eye on the pupils) we all retired to the cool interior of the nearest public house. The afternoon session of the sports took on a Keystone Cops look. The programme speeded up, aided by some deletions, and times not being terribly well taken! The announcer forgot names, and called the senior mile like a race at Ellerslie, and could be heard, they say, in Royal Oak.

Buildings have certainly been added. The Library, Gymnasium, L Block, C Block, S Block and cafeteria.

Remember Ray Grigg's 5 Tech boys carrying placards along the covered way saying "we are the greatest"? They won the honour, and a day off for selling the most raffle tickets, so that the school could have one of the finest gymnasiums in Auckland. The large barometer in the hall told the story of money raised.

Finally, what of the pupils themselves? In those early days, smoking seemed the worst crime. Everyone knew all the bad four letter words but rarely spoke them. Nowadays you hear them on film, read them in books and sadly hear them in classrooms. Society seems to have a double standard of behaviour which is of course so confusing to pupils of today.

What of the future for pupils? Perhaps no teachers or schools will be required - plug your pocketsize computer into the family TV - select a floppy disk and bingo - school's in!

Our beloved — Tom Fisher



15-5-1959



DIDN'T WE DO WELL ...

1959

We began to function in all aspects of our School Life.

1960

Pleasant Street has become more pleasant. Official opening of the School was held in July, the first Social in August, and the first School Concert in October, now have 425 pupils and 19 teachers. In term 3 the one thousandth book in the library was accessioned. Fencing Club commenced. Pupils used the trampoline on September 26 for the first time.

1961

First year of Fifth Form Students - David Jones top of Form FA Board of Governors Election, (One Mrs E.V. Aitken was to serve on the Board as a member and Chairman from 1961-1976). School was represented in Rugby, Basketball, Cricket, soccer on Saturdays, Peter Reeves gained second place in B Division of Inter Sec. Schools Cross Country Championships.

1962

First year of Upper Sixth Form. Rosalynn Laird back at school after touring NZ with the "Old Vic" cast. "Flying Class" room trip over Auckland a tremendous success. School visits the snow at Mt Ruapehu (twice) in August Holidays. Sue Woonton broke two Girls Inter Sec. School Swimming records. Peter Reeves broke Int. 880 yds Boys Inter Sec. Schools Athletic Sports records. Rex Nielsen reached semi-finals of Foil Fencing event in Inter Sec. Schools competition.

1963

Mr R.N. Grigg H.O.D. Technical visited Australia under a Woolf Fisher Trust Award. Peter Reeves Third in the Senior A Grade Steeplechase - Inter-Secondary schools. Daphne Wong Too of 6A gained a prize in a N.Z. French essay competition. Robert Kelly senior boys champion in Athletics with 26 points. Sister Helen Kelly Junior Girls Champ with 23 points.

1964

Peter Reeves, Alan Dale, Gordon Summerville won Athletic events in the Auckland Athletic Championships. Peter Reeves became N.Z. Junior 880 Champion. W. McDonald represented N.Z. Rugby League Teams visit to Australia. Lorraine Leuschke placed 4th in N.Z. Gymnastic championships. Bryon Jones won a special Art award for his carving in the Auckland Star.

1965

Sue Woonton Captained a N.Z. Swimming Team to Australia. First credit passes in University Entrance Scholarships were gained by Vivienne Forbes, Heather Carmichael, Peter Wright (Sat examinations at closure of 1974 announced early 1975)

1966

Congratulations to all concerned who participated in the Drama production of "Our Town" Thornton Wilder.

1967

February 1st it was announced 92 students had passed School Certificate. Keith Ewart gained a place in the Auckland under 16 Soccer Team. Warren Harbott gained 3rd place in his grade in the Auckland Athletic Championships. Tony Mayow chosen to represent Auckland in the under 19 Soccer team. School presentation of the Operetta "Gone Fishing" performed also at Mahurangi College, Warkworth.

1968

Deputy Principal Ron Riddolls died September 13. Eric White appointed Deputy Principal. First Ex pupil gained BA Degree Vivienne Formes. P. Wright gained B.Sc. Mrs D. Hickman appointed Captain of Auckland Ladies Hockey Representative team.

1969

Helen and Christine Hewitt won 2nd place in a National Table Tennis Tournament. Drama Group performed Wilders "Happy Journey" in a Drama competition. Gayle Murdoch selected as Auckland Rep. in B Grade N.Z. Gym Championships. Verla Rogers won the Kelliher Scholarship. John Black won Junior A Auckland Judo Title.

1970

Library and Language Laboratory Built. First Metric Athletic Sports are held. Mr White goes to Mexico to captain the Davis Cup team. Kevin Curtin selected to play soccer for N.Z. Drama performances thanks to Mr G. Barlow. Mr C.J. McCarthy honoured with a Woolf Fisher Award to visit Australian Schools.

1971

Ramesh Patel selected in the N.Z. Men's Hockey squad. Drama Group gains a Highly commended with their production of "Noah" in Auckland Drama Festival. Polynesian Club entertains other clubs on 23rd July proves to be highly successful. Mark Brereton and John Leydon selected in Auckland Sec. Schools under 16 Soccer Rep. Team.

1972

Rex Nielsen, first former pupil of the school returns to join the Teaching Staff in Commerce Dept. Robert Johnson was presented with "Rescue of the Year" award having rescued 13 people from the surf Ramesh Patel selected in N.Z. Olympic Hockey Team to compete in Munich. Kristine Allan (1970 Form 7) is crowned Miss N.Z. Ian McBurney - Will Hamilton selected in Auckland Sec. Schools under 16 Soccer Rep Team. Morgan Tui (head boy) was successful in Polynesian Oratory Contest 2nd place. Library now has 8,250 books. Trevor Coppock Auckland Sec. Schools Gymnastic Champion.

1973

Pre Fab allocated for a Form 7 Common Room. Bruce Biddoll won Commonwealth Cycling Gold. Abolished Hats - Gloves - Caps year.

1974

School Rowing Four gained a 2nd place in the youth fours, 3rd in Intermediate Fours. More successes in March and April, 1st in Junior A race at Wanganui National championships. S. Palagai 3rd in North Island Athletic Championships Discus, Susan Jackson 2nd in Int. Hurdles. Lindsay Proctor selected for N.Z. Rugby League Team, also Peter Gurnick, to tour Britain. Busy life with Cafeteria project.

1975

Rowing team wins again. Dipak Patel represents Auckland Cricket XI against Waikato. Yvonne Trimmer 1st in 100 metres North Island Athletic Champs. Brent Waldon, Claudio Pellizer (3A1) won the Auckland Road Safety Essay Competition. Hotu Kerr 1st in Auckland Polynesian Speech contest.

WE CONTINUE TO DO WELL ...

1976

Gabrielle Faire of 3rd National University Scholarship. Hotu Kerr goes to USA. Yvonne Trimmer 3rd in N.Z.N.I. Athletic Champs. Prizes gained in Japanese speaking competitions. Mrs Christine Ball (staff of 1963) won the Star's Universal Homes Competition. Rowers win again. Debating Team gains awards and Susan Wedde is adjudged the best speaker. Greg Lewis gains achievements in Rugby. Ramesh Patel represents NZ Hockey at Montreal Olympics.

1977

Bill Dickson (1959) and Hazel enrolled their son into F3 the first of the second generation. Evening School exceeded 52 classes, 1, 463 students. Miss M. King supervisor. Int. Rowing team win at Te Awamutu regatta. Yvonne Trimmer does it again in Senior NZ North Island Champs, Debating team succeeds in finals but beaten by a split decision - well done Baradene. Teresa Hancock represents Auckland A Rep Hockey Team.

1978

Mr K.S. Prebble began his career as principal. Our Tom Fisher returns after his long illnesses. Greg Burgess Auckland Rugby rep leaves to tour France. Mr Alex Aitken completes 56 years in the Education Field! Mr Rhys Jones also retires after 17 years in Technical Dept. Competed in Auckland Sec. Schools Science Exhibition gaining awards.

1979

Mr Graham Caldwell retires after 14 years as H.O.D. English. Outdoor education schemes began. Robert Mayo gained first place in Japanese Language Competitions. More Awards in Science Exhibition Maori Culture Groups Tours to Tauranga. Polynesian club came first in Inter-secondary school. Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival.

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1980

After 16 years on the staff Mr Tom Hubbert retires. Sara Frost, Lewis Mayo, Mark Schaumann win N.Z. wide "Its Academic" Maree Huggins gains success in winning the Edward Burgin Memorial cup for Bookkeeping (Australia) First time won by a New Zealander. Girls 3A Hockey Team won their competitions. 1st Cricket XI won competition.

1981

Gary Dickson Head Boy Prefect (Second Generation -Bill & Hazel's Son) K. Martin second in open pole vault in Aucklad. Sec. Schools Champion of Champions.

1982

After 21 years on the staff Mrs Vera Green retires, two of our present staff Robert Kelly, Harold Russ sat in her classes. Over 500 people attended Polynesian Festival. Five students had Art Exhibits in the Auckland Star Sec. Schools Art Exhibition. Sue Wood elected as National Party President. School cycling team achieved good results. 3B Rugby team had an undefeated season 305 for only 23 against in 13 games. Rugby League Team won championship. Troy O'Dea won Auckland Sec. School Gym Championship, placed 4th in N.Z.

1983

Enjoyed another year of exchange students from Japan, Australia, U.S.A. 1983 saw the 4th form students attending outdoor education camps. "Paint your Wagon" musical was performed in School Hall on August 9 - 11th. William Laban won Auckland Sec. Schools Champion of Champion Tennis Tournament 1st XV Rugby had Grand undefeated season, scoring 292 points with 58 against. 4B Rugby Champion of Champions Runners-up.

1984

The year of our 25th School Jubilee - March 16-18. Miss Maureen King awarded the Queens Service Medal for Services to N.Z. in the New Year Honours. Mr Robert Kelly's Long Jump record 5M 51 in 1961 still stands. Mr Tom Fisher achieves 24 years as a staff member of O.H.S. - the record to date of the longest "stay"!

LIBRARIANS

- 1961 Mrs N. Jackman,
- 1962 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs V. Cross
- 1963 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs V. Cross
- 1964 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs V. Cross
- 1965 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs V. Cross
- 1966 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1967 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1968 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1969 Mrs N. Jackman,
- 1970 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1971 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1972 Mrs N. Jackman, Mrs J.M. Walls
- 1973 Mrs N. Tyson, Mrs N. Jackman (1 Term)
- 1974 Mrs N. Tyson
- 1975 Mrs G. Bawden
- 1976 Mrs G. Bawden
- 1977 Mrs G. Bawden
- 1978 Mrs G. Bawden
- 1979 Mrs R. Jenkins
- 1980 Mrs R. Jenkins
- 1981 Mrs R. Jenkins
- 1982 Mrs R. Jenkins
- 1983 Mrs R. Jenkins
- 1984 Mrs R. Jenkins (to Feb),
Mrs J. Goldschmidt (from Feb)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A unique feature of New Zealand Secondary School education is the controlling authority of school Boards of Governors.

The role of the school board continues to a vital one in the affairs of this school. Added uniqueness has been that the Onehunga High School Board of Governors has had as its Chairman three - thoroughly dedicated women. ... Possibly a first for a school board in its first twenty five years of control.

- Mrs E. Barrett
J.P. First Chairman in 1959
- Mrs E.V. Aitken
J.P. Chairman from 1973 to 1976 and a Board Member for 17 years
- Dr M.L. O'Halloran
B.A. M.B. C.H.B. Chairman from 1976 to 1980

To all past and present Board Members - thank you for services rendered.

PRESENT PRINCIPAL COMMENTS

The pleasure of being in a school at the time of the celebration of such an auspicious occasion as the twenty-fifth anniversary is not one that can be enjoyed by every Principal, and thus I find myself in a privileged position for the Jubilee of Onehunga High School.

The roll of the school this year is 1032 and our Seventh Form is bigger than it ever has been. The New Zealand we live in, in 1984 is a very different one from that of 1959 when the school opened, and especially for those students who were here in those foundation days; profound changes will be evident as you re-visit us. Both the buildings and grounds have been developed, even in the last five or six years, to incorporate the facets which make up the present day institution. Courses offered to students are much more diverse, the timetable techniques required to accommodate the wide range of options are sophisticated and complex, and the standards and demands of society seem to be light years removed from those of the late 1950's and early 1960's.

All this means that the school, like society, is no longer as simple as it was. We have modern equipment such as micro computers, electronic typewriters, microwave ovens, reduction copiers, and the latest in audio and stereo equipment. Even the humble blackboard is giving way to its successor, the Whiteboard and the Overhead Projector screen.

Public debate ranges across a number of topics close to the school heart. One such current hot issue is whether University Entrance should remain in Form Six; at a less volatile level is the question of whether shorthand is a worthwhile secondary school subject any longer; and,

sadly, whether we should be training young people for periods of inevitable unemployment.

The school is involved in such issues and is an integral part of the evolving society we live in. We depend greatly, for example, on the co-operation and goodwill of local employers to give our School leavers jobs. Our Careers Department has expanded to meet the challenge of finding jobs for the jobless and our Sixth Form courses have been widened to accommodate the ever increasing number of non-academic students who are returning to school at that level.

In these ways, and in so many others, the school is a changed, and changing, place. Of every four of our students, one is non caucasian and this means that the school is a richer cultural place.

The Onehunga High School students of yesterday, on their pilgrimage at this time, will see some of those changes as they re-enter the grounds. The students of today take the innovations for granted while the students yet to come will enter a school where the accumulation of ideas and investment and tradition will ensure that each year we become a better school for young people to be in.

To the Jubilee Committee I extend a sincere message of thanks for a job well done, and to past students of the school I extend a warm welcome back to Onehunga; I look forward with confidence to the future of a school whose reputation has been so firmly established and maintained.

K.S. Prebble
Principal



A CLOSE, OUTSIDE LOOK AT ONEHUNGA HIGH WITHOUT BEING TOO CHEEKY OR TOO NOSEY!

When they put in the bus bay a few years ago we knew that Onehunga High had advanced a step further in sophistication, lessened a little by the prefabs still clinging like sucklings but mercifully partially hidden by young trees.

It is years since, in the early mornings, to the roar of motors, the shouts of men, the prefabs were trundled up the hill one by one, nudged into place, anchored on piles. New classrooms built further up the hill - Onehunga High was bursting at the seams.

There it sprawls on the hillside facing the sea, its playing fields and rooves flight decks for the gulls. Long gone, an energetic school committee; a man of zeal and vision, an autocrat but never a martinet given 'cheek' by an infant on the way to primary school. Dedicated is too trite a word to use.

What an intricate, deep 'spaghetti junction' of a drainage system burrowed the slope! The cost of it must have been nearly as high as that of the building itself. Footpaths laid, gutters channelled in a flurry of unprecedented activity before the Prime Minister could officially open the school. Foundation teachers and scholars will vividly remember the cloying mud before inner paths were put down.

Enough of chronicle - the scholars are what it is all about; yes, scholars, not pupils, for that evokes a vision of the primer classes, children sitting open-mouthed absorbing the knowledge like young birds in the nest awaiting the wriggling worm. Scholars only put hands over mouths when bored; or do they!

There they go in their two-tone green uniforms, the magic of childhood gone, almost on the threshold of adulthood, sometimes stripped to bare essentials running up the street, sometimes down, all shapes and sizes seemingly

getting ready for future Olympics; or conditioning to stand all day at a job that doesn't promote 'typist beam' or shiny trousers.

They don't sing any more like they used to when Miss Gee was alive and the days are almost silent outside considering the numbers in confined space, except at the breaks when they vie with the birds but not very melodiously fences and walls; call out and taunt until shooed away.

Very much a multi-cultured school, Onehunga High, and a friendly one, too, as it looks from the outside, developing more than just the superficialities of civilisation; and great credit will reflect on the curriculum if more than the money-grubbing syndrom is encouraged.

Mind you, Onehunga High is not in the Grammar Zone; a brewery nearby; a distillery edging a playing field; a goal and its quarry (two sorts of quarry if you count the inmates in the exercise-yard) next door to contemplate, a triad of frailty and folly (land agents please note). Look out the window, ballpoint on lip, let inspiration flood by the Mamukau's tossing, in a spanking breeze.

Go to it, Onehunga High, meet the challenges of the next twenty five years; the foundations have been laid; but don't let aggression blunt your finer instincts.

And finally, now that everyting has been said - and the scholars indulge an 'emu parade' outside the school surrounds once a week (we hope) - the indisputable fact is that the street would be just another dull suburban one without the school to sparkle it with life and vitality five days a week. But no more than five; enough is enough!

Elbows Across The Street
(S.D. Kelly)

Onehunga High School

Souvenir of Enrolment of Foundation Pupil

This is to certify that

enrolled this day

Year 3 - 2 - 59

GRAHAM HAROLD DERRICK

H. J. McKeown
First Principal

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EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY, 1959

February

- February 3 School opened with an assembly at Manukau Intermediate School Hall. The Principal announced that teaching would commence in the unfinished building the next day.
- February 4 Mr Thom, Senior P.P. Inspector, and Mr Hookway, of the Education Department, Mrs Barrett, Chairman and members of the Board of Governors attended morning assembly. Teaching commenced in the technical block.
- February 13 Visit by Hon. Mr Watt, Minister of Works
- February 18 Music room became available.
- February 23 School swimming sports were held at Mt Roskill Grammar School Baths.

March

- March 6 First slab paths laid.
- March 9 Boys' intermediate and junior swimming team competed in inter-secondary school sports at Olympic Pool, Newmarket.
- March 11 Dr Beeby, Director, Mr Ensor, District Superintendent, and Mr Thom paid a short visit to the school.
- March 11 Girls' junior swimming team competed in inter-secondary school sports at Olympic Pool.
- March 19 School athletic sports at Waikaraka Park.
- March 21 Girls' athletic team competed in inter-secondary school sports at Olympic Stadium, Newmarket.
- March 25 Girls' softball, boys' softball and boys' cricket teams played Lynfield College at Lynfield.
- March 27 Easter Holiday.

April

- April 2 Messrs Aitken, Senior P.P. Inspector, Wellington and Thom, visited school.
- April 11 The school was represented at the inter-secondary school sailing championship at Narrow Neck Beach.
- April 17 Form III Latin visited UNESCO Science Exhibitions, accompanied by Mr Ensor, Mrs Barrett and Members of the Board. Election of Parents' representatives on the Board.
- April 24 The Principal spoke briefly to the school on the significance of Anzac Day.
- April 25 The school was represented at Onehunga Anzac Day.
- April 27 Change to winter uniforms. Exams.
- April 30 Visit from Mr Oldfield, Buildings Officer, Wellington, accompanied by Auckland Department architects.

May

- May 8 End of 1st term
- May 15 Mr Bell, District Com. Works, and officers. Conference, on access paths, etc.
- May 26 Beginning of 2nd term.
- May 28 Half of sealed tennis courts available today.
- May 29 Visit from Mr O'Halloran, Senior Primary Inspector, Mr Thom, Senior P.P. Inspector, and Mr Aitken, Principal Manukau Intermediate.

June

- June 12 Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16 available in new block.
- June 15 Commenced classes in rooms 13, 14, 15, 16.
- June 18 Parents' meeting in Manukau Intermediate Hall.
- June 29 Concrete path between buildings used first time.

July

- July 21 Visit by Lynfield College - one rugby, two soccer, eight basketball teams. B.C.G. test.
- July 28 B.C.G. injections.

August

- August 14 Many of the school attended a special concert by the National Orchestra in the Auckland Town Hall.
- August 21 End of 2nd term.

September

- September 15 School re-opened for 3rd term.
- September 18 Mr Ensor, District Superintendent, and Mr Thom visited school.
- September 23 Upstairs rooms in main block in use from today.

October

- October 8 Mr Thom and Mr Smith, Education Department, visited school.
- October 27 Steeplechase.
- October 28 School Inspection.

November

- November 12 Final exams commence.
- November 26 Speech contest finals.

December

- December 9 End of school year and prize-giving.

Do You Remember! We had 40 burglaries in the first 10 years.



Our Tim and his bird (now extinct)



SCHOOLBOY VOLUNTEERS: Boys of the new Onehunga High School who worked at the school yesterday to help make it ready for use for the first time today. Left to right are G. McGillivray, B. Gow, R. Le Grier, W. Dickson, C. Michulick and K. Appleton.

Herald 4-2-59

Do You Remember! Keith Appleton took delivery of the caretaker's cat when he arrived with his furniture in April 1959.

ANNE YOUNG

Anne was one of the delightful teachers we had at Onehunga High. She was the homely Homecraft Teacher who was so popular with our girls. The timid ones, those not sure of themselves, soon found the friendly charm and kind heart of Anne. I never heard Anne cluck but I did hear the contented chuckles and squeals of her charges.

The girls had difficulty at first with Anne's Scottish accent. One day she called the group of girls a lot of sluts and of course, there was then a most indignant group petitioning the Principal for justice. In Scotland, a slut is an untidy person - one guilty of Sluttish behaviour. Anne had noted that all of the sinks in her room had not been cleaned - specks of cabbage were evident.

The Principal quickly interviewed Anne on the potent question: I will never forget the look on Anne Young's face when she was told what a "slut" was in New Zealand parlance. She enjoyed the joke and, of course, everyone was happy ever after.

Con McCarthy



Trip
to
Kiritiri

NEW ZEALAND WINNERS 1980



MISS NEW ZEALAND

1972



OUR MISS NEW ZEALAND

Kristine Allan, Form 7, 1970, became our first Miss New Zealand when on June 5 she was crowned this year's Beauty Queen. Congratulations Kristine! Representing the Coromandel Peninsula, Kristine won herself a trip to London and later Puerto Rico, \$3000 in cash, \$1000 worth of clothes, a \$3000 car as well as the Miss N.Z. trophy. We all know Kristine as a modest and natural lass who won't let all the publicity and plaudits go to her head. We hope she enjoyed her overseas trips and gets lots of happy mileage out of her car. We are certainly proud of her at O.H.S. and hope that sometime in the future when she can spare the time she will visit us and give us an account of all her interesting experiences overseas.

SPORTING



OLYMPIC HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE

Ramesh Patel

Ramesh distinguished himself early in the season by playing three line games for the New Zealand team against the Australians. For his fine performance in these tests, he was chosen "Player of the Week" by the New Zealand Herald Sports Section.

Then came the excitement of his selection in the New Zealand Hockey team for the Olympic

Games in Munich where he played well in the many games the New Zealanders contested. We are proud of Ramesh's achievements in the sporting sphere. We mustn't forget his prowess on the cricket field also. He certainly has a very promising future ahead of him in international hockey.

Marching to honour a teacher



11th September 1966

Nine hundred and fifty pupils from Onehunga High School yesterday marched from their school to the Epson Methodist Church to attend the funeral of their deputy headmaster, Mr Ronald Riddolls.

Head boy David Veart (right) leads the boys along Pan Rd, Epsom.

Mr Riddolls, a foundation teacher of the school when it opened in 1939, had been first assistant and headed the English department in the earlier years of the school.

Fit and well at school on Thursday he died in his sleep that night.

The headmaster, Mr V. McCarthy, closed the school at 10.30 a.m. on Friday. In little more than an hour the pupils had collected \$27 among themselves for a memorial to their teacher.

Mr Riddolls, who was 55, is survived by his wife and two children.



Onehunga High School Orchestra — 1966

THIS IS NOT A FOREWORD

— IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN

THIS IS A BACKWORD!

Phew! ... what a weekend

No spirits were dampened due to the weather - infact the enthusiasm was infectious. Friday evening's **Mix 'N Mingle** with its delighted uproar could be heard as far afield as Manukau Intermediate School. One student (form 5, 1966) now living in Inkerman Street, drove to the celebration, unable to park his car drove home and proceeded to walk!

The drone of voices at the initial stages developed into a volcanic roar as people caught up with twenty five years of 'happenings'. They came back to school from all over the world - England, Canada, United States of America, Australia, Norfolk Island, other islands in the Pacific, and from every city and town in New Zealand.

There were in excess of 1,500 in attendance on Friday evening and for most this was the celebration everyone had been looking to. The security man and his dog finally had the school to themselves at 4.00am on Saturday!

The committee members were on duty again on Saturday preparing the school for the Official Opening. And back they came, shades of past assemblies

- what the hymn going to be?
- would Mac wear his bat-man's gown?
- were we going to hear about uniform irregularities once more?

- did the Spirit of Adventure ever leave the wharf?

But what the folks did know was that there was to be no riding of bikes down Pleasant Street, socks up, hands out of pockets, and girls hair tied back. The Official Opening was chaired by Bill Dickson to an over-flowing hall and foyer and some folks sitting in the marquee. After the initial speeches and the hymn, "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven" Mr McCarthy returned to face his students. Not a murmur (shades of past assemblies again?) the young men and women sat transfixed listening to every word, every 'do you remember' then the Jubilee cakes were cut by the four guests Mr K. Prebble, Mr L. Henderson, Mr T. Fisher and Mr C. McCarthy. Afternoon tea and photographs were taken and more and more chatting. Later the 800 plus departed from the school.

The Dine and Dance at the Leger Room was a happy evening for the 500 who were in attendance. The dinner was super, the band swinging and the atmosphere one of sheer happiness. Dozens of spot prizes were given away thanks to the generosity of the local business people of Onehunga.

Weary farewells were shared at 3.00am!

Sunday was family day at school. They all arrived, picnic baskets, sun umbrellas (and it was raining) sausages, steaks, sports gear, everything except the kitchen sink (we supplied thos in the H Block). The barbeque was kept stoked up all day and it was thirsty work! The families came, some 900 folk, Mayor Laurie Henderson, Member of Parliament Fred Gerbie, past teaching staff, present teachers, and of course Mac and Mrs Mac! both rather husky in voice but both in grand form. It was all over plus the shouting at 5.30pm.

The 'had bins' were full, the bushes clear of cars, the housework completed in the administration block, and everything back in its rightful place.

Celebrations ended all too soon - but there are no friends like old friends.



The Friday scrubdown



Esme Sizer - our gardener



REUNION

It's remembrance of things past when the alumni invade academe



Work as usual





WELCOME BACK
FOR OUR SILVER JUBILEE
1959 - 1984







Wow! Exhausted committee girls in girls sick-bay late Sunday!



OTHER OLD PUPILS IN THE SPORTS NEWS

Peter Gurnick — "Kiwi" League Representative, 1972. Another sporting distinction gained by an ex-pupil was the selection in the New Zealand World Cup Rugby League team of Peter Gurnick. Peter, who was a surprise selection, played an outstanding game in the final trial at Carlaw Park which clinched his place in the national team. We extend to him our congratulations on this distinction.

Geoff Vazey — who left from 6A in 1966 has been an outstanding forward in the Manukau Senior Rugby team which played so well in the final Gallagher Shield competition. He scored the vital try several times to assist his team to victory. Geoff graduated from Auckland University with a B.E.

Kevin Curtin, — who two years ago played goalie for the New Zealand Soccer XI has returned to form this season. He transferred to the National League side, Mt Wellington, and played his part in assisting this team in its pursuit of the National League honours and the Chatham Cup. Competition is very fierce for the goalie berth in the N.Z. team, but Kevin was again selected this year — a fine achievement.

Frank Slater, — who ran so well a few seasons ago in the mile at the Champion of Champions meeting has experienced a successful season in cross country racing this season. He ran his best ever race to finish second in the National Junior Cross Country Championships at Cornwall Park on August 5 and won the Junior Harbour to Harbour road race a few weeks later.

NATIONAL TENNIS REPRESENTATIVE



Judith Connor — New Zealand Women's Tennis Team.

Judy, who was a colleague of Ramesh in Form 7 last year, distinguished herself by touring with the New Zealand women's tennis team. She was the Auckland and N.Z. under 19 champion and acquitted herself well in a previous tour of Australia by the Linton and Wilson Cup sides. Judy has shown great potential as a tennis player and is endowed with a fine temperament which, nevertheless, doesn't blunt her keen will to win.

Judy competed in the tennis circuit in Britain during the six-month tournament season and then went to play on the Continent.

The N.Z.L.T.A. voted her a round-the-world air ticket plus \$200. We are proud of Judith's achievements on the tennis court and will follow her sporting career with great interest.

OLYMPIC CYCLING MEDALLIST



Was it a Bronze?

BRUCE BIDDLE:

After winning a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, Bruce went on to the Olympics where he rode superbly to come 4th in the 182 kilometre cycling race. He missed the bronze by only a whisker. Congratulations, Bruce!



CROCHET

A keen light-fingered lady,
Mrs Green was her name,
Started up the Crochet Club
And widespread was her fame.

The club is both for girls and boys,
They meet each week at lunch;
They steadfastly crochet many things,
Hooking thread while they munch.

This year they made a shawl
Of crochet squares so neat
For old folk who no longer
Will suffer from cold feet.

Too keep the teacher's tea
So nice and boiling hot,
Two tea cosies were crocheted
To encircle the staff tea pot.

This year the membership
Was a devout fourteen,
And what a profitable year
1978 has been.

Sarah Frost, 3A1

SCHOOL

Primary School
Laugh and play
kids galore
play games all day
Round and round
the teachers they run
for at Primary school
all they have is fun

Intermediate School
It's such a bore
all you do is work
you don't have fun anymore
The teachers are strict
and homeworks a must
Intermediate School is so unjust.

Secondary School
now that is different
the teachers there
are so persistant
There are exams to work for
and goals to attain
so you're expected to work hard
again and again
There are a variety of subjects
that you can do
and all will help to get you through
School Cert, U.E., Bursary and School
are the qualifications that you can receive
Then its out into the workforce
your goal achieved.

Pauline Rowe



GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

It was a very successful opening season for an enthusiastic and dynamic team. They had resounding wins for all the season except against Howick College. Our overall position for the year was as runner-up in the Eastern Zone Secondary Schoolgirls' Soccer.

O.H.S. CARETAKERS

1959	Mr L.F. Karon
1960	Mr L.F. Karon
1961	Mr L.F. Karon
1962	Mr L.F. Karon
1963	Mr L.F. Karon
1964	Mr C.F. Morrice
1965	Mr C.F. Morrice
1966	Mr R.O. Collison
1967	Mr R.D. Collison
1968	Mr B.C. Taylor
1969	Mr B.C. Taylor
1970	Mr J. Wallace
1971	Mr L.W. Sutherland
1972	Mr L.W. Sutherland
1973	Mr L.W. Sutherland
1974	Mr R. Wilson
1975	Mr L.W. Sutherland
1976	Mr M. Vollmer
1977	Mr M. Vollmer
1978	Mr M. Vollmer
1979	Mr M. Vollmer
1980	Mr M. Vollmer
1981	Mr M. Vollmer
1982	Mr M. Vollmer
1983	Mr M. Vollmer (died May) Mr W. Dickson
1984	Mr W. Dickson

O.H.S. GROUNDSMEN

1959	
1960	
1961	Mr C. Batten
1962	
1963	Mr C. Stewart
1964	Mr C. Stewart
1965	Mr A.A. Robinson
1966	Mr A.A. Robinson
1967	Mr R.D. Collison
1968	Mr L.R. Palmer
1969	Mr Hall
1970	Mr F.J. Russell
1971	Mr F.J. Russell
1972	Mr F.J. Russell
1973	Mr G. Francis
1974	Mr A. Walker
1975	Mr G. Paul
1976	Mr P. McKenna
1977	Mr M. Vollmer (Junior)
1978	Mr G. Sage
1979	Mr T. Nganu
to	
1984	

“When He Became A Man He Put Away Childish Things”

And so from pupils maybe coming unwillingly to school but attending lessons day by day the following ventured into their chosen career - TEACHING - and returned to Onehunga High School realising that the aim of teaching a pupil is to make certain he gets along with his teacher.

Rex Nielsen — First to return. Appointed to Commerce Department from 1972-1974. Now H.O.D. Commerce at Lynfield College.

Robert Kelly — 1979 Teaching in the Mathematics Department.

Harold Russ — 1982 Teaching in Science Department.

Linda Russ — (Nee: Rhodes) 1974-1974 Teaching in Science Dept. Part Time in the Science Dept. in 1984.

John Lafaoi — 1983 Teaching in English - Social Studies - Commerce Dept.

Sue Wood — (Nee: Woonton) 1980 Taught in English Dept. Now N.Z. President of the National Party.

Gary Dansby-Scott — 1979 Teaching in Technical Dept (as well as an expert in Japanese Language)

O.H.S. OFFICE STAFF

- 1959 Mrs W.M. Robinson
1960 Miss F. Funnell, Mrs G. Millstead
1961 Miss J. Thompson, Mrs G. Millstead
1962 Miss J. Thompson, Mrs G. Millstead
1963 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead
1964 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead
1965 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead
1966 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs V. Cross
1967 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs V. Cross
1968 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs V. Cross
1969 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead
1970 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs G. Gudsell
1971 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs G. Gudsell
1972 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs M. Larnder
1973 Miss P.U. Hogg, Mrs G. Millstead,
Mrs M. Larnder
1974 Miss P.U. Hogg, (to March Mrs O. Watts,
Mrs M. Larnder, Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs Harvey)

- 1975 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs B. Carlson,
Mrs M. Larnder
1976 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs M. Larnder, Mrs J. Mayo,
Mrs G. VanBurden
1977 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs M. Larnder, Mrs J. Mayo,
Mrs G. VanBurden
1978 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs M. Larnder, Mrs J. Mayo,
Mrs G. VanBurden
1979 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden,
Mrs J. Mayo
1980 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden,
Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs H. Reese
1981 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden,
Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs H. Reese
1982 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden,
Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs H. Reese
1983 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden,
Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs H. Reese
1984 Mrs O. Watts, Mrs G. VanBurden (to 29 Feb),
Mrs J. Mayo, Mrs H. Reese,
Mrs Pilkington (from 1st March)

NURSES

- 1968 Mrs H.J. Russ
1969 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs F.M. Cole
1970 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs E. Perrett
1971 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs E. Perrett
1972 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs E. Perrett
1973 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs E. Perrett
1974 Mrs H.J. Russ, Mrs E. Perrett
1975 Mrs E. Perrett
1976 Mrs E. Perrett
1977 Mrs E. Perrett
1978 Mrs E. Perrett
1979 Mrs E. Perrett
1980 Mrs V. Ogilvie
1981 Mrs V. Ogilvie
1982 Mrs V. Ogilvie
1983 Mrs V. Ogilvie
1984 Mrs V. Ogilvie

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED K.S. PREBBLE 1978

extract from **School Magazine**



Mr K.S. Prebble, M.A., formerly Associate Principal of Avondale College, was appointed Principal of Onelunga High School at the end of 1977 succeeding Mr C.J. McCarthy, the school's foundation Head.

As a married man with three children of his own, Mr Prebble believes strongly that New Zealand teenagers are fortunate in having schools like ours. In 1974 he spent a year in a small rural school in Scotland on a Commonwealth Teacher Exchange, an experience which reinforced his faith in the New Zealand Education system.

RUGBY FOUNDATION TEAM 1959



RUGBY
BACK ROW:
 (Left to Right)
 Mr. MacLean, H. Young,
 D. King, A. Brown,
 G. Campbell,
 Mr. W. Green

MIDDLE ROW:
 (Left to Right)
 W. Lamb, N. Brown,
 J. Dalrymple, S. Pittman,
 J. Anderson, B. Elman,
 A. Elman

FRONT ROW:
 A. Phillips, M. Jones,
 B. Thomas, G. Wood,
 R. Jery

BASKETBALL FOUNDATION TEAM 1959



BASKETBALL
TEAM 1
 (Left to Right)
 M. Jones, J. News,
 E. Brown, N. Walker,
 C. Mann, J. Gordon,
 M. Pitt, H. Crosswell,
 J. Martin

GIRLS BASKETBALL **Stylish in 1963! Now called Netball**

Adorned in black gyms and black stockings, and proudly bearing the name of Onchunga High, the Girls' Basketball teams have once again braved the hardships of another basketball season. Through wind, rain and cold they have gallantly played on showing great sportsmanship and initiative.

SOCCER - FOUNDATION TEAM - 1959



JUNIOR SOCCER

BACK ROW:

(Left to Right)

T. Pines

M. R. H. Baker, C. Smith

D. Brown, G. McGilchrist

G. Mansfield, J. Wilson

E. Wilson, C. Brown

CRICKET - FOUNDATION TEAM - 1959



CRICKET

BACK ROW:

A. Bailey, W. Fraser

K. Brown, J. Wilson

C. Brown, T. Brown

E. Dett

MIDDLE ROW:

S. Wilson, W. Wilson

B. Wilson, C. Smith

D. Smith, K. Anderson

FRONT ROW:

C. Pines

Coach: M. R. H.

Baker

WHEN ONEHUNGA HIGH ARRIVED

In 1948 when WE arrived, to the mothers of Pleasant Street the main inconvenience in having their homes in a nearly - rural area was having to push up the hill, on a dirt road with no footpath, and with pram wheels digging into churned-up mud whenever it rained (and it frequently seemed to in those days!) Across this road from the houses, farmland still carried its share of horses and cows, and a poultry farm stood where now are tennis courts. The site of the lowest pre-fab was the start of Orini Street, an operational road albeit even more of a track than Pleasant Street, and with the only road maintenance an annual visit from the grader, things looked like continuing in the same vein.

Then in 1956 the changes started. First came the workmen from the local council, who put in a footpath down one side of the street - a REAL concrete footpath! Mothers were overjoyed, but had to be firm with their children. Those who owned bicycles had never been able to ride all the way home without risking tumbles from hitting the odd rock in the roadway. Now, as the parents here first ordained, the pupils of your school still wheel their cycles from each end of the street.

Hardly had residents lost the novelty of their footpath, when they learned they were going to have a sealed roadway as well. Such progress, but later this year of 1957 became known as the "Year of the Bulldozers." They came in pairs, threes, fours, and at one hectic time, seven of them, working over the farmland paddocks, digging huge trenches, rolling enormous concrete pipes around like marbles, and gradually creating a pattern from the chaos.

Meantime, residents had been told by Ministry of Works men that we were to have (a) a housing project; (b) a shopping complex; and finally (c) a school - yours. For most of the rest of the year trucks carted soil continuously - ten or more hours daily at times - shaping, filling in, and covering the pipes. We will never forget the noise - and

the DUST!! The pipes are underneath your school now draining away merrily taking the seepage from the 17 natural springs which used to trickle down the hill into Porea Creek at the bottom. Then, on this same foundation, your school was built. In 1958 the buildings went up, and the first ones completed were the ones nearest the street frontage. Your original pupils will remember them as they were and have with us, noted the changes over the years since. Afterwards came the bigger blocks of class-rooms, and later the lovely old homestead belonging to the family who had once owned the school land was demolished to make way for the new school block. This building has the magnificent views of harbour and shores which had been enjoyed by the Stanton family and their guests while having luncheon or afternoon tea. The banks leading up to this site had been "mowed" by the home-farm sheep and lambs, and the toi-tois were the nesting place of a pheasant family. When the machinery moved in, the pheasants moved out, but only to the gully on the other side of the street, and their descendants are still there. Down in the bush on Queenstown Road corner a morepork was also disturbed by the progress, but in the last year or so we have heard him, or a descendant of this friendly night caller, so another early settler returns.

At least three of the Pleasant Street families contributed to your original school roll, followed by their younger brothers and sisters as the roll grew. These days, instead of taking visiting friends for a country ramble in the fields, one can show them round a beautifully laid-out and maintained school, yet still feel the rural atmosphere in the green lawns and trees which are there between the buildings as a pleasant retreat. As residents of Pleasant Street, "Our School" has become part of our daily lives, and we are indeed happy with lasting friendships shared between us and many of your past pupils and staff.

Mary Curtis Neighbours across the Road

HEAD GIRL PREFECTS

1962	Linley Jones
1963	Koa Bruford
1964	Diane Grainger
1965	Michele Bradley
1966	Susanne Wootton
1967	Brenda Lipscombe
1968	Sandra Forbes
1969	Linda Rhodes
1970	Gay Mathews
1971	Winifred Lewis
1972	Pamela Wright
1973	Pamela Crompton
1974	Joy Eaton
1975	Gabrielle Faire
1976	Linda Fotherby
1977	Lynda Keane
1978	Wendy Steadman
1979	Jennifer Coldham
1980	Jan Dickinson
1981	Lani Steadman
1982	Anne Callinan
1983	Mareta Steadman
1984	Denny Kirkwood

HEAD BOY PREFECTS

1962	Bruce Travers
1963	David McCallum
1964	Graeme Campbell
1965	Derek McKay
1966	James Bruford
1967	David Osborn
1968	David Veart
1969	John Sims
1970	Rodney Heath
1971	John Black
1972	Morgan Tumalealfano
1973	Christopher Humphries
1974	Peter Fredricson
1975	Noel Crymble
1976	William Tonkin
1977	Phillip Coombe
1978	Brent Wagner
1979	Brent Waldron
1980	Ian Laban
1981	Gary Dickson
1982	Mark Schaumann
1983	Ian Jenkins
1984	Bryce Anderson

PLEASURE IN ENGLISH
 A graded course in English Language
 in five stages, each covering
 one year's work

1963 M A Travis 37B
 1964 Susan Laurie 3com
 1965 Colin Curtis 3ta
 1967 Fred BASS 3L1
 1968 Susan Jones 3L2
 1969 Neil C RAHAM 3L2
 1970 MAREE OWEN SMITH
 1973 D Greenland 3F2
 1974 Cathy Casey 3L
 1975 Debbie Middleton 3E
 1976 Mark Auger
 1977 Fiona Brantsma 3A1
 1977 Rosemarie ELLS 3F1
 1978 Christine Edwards 3A1



WITHIN THE VEIL

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote - "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindnesses that I can show for any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

We sincerely record those of our Teaching Staff and Pupils, Board of Governor Members, administrative staff and Caretaker who have died. To their families and friends and those of us who had the privilege of knowing them.

"We understand death for the first time when He puts His hand upon one whom we love."

Madame de Stael.
 Editor

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

1963 David Jones
 1964 Vivienne Forbes
 1965 Derek McKay
 1966 Keith Wong
 1967 Kenneth Callie
 1968 Anne Williams
 1969 David Wong
 1970 Rodney Heath
 1971 Warren North
 1972 Kevin Lee
 1973 Linda Jones
 1974 Peter Norrie
 1975 Michael Lay Yee
 1976 Rona Webber
 1977 Shiu Lam
 1978 Darrell Wong
 1979 Brent Waldron
 1980 Janet Mills
 1981 Peter Jenkins
 1982 Robert Lum
 1983 Catherine Small

Wednesday, 13 July, 1881

Onehunga Grammar School appeared amongst first readings but could find no reference to subject

1881 Onehunga Grammar School Endowment Bill (Thursday, 8th September, 1881) Bill considered in committee.

Clause 2 - One Tree Hill made endowment for Grammar School at Onehunga. Mr BOWEN moved that the following words be struck out "the education reserve and" The Committee divided on the question "that the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the clause".

AYES, 19

Allwright	McCaughan	Tomona
Beetham	O'Rorke	Trimble
Bunny	Reid	Wright
Colbeck	Richardson	Pyke
Driver	Studholme	Tellers
Fox Hall	Taiaroa	Lundon
Tawhai		

NOES, 28

Andrews	Macandrew	Sutton
Bain	Montgomery	Swanson
Ballance	Moss	Thomson
Bryce	Murray	Tole
Dick	Saunders	Wallis
George	Shanks	Wade
Gibbs	Shepherd	Tellers
Grey	Speight	Hutchison
Steven	Hurst W.J.	Jones
Stewart	Seddon	

Major against 9

Amendment agreed to Progress report.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, 4th August, 1881

Onehunga Grammar School Bill. Mr Lundon moved second reading of bill at request of Mr Speaker. Nothing objectionable in it - any alteration in the first schedule could be done in committee. (General discussion followed.) Mr Lundon hoped no objection would be made to passing of bill, if taken in committee Mr Speaker would be able to explain the matter.

Mr Swanson objected to second reading of the bill. Showed letter to members received from the Board of Education dated at Auckland 27th July 1881. (Letter said that a bill had been introduced by Mr Hamlin for the establishment and management of a grammar school at Onehunga. Enclosed copy of resolutions passed by Board in 1878 and stated that the Board adheres to opinions expressed in them.)

Extracts from minutes of Board: 4th October 1878. Resolved that the Board of Education Auckland district protests against action of Mr O'Rorke in introducing the Onehunga Grammar School Act in as much as there are other places of greater importance than Onehunga which might in like manner make a demand for special reserves in the XXXXXXXX to the Board. (Board had power to regulate higher education of the district in such manner and in such localities as deemed in best interests of education. Onehunga had no preferable claim demanding exceptional treatment as proposed in the Bill before

Wednesday, January 16th, 1884

Fortnightly meeting held in Borough Council Office on Friday evening last. Present: Wm. Stevenson (in the chair and fair attendance of members.

The question of Grammar School for Onehunga arising out of Sir G.M. O'Rorke's letter was considered. After animated discussion, it drifted into what some members considered the more important matters of the present state of the primary school in the town. (Discussion followed regarding the primary school).

It was finally resolved re the Grammar School that a letter be sent to Sir G.M. O'Rorke asking how the Chamber could most effectually co-operate with him in securing the object indicated by his letter.

(Discussion generally on acquirement of land for Onehunga Primary School). Present school not far removed from that of a cesspit. Subject of taking steps to secure a proper site and a suitable school for so large a number of children would be fully ventilated at the annual meeting of householders on the 28th inst.



House. Protest was wired to Mr Swanson to communicate to members of Auckland district.

18th October 1878. In reference to Onehunga High School Bill the committee on behalf of the Board transmitted to Mr Swanson M.H.R. the following resolution: "The Board does not consider it for the best interests of secondary education that it should be conducted by a large number of local administrations but thinks it should remain as much as possible in the hands of the governing body of each Education district so as to preserve uniformity of principle."

(Discussion at length on endowments from common schools) DR WALLIS: Seconded motion that this bill be read a second time that day 6 months. He considered there was no necessity for a secondary school at Ongā. Ongā was close to Auckland, railway etc. running boys could get to Auckland Grammar.

Quote 7th clause of Bill: "Board the Governors of the Auckland College & Grammar Schools constituted under the Auckland College and Grammar School Act 1877 shall be charged with the administration in this Act and shall have power to supplement the funds hereby provided with such a contribution from the Board's funds as they may deem requisite for founding and establishing the said grammar school."

1980

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1971 Warren North
- 1973 Linda Bryder
- 1975 Gabrielle Faire
- 1977 Raymond Fong
Shiu Lam
Richard Wong
- 1978 Anthony Hill
- 1979 Michael Frisby
- 1981 Peter Jenkins
- 1982 Robert Lum



Onehunga High School pupils with their incentive prizes for high raffle tickets sales records.

With them is raffle committee member, Mrs Sue Wood.
From left: top, Peter Campbell 16, Sheryl Tier 13, Collin Short 16; middle, Angela Brown 14, Chris Sin 13, Mrs Sue Wood, Vicky Reti 15, Paul Hundborg 14; front, Dianne Haskell 15, Simone Williams 13, Karen MacQueen 15, Richard Ackland 12.

Central Leader, Tuesday, March 25, 1980

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

- 1959 Mr B.H. McLean, M.A.
 - 1960 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1961 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1962 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1963 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1964 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1965 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1966 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1967 Mr R.W. Riddolls, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1968 Mr A.L. Van Sambeek, M.O. Hobart (ACTING DEPUTY)
 - 1969 Mr E.D. White, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1970 Mr E.D. White, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 - 1971 Mr M.O. Nicholas, M.A.
- to
1984

1848

WOODEN SCHOOL BUILT

(St. Peters Church of England)

First School (Mrs Soars St. Peters) P.6 1853
Public School 1855

New Stone School 1857 cost £252. 2s. 11d.
Dismantled 1906

Rented to Government (Education Act) 1872 £20. per year.

1876 new School had been built and stone school not needed (Selwyn Street) Public State

Mr Pipers school for boys 1857
Situated Hill Street

1854 School Fees 9d weekly using paper 6d weekly others
1856 Night School opened

1870 Reverend Brown rented
Private School for Boys Closed 1873 10/- weekly

Do You Remember: Mac took the combined singing with Mrs Gudtall playing piano and his theme song, "I'd like to Teach the World to Sing." What a pity we had to abandon our Favourite "Que Sera Sera".

OUR SCHOOL FLAG

When we opened in February 1959, one of the items of equipment supplied was a New Zealand Flag.

Eventually a flag-pole was built in front of the school, workmen were amazed that the base contained fifteen cubic yards of concrete. The pole itself was held aloft in a bracket with two long bolts. When I visited Australian schools in 1971, I noticed that nearly every school flew the Australian Flag. I liked the idea and when I returned I asked that our flag be flown daily. We had previously flown our flag only on Special days and on our sad days.

Pupils were excellent in attending to this daily chore and the action drew comment from many quarters. I notice that now it is standard practice in most schools. Within a week, vandals removed the bolts, letting the pole fall and smash to pieces. We never caught the culprits but soon after, an article appeared in the Communist paper boasting of the achievement.

Department eventually renewed our pole and the flag was flown again daily. In 1974, Miss King offered to attend to this daily chore and members of her class have loyally attended to the task every since.

Con McCarthy

*Surprise party for Francis
(leaving for Wellington)
in the prefect's room*



OUR CONCERT

First Prize - Light Verse

Everybody's in a flurry,
Run, run. Hurry, hurry,
Choir practice day and night
Non-performers can take flight
(And on assembling the Head says
"Hurry, only ten more days!")
Practice in Maths time - English too -
That's one thing we are glad to do,
Stage littered with ladders and curtains
It should be good: that is certain
(And on assembling the Head say
"Hurry, only two more day!")
French choir trilling away,
Many practising at the play,
Costumes are nearly ready,
Everything is going steady,
(And on assembling the Head says
"Well, well. Tomorrow is the day")
We are now singing the opening song
But time quickly marches along
The piano chord warns the waiting throng
And with gusto we sing the farewell song
(And on assembling the Head says
"On with the hard work", We can't laze.)

Vivienne Forbes, 3L1 - 1960

SPIFLICATION

The Third form boy had been sent to the Principal to be disciplined for some act of disobedience. The whole passage shook as the boy was directed to sit on that horrible seat outside the Principal's Office. "What will you have, boy? Caning or spification. You will have fifteen minutes to think about it." Fifteen minutes later, the question was put - "What have you decided boy?" and the meek almost inaudible reply came "I think I will try spification Sir!" Mrs Watts was beside the Principal and simply exploded. The boy was soon dispatched back to his class without experiencing either of his options, but I am sure he will remember to this day, that horrible thinking time he had!

GYM IS COMPLETED



SANDY

First Prize Humorous Verse - 1959

O where hae ye been, young Sandy my lad?
Hae ye been good or hae ye been bad?
I hae bin to the picture, father, get me some food,
For I'm weary w' walking, an' in a bad mood.
What film did ye see, young Sandy my son?
Was it an Indian or a murder for fun?
T'was neither, father, just look at my face,
The picture I saw was all about space.
I think ye are sick, young Sandy my lad,
Is it the measles that are making ye sad?
Nae, father, I fear it's the flue,
I'll just take some "Buckley's" and then
I'll be new.

Malcolm Jobe, 3L

THE MODERN MODERN DAYS

First Prize, Serious Verse 1959

Comforts were few in nineteen-fifty-nine
With the H-bomb as a threatening sign,
With the East and the West to keep alive,
The Russians were having a wonderful time,
In the modern, modern days.

Mr Khrushchev flew to the West,
To make himself more of a pest,
Was his visit just in jest,
Or to see about an H-bomb test?
In the modern, modern days.

Harder on his gum did Mr Eisenhower chew,
When Mr Khrushchev into the airport flew,
Was it to brag about the rocket new?
I guess everything is askew,
In the modern, modern days.

Dennis Potter, 3L



Onehunga High School Choir — 1966

THE LIFE OF A BUS DRIVER

"Come on dearie,
Mind the door,
Move right along,
There's room for more."
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

The clicking of tickets,
The ring of the bell,
The beep of the horn,
You never can tell
If you really like the life of a Bus Driver.

Rowdy school kids,
Chatting ladies,
Old drunk men
and squawking babies
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

Slow moving trucks,
Shaky old trams,
Dozens of jay-walkers
Mothers with prams
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

Dozens of green lights,
Which I always miss,
While an eager young man,
Tries to steal a big kiss,
While his dreamy young maiden
(He's gone to her head)
Dreamily waits for the light to turn red
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

When at last I come in
To collect my small pay
I hastily think, "I've given wrong
Change six times today.
Well! That's the life of a Bus Driver.

Barbara Chapman, 3L2 - 1960

(Editors note: six A.R.A. buses "deliver" the 1984 students to their homes each afternoon)

ON BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL

I slowly crept down Pleasant Street hill,
All was silent, all was still.
The gravel crunched beneath my feet
As I scanned the road in case I should meet
My foe, the teacher on duty, keeping guard,
For if I did punishment would be hard.

The bicycle squeaked, I was in a jam!
The question was now scam or not to scam.
If I perchance did happen to see
The teacher, my foe, my deadliest enemy,
I looked at my watch and fear sprang anew,
If a teacher came now, what was I to do?

But there was no teacher as I could see,
perhaps a lucky day for me,
But surely my luck would not hold
Because so far I had been quite bold.
Past the school gate - carefully and slow,
Until all of a sudden there struck the blow!

It was too late! My foe had come!
My brain immediately went numb.
"You'd better hurry or get a detention."
I looked at him with a blank expression,
The regarded my watch with an air of gloom,
I'd better get it sent to the watchmaker's soon!

Vivienne Forbes, 4L (1961)

"Fiddle and Rhin"

MRS ROBINSON

Mrs Robinson was our Office Secretary in 1959. She did everything that had to be done in our Office.

One day, when the staffroom was finished, Mrs Robinson was going for a cup of tea. She tripped on the step before the double doors and landed headlong into the post that was built between the doors. The result was the best pair of black eyes ever seen at Onehunga High.

Mrs Robinson actually did us a good turn, because we were then able to persuade the Architect to remove the posts. The Architect had argued that the posts were especially designed to slow down the traffic so that more people could get through the doors in a set time. We did not follow his reasoning, but he stuck to his argument. We sympathised with Mrs Robinson but thanked her for solving our problem.

Con McCarthy

EVENING CLASSES

The First in 1960

Evening classes were started this year in Woodwork, Metalwork, Painting, Millinery, Owner-Drivers, Hairdressing, Dressmaking, Maori Language, Floral Art, Typing and Shorthand-Typing.



THE PSALM OF 5A2 - 1965

Mr Bawden is our master; we can't do without.
He persuades us to settle down to revision; he leads
Us to higher goals. He restoreth our confidence.
He brings back our powers of concentration for
School Cert's sake.

Yea, though our way is difficult, we fear no rivals,
For we have sporting champions with us.

At the concert we presented a hospital skit.
In the presence of our parents,
The applause was overwhelming.

Surely success and acclaim will follow us
All the days of our lives; and we will cherish
The name of the school forever.

4 HOMECRAFT - 1963

Ingredients:

23 Cups girls	½ lb Miss Howley
7 oz lessons	1 tbsp. assembly
2 tbsp. interval	3 oz homework
2 oz detention	

Method:

1. Cream 4H and Miss Howley.
2. Beat well with seven lessons and assembly.
3. Stir with a little homework (usually done during interval).
4. Bake in detention from 3.30 to 4.00pm at room eleven temperature.



From J. Commercial 1959.

LIGHT VERSE

Light Verse - 1963

Fat, small,
Thin, tall,
Teachers all,
Grim frowns,
Black gowns,
Verbs and nouns,
Long canes,
Big brains,
Difficult names,
Blotted book,
Dirty look,
You're on the book,
Assembly missed,
Prefects hiss,
"Detention list."

Who would go to school.

Brenda Lipscombe, 3L1

SENIOR PRIZE GIVING 1967

An interesting innovation this year was the holding of a separate Senior Prize Ceremony before 5th and 6th formers left to sit their examinations. A most successful function was held on Wednesday, 15th November, when all Senior academic prizes and all sports and special awards were presented.

The Principal's comprehensive Annual Report was followed by an address by the guest speaker, Dr R. Winterbourn, Professor of Education at the University of Auckland. Proceedings were enlivened by several enjoyable items by the School Choir and Orchestra.

Professor Winterbourn offered a few reflections on the kind of qualities necessary to equip those about to enter their chosen careers as being basic for success today: versatility, or adaptability, tolerance, and a resistance to the subtle influences of mass media such as the newspaper, radio and T.V.

The Junior Prize Giving Ceremony is scheduled for 8th December at 1.15pm.

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PRINCIPAL'S FOREWORD

The year is 1966

The central feature of the year's activities was the completion in June of our new gymnasium. This was a great thrill, the building being equal to anything we had dreamed of. Perhaps in time we will regard the gym as just part of the school, but at the moment we are still admiring it for its newness, its beautiful finish, its spaciousness and its completeness. We have many visitors to inspect it and all admire it and say it is the best they have seen.

Our Gymnasium Committee was formed in 1963, fund-

raising took place in 1964, planning with Architect and negotiating with Department proceeded through 1965 until the contract extended the completion date, but when we viewed the result, we felt that all of the work had been worthwhile.

I am delighted to see the pupils making full use of the gymnasium and I know they will maintain it in its new condition for a long time

writes Mr McCarthy.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KIRKLAND BROTHERS?

As I watch the green clad children streaming past, some laughing some serious, I think back to days where my sons Bruce and Stephen attended Onehunga High School, and after school they would arrive home with several friends for coffee and cookies. Bruce now domiciled America, Manhattan Island into three business ventures -also having a Barrister and Solicitor degree. He's dabbling in film making ans was manager to Sam Hunt and several New Zealanders and pop stars etc. Has T. Shirt enterprise and Vision Video business.

Wife Timely is a former school teacher and their two sons Bevin 11 years old and Call 3 years are a happy family. Bruce travels to London U.K. every 3 months for business for Stiff Records Coy. Split Entz started with Bruce while he was still in N.Z. over seven years ago. They have gone far since those days.

Stephen is an off-set printer and making his way in the printing world, he had 3 sons Aaron, Joel and Lyndon. He lost his wife Susan, also a student of O.H.S. when she was but 25 years old. Greatly missed.

Both boys were soccer and cricket players being in 1st IX in both team and have passed their love of sport onto their boys. This is a thumb nail sketch of what has "happened" to two of the "Old Boys" of our beloved Onehunga High School.

Mabe (Catherine) Kirkland

Rob and Pam Pipe (nee Bollard) were at Onehunga High School during the years 1961-64.

Pam was very involved with athletics and Rob with most sport particularly swimming. They started going together after they had left school and were married in 1969. January 1970 saw them on a ship bound for the U.K. where they worked and travelled for the next 2 years.

After 2 visits to Europe they came home via U.S.A. and Canada. Since then they have twice lived and worked in Australia.

The settling down came in 1977 with the birth of their daughter followed by a son in 1980.

They now have a Plumbing Business and home in the Coastal Resort town of Whangamata where they have lived for the past 10 years.



Romance in Form 6A?

(Refer to page 30 for answers)

ECCE ET DIEM 1959-1984

Stand tall and be so full of pride,
For sons and daughters who travel far and wide
To other climes and
though this land our students have gone
Using the knowledge,
passed by Teachers second to none.
For Twenty-five years this college has grown
From strength to strength, the finest known.
May the playing fields echo, the laughter of good sport.
To try our best to win,
if not try again 'til the balls in our court.
To show that right is might,
From the golden dawn, to the velvet curtain of night.
Be honest,
upright and do your best to the Honour of our School
Take heart when things go wrong,
And above all keep to the golden rule.
To keep our College's beloved name,
Victorious for another twenty five years of fame.

CHERRY COMMENTS

I joined the staff in 1960, as soon as I had finished my post-graduate year at Auckland Teachers' College, and taught English and Latin before leaving to go to England in 1962. Those were two of the happiest and least pressured years of my life. Subsequently I stayed two years in London, teaching at a special school for mentally retarded children, then for a year at a secondary modern school. My next move was to Montreal, where I taught English and Latin for another two years. In 1965 I was accepted as a Ph.D. student in the English department of the University of California at Berkeley. I was there for four years (the American doctoral programme is a very long one), working as a teaching assistant as well as studying. In 1969 I was awarded an Advanced Graduate Travelling Fellowship by Berkeley to return to New Zealand and examine the then unpublished papers of Katherine Mansfield in the Alexander Turnbull Library. 1970 found me back in Auckland, in my old flat in Maungawhau Road, writing my doctoral dissertation of Katherine Mansfield; in 1971 I was awarded my Ph.D in English and appointed a lecturer in English at the University of Canterbury.

At Canterbury, I specialised for some time in New Zealand fiction (a subject I knew very little about when I left New Zealand in 1962). Although I'm still interested in this subject, my current area of specialisation is in twentieth century British fiction which I teach at stage 3 and Honours levels. As you will see from the publication list which I am enclosing, I have written about both these areas, although Katherine Mansfield remains my favourite subject.

Although I still call myself Cherry Hankin, I did marry in 1981 the retired Head of the English department here, Professor Emeritus John Garrett. Finally, I should add that this year I was promoted to the rank of Reader (the same as Associate Professor). So for the present, it looks as if my changes of location and job have ended. I still miss Auckland, my favourite city in New Zealand, and the friends I made at Onehunga High School.

Cherry Hankin

JAPANESE CONNECTION

Early in 1961, an Auckland Journalist was commissioned to write a story about an Auckland Secondary School, for a Japanese magazine. He wanted pictures to illustrate his article, so he looked for a colourful uniform.

We were most agreeable to his request to become involved and selected two pupils of Miss Trowern's class (4A) to act as models. Joan Salisbury and Clinton Brown posed in school uniforms at the Logan Memorial, at the museum, and at the Mission Bay fountain.

We received several copies of the magazine - a publication distributed through Japanese schools to assist with general knowledge. This was our first Japanese connection. As a result, we had many Japanese visitors in the succeeding years. In 1970 we commenced an experiment teaching Japanese. Mrs N. McCarthy was the teacher and the class of Third Form volunteers came at 8.00am working till 8.45am on two mornings of the week. The class started with 28 pupils and still had 22 at the end of the year.

The pupils were so enthusiastic about the subject that we continued it after school in 1971 with a Japanese Teacher.

In 1972 we decided to put Japanese into our full-time programme. It was an immediate success and some pupils kept with it up to form 7. It was surprising to us all, that this small experiment of 1970 was such a success. In 1977 we had over 200 pupils studying Japanese.

PUBLICATIONS OF CHERRY ANNE HANKIN

(August 1983)

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MEMORIES

Memories — like the pages of my mind..... Sure, they're just the words of a song, but as I flick through the pages of My Book of Memories, a myriad of pictures come to mind. Most of them have made me smile, they were happy days, when everything seemed new and fresh, experiences were novelities, to be stored away, and now, 25 years on, to be remembered and re-lived.

Who could forget the hats! There was The Panama — when new, a hard, shiny snow-white, straw chapeau, complete with green band. It was not the easiest thing to keep on ones head, especially, if you rode a bike to school; and it was not considered to be very “smart” to keep it on with a strip of elastic under your chin. Riding over the old Mangere Bridge was a challenge in itself, one hand on The Panama, the other checking that your satchel wasn't slipping off the rack behind your seat. (Did YOU ride a Wiseman's Special?) The sight of white hats drifting through the air, and eventually floating down the Manukau was a scene to behold. I wondered if the residents of Cornwallis would ever take the time to retrieve them from the beached and return them. Unfortunately, the panama didn't stay good-looking for very long — even though some of our more conscientious girls tried very hard; they even took to wearing those plastic see-through, pleated little shower cap things, over their hats when it rained. It was rumoured that there was a group of young ladies who regularly inspected the coat hooks, and when they found a hat that looked too good to be true, it was taken to the nearest loo for a quick flush, replaced on its hook, and sadly never looked the same again. The day you left school, the famous hat was in it's finest hour, and became at last, a useful item; a great place for your friend's autographs, phone numbers, and the popular graffiti of the day — Beatles Forever, Elvis — The King! YEAH! YEAH! YEAH! S.W.A.L.K. ETC.

The red beret for winter, green school gloves, the boys caps, Moulin Rouge stockings, and those ghastly Phys. Ed. rompers, are all part of the remembering. Is it significant that we don't really remember a lot about the facts we learnt, the exams we sat, and the hundreds of pages we wrote? I do recall reading the banned book “Lady Chatterly's Lover,” I remember the School Concerts and Socials when someone knickers were run up the school flagpole, the trip to Turangi, when a teacher, much the worse for wear was put to sleep in a bath for the night, the hot summer days, when we forced the temperatures up on the classroom thermometers, so we could all walk up to Jellicoe Pools for a swim. I still have a vivid picture in my mind of a big man striding through a windy covered walkway, his black cloak swirling in billows behind him, a man whose frown was lost on you, because you always imagined there was a twinkle somewhere in those icy blue eyes.

My Old School — I give you capitals with pride and gratitude, through you I met the young man who became my husband, I formed life/long friendships, you started me on the road to adulthood and gave me a love for teaching and an awareness of the joys of being young, and living life to its fullest.

Thank You O.H.S.

Extract From Tom Browns School Days

“Tom, my Boy, remember that you are going at your own request, to be chunked into this great school like a young bear with all your troubles before you.”

“If Schools are what they were in my time, you’ll see a great many cruel things done, and hear a deal of Bad talk. But never fear. Tell the truth, keep a brave and kind heart, never say or listen to anything you wouldn’t have your Mother or Sister hear, and you’ll never feel ashamed to come home.”

Tom Brown’s School Days
Thomas Hughes

