



Ad Augusta



Grammar's Inaugural
Father and Son Breakfast

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Front Cover: Guests at the Inaugural Father and Son Breakfast.



Boys' schools have an ethos and atmosphere that promotes self-discipline, academic achievement and leadership skills.



The Headmaster

I do hope the year has started well for your sons and that they prepared well for the end of term progress examinations and received results that matched their effort. Brief reports following on from these exams were posted home during the holidays.

As you are probably aware, our boys did the School proud in the 2008 external examinations in both NCEA and CIE pathways. Such outstanding academic success by our boys goes against the trend worldwide, which is one of increasing academic success by girls.

In other words, AGS boys go against the trend that lauds the success of girls compared to the often poor efforts by boys. In some measure, the ongoing high academic achievement of Grammar boys is because the School has remained exclusively a school for boys, which means we can provide a form of education that best suits boys without having to compromise for the needs of the other gender.

Research in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand backs up this point and suggests that boys in boy-only schools do at least 10% better than boys in co-ed schools.

However, there are other factors in the success of AGS boys: boys' schools also have an ethos and atmosphere that promotes self-discipline, academic achievement and leadership skills, and in boys' schools, academics do tend to take priority over surroundings.

In his book 'The Wonder of Boys', Michael Gurian says "boys must compete and perform well to feel worthy". AGS provides such opportunities for our boys by providing an environment that encourages questioning, competition and self-discovery, and by ensuring there is structure and routine in the academic programme, and copious team sports and cultural groups for our boys to participate in.

In such an environment boys will respond positively, and consequently we as a school are able to recognise and celebrate what boys are, rather than fantasising that all boys can be re-made into pliant and expressive model students.

Boys' schools are increasingly unique institutions with a very special culture that turn out, in the vast majority of cases, young men who are well educated, thoughtful, independent-minded, fiercely loyal, proud of their

association and accomplished.

I sincerely hope that your son is enjoying the Grammar experience and achieving to his potential in all the avenues of opportunity that the School provides.

This edition of Ad Augusta profiles the main happenings of Term 1 at school and also highlights the importance of the Old Boy connections with the School, something that is vital to the continuance of the Grammar tradition.

Best regards

John Morris – Headmaster

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Report from the Board

The Board is delighted to report that we have offered the Headmaster, Mr Morris, an extension to his contract until mid 2011, and that Mr Morris has accepted. These discussions have received careful consideration on both sides and all are pleased with the outcome. Future extensions of the Headmaster's contract are possible by mutual agreement.

The School is off to a great start for 2009. Our desire to proactively manage student numbers, referred to in my previous Board Report, has achieved our desired student roll, which matches our staffing capability. This has assisted us in managing that portion of the School's budget related to the extra staffing the School provides to teach both CIE and NCEA.

The school budget is not without its ongoing challenges and this is especially

true in the area of school donations. We certainly understand that some are coming under increasing financial pressure. The Board is still however determined to provide the quality of education Grammar has always provided to our students. We would ask parents to give special consideration to the role Grammar is playing in their son's development before considering not paying the school donation.

The Board is also delighted to welcome Roger Hill (Old Boy 1963) as our new Director of Advancement. This role has been somewhat redefined since Deborah George left the Director of Development role in November 2007. We are happy to report that Deborah is staying on with the School in a new role. The search for the Director of Advancement took longer than we would have wished, but the wait has

been worthwhile having secured Roger's services. Roger helped the Board in our original deliberations on how the School should set up our Development Office in 2000.

Deborah George resigned from the Board in February 2009 to allow her to assume her new role as Director of Enrolment and External Relations within the School. The Board would like to thank Deborah for her commitment to the Board over five years and her strong advocacy for parents' views, on the Board. Fortunately her passion for the School and knowledge of school affairs is not being lost.

Thank you for your continued support and, as always, we welcome input from the school community.

Robert Kirkpatrick
Chair AGS Board of Trustees

Inaugural Father and Son Breakfast

Each year the School hosts a number of events to bring together the Grammar community of parents, students and Old Boys.

In Term 1, the Inaugural Father and Son Breakfast was held to further promote the important father/son relationship, which is such a strong part of the Grammar tradition.

During the very early hours of Wednesday 11 March, a committee of parent mothers could be found cooking up a storm for the 144 fathers, sons and one grandfather set to attend the event in the fitting Old Boys' Pavilion.

MC, Deputy Headmaster Mark Vella, addressed the significance of the venue, noting that many fathers at the event were in fact Old Boys and the students would all become Old Boys themselves.

Then guest speaker Ian Grant, Founder of Parents Inc and father of two ex-Grammar boys, shared with the audience anecdotes of his experience of what can sometimes be the turbulent relationship between a father and son.

Amongst the humour, Ian delivered a clear and positive message to the boys – a father or father figure should always be the hero in a son's life. His address was both moving and inspiring and will be a tough act to follow.



Ian Grant, Scott Milne, Samuel Milne and Jeff Blackburn.

Given this event was such a success, selling out in just a few days, we plan to host another event in Term 3. A date and guest speaker are yet to be confirmed, however if you are interested in attending, please contact the Development Office on (09) 623 5639 or development@ags.school.nz. Spaces will be limited!

We wish to thank the parent committee involved for supporting the Father and Son Breakfast – **Janine Manning, Rose Austen, Dore MacDonald and Nicky Grave.**



Guest Speaker, Ian Grant.



The Old Boys' Pavilion aglow with sons and their fathers.

Sports Roundup

Athletics

The School's athletics sports at Papakura's Massey Park on 18 March yielded four new records, two new standards and a host of other good performances which augured well for the inter secondary competitions.

The Auckland Championships at Mt Smart Stadium on 25 March saw some incredible performances from our top athletes. In all, Grammar won 10 titles and secured a large number of podium finishes, including a rare trifecta in the Intermediate Boys 800 metres. The value of regular competition and training was demonstrated by most of our top place getters.

The input of the Athletics staff was once again evidenced by the superb one-two placings in both the Intermediate and Junior javelin events and the brilliant win by the Intermediate relay team.

The medal winners were:

Junior Boys

C Ebrahim (2nd triple jump), K Hooks (3rd triple jump), T Tuinauvai (2nd 80m hurdles, 2nd javelin), K Richardson (1st javelin), H Fitzsimmons (1st 300m) and M Whyte (1st 3000m).

Intermediate Boys

C Walker (2nd javelin), C Wu (1st 4x100m, 2nd 400m, 3rd 300m hurdles), M Herbert (1st 4x100m), B Felton (1st 4x100m), T Brown (1st 4x100m), J Schoushuff (1st javelin 50.38m), S Hill (3rd 800m, 3rd 1500m, 1st 3000m), J Watt (1st 800m), S Morreau (1st 1500m, 2nd 800m) and D Smith (2nd 3000m).

Senior Boys

J McIlraith (3rd 4x100m, 3rd 110m hurdles), S Vesey (3rd high jump), N Bint (3rd 4x100m), W Koreman (3rd 4x100m), J Van Het Wout (3rd 3000m), D Jackson (1st 2000m steeplechase), J Wilkinson (1st 800m) and O Slaimankhel (1st triple jump, 3rd 4x100).

The Auckland titles for the 300m hurdles and the 3000m events were contested at King's College. The results of this meet were:

C Wu (3rd Open Boys 300m hurdles), M Whyte (2nd Junior Boys 3000m), S Hill (1st Intermediate Boys 3000m), D Smith (2nd Senior Boys 3000m) and J Van Het



The Morreau family of champions – Mat, Jonty and Sam.

Wout (3rd Senior Boys 3000m).

As a result of these performances, Grammar had a large contingent representing the Auckland province at the North Island Championships in Wellington, winning an outstanding seven medals (three titles). Congratulations to H Fitzsimmons (1st Junior Boys 300m), M Whyte (1st Junior Boys 3000m), J McIlraith (1st Senior Boys 4x100m), S Vesey (2nd Senior Boys high jump), K Richardson (2nd Junior Boys javelin), T Tuinauvai (2nd Junior Boys 80m hurdles) and J Schoushuff (3rd Intermediate Boys javelin).

Overall AGS has done remarkably well at all levels. The team has been very well led by M Morreau and we can look forward to the National Champs in Timaru in December with a measure of confidence.

Basketball

The Grammar team faced a major challenge in Term 1 when they played Massey High School for a place in the Premier League for 2009. The team started well, scoring first and producing some good pressure defence and well executed offence to lead at the end of the first quarter by 33–13. The second quarter was a different story. The Massey team responded well to the challenge and took the honours by 28 to 18 to make the half time score 51–41 to Grammar.

In the third quarter, the play was

see-sawing until a huge two handed slam dunk by R Te Rangi was disallowed for swinging on the ring but the psychological gain from it was huge, with Grammar making an 11–2 run and taking the third quarter 32–12 to lead 83–53 at three quarter time. The fourth quarter saw the Grammar bench get plenty of time and with the final score 107–72, the team cemented its place in the Premier League for the season.

Leading scorers for Grammar were M Loulating and J Anson with 18 points each, P Organ with 16, J Van Het Wout with 15 and M Holding with 14. The team can now focus their attention on preparing for the season proper and would like to thank all the supporters that made the journey out to the Trust Stadium to see them start the season so well.

Cricket

With 10 players from last year's championship-winning side leaving the School, the 1st XI knew that this season would be tough. The help of assistant coach Mr Pringle to assist Mr Billcliff was welcomed. The mixture of 1, 2 and 3-day games always makes the first half of the season an interesting one and the new squad coped admirably with this mix.

The 1-day competition started with an impressive victory over neighbours St Peter's, a close loss to King's and a win over Rosmini. The season was interrupted

with two washed-out days and the final position of the 1-day competition was calculated on runs per wickets lost. We came third overall, qualifying to defend the 2-day championship competition.

The term's three traditional fixtures offered a mixed bag of results. The first game against New Plymouth saw Grammar dominate the first two days, scoring 390 runs, only to be robbed by bad weather, ending in a draw. The game against Christchurch Boys' High School had much better weather and Christchurch deserved to win back the Bell-Carter Challenge Trophy.

The first trip away for much of the team to Palmerston North Boys' High saw the team turn a desperate situation, being bowled out for 54, into a potentially match-winning last day with some great team work, tidy bowling and gutsy batting. Had there not been some time lost to bad weather, Grammar may well have chased down the total of 335 to win, ending up only 56 runs short. These three games showed the true character of the team and saw them go confidently into the 2-day championship.

Grammar has performed well in the 2-day championship, with a narrow 1st innings loss to St Kentigern College and a convincing 1st innings victory over Rangitoto College. This competition continues in Term 4 with games against Westlake Boys High School, Mt Albert Grammar School and King's College.

Grammar made the final of the Auckland Region Gillette Cup after a convincing win over St Kentigern in the semi-final. This game saw Grammar dismiss St Kents for 39 and then cruise to victory in under 10 overs. The final however was a different affair, with Grammar being convincingly beaten by a better team in Westlake Boys High School. The run chase of 258 to win was too much for the AGS side. The team has improved throughout the season and is now looking forward to continuing the 2-day competition in October.

Significant performances have been made by Bowden (121 against New Plymouth), Brooks (81* New Plymouth), Crooks (50 King's), Ferguson (54 New Plymouth, 60* Christchurch, 5 for 32 and 5 for 25 Rangitoto), Helsby (6 for 69 St Kents) and Pringle (81* Palmerston North, 81* St Kents).



The AGS 1st XI before their final vs. Westlake Boys High School in the Gillette Cup.

Disc Ultimate

This fast seven-a-side game, which sees a Frisbee passed up a field into an end zone, is a fledgling sport in New Zealand at secondary school level. After enjoying success at the inaugural Schools Tournament in Otomoetai last year, a squad of dedicated throwers has been practising hard for the Auckland Disc Ultimate Schools' Competition.

Both Grammar teams, which included Third Formers, performed remarkably well and were fiercely



C MacElvanna and B Lane competing for the disc.

competitive against all opposition. After improving well throughout the day, the top team, captained by J Mulcaire of 6B, played a superb semi-final against the favourites Westlake Boys High School, and then took the title in a skilfully played final against St Peter's College. The boys had a great day and are now looking forward to the winter leagues.

Rowing

Grammar performed well in its lead-up to the Maadi Cup, with strong results at both the Head of Harbour Regatta and the North Island Secondary School Championships.

At Head of Harbour, the Under 18 8+ placed second and the Under 18 4+ came in third. Other results included a win to the Under 15 8+ and many second and third placings.

At the North Island Secondary School Championships, a new progressions system made qualification into the A final very cut throat. Auckland Grammar had 16 crews competing and had a strong regatta, with 7 A finals (up on last season) and 5 B finals. A bronze medal was awarded to our Under 18 4+, who were then looking to better this result at the Maadi Cup. Of the 5 B finals we raced, Grammar were clear winners in three races.

The rowing team then headed down to the 2009 Maadi Cup Regatta, held at



Hamish Mitchell, on left, and Malone Blaikie, part of the bronze medal team for the U18 Coxed 4s at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

Lake Karapiro from 30 March to 4 April. Whilst the team received no medals this year, they performed well to finish in the top 8 in the country for the 3 A finals and top 10 for the Under 18 4+, a premier event in rowing. Results were: A Final Under 15 4+, Under 15 8+, Under 17 4+ and B Final Under 16 4+, Under 18 4+, Under 18 4x and Under 18 8+.

The Maadi Cup had over 104 schools and more than 1,900 athletes competing this year so to remain in the A finals was an achievement in itself. Congratulations to Malone Blaikie who received a NZ Juniors trial upon the completion of the regatta.

We wish all members of the Auckland Grammar Rowing Club a well-deserved rest now their long season is over!

Swimming

Term 1 began with the annual school swimming sports held at the Panmure Leisure and Fitness Centre on 11 February. Over 30 boys took part in 21 events and two new records were established; in the Junior 50m Freestyle, 26.77s by B Kim and in the Senior 50m Breaststroke, 31.92s by G Davis (Swimming Captain). The school champions for 2009 are B Kim (Junior), E Moser (Intermediate) and R Holder (Senior).

The Central/East Zonal competition was held on 24 February at the Phillips Aquatic Centre. 28 boys competed in all 25 boys events. From the 12 individual

events, the team gained five first placings, two second placings and two third placings. The team won eight of the 13 relay events and came second in four other relay events.

The final event of the term was the Champion of Champions Meeting, which was held at the West Wave Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 8 April. The AGS swimming team qualified for 8 of the 12 individual events and for 12 of the 13 relay events. The team came first in three individual events and second in one. They performed particularly well in the relay events, gaining seven first placings and four second placings.

Tennis

There were 35 tennis teams in Term 1, involving about 270 players. The Senior A1 team is a relatively young team and has contested strongly against teams which are more highly ranked. In the Auckland competition, apart from MAGS who proved too strong, Grammar came away with a win against King's and narrow losses to Macleans, St Kents and Westlake. With a bit of luck, in some of the matches the results could have favoured Grammar.

The team had a thrilling win over Christchurch Boys' in the annual fixture, with many close matches. Captain and No. 1, B Hayr, has been in fine form winning a high percentage of matches and teaming up effectively with H Loos

in the doubles.

The Annual Quadrangular between Wellington College, Hamilton Boys' and Palmerston North Boys' was played at Hamilton this year. A team made of a mixture of A1, A2 and Junior A1 players competed keenly, but Wellington was too strong and Grammar had to settle for 3rd after a close tie with Hamilton.

The Intermediate A1 is having its best year in a while, leading the competition. The Junior grade is particularly deep in talent, with both the A1 and A2 teams in the A1 grade. The A1 has powered away from the opposition winning every tie 9-0. The A2 has finished 3rd in the top 4 as well, a most commendable feat. The excellent results from our younger grades augur well for the future of Grammar tennis.

In the Auckland Champion of Champions, Grammar finished just behind Westlake in the James Aitkenhead Shield with some excellent results. B Hayr and H Loos were runners up in the Senior doubles, while D Lazarus and M Metzger lost 11-9 in a tie break to just miss out making the Intermediate doubles final. In the Juniors, N Vulinovich had an extremely close contest in the singles to be edged out, but combined in the doubles with D Jiang to win easily and assume the Auckland champions title.

The AGS Tennis Academy has involved about 90 players in morning coaching. Head Coach, Bruce Derlin, is doing a superb job raising the standard



Top tennis junior, Nick Vulinovich, at the Annual Quadrangular tennis tournament in Hamilton in Term 1.



Water polo team talk at a time out against St Patrick's College Silverstream in April. Ethan Moser at left with Matthew Small (6), Ben Richardson (2), Arjun Mahadevan (9) and Jeremy Kidd (7).

of tennis at Grammar by also coaching A teams after school. Overall, tennis is very popular and is in good heart at Grammar.

Water polo

The water polo team entered this year's competition as carry over champions and there was an expectation that our team would yet again be a major player in the tournament.

In pool play Grammar was unbeaten, taking out Rongatai College, Tauranga Boys' College and Mt Albert Grammar School, seeding us number one in our pool going into the quarter-finals. The cross over game against Wellington College would prove to be a vital contest as the winner would have the easier path to the semis.

A four goal lead going into the final quarter against Wellington should have been enough, but lapses in concentration resulted in the opposition's key player getting back into the game and his six goals resulted in a loss by one goal in the last play of the game.

This resulted in a 'do or die' game against Westlake, the favourites to take out the championship. Grammar yet again let a lead slip and Westlake won the game by two goals, resulting in Grammar

not reaching the semi-finals – the first time this has occurred in many years.

Shocked by this early exit, we beat St Patrick's Silverstream in a one-sided game in the 5th/6th playoff game.

Whilst there are no excuses, we took a young side to this year's Nationals and only 3 players out of 12 will leave school at the end of the year. Next year the side will look to bring a more consistent game to the pool and when they have a game under control, they need to finish the opposition off.

Congratulations to B Richardson, A Mahadevan, M Small and T Jones on being named in the New Zealand Schoolboys extended squad.

A future in rugby

First XV vice captain Chris Landon '04 has been recognised not once, but three times, for his outstanding rugby skills.

Firstly, Chris was awarded the Powrgard MVP (Most Valuable Player). Every week, for the entire Auckland competition, coaches are required to list their most valuable players, with 3 points given for most valuable, 2 for second and 1 for third. These points are totalled and the person with the most points is the winner.

Chris was also awarded the Murdoch

Cup (players Player of the Year) at last year's prizegiving, based on the players' vote.

And finally, Chris received the new World In Motion scholarship, which provides mentoring and guidance to promising sportsmen, a \$1,500 cash grant and a \$1,500 sporting gear allowance.



Powrgard MVP Chris Landon.

Focus on Outdoor Education

The year got off to a great start for the Outdoor Education department, which now has over a dozen different clubs ranging from the well-established groups like tramping and Duke of Edinburgh to newer activities such as surf-kayaking.

More than 600 boys get into the outdoors through the School every year and they have benefited from the new skills and enthusiasm of some recently-arrived teachers, along with the commitment of the more established staff and the support and investment of the management and the wider Grammar community.



Form 4 camp students take on the rapids.

Form 4 Camp

Term 1 saw the Form 4 Camp programme rejuvenated, with the arrival of new instructors and the implementation of a new and improved programme; offering an increased level of variety and challenge, new activities designed to eliminate any downtime or boredom and a focus on discipline and care for the environment.

The instructors, led by Craig Harlick and Logan McKelvie from the Motutapu Island Outdoor Education Camp, have brought real enthusiasm to their role, and both the boys and teachers have been



4K problem solving on the Form 4 camp.

most impressed with the 2009 camp experience. Mr Pope is the master-in-charge and the results of his efforts have been impressive.

Form 6 Leadership Camp

Mr Skeen, the new master-in-charge of leadership programmes, has set the camp dates for Week 6 of Term 2 and Week 4 of Term 3. There will be 30 boys per camp, with a focus on pushing students outside of their comfort zone. The camps will be held at Venturelodge and will also be run in conjunction with the Motutapu staff. Students were briefed on the selection process during Week 1 of Term 2. Other leadership programmes (including a probable Form 4 initiative) will begin towards the end of 2009.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

Following Mr Hayden's departure, Mr Smith and Mr Jordan have taken over and have had a strong start to the year. Nearly 80 boys will be heading to Motutapu and Rangitoto early in Term 2 for the Bronze Award Skills Training Camp. Under the tutelage of Motutapu instructors, the boys will learn about everything from leadership skills to map reading and first aid. This is the first of many expeditions that will be organised for the Duke of Edinburgh Award participants this year and should be a great introduction to surviving the great outdoors.

For the 40 boys doing the Silver Award, expeditions are being planned to the Coromandel and Far North to enable them to complete their practice and assessed expeditions well before the exam period.

The Gold Award participants are currently deciding on their expedition destinations. Congratulations to the four boys who received their Gold Awards from the Governor General at Government House on 4 April.

Adventure Race Teams

Six teams competed in the ARC 12 and 8-hour races in the Coromandel earlier in the year. Our senior team won the schools event from our junior runners, with the junior cyclists third. Despite a very disorganised start, all performed well once they got going, with sound navigation,



L Okyay catching a wave.

very good fitness and a positive approach to the challenges they faced. The seniors compared well to the best of the adult teams and all our boys learned a lot and can be proud of their performances.

One junior team competed in the Auckland Half Ironman Relay. The Form 4 and 5 boys were the only school boys in the whole field and yet finished in the top half of the open men's event, another pleasing result.

With a camp at Mangawhai over the holidays, and events coming up at Bethell's Beach and Tauranga, adventure racing continues to grow at Grammar, however the Hillary Challenge remains the biggest event of the year and we will be contesting strongly again next term in partnership with St Cuthbert's, aiming to win back the trophy we last held in 2006.

Surf-kayaking

This new sport for the School saw a group of boys going to Orewa with Mr Broadwell and Miss Higginson in Term 1. After an introductory lesson in safe kayak management and surfing techniques, they were let loose to do their own thing on a variety of 'sit on top' kayaks. The surf, while not large, was ideal for beginners, with some occasional bigger sets coming through to provide the thrills and spills. The warm water and perfect conditions provided an ideal first session. Further surf-kayaking sessions are planned for Term 2.

These are just some of the outdoor activities enjoyed at Auckland Grammar School and anybody interested in getting involved is welcome to see the master-in-charge or Mr O'Neill for further information.

AGS 1st XV Rugby Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue
2 May	St Kentigern College	AGS
9 May	Sacred Heart College	SHC
16 May	Kelston Boys' High School	AGS
20 May	New Plymouth Boys' High School	AGS
23 May	Tamaki College	TC
6 June	Otahuhu College/Macleans College *	OC/MCL
10 June	Hamilton Boys' High School	HBHS
13 June	Tangaroa College/Aorere College *	TAN/AOR
20 June	King's College	AGS
27 June	Mt Albert Grammar School	MAGS
25 July	St Paul's College	AGS
1 August	St Peter's College	SPC
8 August	De La Salle College	AGS
15 August	Semi-finals	
22 August	Final	

* Promotion/relegation game.

AGS 1st XI Soccer Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue
2 May	King's College	KC
9 May	St Peter's College	AGS
16 May	Rangitoto College	RC
23 May	Mt Albert Grammar	AGS
6 June	Macleans College	MC
13 June	Westlake Boys High School	AGS
20 June	Sacred Heart College	SHC
27 June	King's College	AGS
25 July	St Peter's College	SPC
1 August	Rangitoto College	AGS
8 August	Mt Albert Grammar	MAGS
15 August	Macleans College	AGS
22 August	Westlake Boys High School	WBHS
29 August	Sacred Heart College	AGS

Some of these fixtures may be subject to change.

We would like to thank the following parents and friends of Grammar who have given up their time to assist and support our sports teams over summer and during Term 1 2009.

Cricket

Richard Buddle, Tony Burkin, Jan and Doug Ferguson, Fleur and Grant Helsby, Michael Jamieson, Peter Lowe, Grant Parslow, Martin Pringle, Gavin Smart, Tim Stables, Barry Thomas, Mike Tiplady, Dean Wallace, David Waugh, Richard Webb, Subra Yeleswaram and all the parents of cricket for their help with lunches.

Cycling

Scott Burrige, Margie Ellie-Brown, Louise Foreman, Lorraine and Richard Justice, Andrew Pillmore, Sue Porter, Russell Scott, Ken Sparks, Stephen Stafford-Bush and Barbara Thompson.

Distance Squad

Mandy Barclay, Debbie and Scott Burrige, Maureen Chang, Margaret Dyer, Helen Harman, Margaret Jackson, Mandy Morreau, Kathy Robinson, Ashley and Wendy Smith, Geraldine Snow, Brian and Liz Watt, Jill Wilkinson and Nicki Butt (Wu).

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Scholarship Results 2008

Significantly fewer boys attempted the New Zealand Scholarship Examination in 2008, partly because of a smaller Form 7 roll but also because of the emphasis put on CIE A Level exams.

Despite this, the School still gained 82 Scholarships and, most significantly, collected a number of top awards.

J Bian gained a Premier Award, one of only 10 in New Zealand. This gives him \$10,000 pa for three years. He gained Outstanding Scholarship Passes in Chemistry, Physics, Statistics and Calculus.

Four boys gained Outstanding Awards and \$5,000 pa for three years out of total awards of 47 for the entire country. This was the largest number of awards by any one school. The successful boys were M He, S Mihic, N Ramachandran and W Zhang.

One of our Form 6 scholars, J Mahon-Heap, topped the country in New Zealand Scholarship English, a stunning achievement.

On top of this, seven boys gained Special Scholarship Awards and \$2,000

pa for three years. They were R Chen, S Gapes, N Kariyawasam, J Ma, Y Mar, D Wang and T Xu.

What makes these results especially spectacular is the fact that these boys also performed superbly in CIE A Level exams and had to sit the Scholarship exams using their knowledge gleaned from the A Level subject syllabuses. The School does not teach the Scholarship syllabuses separately.

Congratulations to staff and boys on these superb results.

Tertiary Scholarships

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded these prestigious scholarships.

The University of Auckland

Scholarship: Nick Buist, Michael He, Sava Mihic and Henry De Malmanche
Top Maori & Pacific Island: Aaron Unasa
Alumni Award: Adam Thompson
STEAM Scholarship: Tama Toki
Jubilee Scholarship: Jason Ma, Lance Ng, Yang Gao, Richard Chen and Leroy D'Souza
Engineering Kick Start Scholarship: Jingcheng Bian, Leroy D'Souza and Isuru Pathirana

AUT

Significant Scholarship: Mark Turner
Vice Chancellors: Nicholas Branch
Lincoln University (Future Leaders Scholarship)
Leadership: Frano Staub
Sport: Kirk Bunting and Kieran Pilkington
Industry Founder Scholarship: Matthew Thompson

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Partners School Scholarship: Alex Whiter, Christiaan Pausma and Jason Marinko
Prime Minister Scholarship: Tama Toki
World in Motion Scholarship: Chris Landon

Auckland Rugby Bursary Scholarship:

Otenili Moala

PricewaterhouseCoopers:

Nikitha Kariyawasam

Russell McVeagh: Tama Toki and Tom Latimour

WE Brown: Henry De Malmanche

Abbott Watson: Timothy Allen, Jingcheng (Jed) Bian, Leroy D'Souza, Henry De Malmanche, Tom Latimour, Nikitha Kariyawasam, Ganeev Malhotra and Nishanthan Ramachandran

RM Grant Memorial Bursary in Law:

Tom Latimour

Professor Ken Rudall: Michael He

University Entrance Scholars 2008



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Absent: D Wang, MWC Tseng, TZ Li, JM Yoon, NJL Smith, K Liu, SR Gapes and JJ Ma.

Annual Scholars' Assembly

Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, was the School's special guest at the annual Scholars' Assembly held on Friday 13 February. Mr Key spoke to the assembly about the value of education and having goals in one's life and also outlined his own education at Burnside High School in Christchurch and his subsequent successful career in the finance sector.

He then presented the School's top scholars from the Cambridge Examinations 2008 with a special scholar's tie and certificate, and shared morning tea with the scholars and their families in the Old Boys' Pavilion. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the Prime Minister's visit, and his engaging and down to earth manner impressed everyone at the assembly.



Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, addresses the Scholars' Assembly.

Premier Scholar

Jingcheng (Jed) Bian spent his primary school years in China and briefly in Japan, before coming to New Zealand.

He first learnt about the NZQA Scholarship through an article about a recipient in the New Zealand Herald. "At the time, when I was struggling to overcome the language barrier, this seemed like an impossible task," Jed says. But after starting at Grammar in Form 4, he discovered his academic strength in maths and the sciences, and set a goal to become a Premier Scholar.

Jed participated in almost every maths competition he was eligible to compete in, acquiring a thorough understanding of mathematics, including topics outside the school syllabus. "These maths competitions helped me think clearly and logically under pressure, as well as perform to the best of my ability in the difficult NZQA scholarship examinations."

Jed says the mentoring of his Grammar teachers and his parents support was invaluable. "They helped me discover and work to my



Jed Bian, one of the country's top 10 scholars for 2008. Photo by Jason Oxenham courtesy of the Central Leader.

full potential to achieve my goals – becoming Dux of Grammar and gaining the Premier Award."

The Premier Award is worth \$10,000 per year for three years, provided a grade average of B+ or better is achieved in each semester. The 10 recipients for 2008 gained at least four Outstanding scholarships in last year's exams.

Currently studying Computer Systems Engineering under the accelerated pathway at The University of Auckland, Jed aims to become a software programmer or an embedded systems designer on completion of his degree.

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National Physics Champions

Auckland Grammar physics students dominated the New Zealand round of the International Young Physicists Tournament this year (IYPT).

Two Auckland Grammar teams entered the event again this year, having worked hard with mentors Mr Jennings and Mr Howard throughout Term 1 to obtain a scientifically valid solution to a series of complex, practical physics problems.

In the IYPT tournament, team members report on their research and then debate their findings with an opponent from another school in what is called a Physics Fight. A reviewer from a third school summarises the debate and the quality of the solution to the problem. A panel of judges score the performance of the reporting school as well as the opposing and reviewing schools.

In the Auckland regional round, both Grammar teams were placed in the top three. The top Grammar team from the regional competition proceeded to face teams of top young physicists from schools across New Zealand in the National final. This year saw the biggest entry ever, with teams from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland fighting it out for national supremacy.

Hosts and defending champions King's College were joined in the final by Auckland Grammar School, Onslow College (Wellington), Wellington East Girls' College (Wellington), Christ's College (Christchurch) and Villa Maria College (Christchurch).

In Fight 1, our team presented their solution to the problem 'Hot Ball'. This presentation was judged the best of the competition and put the Grammar team into a commanding position for Fight 2.

In Fight 2, the team presented an excellent solution to the problem 'Electromagnetic Motor' and drew out a clear points win over Onslow College in second and King's College in third place.

As a result of this win, George Zhang and Tim Xu have been selected for inclusion in the New Zealand squad to travel to Tianjin, China (about 100km south east of Beijing) for the world finals of the event in 21–28 July 2009. We wish the New Zealand IYPT squad all the best.

Thank You to Parent Tutors

We would like to thank the parents and grandparents who have volunteered for Parent Tutors.



Team 1 at front; George Zhang, Capt Luke Huang and Tim Xu. Team 2 at back; Theo Kim, DK Lee and Andrew Eastbrook.

Examination Entry And Fees Collection 2009

NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 and New Zealand Scholarship are national qualifications awarded by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). IGCSE, AS Level and A Level are international qualifications awarded by University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).

It is school policy that all students studying senior qualification courses will enter for examinations. The schedule of examination fees is set out below. CIE have raised their entry fees from November 2009, hence the increase compared to previous years.

NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3	\$
Domestic students	75
Foreign fee-paying students	375

New Zealand Scholarship NCEA students:	
Entry for up to 3 subjects	Nil
New Zealand Scholarship CIE students:	
Entry for up to 3 subjects	75
NCEA and CIE students: additional subject entries	75 per subject
Foreign fee-paying students	100 per subject

IGCSE		95	per subject
AS and A2	Administration Fee: \$45	65	per subject
A-Level (when taken in a single examination session)		110	per subject

Invoices will be issued to all students during Week 7 of Term 2. The final date for payment is 3 August 2009.

The Government provides financial assistance to students entering NZQA qualifications if hardship criteria are met. In Term 2, students will be issued with a separate notice that sets out the eligibility criteria and includes an application form.

Information is also available from the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/for-students/financialassistance.html). Completed application forms must be returned to the School by 3 August 2009. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for foreign fee-paying students.

Gala Dinner

Join us on Saturday 6 June 2009, 6pm

Each year the magnificent Main Hall at Auckland Grammar School is dressed to impress for the annual Foundation Trust Gala Dinner. This year will be the 7th Gala Dinner and to date the event has raised over \$500,000 for the Foundation Trust.

The Gala Dinner will take place at 6pm on Saturday 6 June 2009. It will be a night to remember, filled with comedy and entertainment.

MC John Hawkesby will run the popular table quiz, while there will be some fabulous items up for auction in both the live and silent auctions. Performances by Grammar groups will add to the atmosphere and guests are

expected to dance until the early hours!

Please keep your eye open for the Gala Dinner online auction on Sella.co.nz; we will email you with more details closer to the time.

This event forms one of the cornerstones of the School's fundraising endeavours and this year will focus on raising money for the Academic Endowment Fund, to recruit, retain and reward high quality teaching staff.

Grammar's pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life depends so much on the generosity of our supporters. Your participation in this event will play a vital role in helping the School fulfill its mission.

There are a number of ways to support the Gala Dinner:

Attend the event

Last year, tickets sold out and we expect a similar demand again this year. We have held the ticket price at the level of previous years. You can purchase tickets for \$195 per person or \$1,950 for a table of 10.

Gala Dinner Sponsor

There are two sponsorship opportunities: Either as a business sponsor for \$300 (plus GST) or by gifting a personal donation of \$300 (tax receipt provided).

In return for your support, the School will feature your company name and logo or personal name on an electronic screen on the night, in the Gala Dinner Auction Catalogue and on the School's website.

For more details on supporting the event, please contact the Development Office on **(09) 623 5639** or **development@ags.school.nz**

We look forward to your support!



2009 Art Exhibition

Friday 4 September – Sunday 6 September

Preview Evening

Friday 4 September 6.30pm – 9.30pm \$50 includes wine, light refreshments and entertainment

Saturday 10am – 4pm Free

Sunday 10am – 2pm Free

For more information, please contact the Development Office on (09) 623 5639 or development@ags.school.nz



Barber Shop, one of the favourite performance groups of the day.

Performance Day

The Music Department's Performance Day, held every year in March, is a great opportunity for Grammar's music groups to present their first real performance for the year.

This year we chose to perform at Remuera Intermediate and Auckland Normal Intermediate Schools. These two are our largest contributing schools and it was not surprising that the majority of our boys had attended them and were delighted to be back amongst familiar surroundings and teachers.

Performances were given by the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber

Orchestra, Concert Band, Grammar Voices, Barbershop Quartet, Pipe Band and Stage Band. All groups performed admirably and the audience reaction was most enthusiastic and inspiring.

The day ended with the junior members travelling to Waiwera Thermal Resort for a much needed chance to unwind and relax after a busy and rigorous day of performing.

Many thanks to all the staff involved on the day and to Remuera Intermediate and Auckland Normal Intermediate Schools for making us feel so welcome and appreciated.

Thank you

We would like to thank the following parents and friends of Grammar for their support:

Music Department

Kathy Hawke, Leanne Karl, Andrea Kendall, Christine Laugeray-Cleaver, Paula McKernan and Mary Wong

World Vision

Nicki and Nigel Boswell



Student spectators during a performance.



Campbell Rehu leads the Stage Band.

High praise

To be told that Grammar Virtuosi was the best school music group Takako Nishizaki has ever heard is high praise indeed, given this brilliant musician and teacher is an internationally acclaimed artist and the daughter of the co-founder of the Suzuki method.

Having adjudicated several international violin competitions and made more than 100 CDs, we were very fortunate to have Ms Nishizaki conduct a personal workshop with Grammar Virtuosi on the first movement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 on 18 March.

Ms Nishizaki came to New Zealand on the invitation of the Music Faculty at The University of Auckland's School of Music as a visiting professor of violin.



Takako Nishizaki with Grammar Virtuosi.

Grammaphone plays at Mission Bay

A bolder and more dynamic Grammaphone group took to the stage at this year's Mission Bay Jazzfest on 1 March.

Bassist Tim Chan comfortably filled the position created by Tom Marshall's departure, while new brass players Sam Burrige and Stefan Jammes and guitarist Rudi Theunissen joined the established quartet of Sam Weeks, Nick Chan, Robbie Muir and Campbell Rehu.

Although bad weather resulted in a change of festival date, jazz fans

still flocked to catch a glimpse of the fantastic talent on offer at the festival. As the night drew on, the crowd surrounding the Grammaphone stage seemed to increase exponentially and by the end of the night, a mass of screaming fans applauded and cheered for encores. Unfortunately time restraints stopped the band from being able to oblige.

This hugely successful night laid the foundation for bigger and better things, and the group is now preparing to record

their second album, which will contain only original compositions – a recording not to be missed. Grammaphone would like to thank the music department for their support.

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 24 May

11am – 1pm

AGS Centennial Theatre

Entry is free



Grammaphone on stage at the Mission Bay Jazzfest.

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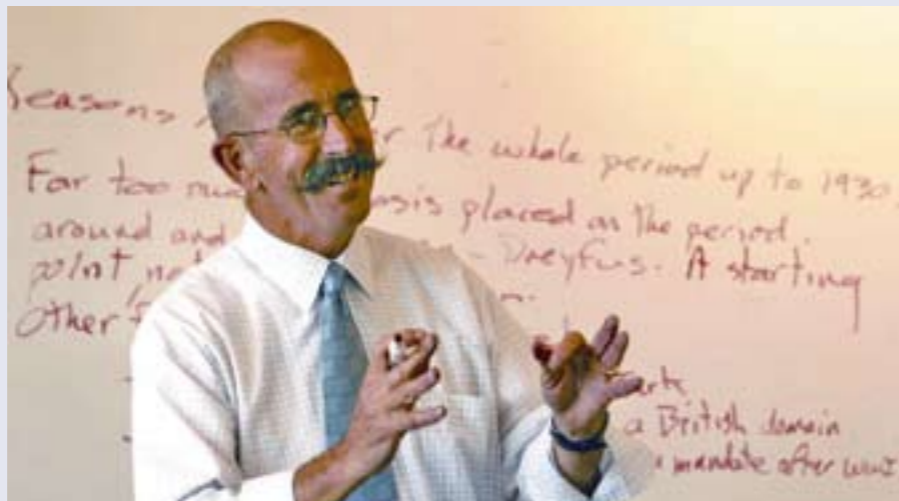
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Annual Appeal – Academic Endowment Fund

The School would like to thank the following people for their generous support of the 2008 Annual Appeal. The focus of this appeal was to increase the capital base of the Academic Endowment Fund, which was established to recruit, retain and reward top teachers.

The fund enables us to make special awards each year to a number of top performing teachers at all levels and across all subjects. To date, 68 awards have been made over the past five years, with 17 of those being made last year.

The following list includes donations from 20 September 2008 to 11 March 2009. Some donors have chosen to remain anonymous.



The Academic Endowment Fund enables us to recruit, retain and reward top teachers.

Annual Appeal

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- Dr R Beever
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- Dr S Wong
- Mr S Woolley
- Mr A & Mrs A Young

Building On Tradition

In addition to the Annual Appeal, the loyal Grammar community contributed to the Building on Tradition campaign which saw the completion of the Sports Centre, Old Boys' Pavilion and upgrade of the top field.

- Mr J & Mrs A Adam
- Mr J & Mrs N Baker
- Mr W & Mrs F Champtaloup
- Dr P Clemo
- Mr C & Mrs J Dargaville
- Grammar Carlton Rugby Club
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- Dr R Sorrenson & Dr H Sword

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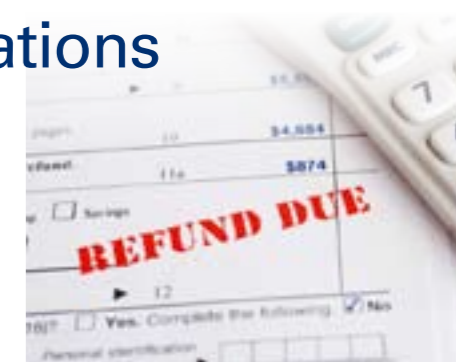
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- Dr D Montgomery
- Mr W & Mrs J Price
- Mr M Smith & Dr V Lamplough

Tax breaks for charitable donations

The law changes with regards to gifts to charitable organisations, such as the Auckland Grammar School Foundation Trust, have been designed to encourage an attitude of philanthropy.

A rebate for income tax purposes may be claimed on gifts made by individuals, family trusts and companies.


The Government has removed the limit on tax rebates generated by giving to charities for both individuals and companies, which are now subject only to your levels of income (or that of the company). Individuals can claim a tax rebate of 33.3 per cent up to their total income (or 30 per cent for companies). For example, if you were now to give \$3,000 as an individual, the



net cost to you would be \$2,000. If you gave \$5,000, the next cost would be \$3,333.33 and so on.

Because of these very fundamental changes in the tax regime, the law effectively now encourages an increase in size and frequency of donations.

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Director of Advancement

Roger Hill was appointed Director of Advancement in February this year. Recently retired as CEO of teenage cancer charity CanTeen, Roger has a broad management and governance background in the private, public and not for profit

sectors. He also has extensive experience in the FMCG, financial services, transport and infrastructure industries and is currently Chair of Harbour Sport.

A Grammar Old Boy '63, Roger's father (DW 'Bill' Hill '32), uncle (HA Bainbridge '21), three brothers (Peter '58, Doug '60 and Tony '65) and two sons (Matt '89 and Ash '92) are all also Old Boys.

Roger was a member of the Old Boys'

Association Executive 1991–2, was Year Group controller for the 1991 Capital campaign and developed the School's first Funding and Development strategy, which led to the creation of the AGS Development Office in 2000.

His main focus within the role will be on building the capital base of the Academic Endowment Fund, a fund which aims to help the School recruit, retain and reward excellent teachers.



Director of Advancement, Roger Hill '63.

Touch Typing Lessons

Another touch typing course for boys, families and friends will be offered this term. The course will run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 3.30–5pm, starting Monday 8 June for 3 weeks.

The cost of the course is \$80. Please make cheques out to Computer Success and hand in to the Headmaster's secretary, which will secure a place. Contact Jan Morris at jan@computersuccess.co.nz

John Wilson awarded Staff Scholarship

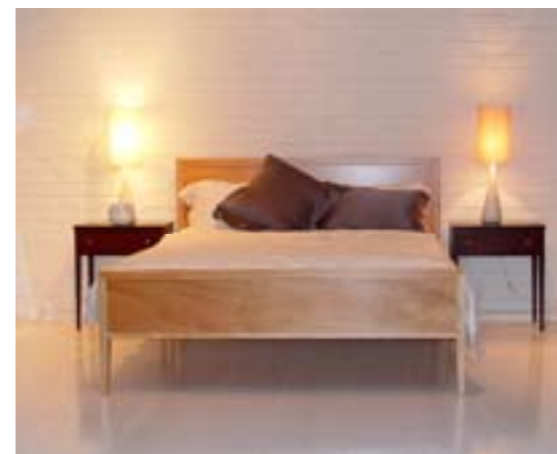
Congratulations to Head of Economics John Wilson on receiving the Staff Scholarship for 2008.

John is planning to visit a number of schools and universities in England in September/October this year, which will be the start of the academic year in the UK.

"English examination boards offer very similar courses to CIE and schools are usually run along similar lines to here in New Zealand," John says. The trip will also be a great opportunity for John and his wife to catch up with family and friends and enjoy some sight seeing.



Head of Economics, John Wilson.



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Wed 6–Sat 16 May	School Production 'Mikado' (7.30pm, Centennial Theatre)
Wed 13 May	Form 4 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Hall)
Wed 20 May	Form 5 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Hall)
Tues 26 May	Form 6 & 7 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Hall)
Sat 6 June	Foundation Trust Gala Dinner (6pm, Main Hall)
Wed 10 June	Careers Evening (6–9.30pm, Main Hall)
Sat 20 June	AGS vs. King's 1st XV Match (No.1 Field, AGS)
Fri 26 June–Fri 3 July	Examinations Senior School
Tues 30 June–Fri 3 July	Examinations Junior School
Fri 3 July	End of Term 2
TERM 3	Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Thurs 3–Fri 4 Sept	Teacher Only Days
Fri 4 Sept	Art Exhibition Preview Evening (6.30pm, Main Hall)
Sat 5–Sun 6 Sept	Art Exhibition open to public
TERM 4	Monday 12 October – Thursday 3 December

Careers Evening

Wednesday 10 June
6–9.30pm
AGS Main Hall
Keynote speaker
Hon. Dr Jonathan Coleman

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Auckland Grammar School vs. King's College 1st XV Rugby Match

2.30pm Saturday 20 June
Auckland Grammar School No.1 Field
Cheer on our boys in this fierce battle dating back 112 years!
After-Match Function 4.15pm – 6.00pm, ticket price \$10

Members of the AGSOBA will have priority ticketing until 15 May, after which, ticket sales will be available to parents and the wider Grammar community. Tickets are for adults only. If you would like to attend the after-match function, please contact the Development Office on (09) 623 5639 or email development@ags.school.nz

After-Match Function supported by



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Form 6 Leader recognised through Old Boys' Award



Joe Gunson at the mast, March 2009.

Each year the Old Boys' Association offers a Form 6 Leadership Award. This annual award is presented to an all-rounder who demonstrates good leadership skills and holds admirable qualities.

Established in 1995 following the School's 125th Jubilee celebrations, the award has been bestowed on a number of outstanding Old Boys, including its inaugural recipient, former All Black, Doug Howlett.

Thirteen years on, the winner of the 2008 Form 6 Leadership Award was Joe Gunson. He has followed on from this Award in 2009 to be made Deputy Head Prefect and Head of Tibbs House. His Award entitled him to a life-changing 10-day Spirit of Adventure sailing experience, which he undertook in March this year.

Joe's sailing trip took him around the Bay of Islands and back to Great Barrier. "There were 39 kids on board and every morning we had to jump off the boat for a swim at 6:45am," he says. "On the last day, we were assigned posts and had to sail the ship ourselves." Joe had the honour of being made Captain. "It was fantastic how much we all bonded through this amazing experience."

Active involvement in Grammar

The Auckland Grammar School Old Boys' Association (AGSOBA), founded in 1893, is unique in New Zealand education for the extent of support it has given to its school for over a century.

Many of Grammar's fine facilities to enhance the education of its boys have resulted from the generosity of its former students. The passion and commitment of Old Boys has been a driving force in maintaining the School's pre-eminence in state-funded education.

Indeed, the staff who have been recipients of the Staff Travel Scholarship invariably return confident that Grammar compares favourably with the iconic schools abroad.

Old Boys and current and past parents have supported the School when called upon for a specific project. However, many

would be unaware of the various ways that exist to support Grammar and to become involved.

To the right is a detailed list of suggestions for the Grammar community to consider.

This is not an exhaustive list. We would welcome your suggestions for other ways in which you would like to become involved. We appreciate you taking the opportunity to reconnect with an institution which has played a major role in moulding lives and pointing out directions.

All inquiries should be directed to the AGS Development Office, which incorporates the secretariat of the AGSOBA. Ph (09) 623 5639 or 623 5420 or email development@ags.school.nz or oldboys@ags.school.nz

Functions

- Foundation Trust Gala Dinner
- Sports matches at Grammar and other venues
- Art Exhibition
- Anzac Day Service
- AGSOBA Annual Dinner
- Prize Giving
- Music concerts and competitions
- Drama productions
- Decade reunions or vintage reunions
- Overseas reunions

Financial

- Academic Endowment Fund for recruiting, retaining and rewarding excellent teachers
- Special appeals for specific facilities
- Making a bequest or assigning a life insurance policy to Grammar, entitling you to belong to an elite group of Grammar supporters, the Augusta Fellowship
- A named endowment
- Events sponsorship
- Donating goods and services

Time

- Coach or assist a sports team, cultural or music group
- Learning Support Department
- Site maintenance and landscaping
- Careers advice and mentoring
- Assisting the AGSOBA Executive sub-committees
- Help track lost Old Boys
- Event/Parent Committees



Parent tutor help.

Olympian Recognition

It is the School's intention to recognise those Old Boys who were selected to perform at the Olympic Games. Our research has resulted in the following list of names. If you discover any errors or omissions, please contact the AGS Development Office on (09) 623 5639 or 623 5420 or oldboys@ags.school.nz



Grammar's Olympians

Ryan Archibald '93	Hockey	2008
Jock Bilger '50	Sailing	1972, 1976
Jon Bilger '82	Sailing	1992
Chris Brown '73	Hockey	1984
Hamish Carter '85	Triathlon	2000, 2004
David Gerrard '58	Swimming	1964
Barry Griffiths '78	Table Tennis	1988
George Hill 1902	Athletics	1912
Ian Hogg '03	Football	2008
George Hoskins '43	Athletics	1952
Paul Kingsman '80	Swimming	1988
Craig Monk '81	Sailing	1992, 1996
Richard Patterson '97	Weightlifting	2008
Cole Peverley '02	Football	2008
Barry Robinson '50	Athletics	1960
Daniel Slater '90	Sailing	2008
Donal Smith '52	Athletics	1960
Cameron Taylor '85	Athletics	1992



Karen Higginson.

OBA Executive Secretary/ Development Officer

Karen Higginson was appointed Executive Secretary to the Old Boys' Association and Development Officer in January. Delighted to be working for one of Auckland's oldest and largest schools, Karen says the long standing traditions at Grammar were a major draw card.

"Highlights to date have included the Prefects crossing stage, the Old Boys' Twilight Twenty/20 Cricket match, the reunion programme and the Scholars' Assembly, with John Key in attendance,"

she says.

With extensive overseas experience in both the UK and Canada, Karen was most recently Development Officer for the University of British Columbia's Law Faculty.

Karen would like to see the Old Boys' Association membership continue to grow, so please contact her on (09) 623 5420 or oldboys@ags.school.nz if you have been meaning to join up.

She would also be keen to hear

from Old Boys with innovative ideas for functions to help generate school spirit and keep Old Boys connected with Grammar. Designing dynamic and creative events for our 'young' Old Boys is a particular challenge, to help maintain an important connection from the outset of their new careers. If you have any suggestions, please let Karen know. In the meantime, she looks forward to seeing you at the Grammar vs. King's 1st XV Rugby Match on 20 June 2009.

Form VI Science 1941

Having read the cover article in the May 2008 issue of Ad Augusta on the 'Changing Face of the School', Godfrey Devore '38 was struck by the incredible growth since his time and indeed, that of his father.

The photo at right is his entire form class taken on the last day of school in December 1941. Three became doctors (most notable being John Hiddleston, second from left, who became Director General of Health), two became dentists,

one became a well known broadcaster (Hayden Shirley, third from left), and the rest Godfrey (at the back, third from right), has lost touch with. The boys' Form Master was Mr La Roache.

"We were a close-knit group and very supportive of each other, in contrast to the much larger 3rd to 5th Forms from which we had progressed," he says. "We were certainly unaware of the comparatively massive numbers we were about to encounter at University."



Master La Roache's class of 1941.

OBA Annual Dinner and Augusta Awards



Gus Fisher, Sir Patrick Eisdell Moore and John Warner (on behalf on Mark Warner).

The three recipients of the 2008 Augusta Awards have won national and international fame in the fields of science, academia, business and philanthropy.

Sir Patrick Eisdell Moore '30 and Gus Fisher '35 were able to be present at the dinner to receive and acknowledge their awards. Mark Warner '65 although domiciled in the UK was able to speak to the gathering thanks to modern technology.

The audience of 260 Old Boys and guests meeting in the Ellerslie Event Centre were treated to some highly memorable observations and anecdotes from these most distinguished Grammarians. Here are some excerpts from their acceptance speeches:

Mark Warner

"As an academic, I have a personal interest in education. Grammar's world-class education made it New Zealand's

leading school. It retains the values and virtues that we see declining in most schools worldwide. How was Grammar's pre-eminence achieved? By active and inspired teaching, and by setting goals ambitious for each pupil. For me, the path was solving very difficult problems in maths and physics, the practice of

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skills, and from examination. All very unfashionable today, but the only (albeit painful) route to making knowledge active, and thus to mastering a subject. 40 years later, I still recall the mental problem-solving passing around the

maths classroom at random. You thus had to solve every problem rather than waiting your turn, and it was not on paper. For 30 exhausting minutes, Mr Smith's craggy visage and hooked finger would swing around – 'Warner... the answer?'

These tools and disciplines have served me well every day for the last 40 years. I am grateful for the chance to acknowledge these gifts publicly tonight."

Gus Fisher

"I have been asked why I am so interested in philanthropy? I am proud to say that I was fortunate to be encouraged by parents who believed that those who could afford to support worthy causes, were morally obliged to do so. Being the youngest of six siblings, I had some good role models.

Since my retirement, my life has been enormously enriched with my association with the The University of Auckland and, always being aware of the importance of

a good cultural understanding for the wealth of a healthy society, I was truly delighted to be associated with the erection of the University's Art Gallery, including creative and performing arts.

"I was fortunate to be encouraged by parents who believed that those who could afford to support worthy causes, were morally obliged to do so."

This beautiful building in Shortland Street, (once the home of Radio Station 1YA) has always been one of my favourite buildings in Auckland, and it is quite coincidental that during my time at Auckland Grammar I was invited by my elocution master, Alan McSkimming, to take part in a radio play there. I was thrilled to earn 30 shillings for saying 4 or 5 words. On a second occasion for slightly a larger part, payment increased to 3.10 – I was made!

My further involvement with the Medical School, the Hood Fund and other ventures have truly afforded me enormous pleasure."

Sir Patrick Eisdell Moore

"I trudged up Mountain Road, a Grammar new boy, looking forward to that strange arched gate set at right angles to the school. I was disappointed when a prefect turned me away and I entered the school through the back door. Other prefects herded the new boys on to the tennis court where there is now a building.

Rapidly we were assigned to our classes, with an efficiency which impressed me. The new third formers were put into A, B, C or whatever. Mine was to be an experimental form called "3 Special". It was to be for especially young, naïve and immature children. They had never had it before and, as far as I know, they haven't had one since.

I guess the thinking behind it was that two or three immature interrupters would be a constant irritant to each of several forms. To bung them all together would only worry one man. That man was Baby Woolcott, who led us through the unknown paths of Latin and French. We enjoyed him and I think he enjoyed

us, but at the end of the year, we were all split up.

I landed in 4A, not from any academic merit, but somehow caught in the undertow. I regarded it as a great privilege to be taught by Peter Stein, a delightful eccentric who was constantly challenging us with unusual problems in his quest to find out what made boys tick. For example, he set

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us a geometry theorem the solution of which, he said, was entirely voluntary. If we had something better to do, all that was required was to hand in a sheet of paper with your name on it. This suited me fine. I always had something better to do. The next morning, as he passed among us collecting the papers, I suddenly remembered I didn't have one.

Anticipating this, Murray Speight who did, hastily shoved one across to me. I wrote my name and sat back, relieved. Peter Stein collected the papers and walked back to his desk shuffling them and musing 'Yes... much as I thought. Most of you had something better to do. In fact, Moore was in such a hurry to do something better, that he didn't have time to put the 'e' on the end of his name."

On the night, Sir Wilson Whineray proposed the toast to the School and presented the certificates. Those who were lucky enough to be present are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the 2009 Augusta Awards and the opportunity to attend the AGSOBA Dinner.

Acknowledgement

The AGSOBA would like to acknowledge the contribution of Mr Bruce Cornish to research into and the development of eardrum transplants to treat middle ear disease. Bruce was the father of Old Boys Robert '70, Randal '72 and Philip '74.

Call for Nominations Augusta Awards 2009

Nominations must be received by 31 May 2009

The Old Boys' Association is seeking nominations for this year's Augusta Awards, which will be awarded at the Old Boys' Dinner in November.

If you know of an Old Boy who is an outstanding achiever, who has made a significant contribution to, or demonstrated leadership, in their profession, their community, New Zealand or the world, then please contact Mike Farrell, Heritage Officer, at the Development Office on **(09) 623 5639** or **development@ags.school.nz**.

Just tell us who they are and why you think they should be considered for an Augusta Award for Academia, Arts, Business, Service and/or Sport.

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Reunions

The reunion cycle has concluded for 2009 and those who attended the functions were keen to maintain a close connection with the School. Next year the 1950, 60, 70 and 80 Form 3 intake will be due to celebrate their reunions. It's never too early to start organising these functions. We urge you to plan well ahead and to persuade your contemporaries to participate. You will find that the physical changes at Grammar since you attended are staggering. Don't miss this once in a decade opportunity to revisit your school and be amazed by its development.



Vintage Old Boys Lunch in the Old Boys' Pavilion.



'49 Reunion Philip Viskovic, Gordon Cooper, Eric Henry, John Davis and Michael Friedlander.



Vintage Old Boys The reunion began with a gathering in the School Hall.



'59 Reunion Capping off a fun-filled get together.



'79 Reunion Guests, including John Cox (front right), enjoying Mike Farrell's welcome speech.



Recent Leavers Sebastian Martin '04 with Deputy Headmaster Mr Blyth.



Recent Leavers Varun Mallavarapu '04 (left) and Karikalan Sinnathamby '04 in their Leavers' jerseys at the Recent Leavers' Function on 13 February.



'69 Reunion Old Boys from 1969 gather in the Old Boys' Pavilion.

Twilight Twenty/20 Cricket

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon on 18 March 2009 the Old Boys' XI played a very close game of Twenty/20 cricket against the current AGS 1st XI, with the School's team looking for a win after last year's loss.

Batting first, the Old Boys' XI set a competitive target. Two early wickets from AGS 1st XI Captain L Ferguson slowed things down for a period but the arrival of Keeley Todd '96, a recent Aces player, turned things in the Old Boys' favour. With support from the other end, he hit a quick fire 77 to leave the Old Boys on 189 after their 20 overs. Ferguson picking up 4 wickets from his 4 overs.

The AGS 1st XI batsmen got off to a quick start, thanks to some early extras from the Old Boys and 35 from J Hayes (who came up against his father David Hayes '73 in the Old Boys' team), and looked like they had a genuine chance of stealing a win. However, some quick wickets took the momentum out of the chase and the school team finished up just 20 runs short.

The game is now a yearly fixture with the two teams playing for the Hedley Howarth Trophy, named after the late Hedley Howarth who captained the 1961 AGS 1st XI cricket team, widely regarded as the best 1st XI in the School's history. Mrs Howarth and her family were able to attend and to present the trophy. We are delighted to have a permanent memento of this fixture, and we are equally delighted that it has the Old Boys' team named as the first winner.

The game was played in very good spirits and players, players' families, Old Boy spectators, teachers and several of Hedley Howarth's contemporaries enjoyed the after match function in the Old Boys' Pavilion. A big thank you to the parents of the school team for putting on such a delicious spread, and a special mention to the 1st XI cricket management, ground staff and Old Boys' Executive for their help in making the day possible. It was wonderful to see so many supporters and we hope to see even more in 2010!



The victorious Old Boys' XI cricket team 2009.

Old Boys' 50th Annual Golf Match

Last year at the Auckland Golf Club, Sunday 30 November saw the 50th golf match between the Auckland Grammar School and King's College Old Boys. The trophy, first competed for in 1933, was retained by Grammar on a beautiful sunny day featuring plenty of close scoring.

Grammar led the head-to-head match 25 to 22, with two ties going into the day, and retained the trophy 5½ to 4½ in the combined stableford four ball competition.

The highlight of the day was the hole in one by Graham Jackson '75 (former AGS Board of Trustees member)

on the 8th hole, his first hole in one. Top individual points scorer on the day for Grammar was Phil Cassrels '74, which was a marked change from his underwhelming performance in 2007.

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday 6 December 2009 at the Auckland Golf Club. A dinner to celebrate 50 years of Old Boys golf rivalry is planned for either the Friday or Saturday prior to this year's match (details to follow by mid 2009).

For all those interested in representing the Old Boys in the golf, or attending the dinner, please email your details to Mark Sargent at mark.sargent@amcor.com.au



The Grammar Old Boys' golf team at last year's event.

Anzac Day ceremony

The Rt Revd Dr David J Coles '56, former Anglican Bishop of Christchurch and current Vicar of Wakatipu, began his Anzac day address with moving excerpts from his uncle's WWI diary. The diary, complete with shrapnel damage on the leather cover, was written in pencil every day. He then proceeded to recount some of the terrible losses from WWII, giving examples from Cassino in 1944 – the last major battle fought by New Zealand troops.

Dr Coles challenged the audience to think about fundamental questions, such as: "In 2009, 65 years later, what are we to make of the almost daily outbreaks of terror and violence in the world? New Zealand still makes a significant contribution to the search for peace, but where can we find a lasting peace?"

Dr Coles said that as we remember the thousands of war dead, we also need to recognise that peace will only come when we renounce hatred and violence. It will only come when we take seriously the idea of overpowering evil with good. In the words of war heroine Edith Cavell, patriotism is not enough. Dr Coles's address may be found on the School's website.



Wreath bearers Skip Watson and John Rose with Prefects Richard Lowe and Oliver Salt.

At the conclusion of the service in the Hall, two wreaths were laid on the War Memorial – one on behalf of the School by Prefects R Lowe and O Salt, the other on behalf of the Old Boys' Association by two WWII servicemen, Skip Watson '35 (airforce) and John D Rose '34 (army). The service was followed by morning tea in the Old Boys' Pavilion.



The Rt Revd Dr David Coles.

OBA seeks assistance of distinguished ex-servicemen

This is the second year that the Old Boys' Association has laid a wreath alongside the School's wreath at the Anzac Day ceremony.

We see this as a new and continuing tradition for the Old Boys of the School.

If you are an ex-serviceman and a Grammar Old Boy, and you are interested in laying a wreath on behalf of the Old Boys' Association at our annual Anzac Day Service, please contact Mike Farrell, AGS Heritage Officer, on (09) 623 5639 or development@ags.school.nz



Guests at the second annual Kindred Schools function held in the Old Boys' Pavilion.

Kindred Schools

Last year Grammar hosted the inaugural function for 'Kindred Schools' and the event's success prompted us to organise a similar event this year. On 1 April 2009, over 40 colleagues from 15 schools/Old Boy/Old Girl Associations came together to network in the Old Boys' Pavilion.

This year, in addition to kindred Auckland schools, representatives also attended from Wellington College, Tauranga Boys' College and Palmerston North Boys' High School. It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and share information.

News of Old Boys

Max Gimblett at the Guggenheim

Auckland-born, New York-based artist Max Gimblett '50 was recently included in a groundbreaking exhibition at New York's Guggenheim Museum of 100 leading artists and writers exploring America's relationship with Asia.

The Third Mind: American Artists Contemplate Asia, 1830-1989 ran until April 19 at the Guggenheim, incorporating works by James McNeill Whistler, Georgia O'Keeffe, Ezra Pound, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Franz Kline, Robert Motherwell, John Cage, Nam June Paik, Yoko Ono, Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg.

This is the first time a New Zealand painter has been exhibited at the Guggenheim.

Gimblett has lived and worked on New York's Bowery for over 30 years and was represented in the exhibition with the 1985 work Lion, a 90-inch diameter quatrefoil made from metallic pigments and acrylic polymer on canvas.

Gimblett will be exhibiting at the **Gow Langsford Gallery in Auckland from May 5-29, with his 'Full Fathom Five' exhibition.**



Max Gimblett and his artwork at the Guggenheim Museum, New York. Photos: John Savage.

World Class Kiwis

Seven high-flying kiwis have been recognised for their efforts by the World Class NZ Awards. In this number were two Old Boys: Auckland Bioengineering Institute Director, Distinguished Professor Peter Hunter '62 and Business School Advisory Board member Dr John Buchanan '56.

The Awards are organised by Kea New Zealand and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, and recognise the country's most outstanding 'tall poppies' who give their time, knowledge and skills to help New Zealand companies and industries succeed internationally.

Peter Hunter, best-known for his pioneering mathematical modelling of the human heart, won the 'Research, Science, Technology and Academia' category.

Dr John Buchanan, currently chairman of the UK Friends of the University of Auckland, chairman of medical devices group Smith & Nephew, chair of the UK International Chamber of Commerce, deputy chair of Vodafone's global board and Trustee of the UK Friends of the AGS Trust, won the 'Finance, Investment and Business Services' category.

Award for public services

Dr Mark Prebble '65 was awarded a Companion of the Order for public services, lately as State Services Commissioner. At Grammar, his teachers described Mark as a real 'live wire' and he went on to spend his career in Wellington. He was head of New Zealand's public service from May 2004 until June 2008. Mark says he is honoured to have worked with a succession of honest governments. He announced his retirement in June 2008 after 32 years in the Public Service.

In government

Two former Grammar students hold senior positions in the current government: Hon Dr Lockwood Smith '61 is the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman '80, Head Prefect 1984, is Minister of Immigration, Minister of Broadcasting, Associate Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Tourism. Sam Lotu-I'iga '84 was also elected MP for Maungakiekie.



John Wells '57.

Award for services to business and sport

John Wells '57 was awarded a Distinguished Companion of the Order for services to business and sport in the 2009 New Year's Honours List. Wells, a merchant banker, is chairman of Bancorp Holdings Limited and has been Chair of Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) for the past eight years. His contribution over a long period to business and to sport has indeed been remarkable. His next project involves working with the board for the Rugby World Cup 2011.

New principal for St Kentigern College

Stephen Cole '66 has been appointed Principal of St Kentigern College. After a distinguished career in New Zealand education, Stephen has in recent years been the Headmaster of a school in England.

Marsden Fund Council Chair

Peter Hunter '62, Distinguished Professor of The University of Auckland and Director



Peter Hunter '62

of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, has been appointed Chair of the Marsden Fund Council. The Council comprises eminent researchers who assess funding applications for the Marsden Fund. In the 2008/9 year, the Fund invested \$54 million in support of 91 research projects. In 2007, the School honoured Professor Hunter with an Augusta Award.

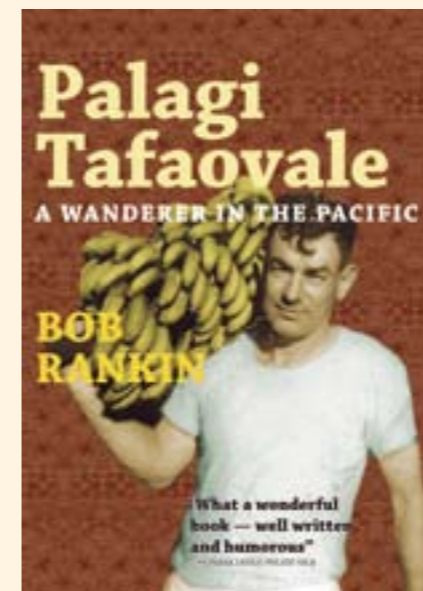
A distinguished citizen

One of the country's best-known business leaders, Gary Paykel '55, was presented with a Distinguished Citizens Award, the highest award the Auckland City Council can bestow. He has made a positive impact on many lives through both his business endeavours and his charitable work.

Palagi Tafaovale

Journalist and teacher Bob Rankin '39 spent more than half a century in Samoa and those years are the core of his recent memoir 'Palagi Tafaovale: A wanderer in the Pacific' (published by Steele Roberts).

Beginning with tales of his childhood in rural Drury, wartime attendance at Grammar and Teachers' College with Bert Sutcliffe and naval training on HMNZS Tamaki, the author then learns Japanese and is sent as a military interpreter to serve with the occupying forces. He later moves to Samoa, where he marries, has a family and enjoys a varied career path. Highly recommended.



Bob Rankin's recently released book.

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Grammar Families

The Rose Grammar Family Record

The Rose family association with Auckland Grammar covers 75 years across three generations, from "elder statesman" John (1930s) through four sons, Peter, Michael, Jonathan and Matthew (1960s/70s), to grandson William (2008). Another senior Old Boy, Alexander Aitken (1930s), extended the association on becoming Michael's father-in-law in 1986.

John Desmond Rose was at AGS from 1934 to 1937. Interests included athletics and second grade rugby. As a cadet, John spent time on the school's .22 rifle range, roughly where the Old Boys' Pavilion now stands. John studied accounting, served in the Pacific and Italy and upon return, completed a commerce degree. He developed an extensive public accounting practice - one partner was another Grammar Old Boy, TMD (Mack) Butts. John retired from practice in the early sixties to lead the development of a fledgling finance company, which went on to become the original Marac.

First son Peter was at Grammar from 1964 to 1968. Peter's interests centred on the arts and English (on later visits he often looked up Ken Trembath, a significant influence). Peter left New Zealand in 1970, working then studying in the States (English at George Washington University and Law at Yale). Time in a Washington law firm was followed by a spell as Chief of Staff to a US Congressman. Peter worked for Goldman Sachs in Washington, New York and Hong Kong until he joined the Blackstone Group in 2007 as Managing Director for Public Affairs.

Second son Michael attended



Back, left to right, son Matthew, grandson William (son of Jonathan), son Jonathan and grandson Evan (son of Peter). Seated are son Peter, John D Rose, grandson Tom (son of Matthew) and son Michael.

Grammar from 1968 to 1972 and was active in athletics (short distance running) and rugby (3A and 3B). After a BCom at Auckland, Michael worked in international banking, in Hong Kong, London, Italy and then New Zealand. For the past decade, Michael has worked for an Auckland-based international finance and economic development consultancy, Vinstar.

Third son Jonathan was at Grammar from 1972 to 1976, enjoying athletics (middle distance running), rugby and tennis. Conjoint arts and law degrees from The University of Auckland were followed by a brief stint in law. Jonathan spent 15 years overseas working briefly in New York, then in London in investment banking. He now works for ANZ National in a senior role in risk management.

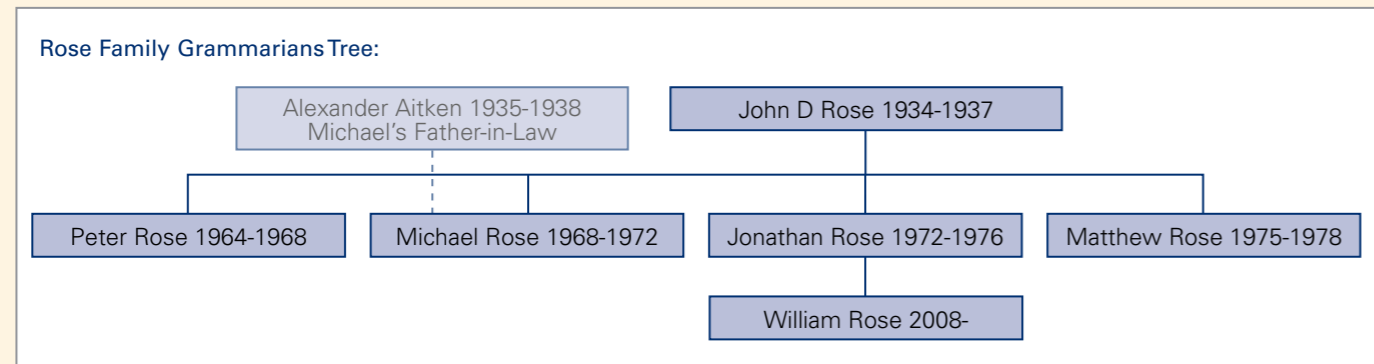
Youngest son Matthew was at Grammar from 1975 to 1978. School interests included tennis, athletics (another runner!) and rugby (2A and the 1st XV). A commerce degree at Canterbury led to the stock broking industry, working for major Australasian names and then Merrill Lynch. In 2001

Matthew moved to Queenstown, from where he runs his own funds management/private wealth business. Matthew remains closely connected to Grammar through advising on investment strategies for endowed funds.

Of the three boys amidst John's eleven grandchildren, only Jonathan's son William is in Auckland, and he started at Grammar in 2008. William's interests include cricket, tennis and soccer. Peter's son Evan was a boarder at King's a few years back and Matthew's son Tom is at primary school in Arrowtown.

Alexander Aitken attended Grammar from 1935 to 1938. After the interruption of wartime (Air Force) service, Alec had a distinguished career as a civil engineer, retiring in the mid eighties as District Commissioner of Works for Auckland.

When Peter was recently in New Zealand, the Rose family were privileged to be able to host a small celebration for the March birthday he shares with John at a very appropriate venue for an old Grammar family - the new Old Boys' Pavilion.



Obituaries

John Drake '72

All Black and Sky Sport commentator, John played prop in New Zealand's World Cup winning team. He represented his country between 1985 and 1987 and played 12 matches, including 8 tests. Many tributes flooded in on the news of his untimely death: "He was extremely talented for a tight head prop, he was ahead of his time and extremely skilled", "He was one of life's good guys", "He was not only a successful sportsman, but also a business and family man too." John garnered tremendous respect from one and all.

William Edward Harvey '37

William was known nationally and internationally as the face of New Zealand chemistry. After his studies here and abroad, he joined the staff of Victoria University of Wellington in 1953. He remained at that institution for the rest of his working life, rising to the rank of Associate Professor in 1969.

Hedley Howarth '57

Hedley was one of New Zealand's finest bowlers in the sport of cricket. He was a left-arm slow bowler and a dogged batsman, the Daniel Vettori of his era. He played 30 tests and took 86 wickets, achieving his highest batting score of 61 against Australia in 1976-7. As New Zealand emerged as a team worthy of respect on the world stage in the 1970s, Howarth was a key performer and contributor. Hedley Howarth was a member of a group of outstanding cricketers which Grammar produced in the 1960s.

Lloyd McGreiv '35

Lloyd was one of Grammar's special supporters. He will be missed by members of the Augusta Fellowship.

Kelvin McMichael, Staff

A tribute from colleague Michael Howard: "I remember when Kelvin McMichael first arrived at Grammar in 1991, an established and accomplished teacher, quiet, gently spoken, unassuming, but with a keen sense of irony and a fine appreciation of the ridiculous

and that special gleam he would get when comparing notes on texts or essays he liked. We both worked in the senior English programme where he delivered sound results, year after year, through his meticulous preparation and expectation of top standards. We also shared debating, which he quickly took over and ably led by both coaching and organising teams at all levels, though excelling at the top.

It was a sad shock to learn of the illness that led to his early retirement and death. Unexpected, much regretted, far too soon."

Fred Orange '35

Fred was a superb teacher of Physics, Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. Grammar's outstanding scholars in the 1950s and 1960s owe him a huge debt of gratitude and have expressed it over the years. Fred was a University Entrance Scholar in 1939 and did two teaching stints at the School from 1947-54 and 1957-67. He served as Second Master from 1966-67. Fred ended his career in the Physics Department at the University of Auckland.

John Taylor '42

Head Prefect 1946 and Athletics Champion, John was a respected obstetrician and gynaecologist. He was a keen Coastguard supporter, powerboat enthusiast and golfer. In 1994, aged 64 and with three crew members, he set an around New Zealand powerboat speed record. He survived coronary bypass surgery when the procedure was at a pioneering stage and with determination and zest reached his 80th year.

Des Townson MNZM '47

Des was an extraordinary boat designer and builder. Approximately 3500 marine craft bear the Townson name. In 1968 he designed a yacht for teenagers to build themselves and, with dad's help, race - the 2.7m Starling. This class championship has for many years been the largest national contest for any indigenous boat.

Tharaka Wannigama '01

After attending Auckland Grammar

School, Tharaka gained a Diploma in Computer Networking from AIT. His life was all too brief.

Keith Worsley '65

Keith Worsley died of pancreatic cancer in Chicago on 27 February 2009. One of the world's leading statisticians, Keith received three degrees from The University of Auckland: BSc 1972, MSc 1973 and a PhD in Statistics 1978. He was most recently Professor of Statistics at the University of Chicago, having previously held that same position at McGill University in Montreal.

Keith was elected as a Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada in 2003 and won the Gold Medal of the Statistical Society of Canada in 2004. In 2008, he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Much of his work was in the area of human brain mapping.

Ivan Wyatt '39

Ivan was a potent force in his two specialist sports. He was a member of the 1st Hockey XI and 1st Cricket XI during his four years at Grammar. He afterwards represented Auckland in cricket and New Zealand in hockey. He was also a Prefect in 1941 and 1942. Ivan later served the teaching profession as a PE teacher and School Principal.

Old Boys' Events 2009

New York Reunion

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