



Ad Augusta



The changing face of Auckland Grammar School's staff

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Front Cover: The staff at Auckland Grammar School 1928 – 1929 and 2008.



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The Headmaster

At the beginning of every year each Head of Department, each teacher and of course the Executive of the School, analyse and interpret the last year's examination results.

This has become a ritual of the School and detailed results are published in a booklet for all staff, Board of Trustees and other groups affiliated to the School. In effect this yearly analysis has developed into an appraisal and accountability mechanism for the School; in other words it keeps us all honest.

This review is followed up by a detailed meeting that I have with each HOD and the Director of Studies, Mr Vella, to look even more closely at these results and also assess progress against last year's goals as well as discuss HODs' goals for the coming year.

Naturally there are always vagaries in the examination results but it is actual fact to say that since introducing CIE in 2001, examination results have improved every single year. This is also true of NCEA results and in particular, the NZ Scholarship results.

Last year Grammar boys achieved 103 individual Scholarships of which 17 were graded 'Outstanding'; this was up from 95 the previous year and from 72 in 2005.

What makes these Scholarship results especially spectacular is that they are sat by our top academic students who in general do not study a

Scholarship syllabus. Instead they study for their 'A' Level examinations and sit the Scholarship examination as an additional challenge.

On top of the academic success, we of course look at sporting and artistic successes to get a fully rounded picture of how the School has progressed over the last 12 months. Without going into detail here, 2007 was as spectacularly successful in both sport and the arts as it was in academia.

The key point is that this success was achieved by a state school that is non-selective. Of course we have certain advantages in terms of location, history, ethos, community support and generally aspirational parents, but there are many other schools with similar advantages that don't come anywhere near achieving the same level of success.

Auckland Grammar School cannot cherry-pick its way to success like many independent schools so relies on a well-developed holistic philosophy of education, expert teaching, regular and rigorous testing, a culture of high expectations and a belief that every student can succeed.

While the 'Grammar Way' of doing things may not necessarily always find favour with the bureaucrats in the Ministry of Education and NZQA it has, over many years, proven itself to be successful and a magnet for families in the local area and beyond who want their

sons to receive a traditional boys' school education.

The true success of a school can perhaps best be assessed by the calibre of young men and women schools turn out after five years.

I am absolutely convinced that the boys who leave our school, leave as well rounded young men, politically, socially and culturally aware, self-confident, comfortable in themselves and well prepared to make a contribution to New Zealand society.

So many people and groups contribute to Auckland Grammar School's success and as ever, I feel very privileged to serve this School and thank you for your continuing support.

I sincerely hope the year is one of fulfilment for your sons.

Best wishes

John Morris – Headmaster





Report from the Board

We have had a great start to the year. The new members elected last year are now fully involved in the Board activities and are contributing in many positive ways across all our sub-committees and at full Board meetings.

Discussion on the interpretation of the Education Act as it relates to annulments continues with the Ministry of Education. We may be in a position to report on the outcome of these discussions in our next Ad Augusta.

Replacing Mrs Deborah George as our Director of Development is amongst our high priority items at present. Some may not be aware that Deborah stepped down from this role towards the end of last year. Deborah's contribution over the

past few years has helped us grow from a fledging development function to a focus group that now spans friend raising, bequests, donations, functions, reunions and Old Boys activity support.

With Deborah's departure, the Board has been reviewing whether we should split the day to day functions of the Development Office (functions, reunions and Old Boys) away from the fundraising activities. In line with this, we are currently advertising for an Advancement Director who will focus solely on major gifts and fundraising and allow the other members of the Office to focus on the other essential activities.

Experience to date has shown that good connections with and understanding

of the School and its traditions, culture and operation are extremely important when it comes to fundraising. Ideally we would like to appoint somebody who is already strongly connected with the broader Grammar community.

If anyone is interested, the Headmaster would be pleased to discuss this role with you. Please phone the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Christina Wilkinson, on 623 5422.

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

Robert Kirkpatrick
Chair AGS Board of Trustees

The changing face of Grammar's staff

Forty years ago, the nature of the staff would have been similar to that of forty years earlier. In 1970 there were sixty men, most clad in suits, many smokers of pipes and cigarettes.

Chalk (even coloured), dusters, canes and a rare language or scientific apparatus were the principal technological supports. Some teachers had mastered the ball-point pen, but were not allowed to use it to write reports. Support staff numbered no

more than six across all facets of the School.

The first female classroom teacher appeared in the 1980s as a short-term reliever. In the early stages of his tenure the present Headmaster, John Morris, appointed with some controversy the first full-time female teacher. Their numbers have grown gradually as the teaching profession has become feminised. Today, we include among our colleagues a number of highly

respected women teachers who are pleased to support the Grammar ethic. Teachers recruited from the UK, South Africa and other parts of the English speaking world have also become more numerous.

Support staff in what is now a much more complex work environment have multiplied tenfold. We now have our own Board Secretariat on site, we have Development Office staff, to realise the School's initiatives regarding facilities, Old Boys, staff rewards and retention, and we have a host of people serving the School in a myriad of functions which are essential to its highly efficient operation.

In relatively recent times, the Grammar staff has been transformed in terms of size, gender, support and nationality and as a result, the School's record of achievement in every area has continued to be enhanced.

	1965	2007
Roll	1275	2431
Academic staff	52	166
Women	None	27
Headmaster	Second Master	4 Deputy Headmasters Head of Operations, 5 Deans, Directors of Sport, Careers, Guidance, Information Services, Library and International Students
Support Staff	6	50+



1965 School Staff.



Masters with 25 years' service.



2007 School Staff.

Sports Roundup

Athletics

The Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions Athletics took place at Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday 19 March. The cream of Auckland Secondary School athletes, both boys and girls, competed for the coveted medals on offer.

Auckland Grammar School boys performed superbly, winning 7 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 9 bronze medals. This haul of medals was exceptional and bodes well for further success in the North Island and New Zealand champs later in the year. The medal winners were:

Junior Boys B Stanley (3rd 100m, 1st shotput, 3rd 4x100m relay), T Brown (2nd 300m, 3rd 4x100m relay), J Prime (3rd 4x100m relay) and J Riley (3rd 4x100m relay)

Intermediate Boys S Morreau (3rd 2000m steeplechase, 3rd 800m), D Jackson (2nd 2000m steeplechase), M Herbert (2nd 100m hurdles), M Morreau (3rd 1500m), J Schoushkov (1st javelin) and O Slaimankhel (3rd long jump, 1st triple jump)

Senior Boys A Nu'ualiatia (3rd 110m



Team captain Scott Bufton leads the field during the senior race at the New Zealand Road Race Championships.

hurdles, 1st 4x100m relay), S Vasey (2nd high jump), J Wilkinson (1st 4x400m relay), L Mitchell (1st 4x400m relay), W Riley (2nd 400m, 3rd 800 m, 1st 4x400m relay), J Verburg (3rd triple jump, 1st long jump, 1st 4x100 relay), D Lewis (1st 4x100m relay) and T Toki (1st 100m, 1st 200m with a new record time of 22.09, 1st 4x100m relay, 1st 4x400m relay)

Basketball

3rd former Reuben Te Rangi and 5th former Magnus Holding have been selected as members in the Breakers Development Academy for 2008. This Academy identifies the best basketball talent from around the country – those with the ability to go to the highest level and one day play for the Tall Blacks and/or the Breakers – so the inclusion of these two boys is exciting news for the future of Auckland Grammar basketball.

Cricket

See Focus on Cricket on page 10.

Cycling

Cycling held two camps in Term One; the first to Muriwai via Scenic Drive (three different groups, 55–95km routes) and the second to the Awhitu Peninsula via water taxi (again three different groups averaging around 160km for the two days). A third camp in the Coromandel Range will be held on the last weekend of Term One break, two nights out and three on the road.

Aaron Gate, the captain of cycling for 2008, and Sam Webster have been chosen to represent New Zealand at the Junior World Championships in Track Racing in Cape Town, South Africa this year. Both riders set new records at the New Zealand Championships in Invercargill, as did Auckland Grammar School with a record six entries at the event.



Captain Aaron Gate (centre) directs boys on bike hockey rules at Awhitu Camp.



The Grammar Distance Squad assemble following their victories at the New Zealand Road Race Championships.

Distance Squad

Auckland Grammar School again dominated the National Road Race Championships, medalling in all six divisions.

The Seniors took out the prestigious 6 Man event and gained silver in the 3 Man, whilst the all conquering 3rd Form team repeated their National Cross Country successes by taking the Gold Medal in both the 3 and the 6 Man events.

An under strength Junior Team ran exceptionally well to take bronze in both categories.

Team captain S Bufton led by example and finished a most creditable 9th, whilst M Poole, O Maddison,

D Smith, S Gapes and S Burrige completed the winning teams composition.

N Orr led his 3rd Form team to victory by finishing 4th and was impressively supported by S Hill, C Boswell, J Hurinui, T Carnachan and C Burstall. This success highlighted the fact that this group of athletes are arguably the strongest distance runners the School has produced, which is extremely encouraging for the future.

In the Juniors, B Chang out ran his more favoured team mate S Morreau to lead the squad to two bronze medals. Both athletes turned in creditable performances.

The School has now won a total of 49 National Road Race and Cross Country titles and we look forward to bringing up the half century at this year's Cross Country Championships.

The squad would like to thank Messers R Gordon, S Burrige and E Jones for the many hours of dedication and commitment.

Mountain Biking

Grammar has 30 riders in our mountain biking club this year, of which about 20 ride regularly and get involved at competition level. Sixteen boys entered the Auckland Mountain Bike Champs on March 30, while a further three were



AGS Mountain Bikers 'bath' after a muddy downhill day.

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The Under 17 coxed 4 won bronze at the North Island Champs.



4A Splash winner James Little.

involved in the Auckland Downhill Series on that same date.

Tom Fox gained a bronze medal in the Auckland Champs Juniors Division and a number of other riders finished in the Top 10. The captain Eliav Meltzer finished seventh in the Seniors.

On April 12 and 13, ten of our boys went to the National Champs in Levin, which are in three categories: cross country, hill climb and down hill. Although everyone really enjoyed the experience, only two of the boys finished in the Top 20. This group did not include three of our Junior riders, who were unable to attend because of exams.

Rowing

The rowing team has just completed another season and is looking forward to a well-earned winter break. The North Island Secondary School Championships resulted in one bronze medal (Under 17 coxed 4) and saw all our age group 8s making A finals, which is a very encouraging sign for the 2008–2009 rowing season.

The Maadi Cup was held in Twizel this year, with AGS taking seven crews to the event. Whilst results were down on the past two seasons, our crews raced well to make 5 A finals and finish competitively within their respective fields.

With the completion of season three, AGS is still planning a programme around challenging for the Springbok 4 and Maadi

Cup within the next couple of seasons. A strong recruitment intake of 3rd form rowers in Term 2 will ensure the rowing team stays on track.

Sailing

On Friday 7 March the school yachting team recaptured the Auckland Fleet Racing Championship. In generally light winds, the team made an outstanding effort to win three of the seven classes sailed. George Kool 7D won the Starling class, James Little 5A won the Splash class and Sefton Powrie 7D won the RSX wind surfing class.

The team made a good start to establish their lead in the first three races sailed on the first day, and then held on in



Winner of the RSX wind surfing class, Sefton Powrie.

the changeable winds of the second day, despite the best efforts of the other 23 competing schools. Tim Adams 6D was 4th in the Starlings and completed the overall winning group.

Swimming

The School Swimming Sports, consisting of 21 events, were held at the Panmure Leisure and Fitness Centre on Wednesday 13 February.

The School Champions for 2008 are Junior: FD Bassett 4L with 29 pts, BK Kim 3A with 16 pts and GDU Ham 4D with 10 pts; Intermediate: RJ Holder 5C with 17 pts, BJ Bassett 5J1 with 13 pts and EJ Moser 5D with 12 pts; Senior: MB Turner 7E1 with 26 pts, WJ Liley 7F1 with 14 pts and T Kocks 6G with 9 pts.

Many thanks to all staff involved and to the head boy, prefects and 7th formers who assisted with this event.

Tennis

The first term is always a very busy time for the top tennis players with their school, interclub and tournament commitments.

The Senior A1 squad this year is: P Tapper (captain), N Lowery, B Huxtable, B Norris, B Hayr, D Babenkov, and D Wilson. In the Auckland competition, AGS has had some pleasing wins, including a win over King's in the first Saturday and a comprehensive win over last year's champions Westlake, 9–0.



The water polo team with coach Kurt Goldsworthy after winning the North Island Champs.

AGS were well beaten by St Kentigern though and will finish the term in 2nd place. The finals and semi finals will be in Term 4.

The zone play offs for the Nationals were held on March 28 and proved to be very tense and controversial. The four top schools in the Auckland zone played a round robin to decide on the two schools to go through to the Nationals. After some very close matches, Grammar missed out when St Kents defaulted a match to leave Westlake ahead of Grammar, which was very disappointing and somewhat unsporting.

In the traditional fixtures, Grammar played Christchurch BHS at Grammar this year and scored a comprehensive win 19-2, the second biggest winning margin in over 30 years. In the 30th Annual Quadrangular involving Grammar, Wellington College, Palmerston NBHS and Hamilton BHS, Grammar came out winners in a closely contested final against Wellington College, 6-3.

Overall, it has been a very pleasing season so far. Captain Patrick Tapper is leading by example and playing solid tennis and the team looks forward to Term 4.

Water polo

The premier water polo team went into the national championships in mid-April with high hopes following their North Island success in March.

After thoroughly convincing wins over Scots College, Massey High and St. Patrick's Silverstream in the 1st round, they then defeated a rapidly improving Avondale College side in the 2nd round of matches.

Their first real contest was a match against a solid Westlake Boys team in the 2nd round. After a very strong first half, Grammar led 4-1, but at full time Westlake had leveled the score at 4.

This result placed Grammar into a semi-final against cross-shore rivals Rangitoto College, who had become tournament favourites after crushing Rongotai College in the 2nd round. Grammar had the lead at the 1st quarter but Rangitoto levelled the scores and the match was very even sided and intense. Grammar found themselves trailing 5-4 with just over a minute left on the clock.

Mahadevan fired in the equalizer, and in the next offence Grammar earned a penalty through Buist. Smith kept cool under pressure, and scored the winning goal, giving Grammar a 6-5 victory, and a place in the final against defending champions Rongotai.

In the Gold medal match, Parr once again opened the Grammar scoring with a backhand, and further goals from Small and Smith gave Grammar a 3-1 halftime lead. Rongotai made a resurgence in the second half, but Baker was superb in goal, and another goal

from Smith sealed Rongotai's fate and Grammar won the final 4-3. The team was crowned National champions, and R Small received an outstanding player award.

Six boys have been named in the 2008 New Zealand schoolboys training squad: Baker, Buist, Mahadevan, Parr, Small and Smith, and this capped off an incredibly successful season for the water polo team, who would like to thank coaches Mr Goldsworthy and Mr Howatt and manager Mr McCrea and all those who supported the team throughout the season.

Weightlifting

Congratulations to captain of Grammar weightlifting A Hewavitharana who gained selection for both the Junior and Senior New Zealand Men's teams that contested the recent Oceania Championships.

His inclusion in the senior team is particularly noteworthy as success in this competition was New Zealand's only chance of securing a place at the Beijing Olympic Games.

Hewavitharana fully justified the national selectors confidence in him by not only winning the Junior Mens' 56 kilogram division but, more importantly, by taking 3rd place in the Senior Men's class, a crucial result in the New Zealand team's overall win at this event (see News of Old Boys, pages 32-33).

Focus on Cricket

The 2008 season always looked full of promise as the AGS 1st XI was an experienced and very talented team and early season results suggested they were going to be hard to beat in all forms of the game.

The team did not have to rely on individual talent; rather the recipe for success was built around any number of players who could contribute with bat or ball.

In the Auckland One Day competition, Grammar swept aside King's College, Kelston and Takapuna Grammar School with ease. Runs were shared amongst Rosenberg, Malhotra, McChesney and Neesham. Neesham and Ferguson led Grammar's pace attack and Captain D Goddard and Helsby secured several wickets with their slow accurate spin bowling.

Goddard showed maturity beyond his years in leading this team. Several inspirational captain's decisions either gained wickets or changed the nature of the game. His leadership style is based around setting and demanding a high standard of work, both on and off the field.

In the first traditional game of the season, Grammar scored a very well earned 250 against New Plymouth Boys High School on a very difficult pitch. However any chance of a result was quickly washed out with heavy rain – the rain was the only reason Grammar did not go on to win all three traditional fixtures, a feat that is paralleled to winning a grand slam.

A victory against Christchurch Boys' High School at the end of February was particularly special as it was the first time that we'd won the highly contested Bell Carter Shield since 2001. Philip Bell



First XI bowler Henry Helsby with Captain of Cricket from 1961 Hedley Howarth after the cap presentation at Assembly.



Captain D Goddard with the Bell Carter Shield and K Bunting (century maker against CBHS).

was Head Boy and captain of cricket at Grammar in 1978 and his son is currently in Form 4.

Henry Helsby has been a revelation for Grammar cricket this year, bowling his slow left arm orthodox with great effect, which is the exact style of bowling that the captain of cricket from 1961, Hedley Howarth, bowled on his way to becoming Auckland captain and playing 30 test matches for the Black Caps.

Our 1st XI had six boys selected to play for the Auckland Secondary Schools' XI against a Canterbury Schools' XI. They are Justin Rosenberg, James Neesham, Hugo McChesney, Henry Helsby, Lockie Ferguson and Kirk Bunting.

Auckland Grammar dominates Fast Bowling Challenge

Auckland Grammar student Jimmy Neesham narrowly beat schoolmate Lockie Ferguson to take out the National Bank Fast Bowling Challenge and win the title of New Zealand's Fastest Secondary Bowler 2008.

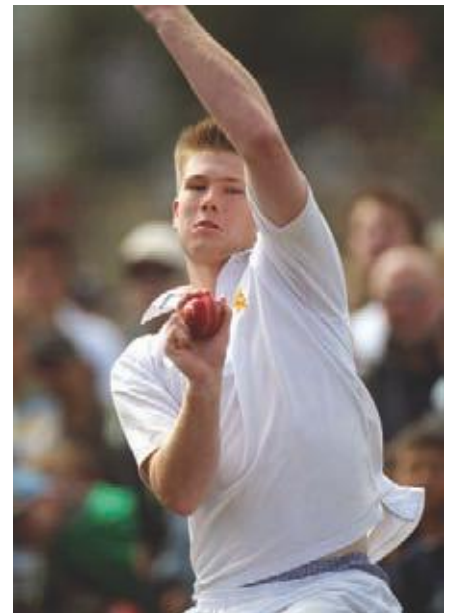
Neesham, 17, bowled an astonishing 132 kph in front of 7000 people at the England v New Zealand test match, narrowly beating Ferguson who bowled 131 kph.

The two bowlers were part of a group of six finalists in the National Bank Fast Bowling Challenge, which travelled around

the country measuring the speeds of over 600 secondary school cricketers in search of New Zealand's next Shane Bond.

Susan McGregor, Head of Sponsorship for the National Bank, says that the speed reached this year was astounding. "Last year we reached 129 kph and they have only got faster. Well done to Jimmy and to all the finalists on their achievement."

Jimmy will receive an all-expenses paid, personalised high performance coaching and analysis session by New Zealand Cricket.



Fast bowler Jimmy Neesham.

AGS 1st XV Rugby Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue
10 May	Tamaki College	AGS
17 May	Sacred Heart College	AGS
24 May	Tangaroa College	AGS
29 May	De la Salle College	DLS
7 June	King's College	KC
14 June	St Paul's College	SPL
21 June	St Peter's College	AGS
28 June	Mt Albert Grammar	AGS
25 July	Otahuhu College	AGS
2 August	Kelston Boys High School	KBHS
9 August	St Kentigern College	SKC

AGS 1st XI Soccer Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue
10 May	St Peter's College	AGS
17 May	Rangitoto College	RC
24 May	Maclean's College	AGS
31 May	Mt Albert Grammar	MAGS
07 June	King's College	KC
14 June	Westlake Boys High School	AGS
21 June	Kelston Boys High School	KBHS
28 June	St Peter's College	SPC
05 July	Rangitoto College	AGS
26 July	Maclean's College	MC
02 August	Mt Albert Grammar	AGS
09 August	King's College	AGS
16 August	Westlake Boys High School	WB
23 August	Kelston Boys High School	AGS

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 One 2008.

Coast to Coast
Nicki Butt

Cricket
Richard Webb, Bettina Latham, Michael Sowter, Sally and Alan McChesney, Amanda and John Goddard, Mark and Veronica Smith, Charmian Hayes, Judith Jones, Suzanne Burns, Hilary Dineen and Tony Walker

Distance Squad
Debbie and Scott BurrIDGE

Rowing
Simon Longuet-Higgins, Craig Blaikie, Brian Knight, Andy Mitchell, Damian Pethica, Glenn Bowering, Jocelyn Donougher, Shelley Burns, Kate Hamilton-Johns, Jennie and Scott Milne, John Van Velthooven and Alan Brooks

Tennis
John McDermott, Min Jung, Mary Woolley, Roshen Wijananda Manamperi, Sharmini Masilamani and Christopher Holmes

Softball
Sally Hoani

Swimming
Donna Turner

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Scholarship Results 2007

New Zealand Scholarship Examination results were received in early February. The results were the best yet achieved by boys of the School.

In total 103 Scholarships were achieved compared with 95 in 2006. Of these, 86 were graded Scholarships and 17 graded Outstanding Scholarships.

The students named below have met the criteria to be eligible for the following awards but these need to be confirmed by NZQA in the near future:

1 Premier Award: Sam George – 1 Schol and 3 Outstanding (\$10,000pa for 3 years),

4 Outstanding Awards: T Giffney (3S 2O), T Wong (3S 2O), R Nelson (2S 2O), C Rolinson (1S 2O) \$5,000pa for 3 years

11 Scholarship Awards: Puvanakumar, Vink, Ekanayaka, Dong, Goatley, Qiu, Li, He, Moser, Feng, Yeu. \$2,000pa for 3 years

Congratulations to all staff and boys on these magnificent results.

Tertiary Scholarships

Our senior students last year were awarded perhaps the most tertiary scholarships ever in the School's history

These scholarships represent between \$1,000 and \$25,000 in financial assistance to the student towards their tertiary studies and are awarded by universities, businesses and trusts.

Of particular note was the fact that Dux Sam George received a total of six scholarships, including two from Otago University, which is an outstanding effort. Hamish Liggins received the Sir George Elliot Scholarship valued at \$25,000 towards a first degree, as well as the Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship. Mitchell Job was awarded the University of Auckland's Top Maori and Pacific Scholars scholarship.

Scholarships were:

University of Auckland Scholarships

Alumni Scholarship: Tom Broderick
Top Maori & Pacific Island: Mitchell Job

Scholarship: Nicholas Dobbs, Zane Moser, Rupert Nelson, Alex Vink and Thomas Wong
Jubilee Award: Andrew Dodge, Jae Kim, Joon-Hee Lee, Rohit Moza, Andrew Pan, Tarun Patel, Lok Tsang, Kevin Zhang, David Zhang and Tony Zhang

AUT Scholarships

Vice Chancellors: Reagan Qui
Significant Student: Boon Huxtable

Massey University

High Achievers (Academic): Nicholas Vaughan

Otago University

Leaders of Tomorrow: Hamish Liggins
Law Faculty Scholarship: Sam George
Dux Scholarship: Sam George

Russell McVeah: Sam George

Sir George Elliot: Hamish Liggins

RM Grant Memoria Bursary in Law: Sam George

WE Brown: Rui Yeu

Abbott Watson: Liyuan Chen, Sam George, Timothy Griffney, Zane Moser, Thomas Wong and Rui Yeu

Professor Ken Rudall: Rupert Nelson

NZEST: Sam George

University Entrance Scholars 2007



Back Row: FML Gudex, TZ Li, HF de Malmanche, A Galgali, NCL Buist and TD Latimour **Fourth Row:** CDR Rolinson, LS D'Souza, J Lin, G Malhotra, G Tao, Y Ma, NTP Gamage, ZJ Moser, R Qui, HA Liggins, NA Kariyawasam and OMMAJ Al-Khayat **Third Row:** IC Pathirana, AE Vink, JH Lee, MMY Huang, JM Song, MK Sinnathamby, L Chen, PK Luan, BT Li, CC Cui, AYC Wu, T Zhang and CR Luis
Second Row: TAC Wong, N Ramachandran, HH Yeung, P Puvanakumar, RC Chen, HBY Bong, H Ng, AN Narayanan, WI Chan, GR Nagendra, MJY He and TJ Giffney **Front Row:** Mr WD Moore (Deputy Headmaster), JJ Ma, Y Pan, Mr DK Simcock (Deputy Chairman BOT), RAD Nelson, Hon Chris Carter (Minister of Education), S Mihic, Mr John Morris (Headmaster), SC George, Mr R Webb (Ministry of Education), RQ Yeu, DYT Lu and AIH Wu **Absent:** DT Samaranayake, RPY Hsiao, AS Ekanayaka, AK Goatley, MZ Dong and V Feng

2007 Scholars Honours Board

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Honours Board in the end-of-year CIE exams.

To attain Honours Board status, students must be in the top 10% of the entire Form 7 cohort plus 6A and 6B and have a minimum average over 6 credits attained in the same year of 87%.

It is also possible to make the Honours Board as a result of Scholarship Examinations. The criteria for this is that students must gain 3 Scholarship passes or better in the same year.

S Mihic	96.20%
RQ Yeu	96.00
SC George	95.25
HF De Malmanche	94.40
MJY He	94.40
N Ramachandran	94.20
L Chen	94.00
TAC Wong	94.00
GR Nagendra	93.67

CDR Rolinson	93.67
HBV Bong	93.33
AS Ekanayaka	93.33
Y Pan	93.00
AYC Wu	93.00
R Qiu	93.00
Y Ma	93.00
RAD Nelson	93.00
P Puvanakumar	93.00
BT Li	92.67
IC Pathirana	92.40
TJ Gifney	92.33
J Lin	92.33
DYT Lu	92.33
AIH Wu	92.20
AN Naraynan	92.00
JM Song	92.00
TZ Li	92.00
CR Luis	91.70
JH Lee	91.50
ZJ Moser	91.33
TD Latimour	91.20
G Malhotra	91.20
PK Luan	91.00

CC Cui	91.00
LS D'Souza	90.80
DT Samaranyake	90.67
H Ng	90.67
MK Sinnathamby	90.67
T Zang	90.67
NCL Buist	90.60
MMY Huang	90.33
JJ Ma	90.20
OMAAJ Al-Khayat	90.00
WI Chan	90.00
FML Gudex	90.00
NA Kariyawasam	90.00
HA Liggins	90.00
AE Vink	89.67
HH Yeung	89.33
RC Chen	89.20
RPY Hsiao	89.00
A Galgali	89.00
NTP Gamage	89.00
G Tao	89.00
AK Goatley	3 Scholarships
MZ Dong	3 Scholarships
V Feng	3 Scholarships

Top Scholar for 2007

Sava Mihic, a sixth former, has achieved the prestigious title of Top Scholar at Auckland Grammar for 2007.

Born in Novi Sad, Serbia, Sava left a troubled Serbia at the age of two. As a result, he has very few recollections of his homeland from this time but has regularly visited family since then. His parents encouraged Sava to use English at home and this was to stand him in good stead.

On leaving Serbia his family moved to South Africa where they lived for ten years. Here Sava developed a passion for numbers and the stratagems of chess at a private school.

The amount of street crime in South Africa encouraged his family to once again uproot and move somewhere safer – hence the move to Auckland.

Sava came to New Zealand late in 2002 to enter ANI at the end of Form One and throughout Form 2 he looked forward to his move to Grammar.

Starting in 2004 in the class of 3A, he has maintained his standards, never resting on his laurels and always

scoring within the top 10 of his class.

Sava is the product largely of his own motivation, often joking that his parents actually tell him to do less work.

He deeply believes that this has really helped him succeed, as he can study without fear of failure and when he does well, his parents are even prouder.

In offering some advice for all those striving to succeed, regardless of form class, Sava says that the best thing you can do is to pay attention in class, exercise and eat well, and get on top of any issues you may have with maths early. Ignoring issues and hoping they will resolve themselves is a recipe for failure in any subject.

Currently studying Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Accounting, Sava is looking forward to studying Business at university.

In particular he is keen to apply the skills he has learnt to date, along with his fascination for mathematical modelling, to the stock market.



Sava Mihic with the Hon Chris Carter.

International Young Physicists

Grammar entered two teams into the New Zealand round of the International Young Physicists Tournament this year. The competition took place on Saturday 1 March with 12 teams of young physicists from schools across New Zealand taking part in a series of physics debates on topics they had researched practically and theoretically. At the end of three rounds, both Grammar teams had excelled against the competition and were placed 1st and 2nd, with one of the King's College teams in 3rd.

The final of the event on Sunday 2 March had the top three teams fight it out to decide on the ultimate placings. The standard of the presentations and debates in the final was exceedingly high, with Professor Bradley from the University of Auckland Physics Department saying these teams had "lifted the bar in the competition for future years".

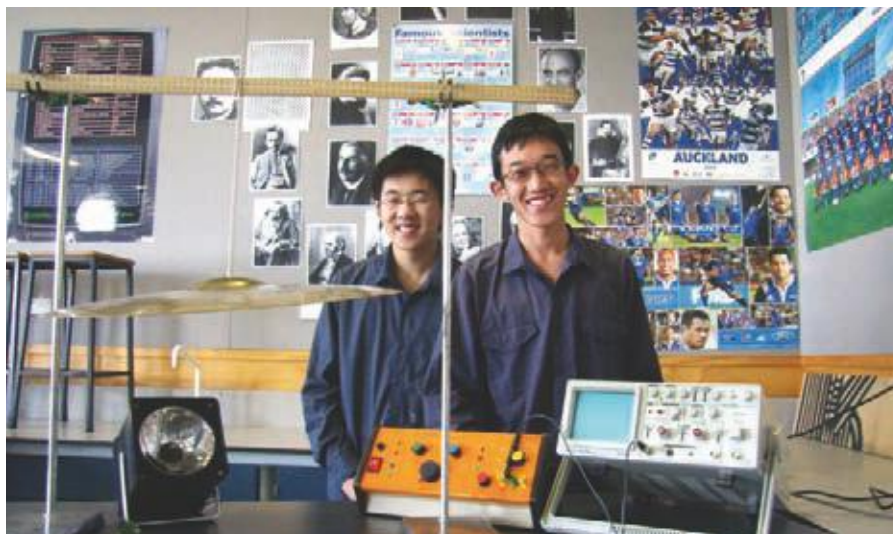
The final was very closely fought between all three teams, but King's triumphed with 71.9 points to take the top spot with one of the AGS teams in second only 0.7 points behind. In 2nd place for Grammar were J Bian, Y Gao and J-M Yoon. In 3rd place for Grammar were A Kirch, M He and J Dineen.

After a further selection process, J Bian and Y Gao (both of 7A) were chosen to be part of the five man squad to represent New Zealand in the international final of the event in Croatia in May. As a school we congratulate the AGS IYPT teams on their success in the national tournament and wish the New Zealand team well in the 2008 international competition.

Academic first

Grammar has always been a school where new levels of performance are regularly reached and fresh records are set in both sport and academia. Longtime observers believe that last year a remarkable first was achieved.

Rupert Nelson and Sam George, the Head and Deputy Head Prefects, were also the Dux and Proxime Accessit. It is to the great credit of these two students that they could manage their most demanding prefectorial responsibilities without compromising their academic progress.



Yang Gao and Jed Bian looking forward to making a big noise at the IYPT finals in Croatia.

Examination Entry And Fees Collection 2008

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 as follows:

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	85 per subject
AS and A2	Administration Fee: \$40 60 per subject
A-Level (when taken in a single examination session)	100 per subject

Invoices will be issued to all students during week 7 of Term Two. The final date for payment is 1 August 2008.

The Government provides financial assistance to students entering NZQA qualifications if hardship criteria are met. In Term Two, 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 1 August 2008. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for foreign fee-paying students.

2008 Art Exhibition

Friday 5 September – Sunday 7 September

Preview Evening

Friday 5 September 6.30pm – 9.30pm \$50
includes wine, light refreshments and entertainment

Saturday 10am – 4pm Free

Sunday 10am – 3pm Free

For more information, please contact the
Development Office on ph: 623 5639
or email: development@ags.school.nz



Careers Evening

This year's date is **Wednesday 11 June** and it's the turn of our partner St Cuthbert's College to host it with style.

Timing is brought forward slightly from previous years due to those cold winter nights, with a 'mini-expo' of tertiary providers in the Atrium at 5.30pm followed by the customary three rounds of speakers.

The speaker programme will aim to blend the passion and experience of workers in their chosen field with the course planning expertise of the universities and training providers.

Altogether 27 sessions will cover careers that our experience has shown to be in greatest demand, from 'hands-on health care' to 'taking a Gap Year'.

The Grammar community plays a vital part here, either on the podium or in helping with the management of the event.

So if you feel you have a contribution to make, please contact the Careers Office on 623 5402 (extension 506) to talk it over.

And of course parents are welcome on the night – we want to give you and your son a memorable and informative time.

Gala Dinner

Saturday 16 August, 6pm
Main Hall

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Development Office on ph: **623 5639**
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Performance Day

Held in March every year, Performance Day is both an initiation for new students joining Grammar's various music groups as well as the first 'real' performance of the year.

This year the music groups performed at two nearby schools, Mt Eden Normal Primary and Kowhai Intermediate, and some of the students performing had attended these two schools prior to Grammar.

With performances from the String Orchestra, Stage Band, Concert Band, Pipe Band, Barber Shop Quartet and Grammar Voices, the children seemed to really enjoy the music as well as the variety of instruments.

The day ended with the new group members visiting Waiwera Thermal Resort for a well-deserved chance to unwind and prepare for the Easter break. Thanks to all who were responsible for the success of this special event.



Grammar's Stage Band perform at Kowhai Intermediate.



The Concert Band playing at Mount Eden Normal Primary School.



The Pipe Band.

APO Scholarship awarded

LM McFarlane 6C, has been awarded a scholarship by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra (APO).

The APO Trusts Secondary School Scholarships offer experience for students considering a career in music, providing lessons with an APO musician and preparation for playing with the orchestra in a professional concert.

McFarlane is the first percussion player to be awarded this opportunity. He will be performing with the APO in the three Kiwi Kapers concerts on 30 October in the Aotea Centre.



McFarlane playing at the KBB Music Festival.

Thank you

We would like to thank the following parents and friends of Grammar for supporting our performance groups.

Music Performance Groups

Hazel Walton, Kathy Hawke, Leanne Karle and Christine Laugeray-Cleaver

Pacific Island Groups

Manu Tuala and Maria Tuala

Grammaphone jazz

For members of the five-piece band Grammaphone, life is all about jazz. The Auckland Grammar boys spent their summer holidays recording and designing their self-titled double disc album in their first foray into the recording world.

The album was released less than two months ago and has since been a massive success. The album was created as a promotional tool to open more doors for live gig opportunities, such as the recent Mission Bay Jazz Festival.

The band consists of jazz vocalist Campbell Rehu, saxophonist Sam Weeks, pianist Robbie Muir, bassist Tom Marshall and drummer Nick Chan. Fellow students Rudi Theunissen and Finn Kennedy have collaborated as producers for the band, also dedicating their school holidays to the design and production demands of the album.

If you'd like the band to perform or are keen to buy their album (\$20), please contact the Music Department or the band at grammaphone@gmail.com.



Campbell Rehu, Nick Chan, Sam Weeks, Tom Marshall and Robbie Muir.



Music and Drama – For Today

With New Zealand Music Month upon us in May, you may be wondering how you can take part in it. This year's AGS/EGGS production provides the ideal opportunity. A Kiwi musical, 'For Today' is written by Hamish Arthur and directed by Jane Griffin (EGGS) with musical director Ewan Clarke (AGS). The show opens with a gala night on 19 May and runs to 24 May for a six-night season at The Raye Freedman Arts Centre, with performances commencing at 8pm.

The musical is set at Hadlee High School, an imaginary state co-ed school from the 90s. Tragedy has struck, but comedy is on its way to redeem the situation. A vibrant and demanding group of friends and their busy social network sing their way through a range of Kiwi music hits from the last 20 years. With a little 'willing suspension of disbelief', all the music could have been written in 1990.

This year's cast is full of exciting senior talent. Familiar face Olivia Tennet

(from 2006's Romeo and Juliet and 2007's Cabaret) takes the lead as Sophie and plays opposite new theatrical talent Josh McKenzie as David. The comic duo of Sam Pascoe and Jae Woo is set to engage the audience and NZSO devotee Adam Thompson, whose past roles include Lord Capulet in 'Romeo and Juliet', takes a new direction playing opposite Dani Plows (Roni), a quirky young emo/goth.

Talented actors Tim Clarke, Rachel Adams and newcomer Nina-May Gill are the long-suffering parents of the younger generation.

The supporting cast of 90 forms a choir and classmates, while choreographer Julie van Renan (Romeo and Juliet 2006) is working with a small core of dancers. A combined school show band provides the musical backing and costumes are in the capable hands of Mrs Lyn Rawlinson.

Tickets go on sale early in Term 2 so be in quick as seating capacity is limited. Prices are \$16 for students and \$20 for adults.



Leads Josh McKenzie (David Miller) and Olivia Tennet (Sophie Wilkinson) in a poignant moment.



Some of the cast from 'For Today', including from left Jae Woo (Paul), Josh McKenzie (David) and Sam Pascoe (Alex).

Annual Appeal

The Foundation Trust would like to thank the following people for their generous support of the 2007 Annual Appeal. This list includes donations from 14 September 2007 to 1 April 2008. Some donors have chosen to remain anonymous.

The focus for the 2007 Annual Appeal was for distributions to selected staff who have made an impact in the classroom and to others who have contributed to the co-curricular life of the School.

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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.

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Commitment to Excellence

The Commitment to Excellence campaign, launched in 2001 to attract, reward and retain quality teaching staff, continues to receive ongoing support.

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Giving to Charity has been revolutionised

There have been fundamental changes in the tax regime for gifts to charitable organisations. The Government has removed the limitations on giving to charities for both individuals and companies, subject only to your levels of income. This was designed to make it more attractive for you to give to bodies such as the Auckland Grammar School Foundation Trust.

You may recall that you were previously limited to gifts of \$1890 per year. With the rebate that would have cost you \$1260. Because the size of donations are now limited only by your

income (or that of the company), it is easier to think of donations in terms of 33.3c (or 30c for companies) tax deductions instead of rebates. For example, if you were now to give \$5000, you would save \$1500 in income tax. This allows you to be more generous.

The law changes in this area are meant to encourage an attitude of philanthropy. You may well be familiar with how well endowed American educational institutions are. That is what we want to see happen with the Foundation Trust so that we can help our teachers and our school.

Touch Typing Lessons

Another touch typing course for boys (and friends/families) will be offered this term. The course will run for 6 lessons from 3.20 – 5pm in the school computer lab (T10). The dates are Mon 19 May, Mon 26 May, **Fri 6 June**, Mon 9 June, Mon 16 June. The final lesson will be on the first Monday back after the holidays, Monday 21 July.

The cost of this 10-hour course is **\$75**. Please make cheques out to Computer Success and hand in to the Headmaster's secretary in her office by the main entrance to the School Hall.

If you wish to discuss the course or have other computer needs, please phone Jan Morris on **021 531173** or email jan@computersuccess.co.nz





Nimish Matani and Linda Turner (First Vice-President).

Auckland Grammar wins joint prize for annual report award

Auckland Grammar School and Mt Maunganui College were joint winners of the School Annual Report Awards for the high schools and colleges division, with two distinctly different reports.

Auckland Grammar’s financial reports were judged the best presented, in terms of layout and clarity, with a comprehensive and impressive analysis of variance similar to a corporate annual report.

In comparison, Mt Maunganui College provided in-depth departmental

reporting and a significant focus on student achievement while also meeting all the requirements of financial reporting.

The two winners represent both ends of the scale of work sought by the judging panel – that of a comprehensive financial report and of an education and community-focused report on the achievements of the school.

We congratulate Auckland Grammar School Business Manager Nimish Matani on writing one of the winning reports.

Development Office Staffing Change

The Head of Development, Deborah George, resigned from the role late last year and took up the position of Enrolment Registrar at the School.

Mrs George was a great asset to the Development Office during her three years in the position. She was responsible for the expansion of the office to incorporate the Old Boys’ Secretariat and Events and Communications, overseeing established events like the Year Group reunions, the Gala Dinner and Art Exhibition and driving the Building on Tradition fundraising

campaign to build the Sports Centre, Old Boys’ Pavilion and enhance the Academic Endowment Fund.

The opportunity to remain involved with the School in her new role was a real attraction to Mrs George and she has brought the same energy and wisdom to the Registrar’s role.

The Development Office continues to operate at peak efficiency with Toni Durant in charge of Events and Communications, Donna L’Amie looking after the Old Boys’ Association and newcomer Sophie Armitage as

Development Officer. Kathryn Manners, Mike Farrell and Colleen Phelps continue in their usual part-time roles.

In addition the School is looking to recruit a specialist fundraiser whose total focus will be on raising money for the Academic Endowment Fund; this fund helps the School to recruit, retain and reward excellent teachers.

In an era such as the present, when recruitment of teachers is highly competitive, this task is ever more urgent as it is a truism that excellent teachers make an excellent school.

Keith Simento awarded Staff Scholarship

Congratulations to Keith Simento on receiving the Staff Scholarship for 2007.

Keith says he is grateful to the Headmaster and the Headmasters Council for awarding him the scholarship and he intends visiting schools in the UK, US and Singapore and taking a look at their teaching practices and the use of a wide variety of resources in the teaching of Science, more specifically Chemistry.



Director of Advancement (Major Gifts)

Auckland Grammar School seeks a unique individual who will bring a fresh and pro-active approach to major gifts fundraising.

The Director will be innovative and energetic in working largely independently to manage a portfolio of prospective major donors. He/she will need to identify and cultivate significant relationships as well as close transformative gifts for the School. The position may be part-time. A job description is available from the Headmaster’s Secretary.

Applications, including the names of three referees, to c.wilkinson@ags.school.nz by Friday 16 May 2008.

Voice Box

Chairman, Board of Trustees Rob D Kirkpatrick reflects on the importance of the School's Academic Endowment Fund.

I started on the Board of Trustees in 1992 and it has been a great privilege to serve the School.

The importance of a good education to equip our students for the demands of our modern society is more pressing than ever. Auckland Grammar School continues to focus on academic excellence and a strong co-curricular involvement across an expanding variety of sports and cultural activities.

The School continues to take a conservative approach to new educational directions and directives and adopts only those initiatives which will improve the education of our students. Our school especially suits those looking for a conservative boys' only education.

We now have both NCEA and Cambridge International Examinations firmly established at Grammar. NCEA is not helpful for some of our students and likewise Cambridge examinations are not applicable across the entire school. The dual pathway is working well for the School.

If anything, Grammar's performance has continued to improve relative to other schools. This may well indicate that teaching at Grammar has continued to improve, but it is now almost unheard of for students from any of the top classes to enter the teaching profession at the secondary level.

We frequently hear of the 'Knowledge Wave' and 'Growth and Innovation' and the 'Weightless Economy' where we each make our way in the world based on our ability to use our knowledge rather than our brawn. This seems a big ask without renewed focus on our education system at all levels.

In simple terms, the Grammar Board of Trustees has only one absolute priority: that is to ensure we appoint an excellent Headmaster when required. During my involvement at the School, Henry Cooper, John Graham and now John Morris have all been great appointments. The priority of the Headmaster is also rather simple. That is

to appoint masters who are competent and passionate about educating our students and help them strive to exceed their own expectations.

Many years ago, the Grammar Board decided it was no longer appropriate to look to the Government to help continue to improve student performance by providing greater remuneration for teachers and therefore attract equally or better qualified young men into the profession. We are committed to single sex boys' education and believe boys learn best in a competitive environment taught primarily by males.

However, for those who think Grammar has only male teachers, you may be surprised that we have a small number of women teachers on the staff. These women are magnificent with our students and add greatly to the tone and character of the School.

Just over 10 years ago, the Board and Headmaster resolved to take the future of Grammar into our own hands and generate our own financial resources. Some immediately reacted adversely to such a move on the basis of Grammar being a 'wealthy' school with lots of money and successful old boys. However, Grammar as a decile 10 school, is under-funded relative to lower decile schools by Government.

The Board resolved we needed to pay our teachers a decent wage and try and return teaching to the status of a profession, with the respect it enjoyed 40 plus years ago.

Eight years ago we established an Auckland Grammar School Foundation Trust. This trust was set up with great care to ensure independence from the School and hence the State. The initial trustees were all chosen for their governance credibility. We have made steady progress but probably in common with most New Zealand charitable initiatives, we would prefer to be moving ahead more rapidly.

New Zealand does not have a great tradition of philanthropy and probably does not have the number of wealthy individuals to support the charitable requirements of the country. Hopefully the new donations regime where all charitable contributions attract a tax



Rob Kirkpatrick.

rebate will help the country move forward in this area.

The challenge with all new trusts is to try and build the capital base of the trust while providing some level of interim payout to support the needs of today. We have been fortunate to have the service of wise trustees who have managed these competing requirements. Today we have about \$3 million. With an income from this capital base (after allowing for inflation) of approximately \$150,000, we still have a long way to go. Our 150 teachers need financial support in the ten plus thousand dollar range per year, rather than the one plus thousand dollar range.

At some stage perhaps our leaders in Wellington will understand it is more expensive to live in many of our major cities and will take this into account when negotiating new salary arrangements.

Some still claim education in New Zealand is free at the primary and secondary level. This is an absurd claim if one looks at the parental contribution to all New Zealand schools and the need for most secondary schools to supplement their income with foreign fee paying students. Although we are forced to talk of 'voluntary' donations by the ill informed in Wellington, school contributions are essential for all schools, including Grammar.

Where to from here? We must stay the course and continue to take responsibility for our own future and its financial burdens. Grammar must continue to be a role model for others and encourage these schools to follow some of our initiatives in a way that is appropriate for their circumstances.

NZQA botch statistics again

The following email was sent by the Headmaster to the Ministry and NZQA on April 7, 2008.

This is becoming a yearly epistle. I make no apology for it however as I am stunned yet again how two Government agencies can release statistics into the public domain well knowing that they are totally incorrect in many cases.

Further, the public's interpretation of these statistics could conceivably have serious repercussions on some schools with regards to roll numbers in the future and public regard for those schools.

In this modern high tech age I cannot see why NZQA and MoE (Benchmark Statistics release impending) cannot segment the statistical information they have available and ensure that the public and schools get the correct information.

Having written to you both several times regarding this and also talked with Bali Haque about it, I have come to the conclusion that you don't care about the schools under your aegis that have shown some independence of spirit, some initiative and some genuine concern for the students in their care. If you did care, then something would have been done by this time.

I have deliberately not spoken out publicly of NCEA over the past two years about the inconsistency, flagrant cheating by many schools, appalling standards of marking, literally no moderation to speak of, the (ab)use of Unit Standards to ensure success, multiple re-sits of standards to ensure success etc, I could go on.

The results chart in the 'Weekend Herald' is itself a strong indicator of what is wrong with the qualification itself. There are important matters that need to be solved with NCEA and, following Bali's visit to AGS a couple of weeks ago, both Mark Vella and I are happy to be part of an informal think-tank on developing improvements for the qualification because we are interested and concerned. We are prepared to do something in our own time and at no cost to NZQA. All I am asking with regard to the statistics you release is to bring some integrity to them, a quality sadly lacking at the moment.

I look forward to your reply. Regards

John Morris, Headmaster Auckland Grammar School

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Term Dates

Mon 19 – Sat 24 May	School Production 'For Today' (Epsom Girls' Grammar)
Wed 21 May	Form 4 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Block)
Wed 28 May	Form 5 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Block)
Thu 5 June	Form 6 and 7 Parent Interviews (3–6pm, Main Block)
Sat 7 June	AGS vs. King's 1st XV Game (King's College)
Wed 11 June	Careers Evening (St Cuthbert's College)
Fri 27 June – Fri 4 July	Examinations Senior School
Tues 1 – Fri 4 July	Examinations Junior School
Fri 4 July	End of Term 2
TERM 3	Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September
Sat 16 August	Gala Dinner (6pm Main Hall)
Thurs 4 – Fri 5 Sept	Teachers Only Days
Fri 5 Sept	Art Exhibition Preview Evening (6.30pm, Main Hall)
Sat 6 – Sun 7 Sept	Art Exhibition open to public
TERM 4	Monday 13 October – Friday 12 December

AGS vs King's 1st XV Match

Saturday 7 June

Kick-off 2.30pm at King's College
Cheer on our boys in this fierce battle dating back 111 years!

Due to a limited allocation of after match tickets by King's College this year, these tickets will be distributed by ballot. 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** Limit 2 per household.

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Old Boys' News

In Memoriam Sir Edmund Hillary AGS 1931–5



Sir Edmund Hillary had a 77 year association with Auckland Grammar School. As a pupil, he encountered a number of challenges which were to determine his future direction and help mould his remarkable humanity.

A smaller than normal 3rd former entered 3B in 1931 and performed with considerable credit in term exams. He weathered the hard conditions of the times and the occasional injustice and embarrassment to emerge in 1935 with an education as good as you could get anywhere in those days.

Sir Edmund always spoke with gratitude of the School's annual trips to The Chateau, Tongariro. KA Trembath in 'Ad Augusta', the School's history, makes mention of Hillary's first mountain expedition while he was in 6B.

"The first of Frank Price's 'mountain parties' made the journey to the newly-opened Chateau in May 1930. With him on occasion went other masters, among them Ingram, Adams and Lucena. And there too, in the party of 1935 was a 'tall, bony, clumsy-looking youth', EP Hillary, of whom the world was to hear a great deal more two decades later."

*Drawn by AJC Fisher (1895–1959),
Dean of the Elam School of Fine
Arts, and presented to the School in
1961 by the Old Boys' Association.*



Sir Edmund recounts his expedition to a Grammar Assembly in 1953.

In 1953 Hillary captured the headlines and the imagination of the world with his epic ascent of Everest. In the same year Sir Edmund returned to Grammar to recount at Assembly his 'Everest Achievement'. The report of this occasion in the Chronicle of 1953 concludes:

"The memory of that day when Sir Edmund visited the School will remain vivid for every boy. The tall, lean figure so familiar to us through the Press became a reality, and the now well-known voice boomed out through the Hall as he recounted fresh incidents from his apparently inexhaustible store.

After he had addressed the School he was presented with a miniature of the Torch of Tradition, when the Headmaster paid his tribute: "Sir Edmund has displayed the character, courage, tenacity, resourcefulness, loyalty and team spirit that the torch stands for."

After that momentous year, Sir Edmund was to complete many adventures and projects which have advanced the cause of mankind. He most obligingly reported on his achievements to the School at Assemblies and at Old Boys' Association dinners. Sir Edmund's last such attendance at a Grammar function was in 2002 when he accepted the then highest award Grammar could bestow on an Old Boy, 'Old Boy of the Year'. His acceptance speech will remain one of the treasures of our archives.

Our greatest Grammarians do not necessarily identify themselves while at school. Many have risen from relative obscurity to make their mark in all walks of life. Most value the start that Grammar gave them. Sir Edmund Hillary is undoubtedly the School's most renowned Old Boy. His achievements and his works will serve as an enduring inspiration to our country and especially to our youngsters.

He ranks with those very special people who have achieved icon status in their nation.

Sir Edmund is twice represented in Hall. His portrait, so heroically apt, hangs at the door the Headmaster uses to take the morning assembly. On the south wall of the Hall we have a picture of Colin Littlejohn (HM 1935—54) presenting Sir Edmund with the Torch of Tradition.

Sir Edmund Hillary belongs to New Zealand. However, we would like to think that part of him will always rest at Auckland Grammar School.

Report on the Old Boys' Association Dinner (Chronicle 1953)

"Two hundred Old Boys, representing every decade of the School's history, together with representatives of numerous kindred associations, gave the guest of honour, Sir Edmund Hillary, a rousing welcome and heard with great interest a typically modest account of the Everest expedition. During the evening, the President, Mr Cooper, presented Sir Edmund with a portable typewriter."



Light rain fell as the President, members and ex-Presidents of the New Zealand Alpine Club presented a Guard of Honour for Sir Ed as his cortage left St Mary's Parnell. Peter Cammell '74 (4th Ice Axe from right) represented the School and club.

A Promise Honoured

In 1980, Graham Henry and Allan Faull (AGS Staff 1975 to present) took the 1st XV to the Pan Pacific Rugby tournament in Taiwan. Grammar played five teams, one of which was Yang Chung High School from Seoul. The manager of that team was Dr Uhm, the Headmaster and owner of Yang Chung High School.

In 2006 Allan visited Yang Chung High School and met Dr Uhm again. In 2005, Yang Chung High School had celebrated its 100 year centenary and one of the Alumni's ambitions was to climb Mt Everest. The School team was successful and one of their alumni got to the top.

A book and DVD of the Everest climb was produced and Allan promised Dr Uhm that he would arrange for Sir Ed to sign the book. In 2007, Allan returned to Seoul and presented Dr Uhm with the signed book. Allan had hoped to return to Sir Ed and present him with the photos of the school receiving the book, but unfortunately he never had the opportunity. He plans to visit Lady June later this year.



Allan Faull with Sir Edmund, signing the Yang Chung High School's climb book.

Farewell Sir Edmund

The news hadn't even begun to sink in as my sister read out the cellphone message again, "Sir Edmund Hillary has just passed away".

How truly unbelievable, that I should be settled in a Sherpa tea house, more than three and half thousand metres up, when I heard this news. Indeed, we were sitting in the Earth's highest mountain range, the Himalayas, surrounded by many of the mighty peaks

which Sir Ed himself had conquered.

Just hours later, as I came up over the hill to Khumjung (the village where Ed had built his very first school for the Sherpa people, which he came to refer to as the 'schoolhouse in the clouds'), I was marvelling at Mount Everest. I could almost picture him up there, standing triumphantly 55 years ago, the world beneath his 'clumsy boots'.

At once the Sherpas from Khumjung and the surrounding villages scheduled a Puja (Buddhist Ceremony/Funeral) to farewell their dearest 'Burrah Sahib'.

Two days later, on the morning of January the 13th, hundreds (from the young children to the elderly) gathered on the big dusty field beside his school. All was silent, but for the monks' quiet prayers and the deep beating of their drum.

The Sherpas say that his loss was bigger and heavier than Everest, and you could see it written in their faces.

Up at the Monastery, everyone paid their final tribute, by each lighting a butterlamp and placing it in front of Sir Ed's giant grinning portrait. My Mum, who knew him as a friend, had promised me we would try and visit him when we got home, and although this couldn't be fulfilled, I could feel him in spirit there amongst the mountains.

At last we set off again. As I turned and stood, entranced by my surroundings, I acknowledged that 'ordinary' New Zealander, Edmund Percival Hillary, who is forever Grammar's Finest.

Richard Lowe 6A.



The statue of Sir Edmund Hillary outside Khumjung School, with the Buddhist monks busily preparing for the Puja to farewell him.

OBA Annual Dinner and Augusta Awards



Pictured with the Inaugural Augusta Awards are from left Skip Watson, on behalf of his son Peter, Richard Buchanan on behalf of his brother John and Peter Hunter.

Technology brought the other side of the world to the 2007 Old Boys' Annual Dinner and launch of the Augusta Awards.

Two of the three inaugural awardees, John Buchanan and Peter Watson, delivered their acceptance speech via video broadcast from the United Kingdom and United States respectively while the third recipient Peter Hunter had just stepped off a plane from Brisbane to accept his prestigious award before a gathering of 210 Old Boys and friends at the Ellerslie Event Centre on 1 November.

The Augusta Awards, which follow on from the Old Boy of the Year Award, enable the School to recognise and celebrate the achievements of up to four Old Boys annually in the fields of business, academia, service, arts and sports.

John Buchanan has come a long way from the third former who arrived at Grammar in 1956 after two years at Otara Intermediate.

“The school taught me how to compete in an environment of excellence.”

Speaking by video clip from his home in Surrey, he told his contemporaries that the School had afforded him the opportunity of an early 'wake-up call'.

“The school taught me how to compete in an environment of excellence. Some masters inspired in me passions for certain subjects. In my case, biology and chemistry. The latter taking me to post doctoral work at Oxford and opening

up whole new vistas, including a period on the Board of BP as the Chief Financial Officer.”

John has been an advisor to the UK Government, served on numerous international businesses as an independent director, and in 2006 was placed first on the Times Power list.

And although his career has led to some 40 years overseas, he still has “tremendous affections” for Grammar and is a trustee of the UK Friends of Auckland Grammar School.

“ ... over-exuberant misdemeanours and antics en route to School. ”

He was disappointed that a longstanding engagement to chair a meeting in Boston prevented him from being at the Annual Dinner and was honoured and surprised that the Award had been bestowed upon him.

“I am surprised because I was one of the majority of Old Boys who managed to escape the Honours Boards. There was one minor deviation to that unsullied record – in my last year I was awarded the School biology prize. My main exposure to the Headmaster was as one of the lively cohort from South Auckland, the train boys, who were not infrequently invited to stay back after morning assembly for audience to explain yet another set of over-exuberant misdemeanours and antics en route to School.”

Speaking by video cast from Washington DC, Peter Watson said he was truly and deeply humbled to be accepted among the ranks of Grammar's outstanding Old Boys, and sincerely regretted not being able to be present in person.

He told his audience that he was grateful for the School's prescience in offering subjects in commercial practice and economics for those students whose familiarity with Maths and Sciences was fleeting and subliminal.

“I cannot tell you how many times I have thanked the School for giving me that safety net,” he said.



Celebrating the launch of the Augusta Awards are pictured from left, Rick Cutfield Class of '66, Peter Thomas '67, Skip Watson '35, Mark Macnicol '66 (immediately behind Skip), Steve Beston '66, Geoff Baxter '66, Brett Watson '70 (with hand on his father's shoulder), Jon Moses '66, Tim Wiles '66, Nick Wiles '67 and Michael Gray '66.

Peter went on to further his educational experience overseas, holding professorial positions in the USA and at Oxford in the areas of international economic and foreign relations. He is a unique New Zealander in having held senior leadership positions in the USA Government, under both the Democrats and Republicans. Peter was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2002 and was a recipient of a University of Auckland Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007.

“ **All of us stand on the shoulders of others.** ”

In a moving address to his audience from across the miles, Peter said that “all of us stand on the shoulders of others.” He thanked his father Skip Watson, Class of '35, for accepting the award on his behalf and dedicated the award to his dad and to the memory of fellow school mates who served the nation with great honour in World War II.

Skip Watson was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1946 after performing four consecutive Tours of Duty in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, involving an amazing 188 combat missions.

Professor Peter Hunter, Class of '62, said he was honoured and privileged to stand before his colleagues to be among the first to receive the new award.

“ **I can't overstate the importance of a good teacher.** ”

“The thing I remember most about Grammar was Fred Orange, an outstanding Maths and Physics teacher. I can't overstate the importance of a good teacher – Fred set up my career,” Peter told the dinner guests.

On leaving school, Peter studied for a Bachelor of Engineering at Auckland University. He then “discovered” biology

and quickly decided that he wanted to spend the rest of his working life applying engineering principle to the study of human biology.

Peter is now the Director of the Bioengineering Institute at the University of Auckland and in 2006 was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of London.

Sir Ron Carter '48, who was named Old Boy of the Year in 1998, was given the honour of presenting the gold framed certificates.

The Old Boy audience thoroughly enjoyed the Headmaster's traditional address and the formalities concluded with a rendition of the School song led by vocalist Rex McIntosh '55 and 7th former Thomas Wong on piano.

Augusta Awards 2008

Nominations can now be made for this year's Augusta Awards, which will be announced at the Old Boys' Dinner in November.

The nomination form with instructions is available on the AGS website at www.ags.school.nz/community/agsoba/oldboyoftheyear

Or contact the Development Office on (09) 623 5639 and we will post you a Nomination Form. Nominations must be received by 31 May 2008.

2008 Annual Dinner and Augusta Awards

Thursday 6 November Ellerslie Event Centre

5.45pm AGM, 6.30pm drinks and catch-up 7pm Dinner and Awards Presentation

Mark your diary now



Special Reunions

Vintage Old Boys

The Old Boys' Pavilion was filled to capacity for the Vintage Old Boys' Luncheon. The youngest attendee was from the class of 1944, the eldest from the class of 1925. The function began with a talk by the Headmaster in the Hall. Mr Morris described the School as it is now, alluding to its successes in many areas and its current challenges.

The 141 Old Boys then made their way to the Pavilion, where they were served lunch and listened to addresses by David Simcock, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jeff Blackburn, President of the Old Boys' Association and the Head Prefect, Tama Toki. The afternoon rekindled memories, renewed acquaintances and created a desire for such a celebration to be held annually.



Vintage Old Boys' in the Main Hall for the address by John Morris.



Hugh Cromwell '33, John Beckerleg '33, John Morris, Wynyard Fountain '32, Ronald Trotman '33, Gus Fisher '34 and George Coughlan '33.



A group of young Old Boys at the Kingslander.

25 to 35s

"Whatever happened to..." reverberated around the Kingslander Pub in Auckland recently when this group of young Old Boys got together for a catch-up. Organised by Will Carnachan Class of '92, the reunion was for the cohort of Old Boys who joined Grammar between 1986 and 1998 and who dip out on the popular Decade Reunions and Recent Leavers function.

More than 50 young Old Boys from this era grabbed the opportunity to catch up with former classmates, School Masters and Old Boys' Association representatives. A big thank you to Will for bringing everyone together.



Recent Leavers catching up on news with School Master Simon Toon.

Recent Leavers

Recent leavers gladly swapped the classroom for their new place at School, the Old Boys' Pavilion. More than 150 former students who left Grammar during the last five years attended the Recent School Leavers Reunion hosted by the Old Boys' Association on 8 February.

Regular Class Reunions

Class decade reunions generally attract between 50 and 70 attendees and these numbers make for a lively occasion.

Michael Farrell, who hosts these functions, has a major challenge to maintain order during the tour of the School. Once these men meet, talk takes over. Many have not been back to the School since the day they left. Old Boys are always welcome with family members and friends on the School campus.

The reunion programme is in no way a fundraising venture. It is an opportunity to reconnect with an institution which has made a significant difference to one's life at a very formative stage. Auckland Grammar School is greatly enhanced by the fellowship and support of its former students.

The decade reunions of 1948, 1958, 1968 and 1978 took place over the first term.



1958 Old Boys' Warwick Lee and John Cutfield.



1948 The Class of 1948 gather on the front steps as they did 60 years ago.



1968 Old Boys' Simon Clark, Stephen McCormick and Ross MacKenzie.



1978 Dinner in the Old Boys' Pavilion.



Old Boys vs 1st XI Cricket 20/20 Match

In 2006, a celebratory cricket weekend was held to rekindle links between the large number of high profile cricketing Grammar old boys and the School. Part of the celebrations included an Old Boys XI taking on the current 1st XI which the school boys won quite comfortably in 2006. With no game being played last year, the Old Boys' Association sought out to resume this friendly rivalry. This year, a twilight twenty20 match was played on the top field at the School on Wednesday 19 March. The Old Boys XI was mainly made up of recent leavers who have featured prominently in Auckland Club and Representative cricket, along with some slightly older Old Boys to keep the young ones on their toes!

After winning the toss and electing to bat, the Old Boys XI got off to a solid start through the opening pair of Robert Lynch '95 and Keeley Todd '96. The momentum of the innings continued to increase with the arrival of Mark Turner '00 and Anaru Kitchen '97 who smashed a six over the new Sports Centre provided entertainment for the spectators. Valuable contributions from Ryan Turner '03, David Ruck '75 and Avinash Sharma '95 towards the end of the innings ensured a competitive total of 144 was posted, with Henry Helsby of the 1st XI taking an impressive two wickets.

An excellent display of controlled aggressive batting from the 1st XI top order had the Old Boys' skipper Rajiv Sharma '98 worried that a repeat of the 2006 match might eventuate. However an instrumental bowling partnership between Nirosh Nadesanathan '96 and the ever competitive and miserly Warren Stott '63 ensured the brakes were applied and crucial wickets were taken. As the light began to fade, the school boys' task became even more difficult and the match was finished off by Alex Newland '03 who ended up with impressive figures. The 1st XI were bowled out for 122 giving a 19 run win to the Old Boys!

An after match function was held in the Old Boys' Pavilion where the Old Boys were able to pass on words of



Ex-Black Cap Warren Stott after the game.

wisdom to their school boy counterparts and catch up with teachers and old friends. A great time was had by all and with the success of this year's match, we hope to make this an annual fixture with more Old Boys in attendance. A special thank you to the 1st XI cricket management, ground staff and Old Boys' Executive for their help in making the day possible.



Rob Lynch tries to stump Christian Pausma.

A meeting of Kindred Schools



The Presidential line up.

A new initiative by the Old Boys' Association gave the Heads of 10 'kindred' schools and their Old Boy/Old Girl Associations the opportunity to exchange ideas and thoughts.

Pictured above enjoying the evening at the Old Boys' Pavilion are from left Bill Smale, President of the Westlake Boys' High School Old Boys' Association, Jeff Blackburn, President Auckland Grammar

School Old Boys' Association, Georgina Rose, President of the Diocesan Old Girls' League, Andrew Morgan, President of the St Kentigern College Old Collegians' Association, Kerry Morley, President Sacred Heart College Old Boys' Association and Dr Maelen Tagelagi, President of Mt Albert Grammar School Albertian Association.



Ron Mayhill DFC '37, Bryce Rope '37, Prefects Kieran Pilkington and Mark Turner.



Anzac Day guests fill the Main Hall.

Anzac Day ceremony

The Auckland Grammar School Anzac Commemoration brought large numbers of the Grammar community together, spanning more than 80 years in the range of their ages. The ceremony itself is always moving, but so is the strong fellowship that it generates.

Dr Lindsay Diggelmann '77 began his address with a poignant family anecdote. He then proceeded to challenge our view of the nature of history and

revealed numerous problems inherent in our trying accurately to reconstruct and interpret the past. Hindsight can especially distort our conception. Dr Diggelmann's address may be found on the School's website.

This year's 40-minute ceremony was similar in format to many that have gone before, but was enhanced by an innovative detail – two wreaths were laid on the War Memorial. Prefects Kieran

Pilkington and Mark Turner conveyed the wreath on behalf of the School and for the first time, a second wreath was laid on behalf of the Old Boys' Association. Two airmen from World War II, Ron Mayhill DFC '37 and Bryce Rope '37, performed this duty.

At the conclusion of the ceremony in the Hall, a move was made to the Old Boys' Pavilion to partake of refreshments and enjoy further cordiality.

Old Boys' Association Golf Tournament

The hole in one prize of a brand new car might not have been struck at the AGS Old Boys' Golf Tournament but the event proved a big hit.

Held at the Remuera Golf Club on 3 December, the tournament attracted a full field of 120 players. It was a classic example of the extended Grammar family coming together to support our school boys. The event raised \$8,600 for the School's combined hockey and golf tour to South Africa last month.

Congratulations to the winning team in the Stableford competition John Glover, Phillip Lowe, Bee Kwek and son Kon Yuin.

View the day's action on the School website www.ags.school.nz



Old Boy Malcolm Clark '56 gets into the spirit of things.

News of Old Boys



Sharma awarded prestigious scholarship to Oxford

Having just completed a Bachelor of Engineering and Commerce conjoint degree at the University of Auckland with first class honours, Rajiv Sharma, Head Prefect of 2002, has been awarded a full Clarendon Fund Scholarship to complete a three-year DPhil degree at the University of Oxford.

Established in 2001, the Clarendon Fund makes awards to the most academically able international graduate students, with around 100 awards made in 2007/08 covering tuition fees, college fees and a living expenses grant.

Rajiv's DPhil thesis in Economic Geography will look at the role of institutional investors in developing sustainable infrastructure assets and while at Oxford he also plans to continue his promising cricket career.

Rajiv has served on the Old Boys' Association Executive for the past two years and has been instrumental in organising events for our younger members. We wish him well with his future endeavours and hope to see him back again one day.

Gluckman receives Order of Merit

Professor Peter Gluckman '61, Director of the Liggins Institute, became a Distinguished Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in this year's New Year's Honours. Professor Gluckman is one of a very select group of Grammar Old Boys to have been elected to membership of the Royal Society of London.

University of Auckland appointments

Sir Ron Carter '48 was one of six former students of the University to become in March 2008 a University of Auckland Distinguished Alumnus.

Dr Ian Bissett '68, Head Prefect 1972, was appointed associate professor at the University of Auckland's Department of Surgery. At present Dr Bissett is the head of the Colorectal Unit at Auckland City Hospital.

Eden Park record breaker

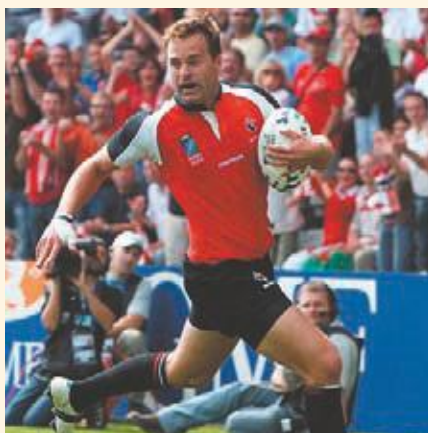
TG McIntosh ('93) scored 268 for Auckland versus Canterbury in a recent State Championship fixture on the Outer Oval at Eden Park. Tim's score is the highest ever innings in a first class match on the ground.

MacIntosh's innings is also the third highest by a Grammar Old Boy, behind Martin Crowe's 299 for the Black Caps against Sri Lanka in 1991 and Bill Carson's 290 for Auckland against Otago in 1937.

Mark Turner (2000) is the only batsman in a Auckland senior club cricket to hit 1000 runs this season. Congratulations on a fine performance.

Culpan represents Canada

Craig Culpan '96 recently played for Canada in the 2007 Rugby World Cup held during September and October in France and the UK. Born in Vancouver to New Zealand parents, he was a member of Grammar's championship winning 1st XV in 1999 and 2000. Craig also represented Auckland in age group teams at U14 to U21 level and played for Grammar



Craig scoring against Wales.

Carlton's premiers before his departure overseas.

His first major appearance for Canada was at centre in their June 2007 tour game against the All Blacks in Hamilton, doing a creditable job of marking Luke McAlister. He retained this position during Canada's World Cup campaign, scoring a spectacular 90-metre intercept try in their game against Wales in Nantes. Other teams in Canada's pool included the dynamic Fijians (a match played in Cardiff), Japan and Australia. Craig has now completed a Bachelor of Business degree and is currently living and working in Vancouver along with his older brother Stuart ('94).

Grand Master in the making

Puchen Wang (03), one of the best chess-playing juniors New Zealand has ever produced, has started a GAP year before taking up a scholarship to The University of Texas (Dallas Campus). He is the subject of Project Grandmaster, a scheme being run by New Zealand Chess, the idea of which is to support his quest to become a Grand Master – the first New Zealander since Murray Chandler some 25 years ago. Information on how one can support this project is available from Bob Grover, master in charge of chess.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Dr Bruce Hadden '55 was awarded an honorary doctor of laws at the University of Auckland for his work in the field of ophthalmology. Dr Hadden has been pivotal to the establishment of two chairs at the University's Department of Ophthalmology and has devoted 25 years to the Auckland Hospital's ophthalmic and vitreo-retinal services.

Internationally recognised headhunter

John Peebles '55, an Auckland executive search consultant, was ranked among the world's most influential headhunters in a survey conducted by the US publication Business Week.

Former headmaster receives award

John Graham, Headmaster 1973-93, was honoured with the SPARC Leadership Award at the recent Halberg Awards ceremony.



Sir Ian McKellen and the Rt Hon Helen Clark with Old Boy Rhys Novak.

Sir Edmund Hillary's Memorial Service

Grammar Old Boys were able to attend the Memorial Service for the Life of Sir Edmund Hillary at Windsor Castle. Among those present for the ceremony were Rhys Novak, UK Trustee and Head Prefect 1992, and Victor Stockinger '72.

1943 Commerce class reunites

On the last evening of March, Peter Cricket '40 realised his long-held intention of assembling those of the 1943 6 Commerce class that he could trace for a reunion. A dinner punctuated by a host of reminiscences was enjoyed at the Northern Club. In attendance was Michael Farrell, who shared many memories with the six gentlemen present and described for them the School as it is today.

Orthodontist receives Maori Excellence Award

Ross Anning '91 has been awarded a National Maori Academic Excellence Award following his graduation as a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry from Otago University and nomination for the award by the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Ross is now working in London as an orthodontist while his twin brother Angus also '91 is a professional sailor crewing classic tall ships in the northern hemisphere.

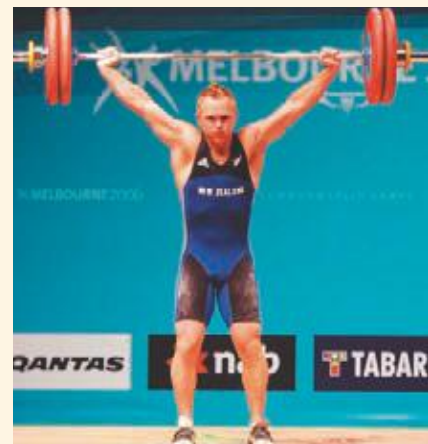
Grammar weightlifters qualify New Zealand for Beijing Olympics

The Oceania and South Pacific Olympic Weightlifting Championships (March 26-30) was the biggest weightlifting event held in New Zealand since the 1990 Commonwealth Games, attracting entries from 17 nations. The event was of enormous significance to New Zealand weightlifting, not only for the titles at stake, but also because it was an Olympic Games qualifying event.

Half of the senior New Zealand team was composed of recent Grammar old boys, including Captain of

Grammar Weightlifting 99-00 Richard Patterson (currently New Zealand's top ranked lifter) who won the 85kg class, Captain of Weightlifting '02 Jonathon Selkirk and Stanislav Chalaev '00, as well as current Grammar Captain of Weightlifting, Avantha Hewavitharana.

Under extreme pressure from Australia and Nauru, New Zealand won the team's title and secured not one but two places at the Olympic Games. A fantastic result for New Zealand weightlifting and a great day for Auckland Grammar, with RJ Patterson becoming our first weightlifting Olympian since RH Cleghorn '28 represented New Zealand at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952.



RJ Patterson in action at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

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Grammar Families

The Eady Family

For most Aucklanders the name Eady is associated with the musical retail business Lewis Eady Ltd, but historically at Auckland Grammar it was more commonly associated with sport.

The founder of Lewis Eady Ltd sent two of his five sons to Auckland Grammar, Herbert Cecil '13 who attended the old Symonds Street school and Edwin Raymond, known as Ray '18. Ray was one of the earliest students to attend the new Auckland Grammar School in Mountain Road where he became a prominent athlete. He excelled in sprints and field events, especially in the long jump and triple jump, known as the 'hop, skip and jump' and was the Senior Athletics Champion in 1921. He also played rugby as a wing where he was a prolific scorer. He sent all three of his sons, Robert, John and Donald, to AGS.

Ray's eldest son, Robert Graham Eady '50, was a Prefect in 1954 and represented the school at swimming. He was also a good runner and played in wing position with the 2A rugby team. He was Company Sergeant Major in the School military training corps and later became an officer in the army reserves when he did his compulsory military training. After leaving school, Robert joined Lewis Eady Ltd where he worked until setting up his own company Robert Eady Music Ltd in 1978.

His second son John Raymond Eady '53 was a Prefect in 1956 and Deputy Head Prefect in 1957. In 1986 he was President of the Auckland Grammar School Old Boys' Association. Like his brother Robert, John was also a keen participator in sports. He was junior and intermediate



Robert '50, John '53 and John's son John '82.



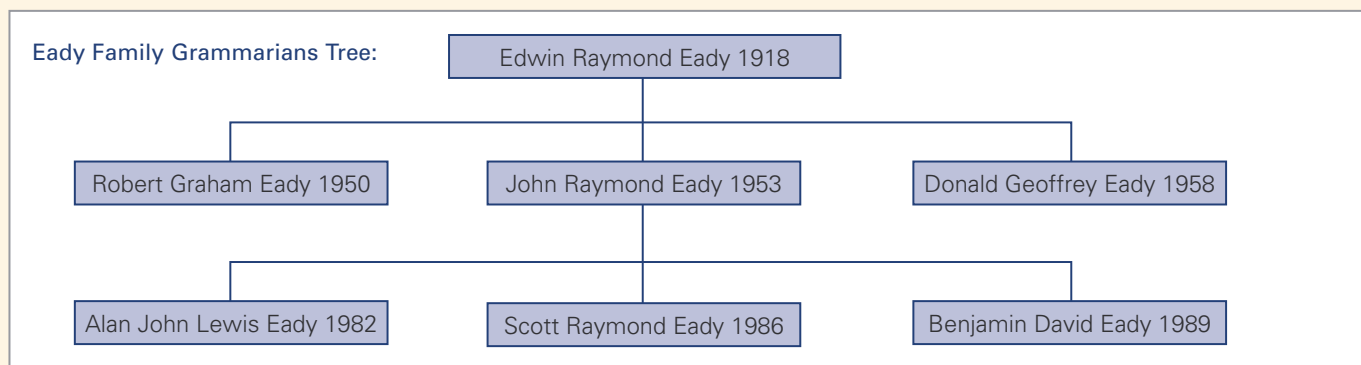
swimming champion, runner up in the senior swimming championship and was swimming captain for all sections. He represented the School in athletics and was junior and intermediate athletics champion, excelling in both sprints and field events. He was reserve winger for the 1st XV, but sadly was only required to play two games. John played the violin in the school orchestra. When he left school, he also started work at Lewis Eady's, continuing for a time, as the only remaining Eady in the business. After fifty years in the company, John retired at the end of 2007, having sold the company to his eldest son. All three of John's sons, Alan John (known as John), Scott and Benjamin attended Auckland Grammar.

The youngest of Ray's sons, Donald Geoffrey '58 was a Prefect in 1963 and like his older brothers, excelled in sport, particularly athletics. He represented the school in athletics, was junior and intermediate champion and, like his father, won the senior athletics championship in both 1962 and 1963. After leaving school he too joined Lewis Eady's whilst at the same time becoming an officer in the territorial services. Donald subsequently formed his own company Orion Sound Ltd which made stereophonic equipment, but eventually moved to Canada with

his Canadian wife, where he established a custom bed and woollen bedding accessories manufacturing company.

Like his grandfather and father Ray, John sent his three sons to Grammar. John's eldest son, Alan John Lewis Eady (known as John), '82 was a Prefect in 1986. He was prominent in both swimming and athletics and won the senior athletics championship in 1986 – the third Eady to win this championship. He represented the school in swimming, athletics and weight lifting, winning a North Island Schools weight lifting contest in 1986. John was also a musician, playing clarinet and saxophone in the school orchestra and concert band. The School granted him an award in 1986 to enable him to pursue his music studies and he gained his LTCL and LRSM in his seventh form, following which he was awarded a Royal Schools of Music Scholarship. After leaving school he spent one semester studying at the New South Wales Conservatory of Music before taking up his scholarship at the Royal College of Music in London where he attained his Dip RCM with honours. He purchased Lewis Eady's from his father in 2006.

Second son Scott Raymond Eady '86 was junior swimming champion and represented the school in swimming and water polo. In his third form year, having





Ray Eady '18.

won his race at the inter secondary school swimming sports in the morning, the same afternoon (after a rapid drive to Lake Karapiro) he won a bronze medal at the national rowing championships, as coxswain for a University of Auckland rowing four. Scott attended Elam School of Fine Arts after leaving school, where he graduated with a Masters Degree in Sculpture. In 2002 he was awarded a Frances Hodgson Fellowship and three years later, won the Wallace Award for Developing Artist. He lectures in sculpture at the Otago Polytech in Dunedin.

John's third son Benjamin David Eady '89, although participating in rugby and other sports whilst at school, was better known for constructing a crossbow for his Latin class which was able to shoot an arrow the full length of the rugby field. He has also pursued a career in art, having graduated with a Bachelor of Graphic Art from the Auckland University of Technology. After travelling abroad and working for two years in Dublin, he is now a Senior Art Director for one of the major advertising companies in Auckland.

Obituaries

Owen Gilmore '34

Owen attended AGS 1934–35. After teaching science at Avondale College and Kelston Boys' High School, he was appointed to the Auckland Secondary Teachers' College as a senior lecturer in 1959. He served that college as its Principal from 1964 until 1977.

Dr Herbert John Hall Hiddlestone CMG '38

Dr Hiddlestone was a medical professional and a very distinguished public servant. The senior appointments he held were: Specialist Physician, Nelson Hospital 1954–61; Medical Superintendent 1962–66; Medical Superintendent-and-Chief, Southland 1966–9; Director-General-of-Hospitals 1970–73; Director-General of Health 1973–1983. He also represented New Zealand at the World Health Organisation and at numerous international conferences. Dr Hiddlestone spent much of his retirement in Nelson.

Douglas Eric Johnson '50

Doug was the quintessential Grammar boy. He loved Grammar, picking up from the School all that was best, and contributing much in return. He graduated at the end of 1953 as a particularly popular member of 6B. The class was a happy grouping of boys who enjoyed each others company, and continue to do so until this day, holding annual dinners that were for many years organised by Doug.

As a keen sportsman, Doug

played at hooker for the 1953 1st XV, a successful team only just pipped at the post by Sacred Heart. Doug spent his working life in the sports goods industry, founding and building the successful company of Douglas E Johnson Ltd. Doug died on 15 October 2007 and is survived by his widow Laurie and son Mark '76.

Sir George Laking '25

Sir George died in January this year at the age of 95. Sir George was there at the creation of the New Zealand foreign service and indeed our foreign policy, 65 years ago. He was acting High Commissioner in London 1958–61, our first Ambassador to the EEC 1960–61 and negotiated our first trade agreement with Germany. Then followed the Ambassadorship in Washington during the time of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, Secretary of Foreign Affairs 1967–72 and the second Chief Ombudsman 1977–84. He served every Prime Minister from Peter Fraser to David Lange and gave exceptional service to New Zealand at home and abroad for more than six decades.

Antony James McClean (Tony) '92

Tony, a teacher at the Elim Christian College, tragically died in the act of attempting to save one of his students during an outdoor education camp at Tongariro in April.

As a pupil at Grammar, Tony was very popular with his peers and so impressed the staff with his involvement, diligence and general demeanour that he was made a prefect in 1996. A number of his masters are still at the School and they have fond memories of him. His form masters at the time referred to Tony as, "A very pleasant, conscientious and helpful pupil", "Excellent character, relates well to all and fully participates", "Fine boy, fully involved, Prefect".

Tony chose a career in teaching to pursue his keen outdoor interests and at the same time to enhance the lives of young people. This fine young man will be remembered in particular for his fellowship, loyalty and service to others.

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