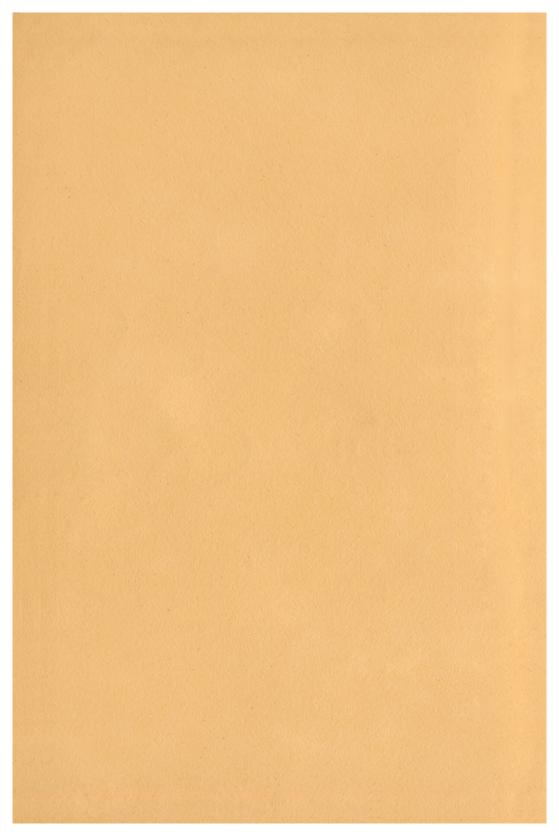
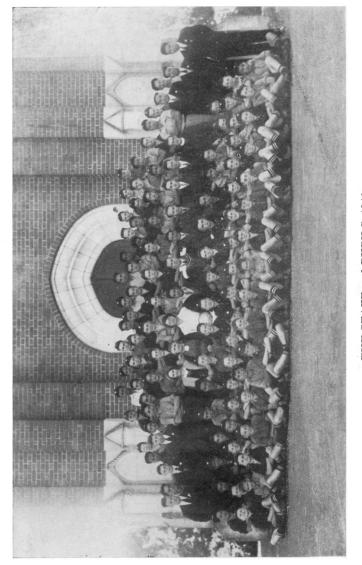


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#### FOREWORD.

The College year has been marked by many innovations, and there is evidence that we have at last got into our real stride. The Roll has never been so full (111 at one stage), the accommodation so taxed, and the activities so numerous. At the time of writing, the Roll for 1947 is complete, and arrangements are well under way for next year's programme.

This has been the first year for most schools to work seriously on the basis of the new Curriculum for Secondary Schools. It has proved to be well suited to our requirements. Although we have exceptional opportunities for specialisation in Agricultural subjects, it is our firm opinion that an education for culture is as important as one for occupation; and there can be no better preparation for any walk of life than the "core" subjects. In so far as the establishment of Agricultural High Schools recognises this, we are entirely in favour of it. At Wesley we are able to specialise adequately in Form V in subjects that prepare boys for farming, teaching, medicine, accountancy, carpentry, and, as from 1947, for the ministry.

This chronicle indicates some of the developments that have taken place during 1946. But no amount of writing can give a satisfactory idea of the life here—the clubs and the sports; the groups that meet, the comradeship that develops, the way in which newcomers hesitate and wonder for awhile, and quickly find their place and play their part.

To those who have worked so well this year—of both staff and pupils—we tender our best thanks; to those who are finishing their course with us we give our heartiest good wishes. We trust that all who at any time have been resident here will go out better fitted to take a worthy place in the larger world of civic, national, and international affairs.

E. M. MARSHALL.

Principal.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

Staff:

With the increase in roll, requiring the appointment of another master, and the generally unsettled employment position to be expected after a war, there have been numerous changes to report. These, however, all took place in the First Term, so that on the whole it has been a very good "working year."

The boys and staff said good-bye to those leaving by making presentations and expressing their good wishes and appreciation. When he took up his position as Head at Opua, Bay of Islands, everyone gathered to wish *Mr. and Mrs. Gilling and family* the very best. Mrs. Gilling had given much time and attention to College life, being Superintendent of the Sunday School, Chapel organist, and pianist for the boys on numerous occasions.

Mr. R. C. Lamb left on February 15th to attend the Library School, Wellington; and Mr. A. W. A. Parkes left, on leave of absence, to pursue his studies at the Auckland University. Mr. W. B. Powell was with us for a short time as Science Master and Physical Education instructor, leaving on April 8th to join the J. Force

Rev. M. Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed., came on February 1st, and in April succeeded Mr. Gilling as First Assistant.

Mr. C. R. Moody joined the staff on February 1st, and in addition to teaching, has given valuable assistance to the Wireless and Aero Clubs.

Mr. R. H. Jackson took up duties on April 1st as master in charge of the Intermediate division. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Jackson in September, and trust that their stay at Wesley, in their first home together, will be most happy.

Mr. B. H. Barnitt, M.Sc., joined us on April 24th to take charge of Mathematics and Science; and Mr. C. P. Cooke, B.A., returned to the staff in May after a stay in Australia.

Mr. J. W. Bennett relieved for a short time in the First Term

#### Discussion Group:

Following the practice of other years, we have held the fortnightly discussion groups at the Principal's House; and the series has again been well worthwhile. The programme to date is as follows:

Mr. Alexander.—Subject: "Genetics."

Mr. Marshall.—Subject: "Poetry."

Mr. Winiata.—Subject: "The Maori and the Spiritual Life."

Mr. Moody.—Subject: "Ireland."

Mr. Summerell.—Subject: "The Cow."

Mr. Bellhouse.—Subject: "A Tour in the South Island."

Others are still to come.

These meetings are chaired by a different member each time, adhere strictly to a time-table, concluding at 10 o'clock, with supper dispensed by a couple of members.

Principal's House Evenings.—In addition to the Discussion Group, other social evenings have been held during the year at the house.

In September, the staff met to welcome to the College Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Forlong, who had recently joined the Farm staff. A presentation of an electric jug was made to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. The programme consisted of musical and elocutionary items. In July we said farewell to Miss Grove on her departure to take up the position of Matron at Wesley Home, Mt. Albert. Then, on October 29th, we tendered a kitchen evening to Miss Lucy White on the eve of her departure to be married to Mr. A. Coppell. The programme consisted of games, competitions, and a play.

Health, on the whole, has been very good, although at the end of Term II we were struck with a 'flu epidemic. It came and went suddenly, laying low most of the boys, and was difficult for the week for which it lasted.

#### CHAPEL NOTES.

As in other years, services are held twice a Sunday, in the morning by the Chaplain, in the evening by the Principal. Prayers are held each evening.

The Chapel is now comfortably full, and it is pleasing to note that there is generally a good attendance of staff and visitors to the services.

Under the guidance of Mr. Claude Laurie the Choir lead the singing, and from time to time sing an anthem. Since Mrs. Gilling left in April, there has been a rota of organists—Barbara Marshall-L. Trebilco, G. Phillips, B. Phillips; Mr. Barnitt also has played. Mr. Winiata's Maori Choir has sung hymns during evening service, and we have had solos and duets on frequent occasions. To all those who have thus contributed to our worship in song we extend our best thanks.

As this is the last year in which the Chaplain, Rev. J. Ainsley Daglish, is to be with us, we should like to make special mention

of him. For three years he has been most faithful in conducting our worship, in addition to taking classes in Scripture during the week. On the occasions on which he has sung to us, we have felt inspired and helped. We have enjoyed his sermons, his fellowship, his earnestness. Our best wishes and thanks go to him and Mrs. Daglish and family.

E. M. MARSHALL.

#### PREACHER'S CLASS.

Half-way through the Second Term the boys asked our Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Daglish, if it would be possible to organize a class for those who required training in Preaching. Both Rev. Daglish and Mr. Marshall readily agreed. Week night meetings were therefore arranged and about 14 attended. The course, which was taken by the Chaplain, consisted of simple Biblical exegesis and practical preaching lessons. Boys were selected every week to speak on a text at the Sunday afternoon Bible Class meeting and the evening service. Some boys have taken part in services outside the College, too. We are sure that this course will lead to nothing but good in future.

T. FINAU & G. PALELEI.

#### EASTER CAMP, 1946.

On Wednesday, 17th April, six boys preceded the rest of the boys to Camp Wesley as part of the work party. The remaining 29 travelled the following day. We went with the aim of widening our spiritual knowledge, and for this reason we were prepared for all the events of camp life.

On the evening of our arrival we were introduced to the other members at Camp and to the Camp "O.C.," Rev. E. T. Olds.

As there were so many campers we were divided into two classes—the Seniors under the supervision of Rev. Olds, and the Juniors under Rev. Cochrane. The College boys occupied three tents in the Junior section. There was a keen contest for the Tent Inspection between Takapuna and Wesley College, but the final result came in our favour.

The Prepared and Impromptu speeches were delivered on the Friday night. Tom Finau won the Senior prepared speech on "If God loves the world, why does He allow the innocent to suffer?" It was well prepared and delivered. Neal won the Junior prepared speech on "I can be a Christian without going to Church," and Royal took second place on, "Is honesty a Christian duty?"

At the Sports the following day we proved our superiority in both sections, for we had with us the outstanding athletes of the College: Palelei, Vosailagi, W. Davis, and our Samoan friend Falevi. In the Tabloid Sports the College boys were divided into three teams, under Mr. Winiata, Reddy, and Vosailagi respectively.

Thanks to the leadership of Reddy one of our teams shared with Otahuhu the trophy for first place. In the Senior Athletic competition George Palelei and our other notable runners were too formidable a team, while in the Junior competition Neal, Biddle, and Falevi brought victory to the College.

In the Concert that night we came out on top with our Maori items. The theme for studies each morning was "Experience"—experience in all spheres of life. We found it very interesting and instructive.

W. B. BAKER.



This year has been an outstanding one both in quantity and in variety of entertainment. Interspersing the regular fortnightly screenings by the film projector, many types of entertainment were enjoyed at the College, in Auckland, and in Pukekohe.

Early in the First Term Mr. Moody spoke on his experiences in the Pacific Islands. On March 30th an inter-house debate, "That Shakespeare should be be taught in secondary schools," was held, and two weeks later the boys gave their first concert. Of the numerous items those given by the Maori Club were perhaps most enjoyed. Later in April, Mr. Alexander gave an interesting account of life in Tierra del Fuego, where he spent some years on a sheep station. A party of boys was taken to Auckland to hear the Lyric Harmonist Choir on May 4th. One more evening of films brought the First Term to a close.

A social was held at the Church in Pukekohe late in June, and on July 13th the Lyric Harmonists paid a visit to the College, presenting a varied programme of choral works under the baton of Mr. Laurie. Most important on the entertainment agenda was, however, the staff concert. This long-awaited event took place on August 27th, and though it was enjoyed by all, perhaps the staff members participating were the most entertained. The following day a sacred concert was held in the Chapel, the performers being children from Mr. Irvine's Sunday School in Auckland.

The standard of the boys' concert held on August 19th was the highest since the school reopened. The radio sketch by the junior forms was particularly well received. A complimentary social to the members of the Pukekohe Bible Class was held in the last week of the term. A splendid supper, folk dances and games all contributed to provide a most enjoyable evening. During this term, too, *Professor Handini*, a conjurer, entertained, his clever tricks delighting all.

Since the August vacation there have been several trips by concert parties and a visit to "Olympia" by the senior school. With the boys' and staff concerts, a visit by the Rev. A. Carr and Mr. Laurie's Junior Choir yet to come, prospects for the future are as attractive as were events of the past.



The School has appreciated the many visits of parents during the year. In the new school buildings there will be a Common Room, where they will be able to meet and talk with their sons.

One Sunday morning at Chapel Rev. H. W. Funnell, a missionary home from China, spoke of how Christianity had come to China and of his own experiences there, mentioning the effects of other religions on the lives of the people. This service was greatly appreciated.

Mr. York, the Physical Education Instructor for this district, came again to show new exercises and games and explain their value to the Forms.

An insight into Methodist Summer Schools and Easter Camps was given us by Mr. A. E. Bate, Youth Director, through the films which he showed us

On October 5th Rev. G. I. Lawenson entertained us with a film on the life of the people on the Shetland Islands, which lie to the far north of Scotland. Another film, entitled "We've a story to tell," was on the Methodist work in U.S.A.

On October 7th Mr. Hitchcock and two friends from Patumahoe came and gave a lecture about shearing sheep. This was well illustrated by slides of him shearing. The lecture was greatly appreciated by the boys.

Mr. Whitely (A.A.A.) visited us this year and impressed us with a talk on road safety.



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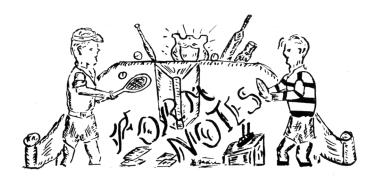


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#### ROTORUA INTERLUDE.

In August, the Principal took the Tongan boys with him to Rotorua. They all put up at the Cottage Camp, at Ohinemutu, and spent a week in touring round the Lakes, visiting the usual resorts, and making themselves acquainted with Maori village life and the interior of local picture shows. On the return journey a visit was paid to Fairy Springs, and another one to the Hydvoelectric works at Karapiro. The College car behaved admirably throughout, even when caught up in soft pumice at Tikitere. No mishaps, no sicknesses to be reported—on the contrary, a very good time was had by all. The following effort refers to some of the highlights. Members of the party were: W. Alo, T. Finau, G. Palelei, the Principal.

When Term-end came and weather seemed serene, We planned a trip to see what should be seen By Island boys whose homes are far away, Who'll tell their folk to come here, too, some day. In Rotorua we think we'll find a place To interest us, no matter what our race. So off we go on Monday, not too late, And chug along at twenty-seven or eight. At Cambridge, though it rains and blows like fun, We pull the chariot up and buy a bun. Then on to Rotorua through sleet and slush, We fight our way—and make it in a rush. The Cottage bunks we take to right away, And do not mind the brice we hab to bay. Though rain gondinues and we gatch a gold, The next day's sunshine makes our spirits bold, And off we travel East—or is it North? At any rate we have our money's worth. And so the week flies by without a squeal— Except, perhaps, when Alo hurts his heel-Or Tom at Okataina asks for drink And finds it's goat's milk—and a scone I think---Or George, who should have rowed us on the water, But finds the water rougher than it oughter— Or Principal who laps up cups of tea, And wonders what on earth the smell can be When Tom and Alo mix up fat and hash With half an onion, and of salt a dash. However, all enjoy the fun we make, The meals, the walks, the geyser, and the lake. We're glad we went, we'll go again someday— And hope for better weather on the way.



#### FORM VA CLASS NOTES.

Nine brainy boys and true, form this gallant band, unofficially dubbed "the Committee of all talents." Whether this term is justified or merely a term of endearment I don't know. However, the point remains that our form is an ambitious and progressive race of intellectuals with the qualities to get on in the world.

At the beginning of the year we had no fixed abode in which to pursue our learned studies. Eventually, however, by unanimous agreement with the members of the 1st and 2nd Form, a proclamation was announced whereby we were proclaimed the sole and legal heirs of the latter's classroom. We then reconciled ourselves to rickety chairs and ancient desks, but, Hey Presto! What should find their way to our classroom but 24 brand new desks!

With the beginning of this new era we set peacefully to work to try and gain the honour of passing School Certificate, for which we have entered seven starters and a candidate for University Entrance.

During the athletic sports our boys managed to run away with some of the honours. Finau, "the tremendous Tongan," came second in the Senior high jump. Cates, "the lanky lad," topped the poll in the intermediate hop-step-and-jump with 35ft. 8in. and thus broke the record. He was also placed second in the long jump. In the art of swimming we are not in the last rank. Cates managed to swim away with the Intermediate swimming championship. This is the second year he has won it. In the first fifteen we have four representatives—Alo, Finau, Reddy and Dewes; and in the second fifteen, Tahere. We also have two prefects, Finau and Trebilco.

You will undoubtedly be pleased to know that our class contains the celebrated Shakespeare, alias Thomas Finau, who is famous for his literary works.

In the classroom we have to put up with a radio, and in the following poem you will understand our antipathy towards this mechanical contrivance.

In the fifth form room we have a wireless Whose energy is almost tireless; Oh drat the boys who have it blaring, Without the slightest bit of caring. If some poor blighter wants to swot, And turns it off, they say, "We'll not!" So after listening to my tale of woe, You must agree it will have to go. Up, Five A, and at 'em!

#### A LETTER

#### TO THE STAFF OF WESLEY COLLEGE.

On behalf of the Fijian Boys, I desire to thank you for the hospitality and courtesy which you have shown us during our stay here.

Your kindness, together with our desire to take part in all the activities of this College, has developed a grand spirit between us.

I would like to say "thank you" to the College Staff, who have contributed so much towards the goodwill and understanding which exists here among the boys of eight nationalities.

1946 Annus Mirabilis.

Yours, etc., KONDA REDDY, Form V.

#### FORM VB NOTES.

Here we are introducing you to the most outstanding form in the College and we are all proud of supporting the truth of this statement. Although the form consists of nine hardy lads we have representatives in all branches of sport. Eight of our members are in the 1st XV. The second five-eighths and centre three-quarter, both of VB, gained high distinction in the Franklin County. We also have a sole representative in the College second XV and he gained a position in the Third Grade Reps. at Puke-kohe. Summer sports hold favour with us also as we have the Captain and five other players of the 1st XI. We also have the senior and runner-up tennis champions with all the rest of the

class very enthusiastic. Vosailagi is the frog of the form as he holds the senior swimming championship. Palelei is our hare as far as athletics go, as he can cover a hundred yards in 10 1/5 (one fifth) seconds on a race course.

In authority we also rule as we have four of the prefects out of six, and one of them is the Head Prefect, Webster. Now, the form in person: Webster comes from Helen-ville, a place where his thoughts are forever fixed on the ones he left behind.

Davis, W. is vice-captain of the XV and is in the South Auckland Junior Reps. He comes from Hangatiki where there are plenty of hills to train on.

Te Tuhi, H. represents Three Kings as our full back and has very often won a game for us with spectacular tackling and kicking.

Vosailagi is the sole supporter from Sigatoka, the Fiji Group, and holds the record for "Putting the Shot."

Baker, W. comes from Pakotai where the people have a liking for Western Civilization, according to him.

Te Karaka is the home town for Manuel where everything grows, without any manure.

Matiu comes from the "Sunny North," Te Kao, where they never experience winter or wet days.

Phillips, G. represents Port Albert and is known throughout the College for his wonderful tenor voice—even greater than that of the well known "Dick Todd."

With this very brief outline of our class I'm sure that everyone will agree that this is by far the superior form of the School and that we have every right to be proud of the fact.

—G.D.P.

#### FORM VC NOTES.

Though our ranks number only five, we are well known throughout the school for our good humour and hard work. In the school are many great men, but none as great as those of VC. For instance, Skipwith, who claims to be a descendant of King Ronald of Hungary. Mills, who is the mascot of the farm. C. Denize, who receives supplies of hair clips to keep his hair in place. Then there is Jones, the dark horse of the family. Last but not least, is Sam Driver, the brains of the farm in more ways than one. At the head of this form presides the one and only N.O.D.A., whose favourite hobby is fire and water.

—S. Driver.



THE PLOUGHMAN.

A. WILSON, Form IV.

#### FORM IVA NOTES.

There were twelve of us who began a journey, which was to finish, we hoped, in 1947, with flying colours. We had the best of planes; it was jet propelled, and we had the best of crews, all self-starting. We had rocketing ambitions.

So we left the safety and civilization of our homes on February 5th, 1946, with cheerful hearts. At least we had travelled together before in 1945, so there was not the task of getting to know one another

Several of our old flying instructors were on the tarmac to see us off but could not accompany us far. Success attended the first stages when B. Simpson won the Intermediate Championship, but head winds were soon experienced with air pockets left in the trail of a mathematics instructor, Mr. Powell. As a result of all these disturbances the port engine stopped but was restarted by our able engineer, Mr. S. A. Neal. He worked it all out by mathematics, electrifying the team by his brilliance.

Due to lack of fuel there was a forced landing in May, rest cure taking two weeks. On restarting, heavy icing was experienced and we had soon to deal with absolute zero, -270 deg. C. Here we lost the rear gunner who was trying to catch something, possibly a meteorite, and landed, we learned, in a butcher's shop.

The wireless operator, Mr. T. Mitchell, handed in a signal warning us of an epidemic of diphtheria in the world below which postponed the return, now very necessary due to shortage of butter, eagerly devoured by Jack Brown (previously debarred from speed tests by excess of abdominal fat). So our landing was delayed, but we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. T. Davis placed at the top of the crew list, in spite of great opposition by Messrs. W. Royal and Hames.

During a respite in August we were able to watch our star players, Messes. Charley, Davis and Piahana, demonstrate their powers on the football field.

On the third stages of the journey, due to electrical trouble, we were launched into an enforced study of electrical circuits, resisters and milliamperes. We soon realised there is no place like "ohm." Here our scientist Maa Mac found the limelight by blowing a milliammeter on the switchboard. Our senior instructor came to our assistance and made the Science as clear as mud in a duck pond. But we kept her flying.

To enliven proceedings our photographer, Mr. Maney, took some excellent spaps of the crew, and a few also of Mars as we whirled past. We are still waiting for a photo of papa's. We are now nearing the end of the fourth stage of the journey. May the crew keep together for the fifth stage to see the snows of Mount Olympus and the kindly fires of home.

#### FORM IVB NOTES.

Our class consists of twelve outstanding boys. They have their exits and their entrances and each one in his time plays many parts. In school work we never lack in intelligence, overwhelming IVA in quizzes and debates.

First of all we have Bruce Gray who is a wizard in disguise. because he seems to top the form with easy grace. We are represented by our three sturdy footballers who play for the victorious college fifteen-Anderson, Rankin and Running. After this comes Wright, the greatest film star singer the college has ever produced. If he wanted to be, he could be polite, but would rather be a comedian at any time. After whom, we have Bobby Burness the orator from Fiji, who loves to tell of the scenery of his island. On the farm we are represented by Sircombe, who misses 6 feet by an inch. Then comes Master Goodwin, whose jovial face has caused him to be called "Whiskers." There is John McGee, who has retained the light heavy-weight boxing championship. No class can be complete without an artist, and this is where Arnold Wilson plays his part. We have another who answers most spontaneously to "Porky." Last of all comes Andrew Taua, who, owing to an operation, has been absent for the past eight weeks.

One day our form was out on a sailing excursion, aboard the schooner "Music." Unfortunately four of our crew fell overboard and were last seen swimming desperately for shore. On arriving back we heard that King Kerr had landed at Kawhia. Tom Sneddon at Taumarunui, Murray Addison at Otorohanga and Alan Wooderson at Papakura.

#### FORM IIIA NOTES.

We have 20 pupils in this year's IIIA, so lend me your eyes and although not Shakespeare's we follow in his train. Four of our number are Samoans who have quickly fitted into the College life. We welcomed them in the second week of the first term. Our form master is Mr. Cooke, usually known as Cookie, who takes us for Physical Education, Arithmetic and Gardening, at which we are progressing very well.

In our array of talent we have Biddle, a member of the 1st. XV, Falevi, our brilliant swimmer and cricketer, Sene, the demon bowler and goal thrower, Tapsell, Junior Swimming Champion and Darby and Paterson, leader of our "brains trust." We were very sorry to lose Doull at the end of the first term when he topped

the form. We also lost Scullin our crazy inventor, Penney and Forbes, another promising athlete. We wish him luck down on the farm.

Here we are in print: Barker, Biddle, Darby, Falevi, Saaga, Tapsell, B. Manson, E. Manson, Storey, S. Sircombe, Hills, Sene, R. Taylor, I. Wiseman, Paterson, Manning, Howard, Paogoui, Needham and B. Phillips.

#### A DAY FOR FORM IIIA.

It's Form Three A!
We never delay,
We're up at the bell's first peal.
We do our work
And are always alert—
To hear the call for a meal.

At five to nine we have parade, And then to prayers, which are never delayed. And then we work like busy bees Seven periods of miseries.

But now comes the time when we are happy, For sport it is, and we make it snappy. Next comes tea and then to prayers, Then to prep. and next to showers. Then comes bed, Where we sleep like lead. It's the end of the day For Form Three A.

E. Manson.

#### FORM HIB NOTES.

Form IIIB—the best and most well behaved form in the School. Debates and talks on such subjects as bees, plants, insects, radios, aeroplanes, football, never cease.

The new gardens allotted to us are thriving before our weeding, planting, watering and hoeing.

Three members of our class are in the 2nd. XV. We were very upset when one of them had an accident which prevented him taking part in sport for the football term.

We are well represented in the various clubs—the Aero, the Maori, the Dramatic, the Glee and the Radio Clubs.

And we rarely get detentions!

W. Cotter.

#### FORM I AND II NOTES.

Soon after we arrived back at school, Form V had us ejected from our classroom, into which they moved. We now appreciate just how a sardine feels! Since then we have been attempting to improve our seating arrangements which are still not ideal.

From the school library we have selected and covered some seventy books for our own use. These, with contributions from some of the boys form a useful library. We have also a class notice board which we use for class notices and news cuttings from the daily paper.

Some genius in the class evolved the idea of a class fund. Since then we have been charged a penny for the loan of a pen or pencil and with voluntary donations our funds have slowly been mounting.

We have had two trips this year. The first was to Pukekohe to play the Primary School at football. The second was to Bombay to assist the Maori Club in a concert. We won our match against the Primary School, 11-8, and were also successful in the return game, 12-0. John Hardie gained his primary rep. colours and Amona Tutara played for the College second XV. We congratulate these two, and our best wishes go with those who are leaving at the end of the year.

#### OVERHEARD IN THE GARDENS.

The talk had turned to superstitions and the old beliefs of the Maori.

1st. Boy: Yes, the negroes are like that now. Why, seven died when Louis was knocked out.

2nd. Boy: Louis knocked out? 1st. Boy: Yes, Schmelling.

3rd. Boy: Gee, it must have been some smell.

The Samoans are full of glee, Saaga, Sene and Falevi. They pick the flowers from the tree. Ask Mr. Cooke or Paogoui.

#### A FOURTH FORMER PEEPS AT THE FIFTHS.

Because of Form V's attractive environment, I used to peep through the windows and I was so fascinated that I was encouraged to set up Form IV in similar style.

One day I went in particularly to see a friend, but the swing music from the wireless attracted me. I stopped and listened for a while, and noticed on the side, 20 volumes full of English literature. The music stopped, and as I turned to walk away I noticed a big dictionary on the table, about six inches thick and £7 in value. I thought it might be one of Dr. Johnson's edition but it is one by a modern lexicographer, by name Webster (don't confuse him with our Basil).

I asked my friend for further details and he said they use this in different ways—for instance for synonyms, origin of words, and also in the back of it they can look up notes on Shakespeare and other classics.

But the sad part of this story is the fact that although they scan the pages diligently, they cannot memorise all the words, and in the exam. there is the dictionary on the table, while they still have to scratch their heads!

B.S.



#### SCHOOL HOUSE.

Although School House was outclassed this year in the sports field there has been keen competition between the houses in all school activities. In the sports section our star, George Palelei, won the Senior Sports championship, and at swimming Cates won the Intermediate and Tapsell the Junior; in Pukekohe, Cates won a cup and medal. We also have four Football Reps. in the house; G. Palelei, W. B. Baker, L. Denize and B. Gray, and three members of the First Eleven, Palelei (Captain), Webster and W. B. Baker. We can therefore boast that our House is well represented in the quality of its sportsmen, although we have sometimes been overwhelmed in the field by—shall we say—beef. On the scholastic side, headed by Trebilco and Cates, the School House can more than hold its own.

In the House itself there has arisen competition between the squads, the winners being offered a spree at the end of the term by the masters. In the morning the Prefects duly do the rounds and

see that all lockers and towels are tidy and that all is in order. At night they also take charge of the showers, maintain order, and take the call over.

We squad leaders were very grateful for the party put on for us by the Masters. It was the means of letting us have a better understanding with them than ever before.

We wish to congratulate the masters Messrs. Moody, Cooke and Jackson for their good year's work, and the boys, too, who have improved considerably since the beginning of the year. In closing, we all wish Mr. and Mrs. Jackson the best of happiness in their future life together, and we will also take this opportunity of saying farewell to the Head Prefect, B. Webster, who we understand is leaving at the end of this term.

House Prefects and Monitors.—B. Webster (Head), G. Palelei, K. M. Dewes, W. B. Baker, C. D. Denize, L. R. Trebilco, J. Piahana, M. Hames, R. Cates, M. Manuel, W. Royal, J. Charley.

#### SIMMONDS HOUSE REPORT.

We have had several changes in House masters during the year. Mr. Parkes left us early to attend University, Mr. Powell went to Japan. Leadership was carried on by Messrs. Winiata and Barnitt. To them all we offer our thanks. To the boys, too, who co-operated in the running of House affairs we say a thank you. We did quite well in the Inter-House Competitions. Squad competitions for tidiness, etc., were carried on in the Third Term. The Finau combination won by a nose and had a "do" at the home of Mr. Winiata.

Swimming.—Vosailagi, our champion from Fiji, carried off the Senior Championship, while Simpson and Falevi were runnersup in the Intermediate and Lepper was the runner-up in the Junior section.

Athletics.—In the Senior Competitions, Reddy, another streamlined runner from Fiji, gained second position, while his colleague, Vosailagi, took the third place. We had to let School House win some of the places. In the Intermediate, Simpson was first and G. Phillips came second.

In the Cross Country run Simmonds left School House standing down in the gully. Our Marathons (Running, I. Phillips and Goodwin) gained first places in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior respectively.

Cricket.—Contrary to all cricket prophecies, and owing to the superb captaincy of Tahere, we won he Inter-House Cricket Match. Here we played with our heads as well as with the bat.

Football.—The Football games in A, B, and C sections were evenly played. Of course, we won most of the matches.

Debate.—The debate was on the proposition "that Shakespeare and other classics should be abolished from the College curriculum." We took the affirmative. Alo led the team, backed by Matiu and Finau. All school boys will be pleased to know that we abolished, in theory anyway, the need for Shakespeare in the school. However, Shakespeare's not so bad.

To School House we offer our greetings and thanks for competitions played. To all our departing members we say farewell. May the spirit of Simmonds House live on wherever you go and may the things you learned at College stand you in good stead always.

House Prefects and Monitors.—T. Finau, W. Davis, G. Phillips, B. Matiu, H. Te Tuhi, W. Jones, K. Reddy, T. Watling, T. Davis, J. Anderson, B. Simpson, G. Running, W. Tahere.

### AERO CLUB NOTES.

This year's activities of the Club have been far more progressive than those of the previous two years. The boys have constructed many models and are now capable of building larger ones. Some of the models built comprise: "Cessna Flying," by Rhodes, Briggs and E. Manson; "Percival Gull," by Skipwith; "Spitfire Flying." by Skipwith, J. Hardie Rhodes and Logan; "Curtis Hawkes." by Skipwith, not to mention many solid models—Schneider Trophy, Spitfire, Hurricane, Miles Magister and Percival Gull.

Apart from Club activities, D. Freeth has constructed a "gas job" of 6ft. span which may be taking the air any day now, and a great day it will be, if we live to see it.

Meetings are frequently held, and thus not only do the boys know how to build the smaller planes, but can also identify the larger aircraft of the British and American Air Forces. We wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Marshall for letting us obtain the parts, Mr. Knott for bringing in the supplies, and to Miss Cliff for odds and ends.

The Club visited Ardmore Aerodrome early in the year and showed great interest in the jet plane, and also other planes such as the Harvard, Air Speed Oxford, Corsair, Gruman Avenger, and Tiger Moth.

When we arrived a Corsair was stunting over the 'drome, and when it landed the "jet" was towed out on to the tarmac, ready for its take-off. It started with a slight roar, taxied round, and with a terrific noise bounded forward. It did not need much take-off, and was soon out of sight. Later it turned around and came down with terrific speed towards the crowd and passed just over our heads. When it passed again it was upside down.

After a few more stunts the plane came to earth very gently. Then we made our way back to the College.

We had a contest quite recently. It was to see who could draw the best plan of any plane, and results were very hard to judge: 1st, B. Manson; 2nd, P. Briggs; 3rd, E. Manson. We have other competitions still going, one to see who can make the best scrap-book of planes. We are going to have an "Advanced Glider" contest, and a "Best Plane Built" contest.

Club members are as follows:—

R. Skipwith, President; R. Rhodes, Vice-President; E. Manson, Secretary; P. Briggs, R. Peterson, B. Manson.

R. Skipwith and R. Rhodes.

#### RADIO CLUB.

The Radio Club has been a hive of industry making sets of all descriptions ranging from crystal sets to the "Hikers Two." We have a library of books which was donated to the Club in 1945. These have been very useful for learning the fundamentals of radio and have been a great help to members of the Club.

Some of the sets made have been a "howling" success! in fact, the oscillations have caused some howls of rage in certain circles, but the troubles have been overcome for the most part. Needless to say, with all the individual sets now working, the roof of the building is a veritable cobweb of aerials, and we are sorry for any poor airman who dares to fly too close.

We are glad to say that with the Principal's permission two electric sets are being made under supervision, which is a great advance on anything previously attempted. The sets are four-valve "Tuned Radio Frequency" working into six-inch speakers. One will already produce music, but needs lining up and a few adjustments, and will make a good home disturber when finished

The following are Club members and makers of sets:-

W. N. Cotter, President; F. Paterson, Vice-President; Phillips, Howard, Clark, Wiseman, Hamilton, Barnes, Hills, Mills, Manning, Needham, E. Manson, Robb, Baker, Ford, Saaga, Watling, Taua, Macdonald, Mitchell, S. Sircombe, Gray, Lepper.

#### THE MAORI CLUB.

Tihei Mauriora! Turuki, Turuki! Paneke, Paneke! Haumi E! Hui E!

Taiki E! Thus did the old-time Maori orator introduce himself to the assembled people. "Sneeze of life, let all be united in the animation and movement of living." The painstaking spade work and keen interest of Mr. M. B. Knott in Maori action songs and hakas over the last eight or nine years were brought to a head this year in the definite organisation of a Maori Club. The activities were extended under the guidance of Mr. M. Winiata to include a choir, a glee club, a Samoan and Tongan section, and Maori plays. It is hoped that the Club will provide opportunities for boys to continue work in Maori arts and crafts, such as weaving and carving.

In February the Club, together with the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School, supplied the Maori items at the Missionary Rally of the Methodist Conference in the Auckland Town Hall. The Club performed a haka and some action songs.

Later at Easter Camp the Club, reinforced by Pakeha, Fijian, Indian, Tongan and Samoan boys, represented College at the Camp Concert and incidentally won the trophy.

In April the Club was again called upon to provide a half-hour programme of Maori items in the Paerata Hall at a Welcome Home Fund Concert.

Then, early in October, in association with Form I & II, the Club assisted in a concert at Bombay for the local Methodist Church funds.

The highlights of the year, however, were the concerts given by the Club, assisted by the Auckland Teachers' Training College Maori Club, in the Bi-Centenary Hall at the Pitt Street Methodist Church on the 18th and 19th October, for the Methodist Bible Class Permanent Camp Site Fund. The total amount raised was about £40.

A thrilling experience for the Club was the presentation of the Children's Session from 1YA, Auckland, on 19th October. Here the Club was advised and assisted by Mr. C. Laurie. The whole three-quarters of an hour programme was given by the Club.

Lest the impression is formed abroad that we are interested only in concerts, it must be mentioned that the Choir assisted in services at the College Chapel, at Mission Bay, at Avondale, at Onehunga, at Waitangi Road, at Pukekohe, and at the Waterview Methodist Churches. The Choir also attended at Maori Church services at Tuakau and the Airedale Methodist Centre; the latter was the annual Maori Broadcast Service.

The aims of the Club are:—

- To assist in the Services of worship by supplying a Maori Choir.
- 2. To preserve something of Maori traditions and culture.
- 3. To encourage the Polynesians to seek out their special contribution to the general life of our College and Community.

The thanks of the Club are due to Mr. Marshall for many privileges granted, and to Mr. M. B. Knott for taking us around.



The last days of last year saw the green fields gradually scorched to brown by the endless days of hot sun and drying winds. The hay crop was hardly worthy of the name. When school resumed this year we found that the dairy herd was already being fed a daily ration of hay from the slender reserves. These were added to by two stacks of hay bought in Patumahoe and baled there with our new press. During the holidays the scorching of the pastures had been carried to the extreme and neither on the College farm nor on any farm visible from the College was a patch of green to be seen. March brought some relief in the shape of light rain but it was not till the heavy falls of May that the gaping cracks in the ground everywhere began to close up. Since May, when the fall was so heavy that No. 1 crossing was submerged under two feet of water, we have had very wet weather all the time. Although it has been wet it has not in general been cold and the winter growth of grass was very good which was just as well for there was not enough hav for full rations. Thanks to good spring growth of grass, stock have now fully recovered from their starvation of last season and are looking well. Mr. Tordan is now in sight of the end of his programme of a complete renewal of our fences begun in 1944. During the year Mr. Coffey left us and the old Fordson now has for her new captain. Mr. Forlong. One of his first jobs was the sowing in peas of B4 and B5, both lots on contract for the I.M.D. factory in Pukekohe.

#### LITERARY SECTION.

#### THE CLOUD.

My thoughts leap up when I behold A cloud up in the sky. It seems to say "'tis fine today, And you may come right out to play, So bring your bat and Bring your ball, And bring your kite to fly."

F.M.—Form III.

#### WRITING A COMPOSITION.

Matiu had just been going to school for a couple of days, and was returning one afternoon when he met his friend, Pakotai. They started conversing about what Matiu had to do at school that day.

"Heilo! Matiu, where you been all te time?" asked Pakotai.

"I been to te kura, rearn the pakeha ranguage by and by. Go to coridge, come back, buy te land," replied Matiu.

"What did you do at this kura today?" asked Pakotai.

"Te master, him say write it te essay on the prack pird," replied Matiu.

"What did you write, Matiu?"

"Here you read it yourself."

Pakotai read aloud.

#### "Te Prack Pird."

"Te prack pird am a pird, him got te reg to roost on when he rand on te pine tree. Him got te pill for te nose."

"What te master say when he read this, Matiu?" asked Pakotai.

"Him get te wild up, give me te fright like te heart failure; he says, 'why you write this trash? go and write te essay on te fish,'" replied Matiu.

"What did you write, Matiu?"

"I don't want to read it. Here, read it yourself."

Pakotai read aloud.

"Te fish." he read as the heading. "Te fish him live in te sea. Him got the rudder for te tail, him covered in finger-nails, him slippery like te panana skin."

"What the master say when he read it?" asked Pakotai.

"I don't know. I ran way," replied Matiu.

J.R.—Form IV.

#### FIJI'S NATIONAL DRINK.

Long before the European people had landed on Fijian soil, kava was Fiji's national drink.

It is made from the roots of a small shrub, which is about five feet high. But it is now planted by the acre and sold at the local market in Suva. When the plant is matured it is pulled up by the root, which is cut off and dried in the sun.

The dried kava is then placed in a hollowed-out log, measuring about two feet in diameter and three to four feet deep. Some of these are specially made for the purpose. It is then pounded into a powder with an iron rod. When that is done it is put in a piece of cloth, water is poured on it, then squeezed into a big wooden bowl. For cups they use a half of a coconut which is polished and cleaned.

Originally kava was used only for ceremonial purposes, but now it is drunk by many Europeans.

R.F.B.—Form IVB.

#### SPORT.

Oh! how I love to be out in the sun, With my coat, my dog, my whistle and gun. I load, I fire and down they go, Shot like ninepins all in a row.

I love to be out on the golf links green, Where heroes of golf have often been. I tee my ball and swing my club; Then off I go along to the —er restaurant.

M.L.—Form II.

#### A FIRE.

All was silent. Not a soul moved. The air was silent everywhere, though quite often you would hear the low growl of a puma.

The trees were unmoved, but sometimes a tree would groan because of an animal seeking its prey.

Five seconds they stood thus, oppressed by a vague sense of impending calamity. The animals alone sensed something amiss. Flee they must, but where? They were hemmed in by mountains, and the only alternative to climbing was to run the gauntlet of the fire which threatened to block the entrance of the valley.

Fleeing before them in frantic haste, banded together by a common fear, black bears lumbered beside lean wolves, deer

skimmed over the forest floor. Underfoot, pitifully small creatures scurried, some trampled on by bigger animals never to rise again, or, worse still, to drag themselves along on crippled legs, all afraid of this monstrous foe.

Lurid flames paled the honest glow of the sun. On came the fire, crackling and leaping like a living thing. On towards the rear of the fleeing animals it ran, recoiled from the wall, then passed over it, girding the animals with flames.

The fire passed, leaving in its wake untold damage, while animals were scorched to the skin. In the distance the fire roared onwards.

A.T.—Form II.

#### THE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL.

Hail to thee, O Swimming Pool,
Hail to waters deep and cool.
Never mind the leaves and slime,
It's rendered "safe" with chloride lime.
Never mind if time is short,
Catching frogs is lovely sport.
Fear not, parents, they won't drown;
The bottom's only four feet down.
The H2O is nice and clean,
A rather striking shade of green.
And if by chance you swallow some,
The chances are your time has come.

W.G.—Form IVB.

#### THE WORLD OF TOMORROW.

In these days of marvellous inventions it is difficult to foretell what the future holds. In the last century people laughed at the idea of a man flying a machine through the air. Nowadays we think nothing of hearing of a jet-propelled aeroplane flying at 600 miles an hour.

Perhaps things that we do not believe will ever happen will be as commonplace to the people of the future as motor-cars of today are to us.

Great strides have taken place in the fields of science. A few years ago, except for those actually working on it, nobody had ever thought of atomic bombs. Now America has let the world know that she has at least 96 atomic bombs ready for use.

In the papers lately we have seen where a robot mind has been invented. It works on the same principle as does the calculating

machines. It is prophesied that the reference library of the future will be a machine, and all that needs to be done is to press a button and all the information will be supplied.

Now, with all these inventions, what will the World of Tomorrow be like? It depends to what use these things are put, if it will be a World of War or Peace.

B.G.—Form IV.

#### LEGEND OF REITU.

This year some of the Maori boys from the College took part in services at the opening of the new Maori meeting-house at Reitu was the name bestowed upon the building by Koroki, the Waikato Maori King. Now Reitu was an ancestress of the Tainui or Waikato Maori people. She and her twin sister, Reipae, lived about 300 years ago in a populous village near Te Awamutu called Tauranga-Mirumiru. Reitu and Reipae were most beautiful. Many a brave Maori warrior wooed these Maori belles without avail. On one occasion there came from the far distant north of Ngapuhi a handsome young man named Ueoneone. He was an expert with the Putorino or ancient Maori flute. He entertained the villagers during his stay. But there was more than music in his playing; there was a love charm which overcame the two girls. In time Ueoneone returned to his home away up north. The girls were in love. Then there came one day a Kaiaia or sparrow-hawk, and alighting on the front porch of the girls' home attracted their attention. The girls knew by the strange behaviour of the bird that it was sent by their loved one. Led by the Kaiaia they journeyed to find him. They came to the place we now know as Whangarei, where Reipae abode after marrying a Chief of the Ngati Rango tribe. Whangarei is derived from the word "Te-Whanga-a Rei pai—"The abiding place of Reipae." However, Reitu continued the journey to her loved one and married him. In the passing generations she has become the ancestress to whom all northern tribes trace back, from the coming of the Tainui canoe.

J.M.—Form IV.

#### A MAORI LEGEND.

This is an old Maori legend or story from the East Coast of the North Island.

You will find in those parts a large hill named Hikurangi. Close by is the Waiapu River.

Once upon a time there lived a giant on the East Coast whose name was Taitai. He had four sons all as huge as himself. The eldest was called Hikurangi; another was Aorangi, another Whanakao, and yet another Whanakia.

The giant Taitai was a good man and he had many friends. But there was a Tohunga or priest who was jealous of him, and hated him. This priest decided to kill Taitai. When Taitai's sons heard the intention of the Tohunga, they vowed to kill him first. The peace-loving Taitai heard what his sons wished to do. He therefore warned his sons not to touch a hair of the Priest's head. Such was the nature of Taitai—he loved everybody, friend and enemy alike.

But the sons had made up their minds, and they waited for a chance to slay the priest. As days passed their thirst for the blood of the priest increased. At last their chance came, when their father Taitai left the village on a hunting expedition far away. Before Taitai departed he again warned his sons to refrain from carrying out their deed of murder, and he reminded them that if anything happened to the priest in his absence, his sons would have to be punished.

Hikurangi, the eldest son, however, encouraged his brothers. He said that their father was blind to the evil desire of the Tohunga, and that if they killed him first, their father would be safe from harm and that he would actually be very glad. In fact, he added, their father would honour them.

The brothers now were fully decided. So one dark night they crept upon the priest and slew him.

Not many days afterwards their father returned and found what his sons had done. His wrath was great. He was a high chief, his command had been disobeyed by his own sons and that disobedience had to be punished. Taitai, the giant, therefore took them and, having slain them all, turned them into mountains. Hikurangi, the eldest, became Mt. Hikurangi, the other sons. Aorangi, Whanakao, and Wharakia, became hills standing around Hikurangi. During this sacrifice, for it was a sacrifice of Taitai's sons, blood flowed from the slain and united to make a stream. Seeing the river of blood, Taitai the Giant called it Waiapu River—"The waters of death."

As years went by Taitai in his loneliness longed for the company of his sons and deeply regretted his action. His sorrow was so great that he went out one night and stood before Mt. Hikurangi and changed himself into a smaller mountain, so that he could be with his sons always. His blood flowed and joined that of his sons in the Waiapu River.

Thus Taitai and his sons came to a sad end, and even today the Waiapu River—the "Waters of Death"—still drains from Hikurangi, Aorangi, Whanakao, Wharakia and Taitai, the blood that flowed from them all long, long ago. Of course, today it has become water.

K.D.—Form V.

### SHOULD MAORI AND PAKEHA BE EDUCATED TOGETHER?

This is a very common question among the people today directed towards the welfare of the Maori people, for it is necessary that some Maori customs, such as Maori Generosity and Hospitality be preserved. The Maori language also has to be preserved because it is the only means of uniting the Maori people. In the last depression, when New Zealand had had the hardest time in its history, no Maori was ever seen begging on the roads. This was due to the fact that when a Maori saw another roaming the highroads, unemployed, he would take him into his house and share with him all that he had, even though what he possessed was meagre. The motto "Tatou tatou," which means "All brothers." shows the belief among the Maoris that they are all relatives These things are very valuable to the country, and this is why our leaders are searching for a method of preserving these customs and blending them with the pakeha's. This is why the question, "Should Maori and Pakeha be educated together?" is being asked, and some believe that the Maori should be educated separately. Though this may help to preserve their valuable customs it does not help the Maori to understand the Pakeha's habits, as they would not be brought into contact with them. This may result in a barrier being built between the two races. It is seen also that the Maori is gradually adopting the English way of life and it is therefore necessary that they live the English life as it should be lived. Therefore we maintain that Maori and Pakeha should be educated together. This would give essential contact with the pakeha, but the danger is that the Maori pupil may lose his Maori side. In this College we have a Maori Club to keep the Maori boys from forgetting their Maoridom. If all schools were to adopt this method of Maori and Pakeha education, then it would help the two races to unite as New Zealanders and not separately as Maori and Pakeha.

W.R. & D.D.—Form IV.

We wish to thank T. H. Ashe, Esq., for the photographs for reproduction for illustrations published in this magazine.

## LIBRARY NOTES. FORM V.

This year Form V obtained a cupboard in their new classroom to use as a Library. A good selection of books, classics and otherwise, was brought over from the main Library and placed in it. This has been a great advantage to the boys, as they are able to obtain reference and reading books whenever they wish.

Besides novels and literature we have obtained a number of good books on Science, Social Studies and Current Topics. Mr. Cooke has striven to build up the Social Studies section and has made a good start by purchasing a number of very recent books. Actions, Digests, and other magazines give lighter reading in offtimes, along with four bound volumes of "Punch" which Mr. Gilling presented before he left.

We also have in our keeping twenty volumes of the International Library of Famous Literature, along with the latest and most up-to-date Webster's Dictionary. We are hoping in the future, when books are cheaper and more easily purchased, to add to our Library and thus to our knowledge.

M. Hames.

#### LIBRARY—ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

During the year we have received several gifts of books, for which we are very grateful.

"International Library of Famous Literature" (20 volumes), presented by Mr. F. Fleming, an Old Boy.

Four bound volumes of "Punch," presented by Mr. Gilling.

"Roads to Rome," written and presented by F. Fleming.

"Historical Southland," by Hall-Jones, presented by Puke-kohe Rotary.

Translation of "Merchant of Venice" into Maori, written and presented by P. H. Jones.

"Takitimu," J. Mitchell.

The following additions have also been made during the year:—

Social Studies.—"Man the World Over." "Elements of Geography." "China," by Mildred Cable and Francesca French. "China-India," Penguin Series. "North America and Persia." "Man and His World." "Economic Geography," Whitbick and Finch.

Science.—Six copies "Marvels and Mysteries of Science," Odhams Press. "General and Inorganic Chemistry," P. J. Durrant. "Soil Erosion in New Zealand."

General.—"Wonderland of Knowledge" (12 volumes). Six "Shaw Plays" (Penguins). Bound volumes of "National Geographic," and "The Geographical Magazine." Periodicals. Several new sets of books for Literature and Science.



#### FOOT BALLERS FROM FORM IVB.

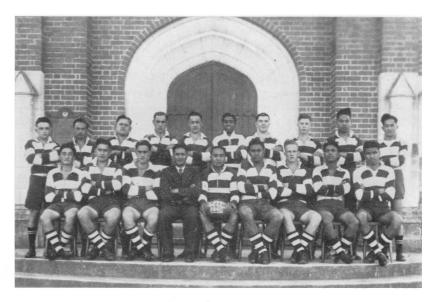


#### RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1946.

With the increase in the School Roll, Rugby football was given an added impetus. Four Representative Teams took the field at various times during the season.

The First and Second Fifteens entered the Pukekohe Junior and Third Grade Competitions respectively. A Third Fifteen met teams from Tuakau and Waiuku, defeating their opponents on each occasion, while a Primary Fifteen played regularly against the Pukekohe Primary School Team. The whole school was organised into football groups which played every afternoon throughout the week, whilst on Saturdays teams played matches on the School grounds and elsewhere.

It has been recorded that often on Saturday afternoons during the year every boy in the College except the physically unfit has taken part in a game of football, either at College or outside.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1946.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1946.

Palelei again won a place in the Pukekohe Seniors and also in the South Auckland Rep. Team. He travelled as first emergency with the Country Team that defeated an Auckland Town Team at Eden Park.

W. Davis, G. Vosailagi, Alo, Matiu. Webster, Dewes, and Running were selected for the Pukekohe Junior Reps. W. Davis also toured with the South Auckland Junior Reps. Palelei and Vosailagi played for the Maori Team against the Pukekohe Pakehas in the Ivy Brown Shield series. They were also selected for the South Auckland Maori Team to meet the Tauranga Maori Team for the King Koroki Shield, played annually at Ngaruawahia. Palelei leaves College this year to take up a course of surveying at Fiji. He has followed in the footsteps of other Island boys and excelled in all branches of sport. His skill on the sports field and his sportsmanship have established his popularity with the Pukekohe sporting public.

Baker, W. Denize and L. Gray were selected for the Pukekohe Third Grade Reps. and they acquitted themselves with credit.

The College has taken a full part in the activities of the Puke-kohe Rugby Union, providing a team for the purpose of curtain-raisers to some big match or supplying matches. The Rugby Union has decided that we shall hold the Junior Competition Trophy conjointly with the Wanderers.

The Third Grade team finished third on the list.

Messes. M. B. Knott and M. Winiata were our delegates to the Union, while Messes. Jackson, Winiata, and Cooke coached the teams for outside competition.

Mr. E. Marshall, the Principal, was elected a Vice-President of the Pukekohe Rugby Union at the commencement of the season.

These boys played in the First and Second Fifteens:—

First XV.—Palelei (Captain), W. Davis (Vice-Captain), Vosailagi, Running, Matiu, Biddle, H. Te Tuhi, Reddy, Rankin, Phillips, G. Manuel, Finau, Webster, Anderson, Alo, Charley, Jones, Sneddon.

Second XV.—Charley (Captain), Piahana (Vice-Captain), Taua, Gray, Driver, C. Denize, L. Denize, Keno, Simpson, W. Baker, Waenga, Vercoe, McGee, Reddy, Wright, Vercoe.

#### RESULTS.

#### First XV.

Practice with Wanderers, 3—3 May 4.—v. Old Boys. Won, 25—0. May 11.—v. Bombay. Won, 23—6. June 1.—v. Puni. Won, 13—11. June 8.—v. Old Boys. Won, 17—3. June 22.—v. Bombay. Won, 14—3. July 6.— v. Wanderers. Won, 8—3. July 13.—v. Puni. Draw, 3—3.

#### Second XV.

Practice with Wanderers. Lost.

May 4.—v. Old Boys. Lost, 12—11.

June 1.—v. Wanderers. Won, 23—6.

June 8.—v. Old Boys. Lost, 11—6.

June 22.—v. Tuakau. Won, 29—3.

July 6.—v. Aotea. Won, 6—0.

July 13.—v. Wanderers. Draw, 6—6.

#### COMMENTS ON PLAYERS.

Paleiei.—An inspiring leader, at best when team down; dangerous on attack, solid on defence. Appears from nowhere when an opponent gets away.

W. Davis.—Reliable boot, deadly tackle, untiring forward; a good leader for the pack.

Vosailagi.—Strong fend, anticipates openings, hard to stop, and a good distance kick.

Running.—Fast off mark, quick anticipation, good handling; gets his man.

Matiu.—The years "find" at half-back; plenty of initiative, sends out straight passes; will still improve with confidence.

Biddle.—Not easily bustled, fast through a gap; with more weight and experience should do well.

H. Te Tuhi.—Line kicks an advantage, both feet good, handling on whole sure; at full-back will improve.

Jones.—A sound utility back, handling good, heady player; needs weight.

Dewes .- Hooking well done; honest worker, solid in the tight.

Rankin.—Uses weight often, packs well in tight.

G. Phillips.—Always fit, always on the ball; an improved player.
Manuel.—Shows good knowledge of game; a sound utility forward.

Webster.—Useful kick, a loose type of forward; has played good games in the line-outs.

Alo.—Fast at following up; solid, honest work done in both loose and tight; handling improved.

Anderson.--Plays well in both loose and tight, untiring on ball, links up well with backs.

Charley.—Excellent control of ball, good leader in forward rushes, uses his head. Earned promotion.

Reddy.—Fast off the mark, dangerous with drop-kicks, both feet; runs colleagues into scoring positions; merited promotion.

Sneddon.—Handicapped by ankle injury, but handling sound; tackling sure; always on the ball.

The season at College showed two points: (1) That a team's success and enjoyment of a game is determined to no small degree by the fitness of its members; (2) that not the backs only, but the forwards also, can become scoring agents.

#### TABLE TENNIS.

Although we had previously played spasmodically, we this year formed a junior and a senior Table Tennis Club and with regular practice our standard of play has improved considerably. The senior boys in their woodwork periods made us two very fine tables, and we are grateful to Mr. Bellhouse for these.

At any spare moment during the day the tables are occupied and, as Mr. Cooke can testify, the mortality among ping-pong balls is high. At all events, this club has proved to be very popular, especially on a rainy day.

We paid two visits to Mauku during the second term and spent an enjoyable time playing their local teams. Results of our first visit were:

Doubles.—Wesley, 14; Mauku, 5.

Singles.—Wesley, 9; Mauku, 3.

George Palelei, our first player, won an exhibition match against the Mauku number one man.

Early in the Third Term we returned Mauku's hospitality and the School provided an evening for about 30 Mauku players. Mauku brought four tables with them, and with our two, six tables were kept occupied all the evening. Again College won the majority of games, and with supper in the Third Form classroom a very enjoyable evening ended. The following boys gained places in the teams:—

Junior.—Mangu Waenga, Hardie, J. Hardie, P. Biddle, Tutara, Maney, Howard, Goodwin.

Senior.—Palelei, Jones, Baker, W. Vosailagi, Alo, Wright, McGee, Running, Finau, Davis, W. Matiu Royal, Dewes, Reddy, Darby.

# CRICKET NOTES, 1945-46.

With most of our last year's side back, we had the nucleus of a strong XI this year. Early in the year we began to concentrate on strengthening our batting, with the result that before the season ended all the team were making a contribution to the score. Time was taken in our P.T. periods in learning the correct shots with pick handles, and the need for absolute concentration and aggressiveness, whether on attack or defence, was stressed.

Our fielding and backing up also improved. A word of praise is due to Webster, who kept wickets consistently well throughout the season. Again we were successful in winning the Franklin Senior

Competition and thus retaining the cup for another year.

The following boys gained a place in the XI: Palelei, Captain (in the absence of Mr. Alexander), a fine all-round player, quick and sure in the field, an accurate fast bowler and consistently good bat. He has slowed his rate of scoring but has developed his stroking and gained in reliability. Finau bowls very well and is batting more confidently. W. Davis played some steady, reliable innings, has a fine off drive—can use his feet more. Rogers developed into quite an attractive bat before the season ended, and took 13 wickets for 40 runs. We missed him in 1946. Alo, an unorthodox bat—out too many times l.b.w. Quick of eve—he should make more runs this season. A very useful wicketkeeper and spin bowler. Vosailagi, an all-rounder. He knows his shots and should make runs this season. Webster kept wickets very well; has the ability to make runs if he improves his defence. Gilmore, a fast improving left-hander with a good drive; played some good innings. Running, an aggressive player who should develop with greater experience into a good all-rounder. Simpson must learn to control his shots and develop patience; sometimes throws his wicket away; has natural ability and bowls a useful inswinger. W. Baker, a good field and much-improved bat. Reddy bowls a good length ball and plays a straight bat; must learn to use his feet more. H. Te Tuhi, an improved player, bowls a useful ball. G. Phillips, 12th man; a much-improved fieldsman; batting still needs improving; inclined to pull all his balls to leg. Mr. Alexander captained the team on most occasions, and with the bat and ball was a tower of strength to College. We are grateful for his assistance and will miss him this year, when he is turning out for Mauku.

Highlights of the season were a winning knock by Mr. Alexander of 131 N.O. against Waiuku when runs were needed; 131 by Palelei (against High School), a fine exhibition of cricket and a fitting commencement to his captaincy.

### CRICKET AVERAGES, 1945-46. Batting.

	Completed	1		
Runs.	Innings.	Average.	Not outs.	Highest score.
636	12	53	4	131
406	11	36.9	2	131 N.O.
74	4	18.5	1	40 N.O.
74	5	14.8	1	24
115	8	14.4	2	37 N.O.
156	11	14.1	2	32
82	8	10.2	1	29 N.O.
81	8	10.1	1	30 N.O.
107	12	8.9	0	34
69	10	6.9	1	14
24	4	6	0	12
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	Bowling	•	
	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Palelei	222	39	5.7
Mr. Alexander	439	47	9.3
Finau	127	19	6.7
Rogers	40	13	3.0
Simpson	48	5	9.6
Running	40	1	40.0
Davis, W.	10	3	3.3
Gilmore	7	5	1.4

A word of praise is also due to Cory and H. Clark, the former for his excellent care of the cricket gear and the latter for his useful assistance during holiday play.



These were held on 16th March. Before the meeting a Maori hangi was held, when mutton, potatoes and kumeras were cooked and eaten in true Maori fashion with scant ceremony but much gusto.

At zero hour a rainstorm broke, threatening to postpone the meeting, but the weather improved later, enabling most of the events to be run off in the presence of a good gathering of spectators. Results were as follows:—

100 Yards.—Senior: Palelei. Intermediate: Simpson.

220 Yards.—Senior: Palelei. Intermediate: Simpson.

440 Yards.—Senior: Palelei. Intermediate: Simpson.

880 Yards.—Senior: Reddy. Intermediate: Simpson and Phillips. Junior: Doull.

Mile.—Senior: Reddy. Intermediate: Simpson. Junior: Doull.

Cross Country.—Senior: Running. Intermediate: Phillips. Junior:
Goodwin.

Hurdles.—Senior: Palelei. Intermediate: Simpson. Junior: Maney and Doull.

Long Jump.—Senior: Reddy. Intermediate: Falevi. Junior: Bagot.Hop, Step, and Jump.—Senior: Reddy. Intermediate: Cates. Junior: Bagot.

High Jump.—Senior: Vosailagi. Intermediate: Falevi. Junior: Quinn.

Putting Shot.—Senior: Vosailagi.

Cricket Ball.—Senior: Vosailagi. Intermediate: Saaga and Sene. Junior Events.

75 Yards.—Storey.

150 Yards.—Doull.

90 Yards Hurdles.—Storey and Doull.

The winners of championships and runners-up were as follows:— Senier.

Palelei, 32 points; Reddy, 30 points.

Intermediate.

Simpson, 31 points; G. Phillips, 15 points.

Junior.

Doull, 26 points; Storey, 15 points.

#### HANDICAP EVENTS.

Senior 100 Yards.—Running.
Intermediate 100 Yards.—Taua.
Junior 75 Yards.—Macdonald.
Senior 220 Yards.—Webster.
Intermediate 220 Yards.—Addison.
Junior 150 Yards.—Macdonald.
Senior 440 Yards.—Running.
Intermediate 440 Yards.—Wright.

Cross Country.—Senior: Running. Interme Junior: Keegan.

Intermediate: Paterson.

The tug-o'-war proved a truly homeric contest. Simmons House won the Senior and Junior and School House the Intermediate. In the relay races School House won the Senior and Simmonds House the Intermediate and Junior.

The following were the House points:--

		School.	Simmonds.
Senior		 58	102
Intermedi	ate	 $55^{-}$	96
Junior		 27	97
	Totals	140	295
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#### SWIMMING.

During the long spell of the autumn drought the swimming baths was the most popular spot in the school.

Some excellent lessons were given by a visiting instructor, who also showed films of the development of the perfect swimming stroke. All are looking forward to renewing their efforts as soon as weather permits.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held during the first week in March and finals were taken in the Pukekohe baths. All events were keenly contested and appreciated by the spectators. Results were as follows:—

#### SENIOR.

25 Yards Freestyle.—Vosailagi, 1; Te Tuhi, 2; Palelei, 3.

50 Yards Freestyle.—Vosailagi, 1; Palelei, 2; Te Tuhi, 3.

100 Yards Freestyle.—Vosailagi, 1; Trebilco, 2; Te Tuhi, 3. Time, 1 min. 33 secs.

25 Yards Breaststroke.—Trebilco (all others disqualified).

25 Yards Backstroke.--Vosailagi, 1; Tahere, 2; Webster, 3.

Underwater Swim.—Vosailagi, 1; Alo and Palelei, 2.

Dive.—Te Tuhi, 1; Trebilco, 2; Tahere, 3.

Plunge.—Vosailagi, 1; Te Tuhi, 2; Webster, 3.

The Senior Championship was won by Vosailagi, 30 points, with Te Tuhi, 13 points, runner-up.

#### INTERMEDIATE.

25 Yards Freestyle.—Simpson, 1; Cates, 2; Falevi, 3. 15 secs.

50 Yards Freestyle.—Cates, 1; Falevi, 2; Denize, 3.

75 Yards Freestyle.—Falevi, 1; Denize, 2; Sene, 3.

Breaststroke.—Cates, 1; Simpson, 2; Burness, 3.

Backstroke.—Cates, 1; Sene, 2; Denize, 3.

Dive.—Cates, 1; Simpson, 2; Burness, 3.

Plunge.—Burness, 1; Falevi, 2; J. Hardie, 3.

Underwater.—Cates, 1; Sene, 2; Simpson, 3.

The Intermediate Champioinship was won by Cates, 28 points, and the runners-up were Simpson and Falevi, 12 points.

#### JUNIOR.

25 Yards Freestyle.—Tapsell, 1; Lepper, 2; Doull, 3.

33 1-3. Yds Freestyle.—Tapsell, 1; Lepper, 2; P. Hardie, 3.

50 Yards Freestyle.—Tapsell, 1; Lepper, 2; P. Hardie, 3.

Breaststroke.—Doull. All others disqualified.

Plunge.—P. Hardie, 1; Lepper, 2; B. Phillips, 3.

Underwater.—B. Phillips, 1; P. Hardie, 2.

The Junior Championship was won by H. Tapsell (15 points) and the runner-up was Lepper (12 points).

#### HOUSE POINTS.

	School.	Simmonds.
Junior	 16	16
Intermediate	 27	21
Senior	 $13\frac{1}{2}$	31%

Congratulations to Cates for winning the Intermediate Swimming Championship, Pukekohe, and to Falevi for Intermediate Championship won in Auckland.

#### PRIZES, 1945.

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Form I.—B. Clark.

Form II.—F. Paterson.

Form IIIA .-- S. Neal.

Form IIIB.—K. Keno.

Form IVA.-G. Hames.

Form IVB.—C. Denize.

Form V.—P. Rogers.

Science Books.—Forms I and II.: J. Hardie. Form III.: J. Maney. Form IV.: R. Cates. Form V.: P. Rogers.

Head Prefect.—B. Webster.

Gardening.—Lee and Bedggood.

General Proficiency.—T. Finau.

Prepared Speech .-- Senior: J. Pickering. Junior: I. Wiseman.

War Memorial (Maori).—Senicr (Farming): E. Leef. Junior (Farming): W. Royal. Best Maori: K. Dewes.

Masters' Prize for Best Magazine Article.—J. Pickering.

Primary Leaving Certificates.—Carson, Carey, Cotter, Dickey, Freeth, Gribble, Hikuroa, Penney, Paterson. Reed, Rice, Te Tuhi, Wiseman.

#### TROPHIES, 1945.

- 1. BOYCE CUP.—Best Prepared Speech: J. Pickering.
- HERBERT SMITH TRUST.—Senior Cross Country: P. Rogers and D. Thomas.
- 3. HERBERT SMITH TRUST.—Senior Sports Championship: G. Palelei.
- 4. **HERBERT SMITH TRUST.**—Junior Sports Championship: S. Neal.
- 5. STUART CUP.-Intermediate Sports Championship: M. Lee.
- HERBERT SMITH TRUST.—Senior Swimming Championship.
   J. Tata.
- HERBERT SMITH TRUST.—Junior Swimming Championship: G. Phillips.
- 8. JOHN COURT CUP.—Junior Tennis Championship; W. Wright.
- 9. TROUNSON CUF.—Senior Tennis Championship: G. Palelei.
- 10. STEMBRIDGE CUP.—Best All-round Cricketer: G. Palelei.
- 11. **WINSTONE CUP.**—House Competition: School House (B. Webster).
- 12. HORTICLUTURAL SHIELD.—Form Competition: Form V. (B. Webster).
- 13. WARIN CUP—Franklin Cricket Assn.—Wesley College (G. Palelei).
- 14. Intermediate Swimming Championship: R. Cates.
- 15. Junior Cross Country: S. Neal.
- 16. Intermediate Cross Country: G. Phillips.

We are glad to report that through the generosity of Mr. C. N. Nicholls and Mr. E. F. Mills, two cups have been donated for competition; the Pukekohe Rotary Club have also presented a book to the value of 25/- for the pupil making most progress during the year; and in memory of the late Mr. A. Best, for some years Chairman of the College Farm Committee, the Board has established an Aaron Best Memorial Prize for the boy showing most promise in farming.



This year has been quite successful, with at present about 80 financial members, as compared with 50 at the same period last year.

As most of us live in various parts of New Zealand it is impossible to have many functions a year. However, we do have a Reunion, which is enjoyed by us all.

On June 1st about 50 gathered at the College, and in the afternoon we played the School team at football. We did not beat them, but no doubt we shall improve.

The General Meeting following, the following officers were elected:—

Patrons: Mr. E. M. Marshall, Rev. E. Te Tuhi, Mr. R. C. Clark. President: Mr. B. Dudding. Vice-Presidents: Mr. S. Exler, Mr. D. Anderson. Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. C. A. Phillips. Committee: Messrs. F. Downie, R. Parker, F. H. Dudding, G. and D. Slatter.

At this meeting it was decided that an Old Boys' Memorial Fund be established and at a future date the final arrangements be made as to what use it would be put.

Many are the Old Boys who no doubt would like to join the Association. However, through other Old Boys we are gradually contacting them.

Here is news of some of the Old Boys, and we hope that many more, especially those leaving College, will be very keen to join the Association and keep in touch with Wesley College.

#### DOINGS OF W.C.O. BOYS.

Robert Colebrook, fruitgrowing at Henderson.

B. W. T. Phillips, resides at Ngaruawahia.

John White, farming at Waimana.

A. J. Thomson, farming at Mangaiti R.D., Te Aroha.

D. Thomson, farming at Mangaiti R.D., Te Aroha.

R. R. Bawden, resides at Mt. Albert.

Jack Turner, farming at Te Poi.

Peter Turner, attending Auckland University College.

John Gunson, was residing at Cape Reinga Lighthouse when last heard of.

E. W. Massey, resides at Pokeno.

Tom Gilmore, farming at Raglan.

Barry Stevenson, farming at Waimana

Gordon Bryant, farming at Te Awamutu

John Gowlen, is going to England to study.

H. G. D. White, farming at Waimana

T. Sneddon, resides at Ongarue.

W. T. K. Kerr, farming at Hauturu, Kawhia.

D. Wallis, farming at Haihere.

Sosaia Vaea, Laufilitonga Tuita, Leilua Vi, all residing in Tonga.

G. A. Tubou, works in the Premier's Office, Nukualofa, Tonga.

W. H. Clark, farming in Waiuku.

C. C. Kidd, farming at Te Kopuru.

Lloyd Bennett, Owen Bennett, Murray Bennett, Alf Bennett, Julius Oien, working in the store of L. Bennett Ltd., Port Albert.

G. Slatter, D. Slatter, sharemilking at Waitakaruru.

B. Dudding, farming at Maramarua.

R. T. Riddell, farming at Te Kauwhata.

W. Neal, farming at Port Albert.

Ian Becroft, Tom Becroft, farming at Te Hana.

Cliff Becrofe, farming at Port Albert.

Jack Farr, E. Farr, farming at Oruawhara.

R. Trelioar, in business in Hamilton.

L. Storey, F. Storey, farming at Waiterimu.

F. Nelson, farming at Waerenga.

T. Bickers, farming at Te Kopuru.

J. Rushton, farming down near Morrinsville.

L. Corkill, farming at Te Kopuru.

G. Garland, farming at Aka Aka.

H. Denton, works for Tasman Empire Airways, Auckland.

C. A. Phillips, R. L. Phillips, farming at Port Albert.

R. Parker, farming at Mangatawhiri.

T. Downie, farming near Maramarua.

P. Houpapa, works in the City Engineer's Office, Auckland.

D. Koni, at Taumarunui.

P. Tupe, In Auckland.

A. Oborn, in business in Devonport.

W. L. Walker, farming out from Waiuku.

D. Clark, studying at Auckland University.

F. Fleming, was in the Official Archives, c/o Army Headquarters, Wellington.

A. Wood, still at Auckland Grammar School.

C. Gregory, has been doing a refresher course at Auckland Teachers' Training College.

A. Fredricksen, tractor salesman.

K. Storey, farming at Waiterimu.

F. H. Dudding, farming at Maramarua

J. Beever, is on the teaching staff of Pio Pio District High School.

K. Curel, farming at Wharehine.

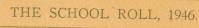
C. Smith, farming at Wharehine.

D. Reid, D. Gubb, E. Busbridge, K. Busbridge, G. McLeod, farming at Port Albert.

H. Cant, still in the Navy.

A. Eustace, going to Auckland University.

Alec Clark, going to Grammar School, Auckland.



The following boys were on the Roll during the year:-

	Form VA.	
Alokuoulu, W.	Finau, T.	Tahere, W.
Cates, R.	Hames, M.	Trebilco, L.
Dewes, K.	Reddy, K.	Watling, T.
	Form VB.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Baker, W.	Manuel, M.	77. 77. 1.4 TT
Davis, W.		Te Tuhi, H.
Matiu, B.	Palelei, G.	Vosailagi, G.
Jacoba, D.	Phillips, G.	Webster, B.
D! 0	Form VC.	
Denize, C.	Jones, W.	Skipwith, R.
Driver, S.	Mills, O.	
	Form IVA.	
Charley, J.	Keno, K.	Neal, S.
Clark, H.	Macdonald, W.	Piahana, J.
Davis, T.	Maney, J.	Royal, W.
Hames, L.	Mitchell, T.	Simpson, B.
		Simpson, D.
Addison, M.	Form IVB.	
Andorgon I	McGee, J.	Taua, A.
Anderson, J.	Rankin, J.	Wilson, A.
Burness, R.	Running, G.	Wooderson, A
Goodwin, W.	Sircombe, G.	Wright, W.
Gray, B.	Solomon, B.	
Kerr, K.	Sneddon, T.	
	Form IIIA.	
Barker, C.	Manning, F.	Sircombe, S.
Biddle, B.	Manson, B.	Sene Sene
Darby, M.	Manson, E.	Saaga
Falevi	Needham, A.	Storey, C.
Forbes, R.	Paogoui	Tapsell, H.
Hills, G.	Paterson, F.	Wiseman, I.
Howard, P.	Phillips, B.	Wiscinali, I.O.
Bannan, J.	Form IIIB.	
Cotter, W.	Mangu, B.	Vercoe, F.
Denize, L.	Milsom, A.	Waenga, J.
Donald, E.	Milsom, J.	Waugh, P.
Freeth, D.	Reed, C.	Taylor, R.
Hamilton, R.	Rhodes, F.	Barnes, L.
Hikuroa, T.	Sole, B.	
ilikuloa, 1.	Te Tuhi, D.	
	Form II.	
Amaru, A.	Ford, R.	Logan, J.
roa, K.	Hardie, J.	Logan, M.
Bagot, D.	Hardie, P.	Quinn, B.
Baker, A.	Holden, G.	Robb, F.
Briggs, P.	King, M.	Wiseman, P.
Clark, B.	Lepper, E	Tutara A

Holden, G. King, M. Lepper, E.

Peterson, R.

Form I.

Tutara, A.

Wight, W.

Baker, A. Briggs, P. Clark, B.

Coney, J.

Keegan, R.

