

# Peka Totara



## Penrose High School

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**Golden Jubilee**  
1955 – 2005

**Graeme Hunt**

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## Inspiration from One Tree Hill

The school crest, a totara in front of the obelisk marking the grave of 'father of Auckland' Sir John Logan Campbell on One Tree Hill (Maungakiekie), signals the importance of the pa and reserve to Penrose High School. It was adopted in 1955 along with the Latin motto, 'Ad Altiora Contende', which means 'strive for higher things'. Foundation principal Ron Stacey, a Latin scholar, described the school in 1955 as a 'young tree groping courageously towards the skies'.

'We look upward towards the summit of Maungakiekie where all that is finest in both Maori and Pakeha is commemorated for ever in stone and bronze,' he wrote.

In 1999 a red border was added to the crest but the crest itself remained unchanged.

In 1987 the school adopted a companion logo based on the kiekie plant which grew on One Tree Hill in pre-European times (hence the Maungakiekie name). The logo arose from a meeting of teachers debating education reform where the school's core values were identified. The words that appear on the kiekie logo provide a basis for developing the school's identity.

The kiekie, incorporated in the school's initial charter in 1989, does not replace the crest but rather complements it.



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## School prayer†

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We pray that you will bless this school,  
Guide and help those who teach, and those who learn,  
That together, we may seek the truth,  
And grow in understanding of ourselves and other people  
AMEN

E te Atua Kaha rawa I te rangi,  
Whakapaingia tenei kura,  
Manaakitia nga kaiako me nga tamariki o tenei kura,  
Kia noho marie hoki matou,  
I roto I te marammatanga o to aroha  
AMINE

† Read from John Rose's principalship.

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## School hymn†

### *Go forth with God!*

Go forth with God! the day is now  
That thou must meet the test of youth:  
Salvation's helm upon thy brow,  
Go, girded with the living truth.  
In ways thine elder brethren trod  
Thy feet are set. Go forth with God!

Think fair of all, and all men love,  
And with the builder bear thy part:  
Let every day and duty prove  
The humble witness of thy heart.  
Go forth! tis God bids thee increase  
The bounds of love and joy and peace.

Behold with thine uplifted eyes  
Beauty through all that sorrow seems,  
And make of earth a paradise,  
The substance of thy dearest dreams.  
Bring laughter to thy great employ:  
Go forth with God and find his joy.

Go forth with God! the world awaits  
The coming of the pure and strong;  
Strike for the faith and storm the gates  
That keep the citadel of wrong.  
Glory shall shine about thy road,  
Great heart, if thou go forth with God!

**Music by Martin Shaw**  
**Words by Barclay Baron**

† Sung in Ron Stacey's principalship.



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## Penrose High School Golden Jubilee

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# Golden Jubilee Organising Committee

(November 2004)

**Secretary-chair:** Marilyn Wales

**Jubilee book author:** Graeme Hunt

**Committee:** Lindsay Armishaw, Ann Dunphy, Linda Hogg, Graeme Hunt, Lynnette Margison, Johnny Matteson, Diane Martin, Sharron O'Sullivan, Iva Ropati, Keith Swasbrook.

## Acknowledgments and sources

My research was based mainly on school records and archives from 1955–2004, almost all stored at Penrose High School. These included school magazines, pupils' testimonials, school administration records, school newspapers and newsletters, reports to the Auckland Grammar School Board of Governors, the Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors and the Penrose High School Board of Trustees, booklets produced for the silver and 40th jubilees and school calendars and prospectuses.

I also spent much time at Auckland City Libraries' research centre where I studied the early history of the Penrose district, consulted newspaper accounts of the school's opening and first prizegiving, gleaned newspaper reports of the activities of the various principals and searched electoral rolls and business directories to identify the whereabouts of present and former teachers. The centre's news scrapbook obituaries index were especially helpful in drafting accounts of the first two principals, Ron Stacey and Murray Print, though I made a point of contacting Ron Stacey's two children, Ken Stacey and Frances Folster, to check their father's details, and interviewing Murray Print's widow, Lyndal. I also interviewed, or obtained curriculum vitae from, all succeeding principals — John Rose, Ann Dunphy, John Good, Richard Thornton and Iva Ropati.

I received help from many other people including: Lindsay Armishaw, Merv Bettridge, Richard Bolton, Alan Chisholm, Isobel Clarihew, Margaret Cole, Brian Cowley, John Goulter, Frank Gradon, Linda Hogg, Reg Lockstone, Ian McKinnon, Johnny Matheson, Arthur Moore, Murray Netzler, June O'Dea, Sharron O'Sullivan, Ron Smith, Ted Sutherland, Professor Ian Thompson, Shirley Tilley-Hunt, David Verran and Marilyn Wales.

## For future school historians

Auckland City Libraries holds a complete set of school magazines (46 issues) from 1955–2004 inclusive, including the silver jubilee booklet, though not the 1998 yearbook which was produced by board members in the absence of a school magazine. With recent donations from the school, Auckland City Libraries now has a complete run of pocket-sized school calendars from 1955–1970 inclusive, prospectuses from 1955–69 inclusive, and several prospectuses from the 1970s onward.

A near-complete list of magazines is now held at the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, after I deposited several missing issues. The library also has copies of the jubilee booklets and some calendars and prospectuses.

Certain material from the school archives, such as admission registers, has been deposited with Archives New Zealand's Auckland regional office at Mt Wellington. The decision to deposit material there was made by the Board of Trustees on my suggestion for reasons of safety and better storage. Penrose High School now has an archival plan to ensure its vital records are held for posterity, even if this means storing some records offsite.

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# Introduction

I was two years four months old when Penrose High School opened its doors to its first pupils but I can say with some authority I was with the school from its inception.

We lived next door at 30 Rockfield Rd (later renumbered 22) on a large section separated by a wire fence only from the attractions of the school's jungle gym. My elder sister, Bette<sup>†</sup>, was reputedly rescued from the path of a bulldozer during her toddling phase. Certainly, it was a challenge to my parents to keep us safe during the school's long and arduous building programme.

Today, our once-proud family home is hemmed in sausage-like among a gaggle of townhouses. The workshop where my late father started his wireworking business has gone and the house's relationship with the school is no more. What has not changed is Penrose High School. It stands tall among New Zealand secondary schools for the magnificence of its buildings and the grandeur of its grounds. Far more important is the survival of that spirit that made Penrose special to me, my siblings and the thousands of other pupils it played host to.

Penrose was special in another way: it took up much of the spare time of my late mother, Beverley Hunt, who was one of three Penrose representatives on the Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors from 1967–72. Mum was a businesswoman who had previously cut her teeth in school life as president of the Oranga Primary School Parent-Teacher Association. As the second woman only elected to represent Penrose since the board's inception in 1956, she was something of a novelty in an age of overwhelmingly male governors. She more than held her own.

It was perhaps because of this connection, rather than anything I achieved at school, that I volunteered to write a school history for the golden jubilee. As a journalist and author, I was determined this book would be a history, not an anecdotal account. I wanted to make sure that the vital statistics of Penrose's first 50 years, the accounts of its first seven principals, and the achievements of its past pupils were recorded for all time.

This is not the definitive account of Penrose — many activities in school life have been left out for reasons of space and relevance — but it is the basis for an historian in future, long after I have gone, to write another history.



**Graeme J. Hunt**  
Past pupil 1966–69

<sup>†</sup> Bette Hunt attended Penrose from 1964–66, younger sister Shirley attended from 1970–73 and brother Bryan from 1975–79.



# Governance

Three boards have administered Penrose High School in its first 50 years. The Eastern Secondary Schools' Board also administered Selwyn College from 1956 and Glendowie College from 1961.

## Auckland Grammar School Board of Governors<sup>†</sup>

### Chairman:

1954–55 David Sumner

### Secretary-treasurer:

1954–55 C.A. Wallace

## Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors<sup>††</sup>

### Chairman:

1956–71 A.P. Stuart Bell FPA NZ FCIS  
1972–81 Jack Jaffe JP  
1982–84 Glendon M. Bernard JP  
1985–86 Peter F. Ballance BSc PhD  
1987–89 D.R. Smith BCom ACA

### Secretary-treasurer (later secretary-manager):

1956–64 W. Laird Thomson JP ANZIM  
1965–68 S.D. Kusabs ARANZ  
1969–74 F.S. Mueller ACIS  
1975 P.A. McNeill ACA  
1976–77 R. Porter  
1978–81 J.C. Leslie  
1981–89 Peter H. Marshall

## Penrose High School Board of Trustees

### Chair:

1989–95 Rev. Bryan D. Drake LTh  
1996–99 Mrs Margaret N. Cole BPharm MPS  
1999– Mrs Marilyn C. Law (née Morse, later Mrs Wales) MBA DipBus(Mktg)

### Secretary-manager:

1989–90 Peter H. Marshall<sup>‡‡</sup>

### Secretary:

1991–95 Mrs Noeline L. Higginson  
1995–96 Ms Jacqui Paterson  
1996–2003 Mrs June C. O'Dea  
2003– Mrs Denise A. Bellette

<sup>†</sup> Grammar board oversaw the completion of the school and its first year. Officeholders' dates relate only to the governance of Penrose High School.

<sup>††</sup> Formed in 1955 but did not assume responsibility for Penrose High School until January 1956. Abolished under Education Act 1989; new boards operating from 1 October 1989. Some dates are approximate.

<sup>‡‡</sup> Some administrative functions taken over by Edserve.

## Penrose High School Board of Trustees, 2005

Chair: Marilyn C. Wales MBA DipBus(Mktg)

Deputy chair: Belinda J. Vernon BCom

Members: Iva L. Ropati MA(Hons) DipTchg (principal), Deane Manley, Ana Manu, Tairi Mataio, Madhu Sudan Ragtah, Hoani MacFater, Shaquella Maybury (staff representative), Sofaia Qounadovu (student representative)

Associates: Colin Dickinson, Pohiri Hamiora

Secretary: Denise A. Bellette

Legal adviser: Derek E. Cutting

## Penrose High School Parent-Teacher Association

Formed in 2000, in recess in 2003

President: 2000–2002 Mrs Raewyn Cowie

Secretary: 2000–2002 Mrs Lynn Hughes



# Board of Trustees' welcome

Jubilees offer two benefits — a chance for fun and fellowship and an opportunity for reflection. Penrose High School's golden jubilee is no exception. We celebrate the school's first 50 years and we commemorate those whose expertise, skills and achievements have contributed so much to the tradition of Penrose and to its future

As a past pupil, I have always looked affectionately toward the school. Penrose provided me with crucial opportunities of learning and leadership. As chair of the Board of Trustees my intention is to ensure these opportunities continue.

Funding a modern secondary school under *Tomorrow's Schools* is a challenge. The demands of a wide and ambitious curriculum means that the board must budget carefully and spend wisely. Our job as a board is not to teach or manage the school — that is the role of the principal and the senior management team. The board must provide the governance structure to ensure the school meets its duties under the Education Act, honours its charter and carries out its strategic plan. The physical and emotional wellbeing of the students is paramount. This is the board's continuing focus.

The golden jubilee has been organised by an independent committee made up of a group of dedicated past pupils and has the full backing of the board. It is an opportunity for teachers and pupils, past and present, to celebrate a magnificent achievement — Penrose's 50th birthday and, most importantly, re-establish a link with the school's most important resource: its past students.

I have had the privilege of chairing the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee and have enjoyed the opportunity to assist in facilitating this celebration of excellence.

In this book we provide a window into Penrose's half century — a proud history that needed to be recorded before memories fade. Ultimately, though, a successful jubilee is much more than a history book or eloquent speeches: it is about the people who made the school what it is. The real stories will come out when past teachers and past pupils reminisce during the jubilee weekend's planned activities.

We wish those attending the jubilee well, especially people who have travelled long distances to be part of the celebrations. Without your support this jubilee would not have worked.

In closing I would, on behalf of the school and the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee, like to acknowledge Graeme Hunt's huge contribution by putting this book together. While it has been a labour of love, the amount work and the contribution to our future cannot be undervalued.

Enjoy the reunion. We look forward to more regular contact so we are all included in the future as well as the past of Penrose High School



**Marilyn C. Wales (née Morse)**

Chair, Board of Trustees

Secretary-chair, Golden Jubilee Organising Committee

Past pupil 1969–74, head girl 1974



# Magazine sets a 50-year standard

The first school newsletter — two typed pages of foolscap — was written by principal Ron Stacey on 1 July 1955.

The first school magazine, *Peka Totara*, also appeared that year. Sized 220cm x 140cm (close to A5 in size), it had a pale-blue cover and ran to 40 pages. It took its name from the giant totara tree, *Ti totara-I-ahua*, which adorned the top of Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill) for 200 years before being replaced by exotic pines during European settlement.

*Peka Totara* literally means a sprig or branch of the totara, which is symbolic for the magazine and the school and reflects its relationship with the local community.

The magazine's format, albeit with a deeper but still light-blue cover, remained largely unchanged until 1969 when the dimensions were increased to 245cm x 185cm.

In 1971, the name *Peka Totara* was dropped. In 1973 colour first appeared on the cover and by 1976 in the text as well. In 1979 coloured photographs appeared with the text for the first time. The magazine by this time has changed to the now-standard A4 size (300cm x 210cm).

Magazines were produced most years except 1992 (a biennial issue was produced the following year), 1994 (a biennial issue was produced the following year), 1997 and 1998. In 1998, a group of school trustees produced an A4 spiral-bound yearbook at the request of students. Since 1999 the magazine has reverted to a more-structured annual publication.

Penrose Rotary Club, a keen supporter of the school, produced the *Penrose Saga*, a 5000-circulation newsletter supported by local advertising that went to at least three editions in 1967–68. Guided by foundation principal Ron Stacey, who was then club president, it devoted generous space to the school's activities, including progress on building the school pool.

A student newspaper, *4 Go*, was produced in 1972 and the *Dusty Bungle* ran to four issues in 1979 before being shelved. A more substantial newspaper, *Penrose News*, was introduced by principal John Rose in term two of 1980. It changed its name to *Obelisk* (named after the obelisk on One Tree Hill) in the next issue, term one of 1981, and ran to at least 17 issues. The last issue appears to have been in term one, 1989.

*Sceptic Sores*, a student magazine, appeared in 1986. It appeared about every three weeks and ran to at least five issues.

The first issue of a community newsletter produced by Penrose High School, *Penrose Press*, appeared in August 1991. It was one of several produced throughout the 1990s.

Souvenir books were also produced for the school's silver jubilee (1980) and the 40th anniversary (1995).

Penrose High has produced an annual prospectus from 1955. It also produced a pocket-sized calendar/information book for students from 1955 until 1970. The prospectus is now a substantial A4 four-colour publication aimed, among other things, at attracting fee-paying overseas students.





# Principal's welcome

My appointment as principal of Penrose High School in 2003 was the highpoint of my teaching career. I came to a school rich in history, strong in spirit and powerful in achievement.

Penrose's fine reputation preceded it. I knew of it principally through sport, notably through the many fine rugby league players it produced over many years (some of whom I played with and against during my own league career). What I found when I took up the post of principal was a school with a tradition of cultural and academic achievement.

This golden jubilee book, *Peka Totara* — the name of the school magazine from 1955–70 — confirmed all I have discovered during my principalship.

Penrose High School is no ordinary school. In 50 years it has earned a place in the rich tapestry of New Zealand secondary education through the quality of its governance, the dedication of its teachers and the varied achievements of its pupils. No school could have worked harder to deliver quality education to its students.

When I look at the achievements of the six principals who preceded me I feel humbled. I know all too well the challenges they faced.

Secondary teaching is not easy yet at Penrose the core values contained in our kiekie logo — achievement, co-operation, aroha, learning and respect — are as true now as when they were enunciated in 1987.

The school crest with its Latin motto, 'Ad Altiora Contende' (strive for higher things) — the work of foundation principal Ron Stacey — could not be a more appropriate mission statement. It is as applicable now as it was when he devised it in 1955.

A few years ago, schools seemed willing to ignore their heritage. They now see it as their most valuable asset. Certainly, parents have never been in two minds about the importance of heritage. It provides the font from which we grow and the inspiration for us to succeed.

I commend Graeme Hunt for writing this book and the efforts of the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee to bring this jubilee celebration about.

This is the most important occasion in Penrose's first 50 years. Enjoy it and tell your children about the school that shaped your life.



**Iva L. Ropati**  
Principal



# Staff – January 1955

R.S. Stacey MA BCom	Principal
K.W. Rae MA	First assistant
Miss M.R. Wallis MA	Senior mistress
E.C. Wooler MA DipEd DipJourn	Head of English and social studies
E.G. Pressley BA	Head of mathematics and science
F.J. Eade	Head of technical
J. Horrocks BA BCom FRANZ	Head of commercial
Miss S.E. Baird BA	
Mrs A.R. Morton BA	
D.E. Jobey BA BSc	
Mrs M.C. Boustridge DipDress&Design(Amsterdam)	
T.D. Davies MIMarE	
B.R. Bayliss BSc	
Miss L.V.M. Hopkins BA	
Miss J.C. Slaney BA	
N.W. Thompson ATD(London)	
Miss S. Wilson DipHSc	
Miss E. Kinnear DipHSc <sup>†</sup>	
H. Chisholm	
Mrs A. Davies	Principal's secretary
R.D. Mackay	Caretaker

<sup>†</sup> Left during first term.

# Staff – December 2004

This list excludes staff on leave or who left during the year.

## Senior management team

Iva L. Ropati MA(Hons) DipTchg	Principal
Mervyn R. Bettridge BSc DipTchg	Deputy principal
Ms Glenys A. Daniell BA HigherDipTchg DipEdMan	Deputy principal
Nick D. Coughlan BSc DipTchg	Assistant principal
Mrs Denise A. Bellette	Business manager

## Remaining staff (alphabetical order)

Aluri, Venkata BEd MSc PhD	Economics/mathematics
Anderson, Christine BA DipTchg	French/English
Baine, Anna BPR&TM, DipTchg	Social sciences
Basham, Christine BA DipTchg	HoD careers
Bell, Lindsay	Teacher aide
Bentley, Sue MOUS	Community education
Betts, Nicola	Student registrar
Bicknell, Irene	Librarian/information centre manager
Boompagul, Isaiah BSc DipEd DipTchg	ICT long-term reliever

Carrigan, Belinda BMus DipProfStuds	Itinerant music (violin)
Casey, Joanna BMus DipTchg LTCL(Flute)	HoD music
Chan, Joe BSc DipTchg	Mathematics
Cooney, Sharleen BEd DipTchg	HoD health
Cutting, Janet	Laboratory technician
Crawford, Eimear <sup>†</sup>	Art long-term reliever
Deam, Maria SEN	School nurse
Dennis, Wai Te Ata Kura DipTchg	HoD Te Reo Maori
Elton, Nick TchgDip LondColMus&Med AdvTradeCert	Itinerant music
Espanto, Immanuel MSc DipSc&Tech	Science
Fairbrother, Cilla	Shop cashier
Faunt, Brian BEd	HoD sport
Ferguson, Andrew AdvTradeJoin DipTchg	Acting HoD technology
Florian, Lorraine DipTchg DipApplSocSc	Social worker
Francis, Richard MMus FTCL GRSM CertEd	Itinerant music
Fransham, Paul BTh CertEd(Guidance) DipMin DipTchg	HoD guidance
Fraser, Scott BSc DipTchg DipSM	HoD science



# Staff – December 2004

Frost, Sarah MA PhD DipTchg	English long-term reliever	Pillay, N.K. BA DipTchg	English
Grant, Trudi DipELT	Director international students	Porteous, Richard MA CLTA DipTchg	English for speakers of other languages
Gribble, Maurice & Colleen	Tuckshop	Prasad, Anjila BA DipTchg	Mathematics/science
Guptill, Max	Rugby administrator	Prasad, Jag BSc DipEd	Mathematics
Hood, Eileen BA DipTchg	English for speakers of other languages	Preston, Chris	Groundsman
Houghton, Bette ABANZ	Mentoring/teacher aide	Proctor, Linda	International/careers assistant
Johnson, Barbara TTC DipTchg	Mataora unit	Proctor, Linda	International/careers assistant
Kaiti'u, Inoke BBus MA DipTchg	HoD commerce/year 12 dean	Ralph, Jennifer MA BEd BPaed DipFurtherEd	English
Kaiti'u, Mele BSc DipTchg	Science	Ranga, Hina BA DipTchg	Year 10 dean/mathematics
Karena, Lance BCom	Information technology manager	Ratubuli, Josiah	Groundsman
King, Jolene BEd(PE) DipTchg&Lng	Physical education	Reddy, Parwati BCom DipTchg	Commerce, year 11 dean
Kovatcheva, Eli BA DipTchg	Acting HoD ICT	Reed, Gillian	Resource teacher learning and behaviour
Kumar, Saras BEd DipTchg TchgCert	Food and fabric technology	Rhodes, Diana FTCL DipTchg	Itinerant music
Lake, Jim BSc	Itinerant music	Ross, Stanley BSc DipTchg	Social sciences, year 9 dean
Langdon, Brian	Youth worker	Rughoonandan, Renee BPaed MA DipESL	HoD English/drama
Lawrence, David BSc DipTchg	Science	Schwencke, Arthur BA DipSc DipTchg	Social sciences
Lee, Chris BSocSc(Hons) TchgCert	Mathematics	Shamdass, Dharmisha HigherEdDip	Text management and information technology
Liava'a, Sepuloni MA DipTchg	Social sciences long-term reliever	Shao, Jenny	International
Lowe, Nigel AdvTrdCarp DipBldg DipTchg	Technology	Singh, Aubhilesh BSc DipTchg	Mathematics/physics
Macalister, Rebecca MA DipTchg	Gateway	Sivaplan, Ayadurai BSc(Hons) DipTchg	Information technology support
Maea-Brown, Andrew BSSM DipTchg	Physical education/health	Snell, Barry	Technology technician
Marsh, Lina BFA DipTchg	Art long-term reliever	Sollitt-Morris, Lynnette MA PhD DipTchg	English long-term reliever
Mawhinney, Donald MCom DipCompSys DipTchg	Text and information management	Stall, Tanya	Homestay co-ordinator, international dean
Maybury, Shaquelle BA DipTchg&Lng	HoD drama	Sutherland, Robyn BA DipSNRT DipTchg	Resource teacher learning and behaviour
McGregor, Peter	Teacher aide	Sutherland, Ted BE(Chem&Maths) DipTchg	HoD mathematics
McGuirk, Chris MA DipLangTchg DipTchg	HoD English for speakers of other languages	Thomas, Isaac BA DipTchg	English
McLeod, Sheryl CertTchgPeopleWithDisabilities	Teacher support Mataora unit	Todd, Margaret	Administration support
Mooney, Maurice ATCAuto OntarioTchgCert	HoD automotive	Townsend, Petronella BA DipTESOL DipEd DipTchg	English for speakers of other languages
Moore, Arthur AdvTrdCert(FTM) Trade Cert(F&W) CertAdultEd HigherTechTchgCert	HoD community education	Waipouri, Fleur BMVA DipTchg	Art long-term reliever
Morgan, Steve BA BSc DipApplStats DipTchg	Mathematics	Wang, Can MEcon DipTchg	Teacher aide, English for speakers of other languages
Mumby, Marie	Staffroom hostess	Wang, Joyce BA DipTchg	Teacher aide, English for speakers of other languages
Nelson, Anila	Resource room	Ward, Gina	School cashier
Nelson, Len BEd BA DipTESOL DipTchg	HoD physical education	Williams, Emma BA DipTchg	HoD social sciences. Year 10 dean
Nicholson, Peter BSc(Hons) CertEd	Assistant HoD science		
Nobbs, Graham MA MedAdmin DipEd AdvDipTchg	Social sciences long-term reliever		
O'Dea, June	Principal's secretary		
O'Fee Claire <sup>†</sup> BEd(PE) DipTchg&Lng	Sports co-ordinator		
Patterson, Kevin BA(Hons) DipTchg	Technology		
Paya, Sandy BA BEd HigherDipEd	English/teacher aide		

<sup>†</sup> Left at end of 2004.



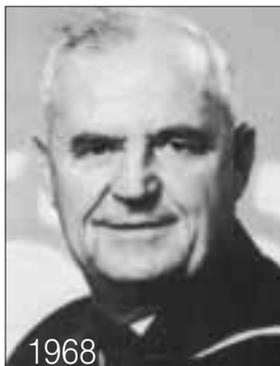
# Principals

## Ronald Sydney [Ron] Stacey

MA BCom

(born 1909–died 1983, aged 73)

Principal, January 1955–December 1968†



Born in Auckland, Ron Stacey had a strong sense of history and was proud of his heritage — he was the grandson of James Stacey, a colour sergeant in the 58th Regiment which fought in the 1840s Northern War against Hone Heke and Kawiti. Educated at Mt Albert Grammar School for Boys, Auckland, he was a star pupil, gaining a credit pass for university scholarship in 1926. He was also a prefect and a forward in the first rugby XV.

Stacey started his teaching career as a probationer at New Lynn School, Auckland, in 1927. He then spent two years at Auckland Teachers' Training College before returning to New Lynn School in 1930. At Auckland University College, Stacey completed a master of arts degree with honours in Latin and French in 1931 and a bachelor of commerce degree in 1935.

His teaching career included Takapuna Grammar School, Palmerston North Boys' High School (where he taught his successor at Penrose, Murray Print), Gisborne High School (head of languages department), Tauranga College (first assistant) and Kaitiaki College (principal 1952–54).

During World War II Stacey served in Italy with the New Zealand Army's 25th Battalion where he gained a commission, rising to the rank of a captain in 1945. In civilian life he was a true all-rounder, with a keen interest in sport. He was a University of New Zealand rugby blue and a coach, referee and executive member of the provincial management committees in rugby, cricket and boxing.

In 1965, Stacey travelled to the United States on a Woolf Fisher Trust scholarship. He had that year launched a *Design for Living* course at Penrose, covering what were then taboo subjects in school – described in the 1965 school magazine as 'personality, the family, environment [human relations], the opposite sex, preparation for marriage and falling in love'. It followed the appointment of Nelson Symons as guidance counsellor and careers adviser the previous year.

Stacey, the rock on which Penrose High School was built, was a career educationist yet he maintained excellent contacts with industry and commerce.

He was a member of Penrose Rotary Club, an association that proved invaluable for the school's development, and was president in 1967. He helped found the Penrose High School Past Pupils' Association in 1962 and was its patron until his retirement from Penrose.

After leaving Penrose Stacey served as careers and appointments adviser with the University of Auckland for five years before retiring a second time. Stacey's widow, Marie, died in 1996. They are survived by a son, Ken, living in Auckland, a daughter, Frances (Mrs Folster), living in Invercargill, and six grandchildren.

† Selected for the position in mid-1954.

## (James) Murray Print

OBE MA(Hons) DipTchg

(born 1923–died 1990, aged 66)

Principal, January 1969–December 1977



Murray Print was born in Feilding to a farming family. In 1936 he attended Palmerston North Boys' High School as a boarder. He showed early leadership and was a prefect and head boy of School House.

Print was too young to fight for his country during World War II but served in the Army's ambulance corps in New Zealand. He later served in the Territorials where he rose to the rank of major.

Active in the church and the community, he was in 1952 accepted as a lay preacher in the Methodist Church. But teaching was to be his calling. In 1954 he was awarded a senior fellowship in the American Field Service, which took him to the United States and Europe.

Print obtained his teaching diploma at Auckland Teachers' Training College and attended Auckland University College where he graduated with honours in 1961 with a master of arts degree in New Zealand history.

He was principal of Freyberg High School, Palmerston North, from 1962–68 and became Penrose High School's second principal in 1969 following the retirement of Ron Stacey.



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Print inherited a well-administered school and soon put his own mark on it. He established the school's art collection, funding the acquisition of works of leading New Zealand artists from donations, bequests and money-raising.

In 1976 he was selected for a Woolf Fisher Trust scholarship and again visited the US and Europe, studying education administration. He also looked at education innovations in Israel.

Penrose High School's Whanau House, a world first which opened in 1977 (see separate story), reflected Print's innovative approach to education. In 1974 he co-authored the *Johnson Report*, which called for the introduction of 'moral and spiritual values' in schools and led to a strengthening of Penrose's guidance unit. (The then Education Department shied away from implementing the report's full recommendations.)

Print was also a member of Penrose Rotary Club from 1969–72 (he had been a member of Terrace End Rotary Club in Palmerston North).

Print left the school in 1977 to become principal of the Auckland College of Education, a position he held until 1983.

Outside teaching, he pursued his interests in church and community affairs, New Zealand history and sport. From 1969–75 he was a member of vestry of All Saints' Anglican Church, Howick, Auckland (his wife, Lyndal, was Anglican). He served on St Philip's education committee, St Heliers, from 1980–81, assessed candidates for admission into St John's Theological College, Auckland, from 1984, and joined Bishop Ted Buckle's committee of advice in Northland in 1987. He was also a member of Howick Borough Council from 1975–77.

Print also found time to serve on the Family Care Co-ordinating Committee in Auckland, Social Work Training Council, Auckland Institute and Museum Council (from 1981), Auckland Heritage Trust (chairman), Waipoua Forest Sanctuary Advisory Committee (from 1981) and Northland regional committee of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (from 1987). He enjoyed sailing and rosegrowing and was a trained rugby referee.

Print was awarded the OBE in the 1985 New Year's honours list for service to the community and education.

He died in Whangarei after a car accident and is survived by Lyndal Print, who lives in Auckland, and their son, Cristen, who holds a PhD in molecular medicine and is a lecturer at the University of Cambridge, England.

## John Bradshaw Rose

MA DipTchg

(born 1930)

Principal, January 1978–March 1986

John Rose, born in Waipawa, southern Hawke's Bay, was eventually to follow the career of his father who taught throughout



New Zealand. Rose's secondary schooling included Auckland Grammar School, Southbridge District High School, Canterbury, and Christchurch West High School (now Hadley Community College).

His started work with the Bank of New Zealand in 1948, studying part-time at university. In 1951 he enrolled in Wellington Teachers' College, continuing his studies at Victoria University College, where he majored in geography.

Rose's teaching career started at Three Kings Primary School, Auckland, and, with the exception of seven months in 1955 when he worked as a management trainee for the Atlantic Union Oil Co in Auckland, he remained in education until his retirement in 1991. Rose's schools included Palmerston North Boys' High School; Kelston High School, Auckland; Central Hawke's Bay College, Waipukurau; Aorere College, Auckland; and Manurewa High School, Auckland, before coming to Penrose in 1978.

In 1964–65 he spent a year in Sarawak, Malaysia, developing the curriculum in the state's schools under the Colombo Plan. Shortly after his return he became a lecturer and later senior lecturer with the Secondary Teachers' College, Auckland (now part of the Auckland College of Education).

In 1975–76 Rose worked for Unesco in Mauritius, developing the school curriculum. In 1984 he joined Peter Mahon QC and Mrs Fanaura Kingston on a three-person committee of inquiry into the Queen Street riot.

After leaving Penrose in 1985 Rose served as director/chief executive of Hawke's Bay Polytechnic (now EIT Hawke's Bay). Rose was a popular principal who extended the benefits and lessons of the whanau system established by his predecessor, Murray Print, throughout the school.

He pushed for more student activities at the school, including the school newspaper *Obelisk*, the School Council and musical performances.

His first book, *Malaysia: A Social Geography*, was published in 1970. He was commissioned by the Auckland Harbour Board to write a history of the ports of Auckland, *Akarana: The Ports of Auckland*, which was published in 1971.

Rose was for many years a keen tramp and maintains a love of the outdoors. He established the fourth-form camps when he came to Penrose. He also skied, played hockey, tennis and golf and was interested in history, drama, photography and music — activities which he promoted at Penrose.

Rose lives in Epsom, Auckland. His wife, Patricia, died in 1999. He has three adult sons.



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## Ann Violet Dunphy (née Elliott)

MA(Hons)

(born 1943)

Principal, May 1986–May 1995

Co-principal, June 1995–August 1999

(sick leave. April–August 1999)



Born at Te Awamutu, Ann Elliott attended Te Awamutu College from 1956–60, where she was dux. She attended the University of Auckland on a teaching studentship from 1961–64, graduating with honours in French with a master of arts degree.

As working mother (by then Mrs Dunphy), she was an assistant teacher at Edgecumbe College, Bay of Plenty, from 1965–70 before

her move to Hillary College, Otara, South Auckland.

At Hillary she served as head of languages, foundation dean and acting deputy principal before taking up a new post in 1976 as foundation deputy principal of Tangaroa College, Otara's second high school. Until then, Hillary had been the only state secondary school without a pakeha majority.

Tangaroa broke new ground — there was no corporal punishment and a guidance unit was established to promote alternatives to corporal punishment. Maori was also taught throughout the school.

In May 1986, Mrs Dunphy became Penrose High School's fourth principal after the retirement of John Rose.

She continued the pioneering work that had been a feature of her terms at Hillary and Tangaroa. With deputy principal John Good, she introduced social workers into the school, breaking new ground in education. She was also active in a partnership-mentoring programme established with Penrose Rotary Club in 1996.

In June 1995 the principalship was restructured and Mrs Dunphy became a co-principal with John Good. That arrangement lasted until 1999 when she and Good stepped down. Mrs Dunphy was ill for four months of that year, during which time Good was acting principal.

Mrs Dunphy is remembered for her love of French, passion for education and pride in the school's multicultural environment. She introduced a code of conduct for students known as the Penrose Way (now a feature of many secondary schools), and helped set up a Friends of Penrose organisation. Since leaving Penrose she has undertaken pro bono work in mentoring and partnership development, serving on a range of committees including the Children's Agenda and Restorative Justice.

Her work these days includes various contracts for the Ministry of Education and others, notably in the multicultural and service integration fields of student support. She is also a contractor for the City of Manukau Education Trust, supporting school-business partnerships and group mentoring programmes.

Mrs Dunphy is secretary of the Auckland Youth Mentoring Association, founded in 2000, and lectures part time at the Auckland College of Education's Centre for Education.

She has two adult sons, Christopher and Michael.

## John Good MSc DipEd DipTchg

(born 1949)

Deputy principal, August 1989–May 1995

Co-principal, June 1995–September 1999

Acting Principal, April–September 1999



Born in Wanganui, John Good was educated in Wanganui, the Bay of Islands, Te Puke and the University of Auckland where he graduated with a master of science degree in 1971.

He joined Penrose High School as deputy principal in 1989 from the Auckland College of Education where he had been senior lecturer in mathematics. He had been involved in training college

education for nearly nien years.

Good said Penrose appealed to him because he had great respect for the staff and students and did not want to spend another 20 years at teachers' college. Penrose was, he said, a 'nice-sized school', with a well-organised structure and a 'rich and important' whanau system.

At Penrose, Good co-authored the Ministry of Education's mathematics curriculum and with principal Ann Dunphy pioneered the introduction social workers into the school to help identify children at risk and reduce truancy – a move as popular with educationists as it was successful.

In June 1995 Good became co-principal of Penrose with Mrs Dunphy as part of a management restructuring at the growing and culturally diverse school. He was acting principal for four months in 1999 when Mrs Dunphy was ill.

He is remembered for his commitment to academic excellence and quiet humour. He was described on his retirement from Penrose as an 'educational leader, a man standing tall in his field [whose] educational philosophy had a great part in shaping today's [1999] school – respect for people, striving for academic excellence,



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attacking barriers to learning, providing innovative and relevant courses'.

Good now works for the Ministry of Education where, among other things, he has formulated a nationwide policy on handling pupil suspensions.

He is married to Marion and they have three children, Andrew, Daniel and Jintana.

## Richard John Thornton

BSc DipEd DipTchg(Dist)

(born 1952)

Principal, September 1999–December 2002



Richard Thornton provided Penrose High School with sound leadership at a vital juncture of its history.

A Counties rugby representative and the son of 1947–49 All Black Neville Thornton, he started his teaching career at Papakura High School in 1976. This was after completing a bachelor of science degree at the University of Auckland, and a diploma of teaching with distinction and a diploma of

education at Auckland Teachers' College.

Thornton moved to Otorohanga College in 1978 and to Manurewa High School, South Auckland, in 1981.

From 1984 he had a decade's break from teaching, working for Commodore Business Machines, the Great Outdoors Company and Dick Smith Electronics.

In 1995 he resumed his teaching career at Avondale College where he stayed until his appointment as principal of Penrose High School in September 1999.

At Penrose, Thornton established what he called a 'clear line in the sand' on school standards of behaviour, respect and pupils' appearance and achieved spectacular results. Not only did discipline improve during his three years at Penrose but he also achieved a 34 per cent increase in the school certificate pass rate, a 30 per cent increase in the bursary pass rate and an increase in the number of university scholarships. Participation in sport doubled — rugby union was reintroduced after a break of several years — and he more than tripled the intake of international students over two years.

Thornton lives in St Heliers, Auckland, with his wife Suzanne. They have an adult daughter, Katie, and two adult sons, Greg and Peter. His varied interests include rugby, tennis, badminton, music and jogging.

## Iva Lewis Ropati

MA(Hons) DipTchg

(born 1966)

Principal, January 2003–



Iva Ropati came from a working-class background in Auckland, the seventh of eight children (seven sons and one daughter) of a Samoan immigrant and his New Zealand wife of French and Irish heritage.

The boys were encouraged to do well at school and from an early age they were introduced to the joys of rugby league in which they showed considerable talent.

Ropati attended Panama Road Primary School, Auckland (1971–77), Otahuhu Intermediate School, Auckland (1978–79); and Otahuhu College (1980–84) before attending the University of Auckland. He graduated with honours in 1990 with a master of arts degree, finding time in 1989–90 to play rugby league for the Featherstone club in the north of England.

Ropati then attended the Auckland College of Education for a year before teaching in England, which he combined with playing league for the Sheffield, Oldham and Featherstone clubs (the last stint gave him the opportunity to play off-season for Parramatta, New South Wales).

He was selected as a Kiwi in 1993 for the New Zealand tour of England and France — the third Ropati sibling to play league for his country (Joseph Ropati was selected as a Kiwi in 1983 and in 1986 and Tea Ropati in 1986).

A leg injury at Parramatta in 1994 forced Iva out of the game for a period and he returned to New Zealand to resume teaching. He taught at Lynfield College, Auckland; St Kentigern College for Boys, Auckland (where he was variously head of house, head of junior English and head of year 12 English); and Onehunga High School (deputy principal from 2000).

But Ropati did not give away his league prospects and for a time maintained a dual teaching and sporting career. In November 1995, he signed a Super League reserve grade contract with the Auckland Warriors and played for the first-grade team in 1996–97. His brother, Tea, was also a Warrior. Iva also found time for other hobbies including running, squash, golf, and modern and classical piano.

In 2003, he became the seventh principal of Penrose, succeeding Richard Thornton. His strong commitment to halting the decline in student under-achievement, especially among Maori and Pacific Islanders, made him an excellent choice for the post and a role model for students of all backgrounds.

The remarkable story of the Ropati family was captured in the book, *Running on Empty: The Ropati Story*, co-authored by Iva and Jim Mather and published in 1996.

Ropati is married to Kerrie and they have two young daughters.



# Deputy principals

## First assistant (restyled deputy principal from 1965)

- 1955–59 **Kenneth William [‘Stinger’] Rae** MA  
1960–71 (retired) **Edwin Gillman [Ted] Pressley** BA  
(born 1909–died 1994)  
Head of mathematics and science 1955–59;  
Acting principal 1965, during Ron Stacey’s  
absence overseas on a Woolf Fisher Trust  
scholarship.
- 1972 **Frank [‘Scotty’] McPherson** MA  
(born 1933/34–died 1984)  
Head of social studies 1969–71.
- 1972–75 **(Ronald) Keith Millar** BSc DipEd  
1976–79 **Francis Robert [Frank] Gradon** BSc DipTchg  
Head of science 1970–75;  
Acting principal 1976, during Murray Print’s  
absence overseas on a Woolf Fisher Trust  
scholarship.
- 1980–89 **Bryan Edward Smith** MSc DipTchg  
Acting principal February–May 1985, when  
John Rose was seconded to the secondary  
school inspectorate; Acting principal,  
March–May 1986.
- 1989 (acting) **Ian McKinnon** MA(Hons)  
Sport 1979–80;  
Head of geography 1981–82;  
Associate dean (Hinau) 1981;  
Dean (Tawa) 1982–87;  
Head of geography and social studies  
1983–87;  
Dean (Kowhai) 1989.
- 1989–95 **John Good** MSc DipEd DipTchg  
Co-principal June 1995–September 1999;  
Acting principal April–September 1999, when  
Ann’s Dunphy was on sick leave.
- 1995– **Mervyn Roy [Merv] Bettridge** BSc DipTchg  
Science teacher 1979–88;  
Assistant dean (Hinau) 1984;  
Dean (Hinau) 1985–90;  
Deputy head of science 1989–94  
Assistant dean (Hinau) 1991–94.

<sup>†</sup>Dave Buchan (see opposite) assisted as acting deputy principal from April–August 1999 while Ann Dunphy was on sick leave.

## Assistant principal

- 2004– **Nick Dynes Coughlan** BSc DipTchg  
Head of social sciences 2000–2003.

## Senior mistress (restyled deputy principal from 1985)

- 1955–58 (retired) **Miss M. Ruvé Wallis** MA  
1959–73 (retired) **Miss Norma Vincent Kemble** MA  
(born 1912–alive 2005)  
1974–76 (died) **Mrs Penelope Cranswick**  
(born 1923/24–died 1976)  
1976–95 (retired) **Mrs (Sarah) Constance [Connie]  
Henderson** DipPE(Liverpool)  
(born 1937–died 1998)  
Reliever 1970;  
Permanent staff 1971–95;  
Girls’ physical education 1971–76.
- 1995 **Ms Annette Patricia Grupen-Hall**  
(senior administrator)<sup>†</sup> BA DipTchg  
Joined as English teacher 1989;  
Rejoined as English teacher 1991;  
Deputy head of English 1992/93–95;  
Co-head of English 1996–98.
- 2000– **Ms Glenys Anne Daniell**  
BA HigherDipTchg DipEdMan

<sup>†</sup> Temporary position created as a result of Connie Henderson’s ill health.

## Senior master

- 1972–83 (retired) **Ronald Henry [Ron] Smith**  
Handicraft&AdvTradesCert Dip Tchg  
Head of technical department, 1964–75.

## Senior manager

- 2000 **David Robert [Dave] Buchan** BA DipTchg  
Physical education teacher 1989;  
Dean (Kowhai) 1989–96;  
Master in charge of sports 1991–93;  
Co-head of timetable/administration 1996;  
Head of history 1998–2004;  
Acting deputy principal April–August 1999;  
Dean (various senior forms) 2000–2002, 2004;  
Data manager 2001–2004.



## Deputy principals



Ken  
Rae



Ted  
Pressley



Scotty  
McPherson



Keith  
Millar



Frank  
Gradon



Bryan  
Smith



Ian  
McKinnon



John  
Good



Merv  
Bettridge



Nick  
Coughlan



Ron  
Smith



Dave  
Buchan



Ruvé  
Wallis



Norma  
Kemble



Penelope  
Cranswick



Connie  
Henderson



Annette  
Grupen-Hall



Glenys  
Daniell



## School development

# ‘Magnificent building on a wilderness of rock’

Penrose takes its name from Penrose Farm carved out of about 400ha (1000 acres) of land purchased by Cornishman William Williams from the Maori owners in 1843.

Williams (1806–76), not related to the Anglican missionary of the same name, named the farm after Penrose Farm in the parish of Budock, Cornwall, where he is thought to have been born (though there is no record of this) and where his father was allegedly bailiff. According to Williams it was the ‘best farm in Budock, and the best in all Cornwall’.

Research by foundation principal Ron Stacey reveals the property on which Penrose High School stands originally formed part of land granted to James Haldane Watt, a settler, on 10 December 1847. When he died in 1876 he left it to his two sons, Robert Henry Watt and David Bruce Watt. It was later mortgaged to Alfred Greatback Glover who gained ownership in 1884 after the Watts defaulted. It was later let to Jane Board of Ellerslie and sold to her in 1896. The land was later subdivided.

The Department of Education starting acquiring land for a secondary school during the period of the first Labour government. Once secondary education became more accessible after the abolition of the proficiency certificate in 1937, the department set its sights on building a super-school of superior quality — a ‘landmark’ in Ministry of Works’ parlance.

Penrose High School is said to have been designed with the view that it could serve as a hospital in the event of war (it came onto the drawingboard at the start of World War II). Its staff facilities, accessways and corridors, far more generous in size than for most New Zealand secondary schools, certainly give the impression that it was planned for another use.

The Department of Education’s standard plans were for schools of 400 and 600 pupils. Penrose, which initially had the working name of ‘Ellerslie Grammar School’, was built for 750 to 800 pupils and, 50 years after it opened, it retains some of the finest school buildings anywhere in the country.

The site was difficult to build on, not least because of the large amounts of volcanic rock that had to be excavated. In the first year, after the initial buildings were opened, £48,000 had to be spent developing the school grounds. It was to take several years before the outworks were completed.



School, February 1955





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- 1936 Government acquires 4ha (10 acres) of the present school site.
- 1946 Government acquires further 1.61ha (four acres) of present school site.
- 1949 Government acquires further 0.7ha (1.75 acres) of present school site.
- 1950 Government acquires further 1.01ha (2.5 acres) of present school site.
- 1951 Government acquires further 1.21ha (three acres) of present school site.
- 1953 January — construction starts on school.



School assembly, lower corridor, 1955

- 1955 1 February — school opens with 369 pupils (optimum roll, 750 to 800 pupils); it occupies blocks D, E, G and H; first assemblies held in main corridor — founding principal Ron Stacey describes it as a 'magnificent building on a wilderness of rock'; Auckland Grammar School Board of Governors is the governing authority; 31 March — evening classes start in dressmaking, millinery, typing, shorthand, art, floral art, hairdressing and English for settlers (340 enrolments, the start of Penrose's community education programme); July — workshop block completed and put into use; extensions to block G; Saturday, 3 December — official school opening and first annual prizegiving (held outside in the absence of an assembly hall) with guest of honour Education Minister Ronald Algie
- 1956 January — Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors replaces Auckland Grammar School Board as Penrose's governing authority; caretaker's cottage completed; social studies and commercial blocks completed.
- 1957 Temporary classrooms created from mistresses' workroom

- and north end of upper main corridor; homecraft room in use, term three; tuckshop opens.
- 1958 Homecraft/clothing wing, and library and library classroom (above foyer) in full use; second stage of grounds development finished; tree-planting programme inaugurated by gifts from Rotary Club of Newmarket.
- 1959 Science demonstration room converted to a physics laboratory; tree planting continues.
- 1960 Problem with slippery main corridor floors; new fields on south side of school — soccer and boys' hockey — sown in May; tender accepted for building school hall.



Assembly Hall, 1961

- 1961 Assembly hall in use in term three; school exterior painted.
- 1962 Improvements made to eastern side of soccer field; 11 September — school reunion dance organised by the Penrose High School Past Pupils' Association.
- 1963 Problem with slippery main corridor floors solved with linoleum.
- 1964 Successful fundraising drive for gymnasium; new field on south side of school prepared and sown.
- 1965 June — gymnasium opened; four-room double-storey classroom addition completed and in use at the end of term two (later known as Miro wing).





# School development

## CHRONOLOGY

- 1966 New field completed; rugby field resurfaced unsuccessfully with spoil from Southern Motorway extension containing scoria; additional tennis courts formed and sealed as is physical education area; fundraising drive starts for swimming pool (sponsored by Penrose Rotary Club) — 90,000 bottles collected and sorted as part of fundraising drive.
- 1967 April — Second draughting room completed and in use; two prefabs sited in readiness for increased 1968 roll.
- 1968 School exterior repainted; October — swimming pool completed at a cost of \$32,000 including outworks (33.5m [110ft] long, between 1.07m [3ft 6in] and 1.37m [4ft 6in] deep with a capacity of 523,250 litres [115,000 gallons).
- 1970 February 27 — official opening of gymnasium and swimming pool by H.H. Craig, regional superintendent of education, with the chairman of the Eastern Secondary Schools' Board, Stuart Bell, officiating; former principal Ron Stacey unveils plaque naming the pool the Stacey Pool.
- 1972 Purpose-built free-standing library in use in the third term; 7500 books transferred by pupils from old library; fundraising campaign launched with a target of 14,000 books.
- 1974 Principal Murray Print lays plans for Whanau House.
- 1975 Reading development room refurbished; audio-visual and senior studies (Miro wing) completed.
- 1976 Resource room built in A10; vertical forms introduced.
- 1977 20 April — Whanau House opened officially by Education Minister Les Gander; four other houses established.
- 1978 Resource centre in operation with printing and copying equipment; house system introduced; murals painted on outside school walls; school inspectors visit.
- 1979 Commons area finished for each house; Miro House organises a whanau in west wing.
- 1980 Music suite finished; tennis courts south of Hinau House constructed; 2–4 May — school's silver jubilee; confidence course constructed.
- 1984 School inspectors visit; front entrance upgraded and carpark extended; music suite relocated by assembly hall; gymnasium extended.
- 1985 3 May — school's 30th anniversary.
- 1987 School marae inaugurated by principal Ann Dunphy (two classrooms converted for the purpose) — named the Maungakiekie Marae.
- 1988 Marae and associated kohanga reo unit developed.
- 1989 1 October — Penrose High School Board of Trustees replaces Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors; November 15 — Penrose's draft charter sent to the Ministry of Education (a requirement of the *Tomorrow's Schools* reorganisation of education).
- 1992 New honours boards erected in assembly hall.
- 1993 12 September — library dedicated to late principal Murray Print.
- 1995 2–3 June — school's 40th jubilee.
- 1996 Board of Trustees embarks on strategic planning exercise on Penrose's future.
- 1998 Work starts on upgrading school's road frontage.
- 2000 Swimming pool reopened only to close again because of health and safety regulations; Penrose High School Parent-Teacher Association formed.
- 2001 School painted and entrance finished; art, English, mathematics and social science areas remodelled during Christmas break 2001–2002; government grants \$2 million for modernisation plan.
- 2002 Stage one of modernisation plan, worth \$1.3 million, completed; plans advanced for a performing arts centre, sports and recreation centre, technology block and additional classrooms.
- 2003 Astroturf costing \$140,000 laid on tennis courts.
- 2005 Major upgrade and modernisation of school buildings starts; 14–16 October — school's golden jubilee.



Library, 1972



# School houses

## Whanau House makes history

On 20 April 1977 Penrose High School's 'home within a school', Whanau House, was opened by Education Minister Les Gander in keeping with Maori protocol. Maori elder Eruera Kawhia Stirling gave the opening speech in Maori and the minister replied in Maori.

Whanau House — described as a 'place for people to live, learn, laugh, relax and respond and related as an extended family in the true spirit of Whanau' — was the crowning glory of Murray Print's principalship.

Planned in 1974, the complex initially accommodated 250 pupils between third and seventh form.

While it was billed as a world first, the Whanau House concept would reflect as much on European educational tradition as Maori culture. It signalled the introduction of a house system that had been a feature of English private schools ('public' in British parlance) since time immemorial. (Penrose had already operated a loose house system for its summer sports day from 1969–75, though it had never been embraced by the school proper). The challenge for Print's successor, John Rose, was to extend the Whanau House benefits across the whole school.

Whanau House became Hinau House and four other houses were established — Kowhai, Miro, Tawa and Rata. By 1979 they each had their designated commons areas and distinct identities, including house colours — Hinau (white), Kowhai (yellow), Miro (green), Tawa (blue) and Rata (red).

Competition was an important part of the house system from the beginning. In 1977 the houses competed in athletics with Hinau taking first place and it held that lead when a range of non-sporting endeavours were assessed. An Interhouse Shield has been competed for most years.

The number of houses was reduced from five to four (with the abolition of Rata) after 1982 because of a drop in the school roll. At this time Tawa's house colour was changed from blue to red.

The house system, as controversial as it was challenging, came to an end in the late 1990s and Penrose reverted to a more traditional class format. Classes were organised on a house system in 1999 but from 2000 the house system applied to sports competition only.

PENROSE HIGH SCHOOL  
WHANAU HOUSE



## Interhouse Shield†

(1977–96, recognising sporting and academic excellence; since 1999, recognising sporting success only)

1977	Hinau
1978	Hinau
1979	Tawa
1980	Hinau
1981	Miro
1982	Kowhai
1983	Kowhai
1984	Hinau
1985	Miro
1986	Tawa
1987	Tawa?
1988	Hinau
1989	Hinau
1990	Tawa
1991	Hinau
1992	Tawa
1993	Kowhai
1994	Hinau
1995	Kowhai
1996	Tawa

House system fell away after 1996

House system reintroduced in 1999 and strengthened in 2000 by new principal Richard Thornton. From 2000 the house system was used for sports competition only.

1999	Kowhai
2000	Tawa
2001	Kowhai
2002	Hinau
2003	Hinau
2004	Kowhai
2005	Kowhai

† A loose house system for the school's summer sports day existed from 1969–75. There were originally four houses — Gold, Blue, Red and Green. In 1974 it increased to six houses — Te Arawa (red), Aotea (green), Tainui (blue), Matatua (white), Takatimu (gold) and Tokomaru (black). There is no record of which house won the interhouse sports in 1970. Gold won in 1971 and 1972, Blue won in 1973, Te Arawa in 1974 and Tainui in 1975. Vertical forms were introduced in 1976.



# Dux litterarum (academic dux)

Year	Boy	Girl
1955	no award	no award
1956	no award	no award
1957	Alexander H. Wichers	no award
1958	Alexander H. Wichers	no award
1959	Kelvin R. Gallagher	Margaret E. Barnett
1960	Bruce R. Gamble	Gillian E. Wilkinson
1961	Robert V. Winchester	Janet M. Darby
1962	Graeme R. Carlaw	Judith A. Henderson
1963	Kerry R. Laing	Pauline F. Tapp
1964	Roy E. O'Shanassy	Beverley J. Bryant
1965	Mervyn T. Jones	Rosemary A. Sinnock
1966	Keith D. McSpornan	Linda J. Wesch
1967	Laurence D. Brockliss	Dzintra M. Kriss
1968	Ross D. Parsonage	Barbara V. Sandeman

Year	Dux	Proxime accessit
1969	Ian J. Thompson	Elaine E. Alexander <sup>†</sup>
1970	Alan C. Chisholm	Pamela Gerrard <sup>†</sup>
1971	Brian J. Fish	Ronald P.W. Van Tilburg
1972	Ronald P.W. Van Tilburg	Heather M. Chalmers Lynda M. Batcheler
1973	Duncan T. Backshall	Brian J. Potter
1974	Gordon A. Dempsey	Christopher J. Lewis Ross Murdoch
1975	John P. Eccles	Keith N. Ward
1976	Bruce T. Thompson	John M. Scarry
1977	Robert J. Ellis	Douglas A. Parker
1978	David T.R. White	Janene M. Smith
1979	Cheah Wi Kwong	Gregory E. Morgan

Year	Dux	Proxime accessit
1980	Edward H. Wong	Scott A. O'Brien
1981	Glennis A. Edmunds	Steven Wong
1982	Michael J. Whaley	Mark C. Kruse
1983	W. John Atkin	Sue Crocker
1984	Stephen P. Sutton	Stephen E. Holroyd
1985	Jonathan C. Drake	Andrew G. Cox
1986	Peter S. Gray	Guyon A.E. Roche
1987	Neil G. McHardy	Cherie K. Castaing
1988	Sara J. Andrew	Tracy L. Hill
1989	Matthew J. Broadbent	San Chung Leung
1990	Mark J. Todd	Paul D. Martin
1991	Helen Tai	Wendy L. Munro
1992	Martin L. Buist	Chyong-yng [Agnes] Hwang
1993	William Dunningham	Lance P. Johnstone
1994	Qiao-qing Lum	Dexter Cheung
1995	Tze Khaw Liew	Matthew G. Goode
1996	Sharon P. Chandra	Hiren Mistry
1997	Rashmi Raghu	Karen M. Buist
1998	Alison Hall	Tony Goldsmith Ashish Nangia
1999	Anej Bansal	David John
2000	Wing Sze Wong	Zhao Jian Zeng
2001	Xue Liang	Sum Tran
2002	Yi Zheng [Lisa Chen]	Ada Chan
2003	Kefei [James] Shi	Ming Yue Sheng
2004	Tejaswi Tangiraia	Smit Shah
2005	Chooi Ling Wong	Vijitha Parameshwaran

<sup>†</sup> Listed on honours board as girl dux.

<sup>‡</sup> Per honours board — school magazine lists Brian J. Fish as proxime accessit.



## Dux ludorum (sporting dux)

Year	Boy	Girl	Year	Boy	Girl
1970	Murray J. Netzler	Marilyn E. Muller	1989	Geoffeory I.N. Waterhouse	Kathryn H. Ball
1971	Ian Watson	Janice I. Frost	1990	Troy K. Park	Mary Rairi
1972	Peter L. Oatridge	Lynette A. Laupu'e		Ngase 'Otukolo	
1973	no record	no record	1991	David Kerr	Lucy C. Dunningham
1974	Glen L. Young	Gaylene A. Oliver	1992	Collin W. Nicoll	Rachel A. Spence
1975	Glen L. Young	Gaylene A. Oliver	1993	Scott P. Wadham	Penny M.-M. Broadbent
1976	Glen L. Young	Gaylene A. Oliver	1994	Kong Kourn	Mele Latu
1977	Richard J. Fry	J. Bronwyn Corson		David E. Sharples	
1978	Phillip W. Maddren	Huia J. Taraiwa	1995	Newman Fuli-Roache	Sene Leaupepe
1979	David H. Witteveen	Christine F. Covacich	1996	Drew R. Chapman	Sarah Noomaara
1980	Wayne Molloy	Fiona M. McDougall	1997	Soni Tekeu	Sarah Noomaara
1981	Sean R. Tracy	Anna K. Manu	1998	Jaydine Fuli-Roche	Helen Semau
1982	Stefan P. Vodanovich	Lynne A. McRae	1999	Champs Tihau	Lisa D. Arkell
1983	Sapati Pita	Lynne A. McRae	2000	Tevita Hufanga	Nettie Norman
1984	Andrew B. Reynolds	Kim D. White	2001	Warrick Hart	Lina Lepou
1985	Christopher A. Sutton	María I. Waterhouse	2002	Matthew Cowie	Karen Butterworth
1986	David M. Sutton	María I. Waterhouse	2003	Funaki Tuitupou	Philomena Aurupa
1987	no award	Fianée N. Lion	2004	Victor Kalolo	Edna Y. Sundin
1988	Darryl L. Smith	Sandra M. Hannah	2005	William Tokaduadua	Mina Tupou
		Susan Gregory			

## Dux artium (cultural dux)

Year	
2004	Victor Kalolo
2005	Victor Kalolo



# Head pupils

Year	Head boy	Head girl	Year	Head boy	Head girl
1955	no appointment	no appointment	1982	Michael A. Brassem	Sandra G. Hogg
1956	Jack I. Cassidy	Dorothy M. Bleakley	1983	John K. Matteson	Nerida C. Love
1957	Timothy P. Fletcher	Jean T. Cuthbert	1984	Tuimukutavake W. Afeaki	Suzanne Bignall
1958	Edward E. Rosser	Gail E. Adams	1985	Michael R. Bos	Kym E. Beehre
1959	Edward E. Rosser	Margaret E. Barnett	1986	Damien S. Rosieur	Treena H. Brampton Maria I. Waterhouse
1960	Keith A. McLean	Gillian E. Wilkinson	1987	Donald F. Mawhinney	Heather M. Donovan
1961	Walter N. Larsen	Judith A. Henderson	1988	Saione L. Greer	Fianée N. Lion
1962	Graeme R. Carlaw	Judith A. Henderson	1989	Duane D. Donovan	Neroli J. Scoones
1963	Lloyd B. Edwards	Pauline F. Tapp	1990	Chris J. Dillon	Christine L. Froggatt
1964	John F. Baker	Jeanette Audain	1991	Michael Maskill	Wendy L. Munro
1965	Mervyn T. Jones	Deanne B. Wihongi	1992	Louis I. Collins	Roslynn S.P. Mahe
1966	Keith D. McSporrán	Robyn A. Helliwell	1993	Malcolm J. Mawhinney	Terresa Whimp
1967	Grant C. McLeod	Sonia A. Wesch	1994	Ben Dalton-Rewiti	Khonsavath [Connie] Sayarath
1968	John L. Campbell	Allison V. Lomax	1995	Sam Maumaali'i	Theresa Chapman
1969	John G. Boucher	Marion J. Thomas	1996	Enimoa Finau	Michelle Clark
1970	Peter H. Thomas	Elizabeth A. McLean	1997	Chris Tonkin	Sarah Heappey
1971	Kenneth D. Ushaw	Yvonne H. Lambert	1998	Tony Goldsmith	Christia Chryssafis
1972	John P. van Dalen	Robyn A. Curd	1999	John Tautua	Margarita Thompson
1973	Terence E. Baker	A. Lynette Laupū'e	2000	Aleksandar Cicovic	Athlene Ramsay
1974	Gordon A. Dempsey	Marilyn C. Morse	2001	Hemi Ropata	Xue Liang
1975	Michael J. Dally	Fleur T.M. McKee	2002	Chaz Misipeka	Lani Harcourt-Smith
1976	Jonathan P. Dunstan	Susan M. Rea	2003	Daniel McCabe	Stacey Iafeta
1977	Richard J. Fry	Laurie-Ann Bell	2004	Ashley Jithoo	Annie Nikolao
1978	Michael J. Moran	Janene M. Smith	2005	Chee Mar	Jamielyn Togafiti
1979	Kevin G. Treadwell	Sahra H. Potts			
1980	Anthony D. Harlick	Margaret Teleiai			
1981	David J. Taylor	Sharon M. Matteson			

## Golden Jubilee Award

Introduced by the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee in 2005 to recognise past-pupils' outstanding achievement. Awards to be made in subsequent years.

Award	Name	School years	Area(s) of achievement
2005	John P. Goulter DCNZM	1955–58	Airport management
	Graeme J. Hunt	1966–69	Authorship and journalism
	Tina M. Cross	1973–76	Singing and entertainment
	Mark S. Nua	1978–82	Sport and entertainment



## President of School Council<sup>†</sup>

### Year

1969	Bruce A. McLeod
1970 <sup>‡</sup>	Brian P. Cowley
1971	Janice I. Frost
1972	Raymond W.M. Young
1973	Gregory J. Taylor?
1974	David S. Hammond
1975 <sup>‡‡</sup>	Susan P.B. Feeney Alan E. Evans
1976	Jonathan P. Dunstan Susan M. Rea
1977	Richard J. Fry
1978	John W. Davies
1979	no record
1980	Anthony D. Harlick Margaret Teleiai
1981	David J. Taylor
1982	no record
1983	Nerida C. Love
1984	no record
1985	Michael R. Bos
1986	no record
1987	Donald F. Mawhinney
1988	Sara J. Andrew

### Year

1989	Timothy-Sue Smith
1990	Belinda M. Small
1991	Selina Banda
1992	Emma J. Best
1993	Joanna Butler
1994	Lebron Tarr
1995	Hayley L. Rawiri
1996	Samasoni Kupa Tiriana Temoni
1997	Samasoni Kupa Eileen Tui
1998	Lolohea Bulu Angie Davidson
1999	Lito Pasa
2000	Hemi Ropata
2001	Freshta Hassan
2002	Philomena Aurupa
2003	Philomena Aurupa
2004	Annie Nikolao
2005	Sergej Cicovic

<sup>†</sup> Sometimes called the Student Council. The title was usually president but some heads of the council styled themselves chairman or chair.

<sup>‡</sup> Known in 1970 as the School Forum.

<sup>‡‡</sup> Prefect system phased into School Council.

## Student representative on Board of Trustees

### Year

1989	Kathryn H. Ball <sup>†</sup>
1990	Kathryn H. Ball
1991	Shandel Ngan Woo
1992	Christine T. Pili
1993	Shandel Ngan Woo
1994	Sam Maumaali'i
1995	Lauren Houppapa <sup>‡</sup> Sarah Heappey <sup>‡</sup>
1996	Nadine Leef
1997	Starksy Maiava
1998	Janis Loulanting

### Year

1999	Lito Pasa
2000	Tabitha Pasco
2001	Student committee — Jessica Duthie, Christina Lee, Priya Sagar, Genna Saifiti, Zhemini Shao, Gus Temoni
2002	Freshta Hassan
2003	Hayden W. Campbell
2004	Ana R. Matoto
2005	Sofaia K. Qounadovu

<sup>†</sup> From 1 October 1989.

<sup>‡</sup> Not appointed officially.



## Sport

# Rugby success heads sporting achievement

From the start of Ron Stacey's principalship, rugby union was Penrose's No.1 sport — hardly surprising given that Stacey was a rugby administrator and referee and had been a University of New Zealand rugby blue.

In the first year, when the school roll was less than 400, Penrose fielded three rugby teams — the first XV in grade 4C, a fifth-grade (probably 5B) team and a sixth-grade team. All were unbeaten in competition games. The first XV, coached by engineering teacher Trevor Davies, won the 4C competition and went through unbeaten to the knockout competition. The fifth and six grade teams were similarly unbeaten.

In 1955 Penrose also fielded two association football (soccer) teams — intermediate B and junior B (both of whom were highly successful) — a girls' hockey team and a girls' basketball team ('basketball' was then the official name of what later became outdoor basketball and, from 1970, netball).

Between 1969 and 1978 — the golden decade of Penrose rugby — the first XV was twice runner-up in the senior A competition and winner and twice runner-up in senior B.

Penrose rugby players originally played in a white jersey with a narrow light-blue hoop — a pain for parents having to remove stains in the days when fields were notoriously muddy. That jersey design remained until rugby at Penrose came to a virtual halt in 1984 when the school managed to field a single third-grade team only.

The reasons for the decline in rugby were many:

- Participation in school sports ceased being compulsory after Ron Stacey's retirement in 1968;
- Teachers became increasingly unwilling to coach sport;
- After years of obstruction from the New Zealand Rugby Football Union and rugby union-leaning teachers, pupils were allowed to represent their schools at rugby league; and
- Other sports such as basketball (the indoor version) became popular.

Many top Penrose rugby union players played league in secret in the 1950s and 1960s. Players were known to have turned out for Penrose's second XV on a Saturday morning and for their local league club, Manukau-Greenlane (later Manukau) or Ellerslie, in the afternoon. Some first XV players likewise played league in the morning and rugby union for the school in the afternoon.

The reason for secondary school support for union over league centred on what many teachers and parents viewed as the

corrupting influence of 'professionalism' in sport (rugby union was strictly amateur then while league clubs, although not professional in today's terms, offered cash inducements and occasional payments to players).

Rugby union made a slow comeback at Penrose in 1988 but was all but dead from 1993 until the arrival of a new principal, Richard Thornton, in 1999.

Thornton, a former Counties rugby representative and the son of post-war All Black Neville Thornton, was committed to restoring the code to the school. Penrose entered the 2D competition in 2000, won the grade in 2001 and won 2C in 2002. It entered the senior B competition the following year.

Penrose has produced numerous national sporting representatives during its first 50 years, the greatest number being rugby league Kiwis (5) but top achievers have also come from a range of other sports (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).

The school has produced a junior All Black and a Wallaby but not, to date, an All Black.

Time will tell what is in store for the next 50 years. At all schools in recent years participation in team sports has dropped off. At Penrose there is a commitment to expand participation in and performance of team sports.

## Rugby union — Auckland secondary schools' competition

### Grade first XV competed in

1955	4C
1956–57	2B
1958	2A
1959–61	Senior B
1962–65	Senior A
1966–67	Senior B
1968–72	Senior A
1973–83	Senior B
1984	3A
1985	no rugby union played except for entry in seven-a-side tournament



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1986–87	no rugby union played
1988	3
1989	2B
1990–91	2A
1992	no record
1993	probably second division
1994	no record
1995	no rugby union played
1996	junior rugby union played only
1997–99	no boys' rugby union played
2000	2D
2001	2D
2002	2C
2003	Senior B
2004	Senior B

## Successes

### Senior A

1969	=4th (runner-up) (11–12 loss to St Paul's College on last game cost Penrose the championship)
1970	2nd

### Senior B

1976	1st
1977	2nd (lost 6–10 to Hillary College in the final)
1978	2nd
2003	lost to Liston College in plate competition final

## Second Grade

2A 1958	3rd behind King's College (2nd) and Auckland Grammar School (1st)
2C 1967	2nd
2C 1968	2nd
2B 1989	1st
2A 1990	2nd
2A 1991	=1st with Auckland Grammar School
2D 2001	1st
2C 2002	1st

## Third Grade

3B 1968	1st
3B 1977	2nd

## Fourth Grade

4C 1955	1st
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4A 1969	3rd
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## Fifth Grade

5B? 1955	1st
5B 1977	1st

## Sixth Grade

6 1955	1st
6B 1976	1st

## Results

### Penrose v Old Boys (Past Pupils' Challenge Shield from 1966)

1963	won at Penrose
1964	no record
1965	won 5–3 at Penrose
1966	won 21–16 at Penrose
1967	lost 9–11 at Fergusson Park, Te Papapa <sup>†</sup>
1968	drew 12–12 at Penrose
1969	won 14–9 at Dilworth School
1970	no match
1971	lost 13–22 at Penrose
1972	no match
1973	lost 20–39 at Penrose

<sup>†</sup>Penrose's home ground was unavailable for some years, notably in the late 1960s because of its poor playing service. The problem was compounded by scoria-laden topsoil laid on the field that had been purloined from the Southern Motorway widening. The Auckland Showgrounds, Epsom, Fergusson Park, Te Papapa, and Dilworth School, Epsom, provided alternative venues. Past-pupils' matches also extended to other sports.

### Penrose v Selwyn College (Board of Governors' Shield)<sup>†</sup>

1958	won 16–3 at Selwyn
1959	won 11–3 at Penrose
1960	lost 5–6 at Selwyn
1961	won 9–6 at Penrose?
1962	won 6–3 at Selwyn
1963	drew 0–0 (Penrose retained shield)
1964	lost 6–9
1965	lost 5–6
1966	lost 11–14
1967	won 8–6
1968	no match (shield missing)
1969	no match (shield missing)
1970	won 34–17



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1971	won 8–3
1972	won 26–14
1973	lost
1974	won 4–0
1975	lost 20–21
1976	won 21–9
1977	drew 6–6
1978	no record
1979	lost
1980	won
1981	won 21–10
1982	won
1983	won 18–8
1984	won

† Also known as the Founders' Shield and Foundation Principals' Trophy. This was originally competed for for rugby alone but later competition was extended across a range of winter and summer sports. Rugby ceased to be part of the Penrose–Selwyn annual sports meetings after 1984.

## Penrose v Glendowie College (Board of Governors' Shield Challenge)

1967	won 19–0 at Penrose†
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† Match possibly played at Fergusson Park, Te Papapa, or Dilworth School, Epsom, because of unavailability of home ground.

## Penrose v Dargaville High School†

1956	lost 3–20 at Dargaville
1957	won 6–3 at Penrose
1958	won 9–5 at Dargaville
1959	won 19–3 at Penrose
1960	won 9–6 at Dargaville
1961	drew 3–3 at Penrose
1962	lost 3–6 at Dargaville
1963	drew 3–3 at Penrose
1964	won 16–0 at Dargaville
1965	won 11–3 at Penrose
1966	won 10–3 at Dargaville
1967	won 14–3 at Fergusson Park, Te Papapa
1982	lost 3–4 at Dargaville?
1983	won at Dargaville

† Annual fixture.

## Penrose v Te Puke High School†

1956	lost 6–3 at Penrose
1957	won 8–6 at Te Puke

1958	won 10–0 at Auckland Showgrounds
1959	won 20–3 at Te Puke
1960	lost 11–12 at Penrose
1961	lost 6–11 at Te Puke
1962	won 9–8 at Penrose
1963	lost 11–19 at Te Puke
1964	lost 5–6 at Penrose
1965	lost 8–16 at Te Puke

† Annual fixture.

## Rugby league — Auckland secondary schools' tournament†

1974	senior grade, two drawn, one lost (eastern zone)
1975	v Rutherford High School, lost 9–12
	v Aorere College, lost 8–10
	v Mt Albert Grammar School, lost 2–18
1976–84	no record
1985	team entered‡
1986	v St Peter's College, won 36–0
	v Kelston Boys' High School, lost 10–0
1987	no record
1988	v Takapuna Grammar School, won
	v Seddon High School, lost
	v Mt Albert Grammar School, won (semifinal in extra time)
	v Otahuhu College, lost (final)
1989	no record
1990	v St Peter's College, won 14–12
	v St Paul's College, won 22–17
	v Otahuhu College, won 8–4 (semifinal)
	v Mt Albert Grammar School, lost (final)
1991	v Hillary College, lost (semifinal)
1992	team not entered
1993–98	no record
1999	v Mt Albert Grammar School, lost
	v Hillary College, won
2000	team not entered
2001–03	no record but league played at Penrose
2004	[to come]

† Usually held in the August holidays — results incomplete.

‡ Separate team entered in mid-week tournament as well.



# Sport

## So many sports, so little space

This section of the book does not claim to be representative of school sport played over 50 years — such coverage is not possible for a jubilee issue — but it is an insight into the contribution of sport to Penrose's character.

Rugby union, as noted, was the school's top sport for many years followed by soccer, netball, hockey, cricket and tennis. Basketball (then called indoor basketball) thrived from its introduction in 1964 and won Penrose many honours over the next 40 years. This was not at the expense of netball, which has long been the dominant winter sport for girls and has earned the school many titles.

Softball, first played in Penrose in 1956, has been similarly successful with the senior girls winning the national softball title in 1999. Volleyball, originally a minor girls' sport, has made similar strides.

While there is not the space to provide a history of Penrose's main sports, ex-pupils who went on to win national honours are included in the Prominent past pupils section.

Below is a list of the sports played at Penrose and the years they were introduced to the school (sometimes approximate). Some sports lasted for a year or two, only to die. Others were reintroduced. Included in the list are interests such as cadets, Air Training Corps and tramping that are as much recreations as sport. Drama, dancing, debating and chess have been excluded.

Sport	Year introduced <sup>†</sup>
Air Training Corps (boys)	1958
Athletics (boys and girls)	1955
Badminton (boys and girls, mixed)	1970
Basketball (formerly indoor basketball) (boys and girls)	1964
Bodybuilding (boys)	2000
Cadets (boys)	1955
Canoeing (mixed)	1983
Cheerleading (girls)	1980
Cricket (boys)	1955
(girls)	1956
Crosscountry (steeplechase) (boys)	1955
(girls)	1974
Cycling (mixed)	1984
Dragonboating (mixed)	1998
Fencing (boys)	1961
Golf (boys)	1975
Gymnastics (boys and girls)	1956

Sport	Year introduced <sup>†</sup>
Hockey (boys)	1956
(girls)	1955
Indoor cricket	1991
Judo (boys and girls)	1970
Kilikiti (boys and girls)	1998
Lifesaving (boys)	1956
(girls)	1955
Longball (girls)	1959
Marathon (boys)	1977
Mountain biking (boys)	2001
Netball (formerly basketball) (girls)	1955
Outrigger canoeing (mixed)	1999
Rowing (boys)	1955
Rugby league (boys)	1974
Rugby union (boys)	1955
(seven-a-side boys)	1985
(girls)	1995
(boys' touch)	1995
(girls' touch)	1988
(mixed touch)	1997
Skateboarding (mixed)	1988
Soccer (formerly association football)(boys)	1955
(girls)	1972
Softball (boys and girls)	1956
Squash rackets (boys)	1974
Swimming (boys and girls)	1955
Table tennis (boys and girls)	1968
Tenniquoits (girls)	1956
Tennis (boys)	1956
(girls)	1955
Tramping (boys and girls)	1974
Triathlon (mixed)	1988
Volleyball (boys)	1974
(girls)	1956
Yachting (boys)	1961
Waterpolo (boys and girls)	1970

<sup>†</sup> Some dates approximate. Some sports lasted for a season only or were played as part of the physical education curriculum. Others were dropped after a few years and later reintroduced. The table excludes successes by pupils in sports not played at Penrose.



# Culture

## Concerts, productions, parades<sup>†</sup>

- 1955 School concert, Parish Hall, Ellerslie (1 & 3 August)
- 1956 Fashion parade (fourth-form girls)
- 1957 School concert, Ellerslie Primary School hall, Ellerslie (6, 7 & 8 August)
- 1958 *The Grand Cham's Diamond*, play (senior group) (25 July)  
*Full Circle*, play (third form), British Drama League Festival (junior division), St Andrew's Hall (1 August)
- 1959 Lunch-hour fundraising prom concerts (first term)  
Carol service (4 December)
- 1960 *The Gondoliers*, musical
- 1965 Penrose High School choir takes part in Auckland secondary schools' music festival for the first time for many years
- 1969 *H.M.S. Pinafore* (August)  
Passion, Poison and Petrification, G.B. Shaw play
- 1970 *The Mikado* (four performances) (4, 5, 6 & 7 May)
- 1971 *100 Years of Stage and Music*, show
- 1972 Lunchtime talent quest (first term)  
*The Proposal*, Chekhov play  
*Trouble in Helicon*, Brian Stocks play
- 1973 Lunctime talent quest (first term)  
Lunchtime Happen Inn concert  
Cultural week (including Polynesian festival) (13, 14 & 15 August)  
*The Time is Free*, musical
- 1974 Talent quest, Polynesian Club (second term)  
Cultural week (over three days)  
*The Doubtful Misfortune of Hi Sing*, play (cultural week)  
*A Cardhouse in the Commune*, play (cultural week)  
*After Marston Moor*, play (fourth-form drama group) (6 November)
- 1975 Festival week (second term)
- 1976 *The One Less Travelled*, multimedia production by staff and pupils on contemporary issues  
*Bluey*, play by Arnold Fletcher
- 1979 *Here's Looking at You*, play, Maidment Theatre  
*New York Street* (Friday assembly), both (sixth-form drama group)  
*Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat* (third and fourth form)  
Lunchtime talent quest

- 1980 Lunchtime talent quest (second term)
- 1982 *The King and I*, Rodgers & Hammerstein musical (three performances)
- 1983 Solo and ensemble musical festival, Penrose (11 June)
- 1984 *The Boyfriend*, play (7, 8, 10 & 11 August)
- 1985 Talent quest (18 October)
- 1986 *Finian's Rainbou*, musical (12, 13, 15 & 16 August)
- 1987 *Soirée Musicale*, concert (29 April)  
Star Art exhibition (fifth form) (August)  
Spring concert (11 August)
- 1988 *Cinderfella*, cantata  
Cultural opportunities week
- 1990 *Trial by Jury*, Gilbert & Sullivan musical
- 1991 Cultural Festival
- 1994 *Being Seventeen*, drama (senior class)  
*Families*, drama (fourth-form class)
- 1995 Cultural festival (second term)
- 1997 *The Witch's Wart*, musical (August)  
Cultural festival (second term)
- 1998 Cultural festival
- 1999 Cultural entertainment and foods night (24 June)  
Japanese Cultural Festival (part of the cultural entertainment and foods night)
- 2000 Spring concert (24 August)
- 2001 *Face the Music* (senior drama students)
- 2002 *The Outsiders*, play (29 & 30 August)  
Spring concert  
Rock concert
- 2004 Cultural festival (first term)
- 2005 Cultural festival (first term)

<sup>†</sup> Information not available for some years. Excludes most outside musical and drama festivals.



*The King and I*, 1982



# Culture

## Speech competition

Senior competition for the Ward Reid Memorial Cup, presented by the Penrose Industrial Progress Association

- 1961 L. Karen Andersen, 5AcA, 'The development of a New Zealand industry' (20 September)
- 1962 Jeanette Audain, 5AcA, 'Education in industry' (15 August)
- 1963 Robin J. Watt, 6A, 'The Maori in industry' (21 August)
- 1964 Peter M. Jones, 6B, 'In defence of youth' (19 August)
- 1965 Peter M. Jones, 6A, 'Society and the criminal' (17 August)
- 1966 Alan J. Ferris, 6B1, 'The Kiwi' (17 August)
- 1967 Dzintra M. Kriss, 6A, 'Juvenile delinquency' (16 August)
- 1968 Richard B. Winch, 6B, 'Euthanasia'
- Marion J. Thomas, 6B, 'The news on television' (7 August)
- 1969 Janice D. Lake, 6B3, 'The question of race superiority'
- 1970 Yvonne H. Lambert, 6Maths, 'Our polluted air' (19 August)
- 1971 Lynda M. Batcheler, 6Maths, 'Two Roman emperors'
- 1972 Gregory J. Taylor, 'The impossibility of peace'
- 1973 Susan Feeney, fifth form, 'Old age' (15 August)
- 1974 Linda McLaren, 6Bn, 'Euthanasia'
- 1975-79 not held/no record

Speech competition restarted but the Ward Reid Memorial Cup is no longer presented. Senior winners:

- 1980 Paul Younger, Tawa, 'Martian viewpoint'
- 1981 Helen Turner, Hinau, 'Karate'
- 1982 Kembra Wilson, Form 6 Miro, 'The Maori in society today' (July)
- 1983 Kembra Te H.H. Wilson, Form 7 Miro, 'Pride of New Zealand'
- 1984 Tuimukutavake W. Afeaki, Tawa, 'A tribute to Sir Apirana Ngata'
- Suzanne Bignall, Hinau, 'The brain drain'
- 1985 Riwiwa Fox, H4, 'Acting'
- 1986 Helen J. Wedde, 'Graffiti rules OK?'
- 1987 Johanne Owen, Form 6 Miro, 'Hairdressers'
- 1988 Duane D. Donovan, Form 6, '20 billion years in 500 words or less'
- 1989 Duane D. Donovan, Form 7 Hinau (first term)
- 1990 Shandel Ngan Woo, 'Public speaking'
- 1991 Aynsley Tapuvae, T5, 'Lack of communication in families'

- 1992 Naomi Wallwork, 'We want bread and roses too'
- 1993 no record
- 1994 Frenda Amituanai, H3
- 1995 Daniel Harrison
- 1996 Hadyn Drake, Sen House STO
- 1997 no record
- 1998 no record
- 1999 Rachael Hurst, Hinau 1, 'Breasts, hooters, knockers, boobs ...'
- 2000 Matthew John, 12SIN
- 2001 William Mahe, 13PS
- 2002 Gayle Lobo, Year 13
- 2003 Monan Prakash, 13LE, 'A Dream'
- 2004 Zane Scarborough, Year 13, 'Christianity and its effects on our psychies' (November)
- 2005 Shaun D. Warin, Year 13, 'The youth of today' (November)



Kapa Haka group, late 1990s

## Cultural groups

A French club, Le Club Français, was formed in 1965 but the oldest of Penrose High School's indigenous cultural groups, the Polynesian Club, was formed in 1970. By 1985 it had Maori, Tongan, Samoan and Cook Island sections and by 1988 Niuean culture was also included. These sections later became independent groups.

By 1993 there was also an Indian culture group. The groups played an important part in the school's cultural life, performing at cultural/festival week which started in the mid-1970s and was held most years. A Maori speech festival was also established. By 1999 an Arabic Group and a separate Kapa Haka Group had been formed.

## School ball

The first school ball was held on 30 September 1961 to celebrate the opening of the assembly hall and balls were held most years. Term 'socials' were also held from time to time.



## Art collection

# An experiment in art education

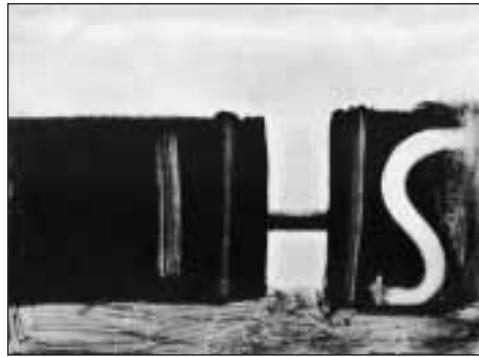
The Penrose High School art collection was once described as an 'experiment in art education'. If it was an experiment, it was a sound one.

The collection was started in 1969 by principal Murray Print with the help of art teacher Wally Crossman. When Crossman joined the staff in 1961, there were token pieces only of art hanging on walls. Most were faded reproductions of European masters. Crossman was told there was no money to buy art — until Print arrived in 1969.

The collection, funded by the proceeds of the tuckshop and specific gifts and donations, started with the purchase of a small oil by Robert Ellis — one of his 'motorway' series. Over the years it expanded to a significant New Zealand collection, including works by Gretchen Albrecht, W.A. Sutton, Colin McCahon, Patrick Hanly, Robin White, Toss Woollaston, Allen Maddox, Don Peebles and Ralph Hotere

Print's aim to use New Zealand art to humanise the school paid off. More than 35 years later, the much-loved collection remains an important part of Penrose's culture — so important, in fact, the Ministry of Education sought to claim ownership. But the collection was not publicly funded and in 1999 the Penrose High School Charitable Art Trust was formed to separate it from the school.

The trust is run by a board independent of the school administration and the Board of Trustees. In December 2004, the trust board comprised: Belinda J. Vernon (chair), Derek E. Cutting, Marilyn C. Wales, Ann V. Dunphy, Mary Broadbent and Kiri Turketo.



Wally Crossman DipFA DipTchg (centre), art teacher at Penrose from 1961–79

Two Colin McCahon paintings which form part of the Penrose collection



# Past-pupil associations

## Penrose High School Past Pupils' Association Inc

Inaugural meeting 11 December 1961, constitution approved 26 March 1962, first annual meeting 26 March 1962, in recess from 1973

### Patron

1962–68 Ronald S. Stacey  
1971–73 J. Murray Print

### President

1962 John E. Rowe  
1963 John E. Rowe  
1964 no record  
1965 John I.R. Barnett  
1966 Susan J. Stone (later Mrs Enright)  
1967 Susan J. Enright (née Stone)  
1968 Marie Keegan  
1969 Bette L. Hunt (later Mrs McGoram)  
1970 in recess  
1971 Roger Nixon  
1972 John G. Boucher  
1973 in recess

### Secretary

1962 Jan Newick  
1963 Mary Baker  
1964 no record  
1965 Susan J. Stone (later Mrs Enright)<sup>†</sup>  
1966 Marie Keegan  
1967 Marie Keegan  
1968 Bette L. Hunt (later Mrs McGoram)  
1969 no record  
1970 in recess  
1971 Janice D. Lake  
1972 no record  
1973 in recess

<sup>†</sup>Secretary-treasurer

## Silver Jubilee Organising Committee

Formed 1979

Chairman Glendon M. Bernard  
Secretary Mrs Noeline Eddleston (née Malton)

## Penrose High School Association

Formed November 1983, after meeting of parents called by principal John Rose; organised 30th jubilee celebration in 1985; in recess

### Chairman

1983 Mrs Janet Callinan (now Mrs Hayes)  
1984 no record  
1985 no record

### Secretary

1983 Mrs J. Vazey  
1984 no record  
1985 no record

## 35th anniversary

Open day, powhiri and buffet dinner at school on a Saturday in June 1990.

## 40th Jubilee Reunion Committee

Formed 1994

Chair Allan D. Gyde  
Secretary Karen Hall

## Friends of Penrose

Formed by principal Ann Dunphy in the 1990s; in recess

## Golden Jubilee Organising Committee

Formed 12 May 2004

Secretary-chair Mrs Marilyn C. Wales (née Morse)



## Past jubilees

First reunion, 11 September 1962

Dance organised by Penrose High School Past Pupils' Association.

Silver jubilee, 2–4 May 1980

Organising committee: chairman Glendon M. Bernard, secretary Noeline Eddleston (née Malton), treasurer, Linda J. Hogg (née Wesch) and 25 other members. Full weekend's activities; printed 20-page souvenir booklet produced.

30th anniversary, 3 May 1985

Open day and wine-and-cheese evening organised by Penrose High School Association.

40th jubilee, 2–3 June 1995 (Queen's Birthday weekend)

Reunion committee: chair Allan D. Gyde, secretary Karen Hall and 14 other members. Full weekend's activities; printed 20-page souvenir magazine produced.

## School roll

Calculated at the start of school year (February) from 1955–80 and at 1 March from 1981–2004 in most cases.

The roll includes an allowance for adult-equivalent students from the 1980s and for foreign fee-paying students from the 1990s.

The greatest number of foreign fee-paying students at 1 March in any one year was 87 in 2003.

1955	369	1968	1027	1981	1086	1994	856
1956	593	1969	1057	1982	1017	1995	814
1957	701	1970	1302	1983	976	1996	826
1958	780	1971	1129	1984	1015	1997	772
1959	814	1972	1202	1985	1016	1998	650
1960	776	1973	1225	1986	992	1999	730
1961	780	1974	1261	1987	938	2000	770
1962	823	1975	1276	1988	869	2001	811
1963	881	1976	1271	1989	845	2002	808
1964	883	1977	1244	1990	853	2003	867
1965	862	1978	1230	1991	874	2004	874
1966	885	1979	1152	1992	940		
1967	932	1980	1128	1993	879		

† Provisional figure for start of February.



# School uniform

Penrose High School maintained strict rules on the wearing of the school uniform from the day it opened its doors on 1 February 1955. Unfortunately, being a new school, not all the items were available until the end of the first term.

The uniform, which could be bought from George Court & Sons, Karangahape Rd, only, comprised three colours — varsity blue, white and grey:

## GIRLS

**Summer:** grey synthetic pinafore frock, white short-sleeved open-necked sports blouse, white sockettes, white leather sandals, white panama hat with school hat band.

**Winter:** grey gym frock, white long-sleeved blouse with school tie, varsity blue blazer, black school shoes, long grey stockings, grey felt hat with school hat band. If required for warmth, the school long-sleeved grey pullover may be worn. Raincoat: navy blue or black.

**Physical education:** white sports blouse, varsity blue rompers, white sockettes, tennis shoes.

## BOYS

**Normal school uniform:** dark grey shorts, mid-grey all-wool flannel shirt (winter), light grey cotton shirt (summer), varsity blue cap, mid-grey stockings [socks] with two varsity blue bands, plain leather belt, black shoes or boots, long-sleeved grey pullover (matching stockings), school blazer may be worn. Raincoat: navy blue or black.

**Sporting occasions:** school cap, black shoes, school blazer, white or grey short, shoe tie, grey slacks or school uniform.

**Formal occasions:** dark suit, white shirt, school tie, black shoes, school cap.

Among the many school rules spelled out in the first calendar were that boys should raise a hand to their caps when passing a teacher outside the school grounds but not within the school grounds. They were also told that when being addressed or addressing adults of either sex, they should raise their caps and stand.

It was also a school rule, enforceable by the cane in the case of boys, to have all items of the school uniform clearly marked with the owner's name. The markings usually had to be in indian ink.

The uniform remained largely unchanged until the start of 1968 when the boys' cap became optional, and therefore disappeared altogether, and the girls' unattractive panama hat was replaced with a boater. The boater itself had gone within a year or two.

In 1970 the boys' and girls' uniforms went through major changes. A senior summer uniform was introduced for fourth- and fifth-year boys comprising a Cambridge blue colour knit shirt, short-sleeved short and adult junior navy walk shorts. The long socks, or stockings as they were called in the school calendar, were in Cambridge blue. The uniform for junior boys remained unchanged.

Changes to the girls' uniform were more radical. In the junior school, the grey summer pinafore frock gave way to an Oxford blue frock and the grey winter gym was replaced by a blue-and-white

houndstooth check pinafore frock. The pullover gave way to a matching cardigan. Tan lace-up shoes and the choice of beige stockings or knee-length socks were also introduced.

For sixth and seventh formers and second-year fifth formers, the summer uniform was an Oxford blue skirt and a fine-checked blue-and-white blouse. The winter uniform comprised a blue-and-white checked skirt, long-sleeved white blouse, Oxford blue blazer and cardigan. Changes were also made to the PE uniform.

The uniforms continued to be modified from the 1970s onward with the school relaxing the dress code that had been so rigidly imposed in foundation principal Ron Stacey's time. By 1981, senior girls were allowed to wear light make-up and blue slacks (but not jeans).

Further changes came in throughout the 1980s and early 1990s as American fashion trends, especially over the wearing of jackets, influenced dress in many New Zealand schools. From 1999 a new uniform was introduced to as part of a plan to increase enrolments.

Drawing on designs from pupils the previous year, it included (according to a newspaper) 'chambray shirts, long navy skirts for girls, navy trousers for boys, a unisex woollen vest and a new V-neck jumper ... designed to project a positive school image'.



Prizegiving, 1956



Pupils, 2004



## Penrose's most famous pupil



**Keisha Castle-Hughes**, in year 11 at Penrose High in 2005, is the school's most famous product. Her performance in the acclaimed movie *Whale Rider* (2002) earned her a nomination for an Oscar — the youngest person ever nominated in the 'actress in a leading role' category.

Keisha was born in Donnybrook, Western Australia, on 24 March 1990 to an Australian father and a New Zealand Maori mother. They moved to New Zealand when Keisha was four. Her first year at Penrose High was 2003.

Keisha was chosen among several hundred aspirants to star in the main role of Paikea in *Whale Rider*, a film based on Witi Ihimera's powerful book. Her performance, which won international acclaim, was all the more remarkable given that she had never starred in a movie before *Whale Rider* and did not even know how to swim.

At Penrose Keisha has maintained a low profile, despite her fame, concentrating on schoolwork rather than being the centre of media publicity or hype.

## Prominent past pupils

This list is a snapshot only of Penrose High School's prominent past pupils over the past 50 years. It recognises national and international success in academia, business, science, arts, performing arts and sport. There is a bias toward foundation pupils. Included are some former duces and head pupils with their achievements since leaving school. The list as at December 2004. Every effort has been made to ensure information is up to date but historical information has been included in some cases.

**AMBROSE, Jill Elizabeth** — see **Jill SHEEHY**.

**ARKELL, Lisa Danielle**, b. 1982; PHS 1995–99, dux ludorum 1999; softball — member, victorious Penrose team at New Zealand secondary schools' tournament, 1999; member NZ secondary schools' team, 1999.

**BAKER, Ann-Jolena Rangī Ruth [A.J.]**, b. 1986; PHS 2000–2004: softball — member, New Zealand under-16 team, 2002; member, New Zealand under-17 team, 2003; member, NZ secondary schools' softball team, 2004.

**BAKER, John Francis** LLB, b 1946; PHS 1960–64, head boy 1964: law — admitted to the bar, 1970; solicitor, Hawke's Bay, for 30 years; financial planning — financial planner, Havelock North (current job).

**BAKER, Kenneth Matthew** MSc(Hons) PhD(chemistry), b. 1944; PHS 1957–61: chemistry — University of Auckland (top for MSc);

University of Cambridge, England; chemistry teacher and tutor, Emmanuel College, Cambridge; director of Monsanto in Europe (retired 2002); consultancy — now runs own company, based in Brussels, specialising in government affairs for the European Union.

**BARTLETT, Jesse**, b. 1986; PHS 1999–2003: bodybuilding — national junior champion, 2002.

**BATCHELER, Lynda Mey** MB ChB MRCOG FRNZCOG, b. 1955; PHS 1968–72, co-proxime accessit 1972: medicine — obstetrician and gynaecologist, Auckland.

**BEGG, (Danielle) Nicole**, b. 1988; PHS 2001–2003; inline speedskating — champion, New Zealand, 2001; New Zealand representative to world championship, France, 2001; champion, New Zealand and Oceania, 2003.

**BELL, Darby Victoria**, b. 1986; PHS 2000–2004: softball — member, New Zealand under-17 team, 2003.



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**BELL, Ian Cranham**, b. 1953, d. 2003; PHS 1967–68: rugby league (second row/loose forward) — Manukau RLC; Kiwi (two tests v Australia, 1978; two other touring games in Australia, 1978; one test v Papua New Guinea, 1983); uncle of former Auckland Warriors player Dean Bell; died of cancer, Newton-le-Willows, England, 2003

**BLEAKLEY, Dorothy Muriel**, b. 1940; PHS 1955–56 (foundation pupil), first Penrose pupil to pass school certificate 1955, head girl 1956.

**BROCKLISS, Laurence David [Laurie]** MSc(chemistry), b. 1950; PHS 1963–67, dux litterarum 1967: retired — Parua Bay, Northland; business — previously chief executive, Anchor Ethanol.

**BROUGH, (Leonard Richard) Luke**, b. 1947; PHS 1961–64: ministry — senior pastor, Elim Church, Howick, Auckland; national leader, Elim Churches of New Zealand.

**BUIST, Karen Marie** BE(Hons), b. 1979; PHS 1993–97: engineering — winner of Asia 2000 Foundation scholarship to National University of Singapore for three-four years, 1998 (worth \$60,000); graduated BE(Hons) from NUS.

**BUIST, Martin Lindsay** BE(Hons) PhD(engineering), b. 1974; PHS 1988–92, dux litterarum 1992: bioengineering — professor of bioengineering, National University of Singapore since 2004; formerly research scientist, Bioengineering Institute, University of Auckland; formerly research engineer, Auckland UniServices Ltd.

**BURRELL, Anthony Keiran [Tony]** MSc(Hons) PhD(inorganic chemistry), b. 1962; PHS 1977–81: science — Los Alamos, California; formerly professor at Massey University.

**BUTTERWORTH, Bradley William [Brad]**, b. 1959; PHS 1973–75: sailing — Admiral's Cup: helmsman, 1983; helmsman, *Propaganda*, 1987 (won); Southern Cross Cup: skipper, *Mad Max*, 1985; Whitbread Round the World Race: watch captain with Peter Blake, *Steinlager II*, 1989–90 (clean sweep); co-skipper with Dennis Conner, *Winston*, 1993–94 (third place); America's Cup: tactician, *KZ-7*, 1987; tactician, Louis Vuitton Cup finalist, New Zealand, 1992; tactician, *Team New Zealand*, 1995 (winner); tactician, *Team New Zealand*, 2000 (winner); tactician, *Team Alinghi*, 2003 (winner).

**CARLAW, Graeme Robert** MB ChB DipObst, b. 1945; PHS 1958–62, dux litterarum and university junior scholarship 1962 (Penrose's first): medicine — emergency doctor, North Shore Hospital, Auckland.

**CHILCOTT, Melanie Lynne**, b. 1981, PHS 1994–98: rollerskating — represented New Zealand, 1997.

**CHISHOLM, Alan Charles** BSc, b. 1953; PHS 1966–70, dux litterarum 1970: education provision — director, Crown Institute of Studies and Crown English Language Academy, Auckland.

**CHISHOLM, Donna Elise** CertJourn, b. 1957; PHS 1970–73: journalism — assistant editor, *Sunday Star-Times*, Auckland; formerly award-winning medical reporter, *Auckland Star*.

**CLARK, Brian Robert**, b. 1947; PHS 1960–63: rugby league (centre) — Ellerslie RLC, 1967–73; Auckland; Kiwi (two tests v Australia, 1969; under-23 tour of Australia, 1969).

**CLARKE, Liane Aroha** CertJourn, b. 1966; PHS 1979–83: journalism/broadcasting — radio (1ZB, 4ZB, Radio Pacific; news editor, Aotearoa Radio); press (*Auckland Sun*); tutor, Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua; television (*Fair Go*, *On Holiday*, *The Great New Zealand Video Show*, *Trading Places*); marketing — marketing manager, Rainbow's End, Auckland (current job).

**CRAIG, (William) Alan**, b. 1956; PHS 1970–73: rugby union — Auckland, 1977–78; junior All Black (v Lions 1977).

**CROSS, Tina Marie**, b. 1959; PHS 1973–76: singing — in Penrose High School band Chalkdust; on *Ready to Roll*, 1978; launched four singles and first album, 1979; Recording Industry Association's Most Promising Female Vocalist of the Year, 1979; won Pacific Song Contest with *Nothing but Dreams*, 1979; second place Pacific Song Contest, 1980; launched new album, 1980; started cabaret singing in Australia, 1982; co-founded Koo De Tah with composer-pianist Leon Berger, 1984; Koo De Tah took sixth place in Australian charts with *Too Young for Promise*, 1985; singing career largely on stage in New Zealand, notably *The Rocky Horror Show*; sings theme for TV's *Shortland Street* until 2001; played Velma Kelly in stage show *Chicago*, 2005.

**EADE, Murray Keith**, b. 1948; PHS 1961–63: rugby league (second row/loose forward) — Ellerslie RLC, 1967–78; Auckland; Kiwi (15 tests, toured Great Britain and France, 1971; World Cup, 1975).

**EASTON, Raniera O Te Haahi Ratana [Rani]**, b. 1986; PHS 1999–2003: boxing (welterweight) — junior national champion, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

**EDWARDS, Chantel(le) Renata**, b. 1982; PHS 1997–99: softball — member, victorious Penrose team at New Zealand secondary schools' tournament, 1999; member NZ secondary schools' team, 1999.

**ENARI, Iosefa [Joseph, Joe]**, b. 1954 (Samoa) d. 2000 (New Caledonia); PHS 1971–72: singing (operatic baritone) — member of PHS rock band; studied commerce after leaving school; executive, Auckland printing company; winner *New Zealand Herald* aria, 1987, and scholarship to Queensland University Conservatory of Music; Fullbright scholar, Juilliard School of Music, New York City, 1993; pioneer, Pacific Islands' opera singing; died suddenly at Pacific Festival of the Arts, Noumea, New Caledonia, 2000; Iosefi Enari Memorial Award launched by Creative New Zealand after his death.

**FAULKNER, Sonia Ann (née Wesch)** BA DipTchg DipEd, b. 1950; PHS 1963–67, head girl 1967: education — geography (head of department), social studies and English teacher, Manurewa High School; Auckland; assistant principal, Opononi Area School; head of social sciences, head of special needs, Reporoa Primary School; awarded AFS/Asia 2000 Foundation educator scholarship to Malaysia, 1999; now senior communications lecturer, Manukau



# Prominent past pupils

Institute of Technology; Guiding — national Guide adviser (10-14 year olds) for Guides New Zealand, 1994-99; now national trainer for Guides NZ; awarded the Kauri for exceptional service to Guides NZ, 2002; Zonta — board member, South Auckland.

**FERRIS, Alan John** DipBusAdmin, b. 1949; PHS 1963-66, senior speech contest winner 1966: broadcasting — radio announcer, 1ZB Auckland, from 1968; DJ on 1ZM, 1970s; TV weather presenter; head of training, Radio New Zealand, and general manager, RNZ business units; film reviewer, *Tonight Show* (spare time); network news reader and occasional radio host; moved to TVNZ in 1991 where he is general manager of the Television Archive in its new world-class facility.

**FOULDS, Leslie Richard [Les]** MSc(Hons) PhD, b. 1948; PHS 1962-66: engineering — formerly professor of industrial engineering at University of Florida; now professor of manufacturing management at the University of Waikato in Hamilton.

**FRY, Richard John**, b. 1960; PHS 1973-77, head boy, president of School Council and dux ludorum 1977: rugby — All Black trialist.

**GAILEY, Douglas James [Doug]**, b. 1947; PHS 1962-63: rugby league (prop) — Ellerslie RLC, 1967-71; Manukau RLC, 1972-74; Auckland; Kiwi (19 tests, 10 other games, toured Great Britain and France, 1971).

**GAMBLE, Bruce Richard** PhD, b. 1942, d. 2004; PHS 1956-60, dux litterarum 1960: civil engineering — department of civil engineering, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 1968-85; returned to New Zealand to join engineering consultancy Beca Carter, 1985; tramway historian — involved in Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT), Auckland, from 1989, later a MOTAT director; general manager, Western Springs Railway, Auckland; died of cancer, Auckland, 2004.

**GOULTER, John Packard** DCNZM, b. 1941; PHS 1955-58 (foundation pupil): business — chief executive and later managing director, Auckland International Airport Ltd 1988-2003; earlier spent 21 years with Ceramco Ltd, Auckland; named Executive of the Year in *Deloitte/Management* magazine Top 200 Companies awards, 2000; named as the *National Business Review's* New Zealander of the Year, 2002; inducted into the *National Business Review* Business Hall of Fame, 2003; made distinguished companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, New Year honours list, 2004.

**GYDE, Allan David** MA GradDip(Aust), b. 1941; PHS 1955-56 (foundation pupil): fine arts/design — lived in Australia for 28 years from 1966; lecturer in fine arts/design, the University of New South Wales and the University of Western Sydney; returned to join Auckland Institute of Technology (now Auckland University of Technology), 1994; now senior lecturer in spatial design, AUT; internationally regarded as sculptor/furniture maker, more than 30 exhibitions in five countries; chair, PHS 40th Jubilee Reunion Committee, 1995.

**HALLIBURTON, Nicole Erin**, b. 1987; PHS 2003; yachting — New

Zealand women's starling champion, 2003 and 2004.

**HART, Kim Denise**, b. 1960; PHS 1973-77: singing — lead vocalist in Penrose High School band Chalkdust which was finalist in Battle Of The Bands competition, 1976; released first single *You Don't Need Me/Born To Wander*, 1977, other singles followed; runner-up in New Zealand finals of South Pacific Song Contest with *On My Toes Again*, 1977; special guest singer on John Rowles' New Zealand tour, 1978; released only album, *Kim Hart*, 1978; Recording Industry Association's Most Promising Female Vocalist of the Year, 1978; released best hit, *Love At First Night*, backed with *The Singer and the Song*, 1980; released final single, 1984.

**HENDERSON, Judith Anne**, b. 1944; PHS 1958-62, head girl 1961 and 1962: education — teacher at Penrose High School as part of her career.

**HENRY, Natasha Awarua Kuini**, b. 1984; PHS 1997-2000: softball — member, New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2000.

**HILL, Tracy Lee** BA, b. 1970; PHS 1984-88, proxime accessit 1988: art history — graduated senior scholar, top in New Zealand, in art history (last report 1992).

**HIRSCHFELD, Carol Ann** BA DipJourn, b. 1962; PHS 1976-77, 1979: journalism — TV3 anchorwoman.

**HIRSCHFELD, Charl Benno** LL.M, b. 1957; PHS 1971-74: law — admitted as barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, 1984; called to the bar by the Inner Temple, London, 1990, and of the European circuit of the bar of England and Wales, 2004; *ad eundem* member of the Middle Temple, London, 1997; barrister in Germany, 1992; licensed law practitioner in Tonga, 2003; sometime lecturer-in-law, Victoria University of Wellington, 1995.

**HOGG, Linda Joy (née Wesch)** BSc DipTchg, b. 1948, PHS 1962-66, dux litterarum 1966: education — mathematics and science teacher, PHS, 1971-73; mathematics teacher, community education, PHS, 1974-82; mathematics and science teacher, Edgewater College, Auckland, 1989; senior lecturer in mathematics, Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland, 1990-97; Guiding — leaders' trainer, Guides New Zealand, 1989-2002; national youth adviser (14-25 year olds), Guides NZ, 1997-2002; awarded the Kauri for exceptional service to Guides NZ, 2001.

**HOLROYD, (Anne) Eleanor** MSc PhD(medical anthropology) GradDip RN RM, b. 1959; PHS 1974-77: medicine — professor, medical faculty, Chinese University of Hong Kong (associate professor, Nethersole School of nursing, CUHK).

**HUNT, Bryan James** MSc(Hons) MA(Cantab), b. 1962; PHS 1975-79: defence — squadron leader, Royal Air Force, England and Italy; formerly Royal New Zealand Air Force; lecturer in defence studies, Clare College, University of Cambridge, England, from 2004.

**HUNT, Graeme John** BA DipBusStuds ACIS, b. 1952; PHS 1966-69: journalism — formerly editor-at-large, *National Business Review*, Auckland (at *NBR* 1992-2003); previously business editor, *Auckland*



# Prominent past pupils

*Star*; 1982–85; senior reporter, Radio New Zealand, Auckland, 1981–82; journalism in the UK, 1976–81; reporter, *Hawera Star*, South Taranaki, 1974–76; winner or finalist in 13 journalism awards; authorship — *Introduction to Sharemarket Investment* (1985, 1986, 1987), *The Hunt* (1989), *Scandal at Cave Creek* (1996), *Why MMP Must Go* (1998), *The Rich List* (2000, 2003), *Hustlers, Rogues & Bubble Boys* (2001), *Black Prince* (2004), *Centenary* (2005) and *Rural Challenge* (2006).

**HUTCHINSON, Rodney Leonard**, b. 1941; PHS 1955–59 (foundation pupil): rowing — New Zealand rowing eight member, Empire Games, Perth, 1962; later joined the Royal Air Force; later pilot, Air New Zealand.

**IAFETA, Stacey Louise**, b. 1986; PHS 1999–2003, head girl 2003: softball — member, New Zealand under-15 team, 2001; member, NZ under-16 team, 2002.

**JONES, Mervyn Thomas [Merv]**, BE(Hons) PhD(chemical engineering) DipBusStuds, b. 1947; PHS 1961–65, dux litterarum and head boy 1965: pollution — more than 30 years' experience in air quality/air pollution, including research, engineering studies, consultancy, management and enforcement; New Zealand manager, international consultancy Woodward-Clyde (NZ) Ltd, 1996–99; now Sydney-based Asia-Pacific managing director, URS Corporation (the world's largest engineering consultancy).

**JORDAN, Beverley Anne Stevens**, b. 1941; PHS 1955–57 (foundation pupil): ballroom dancing — New Zealand queen, 1962.

**KAY, Peter Donald**, b. 1965; PHS 1979–82: soccer — New Zealand ethnic team.

**KELWAY, Paul Gregory** MSc MPhil, b. 1951; PHS 1965–69: economics — senior economist, New Zealand Treasury, 1977–83; attended IMF Institute, Washington DC, 1981; treasury manager, National Bank of New Zealand Ltd, 1986–88; treasurer, Air New Zealand Ltd, since 1991.

**KING, Dzintra Maija (née Kriss)** LLB PhD(English) DipNZLS, b. 1949 (Germany); PHS 1963–67, dux litterarum and senior speech competition winner 1967: unionism — organiser, Northern Local Government Officers' Union (NLGOU) 1987–91; New Zealand Public Service Association after merger with NLGOU, 1991–95; mediation and adjudication — appointed to Employment Tribunal, 1995; member, Employment Relations Authority since 2000.

**KIRKHAM, Beryl Grace** — see **Beryl ROBINSON**.

**KRISHNA, Nitesh**, b. 1980; PHS 1994–97: soccer — New Zealand under-17 team, World Cup, Egypt, 1997.

**KRISS, Dzintra Maija** — see **Dzintra KING**.

**KRUSE, Mark Charles** MSc(Hons) PhD(particle physics), b. 1964; PHS 1978–82: science — post-doctoral research fellow, University of Rochester, New York State, US, 1996–2000; professor of physics, Duke University, North Carolina, US, since 2000.

**LAING, Kerry Richard** MSc PhD(chemistry), b. 1945; PHS 1959–63, dux litterarum 1963: education — environmental consultant, Auckland; former lecturer in chemistry, University of Auckland; married to Rosemary LAING (née SINNOCK).

**LAING, Rosemary Alice** (née Sinnock) BSc, b. 1947; PHS 1961–65, dux litterarum 1965: market research; married to Kerry LAING.

**LARSEN, Walter Nevelle [Bill]** BE, b. 1942; PHS 1956–61, head boy 1961: construction/civil engineering — project manager/general manager for various major projects in New Zealand and Australia; now Auckland-based consultant to construction industry.

**LEE, Brian Stanley**, b. 1941, d. 1994; PHS 1955 (foundation pupil): rugby league (second row) — Ponsonby RLC; Kiwi (nine tests, 1961–68; toured Great Britain 1961; World Cup 1969); New Zealand Maoris, 1964; Manly RLC 1983; played in England; first past pupil to be selected for a New Zealand team in any sport.

**LOTHIAN, Paul Remington John**, b. 1943; PHS 1958–60: athletics — champion, national decathlon, 1971; runs construction company, Auckland.

**McGHIE, Ross Malcolm**, b. 1953; PHS 1966–70: tennis — New Zealand under-18 champion; reserve, New Zealand Davis Cup squad.

**MACPHERSON, Stewart Niven**, b. 1942; PHS 1955–59 (foundation pupil): entertainment, show promotion — Auckland Teachers' Training College and while there was selected as first presenter of 'pop music programme' on embryonic New Zealand television, originating from AKTV2 and called *In the Groove*; gave up teaching and became radio and TV announcer, 1962; went to Sydney and became DJ at 2UE, 1966 and on ABC television; announcer in London on BBC Radio and BBC TV, BBC World Service and Radio Caroline, 1967–68; one of the initial four TV newscasters from Wellington, 1969, then created 22M radio station in Wellington; set up own concert and theatrical business 1972; which now works internationally; key shows include Ken Hill's *Phantom of the Opera*.

**MANU, Daniel Tai**, b. 1969 (Tonga); PHS 1983–87: rugby union (back-row forward) — New Zealand Colts, 1990; New South Wales (Warratahs), mid-1990s; test debut for Australia (Wallabies) World Cup, 1995; 15 tests for Wallabies, 1995–97; team trainer, Tongan national team since 2004.

**MATATIA, Fotina**, b. 1986; PHS 2002–2004: softball — New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2004; US university sports scholarship, 2004.

**MATTESON, John Kenneth [Johnny]**, b. 1965; PHS 1979–83, head boy 1983: occupational therapy — trained as an occupational therapist, 1991–93 (inaugural student, Auckland Occupational Therapy School); singing/songwriting/recording — performed at Sweetwaters, 1999; tour of 20 secondary schools culminating in a performance at the Auckland Town Hall, 2000; owner of South Auckland Recording Studios which recorded such acts as Aridjah and the Top Twins; produced two albums and two singles; health



# Prominent past pupils

education — health educator's job takes him to Intermediate schools with the *Lost Bag* shows;

**MAY, Richard Ernest [Ricky]**, b. 1944; d. 1988; PHS 1957–58: singing — part of group set up in 1961 (on drums and vocals) to play in Wellington; released first single, *Let's Twist Again/Hucklebuck*, 1961; released second single, *I Could Have Danced All Night/Ballin' The Jack*, 1962; started cabaret singing career in Australia, 1962; own series on Sydney's Channel 10 television called *Ten On The Town*; released another single, *This Little Boy's Gone Rockin' /Spanish Harlem*, 1966; released double album with the Julian Lee Orchestra, *Fats Enough*, 1973; voted Australian Entertainer of the Year 1979; released last single as part of The Big Boys with Jonathan Coleman, *Built For Comfort (I Ain't Built For Speed)/Off The Record*, 1983; died of heart attack, 1988.

**MEEK, Hugh Howard** BEd, b. 1941; PHS 1955–58 (foundation pupil): education (headmaster's son) — primary school teacher; New Zealand Educational Institute; school inspector; manager at Auckland College of Education.

**MOALA, Sione Ofa**, b. 1983; PHS 1997–2000: bodybuilding — champion, New Zealand secondary schools, 2000.

**MORSE, Marilyn Claire** — see **Marilyn WALES**.

**NELSON, Corrin Symone**, b. 1983; PHS 1997–99: softball — member, victorious Penrose team at New Zealand secondary schools' tournament, 1999; member NZ secondary schools' team, 1999.

**NETZLER, Murray John**, b. 1952; PHS 1966–71, dux ludorum 1970: rugby league — Ellerslie RLC, 1972–79; New Zealand Maoris captain, 1977.

**NGATOKORUA, Alorna Queeney**, b. 1987; PHS 2000–2004: softball — member, New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2000.

**NORMAN, Nettie**, b. 1982; PHS 1996–2000, dux ludorum 2000: softball — member New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2000.

**NUA, Mark Semu** BA, b. 1964; PHS 1978–82: athletics — New Zealand athletic club champion and recordholder, 1979–83; New Zealand shotput champion and record holder, 1980–82; represented New Zealand and won Australasian shotput title, 1982; rugby league — selected Auckland under-16 and under-17 squads; American football (offensive lineman) — one of a handful of New Zealanders to make it into NFL professional gridiron football; gridiron scholarship, University of Hawaii, 1984–89, where he played four years of NFL eligibility; selected to the Warrior club twice; selected to all conference teams three times during his professional career in the US, 1989–92; played for Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers and Sacramento Surge; movies — on his return to New Zealand in 1997 he took roles in *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted*, *Crooked Earth*, *Spooked* and *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, TV — featured prominently in *Hercules*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Mysterious Island*, *Dead Certs*, *Xena 17* and *Jack of All Trades*.

**O'BRIEN, Scott Adrian** BE(Hons) ME PhD, b. 1963; PHS 1976–80, proxime accessit 1980: rocket science — airborne laser programme, Boeing Company, Seattle, US.

**ODA, Shigehisa**, b. 1984; PHS 2001–2003: Thai kick boxing — national champion, 2001 and 2002.

**O'DONNELL, Courtenay Margaret**, b. 1988; PHS 2001–still at school: softball — New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2004.

**PICKLES, Michelle Diane**, b. 1967; PHS 1980–84: skating — member, New Zealand team, world skating championship, Texas, October 1983; TV presenter.

**RINQUEST, Diego**, b. 1988; PHS 2002–still at school: soccer — New Zealand under-17 development squad, 2004.

**ROBINSON, Beryl Grace (née KIRKHAM)** BSc MBA(Hons) DipTchg AFNZIM, b. 1956; PHS 1969–73: community service — district governor, Rotary International district 9920; education — faculty manager, arts faculty, Auckland University of Technology.

**ROSSER, Edward Evan [Ted]** BSc, b. 1942; PHS 1955–59 (foundation pupil), head boy 1958 and 1959: education — primary and secondary teaching (PHS, 1964); research — NZ Forest Products Ltd laboratory, Penrose, Auckland.

**RUSS, Barry Newton**, b. 1950; PHS 1963–65: broadcasting — general manager (operations), Maori Television Service.

**RUTHERFORD, Stephen John [Steve]**, b. 1953; PHS 1968–69: police — detective inspector; 33 years as a police officer in Auckland and South Auckland.

**SCHMIDT, Leonie Christine**, b. 1987; PHS 2001–2004: basketball — member, New Zealand under-18 team, 2003.

**SCHOLES, Vernon Harold ['Waka']**, b. 1942; PHS 1957–58: rugby league — member, junior Kiwi tour to Australia, 1962.

**SHARP, Iain James** MA(Hons) PhD(English literature) DipNZLS, b. 1953 (Scotland); PHS 1966–70: poetry — books: *Why Mammals Shiver* (1981), *She's Trying to Kidnap the Blind Person* (1985), *The Pierrot Variations* (1985) and *The Singing Harp* (2004).; journalism (since 1987) — books page editor, *Sunday Star-Times*, Auckland; librarianship (since 1978) — Auckland City Libraries; authorship — *Sail the Spirit* (1994); chapter on New Zealand in *The Oxford Guide to Contemporary Writing* (1996); editor, inaugural edition of the online anthology *Best New Zealand Poems in 2001*.

**SHEEHY, Jill Elizabeth (née AMBROSE)** b. 1945; PHS 1959–61, senior athletic champion 1961: hockey — representative, Auckland, 1964–73; reserve, New Zealand (one cap); hospitality/tourism — director of human resources, Heritage Hotel management.

**SILVA, Anna**, b. 1983, PHS 1996–2000: basketball — member, Auckland under-20 team; two-year college scholarship, US, 2001.

**SINNOCK, Rosemary Alice** — see **Rosemary LAING**



# Prominent past pupils

**SIO, Nina**, b. 1963; PHS 1977–79: rugby union — Ponsonby club, Auckland; selected as a Black Fern, 1989; seven games, including four tests, as a Black Fern, 1991, 1992 and 1994.

**SMITH, (Philip) Michael [Mike]** MCom, b. 1945; PHS 1958–62: accountancy/company directorship — joined Lion Breweries Ltd, Auckland, 1969; appointed finance director, Lion Corporation Ltd, Auckland; joined Lion Corporation board, 1986; executive director, Lion Nathan Ltd, 1988–98, non-executive director 1998–2001; prominent company director (including Auckland International Airport Ltd, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corporation Ltd, J. B. Were New Zealand Private Equity No.1 Fund, Paramount Property Trust Management Ltd, Tru-Test Ltd, BrainZ Instruments Ltd [chairman]); also trustee and chairman, Lion Foundation.

**SUNDIN, Edna Yonetta**, b. 1986; PHS 2000–2004: softball — member, New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2003.

**TAGALOA, Leah Ann**, b. 1988; PHS 2002–still at school: soccer — member, New Zealand under-17 development squad, 2004.

**TAPP, Pauline Frances** LLB(Hons) MJur, b. 1945; PHS 1959–63, dux litterarum and head girl 1963: law — lecturer in family and children's law; associate professor of law, University of Auckland.

**TATA, Rangī Audrey Tiki-Tiki**, b. 1988; PHS 2003–still at school: softball — New Zealand secondary schools' team, 2004.

**TAUFA, Thomas Coughlan**, b. 1983; PHS 1996–2000: men's netball — member, Western Samoan team, 1999; member, NZ team, 2000.

**THOMPSON, Ian Joseph** MSc PhD FlNSP CPhys, b. 1953; PHS 1966–69, dux litterarum 1969: nuclear physics — professor of astrophysics, University of Surrey, England.

**TIMMINS, Hilary Elizabeth**, b. 1965; PHS 1979–83: beauty contest — contestant, Miss Auckland, 1985; television — co-hosted *In the Bag* with John Hawkesby, 1986–90 (including one from Scott Base, Antarctica; *Life in the Fridge Exists*, 1989–1990; *Armchair Shopper*, 1990; Telethon, 1990; *Kiwi Winners*, 1991–93; New Zealand Festival of Arts, 1992; Lotto, 1992–2004; charity work — national ambassador for Variety and SkyLight.

**TONKS, Garrick Michael [Garry]** BArch(Hons) PhD(architecture), b. 1943; PHS 1958–61: architecture — architect, Tonks & Co, Auckland, and senior lecturer in architecture, University of Auckland.

**TRAN, Bu'u**, b. 1982; PHS 2000–2002: bodybuilding — runner-up, New Zealand secondary schools.

**VERRALL, Steven Charles** MSc PhD(electrical and electronic engineering), b. 1969; PHS 1983–87: physics — lecturer, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, US; formerly specialist in optoelectronics, University of Connecticut and private industry.

**WALES, Marilyn Claire (née Morse)** MBA DipBus(Mktg), b. 1956; PHS 1969–74, head girl 1974; chair, Board of Trustees since 1999: project management — associate director, architectural design consultancy.

**WARIN, Shaun Darroch**, b. 1988, PHS 2001–still at school: pistol shooting — champion, New Zealand, 2003 and 2004.

**WATERHOUSE, Geoffrey Ivan Neil [Geoff]** MSc(Hons) PhD(chemistry), b. 1972; PHS 1986–90, dux ludorum 1989: research fellow (synthetic fuel), University of Auckland.

**WEDDE, Helen Jane** BMus DipEd DipBus, b. 1970; PHS 1983–87: teaching — primary school, Auckland; singing (operatic soprano) — substantial career in Australia.

**WESCH, Linda Joy** — see **Linda HOGG**.

**WESCH, Sonia Ann** — see **Sonia FAULKNER**.

**WICHERS, Alexander Hugo [Alex]** BSc CChem MRSC, b. 1940; PHS 1955–58 (foundation pupil), dux litterarum 1957 and 1958: research — R&D manager, Burmah Castrol Co, UK (retired).

**WILKINSON, Gillian Elizabeth** MA, b. 1943; PHS 1959–60, head girl 1960: education — schoolteacher (last report 1968, teaching at Lynfield College, Auckland).

**WILSON, Kemera Te Houparoa Hamilton**, b. 1965, d. 2004; PHS 1979–83, senior speech competition winner 1982 and 1983: carving — trained, Whakarewarewa Institute of Arts and Crafts, Rotorua, 1984–86; graduate carver, Whakarewarewa Institute, exhibiting and promoting the art of whakairo, 1987–94; relocated to Tamaki Makau Rau, Auckland, and continued to pursue his passion for whakairo from 1994; died of a heart attack, 2004.

**WINCHESTER, Robert Victor** PhD(chemistry), b. 1944; PHS 1957–61, dux litterarum 1961: science — University of Auckland, 1962–68; post-doctorate fellow, National Research Council of Canada, 1968–70; lecturer in chemistry, University of the South Pacific, Suva, 1970–72; senior scientist, South African Atomic Energy Board, 1972–76; taught briefly at PHS, mid-1976; scientist (food), DSIR Wellington, 1976–80 and Auckland, 1984–89; scientist (occupational health), Department of Health, Auckland, 1980–84; forensic scientist, DSIR (latterly ESR), Auckland since 1989.

**WOLFGRAMM, Paea**, b. 1969 (Tonga); PHS 1983–87: boxing ('Tongan Warrior') — bronze medalist (for Tonga), Commonwealth super heavyweight title, 1994; silver medalist (for Tonga), Olympic super heavyweight title, 1996; — turned professional, 1996: won 20 fights (14 knockouts), lost five; retired 2003.

**YOUNG, John Rupert**, b. 1944; PHS 1958–59: rugby league — trialist for Kiwis, 1967; played in Auckland Pakehas v Auckland Maoris.

**YOUNG, Mark Alan**, b. 1959; PHS 1973–74: indoor cricket — represented New Zealand (v Australia and South Africa); later Queensland representative; rugby union — senior club rugby for Tamaki, Otahuhu, College Rifles and Mt Wellington.



# In memoriam

No history of Penrose High School would be complete without recalling those who are no longer here to celebrate the school's first 50 years. This is not a complete list — not all obituaries are recorded in the school archives — but it serves as a commemoration for all who attended, taught and governed Penrose from 1955–2005.

## Pupils who died while enrolled at school<sup>†</sup>

- 1957 **William Lance Dickey**, 5AcB (foundation pupil); of illness.  
**Donald Robert John Murton**, 5ModB (foundation pupil); in a road accident.
- 1958 **Carol Mary J. Dillon**, 4ComB; after a fall from a bike.
- 1959 **Peter Morris Barr**, 6A; of illness.
- 1960 **Peter J. Anderson**, 4ModA; after a road accident.
- 1965 **William Hedley Mincher**, 5Mod; shot dead; aged 15.  
**Ondrai Mutu Wihongi**<sup>‡</sup>, 3AcB; died accidentally; aged 14.
- 1969 **Dean Bernard Roundhill**, 6B1; in a road accident; aged 16.
- 1970 **Christopher William [Chris] Baker**, Form 7; after being hit by a car; aged 17.  
**Raymond Robert Leach**, 4TechB; in a road accident; aged 15.
- 1988 **Rachel Bolland**, T3 (fifth form); in a road accident.
- 1990 **Whiskey Molisi Tai**, aged 16.  
**Christopher [Chrissie] Tuita**, Tawa; aged 16.

<sup>†</sup>List incomplete. <sup>‡</sup> Death registered as Andre Mutu Wihongi.

## Former pupils who died prematurely

- 1967 **Malcolm MacMurray**, in a road accident at New Plymouth; aged 21.  
**Colin Murray Hancock**, while playing rugby for Te Papapa; aged 23.
- 1969 **Michael Paul Sands**, ex-6B1; in a road accident; aged 18.
- 1988 **Richard Ernest [Ricky] May**, b. 1944; of a heart attack; aged 44 (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).
- 1991 **Heather M. Donovan**, head girl 1987; in a road accident.
- 1992 **Michael Jeffrey Reid**, b. 1971; in a road accident.
- 1993 **(Thomas) James [Jamie] Brunnette Smith**, b. 1974; aged 18.
- 1994 **Brian Stanley Lee**, b. 1941 (foundation pupil); former rugby league Kiwi; at Thames (Penrose's first national sports representative) (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).
- 2000 **Iosefa [Joseph, Joe] Enari**, b. 1954 (Samoa); suddenly at Noumea, New Caledonia; aged 46 (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).
- 2003 **Ian Cranham Bell**, b. 1953; former rugby league Kiwi; of cancer at Newton-le-Willows, England (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).
- 2004 **Kemera Te Houparoa Hamilton Wilson**, b. 1965; of a heart attack (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).  
**Bruce Richard Gamble** PhD b. 1942; dux litterarum 1960; died of cancer (see *Prominent past pupils'* section).

## Teachers who died while on the staff

- 1961 **Francis London Badger** FCI(Aus), b. 1915; PHS 1959–61 (commercial teacher); of illness; aged 46.
- 1966 **Eric Thomas Marshall** BA, b. 1907; reliever; of illness; aged 58.
- 1969 **Norman Thomas Ganley** AMIPE, b. 1904; PHS 1958–69 (engineering teacher); of illness; aged 64.

- 1970 **Nelson Osburne Symons**, b. 1925; PHS 1964–70 (first guidance counsellor); of cancer; aged 44.
- 1971 **Mrs Lois Sinclair** PCT, PHS 1969–71 (commercial teacher); of illness; aged 42.
- 1976 **Mrs Penelope Cranswick**, PHS 1974–76 (senior mistress); of illness; aged 52.
- 2001 **Haimona [Simon] Mehana**, entertainer who assisted Kapa Haka group (1999–2001) — once part of the Lou and Simon duo; aged 58.

<sup>†</sup>Middle name is as per birth registration. On death registration it is Louden.

## Former teachers, administrators and governors who died<sup>†</sup>

- 1970 **Mervyn Manaki [Merv] Maihi** BSc, PHS 1957–68 (head of social studies 1965–68); left to become deputy principal of Massey High School, Auckland; rugby player and coach; of leukaemia; aged 39.
- 1984 **Reginald Samuel [R.S.] Hurden** MBE ANZIM ATC RN(Rtd), b. 1915; PHS 1974–83 (executive officer).  
**Frank ['Scotty'] McPherson**, PHS 1969–72 (head of social studies 1969–71, deputy principal 1972); aged 50.
- 1987 **George Singer Clarihew** BA DipEd, b. 1927; PHS 1958–84 (joined staff as English and history teacher 1958, head of English, 1963–84); aged 59.
- 1993 **Dr Antony Henry Guyon [Tony] Roche** MB ChB FRACP, b. 1936; PHS representative, Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors 1988–89; member, Board of Trustees since 1989; in a skiing accident; aged 57.
- 1994 **Edwin Gillman [Ted] Pressley** BA, b. 1909; PHS 1955–71 (head of mathematics and science 1955–59, first assistant/deputy principal 1960–71); retired and later returned to PHS as relief teacher; moved to Sydney, Australia; of cancer in Sydney; aged about 85.
- 1998 **Mrs (Sarah) Constance [Connie] Henderson** DipPE(Liverpool), b. 1937 (England); PHS 1970–95 (reliever 1970, girls' physical education teacher 1971–76, senior mistress/deputy principal 1976–95); of cancer; aged 60.
- 1999 **Eric Desmond Peter [E.D.] White** BAgSc BSc, b. 1927; PHS 1961–68 (head of science); deputy principal, Onehunga High School, Auckland, 1969–70; New Zealand Davis Cup captain 1970–71; rector (principal), Palmerston North Boys' High School 1971–87; representative, Zealand tennis 1955; NZ tennis selector 1967–71; of a heart attack on a golf course at Palmerston North; aged 72.
- 2002 **Mrs Beverley Nance Hunt (née Hatcher)**, b. 1926; PHS representative, Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors 1967–72; of a heart attack at her home in Epsom, Auckland; aged 76.  
**Mrs Ite B. Solomon** TchCert DipTchg, PHS 1978–89 (home economics and Maori studies teacher).

<sup>†</sup>The deaths of Ron Stacey and Murray Print are referred to in the *Principals'* section.



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# Peka Totara

# Golden jubilee programme

Friday, 14 October 2005

12 noon

Powhiri, Maungakiekie Marae (school)

1pm–4pm

Open day — visitors can tour school

7pm–late

Mix and mingle, light food and refreshments, Assembly Hall and surrounds

Saturday, 15 October 2005

10.30am–12 noon

Assembly and official welcome, Assembly Hall

1pm–3pm

Decade photographs

3.30pm

Sports meeting, Penrose High School v Teachers and Past Pupils

7.30pm

Jubilee dinner, Ellerslie Convention Centre, Ellerslie Racecourse

Sunday, 16 October 2005

10am

Commemoration service, Assembly Hall

12 noon

Hangi (school)

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This is an indicative guide only. Those attending should check the times and the events on the day.

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## Addendum

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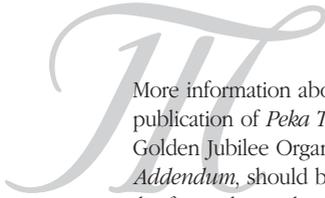
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Peka Totara



## Why *Peka Totara: Addendum*?



More information about the history of Penrose High School came to light after the successful publication of *Peka Totara: Penrose High School Golden Jubilee 1955–2005* in March 2005. The Golden Jubilee Organising Committee agreed that an additional publication, *Peka Totara: Addendum*, should be produced to capture information about prominent past pupils who missed the first volume along with information about some of the teachers who served Penrose over the past 50 years.

*Peka Totara: Addendum*, a companion volume to the main jubilee book, also includes further obituaries of some former teachers and of ex-pupils known to have died prematurely. Like the main jubilee book, *Peka Totara: Addendum* is not the last word on the school's history but it is a helpful addition.

The golden jubilee and the new Public Records Act provided an opportunity to assess the school's record-keeping policies and ensure systems were put in place to preserve vital records.

This led to the following action:

- the collections of annual calendars, magazines and prospectuses held by the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, and Auckland City Libraries were updated;
- a list of teachers, prefects, governors and trustees from 1955–2004, taken from the annual school magazine, was bound;
- the school admission registers from 1955–2004, the most important of school's vital records, were copied and bound with the original volumes being deposited at Archives New Zealand's regional office at Mt Wellington. Copies of the register were also deposited with the Alexander Turnbull Library and Auckland City Libraries; and at the time of publication of this volume
- plans were in place to deposit older school board records with Archives New Zealand.



**Graeme J. Hunt**

Past pupil 1966–69



# Golden jubilee wins school's heart

Penrose High School's golden jubilee from 14-16 October was the largest and most successful reunion in the school's 50-year history.

It began with a pouwhiri at the school assembly hall on Friday afternoon (14 October), attended by current and past pupils and former staff, trustees and governors.

The mix-and-mingle function at the hall on the Friday evening attracted more than 1100 past pupils, guaranteeing the success of the weekend. As part of the celebration, the careers office was turned into a temporary memorabilia room where past pupils were able to inspect photographs covering the school's first 50 years along with a copy of the admissions register, 1955-2004.

'We couldn't have asked for a better turnout and better weather,' Golden Jubilee Organising Committee chair Marilyn Wales said. 'This set the scene for a great weekend.'

About 400 people attended the Saturday morning assembly (15 October) where golden jubilee awards were presented to four prominent past pupils: former Auckland International Airport Ltd managing director John Goulter DCNZM (a foundation pupil, 1955-58), singer Tina Cross (1973-76), former US gridiron star (and now movie star) Mark Nua (1978-82) and author and journalist Graeme Hunt (1966-69).

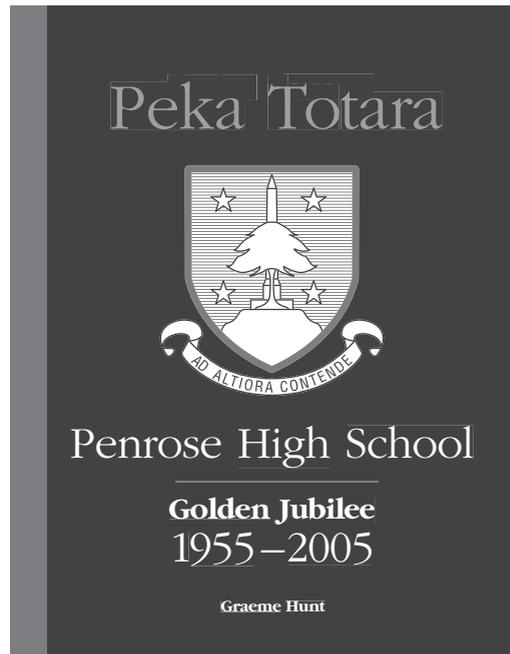
In the afternoon, a range of sports pitting teachers and past pupils against school teams proved highly popular. The results were: rugby union, victory to Penrose High; rugby league, victory to Teachers & Past Pupils (with the help of three tries from principal Iva Ropati); basketball, victory to Teachers & Past Pupils, soccer, victory to Penrose High; and softball, victory to Penrose High.

On the Saturday night, some 220 people attended a jubilee dinner at the Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Event Centre, Ellerslie Racecourse, where they were entertained by Tina Cross.

On the Sunday morning (16 October), about 200 people attended a commemoration service, organised by Lindsay Armishaw and Colin Claxton, where veteran rock singer Barry McGuire sang. The reunion closed with a hangi at Sunday lunchtime.

The golden jubilee was marked with the publication of a book by Graeme Hunt, *Peka Totara: Penrose High School Golden Jubilee 1955-2005*, covering the school's history (launched in March) and an update, *Peka Totara: Addendum* (launched the week of the jubilee).

As part of the jubilee, the admissions register was copied and the originals (up to 1998) placed at Archive's New Zealand's Mt Wellington regional office along with other vital records from the school. The Penrose High School collections with Auckland City Libraries' special collections and the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, were also updated. The Golden Jubilee Organising Committee also presented the school with framed pictures of the first seven principals.



The jubilee book, *Peka Totara*, which was launched in March 2005 as part of the golden jubilee celebrations.

The jubilee came at a good time for Penrose High as the Ministry of Education had just announced a \$14.9 million revamp of the school along with a recapitalisation of the school's debt, guaranteeing Penrose's long-term future.

'The timing could not have been better,' said Mrs Wales, who is also chair of the Board of Trustees. 'We will continue to see Penrose High School develop as the community's school of first choice.'

The oldest former teacher to attend the jubilee was Miss Norma Kemble, born 1912, senior mistress from 1959-73. Mrs Lenore Dixon, born 1918, school nurse from 1965-81, also attended, as did a member of the foundation staff, Mrs Shirley Wilson (née Morris). Former principals John Rose (1978-86), Mrs Ann Dunphy (1986-95, co-principal 1995-99), John Good (co-principal 1995-99) and Richard Thornton (1999-2002) were also present.

The Golden Jubilee Organising Committee comprised: Marilyn Wales (chair), Linda Hogg, Lynnette Margison, Graeme Hunt, Johnny Matteson, Diane Martin, Iva Ropati, Ian Smith, Keith Swasbrook, Lindsay Armishaw and Mary Kittely. Others also assisted.



## Past pupils' miscellany



Prizegiving, 3 December 1955. It was also the occasion when the school was opened officially by the minister of education, Ronald Algie. The actual date of the school's opening – when the first pupils attended – was 1 February 1955. The school was designed by the government architect, R. Gordon, and built by Hall Construction Co Ltd of Auckland.

**FIRST PUPIL:** the first male pupil listed on the admission register, by virtue of leading the alphabet, was No. 55/1, **William Robert AH CHEE**, b. 1942, the son of R.M. Ah Chee, of 14 Titoki Road (now Leonard Road), Mt Wellington. He was enrolled on 1 February 1955. A cabinetmaker-joiner, he today lives in Pakuranga, Auckland. He is married to Jennifer and they have four children.



**SPEECH CUP:** What ever happened to the **Ward Reid Memorial Cup** given to the winner of the senior speech competition? It appears to be have been last awarded in 1974. The cup was in honour of G.C. Ward Reid (pictured), an Australian who founded Reid New Zealand Rubber Mills Ltd in 1933, Reidrubber, as the company was known, was across the Great South Road from Penrose High School, where the industrial park now stands.

**DUX 40 YEARS LATER:** from 1959–68 there was an award of girl dux litterarum but the school chose not to make an award in 1961 because there were 16 boys but no girls in 6A (what was later known as form

7). Had there been an award, it would have gone to **Janet Marie DARBY** (b. 1944, PHS 1958–61) who was the top girl for that year in 6B (what was later known as form six). The decision not to make the award was regarded in some quarters as unfair. Janet subsequently married and her two sons who also attended Penrose (**Donald Fredrik MAWHINNEY**, b. 1970; PHS 1983–87, head boy 1987; and **Malcolm John MAWHINNEY**, b. 1975; PHS 1989–93, head boy 1993) petitioned principal **Ann Violet DUNPHY** to have their mother recognised as girl dux litterarum for 1961. This happened in the 1990s and Janet's name was added to the honours board. From 1969 there was no girl dux award, just dux litterarum and proxime accessit (runner-up). The honours board lists **Elaine Edith ALEXANDER** (b. 1952; PHS 1965–69) wrongly as girl dux for 1969. She was actually proxime accessit. She and dux **Ian Joseph THOMPSON** (b. 1953; PHS 1966–69) won university scholarships that year. Thompson went on to become a nuclear physicist.



## More prominent past pupils

**BARRETT, Reginald Allan [Reg]** DipMS FCITL FNZIM MCMT MinstD, b. 1948; PHS 1962–66: defence — graduate, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, England, Staff College, RNZAF Whenuapai, and Hensley Management College, England; military service, 1966–87, including Singapore, Vietnam, Kashmir, bomb disposal (UK); lieutenant-colonel commandant, Royal New Zealand Engineers, 1985–87 (retired); public administration — chief executive, Central Districts Catchment Boards, 1988–89; chief executive, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council, 1990–95; director, Ports of Wellington, 1991–96; chief executive, Land transport Safety Authority, 1996–2001; sport — representative rugby player, NZ Army, 1974–75; chairman, Combined Services Rugby Committee; directorships — The Simpl Group Ltd (chairman), Tuff Lite Ltd (chairman), Diabetes Supplies Ltd; communications — now head of the sector and partner group, Vodafone (NZ) Ltd.

**BRESLAU, Delwyn Fay (née FOWLER)**, b. 1946; PHS 1960–61: burns support and awareness — associate director, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Philadelphia, USA, 1993–2003, where she founded Pennsylvania's first camp for burn-injured children; in Auckland since 2003; honours include Outstanding Voluntary Service Award (Rangi Kaupapa Trust); National Visible Difference Award (Elizabeth Arden and New Zealand Woman's Weekly); Meritorious Service to Society Award (Rotary Club of Mt Roskill); Silver Apple Award (Altrusa Club of Auckland); Support and Care of Burn Victims Award (New York Firefighters' Burn Foundation); inclusion in Cameos of Papatoetoe Women; a book honouring women who have 'made a difference in the community'; New Zealand Commemoration Medal for services to New Zealand (Queen Elizabeth II); Person Who Has Made a Difference Award (John Kehoe Graduates); Medal of Honor (World Burn Congress, Canada); Outstanding Service Award (Phoenix Society Trustees, Michigan, USA); National Commendation Award (Canadian Burn Foundation, Alberta, Canada); Inaugural Award for Distinguished Service (World Burn Congress, Atlanta USA).

**CALDWELL, Robyn Anne (née CURD)**, b. 1954; PHS 1968–72, head girl 1972: industry — medical microbiology laboratory technician on leaving school; manager, archives and records division Fletcher Challenge Ltd; now records and document manager, Fletcher Building Ltd.

**CASSIDY, Jack Ima**, b. 1940; PHS 1955–56 (foundation pupil), head boy 1956 (first head boy): rowing — selected for New Zealand in the eights at the Commonwealth Games, Perth, but did not take up selection because of work commitments; social services — working for Ministry of Social Development, Wellington, in Work & Income.

**CLARK, (Keedwell) John**, b. 1941; PHS 1955–57 (foundation pupil): police — New Zealand police sergeant; served three terms with United Nations peacekeepers in Cyprus; dactylographer (national fingerprint training officer for more than 10 years) — instigated the



Penrose High School, 2004

first Qualifications Authority-approved qualification for police in New Zealand.

**COWLEY, Brian Patrick** BSc, b. 1952; PHS 1966–70, president School Forum (a temporary name for the School Council) 1970: surveying and property investment — Department of Lands and Survey, Napier, 1979–81; TCB, Brunei, 1981–82; Egypt Land Surveys, Egypt, 1983; freelance work, United Kingdom, 1983; TCB, Brunei, 1984; Babbage Partners, Auckland, 1984–86; McConnell Dowell Corporation Ltd, Marshall Islands, 1986–88; self-employed, Brian Cowley & Associates and later Brian Cowley Surveying Ltd, Auckland, since 1988.

**CURD, Robyn Anne** — see **Robyn CALDWELL**

**DEWSTOW, Ross Albert** BSc DipTchg DipFTV DipTT, b. 1954; PHS 1968–72: education — mathematics teacher, Taumarunui High School, 1977–78; Aorere College, Auckland, 1979; multimedia and internet teacher, Waikato Polytechnic, Hamilton, Unitec Institute of Technology, Auckland, and University of Waikato, Hamilton, 1991–2001; computers — Smith & Brown Ltd, Auckland, and New Zealand Dairy Group Ltd, Hamilton, 1983–90; learning designer with computer company Ectus Ltd since 2003.

**DEWSTOW, Wayne Lewis** BE, b. 1953; PHS 1966–70: oil industry (project management) — 30 years with Kellogg Brown & Root constructing offshore oil facilities, starting with Maui A in New Zealand followed by 12 years in Bahrain and the past 15 years in Houston, Texas, and shorter periods in Egypt, Dubai, Singapore, and China; soon to move to Abu Dhabi and Nigeria.

**FOWLER, Delwyn Fay** — see **Delwyn BRESLAU**

**FROGGATT, Christine Louise** — see **Christine McKNIGHT**



# More prominent past pupils

**HARVEY, Roger Barry**, b. 1956; PHS 1970–74: rifle-shooting — represented New Zealand at Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, 1986, and Commonwealth Games in Auckland, 1990; two gold medals in Auckland (small-bore rifle, prone 50m; small-bore rifle, prone, 50m pairs)

**HELLIWELL, Christine Joy** PhD, b. 1954; PHS 1968–72: anthropology — senior lecturer, Australian National University faculty of arts (school of archaeology and anthropology), Canberra; published widely, her research includes ethnographic fieldwork among middle-class New Zealanders (in Auckland) and among Borneo Dayak people (in Kalimantan Barat).

**MacGROUCUTT, Kenneth Henry** (changed name by deed poll to **Denis BERGMAN**, 2000), b. 1955; PHS 1971–72: defence — airman, Royal New Zealand Air Force, 1973–76; traffic — traffic officer, Auckland City Traffic Department (later Ministry of Transport), 1977–91; police, since 1992 (including Auckland Motorways Policing Unit, 1994–2000); awards — MoT 14-year long service medal; police silver merit award for bravery (after apprehending and disarming a man with a high-powered rifle at Otahuhu on 25 November 1994 [MacGroucutt, a senior constable, was unarmed]); now living in Orewa.

**McKNIGHT, Christine Louise (née FROGGATT)** BA DipTchg, b. 1972; PHS 1986–90, head girl 1990: tennis umpiring — international tennis umpire since 1986; represented New Zealand at Sydney Olympics, eight Australian Opens, US Open, Wimbledon, 12 Davis Cups and numerous other international, national and regional events in New Zealand; named Umpire of the Year 2002, Wellington Regional Sports Awards; Umpire of the Year 2004, Waikato Regional Sports Awards; Umpire of the Year and Supreme Sports Award 2004, Taupo Regional Sports Awards.

**PEVREAL, Jennifer Christine [Jenny] (née SMITH)** AdvDipHM BSocSc, b. 1961; PHS 1974–78, deputy head girl 1978: science —

Churchill fellow, 1987; Royal Society's Prince and Princess of Wales Science Award, 1987.

**REDELLE, Michael Hamilton** BCA(Hons), b. 1962; PHS 1975–78: economics — Reserve Bank of New Zealand since 1983, including positions as adviser to Bank of Papua New Guinea, 1985–87; economic adviser to Bank of Zambia, 1993–95; head of financial markets, 2000–2003; and alternate executive director, International Monetary Fund (representing New Zealand, Australia and other Asia-Pacific countries), 2003–2005; now back in New Zealand as special adviser to Reserve Bank.

**SHARPE, Wendy Sharon**, b. 1963; PHS 1977–78: soccer — New Zealand women's team (Swanz), 1980–95; second most-capped player (51 internationals) and record-holder for most goals scored (29); winner of OFC Women's World Cup Golden Boot award; mixed touch — New Zealand team, 1988–89, 1990–91; toured Australia in 1988; selected for the world mixed team announced in Australia.

**SMITH, Jennifer Christine** — see **Jennifer PEVREAL**

**WATT, Robin James** MA(Hons) PhD, b. 1945; PHS 1959–63, Ward Reid Memorial Cup winner 1963: ethnology and anthropology — postgraduate scholar, London University, 1973; researcher, British Museum (Natural History), 1974–75; lecturer, Institute of Archaeology, London, 1975–76; Auckland War Memorial Museum 1977–79; ethnologist, National Museum of New Zealand 1979–93; forensic consultant since 1993 (New Zealand's first and only forensic anthropologist); past president, New Zealand Forensic Science Society, past vice-president, New Zealand and Australia Forensic Science Society.

**WITTEVEEN, David Harold [Dave]**, b. 1963; PHS 1977–80, dux ludorum 1979: soccer — All White, 1986, 1989 (World Cup qualifying matches v Israel and Australia).

## Sports miscellany

Rugby union was for many years the top sport at Penrose High School. But there were successes in other sports, notably soccer, notes Cathy VAN HAARLEM (PHS 1977–80), whose brother **Dick VAN HAARLEM** was a prominent soccer player.

In 1977, the first XI won the North Island championship at Hastings, overcoming Tauranga Boys' High School 2-1 in the final. The team, coached by **Rod LEONARD-RODGERS**, scored 24 goals in the tournament with only four against.

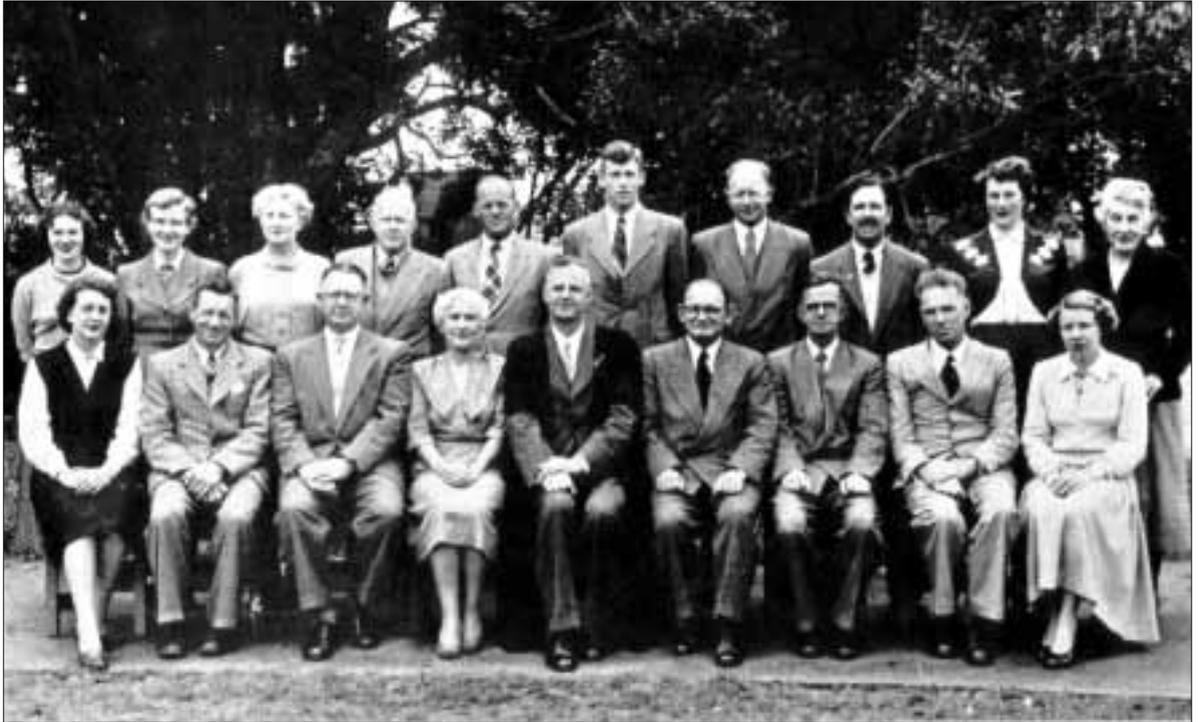
In 1978, even though the first XI was in B grade, Penrose got

through to the semifinals of the national championship at Avondale College, held in the August holidays. Penrose would have made it to the final had it not been for injuries and an absence of reserve players.

The first XI contained many great footballers including the captain, **Mike MORAN**, head boy in 1978, and **David WITTEVEEN** and **Terry TORRENS**, who both went on to play competitive soccer in Auckland. Witteveen, dux ludorum in 1979, later became an All White (see above).



## Staff miscellany



Foundation staff, 1955: back row, from left: Miss Lorna V.M. Hopkins, Miss Joan C. Slaney, Mrs Anne W. Morton, Desmond E. Jobey, Harold Chisholm, Brian R. Bayliss, Trevor D. Davies, Noel W. Thompson, Mrs M.C. Boustridge, Miss S.E. Baird; front row, from left: Mrs A. Davies, F.J. Eade, E.C. Wooller, Miss M. Ruvé Wallis (senior mistress), Ronald S. [Ron] Stacey (principal), Kenneth [Ken] W. Rae (first assistant), Jack Horrocks, Edwin G. [Ted] Pressley and Miss Shirley Wilson

**FOUNDATION STAFF:** of the 21 foundation teaching and administration staff in 1955, just three are alive, according to one of the survivors, **Shirley WILSON (née MORRIS)**. The others are: **Trevor D. DAVIES**, living at Maraetai with his wife Kay, and **Lorna V.M. HORROCKS (née HOPKINS)**, living in Surry Hills, Sydney. Head of commercial **Jack HORROCKS**, who joined the foundation staff after 16 years at Mt Albert Grammar School for Boys, continued his specialisation in English and commerce, writing several commercial textbooks. He left in 1958 to take up a university appointment. He died in 2001.

**STILL FIT:** **Norma Vincent KEMBLE**, b. 1912; senior mistress from 1959–73, is alive and well. She attended the official launch of *Peka Totara* on 2 March 2005. Accompanying Miss Kemble at the launch was 86-year-old **Mrs Lenore W. DIXON**, b. 1918; school nurse from 1965–81. The first PHS senior mistress was **Miss M. Ruvé WALLIS**

who retired in 1958. A French teacher of note among her many skills, she was active in the Auckland French Club and the Language Teachers' Association. Miss Wallis travelled to France after retiring, having studied at the Sorbonne, Paris, in 1952.

**PERMANENT RECORD:** **Graeme C. M. MILNE**, b. 1929; PHS 1958–63 (French and Latin teacher), who lives in Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, left a daily diary during his time at Penrose providing a real-time record of teaching life in the 1960s.

**LETTER-WRITER EXTRAORDINAIRE:** **Reginald H. [Reg] LOCKSTONE** (PHS 1960–85) has never lost his love of the English language. He was long considered one of the better contributors to the *New Zealand Herald's* 'Letters to the editor' page. Among his many tasks at Penrose, he was in charge of the library and was responsible for university liaison for many years.



# Governance



Auckland Grammar School Board of Governors, which governed Penrose High School from 1954 (before the school opened) until the end of 1955.



The foundation Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors, 1956. Initially it governed Penrose High School and Selwyn College only. From 1961 it also governed Glendowie College. Back row, from left: P.H. Collingwood (representing Penrose High School), N.B. Wilcox (appointed by the Governor-General in Council), Professor R. Winterbourn (appointed by Eastern Secondary Schools' Board), M.J.B. Sommerville (Selwyn College), G.J. Johnston (Penrose); front row, from left: M.B. Darrow (Selwyn), H.J. White (Penrose, vice-chairman), A.P. Stuart Bell (chairman, appointed by Auckland Education Board), W. Laird Thompson (secretary-treasurer), A.A. Babbage (Selwyn).



# In memoriam

## Ex-teachers

- 1994 **Ivan McRae MOSES** BA BCom DipTchg, b. 1921: education — teacher, Te Kauwhata, Ngatea, Raglan, Otahuhu, PHS 1956–62 (head of English 1960–62), Auckland Technical Institute (head of general studies 1962–69, deputy principal 1969–72, principal 1972–84, emeritus fellow, Auckland Institute of Technology); member, New Zealand Vocational Training Council, Standing Committee on Tertiary Education; president, vice-president, executive, New Zealand Technical Institutes' Association; trustee, Woolf Fisher Trust, Winstone Centennial Education Trust; convener, Auckland committee, J.R. McKenzie Youth Education Fund; community and spiritual — president, Bible College of New Zealand, Scripture Union in New Zealand; executive, Auckland branch, New Zealand Rehabilitation League; authorship — *Unemployment and Education* (1978), *The Tower by the Hill* (1990); of complications after a heart-bypass operation at Green Lane Hospital, Auckland, aged 72.
- 1994 **Nicholas COOMBES** BSc(Hons); b. 1946: PHS 1985–87; of Marfan's syndrome, aged 47.
- 2004 **Miss Patricia V. OAKDEN** BA; PHS 1960–63 (English teacher); in Wellington.
- 2005 **Mrs Ena Gainor BACH (née JACKSON)** BA, b. 1906; PHS (second mistress 1960–61, English and French teacher 1962–67); at Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Memorial Rest Home, Auckland, aged 99.

## Ex-governor

- 1994 **Dr (John) Ronald [Ron] AYERS** MB CHB FRCS, b. 1932; PHS representative, Eastern Secondary Schools' Board of Governors 1972–77; of a heart attack.

## Pupil

- 1988 **Daniel Karl [Danny] MARTIN**, b. 1974; PHS 1987–88; drowned, aged 13.

## Ex-pupils

- 1980 **Janice Anne MEYLE**, b. 1952; PHS 1966–70; in a motorcycle accident.
- 1980 **Paul Vernon TAYLOR**, b. 1959; PHS 1973–76; on the Heaphy Track, Westland, during a flood.
- 1981 **Wilson POCKLINGTON**, b. 1961; PHS 1975–78; in a motor accident, aged 19.
- 1984 **Janine Florence HAYDON**, b. 1956; PHS 1969–73; in a road accident.
- 1984 **Nicola Maree SERVICE**, b. 1966; PHS 1980–82; in a motorcycle accident.
- 1985 **Mark Anthony HILLS**, b. 1966; PHS 1980–83; drowned on a West Coast beach near Auckland.
- 1986 **Phillip Andrew KEOGH**, b. 1960; PHS 1973–76; in a motor accident.
- 2000 **Wayne George WATSON**, b. 1949; PHS 1963–67; of a brain tumour in Australia, aged 50.
- 2002 **Stephen Wayne EADE**, b. 1951; PHS 1966–68; of a brain tumour, aged 51.
- 2004 **Peter Robert DAHLIN**, b. 1955; PHS 1968–71.
- 2004 **Sione MOALA**, b. 1983; PHS 1997–2001.



