



NGA TAWA
DIOCESAN SCHOOL

THE CALICO LINE

News for Old Girls, Parents & Friends

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DEAR OLD GIRLS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS...

Welcome to the 2014 combined newsletter. This year we have produced a slightly different format with a more integrated Calico Line and Old Girls' Newsletter. This special edition showcases some of our amazing past & present students. We do hope you enjoy the read and provide us with feed-back through info@ngatawa.school.nz.

Those of you we have email contacts for, will have received your copy of "Calico Line" via email, and a hard copy. Eventually, we would like this all online so please let us know if you require a hard copy in the future. Also update your contact details with us if we are out of date. This is the best way for us to keep you informed of "the goings on" at school. Look up our new Old Girls' & PFA page on the school website, www.ngatawa.school.nz.

2016, our 125th year, is fast approaching and a date for the Jubilee Celebrations is set. These will take place from Friday 4th through to Sunday 6th March.

Check out our Donations page, we would love to open our new sports turf at the Jubilee but to do that we need your help! A multi-sports turf at Nga Tawa would be "the icing on the cake" to our already fabulous teaching and equestrian facilities.

The PFA are gearing up for a Nga Tawa Fête next year. Please diary February 22nd 2015. It's been a while since we had one and we are planning a family fun-filled day, including terrier racing, raffles, stalls, food, music and novelty events for everyone.

So lots for us all to look forward to, thanks to Carmel, her fantastic staff, the girls and you, Old Girls, Parents and Friends.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter.

Karen Stothart, President NTOGA
Koo Greenway, President PFA

IMPORTANT OLD GIRLS INFORMATION

A form to update the register is included in this newsletter. Please fill it out and send back, if you haven't already. This will enable your information to be updated in the Jubilee Book which is currently being written by Helene Stock, and promising to be a great memoir. To those of you who filled it out but didn't send in your email addresses, please just do that. This will enable you to be kept more informed on Jubilee information.

We do hope you will join us for our AGM on **Friday September 26th at 11.00 am**. Our new enthusiastic and knowledgeable archivist, Richard Browne, will give a presentation. We will again hold it upstairs in the Marshall Common Room, followed by lunch in the dining room. After this is Individual House Music. So please stay to hear our talented musicians. If intending to stay for lunch please RSVP to jrstothart@xtra.co.nz by 20 September 2014.



Principal's Report



As we head rapidly towards our 125th celebrations in 2016, it is apparent that life seems to travel faster and faster each year. At recent educational conferences, including the Association of Integrated Schools New Zealand, we can see from changes both in New Zealand and further afield, that education, too, is rapidly changing. In some cases, prompted by disaster (as in Christchurch), in others by global influences and in all cases, supported and enhanced by developing technology.

There is no need to panic, however, as educationalists do tend to think carefully before throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Cheryl Doig is one such educationalist. She follows leadership trends and research and translates these into practice, working internationally and virtually with organisations, business leaders, and educators. Her passion is for challenging organisations to think differently in order to adapt to a changing future. Cheryl Doig has spent time interviewing leaders from a range of different organisations and community groups that have been collaborating in new ways since the Christchurch earthquakes. Five things stood out for her as key:

1. Relationships matter every step of the way. Time needs to be spent at the beginning to develop shared norms, values and vision.
2. Technology enhances. Collaboration can exist without technology but the ripple it creates will be smaller.
3. Conflict. If there is no conflict there is no deep collaboration. Expect conflict, allow for it and deal with it openly, and respectfully. When

you have a diverse group working together the richness of different perspectives will naturally create tensions.

4. Know when to collaborate. If there are few gains to be made, if there is a hostile environment, or if there are no relationships between parties then collaboration will simply waste time. Grow relationships first.
5. Leadership. Collaboration still requires people to lead. This is often through influence rather than position, but both are appropriate. In an increasingly complex world leaders must be able to navigate complexity, explore multiple perspectives and feel comfortable in not having all the answers.

The current trend in education is to build schools where learning spaces are more agile and adaptive. However, I have also had conversations with respected commentators on this movement, and we both agree that learning spaces should evolve carefully from practice in a timely fashion (not too fast, nor too slow). We have many ideas evolving on the future physical development of Nga Tawa Diocesan School, and this will require the ongoing support of our entire community. We begin with our sports courts and turf project (information in this publication) and we will also be focusing on boarding, special character, classrooms and facilities as these are all important places of learning – whether they be in conceptual knowledge, personal development, faith or life skills.

While the current chatter in the profession globally indicates that collaboration is a trend that is here to stay, I would argue that as a school which has stood the test of time; which has evolved in order to survive; and which has read the national and global landscape correctly in terms of needs, wants and outside influences, since 1891, collaboration is something Nga Tawa Diocesan School has done, and continues to do, well.

Carmel Spencer, Principal

Celebrating Nga Tawa in Auckland

CARMEL SPENCER, PRINCIPAL

We were blessed to be able to visit Ayrilies in Howick, home of old girl, Beverley McConnell (nee Jardine). Bev was Head Girl in 1948 and Ayrilies is the beautiful gardens which Bev herself has created over 50 years. The idea to visit Auckland was based on the fact that we have a number of families from that area and not all of them would be able to visit us when we held Celebrating Nga Tawa at the school in mid-November. We also knew that there was a large contingent of old girls in the Auckland region who were still actively all in touch with each other. The result was a most splendid day of reminiscing, laughter, re-connecting and seeing the life of the school through the past six decades. It was an honour to meet with so many wonderful women who are such an inspiration to us all. Thank you Bev, for opening your home to us. We hope to be back in two years' time.



Mona Clements (nee Bisley) old girl, Amber Swayne and Isabella Stewart

Message from the Nga Tawa Diocesan School Trust Board Chairperson, Roger Dalrymple



We are halfway through the year and it is great to have completed what I believe to be a fantastic Strategic Plan, included in this newsletter, which has been developed by both Boards. The content is reflective of last year's school survey and consultation from parents, students, and the greater Nga Tawa family. It provides a very clear direction for our Boards, Principal and staff to all work towards, plus it is a valuable document for parents and the greater community which clearly illustrates what we are trying to achieve and where we are heading and the community we want to be.

I would also like to inform parents that the board is going to be taking to the road - visiting people in their own area later this year. The idea behind this is to provide a forum that allows our families to hear from the Boards. These meetings also provide us with the opportunity to discuss any issues that you may have. We do not intend these to be large meetings, which will hopefully allow for good discussion; so keep an eye out on the school website for more information.

It is great being involved with a school that has a real buzz about it at the moment, with so many positive things happening. The school is in good hands, with clear direction and is achieving great things.

Regards
Diocesan Board Chair
Roger Dalrymple

Past and Present Pupils – Nga Tawa Diocesan School on the World Stage

We know that the young women of Nga Tawa are something special. Historically, many past pupils of Nga Tawa have made a difference and left a mark in their field of expertise wherever they have travelled. Here, we profile some current and past pupils who are making a name for themselves both in New Zealand and overseas.

Kate Fluker

(2001 – 2004)

Born in New Plymouth and brought up in the Horowhenua, Kate attended Nga Tawa Diocesan School from 2001 to 2004. After completing her degree in Rural Valuation and Management at Massey University she moved to Queenstown in 2009 where she worked in the property industry for two years. In 2011 Kate and her partner, Reon, moved to Dunedin temporarily for one year so that she could train as a Rural Valuer at Quotable Value. She was then able to transfer back to Queenstown with her job where she and Reon had purchased their house. It was here that Kate took up mountain biking as a way of meeting new people.

After coming second in her first race, Kate decided to pursue the sport further. Having a background in horse riding, Kate picked up mountain biking rather quickly and worked her way up each year to become New Zealand Champion in 2014. Currently in her second World Cup Series Season, the results she is attaining are making all the hours of hard work worth it. Ranked 22nd in the World Cup Standings and the first non-professional rider in the ranks, Kate's goal for 2014 was to be selected for the New Zealand Commonwealth Games team and she has achieved this, making the team that headed to Glasgow in July. Kate aimed to place in the top five but was very close coming in eighth. Her mid-term goal is to be selected for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Kate said that she is so grateful that she tried something new and strongly believes that everyone is brilliant at something, they just need to find it.



Rebecca (Bex) Sinclair

(2005 – 2007)



After suffering a knee injury that put Bex out for most of the Winter Olympic qualifying events, it was an all-or-nothing approach for the last few qualifiers. Bex managed to have some very good results, getting a second and a fourth in the last two World Cup events, which put her well up in the Olympic rankings and secured her a spot to represent New Zealand. Bex said that the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia was pretty crazy, as it had really warm temperatures and a few things did not go to plan. Bex was quite disappointed that her performance didn't go as she had hoped; she didn't manage to land either of her competition runs, and she felt that this was an extra blow because her fans were counting on her as the 'consistent' athlete that 'always landed a run'. It took Bex a while to get over the frustration, but in the end, in true Nga Tawa style, Bex reflected on her performance and was able to take some key learning out of the whole experience.

Currently living in Sydney, Bex is taking a break from snowboarding and is aiming to complete her Bachelor of Science (majoring in Psychology) degree by the start of 2015. Bex has a great philosophy in that it is important to try to keep growing and learning. Snowboarding had been a big part of her life for so long, and she has found it strange moving away from it. While it has allowed her to learn so much about the sport, the world and herself, she said it was a very tough and lonely journey to get to the top. Bex has absolutely no regrets about pursuing her sport and she is excited that she can now take what she has learned from her snowboarding experience and to apply it to other areas of her life.

Kerri Gowler

(2007 – 2011)

Three years out of school and Kerri Gowler is still pursuing her dream of becoming an Olympic Rower. In 2012 Kerri gained selection into the Central Regional Performance Centre (based in Blenheim) which is a stepping-stone to being selected to row for a New Zealand team. After her first season at CRPC, she gained a New Zealand Elite/Under 23 trial but was unsuccessful and subsequently trialled successfully for the New Zealand Under-21 team.

Kerri really enjoyed the regatta in Sydney to race against the Australian states. After racing in the Women's Pair, Four and Eight, Kerri came away with 3 Gold medals. After another summer down in Blenheim she was again selected to trial for Elite/Under-23 teams and this time she made the New Zealand's Elite Women's Eight. This was a huge step up for Kerri, especially to have Dick Tonks as her coach. It was a tough campaign but Kerri feels that she gained a lot of knowledge and experience competing against the best in the world in Europe and Korea.

After a month long break, Kerri nervously awaited the summer squad announcement (2013/2014) which would mean living in Cambridge and training out of the New Zealand High Performance Centre. Pleasantly surprised, Kerri made it into the squad to train for the summer; little did she know that this was going to be a very long hard summer of kilometres on Lake Karapiro with Dick Tonks. This was one of her toughest challenges yet as Kerri and three other girls, and Mahe Drysdale, had to front up for 230km weeks of just rowing up and down the lake, every day. This was physically and mentally tough. Trials



time came around again where she was selected into the Women's Under-23 Pair. This training has paid off as Kerri and her partner, Grace Prendergast, secured Silver (coming in 5 seconds ahead of the elite pair from New Zealand) World Cup Event 3 in Lucerne, Switzerland, in July. Kerri is now off to the Under-23 World championships in Italy.

Kerri says that Rowing New Zealand is a very competitive environment but also very successful. As she has trained and competed against World and Olympic Champions, Kerri has her sights firmly on Rio, 2016.

Jackie Gowler

(2010 – CURRENT Y13)

Since beginning rowing in her early years at Nga Tawa, just to see what her sister was enjoying (and to try to outdo the older sibling), Jackie Gowler has definitely followed in the footsteps of her older sister Kerri.

Jackie took up rowing in 2010 and began the many hours of driving to and rowing on the Whanganui River under the Aramoho Wanganui Rowing Club (to which Nga Tawa Diocesan School is affiliated). Jackie has enjoyed top quality coaching by the staff at AWRC, starting with Craig Smith (first official coach of Nga Tawa rowing), until it came to her



third year of rowing where she was then coached by Lance O'Brien for a year, and then in her fourth year Jackie was taken under the wing of very successful, nationally recognised coach, Ian Weenink.

Jackie has enjoyed much success since 2013 both at North Island and National Level in Club and Secondary School regattas. Significantly, Jackie is one of the crew to secure Nga Tawa's first medals at Maadi Cup, in Twizel this year. Jackie was a part of the double which easily won in the Under 18 Women's section securing the school's first ever Gold at Maadi Cup. She was also part of the quad which secured Silver the following day. Jackie is now in camp preparing for the World Junior Rowing Championships to be held in August in Hamburg, Germany, as part of a 21 strong junior New Zealand squad. She then travels to Nanjing, China, as the third member of a three person squad to compete in the double at the Youth Olympic Games. She expects that the move up to international competition will be a lot harder and faster, there will be tougher competition and a lot more focus. Jackie finds that keeping up with school work while rowing morning and night gets pretty tough. It requires very good time management to prevent it being too mentally draining, and of course it is very physically tiring as well. Jackie has found that her teachers have understood with how often she is away rowing and how much training she is required to do during the week. It is worth watching both of these Gowler sisters as they progress upwards in their chosen sport of rowing.

Georgia Nugent-O'Leary

(2010 – CURRENT Y13)

Georgia Nugent-O'Leary only began rowing two and a half years ago. However, a good pedigree of athleticism on this young woman's part, as well as the 'biggest lung capacity in a girl this age' Professor Steve Stannard, from Massey University Sports Science department, had ever seen, as well as an ability to mentally focus at an extremely

high level, has seen this young woman rapidly make her way up the standings in New Zealand junior rowing.

Georgia paired with Jackie Gowler at the 2014 Maadi Cup event and secured the school's first ever medal in rowing at a national level. Gold was the colour. The following day, Georgia and Jackie paired up with Bailey McDonald, Heather Gee-Taylor and coxswain Savannah Gaskell to secure Silver in the coxed fours the following day.



As Head of Sprott House, Georgia demonstrates all the characteristics which make Nga Tawa Diocesan School so unique. She is a top academic student who works hard to balance all her interests. She leads her House with dignity and enthusiasm. She is a great singer and actress. Therefore, for Georgia to enter in to camp at Lake Karapiro with 20 other young people, in preparation for the Junior Rowing World Championships to be held in Hamburg in August, from early June, took great sacrifice on her part. Georgia is so loyal to Nga Tawa that handing over the reins of the House to her deputy until September was very hard. However, if there is one thing which Georgia understands from her time at school, it is that great achievements require great sacrifice.

Georgia Smith

(2010 – CURRENT Y13)

Of course, being an equestrian school, with 86 stables, three arenas and a 50 acre block, Nga Tawa has always had a number of top level riders. One such rider is Georgia Smith, who, along with her mother, Andrea, has been selected for the New Zealand Endurance Riding team to compete at the World Equestrian Games in France in August. Georgia is breaking two records before she even gets to France. Although she is the youngest rider selected for this event, Georgia has already competed on the world stage in Australia, Abu Dhabi and South Africa. This is also the first time, it is believed, that mother and daughter are representing at the same time.

This event is not for the faint hearted. The endurance riding event of 160km requires a vet check for the horse every 40km. The horsemanship required is immense, rider focus is essential and a strong relationship between rider and steed is crucial. Georgia and her family all participate, very successfully, in the endurance events. No doubt, the long, hilly farm near Mangaweka lends itself to good quality endurance training for both rider and horse.



As a prefect (Head of Equestrian), Georgia is exceptionally busy assisting in the Equestrian Academy. She is an asset to the school and is always ready with a smile and some caring advice for our younger riders.

Casey Mae Waddell

(2012 – CURRENT Y13)

Casey Mae has been a very competitive rider and hockey player for many years. Last year, Casey Mae made the decision to focus on her hockey and to great effect as she was selected in the Central National Hockey League Women's team. She has been a part of the New Zealand women's Youth Olympic squad which competed and won Gold at the Youth Olympic qualifying tournament in Vanuatu in March. Casey Mae was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Casey Mae was selected to compete in Nanjing, China, at the World Youth Olympics in the New Zealand Youth Olympic hockey team. Also this year Casey Mae has played in the Central Under-21 team that finished second at the national tournament and has recently played in the Central Under-18 team.

As a feisty and competitive young woman, Casey Mae seems to be able to find all the spaces before others on the hockey turf. Her strength is in her focus and ability to see space and on her strong, never-give-up attitude on the turf.



Victoria Wassilieff

(2012 – CURRENT Y11)

Victoria's interest in archery came from having a go at a school camp at the end of 2009 and she then started with the Manawatu Archery Club in February 2010. After beginning to compete in 2012, Victoria demonstrated an immediate aptitude for this sport, gaining her first Age Group records in 2012 beating all of the indoor and outdoor records for the Club Age Group which she still holds. In 2013 she moved up to Intermediate Age Group and shot the outdoor 25m, 35m and overall score records. She still holds the 35m and the overall records. She topped off 2013 by gaining 3 qualifying scores for the trans-Tasman competition.

Victoria continued on with her winning ways at the beginning of 2014 where she shot a 720 record at the National Outdoor Champs – this

gave her, her final qualifying score for the trans-Tasman team and she was named in the trans-Tasman team in May 2014. This trans-Tasman clash is to be held in Brisbane from 29 September to 3 October and of the 15 members of team, Victoria is the youngest girl. The trans-Tasman is an outdoor competition which is a harder format as weather conditions play a big part in the outcomes as the archers have to adjust.

While Victoria has to work very hard to fit in everything that she does – with Archery, Level 1 NCEA and a member of a very successful rock band – in true Nga Tawa style, she is doing well overall and enjoys all that she does.



Emily Joe

(2012 – CURRENT Y11)



The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Orchestra is regarded as a training ground for young players aspiring to membership of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra and possibly to a career as a professional musician with the NZSO. Selection for membership of the NZSSSO is competitive, based on auditions conducted annually. In 2013 (as a Year 10 student) and again in 2014, Emily successfully auditioned to become a member of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra (NZSSSO). In addition, Emily has also gained a Mentorship with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO) in Wellington this year.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra is based in Christchurch and is a full-sized symphony orchestra comprised of the elite of New Zealand's secondary school orchestral instrumentalists. The orchestra has played every year since it was instituted in 1960, with the only exception being 2011 due to the earthquakes in Christchurch. The NZSSSO performs full-scale works under the leadership of international conductors, who hold annual tenures.

Emily Joe is a young woman with an exceptional talent in music. So exceptional in fact, that she is extremely accomplished on four different instruments. Emily attained Grade 8 with Distinction in Trinity College London examinations last year for both piano and for violin. She is now working towards her ATCL diploma examinations in both instruments, Grade 7 clarinet examination and Grade 5 flute examination concurrently. To be expected, Emily is in great demand for House music and all manner of other music at Nga Tawa Diocesan School.

You would expect that with such a demanding workload in music and in academic work, that Emily would not have time for anything else. Not so; Emily epitomises the holistic approach to life which is valued at Nga Tawa Diocesan School. She plays netball, she swims and does well for her house, and, most importantly, she is prepared to help out in any capacity that she can – whether that is playing the piano in chapel, or simply helping put the chairs back in the Celebration Centre. Emily Joe is a true Nga Tawa girl.

Report from the Archives

The archive is not a dusty place for the *memento mori* of the past. The archive is a place for finding inspiration *from* the past for the *future*. The Nga Tawa community is very fortunate to have this repository of information, artefacts and ephemera. I am very fortunate to be an archivist as it gives me the opportunity to use my passion for New Zealand History and to help Nga Tawa Old Girls' understand where they live, learn and grow up. This leads me to a couple of fascinating insights I gained through my normal work of developing the archive collection: Edmund Hillary and war orphaned children.

In the 1950's New Zealand was a virile, young, independent nation. We were rebuilding the world by producing raw materials for our sister commonwealth nations. Yet the scars of war were still evident for many New Zealanders. Nga Tawa had its share of this catastrophe, hidden within the archive are those painful memories. Yet we had heroes in the 1950's and the Auckland Branch of the Nga Tawa Old Girls' Association invited members of the Everest ascent to speak to them. It was a wonderful opportunity for Christian women to understand this historic feat, but also to donate money and their help for the people of Nepal. Within the archives are the minutes of several meetings where these patriotic Christian old girls gave of themselves for the lives of strangers. This historical fact made me proud to be a part of that tradition and I hope it serves to remind us all of the importance of humanity in our complex world.

Following the catastrophe of the Second World War there were millions of refugees, displaced people and casualties. Before this horrific suffering, the words of the editor of the 1939 Nga Tawa yearbook seem somewhat profound: "Is it worth composing a school magazine at all? Will anyone care to hear our gossip of daily activities,

games, successes, changes?" But continue on they did. The Nga Tawa community understood the value of humanity in the aftermath of the "disaster" of war: children, no matter the "side", were neglected, forgotten, unloved. Again the Auckland Branch of the Nga Tawa Old Girls Association showed a deep sense of humanity by adopting a little German girl in 1946. There was no fanfare, no public relations spin, just a dogged Christian determination to create some goodness in a battered world. The hand written minutes and ledger entries I found to write this factual narrative exist in the archives *today*. I feel they exist as a testament for all members of the Nga Tawa community. Even though many of that war generation had experienced at first hand the horrors of modern warfare, these old girls, some of whom were in the Red Cross and armed services, were still prepared to help innocent children in a country that had been their political enemy.

It is primary historical evidence like this that shakes the foundations of concepts like *total war*, *heroism* and *victory* for me. Maybe, the only thing total about the Second World War was the waste; the only victory the deeds of Christian women in Auckland; the real heroism was in understanding that Nepalese children needed food and shelter.

On a slightly different note, I would like to extend many thanks to Richard Lambert for his help in updating the Old Girls' database. It is through his generous help that we have been able to keep our records current and useful.

Best wishes to all and I hope to hear from you via email, letter or in person.

Richard Browne (BA Hons) Archivist



Strategic Plan

The new Nga Tawa Diocesan School Strategic plan is the result of 12 months of feedback, consultation and discussion with families, students, staff and the boards of Nga Tawa.

We have maintained our core values, but developed our vision and mission statements in order to reflect the current education environment as well as looking forward to a strong and sustainable future for Nga Tawa.

VISION *Exceed all Expectation*

VALUES *Respect, Integrity and Courage*

MISSION *A dynamic, innovative and student focussed environment, where active partnerships extend every individual girl; to equip and inspire her to pursue her future with confidence, courage and passion.*

There are four strategic goals which are our 'rocks', the foundation. Under this sit objectives which are designed for the next three or four years. More details on the objectives can be found in the full document on the website, www.ngatawa.school.nz.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. We are authentic and passionate about the special character, traditions and culture of our School.
2. We acknowledge, develop and nurture every student at Nga Tawa as an individual; to extend their character, their academic achievement and their co-curricular achievement.
3. We provide a unique living, learning and recreational rural environment that is practical, safe and nurturing; to enhance all living and learning experiences for the Nga Tawa family.
4. We develop a viable, innovative & sustainable business, to achieve the growth and longevity of Nga Tawa Diocesan School.



Profile

NEW DIRECTOR OF BOARDING, MRS RAEWYN ABRAHAM



In 2012, in response to the changing face of the demands of 21st Century boarding school, Nga Tawa Diocesan School undertook a restructuring process which would enable the school to continue to provide the best, and most relevant, boarding experience it could to today's young woman.

Part of this restructure included creating the new position as Director of Boarding. This position is still evolving and it demands someone quite special with a very wide skill set and a certain attitude to life. Raewyn Abraham was appointed in September of 2013 and while she did not officially begin in this position until January 2014, her

commitment was evident with the amount of thinking, communicating and contributing that she did from well before her official start date.

When asked to describe who she is, Raewyn gave quite a list. A sister, a mother, a grandmother and a virgo; a friend, a group member, a student of te reo and a midwife; a counsellor, a teacher, a facilitator and manager; a critic, a supporter, an encourager and challenger; a Christian, a swimmer, a reader and an appreciator of people; an artist, a (sort of) musician, a nurse, a survivor, a woman and a gardener; a cook, a driver, a planner and a hoper; a fire builder, a coffee drinker, a novice ukulele player and a potter; a sewer, a board game player, a dreamer, a listener and an appreciator of feijoa wine.

Originally from the North Shore of Auckland, Raewyn traces her heritage, from the 1800's, to Ireland and Spain, and her children and grandchildren through to Ngapuhi, Ngati Kuri, Aupouri and Ngati Porou.

Her vision for Boarding, here at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, is for each student to continue to be at the hub of the school with Day School, Boarding and families connected and communicating effectively making an integrated, purposeful whole. Raewyn sees that our common goal is to nurture each young woman into emotional, physical, psychological, political, intellectual and spiritual maturity, within the context of family and the Nga Tawa community.

Having had half a year proper in this new position, Raewyn has made a huge impact already and this bodes well for the continued development of the Nga Tawa Diocesan School Boarding environment in to a model of best practice both in New Zealand and overseas.

Profile

NEW CHAPLAIN, KIM DUXFIELD



The role of the Chaplain at Nga Tawa Diocesan School is one of educator and spiritual guide. It is not often that one person can fulfil both sides of this role so ably. Nga Tawa is exceptionally lucky to have found in Chaplain Kim Duxfield, such a person, who was appointed at the beginning of 2014.

Kim Duxfield was born into a Christian family and lived in the South Island until she was 8 when her family moved to Wellington. She is married to Tim (Duxfield) whom she met at youth group in Tawa, Wellington. Kim has followed her parent's examples of living faith by being

involved in church services, having many people around for meals and accommodating people when they have nowhere else to go. In particular, Kim is very involved in both youth and music worship at All Saints parish, Palmerston North.

As a trained primary teacher, Kim is enjoying the position as Chaplain at Nga Tawa. Some highlights have been the Top Town Challenge for Anglican Youth Groups and Schools of the Wellington Diocese where Kim and company took 17 girls dressed as fairies to compete. With a second placing, it was here that Chaplain Kim experienced the true

depth of the Nga Tawa competitive spirit. The Care for Creation project where Year 9 spent a day in rain working with plantings and compost to do their bit was very special to see.

Each Friday afternoon, the school finishes with a full school chapel service. This is a wonderful way to end the week and allows the community to enter in to the weekend reflective of their week and anchored spiritually.

Kim's goal for Nga Tawa Diocesan School is that each student and member of staff has the opportunity to explore their faith, ask questions and experience God working in their lives. She also aligns strongly to the Principal's vision of faith at Nga Tawa Diocesan School where we see that a student can say to another student "I'm a Christian" and for the other student to say "That's cool". She says that she loves that picture of unity and understanding.

Her dream and vision for Nga Tawa is that the strong foundation of faith Nga Tawa Diocesan School already has is expanded and woven through all aspects of the school and that in the future; all students remember something from their time at Nga Tawa and believe that God is with them to strengthen them.

Nga Tawa Reunion Class of 1957

BY OLWYN PEZARO (WILLIAMSON)

Beautiful February weather in Picton was the background for another reunion of our 1957 third form class. 22 of the original 44 attended from as far away as Britain, Europe and Western Australia.

On the Friday night we met at Barbie Wilson's (Marshall) apartment and on Saturday we travelled by the Cougar Line and bus to Sandy Bay. A wonderful lunch was provided by James Osbourne – unfortunately Georgie (Moore) was indisposed and couldn't join us.

On the way back we had a lovely BBQ.

Almost incessant talk, lots of laughs and some lovely photos. Many thanks to Barbie and Georgie who planned the gathering.

We plan to meet up again in a couple of years.

Standing: Jo Elliott (Clark), Liz McMaster (Edgecombe), Ronny Percy (Bayley), Olwyn Pezaro (Williamson), Jenny Spring (Coles), Margaret Buckley (Carrick-Robertson), Penny Chrystall (Smallbone), Diana Scholes (Ousey), Jenny Pullen (Wood), Jody Percy (Dickson), Susan Watts (Wheeler), Robin George (Benson), Philippa Canning (Newton)
Seated/Kneeling: Penny Snow (Armour), Carolyn Fletcher, Alison Hosksbergen (Muir), Loris Wysocki, Gay Kibby (Townend), Imogen McCarthy (Willis), Shelagh Manning (Bannister), Barbie Wilson (Marshall)



Nga Tawa Reunion Class of 1973

BY HELEN HOBSON (BROOKE)

In late March this year an enthusiastic and "slightly older" version of the class of 1973 gathered together for a long overdue reunion. It had been 15 years since our last one. The venue was Greenwood Lodge on the shores of Lake Taupo, complete with a large natural indoor hotpool, oversized dining room, huge balcony and magnificent views. We needed the space as there were 42 of us attending, and with husbands/partners included the numbers swelled to over 65 on both nights!



Friday night started with a request for no one to wear their brown rompers. Instead everyone arrived with drinks and a platter and away we went.... The noise was deafening, the stories hilarious and it was almost as though we were back at the age of 14 not 54!! Our year group had always gelled at school even with such a large class number so it wasn't surprising to see. Toasts were given to those who couldn't make it, and to two of our late classmates.

Saturday included a boat cruise on the lake, biking, walking or just plenty of coffee and chatting. Saturday night was a different matter altogether as we started with drinks on the balcony as the sun went down, and then were thoroughly spoilt with a sit down white table cloth dinner catered by Yum Catering. It was a terrific night, thank you presents given to the organisers (Linda and Kimba) by the head prefect Robyn Wynne Lewis and a rendition of the School Blessing sung by brave members of the Chapel Choir on very short notice with the words rewritten into a song to thank the organisers.

Sunday morning brunch was on offer the next morning on the balcony, then it was time to say our goodbyes amidst last minute photos, phone numbers given and for those more IT savvy facebook details swapped. It was a fantastic weekend, reinforcing for us all how lucky we were to have been Nag Tag girls and how even as time flies by we are still a very happy positive loyal bunch.

Our thanks must go to Linda Hay (Hare) and Kimba Brodie (Alexander) whose tireless devotion to tracking down all 60 girls and then proceeding to put on a very well organised timetable made for a weekend to never forget and we all want another very soon!

Nga Tawa Reunion Class of 1979

BY SARAH BROWN

A total of 11 girls gathered in February 2014 in Sydney, Australia – celebrating 30 years since most of us left Nga Tawa. It was a difficult venue for a lot of NZ based old girls to get to, but the 11 who attend had a ball. Friday night was a dinner at Jane Taylor's. Saturday was a long lunch at Manly. Sunday was a lunch in The Rocks. There was a lot of shopping and walking, eating and drinking and sharing stories old and new! We had fantastic laughs as Rachael Speedy read us her letters home from the 3rd form – what a reminder!! We are clear these are life-long friendships and look forward to a big 1979 year attendance at the 125th celebrations. We do have many from our year who we have lost contact with – would be great to hear from them.

Back Row: Sarah McNeil (Turner), Julie Foster (Mason), Sarah Montgomery (Storey), Susi McClean (Allison), Rachael Speedy, Jane Taylor, Rose Fegan (Duncan), Kate Miller
Front Row: Cali Petrie (Martin), Sarah Brown, Vicky Halliwell
Absent with apologies: Sam Younger, Sue Elliott, Katie Edmonds, Julia Gatley, Diana Lethbridge, Liz Chatterton, Kirsty Maurice, Mandy Wong, Sue Wilson, Paula Squires, Bindy Coker, Jacqui Ross



Nga Tawa Reunion Class of 1984

BY MIRANDA GLEESON (WALKINTON)

30 years since we all started school, 20 of us managed to escape to Silverstream, Upper Hutt for a mid winter weekend away – leaving floods, animals, partners, children and responsibilities behind! Except for a small mistake at the railway station, we all recognised each other and agreed we didn't look very different.

It became a bit of an adventure to find the venue at night, but everyone made it eventually, past the bonfire and off road. We stayed in a building not dissimilar to Marshall, except we slept three to a room and that guaranteed at least one snorer!

The first night, after serious glass tapping, we sat down and ate a yummy dinner in the "common room". With at least five conversations going on, stories had to be retold frequently but it was all so relaxed, we had the weekend ahead and weren't planning on going anywhere.

It was a leisurely start to the Saturday, although some still were up early – the worry of "missing out" ever present! It was a beautiful day and a few went for walks/runs along the river whilst the others drank tea and coffee.

Then after many more stories and photo sharing we all set off on foot to a cafe 4km away, we lost a couple of people on the way but everyone was happy, nothing seemed a problem. Superb Upper Hutt service and sunshine kept us at the cafe for a few more hours.

We managed to get back from "lunch" before it got dark, just in time for drinks, photos and more chat before dinner. Some left and others arrived, it was easy to get left behind, but we all made it to the restaurant in Silverstream in a merry state....

Overall our 1984-1988 reunion was a happy relaxed weekend with great weather as a bonus. Unlike school there were no tears and no dramas, there was only one complaint – a distinct lack of singing!

There were some special people missing, and they were missed, we just hope they will be able to join us next time. See you all in 2034!



Top Row: Penelope Roberts (Allen), Cate Kapene (Baker), Joanna Crow (Jull), Anna Trewavas (Basin), Caroline West (Perry), Megan Welton (Little), Miria Pomare, Jane Kilmister
Bottom Row: Sally Allen (Yortt), Gina Sunckell (Fullerton Smith), Mandy Godfrey, Miranda Gleeson (Walkinton), Sarah Scott, Antonia Granger (Tripe), Sarah McVerry (Willis), Anna Cardno (Cleland)



Jan Steele (Hargreaves) and Antonia Granger (Tripe)



Chrissy Livingston (Left)

Sasha Huber, Pip McCaroll (Brow) and Anna Cardno (Cleland)



Sarah Smith, Nga Tawa 1999-2003, married Michael Sisson, at the Nga Tawa Chapel on 8th January 2011. Bridesmaids were old girls Jamie Howie and Hannah Gloy. Pictured on the Dudding Steps are three old equestrian girls with their "old" equestrian instructor, Tony Cosgrave.



From Hunterville to New York and Hairdressing to Filmmaking. Sally Rowe, old girl (1981-1983) went hairdressing after leaving school but was always interested in film. She studied at New York University and was recently back in NZ making a documentary about working farm dogs.

Jane Thomas, President of the New Zealand Women's Association in London, organised a party on Waitangi Day this year at New Zealand House with Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall, as the guest of Honour. The Duchess met members including **Caroline Cazenove (Moore)** and **Patsy Miller (Sladden)** as well as prominent New Zealand women living in the UK. Some of you may have seen the party on the 6 o'clock TV3 news in New Zealand the following day.

Branch News 2014

MANAWATU

President: Caroline Ridd (Pearce)
Treasurer/Secretary: Diana Steffert (Aldworth)

We have had a very quiet year due to the cancelling of our annual Bridge/Games day which was to be held at Nga Tawa. We will be holding our AGM soon and will be deciding then, on what we might be hosting for this year.

Our Branch has been very generous in donating money towards the upgrading of the Rose Garden area including new roses. This space is looking so nice and will be really appreciated by the girls and the wider school family.

Thank you for your support and thank you to Diana for all her work.

NEWS

Felicity Gifford lives in Manhattan, New York. She currently works as a costume and wardrobe designer in the film and TV industry and was recently awarded an "in house" Emmy for her contributions to a project show she is working on.

Brooke Hobson has been awarded a scholarship from Canterbury University to study at Sciencespo.aix University en Provence, France where she will finish her BA in Political Science and Communications.

Jessie Sinclair has completed her graduates position with FMG Rural insurance and has now taken up a role with them covering the Hawkes Bay region.

Anna Arndt (Wickham) after living in Hamilton for many years has moved with her husband to Springston, Canterbury and enjoying all that the South Island outdoors has to offer.

Writer, **Jill Malcolm**, published her latest book, "The Great Kiwi Motorhome Guide" in 2011.

Sarah Lourie (Cowper) is teaching at Wanganui East School and runs a Boys' Only Class.

Nancie Barclay (Pease) along with husband William, were winners of East Coast Balance Farm Environment and Management Award 2013.

Jacinda Younger – as well as working in her job as a criminal lawyer in Palmerston North and bringing up two young daughters, successfully competed in the NZ Dressage Championships on her two stallions. Central Districts area awards 2013 for Dressage levels 1, 3 and 5.

Kylie Knox (Frecklington) achieved full CA in February 2012 and with her husband co-owns a Glass Company in Palmerston North.

Kerry Hayden – Naval Officer for 5 years (2008-12). Currently studying Bachelor of Accounting at Massey University.

Danielle Gray played for the Dunedin under 19 netball team this year. Nationals were held in Dunedin from the 7th to the 10th of July and there Danielle made the New Zealand under 19 Tournament Team. This is an amazing achievement as only 12 girls are chosen for this paper team (they never actually play, it's just the best players of the tournament).

Amanda Collier (Grace) and husband Rob travelled to Dubai in January to watch U19 Cricket Tournament. Their son, Henry, having been selected for the New Zealand team.

Kate Gordon has taken three months leave from her teaching job in Palmerston North to travel overseas. She has been joined by her mother, **Louisa (Lilburn)** on the last leg and will travel Italy and Portugal together. They will be visiting all the art galleries on the way, being former art history students!

Recently in Wanaka **Ana Ward (nee Grace)** and **Sue McKean (nee Marshall)** enjoyed catching up with **Kellyanne Alderson (nee Karatau)**, who now owns the Lake Hawea Hotel, after living 17 years in Cambodia. Sue is about to feature on national TV's "Thirsty Work" (Food TV), a programme highlighting the best of New Zealand's wines and Ana has been

instrumental in producing the beautiful cookbook, *Hawke's Bay on a Platter*.

This year **Pattie O'Boyle (nee Groves)** and **Fi Dalgety (nee Grace)** are both enjoying The Escalator Programme in Wellington with the AWDT (Agri-Women Development Trust). It's an exciting programme over 10-months which aims to up skill rural women and grow their individual potential, leadership and governance capabilities so that they can benefit the wider community and the agricultural industry generally. It's a bit different from Massey days!

Diana Steffert (nee Aldworth) and her husband, Ian, recently enjoyed two months travelling in Alaska. She enjoyed meeting up with **Annette Charlton** and sharing school memories. **Annette** has had many interesting careers including working with the Foreign Affairs office.

Janine Davy (Bourn) Advertising Manager APN Media. 2013 Winner Panpa Advertising Manager/ Director of the Year for South East Asia, Pacific Region, Australia and New Zealand. Highest industry award for profession. First New Zealander to win in 12 years.

Ruth Hone is the first woman to be crowned Dairy Trainee of the Year. Ruth (24) won over \$18000 in prizes and is in her third year in the industry working on a 250 cow farm near Taupo. Ruth is also a regular competitor in Grand Prix classes aboard her Stationbred gelding Shoeshine Nugget.

BIRTHS

Fiona McNeil (Sidey)	Charlie Belle	2012	Elizabeth (Tanner) & Demian Dixon	Philippa Robyn	Nov 2012
Kylie (Frecklington) & Michael Knox	Mila Anne	01 Jan 2013	Alana Fisher	Finn	March 2013
Samantha (Frecklington) & Joshua Forrest	Keanu Wiremu	01 July 2013	Brigette Barrett (Redstone)	James	2011
Amanda (Ridd) & Brendan Tippett	Benjamin	Nov 2013	Brigette Barrett (Redstone)	Emma	2013
Charlotte (Gordon) & Anthony Oswald	Jonty	20 June 2014	Sarah (Smith) & Michael Sisson	Emily May	2 May 2013
Abbey Brown & Wil Foley	Archie		Angela (Ward) & Andrew Ramsay	Kaitlin Jane	26 Nov 2013
Jessica (Crawford) & Nick Hunt	Justin Tyler	18 July 2013	Olivia (Ward) & Peter Vandenberg	Maia Sienna	04 Feb 2013
Annie (Hare) & Robert Simpson	Sophie	15 May 2013	Gemma Collier & Thomas Banfield	Billie	July 2014
Caroline (Jefferd) & John Tatere	Ruie	January 2013	Lucy (Collier) & Joe Skou	Frank	June 2014

DEATHS

732	Ruth Hewitt	Birch 1933-36	May 2012
952	Mary Stronach (Paterson)	Studholme 1938-43	February 2014
1031	Barbara Pierard (Burrell)	Studholme 1940-42	2012
1062	Claudia Parsons (Skelley)	Studholme 1940-44	2013
1105	Marion McQueen (Simpson)	Birch 1941-44	Sep 2012
1106	Barbara Horn (Smith)	Sprott 1941-43	May 2013
2667	Heather Fairclough-Lee	Studholme 1975-78	May 2014
2910	Sarah Hulena (Duncan)	Barker 1979-82	February 2014
4594	Jessica Watts	Barker 2009-10	July 2014

MARRIAGES

Rachel Ridd to Nick Funnell	February 2014
Rebecca Brown to Matthew Baylis	November 2013
Juliet Hurley to Sam Chambers	November 2013
Sarah Hansen to Roger Jamieson	November 2013
Georgie Parsons to Ken Lupton	April 2014
Jessica Crawford to Nick Hunt	March 2010
Annie Hare to Robert Simpson	March 2012
Caroline Jefferd to John Tatere	2009
Elizabeth Tanner to Demian Dixon	2011
Sarah Smith to Michael Sisson	January 2011
Anna Bolton-Riley married Arne Breuer in Sri Lanka on 23 April 2014. Living in Dubai, has own online business Little Majlis.	



*In loving memory of Sarah Margaret Hulena (nee Duncan)
22nd August 1965 – 15th February 2014.
Nga Tawa 1979-82*

Minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting of the Nga Tawa Diocesan School Old Girls' Association

HELD IN MARSHALL HOUSE COMMON ROOM ON FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 11AM

WELCOME

Karen Stothart extended a warm welcome to all present. A silence was observed for Old Girls who have passed away during the year. The school prayer was recited.

PRESENT

Karen Stothart, Principal – Carmel Spencer, Paul Guertjens, Caroline Ridd, Fi Dalgety, Louisa Gordon, Deryn Marshall, Judith Lambert, Eleanor Furness, Locheen Lilburn, Jeanette Goodwin, Jill Yortt, Louisa Craig, Bev Andrews, Paul Guertjens.

APOLOGIES

Bishop Justin Duckworth, Board Chair Sue Fordyce, Prue Tod, Faith Wilson, Rachel Williams, Kerry Ryan, Diana Steffert, Joyce Anyon, Angela Esson, Mary Beard, Sarah Cassidy, Wendy Willis, Heather Lambert, Charlotte Oswald, Katie Rose Gordon, Su Pendergast.

MINUTES

As the minutes of the last AGM have been circulated with the newsletter, the President moved that they be taken as read. Sec. K. Stothart.

Nga Tawa Diocesan School Old Girls' Association (Inc)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

AGENDA

1. To receive the Annual Report
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet
3. To elect Officers
4. To receive Reports from the Principal, Chairpersons of the Diocesan Board, Board of Trustees and Parents and Friends Association
5. General Business

BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT

BOARD OF DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

The Bishop of Wellington	Bishop Justin Duckworth
Chairperson	Mrs. S. Fordyce
Deputy Chairperson	Mr. R. Dalrymple
Diocesan Trustees	Mr. P. Guertjens, Mrs. B. Andrews, Mr. P. Rabone, Mrs. L. Hodgson, Mrs. K. Stothart, Mrs. F. Dalgety, Mrs. B. McIlwaine, Mr. K. Cameron, Mr. M. Chamberlain

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Chairman	Mr. P. Guertjens
Deputy Chairman	Mr. R. Dalrymple
School Trustees	Mrs. S. Fordyce, Mr. K. Palmer, Mrs. S. Miller-Thevenard, Mrs. E. Reilly, Mrs. S. Rollinson, Mrs. N. Allan, Mr. M. Chamberlain, Mrs. B. McIlwaine, Mrs. L. Hodgson, Mrs. C. Spencer (Principal), Mrs. V. Power (Staff Representative), Miss O. Anstis (Student Representative), Miss Georgia Nugent-O'Leary (Student Representative).

EXECUTIVE 2013-14

NTOGA Executive Committee – Nominations: Caroline Ridd (Pearce), Louisa Gordon (Lilburn), Judith Lambert (Cave), Prue Tod (McLean), Fiona Dalgety (Grace), Karen Stothart (Wilkes), Su Pendergast (Polson), Koo Greenway (Duncan), Helen Hobson (Brooke).

NTOGA Nomination for Associate Membership – Carolyn Fletcher, Mary Cunningham (Shekleton), Christchurch, Christina Ward (Shand), Belinda Baker (Martin) Auckland

Financial Report

JUDITH LAMBERT TREASURER

It is my pleasure to present the financial report for the year ended 31.3.2013. As you will see from our financial statements the number of transactions is getting less each year due to there being fewer active branches.

During this year we received \$1413 from the Hawkes Bay Branch, closing their account and going into recess. They have asked that their funds be put towards the jubilee in 2016.

We also received branch levies totalling \$270 during the year.

This year we decided we would like to contribute to the makeover of the school rose garden and the Manawatu/Feilding Branch have given \$5000 to that

cause. Thank you was given to them for their work and contributions. It is to be completed in time for our Easter Jubilee celebration 2016.

We have given out endowment scholarships to Daughters and Grand-daughters of Old Girls totalling \$4500, and the Old Girls Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded at Prize giving.

Explanation was given to The Principal on how the funding for and Endowments are given out.

Fi Dalgety/K Stothart

President's Report

On behalf of the Executive I have much pleasure in presenting the 98th Annual Report of The Nga Tawa Diocesan Old Girls' Association.

The Executive continues to meet at school about four times a year. We would like to thank Carmel Spencer for the continued enthusiastic support she gives to us and the school. Thank you also to Michelle Belk who due to other commitments resigned from her position as archivist at the end of last year. Her hard work in decreasing the "Missing" on our database was invaluable. I must also acknowledge Richard Lambert for his part in this. The very enthusiastic and computer-savvy Richard Browne is our new archivist. You will be able to meet him at our AGM on 26th September. Also a big thank you to Helen Campbell for the advice she gives. Another thank you goes to Tracy Quirke and the Duke of Edinburgh girls who helped label the newsletters.

The Nga Tawa scholarship for 2014 was presented to Pearl Pan at the school prize giving. The scholarship, to the value of \$1500, is given to a student entering year 13 who has given of her best during her years at Nga Tawa.

We have been able to give out several endowments to the value of \$4500

to daughters and granddaughters. Manawatu is making a very significant contribution towards the Rose Garden.

Thank you to Coombe Smith & Co. and John Furness for preparing our accounts and for his professional services during the year, and thank you to Judith Lambert – our treasurer for all her work.

A big thank you to Fi Dalgety for all her time and energy representing us so well on the Diocesan Board and on various other sub-Committees.

Our girls continue to pave the way as Nga Tawa students with special character. You will see a sample of wonderful profiles in this newsletter about our old girls and current girls performing on the world stage. Credit must go to Carmel for putting these together. Credit must also go to Carmel for our excellent NCEA results. These can be viewed online. The school roll is very similar to last year, sitting at around 250, including about 10 international students.

Thank you to all the members of the Executive for your ongoing support. Without you the newsletter wouldn't happen. We also welcome two new members, Koo Greenway and Helen Hobson.

Thank you to all Old Girls who have continued to support us with your time, address changes, news and information. We congratulate you on your achievements whether they be international, national or local and always enjoy hearing from you. Please keep in touch either by post or email oldgirls@ngatawa.school.nz. There is a page in this Newsletter, which has been condensed from last year for you to send in information for the new Register. On the other side of this page is the Donation Form for the Turf. Do donate

generously so we can celebrate the opening in 2016. Please send us your email addresses along with any additional information to the above email.

Like last year please enjoy lunch with us after the AGM and join us for the Individual House Music Competition in the Celebration Centre to hear some of our great talents. You will be most welcome.

Karen Stothart

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CARMEL SPENCER PRINCIPAL

The past 12 months have seen a huge shift in the school in terms of curriculum delivery. Curriculum is what we teach and the delivery of it. We have implemented the "Nga Tawa Curriculum" which comes out of the NZ curriculum document, our own professional thinking around the learning needs of the girls at Nga Tawa Diocesan School and our school values and traditions.

Last summer, a huge investment was made in to taking our computer network systems to a new and exciting level. We migrated to "the cloud". If you, like I was, are a little confused by what this "cloud" is, then it is best described as a large refrigerated building in Auckland, somewhere, with extreme security where all of our data, student and teacher work and documents are held in giant banks of servers. What this means is that we are not restricted to having a server (which is like a box of cables etc.) sitting in our school holding all things in one place. It is held in "the cloud". This means that it can rain down information to us, or we can evaporate information back up to it at any time. It also means that the girls can access their documents anywhere, anytime from any computer, phone or iPad. It allows us to be a fully "Blended eLearning School"

Blended eLearning – yet another term we use now. While we have not abandoned books and pens, we have now simply enhanced the classroom and prep learning environment by having iPads or other devices on our desks, just like another book. This allows us to interact with students in their learning in so many ways. For example, our English Department has used this to engage students in their study of Hamlet. I wonder if William Shakespeare envisaged such widespread discussion of his written word.

With the advent of high speed broadband we have an unlimited flow of data in and out of the school. We have wireless across almost all of the school, which is not easy with all the lovely red brick. The girls are most grateful that they can sit of an evening in the Rose Garden watching Shortland Street on TV on demand. We have had a few issues with a few girls downloading movies and slowing things down, but the beauty of our system is that we can see instantly who is accessing large amounts of data. Big Sister is watching!

You will appreciate that to manage all of this is quite huge. Not only do we have girls accessing information through our network, many have their own phones and iPads which simply bypass our systems. This runs a risk from a health and safety point of view. Not being signatories to the GCSB bill here at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, we prefer to focus on educating the girls to self-manage and to become good digital citizens. To that end, our lead eLearning teacher will be organising and running a Digital Citizenship Symposium for Year 8 and 9 girls, parents and educators at Nga Tawa Diocesan School in November.

We do lead the way in this area. We have advisors very interested in using us an example of how to take control and forge ahead in teaching and learning modes. We still have work to do – any new change needs tweaking and reviewing, but we are very excited at how we are catering for our learners at Nga Tawa Diocesan School.

As well, our co-curricular goes from strength to strength.

Equestrian continues to grow, to the point of having to put more structures around it. Girls continue to achieve nationally and to feature internationally in endurance riding, show jumping, eventing and even rodeo!

We have a new Director of Sport, Mr Paul Tessier who came to us from Samuel Marsden in May. Sport remains strong and is growing in many different ways. Our netball team was 9th out of the whole lower half of the North Island at tournament week this year. Hockey is strong; football and cricket are also doing well. Our rowers gained a silver medal at the North Island Championships in March. We have introduced Triathlon and Badminton as well. We are constantly reviewing sport to see how we can cater for all girls from participation through to elite level.

Music features regularly in various events in the region both in terms of our more classical/traditional areas such as chamber music and in more contemporary genres. We have a couple of budding rock bands as well as some quality jazz singers. This year, we purchased a full set of concert band instruments and all Year 9 learn an instrument which is new to them in this programme. This has made for some interesting noises being emitted from the music department.

Speech and Drama continue to feature with five girls obtaining their ATCL in Speech in 2012. Debating still remains competitive at a Wellington regional level (even if this means that there are some very late nights).

Dance has grown significantly and we had a wonderful show case for our dancers at our Winter Arts Concert.

Our boarding staffing is currently being restructured with a new position created to work with me – the new Director of Boarding will manage the boarding house from January 2014 and we are committed to working on how our boarding house can really cater for the needs of the 21st century teenage girl while still remaining true to our school values and traditions – a challenge, but an exciting one.

We are actively working towards the development of all-weather courts and hopefully a hockey turf to be built by the Events Centre. This will be a few years

in the planning and fund raising, but the PFA started the fundraising off with a hiss and a roar at their Christmas in June event raising \$60,000. A special thanks to Su Pendergast for spear heading this initiative. I understand that the PFA are still recovering.

You will have noticed that there is a lot of work going on in terms of gardens etc. around the school. With the 125th Jubilee in 2016 only 2 and a half years away, it is time to begin to really get the school looking as good as it can for what will be an amazing event.

It has been an exceptionally busy 12 months for me and my team. We are excited about where we are taking Nga Tawa Diocesan School and the focus is on future thinking and sustainability. The world is rapidly changing. We must ensure that we are a viable, vibrant and exceptional option for the young women of the future. I am hoping that the next 12 months will settle to a dull roar while we embed many of these exciting changes.

Thank you for the continued support of your association in so many different ways. It really does make a difference to what we can achieve with your support and guidance. I would especially like to thank Karen Stothart for her calm and supportive manner.

THE NGA TAWA PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

BEV ANDREWS, PAST P.F.A. PRESIDENT

This is a brief outline of some of the events the Parents and Friends Association have been involved in over the past year.

As always the Nga Tawa Parents and Friends Association is a busy and supportive community within Nga Tawa. We support the school where we can and are a link between parents and Nga Tawa.

Since your last meeting the P.F.A. assisted the school to host a new event. We called it "CELEBRATING NGA TAWA". This was held in November 2012. All the staff, boards and parents were invited to a cocktail type evening. At this evening a group of current students performed in a Fashion Parade of Nga Tawa uniforms from the past years. The length, colours and different styles were very varied and entertaining.

This was a very successful evening and we are planning to host another Celebrating Nga Tawa evening in November 2013. It is a lovely opportunity for parents of all year levels and staff to socialize and celebrate Nga Tawa and our unique heritage.

Following this was our successful end of year Prizegiving and Afternoon Tea.

The beginning of the 2013 year started with meeting and greeting the new Year 9 students and their parents as they arrived for the start of school. A few weeks after this we hosted a staff, boards and Year 9 student and parent BBQ. This was also the first of this event which will be repeated also next year as it was so successful.

The P.F.A. have once again assisted with promotional events outside school, along with support at Orientation Day, Open Day and School in Action Day and various Afternoon Teas.

We continue to fundraise with our lovely rain umbrellas which sell for \$45.00. We also cater a lunch, for Ravensdown clients at the Central District Field Days in Feilding.

This year The Parents and Friends Association organized a major fundraiser, titled CHRISTMAS IN JUNE. This evening had a Christmas theme, where we were raising funds for the proposed new Outdoor Multipurpose Sports Facility. We had fabulous food, music and dancing along with a silent and live auction. This was a wonderful well organized, fun and successful event.

One of the highlights of the evening was a fabulous pair of diamond earrings that were represented by a crystal frozen in ice, which we purchased, then had to wait for the ice to thaw before we knew if we were the lucky recipient. Our school and wider community were very generous in providing auction items, sponsorship and robust bidding on the night. We raised \$60,000.00 to go toward the new sporting complex.

The P.F.A. have once again joined with the Old Girls to produce our publication, The Calico Line. We hope you enjoyed it. Thanks to Karen Stothart for her hard work on this project.

As we support Nga Tawa we are also supported by the school. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Carmel, all the staff, the Administration staff, Helen Campbell, the Grounds men, Susan Moore and Bruce Allardice.

Within the P.F.A. we also have huge support from all our members. Without them it just wouldn't function. Thank you to Su Pendergast P.F.A. President, for her great leadership and organizational skills, along with Judith Lambert our Treasurer and Deryn Marshall our Secretary for their ongoing commitment to The P.F.A. and Nga Tawa.

From here we look forward to another busy and successful year for Nga Tawa and The P.F.A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Karen thanked the Executive for their work.

The Constitution provides that the Bishop of Wellington and the Principal be Patrons.

Executive Members

Karen Stothart	President
Judith Lambert	Treasurer
Caroline Ridd	Minute Secretary
Su Pendergast	
Louisa Gordon	
Fi Dalgety	Board Representative
Karen Stothart	Board Representative

AUDITOR

Judith Lambert, Treasurer proposed that John Furness from Coombe Smith and Co. continue his office as Accountant and Financial adviser.

All those in favour.....carried.

Leavers' Destinations 2014

Shireen Ahmed: Auckland University Bachelor of Health Sciences

Rieley Allpress: Victoria University of Wellington Bachelor of Arts Major-Criminology

Hannah Bartlett: University of Otago First Year Health Science Proposed career Med

Mackenzie Belcaster: University of Otago Bachelor of Arts Major-Psychology and Philosophy

Marissa Belcaster: University of Otago Bachelor of Science Major-Zoology

Alexandra Belsham: Working for the first half of the year, then tertiary study

Anastasia Chambers: University of Otago Bachelor of Laws and Arts in Political Science

Morgan Couch: University of Canterbury Bachelor of Laws and Science

Emma Dalrymple: Working for a year before going to University

Kelly Davenport: University of Otago. First Year Health Science

Eilish Dwyer: Massey University Wellington Bachelor of Fine Arts

Anna Fenemor: Massey University Bachelor of Agricultural Science Major-Equine

Gabriella Goodsir: Victoria University Bachelor of Laws and Arts Major Political Science

Danielle Gray: University of Otago Health Sciences. Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Victoria Grayling: Auckland University of Technology Bachelor of Communications

Elizabeth Hadlow: Otago University Bachelor of Science

Sophie Hall: University of Otago Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts

Mikayla Hill: Pacific International Hotel Management School, New Plymouth

Harriet Jager: University of Otago Bachelor of Surveying

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Chapel. It is used on special days like House dinners, ST Leonard's Day, Organ recitals, Junior school, Graduation services, to name some, and Mrs Diana Howard enjoys playing the organ. The Board is awaiting an earthquake report.

More discussion was given to the Hockey turf and funding ideas.

Thank you was given to Fi Dalgety from the Executive together with Susanna Grace and Gordon Collier who have designed and planned the makeover for the Rose garden. The existing garden and roses have become very old and many roses needed to be replaced and there are plans to brick some areas as well.

Helene Stock, the editor of the new register, spoke to us about her work and time line for the printing of the new register.

Thank you was given to Deryn for the lovely flowers.

Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Georgia Mallia: Family Business – Composting New Zealand Retail assistant

Emily Manning: Seeking employment before further study

Kaylee Mant: Victoria University of Wellington Bachelor of Commerce

Charlotte Marsden: Auckland Media Design School. Major-Graphic Design

Sarah Maxwell: Aysgarth School, Beadle, North Yorkshire, UK. Then to Lincoln

Tina McCormick: Vietnam to assist in a primary school. Then Bachelor of Science

Augusta McDonald: Travelling to Italy. Waitressing. Followed by Otago Psychology

Eilish McGregor: University of Otago. Bachelor of Physical Education

Claudia McIlwaine: Otago Polytechnic Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Emily Moss: Royal Russell School in Surrey England. Then Otago Science

Jessica Palmer: University of Otago First Year Health Science

Kathryn Palmer: Victoria University Bachelor of Laws and Arts – Criminology

Kate Pemberton: Massey University Bachelor of Accountancy

Letitia Pickford: Canterbury Polytechnic Dip of Hospitality Management

Jessica Reid: Schooling horses and waitressing in the Hawkes Bay

Harriet Scotland: Polytechnic Bachelor of Nursing

Sophie Stantiall: Lincoln University Bachelor of Science

Roberta Stothart: University of Otago Bachelor of Laws and Commerce

Georgia Thompson: Auckland University of Technology Art and Design

Isabella Trotter: University of Otago Bachelor of Music Performance

Britta Turner: University of Otago Bachelor of Arts

Sophie Turney: Victoria University of Wellington Bachelor of Arts

Daughters of Old Girls

Bridget Bone	Catherine McLean	1975-79
Georgina Bonnor	Belinda Williams	1977-81
Juliet Bonnor	Belinda Williams	1977-81
Olivia Carpenter	Meredith Collier	1985-89
Sophie Carpenter	Meredith Collier	1985-89
Georgia Crowley	Nicki Polson	1985-89
Pippa Dalgety	Fi Grace	1981-85
Georgie Dalgety	Fi Grace	1981-85
Olivia Dalrymple	Sharon Shannon	1975-79
Charlotte Edwards	Rosemary Irwin	1974-77
Rebecca Gibson	Kathy Black	1974-78
Elizabeth Gibson	Kathy Black	1974-78
Bridget Greenway	Koo Duncan	1981-85
Anna Lambert	Judith Cave	1975-78
Poppy Polson	Jacqui Polson	1976-79
Charlotte Symes	Nicki Marshall	1981-85
Rebecca Symes	Nicki Marshall	1981-85
Victoria Symes	Nicki Marshall	1981-85
Kate Thomas	Helen Willis	1986-90
Hannah Williams	Rachel Beilby	1989-93

Grand-daughters of Old Girls

Ivanna Botica Redmayne	Barbara Conway	1949-54
Emma Chrystall	Penelope Smallbone	1956-60
Georgia Crowley	Jill Sainsbury	1946-50
Olivia Dalrymple	Stephanie Williamson	1949-54
Bridget Greenway	Vicky Perry	1956-61
Anna Lambert	Pauline Hunter	1936-37
Joanne Lilburn	Locheen Strachan	1945-48
Poppy Polson	Jill Sainsbury	1946-50

Great Grand-daughters of Old Girls

Emma Chrystall	Dinah Abraham	1930
Georgia Crowley	Amy Hare	1920-23
Anna Lambert	Bessie Howie	1915
Joanne Lilburn	Edith Howie	1916
Poppy Polson	Amy Hare	1920-23
Ella Proude	Mary Potts	1932-33

THE JUBILEE SPORTS COURTS AND HOCKEY TURF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2016

As the school has developed, it has become apparent that our existing sporting facilities for tennis, netball and hockey are below our communities' expectations. With the loss of a tennis and netball court due to the Mathematics and Science extension, the cost of resurfacing our existing hockey practice area and no room for expansion, the Nga Tawa Diocesan School Trust Board realized that a new sporting complex was required and this was confirmed by a sporting review in 2010. The Board has been looking at their options with regard to design, positioning of the complex and the school's requirements going forward.

After careful consultation with the school community the Board has agreed on the design and positioning of the new development and has made this its focus as the priority capital project for the next two years.

The Board is very optimistic and has targeted the 125th Jubilee weekend as the opening day for our new sports facilities. This achievement has been made possible by a number of events that have already occurred and should be acknowledged. The PFA fundraiser held in June 2013 ("Christmas in June") was a great success, raising over \$60,000. Also, a local Council roading project delivered us in excess of 1000 cubic meters of base material free of charge. The PFA is currently planning a 'Grand Fete' for the weekend of swimming sports in February (22 February 2015). As well, there is a sports dinner planned for later this year.

We now have the challenge of raising 1.2 million dollars to complete the project.

Nga Tawa has five current international sporting representatives in 2014, including a representative in the New Zealand Hockey team to compete at the Youth Olympic Games in China. The timely completion of a full sized hockey turf, new tennis and netball courts, and lights, will enable our students to develop their sporting skills to the highest possible level. We owe it to our students to give them every opportunity.

The terraced, landscaped design will be a tangible asset for the school and enable parents to watch their daughters from an elevated viewing position enhancing the experience for generations to come. The existing court area will be removed and replaced with lawn, specimen trees and seating, creating a campus park like surrounding which

will be ideal for outdoor relaxation for our young women, families and Old Girls when they visit us.

The recent purchase of the neighbouring 19 hectares has meant that the Equestrian academy will not lose any space due to the sports development project. In fact this purchase will create more opportunities at Nga Tawa, such as a cross country-mountain bike track, and an equestrian cross country course.

We are all excited about the future and with your support we can make it happen. Please consider what you may be able to donate by completing the gifting form (opposite) and returning this to the school. All donations are tax refundable as we are a registered charity. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Campbell, Bursar.



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HELP TAKE US IN TO THE FUTURE...**

Nga Tawa Old Girls' Association (Inc)

NGA TAWA REGISTER AND HISTORY

New edition to be published in conjunction with 125th Anniversary of the school in 2016.

If you haven't already, please complete and return to Private Bag 1101, Marton 4741, or fax to attention of Archives 06 327 7954. As this form has been condensed please email any supporting information.

LIST NUMBER:

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MAIDEN:

CHRISTIAN:

HOUSE: YEARS AT SCHOOL:

RELATED OLD GIRLS:

HOME ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SCHOOL CAREER: POSITIONS HELD:

HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

TIES GAINED:

TERTIARY EDUCATION:

SUBSEQUENT CAREER:

Please give details of marriage and children if would like to:

Dates For Your Diary

OLD GIRLS' AGM 11am Friday 26 September 2014. Marshall House Common Room. Stay for lunch and Individual House Music.

RSVP by 20 September 2014 to [jrstohtart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jrstothart@xtra.co.nz)

NGA TAWA



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

4 – 6 MARCH 2016

Look out for website and facebook pages coming soon.

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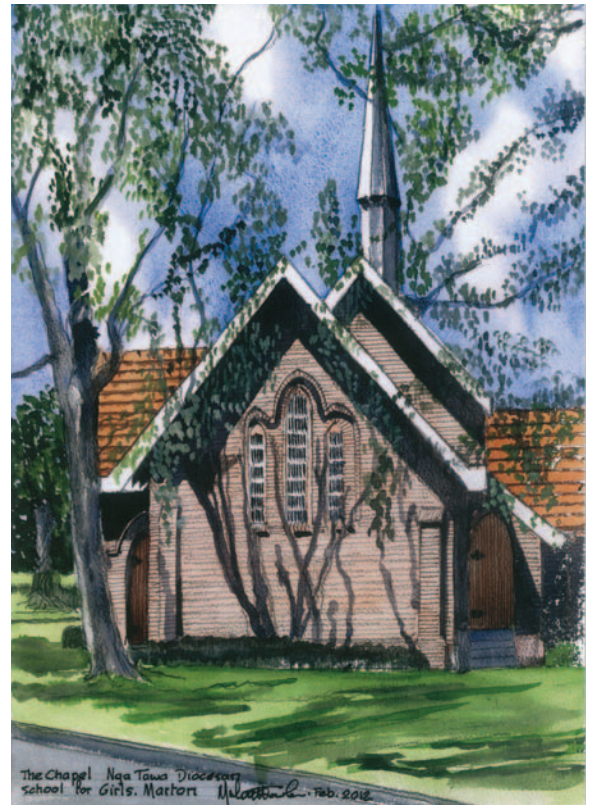
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Sir Michael Fowler Prints For Sale

Two years ago Sir Michael was returning from a weekend in Taupo and stopped at Nga Tawa to “rough out” 2 watercolor sketches which he later completed back at his Gallery. Sir Michael has a long association with Nga Tawa. His mother, wife, sister, two nieces and daughter all attended.



We are very lucky to be able to offer these signed prints for sale as a fundraiser. Both prints available in A4 and A3 size, beautifully mounted and framed.

Prices: A4.....\$250.00
A3.....\$325.00

Orders and enquiries to Koo Greenway, greenway@xtra.co.nz.

Rose Garden Renovation

Thanks to the generous support of the Old Girls, renovation of the Rose Garden has begun. On possibly the coldest Marton day, last winter, some 260 new plants were planted, including carpet roses around the fish pond, some under planting of the “Icebergs” and predominantly planting an expanded boarder adjacent to the covered way.

More recently a water system has been installed, concrete paths added and the lawn renovated. A further bed adjacent to the dining room has also been developed. A number of special small specimen trees have been interspersed throughout the lawns and garden, namely; Cornus Eddies White Wonder, Cercis Texas White, Camelia Setsugekka, Cornus kousa Southern Cross, Chaenomeles ‘Alba’ and Acer ‘Acontifolium’.

A huge thank you to Susanna Grace and Gordon Collier for all their efforts in overseeing this exciting project with further thanks for the many plants kindly donated from the Rathmoy Garden. Our aim is for the garden to be well established and looking magnificent for the 125th Jubilee celebrations in March 2016. Do come and see for yourself!

Fi Dalgety



