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EDITORS NOTE

This magazine has been put together to celebrate the schools 40th anniversary, It is not a history of the school in the conventional sense but more a brief glimpse of some of the people and events that have shaped the school over the past forty years.

The photographs and information have been obtained, in the main, from school records, school magazines and the personal recollections of the members of the anniversary committee. As most of the people on the committee attended Tokoroa High School during the 1960s and 70s, and most attending the anniversary celebrations are also from those eras, I have deliberately slanted the coverage to that period of time, although I have not entirely ignored the other decades.

Although I had copies of all school magazines produced, and a number of other school publications, the school's photo-

graphic records are rather patchy and in most cases the photographs are untitled and/or the persons in the photo's are not identified. I have therefor had to make educated guesses in some instances. If there are any errors I take full responsibility for them and am willing to take the necessary steps to have them rectified in time for the next school jubilee in 10 years time.

There are undoubtedly errors and omissions in this publication and if I offend anyone by these I apologize, they are certainly not intentional,

Finally, I hope that all ex pupils get enjoyment from reading this magazine, and even if your name, or photograph do not appear, hopefully you will see or read of one familiar or forgotten face or name that brings a memory or two back.

Bill Machen Magazine Editor 1997

Tokoroa High School 40th Jubilee Committee

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TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL “Foundations”



Official opening by Sir David Henry



Tokoroa High School was officially opened on Saturday October the 19th 1957 by Sir David Henry the Managing Director of NZ Forest Products Ltd.

Let us briefly review the developments which led to the growth of Tokoroa, the establishment of a Secondary school in the town and its formative years.

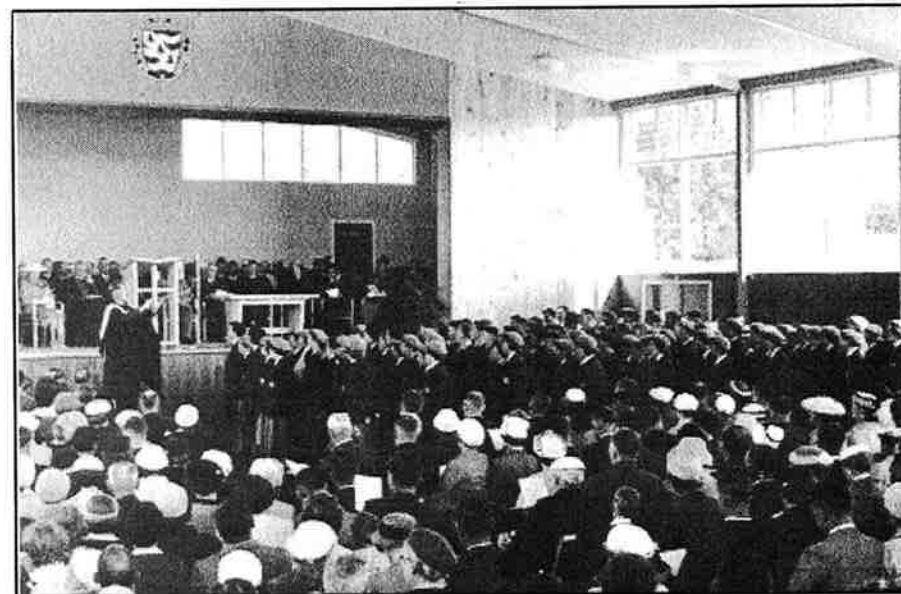
Before 1937 farming in the Tokoroa district was uneconomic because its pumice soils lacked the trace element cobalt. After years of research the absence of this element was detected and the consequent use of cobaltized phosphate and stock licks transferred this area into a prosperous farming area.

Concurrent with the revival of farming was the establishment of pine plantations

on which the timber industries of the South Waikato are based. Then in 1953 NZ Forest Products LTD opened its Pulp Paper and Timber mills at Kinleith.

The effect these events had on local population figures was dramatic, in 1947 Tokoroa's population was 146, by 1957 it had grown to 7,000. In 1950 the local school population was 330, in 1958 it was 1,500.

Tokoroa (East) School which opened in 1915 soon reached a point where it could no longer handle this greatly increased school population so the Education Department began an extensive School building program. Tokoroa Central School opened in 1954, Amisfield in 1956 and Matarawa in 1958.



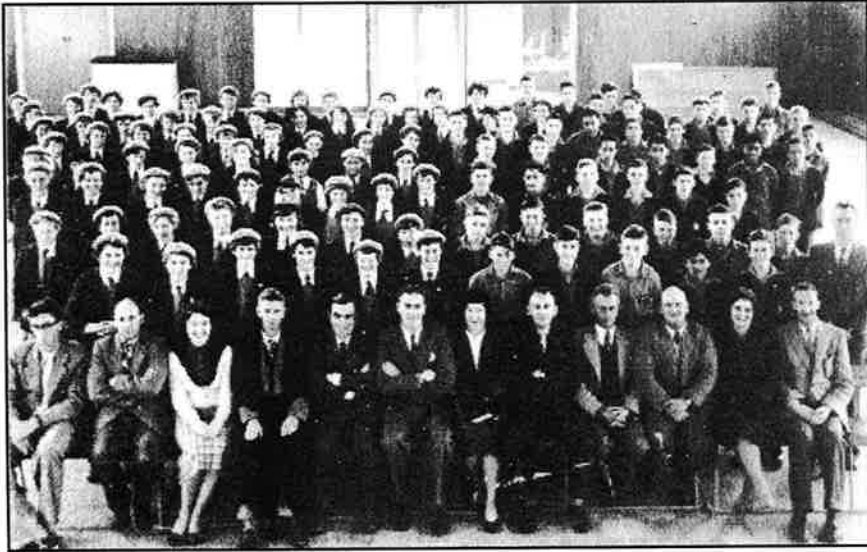
Official opening and first school assembly

Meanwhile the need for the provision of secondary education was growing. During the 1940s secondary pupils were sent to the secondary department of the Putaruru District High School. When this solution became inadequate various other options were considered, the idea of a secondary department attached to Tokoroa East was given some consideration. Finally, mainly because of the efforts of the then Chairman of the South Auckland Education Board, Colonel T Durrant, Mr. J Currie of NZFP Ltd: and others, a forty acre block of land was bought on Maraetai Road and a full Post Primary School, was planned.

In 1956 a deputation from the South Auckland Education Department met interested residents who decided that a

Post Primary School should be established and that it should have its own board of Governors, in September 1956 this Board was set up with the following representation:

Colonel T Durrant (Chairman)
Governor-Generals Appointee;
Mrs.Z Paul
Education Boards Representative
Mr.JK Logan
Matamata County Councils
Representative
School Committees Representatives
Mr. S Black
Mr.RW Wayne
Mr.R Taylor
acting as interim Secretary



Foundation pupils and staff

A Principal (Mr Glen Anstice) was chosen by this board in September 1956 and foundation staff were appointed towards the end of that year.

Early in 1957 Four parents representatives were elected. these were Messrs. J Shorland, J Hassall. G.W.I Wilson and Dr. JJ Brunt. in 1958 Mr. Shorland resigned and he was replaced by Mr. AH Leggatt

The Schools first Principal Mr. G Anstice subsequently became the board Secretary and Mr. RJ Ross Treasurer.

In the meantime the contract to build Three blocks of the "Porirua" type of school had been let to Churchouse and Shirley Ltd. Along with sub-contractors this firm faced the usual difficulties and setbacks and the School was approaching habitable condition by the start of 1957,

however, on what was to be opening day for the School (February 1957) the board considered that the grounds and buildings were not ready for occupation and School was held at the Community center and in rooms lent by Tokoroa East School. Two weeks later the 121 foundation pupils and Seven staff members moved to the new School buildings in Maraetai Road.

In 1957 the School was made up of just 5 classes, these were Forms 3X, 3Y and 3Z and Forms 4X and 4Y.

The leading scholars from these classes were announced at the end of the year and were, respectively,

3X James Poulter
3Y Douglas Henry
3Z Annette Harris



Prefects 1959:

Back P Mischewski, T Fellingham, B Moorhouse, E Kleyn, R Stewart.
 Front H Hurst, K Motley, H Leggatt, Mr. G Anstice, D Wilson,
 T Buchanan, J Gatenby



A Basketball 1958. Back. R Rapana, N Dehar, K Motley, L Dehar.
 Coach Miss F.M. Budge Front N Teina, L Simmonds, J Tai (Capt)
 E Tai, J Sanders



A Indoor Basketball 1959 Back W Spear, K Rapana, F Townsend,
 Mr. G Peters (Coach) Front G Watkins, D Morgan (Captain) T Puckey.

4X David Morgan
4Y Barbara Marshall

By the end of 1958 the School magazine recorded that 21 Staff members, teaching and non-teaching, had worked at the School during the year (some had worked for only a term or Two) plus 5 evening class tutors. Of the day staff early pupils will remember the Schools "First Assistant" or deputy Principal Mr. LS White, Mr. BN Dawe, who spent a year 1958-59 as a Fulbright exchange teacher in the U.S.A. Mr. PJ Culliford, Groundsman Mr. Tom Bass and Mr. DK (Des) MacDonald who was to spend the next 20 years of his teaching career at Tokoroa High before transferring to Tokoroas second High School "Forest View" Des still resides in Tokoroa and has regular contact with many of the ex pupils of the school.

The class designations and form teachers for 1958 were, 3P. Mrs J



Girls Athletics 1959 Back. L Hastings, H Leggatt, L Rodley, A Hawthorne, K Motley, S Register H Gilbert, Mr. G Peters. Front. J Henry, J Addis, B Haycock, J Hassell, H Nuttall, V Cox, P Grant, J Sanders, R Rapana.

Samuel, 3Q. Miss J Fincham, 3R. Mr D MacDonald, 3S. Miss M Budge, 4X. Mr L White, 4Y Mr M Walsh, 4Z. Miss B Jansen, Form 5 Miss M Clark (who was an exchange teacher from the USA replacing Mr. Dawe)

On the sporting side, the schools first sports heroes were beginning to emerge. Athletic champions for 1958 were, Senior Boys, D Cowley. Senior Girls Lana Hunt. Junior Boys, P Mischewski. Junior Girls Kathleen Motley: Heather Gilbert who was runner up in the junior girls championship went on to win the Mid-Island sports 50 and 75 yard sprints and the Waikato Inter Secs junior girls 50 yards.

1959 and the school has its first 6th form pupils, 5 of them, David Moorehouse, Margaret McFarlane, Jill Gatenby, Jill Buchanan, and Heather Leggatt.

3rd formers who entered school in 1957 were 5th formers by 1959 and had to sit School Certificate examinations, passes were gained by A Anderson, P Brunt, C Crossland, M Davey, B Drinnan, C Grant, D Henry, E Kleyn, C Logan, D Morgan, K Motley, N Peterson, L Rodley, E Steele, and D Wilson.

Other notable events from the last year of the decade are the Billah street and Mangakino road entrances being "Tar Sealed," and the start of Mr. Graeme Peters long association with the school. Mr. Peters arrives fresh from Training college as a P.E. teacher and Indoor Basketball becomes an institution at the school for the next few years under his coaching. T.H.S. wins the "unofficial" Waikato schoolboys championship in his first year at the school.

Year by Year

Some of the events and people (but by no means all) that shaped our school from 1960 to the present day

1960

In 1960 Glen Anstice moved to Otahuhu College and was replaced as Principal by RW MacMillan who came to the school from Rangitoto College where he had been Head of Mathematics.

B. Block was completed and joined A, C and D block as the schools Forth accommodation block, Soccer and Boys Hockey are introduced to the sports program



1960, Guys in Uniform- Who and What!!!

Below: Maori Club 1960 Back. E Tai, B Coxhead, R Richards, M Puke, D Petley, R Downs, D Richards, Miss. M Black, D Seymour, V Seymour, W Edmonds, R Paul. 2nd Row. C Hamilton, M Borrell, J Gartner, S Thompson, E Nikora, J Sanders, E McCaskill 3rd Row. B Bennett, H Kidwell, P Dehar, A Puke, R Rapana, L Jolley, S Barber, O Tai. Front. A Tai, M Watarawi, E Kidwell, E Rapana.





1960 A. Hockey Back. E Tai, H Kuttle, D Wilson, Miss Hoe (Coach) B Haycock, F Smith, H Hickey. Front. L Tuagalu, P Grant, A Harris, (Capt) M Wilson, A Tai.

1961



1961 Girls Athletics. Back. M Wallace, I Ngatua, V Cox, B Swift.
Middle. Mr. Peters, S Wright, J Hassall, H Kuttel, L Rodley J Cresswell, R Rapana
Front. M Dawe, E Kilburn, L Smith, P Grant, J McKenzie, J Doherty M McMenamin, M Boyce.

Seven pupils (2 boys and 5 girls) and Two teachers are all that remain of the 84 Third Formers and Seven teachers who started at the school on a hot and dusty day in February 1957.

On April the 10th the school is honored by a visit from the Governor General Lord Cobham and Lady Cobham, after a short but interesting address, Lord and Lady Cobham were introduced to the Prefects of Tokoroa High School. After meeting several of the Primary School

pupils, Lord Cobham left, a very popular man having granted all schools in Tokoroa a day's holiday.

A Trophy for the best individual swimming performance in championship events is donated by Mr. D Lane, the first winner is Kevin Francis.

A "Tea coupon" Drive to raise money for the school baths raises 27 Pound 15 Shillings (\$55-50) with a total of 4220 coupons collected.

1962

Mr. LS White, the school's assistant principal and second to last foundation teacher leaves.

The School Orchestra is formed, Lyn John arrives from Swansea Wales in the Third term and joins another Welshman at the school Mr. KJ(Taffy) Milton, the standard of school singing improves

1962 Tennis Champions Back. V Seymour, G Rodley, D White. Middle. C Anderson, I Cameron, Mr. Dawe, D Uden, B Carter. Front. M Kingsbury, A MacMillan, J Dethlefsen, D Moorhouse B Swift, M Dawe, J Campbell, R White, V Dawe.





1962 A. Hockey
 Back. B Wallace, R Cameron,
 R Voight, W Cunningham.
 Middle. N Farmilo, T Plumley,
 P Lane, T Henry.
 Front. D White, T Messer,
 Mr Peters, G Rodley,
 K Dempsey



1962 Vice Regal Visit
 Lady Cobham meet-
 ing Senior Girls

about 200% under these two teachers. Mr. W (Bill) Millar arrives at the school to take over the position of caretaker from Mr. R Waghorn, Bill and his wife are to spend the next couple of decades at the school. The schools First Fifteen win 13 out of

15 matches under coach Charlie Loretz, of the team J Rennie (Captain) J Seymour, M Puke, E Sade, D Richards, L Rowan, V Seymour, A Logan, R Paul, and W Seymour are selected for the South Waikato Rep Squad, the top 3rd grade team in the Waikato that year.

1963

RW MacMillan the schools second Principal leaves to become Principal of Westlake Boys High in Auckland at the end of 1963 and is replaced by TW Ryan. G Peters leaves the school for a spot of OE. in Europe and popular head boy John Rennie departs to pursue an accoun-

tancy degree. Midway through the year a number of school pupils are suspended for failing to wear School uniform, one of these is ultimately expelled. 34 years later this ex pupil is invited to edit the schools 40th anniversary magazine.



1963 Form VD Alphabetically.
 Kelvin Blain, Kelvin Brown,
 Garry Carter, Richard Dolman,
 Stuart Farmilo, Paul Gardiner,
 Graham Lowry, Colin Lund,
 Trevor Mischewski,
 John Mitchell, Ray Nickell, Klass
 Sminia, Peter Alan Stevenson
 Peter Stevenson, Linda Grant, K
 Murphy Wendy Watts, Gloria
 Watkins, Shirly Watkins, Loma
 Smith.

Below 1963 C. Basketball
 Bev Elder is the Coach,
 Who else is in the Team?



1964

The school's new Gymnasium is opened in June, Richard Fergusson is the School Gymnastic Champion in this fine new facility.

Students set world record, 22 students in a mini car, at the local A&P Show.

Mr. D Olding arrives as Head of the Technical Department, he is to have a

long stay at Tokoroa High, he does not finally leave the school until a quarter of a century later, in 1991.

The 1st 15 have another fine season winning 13 out of 15 games, a number of these players go on in later years to full provincial representation



1964 Athletics Back. V Dawe, J Cunliffe, A Hulme, L Smit, J Little, I Reeves, J Molsworth,
Middle. J Campbell, M Dawe.
Front. K Baldwin, D Jones, L McEwen, J Luckstedt, J Seymour.



1964 Form VB R Bracegirdle, B Cornish, E Deam, D Elsey, B Fisher, M Glassie, K Howell A Kuttel
M Lyons, K Sminia, D Welsh, B Howell, M Beach, L Clark, M Daisley, B Free, J Gailard, R Harpur,
P Hassall, K Hughes, I Lake, C Leask, C Morris, B Muir, K O'Sullivan, L Reinikala, B Robinson,
D Robinson, P Sharp, E Smit, J Stewart, B Thompson, C Uden, D Walters, B Whitehouse, G Jamieson.



1964 3 Tech B Alphabetically. A Anderson, D Archer, D Bhana, D Biddle, R Bonnar, M Brown, R Brown,
G Churchward, G Hartwell, R Herekiuha, R Higgins, C Hikuroa, G Hudson, B Jones, L Kidwell, R Manu,
T Manu, N Marsh, G Mitchell, K Morris, M Mulford, P Pehi, D Pereira, J Rewita, D Risbridge, R Stowers,
W Tai, P Taute, B Thompson, B Woodmass, K Worms, D Mita, H Nathan

1965

February sees the departure of the last of the schools foundation teachers. Mr. BN Dawe, he leaves to take up a position as Principal of Darfield High School near Christchurch.

May, and the School is visited by another Governor General and his spouse, this time its his Excellency Sir Bernard Fergusson and Lady Fergusson. Head Girl Maureen Givens is given the Honour of presenting a posy to her Ladyship. Once again an extra day's holiday is forthcoming from the G.G.

Lyn John departs the School for the first of his many sojourns overseas.

Garry Harpur and Vivienne Davy become the School's first AFS scholars to the USA. Garry goes to a place called Whitehall New Jersey and Vivienne to Greensburg, near Pittsburg. both return to school in 1966.

School student Malcolm Parry is killed in a motor accident during the year.

The School Newspaper "The Student Prints" is initiated in 1965.

1966

1966 Folk Group M Cribb, L Millard, E McWirter, T Hawera, P Marjoribanks, J Seymour.



1966 Tennis Reps Back. M Harris, R Alexander, D Hoy, T Anderson, J Givens, G Hill, C Whetu. Front. J Seymour, G Petly, B Wilkenson, J Campbell, S Hubbard, J Perry.

Below: 1966 1st 11. Back. L Hall, D Mathews, K Williams, J Davey, G Chambers, Mr. Peters Front. G Price, D McLeish, R Fergusson, G Ryan (Capt) B Morrissey W Jackson, R Alexander.





1966 Public Speaking Finalists Back. H Anderson, J Woodfield, B Wilkenson, J Perry, J Givens.
Front. R MacDonald, J Lawry.

Head boy and Dux of the School for 1961, Douglas Henry, is the first ex pupil of Tokoroa High to Graduate from a University Degree course. He is capped as a Bachelor of Engineering at Canterbury University in 1966

The School is once again struck by tragedy when 5th former Grant Robinson

is killed in a motor vehicle accident, a number of memorial trophies are presented to the school by his parents.

Pupils Jan Lawry and Margaret Cribb excel in public speaking contests while Linda Pocklington and Sharon Morrissey are 1st and 2nd respectively in the "Miss Tokoroa High" contest.

1967

The School celebrates its 10th anniversary with a special assembly during the day and a Ball in the evening attended by School 5th and 6th formers and ex pupils. An "Old Pupils Association" is formed, officers are Mr. R Hunter, Miss H Giles, Mr. J Poulter, Mrs. B Britten nee Drinnan, Mr. P Brunt, Mrs. D Wayne nee Wilson, Mr. G Becker, Mrs. M Ludwig nee West, Mr. D Motley, Mr. T Robb and Mr. M Puke.

Mr. Lyn John, Wife and Wolseley car arrive back to School life. Mr. J Hinfelaar replaces Mr. Anderson as School guidance counselor.

Pauline McEwan is the School's Third AFS student to the USA. The School has its first AFS visitor in 1967, she is Miss Marilyn Stuckey from Kansas USA. Judeth Dowling and Lael McEwan become South Waikato Senior Netball Reps.



1967 "Student Prints" Editorial Committee Back: Rhonda, Linda Pocklington, Pam McEwan, Barbara Wilkinson, Barbara Kingsbury, Mary Kennedy, Janice Riddle. Front: Penny Cragg, Graeme Storer, Mr Bach, Isobel Reeves (Editor), Mr Anderson, Robert Kerr, Marilyn Stuckey.



1967 3 AcB (Alphabetically) S Airey, W Betschart, J Burr, M de Coster, R Frear, R Harris, N Hudson, T Kahi-Wiparata, G McArthur, P McLean, P Neilson, L O'Sullivan, G Reeves, C Stowers, L Cameron, L Clews, G Collins, L Davey, I Dixon, C Debenham, A Doohan, B Hall, D King, M Leith, D Low, L McConnell, J Mathis, B O'Callaghan, J O'Gorman, G Pocklington, P Prosser, L Telfer-Smith, W ten Velde, J Van der Zee, G Waetford, K Weavers, B Williams, S Wren, J Wright.



1967 4AcA (Alphabetically) D Bryant, V Burke, M Deam, L Hadley, N Hoy, R Law, R Leckey, B Perston, G Seipolt, B Sparrow, T Stallard, P Summerskill, J ten Velde, M Wilson, P Wright, J Battle, A Betschart, K Brady, S Collier, J den Hond, C Edwards, J Grayburn, Y Larsen, K McClure, G McLeod, J Millward, J Robinson, M Rovers, M Roxburgh, D Rudsits, C Sloane, B Wilde.

1968

The NZ secondary schools indoor basketball championship is won by Tokoroa High.

Tony Stallard wins the Waikato Inter Secs senior mile title and Trevor O'Brian

wins the intermediate inter secondary Cross Country title.

In Salina High School in the United States, John Givens is honing his musical, speech and drama skills.

1969

Girls Hockey is strong in the School during this period and in 1969 the girls "A" team win 9 from 11 matches under the coaching of Mrs. Korias and Mrs. Van Hasselt, the team is captained by Joan Leckey.

The Indoor Basketball squad also has a great season, Brian Morrissey is selected as captain of the NZ schoolboys team for their Australian tour and teammates

Warren Osbourne, Zeke Coweley and Paul Storer all make local rep Basketball teams.

Walter Jackson, Ross McLeod and Brian Morrissey are selected for the South Waikato Cricket Reps.

Mr. Saunders joins the Music Department, the big band era is about to begin.



1969 Fm 4-3 E Akers, R Borthwick, K Clark, I Copeland, G Cruickshank, M Elford, P Jeffries, P Jones, P Kiely, I Lennox, J McClure, L Mutlow, H Peet, J (Puha) Preston, P Schriber, J Sikking, M Stewart, H Tahau, J Titjen, G Beasley, A Bell, R Best, M Cape, J Clark, K Clark, K Grainger, M Hodgson, V Hutchison, G Kaka, R Mear, M Peters, L Povey, C Tildesley, W Van Toledo, C Whittaker, R Wright.

Below: 1969 Fm 5-2 (Alphabetically) R Apps, W Betschart, J Burr, M Cribb, N Ferguson, G Hemsworth, G Hinfelaar, A Jefferies, R Kerr, A Koning, J Laws, R Lawton, G Lovegrove, I McFarlane, G Outwin, G Reeves, B Staples, C Stowers, S Tidbury, K Waterson, J Anderson, L Clews, G Collins, M de Kort, C Emerton, B Hall, D Low, J Mathis, B O'Callaghan, J O'Gorman, G Sinclair, W ten Velde, K Weavers.



1969 Fm 4-5 Abbott, C Berg, C Boon, C C, J Crooks, R Davis, R Fergusson, B Gregory, J Hamilton, G Higgins, M Jackson, J Kennedy, S Le Noel, C McDougal, T McGrane, P McQuade, R Marshall, G Mokokaka, L Motley, C Nicholson, B Phillips, F Plowright, B Puke, G Sheldrake (with hair), W Stowers, M Troon.

1970

The beginning of a new era begins with the demolition, by students, of the original school tuck shop. It has to go to make way for more School classrooms.

Mr. Kuggeleijn arrives from Kaipara to take the remedial class, and the 1st Eleven School Cricket team,

Mrs. Rennie nee Dawe and Mr. Kevin

Francis both former pupil return to the School as teachers, to make amends or settle accounts?

Mr. Lyn John and family leave Tokoroa and the School-again.

AFS. student Raewyn McDonald returns from her year in the USA

1971

1971 Students in front of Wurlitzer Organ.



3-V 1971 Bottom Row (From left): M Jaspers, W Parker, J Corbett, H Begbie, C Moffatt, K Duigan, S Aoake, A Overes. 2nd Row: C Eden, B Taylor, D MacDonald, D Billett, J Trantor, S Dobson, E McLean, R Armstrong - Mrs Johnstone. 3rd Row: E Heatherley, P ten Velde, I McAuley, P Duyvestyn, N Scouse, M Dobson, W Ireland, I (Spud) Nelmes, J McDougall. Back Row: A Myers, J Gray, W Owen, R Graf, A Dowling, T Raynel, M Berry.

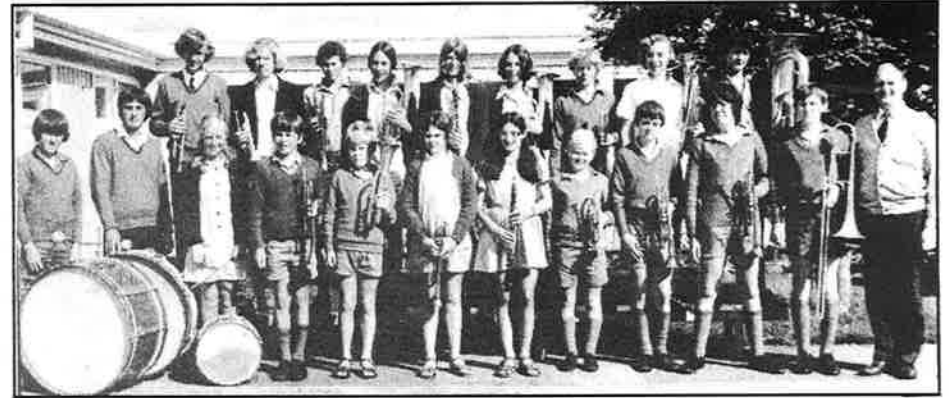
Staff numbers at the school are now 52. 36 girls take part in this years "Miss Tokoroa High" contest, the winner is Katopua Harris, Gaylene Martin and Adele Woods are the runners up. The School Council under Chairman Tom Inderbitzen raises almost \$4000-00 towards the School pool.

But 1971 is a particularly sad year for the School. In June, Four pupils, Kathryn McEwan, Christina Tough, Pamela van Egmond and Colin Emerton are killed in a road accident. In October, ex pupil Timothy Molloy also dies in a vehicle accident,

1972



1972 Teacher Librarian Mr Robyns (Some things never change) Assistant Librarian Mrs Fish. Head Librarian, Stephen Van Os/Mark Fraser Librarians, Lynley Blain, Anita Overes, Shelley Marshall, Robyn Wallace, Gloria Johnston, Michelle Warner, Julie Hill, Julie Debenham, Patricia Rainford, Marion Heatherly, Adele Woods, John McMenamin, Jeffrey Myers.



1972 School Band

With funding in hand work begins on the School swimming pool, Mr. GWI Wilson and son Chris commence the work by digging a large hole.

The question of teacher and pupil representation on the Board of Governors is raised. A group from the School take a journey to Fiji.

1973



5 Sci W. 1973. Mr Watsons Class. Martin Berry, Stephen Blair, Dennis Crook, Charlie Fry, Thomas Groot, Neal Lovegrove, Roy Pilot, Peter Prime, Peter Rushworth, Fred Stevens, Mathew Weavers, Lynley Blain, Joanne Cantwell, Lynette Carey, Kathryn Crickett, Susan Duncan, Eleanor Heatherly, Jo-Anne Herrik, Christine Holster, Christine Ireland, Martina Jaspers, Toustina Kuysten, Susan Monk, Sandra Moyuahan, Susan Olsen, Anita Overes, Anne Preston, Julie Ray, Francis Sefo, Vicky Sims, Corinne Titien, Shirley Wilson, Penelope Wright.

Mr. Lyn John rejoins the staff !! again!!, surly he has set some sort of a record. The School has a Brass Band, an Orchestra, a Puppet theatre, and a

Madrigal group. Rain shelters are erected, without roofs!!!!

1974



6 S. Mr Spain. 1974. Joy Brabyn, Lynette Carey, Hilda Churchill, Susan Dunphy, Lyndal Goosens, Eleanor Heatherly, Christine Ireland, Martina Jaspers, Tousina Kuysten, Annette Mactier, Ingrid Pepper, Kerry Willoughby, Martin Berry, David Jish, Charlie Fry, Tom Groot, Nga Rakei, Brian Rawley, Tony Raynel, Lawrence Ward, Matthew Weavers, Rex Wilkinson, David Wilkinson.

Governor General Sir Dennis Blundell visits the School in September- there is no record of him granting pupils a day off.

Students carry out a poll, Should "streaking" be punishable by law?

1975

Mr. D Rothwell returns to the School after a two year absence attending Canterbury University.

Jan White is this year's AFS student to

Chris Kuggleijn, captain of the Cricket 1st 11, is appointed captain of the Waikato Schools team. Stephen Coxhead is also selected for the Waikato team.

An arson attempt is made on a "prefab" classroom, it is unsuccessful.

the USA.

Debbie Morrissey visits Fiji and New Caledonia as a member of the New Zealand Schoolgirls Basketball team.

1976

School Librarian Mrs. Fish leaves the School and is replaced by Mrs Christenson.

Ex pupil Mr. Les Millard joins the teaching staff as a PE teacher.

Peter Kaua captains the School 1st 15. Orienteering is prominent in the School through the efforts of Shaun Cantwell and Bruce Baker.

1977

Long haired teacher Mr. Mike Catweazle Ward, (Art Athletics and alternatives) leaves the School.

Mr. Des McDonald leaves the School after 20 years service.

The School council is in a recession a Tokoroa High School Trust is formed.

1978

The School Council is reformed.

Introduction of the vertical School structure, Whatever that is!

Howard Morrisson entertains pupils and staff with a lunchtime concert.

A weightlifting demonstration is put on by THS boys, best lifter is Viking Rota with a lift of 25kg above his own body-weight

1979

Sixth form engineering students Steven Jones, Brian Edwards, Robert Hill, Brent Martin, Naku Tamariki and Terry Cameron draw up working plans, and construct, outdoor play equipment for the Tokoroa IHC Pre-School Centre.

Snap Shots Who are these people?



1980

A School Computer Club is formed under the guidance of Mr. Rothwell. The School has a IBM2001 micro computer, but no printer.

Melanie McDonald and Angela Rothwell have success in the "Alliance Francaise"

competitions

The School cycling team takes part in the National Schools time trial event, team members are, Brian Bedford, Ray Wylie, Gavin O'Donahue, Brendon Smith, and future Olympian Andrew Whitford.

1981

School students produce a magazine called "School Digest" it is full of jokes and puzzles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Millar retire from

School service after 20 years at Tokoroa High, he as Caretaker and she as Staffroom assistant



1981 After 20 years service to the school Phil and Bill Millar tea lady and caretaker retire.

1982

Tom Ryan retires in term 2 after 19 years as School Principal, Garry Dawson speaks at his farewell on behalf of ex pupils

Mr. Geoff Burrige is appointed to take over from Mr. Ryan as Principal, Mrs. Barbara Graham is appointed "Senior Woman."

Todd O'Donaghue (Tokoroa's current Chief Fire Officer) plays the part of "Squirt" in the Schools production of

"Big Al" The School celebrates its Silver Jubilee.



Mr G Anstice cutting the 25th Anniversary Cake 22-23-24 October 1982.



1982 FMU P Henstock, R Lincoln, N Sefuiva, Pl Wong, D Gatenby, K Lee, C Petry, R Takie, K Sue, C Pellew, A Shaw, M Shepherd, N Bristow, M Sefuiva, M B, Aaron D, L Evans, D Jenkinson, C Lepaio, V Nathan, J Petry, M Andrew, F Mitchell, W de Vries, R Robyns.

1983

The School Boxing Club has a successful year, the most accomplished boxers being Julius Leuii, Chris Hale, Patrick Dobbyn, and Jacob Leuii.

Building of the School's Cultural centre commences.

School guidance councilor Mr. John Hinfelaar leaves after 16 years.



Tutor U/Ro Mr Robyns Lee Heppell, Darren Kani, Geam Hen Kuoch, Michael Lomas, Peter Tahere, Pamela Dravitzki, Michelle Livingstone, Pamela Scatchard, Terry Goupillot, Vincent Payne, Micky Shaw, Kim Dudson, Sharlene Foster, Katherine Hoskin, Kim VanDijk, Rachael Wilson, Alistair Nestor, Kelly Whale, Susanne Gall, Lynda Morrissey, Maria Paul, Justine Thomas, Kim Poulava, Frank Janssen, Kupa Teao, Frans van der Meer, Mario van der Putten, Lee Ann Mitchell, Keryn Wilton.



1983 Tutor Group U/Wy Mr Wyley Jason Annett, Leo Lepaio, Junior Tereu, Hans Van Mierlo, Tracey Moetu, Mabel Hune, Emma Siulepa, Robyn Rangi, Heather Moore, James Clark, Julius Leuii, Kerei Paipa, Christopher Ruru, Michelle Cantwell, Linda Papa, Melissa Wilkins, Charles Findlay, Neville Gander, Chad Goessi, Pokoina Mataiti, Leonard Joseph, Barry Nield, Trevor Sullivan, Roslyn Millar.

1984

The School farewells two more long serving teachers in 1984, Mr. Gordon Cooper after 17 years service, and Mr. Graham Peters who had 22 years at the School between the years 1959-1984. Student Jackie Maitland wins the "Radio

Forestland" prize for effective communication at the School prizegiving, she will go on to write Rugby reports for both New Zealand and English publications. Johan Plessius died Tragically 21st September - A Computer Wizz



1984 Senior Canoeing Team. Back Row. H Hoeflich, H Hemapo, S Gibb. Middle. W Maea, M Ten Holt, T Tuikoko, T Bentley. Front. J Lepa, S Mole, C Dyer (Capt) J Beattie M Hoeflich.



Tokoroa High School Polynesian Club 1984

Tutor Group OHS 1984. Miss Harrison G Coulter, G Jones, S Tane, K Vano, S Irvin, K Nilson, A TeKanawa, M Turia, C Wylie, C McCaskill T McCleary, N Rakei, F Reti, D Gray, R Terry, T Kaitai, N Klyen, A Paul, D Stiener, B Clatworthy, M Ford. T October, J Spear, M Harnett, C Phillips, R Stol, B Tremain, K Woodley, F McLennan.



Tutor Group URU 1984. Mr Russell. J Heke, K Landers, S Mackie, J Simiona, I Twigg, J Eketone, M Rapana, J Robb, T Van Der Meer, D Horne, D Keith, M Loye, V O'Brian, P Taluata, A Hall, J Thompson, M Chapman, W Sheck, P Shannon, J Wilton, H Duyvestyn, D Gander, C Rawhiti, S Stevenson, P Warnock, Y Van Der Putten, R Kerr-Bell, I Pakoti.

1985

The School, and its supporters celebrate as the new Marae "Te Whanau a Noa" is opened by Sir Hepi Te Heuheu
The Schools present Principal arrives to teach at Tokoroa High School.

Te Whanau A Noa





School Orchestra Playing at the opening of Marae. Mr Saunders Conducting.
Mr Burridge and Sir Hepi te Heuheu planting a tree of the opening of School Marae



1986

A sorrowful School hear's of the sudden death of popular Principal Mr. Geoff Burridge who passed away on February 8th 1986.

Mr. John Lambert is appointed to replace Mr. Burridge as Principal, Roger Sommerville is appointed Deputy

Principal.

Two members of the 1986 senior A netball squad will go on to represent New Zealand, Pania Papa will become a netball "Silver Fern" and Regina Sheck as a member of the New Zealand women's Rugby team.

1987

A fire at 3.30am on the 28th of February totally destroys C block.

A School "Sweat shirt" is introduced as an alternative to the School Jersey.

Shaun Cantwell, Mathematics teacher and ex pupil of the School is selected to take part in TV's "The Krypton Factor" he makes the semi finals.

1988

15 year old Natalie Keith is selected for the National under 16 Roller Skating squad, Natalie is the daughter of ex pupil and national skating champ Dennice Edwards.

78 pupils balance precariously on a roll

of carpet in a bid to win \$5000 in a National competition, they lose out to rivals Forest View who win the event with 86 pupils "on a roll"

Poet Sam Hunt visits the School for a recital.



Mr Saunders and Brass Band 1988

1989

Principal John Lambert leaves the School in October and is replaced by David Hill. The 1st 15 win Thirteen out of sixteen matches played and win the Tricolour Trophy.

Tony Petero is selected for the NZ secondary Schools squad and fellow team member Caillin Tongue plays for the North Island under 16 team.

1990

The School Ball theme for this year is "a Moonlight Night", The balls Prince Charming is Ken Wibunsin and his Cinderella is Michaela Webb.

A girls Soccer team is formed, Helen Mace is Captain, Shelly Guyton is vice captain.

1991

After a quarter of a century, 1963-1991, at Tokoroa High, Mr. David Olding retires.

Ex pupil Mr. Peter Kaua joins the School as HOD Physical Education.

Merideth Graham and Mathew Maui star in the Schools production of "South Pacific"

1992

Tokoroa High School becomes the first School in the Waikato to teach Japanese

1993

Mrs. Larisa Kerbers retires after 25 years at the School

The School are winners of the "Smokefree" Rock Challenge at Auckland's Aotea centre.

Four pupils, Keriana TeHiko, Matthew



Mr Robyns Elucidates

Veza, Decima Gerrard, and Melody Jones travel to Christchurch for the finals of the Young Designer of the year awards.

1994

Roger Sommerville become School Principal

T.H.S. wins awards again in the "Smokefree" Stage challenge and Young Designer awards.

Popular Teacher Mr. Talosaga Tolovae dies.

1995

Tokoroa High School are the winners of the regional Sheilah Winn festival of Shakespeare competition.

1996

Fire guts the catering classroom and an artroom.

Drama group are again winners of the regional Shakespeare competition, travel to Wellington and win the "Elizabethan award"

1997

School and past pupils and staff celebrate Schools 40th jubilee

Academic success

The award of Dux of the School has been made since 1959 Winners of the top Academic award have been

<u>1959</u>	Jill Buchanan
<u>1960</u>	Beverly Drinnan
<u>1961</u>	Douglas Henry
<u>1962</u>	Robert Hunter
<u>1963</u>	Margaret Wilson
<u>1964</u>	Margery Dawe
<u>1965</u>	Phillip Briggs
<u>1966</u>	Edward Pollard
<u>1967</u>	Dennis Hoy
<u>1968</u>	Robert Aleander
<u>1969</u>	Peter Thorby
<u>1970</u>	Beverly Wylde
<u>1971</u>	Valmai Copeland
<u>1972</u>	Richard Boast, Arts- Susan Grayburn, Sciences
<u>1973</u>	Jennifer Ross
<u>1974</u>	Ann Myhill, Arts
-	Christopher Milne, Sciences
<u>1975</u>	Richard Allison
<u>1976</u>	Christine Larsen
<u>1977</u>	Phillip Lennon and Christine Whelan
<u>1978</u>	Shuna Larsen
<u>1979</u>	Jillian Reid
<u>1980</u>	Disiree de Kleynen and Deepa Dassanayake
<u>1981</u>	Ashley Hoskins
<u>1982</u>	Katherine Bristow
<u>1983</u>	Carol Fergusson and Darren Pumphrey
<u>1984</u>	Wendy Bevan and Catherine Leger
<u>1985</u>	William Monro and



Katherine Bristow Dux 1982

	Jonathan Kay
<u>1986</u>	Sheree Moko
<u>1987</u>	Ian McDonald
<u>1988</u>	Craig Malins
<u>1989</u>	Tracy Mears and Mattias Johnsson
<u>1990</u>	Sarah Mace and Kevin Stewart
<u>1991</u>	Yan Suen Lui (AFS Student)
<u>1992</u>	Richard Cox
<u>1993</u>	Kara Ackerman
<u>1994</u>	Simon Mace
<u>1995</u>	Louise McCully
<u>1996</u>	<u>Jennifer Wilton</u>

36 1st Fifteen Rugby

The first 20 years

1st Fifteen Rugby has traditionally been the premier sport for boys played at any New Zealand Secondary School. This may not always have been the case at Tokoroa High however as there have been some years when the School has not been able to field a team, either because of lack of parental support or for other reasons. Be that as it may, Rugby has played a large part in the Schools History over the past 40 years throwing up many

names that will surely bring memories flooding back to old School pupils.

One person who has followed Secondary School Rugby from its beginnings in Tokoroa in 1957 to the present day is Des MacDonald, and it is interesting to recall an article he wrote for the School Magazine in 1977 in which many "Great" names are recorded. Here is that article.



Third Grade Rugby Team 1958

Back E Schmidt, K Lajunen, L Short, D Morgan, T Puckey (Vice Capt) P Brunt, Mr. D K McDonald (Coach) Middle. J Carpenter, T Robb, C Naur, D Cowley (Captain) P Teina T Fellingham Front. V Weatherley, E Kleyn, D Moorhouse, D Watts

37 *T.H.S. ALL TIME RUGBY GREATS*

This is my view of the best 1st XV players over the past Twenty years. In sorting out this team I have chosen them on their 1st XV performances and positions and not on how and where they were to play in later years. Some players, such as Allan Clarke and Peter Rowan do not appear because as school boys they were too small to make the 1st XV. Other players were to play Senior football in different positions from those at school. Some talented players did not play much football after leaving school.

Fullback

**Tony Harrison or
Brian Morrissey**

Wings

**Tony Logan,
John Banks or
Adrian McClymont**

Centre

**Doug Mu
Cyril Anderson**

2nd 5/8

Jerry Cowley

1st 5/8

Michael Jones

½ Back

Ray Anderson

No 8

Gary Pocklington,

Breakaways

Barry Puke or

Manika Glassie



1966 1ST XV RUGBY Back: G Harpur, G Chambers, J Baird, J Davey, T Deam. Middle: Mr N Murphy (Coach), D Hoy, G Ryan, M Lyons, E Pollard, G MacKenzie, L Hall. Front: I Tilson, C Whetu, J Cowley (Vice Capt), A Moetu (Capt), C Coffin, R Ferguson, E Tipuna, R Cannon (Assistant).

Locks

Peter den Hond,
Bruce Gayford or
Alfred Moetu

Props

Jim Maisey,
George Churchward
Graham MacKenzie

Hooker

It is difficult to compare players of different years and I have left out as many good players as I have included. A noticeable feature over the years has been the impact of several members of one family playing in the 1st XV. Springing to readily to mind are the Seymours, Andersons, Cowleys, Stowers, Wirihanas and Kotekas, plus several families where Two brothers made the team.

Des MacDonald 1977

No doubt many will disagree with Des's selections, and the foregoing may be the subject of loud and long debate at the jubilee. If any reader wishes to select a team to match Des's, or any later day expert wishes to nominate a team from the last 25 years, the School will be willing to hold any such nominations until the next jubilee magazine is published in the year 2012.

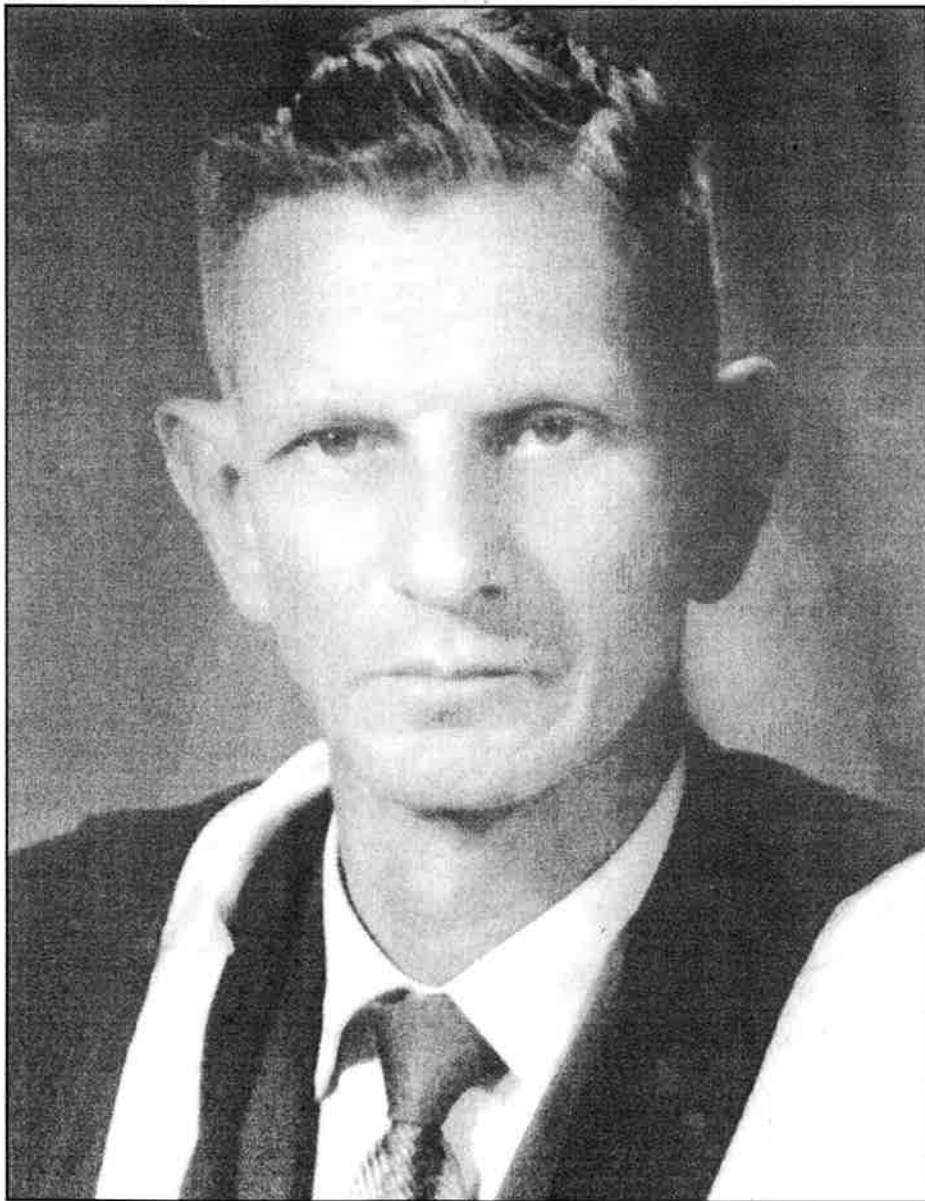
(Interesting to note that although Wally and John Koteka feature in the 1st 15s of the early 70s Paul "Bam" Koteka was never prominent in school Rugby)



This Rugby in true winter weather 1982. Where and Who?

Some Incidental Information

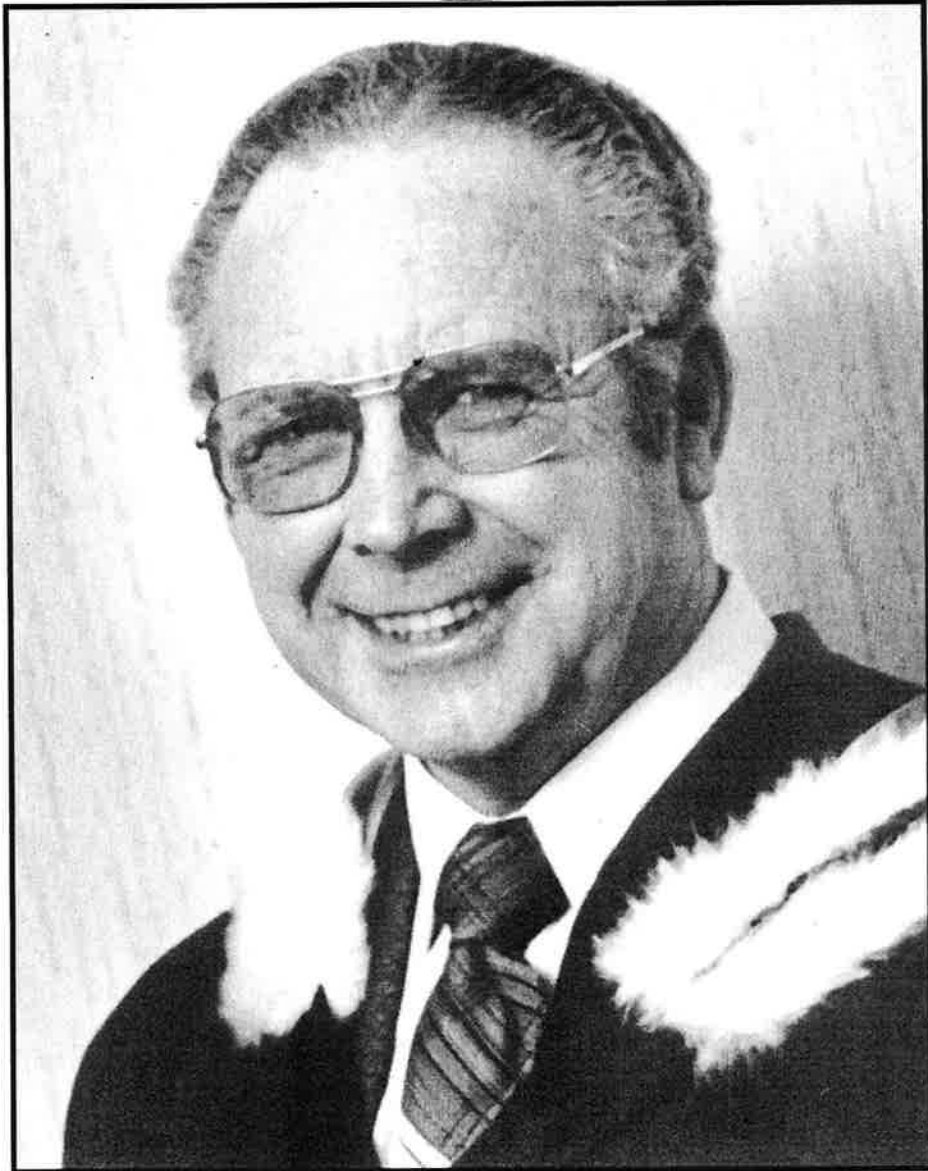
Year	Principal	Staff	Pupils	Head Girl	Head Boy
1957	G Anstice M.A.(hons)	7	121		
1958	"15	195	Jennette Holt		J Poulter
1959	"	16	259	Heather Leggatt	D Moorhouse
1960	RW MacMillan B.A. B.Sc	19	362	Diane Wilson	No Head Boy
1961	"	20	419	Diane Wilson	Douglas Henry
1962	"	20	455	Helen Kuttel	R Hunter
1963	TW Ryan B.Comm.	29	531	Margaret Wilson	John Rennie
1964	"	24	544	Margery Dawe	Adrian McClymont
1965	"	31	670	Maureen Givens	Garry Harpur and Kevin Francis
1966	"	29	713	Jennifer Campbell	Edward Pollard
1967	"	38	778	Ann Kerr	Ian Tillson
		(inc part-time)			
1968	"			Rona Calder	David Mcleish
1969	"			Elizabeth Betschart	Greg Chambers
1970	"			<u>Prefects, Head Boy and Girl no longer appointed</u>	
1971	"	52	1100		
1972	"				
1973	"				
1974	"				
1975	"				
1976	"				
1977	"				
1978	"				
1979	"				
1980	"	74	980		
1981	"				
1982	Tom Ryan retires in the second term				
1983	G Burrridge				
1984	"				
1985	"				
1986	G Burrridge dies in the first term- Mr. John Lambert Succeeds him.				
1987	J Lambert				
1988	"				
1989	J Lambert leaves the School in the second term. David Hill becomes Principal in October.				
1990	"				
1991	"				
1992	"			<u>Head Boy and Girl appointed from 1992 onward</u>	
1993	"			Helen Mace	Oliver Webb
1994	"			Miranda Snell	Mathew Mauai
1994	David Hill leaves, Roger Sommerville appointed			Heather Barr	Nicky Reid
1995	R Sommerville			Nanise Tolovae	Gareth Bacon
1996	"			Teresa Ahloo	Jared Boon
1997	"				



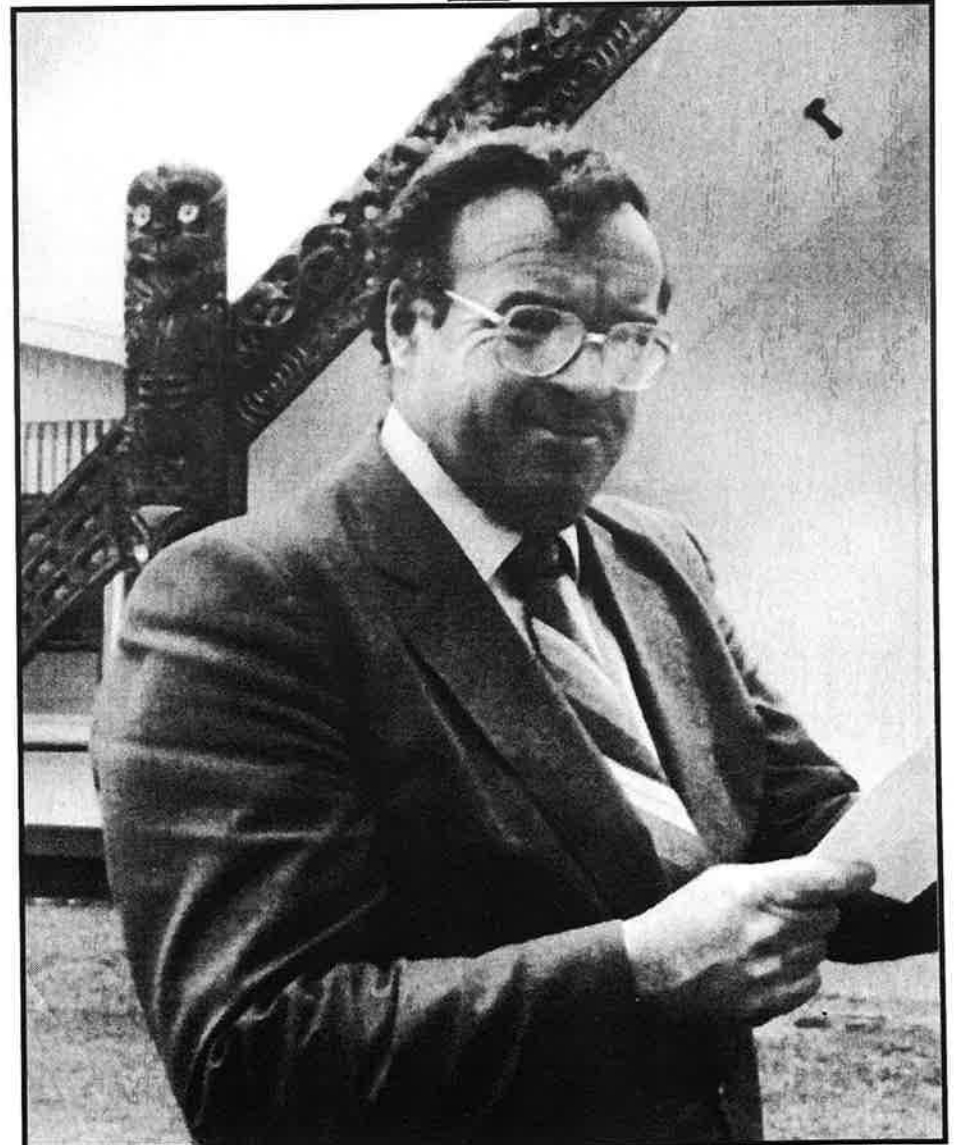
**G. ANSTICE. M.A. HONS.
FIRST PRINCIPAL 1957-60**



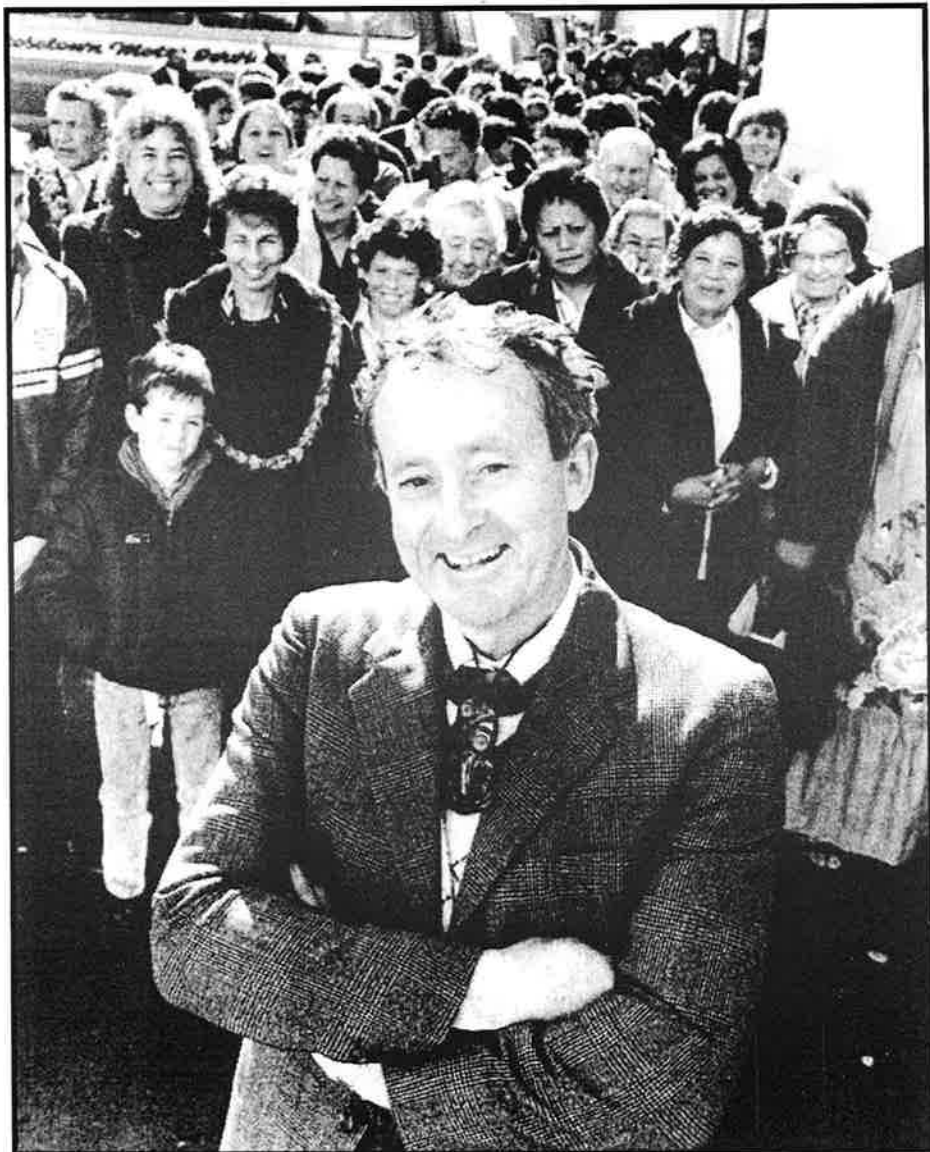
**R.W. MacMILLAN B.A., B.Sc
2nd principal 1960-63**



T.W.RYAN B.com A.C.A
3rd Principal 1964-82



G J BURRIDGE
M.A. Hons, Dip Ed, Dip Teaching
September 1982 - February 1986



J.J. LAMBERT Dip Ed, Dip Teaching, B.Sc March 1986-August 1989
 We Appologise for the lack of a photograph of
Mr D.S Hill M.A(hons) Dip Tchg 1989 - 1994



Mr R.F. Sommerville M.A(Hons) Dip Tchg 1994 -



Staff. 1960 Back. Mr. Peters, Mr. Rundle, Mr. Loretz Middle Mr Doig, Mrs. Caskie, Miss. Wallen,
 Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Denton, Miss. Black, Mr. MacDonald Front. Mr. Archibald, Mrs. Robertson,
 Mr. Culliford, Miss. Fincham, Mr. MacMillan, Mr. White, Mr. Dawe, Miss. Hoe, Mr. Fitchett



1962 Staff Back. Mr. TD Christie, Mr. G Peters, Mr KJ Atmore, Mr KJ Milton. Middle Mr DK MacDonald, MrDL John, Mr JC Gilbert Mr WJ Rundle Mr RJ Lee, Mr CT Loretz. Front. Mr RT Corbett, Mr HC Squire, Mr BA Dawe, Mr LS White, Mr RW MacMillan, Mrs. DB Robertson, Mrs LE Hill, Miss J Buchanan Mrs. M Buttermore.

1967 Staff Back: G Peters, D Walker, C Edmeades, E Wolfe, D Rothwell, D Olding, E Maiava, D Roberts, M Poray. Centre: O Baker, K Beatson, J Gray, W Van Hassalt, V Rothwell, M Dick, KPattison, J Davies, M West, V Mickell, H Giles, C Logan, C Hart, D Dean. Front: G Cooper, G Jones, R Bach, L Hill, C Manuel (Senior Mistress), TRyan (Principal), P Bristow (First Assistant), D Carter, D MacDonald, PAnderson, H Lee.



School Staff 1982



School Staff 1988

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Theatre

The School has, since its earliest years always encouraged theatre in all its forms. Drama, Musical, Farce, Operetta, Pantomime, or Talent Quest, the School, its pupils and teachers have tried them all.

The following is a listing of Theatre events that have taken place at the School over the years.

1958	School drama evening Visit by N.Z. Players Trust	1981	A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum
1959	School Drama Festival	1982	'Big Al'
1960	N.Z. Players Trust Visit	1983	A Victorian Music Hall
1961	Pantomime 'Cinderella'	1984	?
1962	School Production 'Middle Watch' - Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'	1985	Dracula Spectacula
		1986	'Showboat'
		1987	'Say the Kids' - 1 Act Play entered in Drama Festival
1963	Two, One Act Plays - Pantomime 'Aladan'	1988	Variety Show
1964	Interhouse Drama Competition	1989	Talent Quest
1965	Interhouse Drama Competition	1990	A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum - Talent Quest
1966	'The Importance of Being Earnest' - Pantomime 'Robin Hood'	1991	'South Pacific' - Talent Quest - Participation at National Drama School
1967	Entry in the British Drama League 'The Proposal'	1992	'Bye Bye Birdie' - Talent Quest - Drama School
1968	'The Crucible'		
1969	?	1993	'Mashed' - Stage Challenge - Drama School
1970	Two One Act Plays: 'Irresistible Albert' & 'One Way Pendulum'	1994	Shakespeare Festival - Stage Challenge - Drama School
1971	Visit by the 'A Cry of Players' tour ing troupe.	1995	Shakespeare Festival - Mary Jane O'Reilly Dance Workshop - Drama School
1972	Visit by 'Living Theatre troupe' - Visit by 'Drama Quartet'	1996	'Grease' - Shakespeare Festival - Drama Club Variety Show
1973	Entry in the Combined Schools Art Festival - 'Murder in the Red Barn' 1 Act Comedy 'Crimson Coconut'		
1974	Goliath Jazz		
1975	Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat The Thwarting of Baron Poligrew		
1976	Toad of Toad Hall - Visit by 'Theatre in Education' troupe		
1977	Only a Little Favour (Veronica's Room)		
1978	Tom Sawyer		
1979	Visited by 'Theatre in Education' troupe		
1980	School 'Variety Show'		

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JUBILEE STIRS MEMORIES

GW(Bill) Wilson of Tokoroa is looking forward to the 40th jubilee of the towns first high school. He was heavily involved in the development of Tokoroa High School.

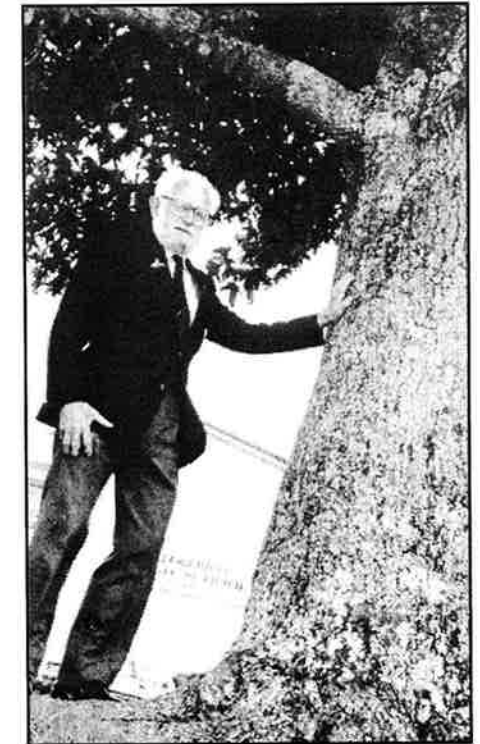
He was chairman of the grounds committee which developed the school, an original Board of Governors parent representative from 1957 to 1973 and the second president of the towns Post Primary Teachers Association.

When the Department of Education decided there was going to be a high school in Tokoroa, families in the community banded together to make the concept a reality, he says. "The whole community was focused. We raised the money and developed the grounds for the future of our children."

Tractors were borrowed from local farms to develop the four paddocks that became the high school. Mr. Wilson vividly remembers 25 Tokoroa farmers on tractors zooming over the paddocks to flatten the grounds for the school.

Bobby calves were sold to raise funds for the school, the gymnasium and the pool. Local businesses also fundraised with the rural sector, he says.

"We worked hard to establish a high school we fundraised for the pool. My son (Chris) and I dug the hole for the pool."



Mr Wilson stands beside a Tokoroa High School tree that he helped plant 40-years-ago when the school was officially opened.

Mr. Wilson is looking forward to meeting up with "old chums" like the schools founding principal, Glen Anstice. The teachers of yesteryear "were outstanding people" who did a fantastic job developing a learning curriculum from virtually nothing, he says.