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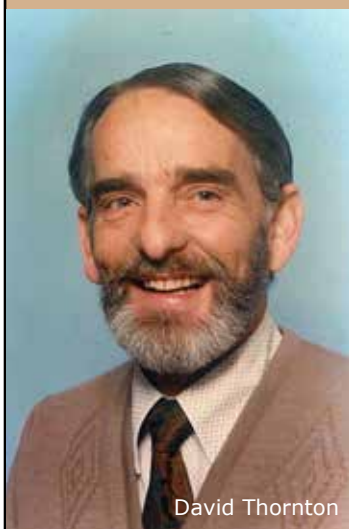
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Editor's Note –

We will explore David's outstanding contributions to St Peter's in future issues of "The Thornton Years News".

The Thornton Years News (Issue 1)

Welcome to the first (of many we hope) of the Thornton Years News. This is a newsletter put together to inform and provide news on fellow student from the Thornton Years. The students of these years we think total about 1114 at our best count (but could change as we get into more detail). What we would like to do is identify all of them and their current locations as well as recognising those no longer with us. See inside for a breakdown as we see it.

We will provide relevant news on current school events that we think will be of interest to this group as well as news from the St Peter's Alumni. But what I have found in contacting past students that most have lost contact with many of their peers and in many cases would like to catch up with that old classmate and we will endeavour to provide the means for this.

The students from the Thornton Years shared a unique experience and it comes through from almost all of them and that is the love of music that was instilled in them by the school and how that helped to shape their future lives no matter what direction it took.

The success of future publications of this newsletter will be to a large degree dependant on the future input from you. We need your help with stories and news that you think will be of interest to your peers. We would also like you to provide a profile on yourself and what has transpired in your life since leaving St Peters (we would invite you to allow publication of contact details so fellow Alumni can contact you if they wish and of course an optional photo either current or from school days) . Also any help in locating our missing numbers would be appreciated. See the contact details on this newsletter for submitting contributions.

Once we have established a reliable contact base it will be the time to explore a reunion for alumni, staff and supporters of the Thornton Years.

David Thornton

David John Thornton was born in Wellington in 1925, one of four sons of a manufacturer of confectionery, and he helped in the shop in holidays and university vacations. He was educated at Wellington College and Victoria University College, and did some relief teaching at Wellington College during his student days.

David's father was a vestryman at St Mark's, near the Basin Reserve, and David was involved in youth work, sang in the church choir and was for a time a Sunday school superintendent. He graduated MA (Hons) in modern languages, and attended Auckland Teachers' College in 1952, where he met his future wife, Grace Beer, who also had an MA in modern languages. He had teaching experience at King's School and King's College, Auckland, and then two years in English Public Schools – King's School, Rochester, and Bedford Grammar School. He and Grace were married just before he took up an appointment at Christ's College early in 1956 and David Thornton was made housemaster beginning in January 1957, at 32 the youngest boarding housemaster ever to be appointed at Christ's College.

David Thornton became ill towards the end of his term. It was, it seems, Dr Horton who realized how ill David Thornton was and who strongly advised him to retire. David Thornton died two years to the day after he had retired from the Headmastership of St Peter's. His health had declined in his last years as headmaster.

David was another inspirational and influential headmaster that helped to shape his students and the school to assist it to grow to what it is today and will always be fondly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to interact with him.

Grace Thornton

Hello from Grace Thornton, an old girl (86) of St Peter's

In August 1961 David and I and our two young daughters, Cecily (3) and Nicky (6 months) arrived at St Peters and in 1964 we added Catherine, our St Peter's baby.

David had been at Christ's College where he loved the music and drama of Christchurch and had already said no to a headmastership. We never thought a preparatory school would be David's choice, it wouldn't have been had the Board not agreed to let him found a secondary school if he brought the school to life. The sad state of St Peters after Arthur Broadhurst's gift to New Zealand made David willing to try to bring the school back to its glory.

Where to start?

The school had a roll of around 85, was in disrepair and needed an injection of pupils, good staff, active Board and to become part of Cambridge and make it pay.

The excellent features were the grounds (Mr Plescher) including the orchard (Mr Watts) and the farm (Mr Newnham). Two excellent teachers, Miss Swears and Mr Guyon Wells assisted the road to recovery. David and Guyon (music master) planned a choir tour which added new boys to the school who had a love of music. Anthony Brown won a music scholarship to the school and the choir tour was such a success that the Governor General asked the school to let him open the Auckland Arts Festival – The school was on its way!!!

A mini bus was purchased, day boys from Cambridge became an integral part of the school. Caring matrons, and a wonderful cook set high standards too but every staff member made a valuable contribution, all of which were appreciated by David.

David who had been a bursar, chaplain, painter, builder, plumber and a teacher, was now able to offer staff a wonderful place to live enabling employment of Peter Stewart and Tom Luck.

An outward bound venture was successfully started by Mark Hanna. The school had developed. Arthur Broadhurst arrived to formally open the secondary school in 1972 with Broadhurst Oliphant and Riddet houses being built.



The introduction of girl students in 1977 was the start of another core David was developing when he had to retire due to ill health.

There are many incidents which all helped in the development of the school perhaps a favourite of the school boys, the annual school fair where they all helped David set up sideshows to entice parents to part with their money, particularly on "Sir's Rook Machine".

Many wonderful boys arrived whose company and personality we enjoyed and many still keep in touch, however there is no doubt that David's teaching ability, musical & dramatical talent and personality endeared him to students, staff and residents of Cambridge.

David's love of education and making each boy reach his own potential survived throughout his 17 ½ years at St Peters.

THE ROCK WAS STEADY AGAIN FOR ST PETER'S

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Editors comment – I am sure if any old boys want to drop Grace a note or phone she would be very receptive to the contact as she was when I invited her to write this article.

Photos extracted from The Owl Spreads it's Wings, St Peter's School History Book



Profile

Ross A'Hern (1966-1967)

My brother Nick and I attended the school from the second term in 1966 until the end of 1967, and recently paid our first return visit since – which opened up a large and surprisingly emotional vault of memories. It was (and by the look of it still is) an amazing place.

David Thornton was an amazingly potent influence on the development of many of us, I'm sure, and I have thought about him quite a lot over the years. On returning and trying to piece together what happened to him, I suspect that he became ill and died as a result. By my calculations, he would still have been in his mid 50's at the time – way too early for him to consider retiring from such an enjoyable job and one which he was so well suited to, and certainly too young to finish living. I remember baby-sitting his 2 daughters one evening, and so they were younger than I was by a few years. The mentions of how a trail of old boys sought him out to visit in the couple of years after his retirement in 1978 reinforces my theory.

There is a strong bond that binds many if not all of us who were at the school at that time, and more than just a headmaster, David Thornton was a strong fatherly influence whose impact remains.

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Rowing introduced at St Peter's

St Peter's School has a proud record in rowing and is now one of the top rowing schools in New Zealand. Few probably realise the part that Mark Hanna played in its formation.

Mark Hanna had rowed at Queen's College, Cambridge, and with the help of the Cambridge Rowing Club (New Zealand) he introduced rowing to St Peter's. It began in 1972, was said by the headmaster in 1973 to be 'coming of age', and in 1974 St Peter's entered four crews (an VIII and three IVs) in the Auckland Provincial Rowing Championships. They were unplaced, as they were in the Mercer Rowing Club regatta in the same year. In 1975 Mark Hanna managed to inspire gifts from well-wishers and parents to the rowing club; and in 1976 a junior VIII rowed in the Maadi Cup on Lake Karapiro and came first in the petit finals.

In 1977 six crews were entered in the Waikato Secondary Schools regatta and the intermediate VIII qualified for the final and M C Hanna's colts IV won the head of the harbour race.

Miss D FT Swears (1961-90)



Frances Swears taught in the lower school and in 1977 the governors asked Thornton to try to persuade her to take a sabbatical and 'after seventeen years there could scarcely be a more deserving case'. She could not be persuaded. At the prize-giving of 1973 David Thornton commented, 'The boys under her receive, in my opinion, a training which is second to none, and much of their later success is directly attributed to her efforts.' One reason for her popularity was the energy with which she threw herself into out of school activities. She had, when small, wanted to be an actress, and her performance as Widow Corney in *Oliver* showed what might have been.

Missing Alumni

The alumni records are far from perfect for the Thornton Years. Over the next 12 months we hope to rectify that. We have approximately 1114 students who were at the school in this period. I have records of 23 who we know are deceased (but expect to uncover more). We have 425 with contact details (time will tell how many are accurate) and 665 with no contact details (that is a moving target as I start to identify and locate alumni) Below we have listed some of these. If you can provide any further information or clues that can help even full Christian names. Please either email neilmcl@xtra.co.nz , or post to PO Box 331520, Takapuna 0740 NZ. Or ph +64 (0) 21619171 We will publish further names in the next newsletter.

Surname	Given1	Given2	Entry	Left	Surname	Given1	Given2	Entry	Left
Abel	Philip	John	1972	1973	Bright	William	Rowan	1976	
Adams	D.C.J.		1962	1962	Brink	Hans	Kristian	1972	1976
Akast	Michael	Rex	1974	1975	Brink	Torbjorn	Kristofer	1972	1975
Alexander	Brett	Ronald Robert	1974	1975	Brothers	Dennis	Herbert	1976	1980
Alley	George	Kim	1971	1974	Brown	Andrew	Bernard	1978	1984
Allsop	S	R	1960	1963	Brown	Geoffrey	John	1976	1982
Anderson	Christopher	John	1971	1975	Brown	J C		1970	1970
Anderson	Christopher	Eric	1974	1977	Brown	M A		1962	1965
Anderson	Ian	Donald	1970	1973	Brown	Philip	A	1962	1964
Anderson	M J D		1957	1961	Brown	Philip	James	1977	1979
Anderson	Roderick	Fyfe	1976	1981	Brown	Robert	Edmund	1976	1980
Anderson	Royce	William	1974	1974	Brown	Timothy	David	1970	1976
Anderson	Simon		1971	1977	Browne	R.M.		1968	1971
Andrews	Michael	Dean	1976	1977	Bruce	Jason	Brooke	1978	1981
Archer	Brett	Douglas	1975	1975	Bruce	Richmond	Stephen	1978	1983
Armishaw	Mark	Cameron	1972	1973	Bryce	John		1962	1966
Armstrong	Roger	Ian	1969	1973	Buchanan	Ross	Milton	1972	1977
Atkiss	Nicholas	John	1976	1977	Burgess	Steven	Barry	1975	1977
Austin	Gavin	Ward	1975	1975	Burns	Paul		1959	1964
Avery	Michael	Doss	1970	1975	Burt	Antony		1963	1965
Ballantine	Geoffrey		1965	1968	Burton	J.R.		1965	1966
Bannenburg	Trevor	John	1965	1969	Burton	R.J.		1965	1965
Barclay	Robert		1967	1969	Burton	David	George	1976	1977
Barker	Kevin	William	1978	1981	Busch	Craig	Kevin	1975	1977
Barker	Robert		1961	1962	Busch	Stephen	John	1976	1977
Barnaby	Anthony	Mark	1978	1979	Bush	Thompson		1967	1969
Barnett	John	Mark	1977	1979	Byers	Nigel	Geoffrey	1978	
Barratt	Geoffrey	Gordon	1974	1974	Carl	Jonathan	Delbridge	1972	1975
Barron	Kevin	Edward	1978	1979	Carryer	Paul	Brent	1976	1977
Bartlett	Andrew	John	1978	1982	Carter	Brent	John	1976	1977
Baxter	Arnold	Derek	1970	1972	Casey	Brendan	Richard	1978	1980
Baxter	Bernard	Gavin	1971	1972	Cassidy	M.E.		1968	1968
Bayliss	Thornton		1960	1963	Castle	Dean	John	1974	1975
Baynes	Anthony		1967	1975	Castle	Paul	Anthony	1977	1981
Benefield	Richard	John	1973	1973	Castle	Steven	Malcolm	1977	1979
Bennett	Adrian	Robert	1970	1972	Castle	Tony		1974	1975
Bennett	Maurice	Raymond	1967	1973	Catt	Malcolm	Lewis	1970	1973
Billing	Andrew	Robert Glenn	1971	1973	Cencora	D.G.		1960	1962
Birch	D.J.B.		1962	1963	Chabry	A.		1970	1970
Birch	Christopher		1966	1967	Chambers	A.H.		1963	1963
Bissett	Bruce	William	1977	1980	Chambers	D.W.		1963	1963
Blake	Timothy	Charles	1978	1981	Chambers	Peter	D	1964	1965
Bluck	Paul	Steele	1978	1982	Charlton	Gary	Nicholas	1972	1973
Boyce	Craig	John	1977	1979	Clark	Darryl	Brian	1978	1980
Boyd	Anthony	William	1974	1975	Clark	Latimer		1975	1976
Boyer	Mark		1967	1968	Clark	Richard	John	1972	1976
Bracey	Nicholas		1969	1970	Clarke	Stephen	John	1975	1975
Braine	J.P.		1962	1965	Clarkson	T		1977	1977
Braine	David		1963	1966	Claver	M P		1968	1969
Bramley	John	Richard	1973	1973	Clayton	Adam	Scott	1977	1977
Brien	Raymond	David	1978	1981	Cleverly	J.S.		1965	1967

Robert Kaiwai (1966-1968)

**Consul-General of New Zealand to Hawaii.
Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Federated States
of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands.**

Robert Kaiwai took up his posting as Consul-General to Hawaii and Ambassador to Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau on May 25 2014. Prior to this he served as Consul General to Hong Kong from 2011 to 2014 and was also cross-accredited to Macau, with oversight for Guam.

Before his posting to Hong Kong, Robert was High Commissioner to Kiribati from 2008 to September 2011. He also served concurrently as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands.

He has also served as Deputy Director, New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office in Taiwan from 2004 to 2007. From 2007 to 2008 he was Deputy Director and acting Director of the Middle East and Africa Division.

Robert joined the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2001. He first worked in the Ministry's Environment Division, and was later seconded to the Ministry for the Environment, Climate Change Office in 2003. Here he led a senior policy team in the development of domestic climate change policy. Prior to joining the Ministry, Mr Kaiwai studied and worked in Japan. He returned to New Zealand in 1996 with the Japanese company Juken Nissho, initially as Loss Control Manager before being promoted to General Affairs Manager in 1998.

In 2009 and 2010 Robert attended the Asian Pacific Centre for Security Studies (Honolulu) Maritime Security and Senior Executive Courses. APCSS is a US Department of Defence institute. It supports the US Pacific Command in maintaining key relationships in the region.

Robert is currently a member of the New Zealand Business Advisory Board (www.nzccchk.com/BusinessAdvisoryBoard.htm). The board was established by the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise and the New Zealand Consulate-General as a means of improving communication between the Chamber, NZTE, NZCG and the Hong Kong and New Zealand business communities.



Robert also currently serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Victoria University of Wellington's International MBA Program in Hong Kong. This is administered by the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Asia-Pacific Institute of Business. He is also a Branch Patron of the Royal Overseas League Hong Kong.

Robert holds a Master of Science from Shizuoka National University, Japan, and a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) from Victoria University, New Zealand. He speaks Japanese (intermediate) and conversational Mandarin.

Robert is married to Miyako Osawa.

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The New Zealand Consulate-General in Hawaii:
www.nzembassy.com/hawaii

Robert's achievements

- Recipient full Scholarship to Shizuoka National University/ Japan.
- Two time Winner World Dragon Boat Championship
- Eight time World Outrigger Canoe Champion. (Two time Winner of the World Long Distance Canoe Race, Molokai to Oahu, Hawaii). Includes Multiple World Sprint Titles.
- Multiple Winner Henry, Kona, Hamilton Cup and Catalina races.
- Former World, Australian and New Zealand One Man Sprint Champion.
- Multiple NZ Surf Life Saving Title Holder, including New Zealand Surf Ski and Paddle Board Champion.
- Wellington and Japan Provincial Rugby Rep.
- Member of New Zealand Team at the First World Ocean Kayak Championships, Cape Town South Africa 2004 – placed 3rd.
- Former Nationally Ranked Multisport/Triathlete.
- Former NZ K1 20km Senior Marathon Kayak Champion.

Guyon Wells and the Golden Age of the St Peter's Choir

In 1961 and the first two terms of 1962 St Peter's had the great luxury of two extremely talented music teachers – V E Bevan (who had begun in 1958) and G R Wells, who began in 1961. Bevan took his ebullience, his versatility and his cameras to Palmerston North Boys' High School at the end of the second term of 1962 and stayed there for many years. Guyon Wells was particularly well qualified – BSc, Mus.B, FTCL, LRSM, ARCO – and by the time he left in August 1967 the St Peter's choir was known throughout New Zealand, with recordings often played over national radio.

(Editor's Comment: Guyon was at the recent Broadhurst Era Reunion in April 2015 and will be providing an article for our next issue on his thoughts and memories of music at St Peter's).

Chris Lipscombe (1966-1968)

I left St Peter's School almost 50 years ago, at the end of 1968. Earlier that year The Beatles had released their 'Magical Mystery Tour' soundtrack album, and I have to say my life since then has sometimes felt just as strange.

Along with some of my St Peter's friends I went to St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton. I jumped into secondary school academic life with enthusiasm, and found myself moving down a science and languages track. Never being one to take the easy road, I promptly switched to history and economics.

Fast forward a few years, and I had finished an undergraduate degree in Christchurch, completed an abortive first year studying for a masters degree in history at Auckland, and had ended up living in a large communal household in inner-city Wellington. Over the four decades since then I've managed to build myself multiple careers in the communications and creative industries, including book publishing, graphic design, marketing, economic and business development, and IT.

From 1977 to 1986, I worked as a freelance writer, editor and designer in Wellington, including a stint with the Government Printer. I was also the local rep for Flying Nun records, allowing me to build a fine collection of independent 70s and 80s New Zealand music. In 1986 I married my partner Sue and we moved together to the UK, where I became involved in redesigning and managing European publishing operations for Digital Equipment Corp (DEC, now part of Compaq-HP). In London I developed a love of craft bookbinding, and completed three years of night classes at the London College of Printing.

On my return to New Zealand in 1991, I discovered that no-one seemed to know what electronic publishing was. Retraining as a marketer, I worked in direct marketing and marketing communications for DEC in Auckland, designed and developed database-driven marketing programs for DEC in Auckland and Sydney, and worked on database marketing projects with a number of Auckland-based business clients. During the 1990s I also set up and managed a design studio for Reed Publishing (then part of the worldwide Reed-Elsevier Group), including the rebranding of Reed Publishing's book titles in New Zealand.

In 1994, like many others, I was captured by the newly emerging web. I worked on some of the earliest web

development projects in New Zealand (including the first Telecom Xtra site) and co-wrote with Katherine Phelps "Surf's Up: Internet New Zealand Style", a local guide for first-time users of the Internet.

Suddenly I had found myself in the world of IT. I set up and managed an Internet/Intranet business unit for Wang New Zealand (now Gen-i, owned by Telecom NZ/Spark), managed Wang's acquisition and integration of an imaging and document management division, and led what were then known as knowledge management projects for corporate and government clients.

From 1998 to 2002, I jumped back into graphic design, and became a co-owner and working director of Mission Hall, a visual communications agency specialising in design, advertising, direct marketing and new media services. I had a great time developing and delivering web-based marketing, marketing communications and branding solutions for clients in New Zealand, the UK and the United States. During 2002, I focussed exclusively on international business development, and as Executive Director of my own company Ensignz International provided strategic marketing consultancy services to clients in UK, United States, Australia, Dubai and Singapore.

Since 2003 I have been working with local governments in the greater Wellington region to help grow wealth and jobs in the film, creative, IT, specialist manufacturing, education, and professional consulting industries. It was during this time that I decided to finish my masters degree, started all those years ago in Auckland. In 2011 I was appointed Manager, Economic Development at Porirua City Council, a position I still hold today. I am also Co-chair of the China and New Zealand Business Council and a trustee of Porirua City Community IT Education Trust, which manages the Computers in Homes and Stepping Up programmes in Porirua. Right now I'm singing in Wellington's Orpheus Choir, and wondering when I'll find the time to go back to bookbinding.

Chris is married with two daughters, Jessie and Ailsa, and Ailsa's medical assistance dog Connie. He lives in Island Bay on Wellington's south coast, facing Antarctica. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Post-graduate Diploma of Business in Marketing, and a Master in International Relations (Distinction).



Prince Sione Uluvalu Tuku'Aho (1960-1964) *Born 7 October 1950 – Died 5 July 2006*

Sione 'Uluvalu Ngū Takeivūlai Tuku'aho became the Tu'i Pelehake, a hereditary title in the kingdom of Tonga, after the death of his father in 1999. As his father was the brother of King Tāufa'āhau Tupou IV, he had the right to carry the 'his royal highness' title as well. He had one younger brother and four sisters.

Sione in November 1998 married Kaimana Aleamotu'a (12 March 1960 — 5 July 2006); the couple had no children. He became a parliamentarian, the Ha'apai representative of the nobles, but often backing the representatives of the people and the pro-democracy movement, many of whom felt he should succeed the ailing king. He was a leading pro-democracy advocate within the royal family. In a Radio New Zealand article, Tu'i Pelehake, Sione was dubbed the "prince of the people" by ordinary Tongans.

He died prematurely at age 55, along with his wife, 45, and driver, Vinisia Hefa, 36, in a car accident on Highway 101 in Menlo Park, California, near San Francisco, where he was meeting with Tongan citizens to discuss reforms.

Tim Fookes (1972-1978) - my school days and events following

My schooling years began at a small country school before attending St Peter's School in Cambridge from 1972 at 10yrs (Std 4 – Yr6) and stayed until 1978 (6th form – Yr12). I was a boarder in Riddet House under the watchful eye of Michael Brock, who at the time was not married but had his eye on our nurse, Lynne – they later married.

Although learning was difficult for me, my first teacher Archie Rush was able to help me learn and I did well enough. I really enjoyed woodwork and technical drawing which I achieved very well at and was subsequently awarded the Woodwork Prize in 5th Form.

Our school life was very different when I began – the school was very small with a total of 150 pupils. A typical day started at 6.40am with a run to the pool, swim one lap, run back to the dormitory to make our bed, dress and be checked off by the Prefect, then down to fall-in (an inspection by the Housemaster or Tutor) by 7am. At this time, we were also inspected for cleanliness, hair brushed, shoes or sandals polished, nails cut and clean, our locker tidy. If not, you got a black mark against your name. Six black marks and your housemaster would deal out a swift wack with the sandshoe. Black marks could be removed if you were tidy for a week. Unfortunately I was not a tidy young man and often had to visit Mr Brock and his famous Size 12 sandshoe!

After fall-in, at 7.15am we would file to the dining room where we stood behind our seat in silence for grace then be seated and the meal would be started in silence until a bell was rung, then we could talk until the bell was rung again, silence followed and the meal was cleared away. Then we were let go. We had a short time to fill in before Chapel at 8am for a 15min service.

Classes then began or if it was Monday, assembly. Ten o'clock – morning tea – milk in the summer, hot milo in the winter. Twelve o'clock – back into fall-in, then to lunch. The afternoon began with a rest on our beds until 12.45pm – 1pm back to class until 3pm. After school activities were sport three nights a week – either cricket in the summer or rugby in the winter.

Five o'clock fall-in then dinner followed by chapel then prep (in classrooms). Prep consisted of: 3/4hr for years 1-5, 1hr for Yrs6-8, and 1.5hrs for Yr9. After prep we had a shower, ready for bed. If any free time was to be had, we could watch TV. Bedtimes differed for year groups to being 7.15pm, 7.30pm, 7.45pm and 8.30pm respectively. That's how our weeks at school went – and yes, in the summer we had morning classes on a Saturday!

We attended chapel everyday with communion on a Sunday. Although our days seemed full, we did have free time. Our favourite pass time was playing war in the kahikateas or riding the monorail. We were allowed three Sunday leaves a term between 10am and 6pm after morning chapel and back before evening chapel.

As the school roll grew, various changes occurred:

- They could no longer seat everyone in the dining room for meals – this is where the cafeteria type system was introduced that is still being used today.
- The chapel services were also split into different days for different year groups
- Riddet Boarding house – 4th Form (Yr10) boys were split between Oliphant and Broadhurst Houses – I was moved to Oliphant House.

My 4th form year was a relaxed year. At the end of this year, school decided to send the 4th formers away to camp during the senior's exams. My 4B class was the first year group to stay in the Urewera National Park to maintain tracks. This camp was lots of fun – we cooked on open fires, slept in old tents – all under the watchful eye of Mark Hanna.

My 5th form year came and went and I passed School Certificate. In the 6th form I was made a House Prefect. I only had four academic class subjects being English, Maths, Biology and Technical Drawing due to clashes with my timetable – it was great, I had more free periods than class! At the end of my 6th form year, I was able to attend a 4th form camp as a supervisor for two weeks. At final prizegiving that year, I was surprised to be awarded the "Clougher" Prize.

As house prefect we had it easy. One Friday night, four of us prefects decided to watch the movie scheduled to play on the Saturday night. Later we were to discover that our house tutor, Mr Slack had been looking for us, getting no information from our younger dorm boys he then enquired with the Head of House, C.Shanks where we might be. It was mentioned we would probably be watching tomorrow night's movie! But Mr Slack got it in his head that we had taken off to a University party in Hamilton so proceeded to go looking for us. During his hunt, he backed his MG car into a tree which didn't make him very happy! Needless to say, the Head of School and Head of Broadhurst were watching with us so nothing came of our movie watching outing!

So seven years at St Peters School had come to an end – I was a little sad to leave as it had become home in a way.

In 1980 I attended Flockhouse, an Agricultural Training School in Bulls. In 1981 I obtained a farming position on a drystock farm in the Waitomo District and then moved onto a large 9,000 acre drystock station in the Pio Pio area.

In 1983 I married Lynne and we moved home to farm the family property, running sheep and beef and growing 113ha of maize. We have raised three children, Simon, Matthew & Aimee who all attended St Peter's during their secondary schooling. Lynne & I both joined the Parent's Association during our children's years at school, and then went on to join the Foundation which I currently hold a position on their Committee. I am also a current Alumni committee member so over these years have watched the school grow and change but it has still kept the same feeling about it. Whenever I go back, it is like going home.

Deceased Alumni

Our records show that we have 23 deceased Alumni for the Thornton Years (1961-1978) and below is a list of these. I am well aware that our records are far from complete for this period, so if anyone is aware of any other deceased students from this period please advise the editor (Neil McLaughlin) with as much detail as possible so we can adjust our records.

Surname	Given1	Given2	Entry	Left	Deceased
Anderson	Herbert	Scott	1969	1972	1/01/1980
Banfy	Tibor	Francis	1972	1976	2/03/1990
Barley	John	Edgar	1971	1975	1/02/1981
Bissett	Keith	Ian	1977	1979	1/10/2003
Cawte	Christopher	Peter	1976	1978	Unknown
Coote	Graham	John	1972	1975	1/01/2002
Gardner	Peter	Richard	1959	1961	Unknown
Hagen	Grant	Wilson	1975	1977	13/10/1981
Harry	Stephen	Mark	1970	1973	3/03/2005
Keats	Eric	Rex	1958	1962	4/06/2014
Lipscombe	Gregory	William	1972	1972	30/11/1979
Lohle	Christopher	St John	1959	1962	Unknown
Meder	Gerhard	Jens	1973	1976	1/11/2006
Otway	Simon		1966	1968	1/10/1979
Reekie	Kevin		1966	1967	Unknown
Ruddenklau	B.	D.	1973	1975	1/01/2005
Thomas	Mark	William Liews	1973	1980	14/12/2005
Tippins	Phillip	J	1968	1968	1/01/2004
Towgood	R.	R.	1967	1967	Unknown
Tuku'Aho	Prince Sione	Uluvalu	1960	1964	5/05/2006
Vincent	Peter	Raymond	1961	1966	2/07/2005
Ward	Clayton		1969	1970	Unknown
Williams	Jeremy	Peter	1957	1962	1/06/1985

The Full 1966 Choir



Back row: R Clougher, G Peterson, J Fair, R Witters, C Brownlie, A Harman, J Millage, A Howell, R Dale.
 Middle row: C Robbins, T Stelzer, C Harford, Mr R Griffiths, The Headmaster, Mr G Wells (Music Director), Mr F Mellalieu, A Brown (Head Chorister), S Tevethick, S Clougher. Front row: C Morgan, P Reilly, G Hill, L Ferdinard, T Gurnsey, A Harry.

Profile



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Vaughan Jones (1961–1965)

I went to Auckland Grammar from St Peter's in 1966. To Auckland University in 1970 where I got an MSc in Maths. Then I went to Geneva to do a PhD, completed in 1979. Then married (an American) and moved to the US in 1980.

Have been there ever since with frequent trips to NZ. At least a month a year for the last 21 years. Have a position at Auckland University as distinguished professor of some kind. Was at UC Berkeley as Prof of Maths from 1985 to 2013 and currently am Stevenson Professor of Mathematics at Vanderbilt University.

Main distinctions were winning a Fields medal in 1990, Royal Society in 1990, American National Academy of Sciences in 1999 and Knighted in NZ in 2009.

Have 3 kids girl, boy, girl ages 35, 30 and 26 and two grandsons ages 3 and 1.

Vaughan

More details

Born in Gisborne in 1952, Vaughan attended St Peter's from 1961 to 1965. His secondary schooling was at Auckland Grammar from 1966 to 1969.

His Undergrad studies (1970-73), Univ. of Auckland, Auckland, NZ., (B.Sc, 1972, M.Sc., 1973, (First Class Honors)

Followed by Graduate studies (1974-76), Ecole de Physique, Geneva, Switzerland and (1976-80), Ecole de Mathematiques, Geneva, Switzerland. (Docteur es Sciences [Math], 1979, Geneva. (Supervisor: A.Haefliger)

Married (Martha Weare Jones [nee Myers], April 7, 1979 in New Jersey); and had 3 children (Bethany Martha Jones; Ian Randal Jones; Alice Collins Jones).

Employment

- 1974 Junior Lecturer, Univ. of Auckland
- 1975-80 Assistant, Univ. de Geneve, Switzerland
- 1980-81 E.R.Hedrick Asst. Prof., UCLA, Los Angeles, California
- 1981-82 Visiting Lecturer, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 1981-84 Assistant Professor, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 1984-85 Associate Professor, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 1985-2012 Professor of Mathematics, Univ. of California, Berkeley.
- 2013- Professor emeritus, Univ. of California, Berkeley
- 2011-- Stevenson Professor of Mathematics, Vanderbilt University.

Special Awards

- 1969 Universities Entrance Scholarship
- 1969 Gillies Scholarship (for study at Auckland Univ.)
- 1969 Phillips Industries Bursary
- 1973 Swiss Government Scholarship (for study in Switzerland)
- 1973 F.W.W. Rhodes Memorial Scholarship
- 1980 Vacheron Constantin Prize (for thesis, Univ. de Geneve)
- 1983 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
- 1986 Guggenheim Fellowship
- 1990 Fellow of the Royal Society
- 1990 Fields Medal
- 1991 New Zealand Government Science Medal (now Rutherford Medal)
- 1991 Honorary Fellow RSNZ
- 1992 Honorary vice President for life, International Guild of Knot Tyers
- 1992 Honorary D.Sc., University of Auckland
- 1992 Corresponding Member, Australian Academy of Sciences
- 1993 Elected to American Academy of Arts & Sciences
- 1993 Honorary D.Sc. University of Wales.
- 1999 Elected to US National Academy of Sciences
- 2000 Onsager medal of Trondheim University
- 2001 Elected as a foreign member to the Norwegian Royal Society of Letters and Sciences.
- 2002 DCNZM
- 2002 Elected Honorary Member of the London Mathematical Society.
- 2002 Doctorat Honoris Causa, Universite du Littoral, Cote d'Opale
- 2004 Elected vice president, American Mathematical Society.
- 2007 Prix Mondial Nessim Habif
- 2007 UC Berkeley Faculty research lecture.
- 2009 DCNZM "upgraded" to KNZM (Knight Companion of the NZ order of merit.)
- 2014 Elected Vice President of the International Mathematics Union

New Junior (Prep) School Block Opening

It was a special occasion on 6 June 2014 when we officially opened the school's Junior Block, a ten classroom facility built in the area between the Chapel and the Kahikatea stand.

The event marked more than the opening of a new building – it signified St Peter's coming full circle in its classroom rebuilding cycle.

St Peter's opened in 1936 as a preparatory boys' boarding school, the legacy of which lives on with what is still called the 'Prep School' for our Year 7 and 8 students. Up until last year, our Prep students were still being taught in the original classroom building.

Seventy eight years on, our 1936 students would barely recognise the classroom environment in our stunning new Junior Block.

At the building's heart is an open plan atrium which extends to ten classrooms and opens out to an outdoor space overlooking the school's pond and Kahikatea stand.

The building has been designed to be flexible and interactive, with large glass walls and doors which slide open or closed to create larger or more intimate work spaces. The colourful furniture can be pulled apart and pushed together in multiple ways and even the whiteboards, projectors and touch screen computers are mobile.

Speaking at the opening, Principal Steve Robb thanked the St Peter's Trust Board for their vision and commitment in

making this project happen. The innovative design took 38 drafts to perfect and, while drawing inspiration from the original Lippincott design of St Peter's, represents a markedly different building style for the school.

The result is a magnificent new building which is distinctly modern, functional, energy-efficient and perfectly suited to our junior students.

Invited to open the building were members of the Eyre family, who have been part of St Peter's since day one with Colin and Henry Eyre attending the school as first day boys in 1936 and '37.

Over the years 11 members of the Eyre family have attended St Peter's. Mark Eyre, who is both a past student and a former teacher at the school, shared with those gathered at the opening his family's experiences at the school throughout the years, giving an insight to what it was like to be here over the decades.

After a blessing of the building, guests proceeded inside for the Vallentine Room dedication. The room has been named in memory of Richard "Dick" Vallentine, one of the school's first pupils.



Cutting the ribbon: Four generations of the Eyre family officially opened the Junior Block – from left to right: Philipa Hickson and daughter Zoe, Gaylene Eyre, Colin Eyre, Loris Eyre, Mark Eyre and Bradley Eyre.

Reunions

Regional Reunions

One way that we can re-connect with fellow Alumni, meet school staff and hear about developments at your school is through a series of regional reunions.

The school and alumni run these as a joint venture to try and attract as many in each area as possible. The main centres in New Zealand get one every two years and others are held from time to time in other centres as interest justifies.

To help make them a success it also needs alumni to gather up their fellow alumni and encourage as many to attend as possible. Often you might be in contact with some of your friends that we do not have current contact details for. Also if you can bring fellow alumni you at least are going in knowing someone.

Those so far planned for this year is the one in London (see separate advert on next page) and the following:

Hamilton Reunion

This is still in the planning stages for a date as a recent opportunity and gathering was at the Alumni Games at the school on 25th June. We will advise details as soon as known.

Auckland Reunion

Planned for mid to late October and will probably run from 6.00pm in a central venue with drinks, nibbles and a few short talks.

Dunedin Reunion

Well into the planning. It is to be held on Saturday 26th September at a venue to be confirmed and will be followed by watching the Otago v Southland rugby match at Forsyth Barr Stadium for those keen.

To make sure you get included on the mailing list for these gatherings please email Shaelagh Brophy - e: events@stpeters.school.nz and indicate which reunion you wish to attend.

Check on the Alumni Facebook page for more details as released.



www.facebook.com/stpetersalumni



Alumni gathering at School before School Production 2014



ST PETER'S
CAMBRIDGE

BROADHURST REUNION 2015
1955 - 1964



L to R

Row 2 Paul Sumpter, Peter Thomas, Roger Matthews, David Peryer, Laurie Sanders, George Calder, Rob McCallum

Row 1 Max Whitelaw, Glenn Willis, Julian Hughes, Trevor Barrett, Roland Yockney, Peter Truscott, Graeme Collinson, Chris Hale

From Broadhurst Reunion 2015 – Includes seven who were also Thornton Years

The First Expedition to the Ureweras, 1968

Eastward Ho!

A description by R B Barclay and J R A Craig (two senior boys) of the first expedition to Urewera National Park (from the 1968 Chronicle)

Between 3 November and 8 November Upper School IA plus two senior boys went on a field expedition (not a holiday) to Urewera National Park, based at the Whakatane Lions Club hut, situated at the junction of the Ngutuoha Stream and the Tauranga River. The hut had all the comforts of home except TV. It consisted of a kitchen with wood-range, on which much exquisite porridge was cooked, a sixteen-bed bunkroom, indoor flush toilets and a living-cum-dining room. Mr Caithness, Mr Hanna and the two senior boys slept in the latter. In one corner of the room stood a majestic first aid kit. In addition Mr Caithness brought a bottle of his best friend: this he told us was for colds and frostbite ... For our work-projects we were divided into four groups of four boys, to study in detail the trees, animals, birds, history, legend and sports of the park.

On the first day we were visited by Mr Fairbrother, the ranger for the area, the exact double of Little John. He told us Maori legends of the area, and showed us how to identify some of the better-known native trees. On the night of his departure he showed us slides on various aspects of the park after which we walked a little way up the road and were watched by thousands of glow-worms shining eerily from a steep bank – just like a new constellation.

We were also visited by Mr Morgan, a ranger from the Forestry Department. He talked to us about the control of animals, the erosion they cause by stripping the undergrowth, and how to hunt them. He also gave us a brilliant demonstration of rifle safety. The masters both vanished through the roof when he let off the first of several .303 blanks after which he gave us some frightening statistics of fatal accidents, all of which impressed upon us the necessity of knowing and caring for one's rifle. At 5.15 am each day we rose to the chimes of the bell-bird and the snores of Mr Hanna next door, we then ran down to the Tauranga River to plunge eagerly into its icy waters. On the last morning we were thwarted in our aim to give Mr Hanna an involuntary swim by the unexpected arrival of the headmaster the previous evening. We all thought our experience had been worthwhile and very enjoyable. We sincerely hope it will become a regular fixture in the school.

Editor's Comment. Many generations of St Peter's pupils have since made a trip into the Urewera national Park so will relate to this first visit!



The Urewera and the outdoors – 'The Palace of the Park'

LONDON REUNION 2015

The Alumni and School are organising a gathering in London. We have had previous ones that have been well attended. This year we are reaching out to as many alumni based in the UK who would like the opportunity to catch up with classmates or just mingle with a wide age range of alumni.

So why not come and see who you know and also encourage any UK based alumni you know to join you.

The Principal, Steve Robb and his wife will host it and I intend to attend to meet up with the Broadhurst Era Alumni. So pencil the date in and advise Shae of your registration.



All past students and staff of St Peter's in the UK are invited to join us for a reunion in London this September with Mr and Mrs Robb

Thursday 24th September 2015

6.00pm Start

Drink on arrival, followed by a light meal

The White Horse, Fulham
1-3 Parson's Green, London SW6 4UL

Dress Code: Smart/Casual

RSVP: Please register via email to
Shaelagh Brophy

Email: events@stpeters.school.nz

Venue Website: www.whitehorsesw6.com/

Editor's Final Thoughts

When I looked at starting a newsletter aimed at the students from David Thornton's time as Headmaster I was unsure of the ability to put together a meaningful publication.

I was greatly heartened by the comments and support for it I received from many old boys of the period and as you can see some have provided contributions to make this possible. I enjoyed an interesting talk with Grace Thornton, who has contributed with enthusiasm. The aim is to have more contributions from past staff.

The aim was an 8 page newsletter but with the content I received we decided a 12 page one was possible. What is needed now for this publication to thrive and grow is for you, the old boys, to make meaningful contributions to it in the form of news of you and your peers, profiles on your life post St Peter's (with a picture if possible) and assist in locating and identifying any of the missing old boys.

If you want to contact me or send information my best contact details are on the front page of this newsletter. A final reminder if you use Facebook is to go to the Alumni Facebook Page and click like to the page at: www.facebook.com/stpetersalumni as we aim to keep posting information on that regularly.