



Hastings Boys' High School

Old Boys' Newstalk

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Recently the school heard from the family of Old Boy Jim Mclvor who wanted to know more about him and we were able to find this article from 1943 The Heretaungan. A proud Old Boy displaying the Huia on his plane.

Jim Mclvor has had service as varied as that of any Old Boy. He left New Zealand in March 1941 as a Sergeant Pilot and spent four months on operations in England. On one flight his engine was shot through and a crash landing sent him to hospital with slight concussion. From England he went to North Africa and for six weeks was engaged in the Burma Sector with short spells in India. Malaria has twice laid him low but according to his last letter he thinks he has completely recovered. At one time he had five enemy planes to his credit. There are probably more in the "bag" now but Jim never did say much about himself. We wish him the best.



THE HUIA FLIES AGAIN. Flying Officer J. Y. Mclvor in his Hurricane.



75 NZ Squadron

Frank Symes—Old Boy—1938—1939

When Vick Jay embarked on research for a book about his father and 6 other Lancaster Crew members (Bomber Command no7 5 (NZ) Squadron), he uncovered some interesting information about one of our Old Boys. Through Mr Jay's research he was able to make contact with Mr Symes daughter, son and wife. Frank Symes (born 3.3.1924) was the the Wireless Operator on board. Mr Symes attended HBHS from 8.2.1938—31.3.1939. Frank enjoyed playing cricket and football and was a member of the Hasting Boys' 1st XV Rugby Team. He lost his parents by the time he was 16 and by 18 he had enlisted in the New Zealand Airforce. He eventually trained as a wireless operator and air gunner and departed New Zealand on 1 April 1943 to continue training in Canada where he was promoted to Flight Sergeant. He survived the War and was repatriated to NZ in December 1945. He settled in Wairoa with his wife, Winnie who he married in 1954. The couple went on to have 7 children. Frank died in 1979 at the age of 55.





1st XV Rugby Team 1955



1955 1st XV Front Row Ernie Trask, John Bark and David Pell

OLD BOYS' LUNCH

On Saturday 28th of January the school hosted a local Old Boys' luncheon in the school library. After a tour of the school and a presentation about new developments at school, staff, prefects and guests enjoyed a luncheon in the school library. Stories were shared and a great time was had by all. After the luncheon our school's 1st XI cricket team were hosting Napier Boys' High School on the school oval. Many of our old boys remained behind to watch this match and enjoyed more refreshments under the Old Boys' marquee.



If you know of any Old Boys who might be interested in receiving an Old Boys' Newstalk please email antheab@hastingsboys.school.nz