



Palmerston North Boys' High School

Young Farmers Club 2017

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YOUNG FARMERS NUMBERS GROW IN 2017

The growth in the number of young men involved with the PNBHS Young Farmers Club is really pleasing to see and reflects the hard work and initiative of the senior leaders.

This year I am proud to say that the PNBHS Young Farmers Club has really taken off with a hiss and a roar, unlike the opening morning of duck shooting at my place. Our first meeting of the year was a success and we signed up a cracking 32 members, all enthusiastic about getting involved with the club. Since the first meeting interest has continued to grow, and we now stand at 41 members, which we believe is a record number for PNBHS.

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During the first term our club members have had the opportunity to be involved in a wide-range of activities, including:

- Michael Nicholls, Jack Nesdale, Harry Newman and Angus Brodie competed in the Wool Fadge teams race as part of the Rural Games.
- Dan Davidson, Harrison Ward, Luca James and McKenzie Collis had the opportunity to take part in Agri Investment week, a nationwide campaign to encourage young people into the Primary Industries.
- A large group attended the 2017 Get Ahead: Careers in Agriculture experience day. An initiative of NZ Young Farmers, Dairy NZ and Beef and Lamb New Zealand, this careers focused day brought together a range of employers and agencies involved in the primary industries sector.
- Several teams competed in the Hawera Ag competition, a great experience.
- A team of eight - Ben Wood (Captain), Clay Simpson-Smith, Jesse Gunn, Luke Perry, Ryan Codlin, Ben McAlley, Harry Newman and Jack Sturme - placed first in the Land

PNBHS YOUNG FARMERS

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Based Training Agriculture
Competition held recently at Otiwhiti
Station.

This year my goal for the club is to be able to expose the boys and myself to what New Zealand Agriculture and Horticulture is all about. While doing this I am also trying to make as many networks with different people in the industry as I can, to try and help the boys to be able to possibly get their foot in

the door with possible future jobs. As the club captain, I feel very privileged to have such a great bunch of guys in the club who share the same passion for the agricultural sector as I do.

Ben Wood
President, PNBHS Young Farmers Club

SPONSORSHIP HELP FOR CLUB CLOTHING

Thanks to the sponsors who have assisted with the purchase of polo shirts for our club members.



Over the past month, our PNBHS Young Farmers Club members have been working hard trying to gain sponsorship from a variety of different business throughout a variety of

different districts. The aim of the boys gaining these sponsorships is so we, as a club, have the ability to fund opportunities such as bus trips for farm visits, helping to

fund our club tops that will be worn at competitions, regional meetings, and just casually with great advertising at the same time.

The boys were extremely successful in that they were able to gain a lot of sponsors and this resulted in the purchase of our brand new club polos. It will also help us to subsidise the activities we are involved in during the year.

The PNBHS Young Farmers Club would like to thank the following for their generosity to the club:

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LAND BASED TRAINING AGRICULTURE COMPETITION

PNBHS Team First in North Island Competition



On Thursday 11th May a team of 8 students Captained by Ben Wood left a wet PNBHS to compete in the Land Based Training (LBT) Agriculture Competition for the LBT Shield. Not only was this year's team competing in said competition but they were

also defending the trophy as PNBHS were the current holders.

The Competition was held at Otiwhiti Station approx. 7km from Hunterville. Otiwhiti is one of three stations owned by the Duncan family

and is not only a working sheep station but also an agricultural training facility where Farming Cadets spend at least one year.

The team competed in a number of agricultural based tasks, which included quad bike riding, sheep moving and weighing, fencing, seed recognition, weed recognition and shooting. The team consistently performed well in all tasks and were especially strong in quad bike riding and fencing where high scores were gained. However, the most outstanding performance was reserved for the kitchen

where the team were asked to produce a plate of pikelets. Here the team produced a mouth-watering gastronomic delight that so impressed the judge that she awarded the team a maximum score of 20 out of 20. Indeed, such was the overall strength of the team that they were placed first and were able to bring back home the LBT Agricultural Shield for another year.

The team consisted of Ben Wood (Captain), Clay Simpson-Smith, Jesse Gunn, Luke Perry, Ryan Codlin, Ben McAlley, Harry Newman and Jack Sturmeay.

AGRI INVESTMENT WEEK

Agri Investment Week Provides Insight into Primary Industry Opportunities



During term one, senior students Dan Davidson, Harrison Ward, Luca James and McKenzie Collis had the opportunity to take part in Agri Investment week, a nationwide campaign to encourage young people into the Primary Industries. The following report has been provided by Dan:

"Friday 24th March was the start of an eye-opening entry into the Primary Industry's Agricultural Business sector. Myself, Harrison Ward, Luca James and McKenzie Collis set out on Friday where we first met Margaret Kouvelis, the former Manawatu Feilding-based Mayor, and the Director of Talent Central - the organisation running the event as a whole.

One day a week for four weeks, we were challenged, enlightened, taught and compelled by everyone we met. On the first day, Friday 24th, we were introduced to current staff and management of FMG and ASB Rural where we travelled both by foot from our initial starting place of the iSite in The Square, and PGG Wrightson and NZXAgri by bus in Feilding. At all four companies we were shown another side of the company, consisting of their values, what their aim is to contribute to the primary industry and the stories of their current staff and how they got to where they are today. For us boys, the highlight of the day was FMG and meeting the staff there, as well as the view from the ninth floor of the FMG tower (and the delicious snacks)!

The following week on Thursday, we travelled to Massey University where we met with Professor Ian Yule, New Zealand's 'leading scientist', along with students under his wing and other premier members of Massey. Here we were given internal access into the university, campus life and what studying AgriCommerce will be like, along with how Massey is aiming to help develop the primary industry with technology. We were challenged on this day both practically and mentally, having to do a spaghetti noodle, string and

marshmallow structure competition that proved more difficult than it should have. Following Massey, we travelled by bus over the Pahiatua Track to Fonterra where we accessed the plant, saw the day-to-day operations with the trucks and other robotic machinery and met managing staff who enlightened us with the responsibilities of the factory.

After the two travel days, however, the following Thursday we were struck with a 3 hour period of learning how to structure a compelling pitch that we would deliver to Chief Executives and Marketing Directors the following Thursday. We met with Dave Craig in a building in The Square who gave us all helpful tips on what to do and how to do it - which proved extremely helpful.

The following Thursday we were back at Massey University. This was the last day of the overall event, so most of us were dwelling on the idea of going back to school for a full 5 day week as opposed to having one day off. However, once the teams finalized their pitches, we wandered into the front of a board room with nothing more than a projector, our voices and our ideas on how to make the Primary Industry more attractive to youth - and we did it!

Overall, the event has been an amazing, eye opening opportunity that has definitely changed my view in what future career path I am wanting to take. The Primary Industry has a lot more to offer than meets the eye - and it's definitely not only farming. If you're into vetting, farming, insurance, law, consultancy, finance, technology, flying drones(!), mechanics or anything - the Primary Industry has a place for you. I want to personally thank Margaret Kouvelis and Kelly Gay, the two main souls of the overall event, along with all of the supporting staff from the companies we ventured to and the students who went. This opportunity is going to arise again and I'd strongly recommend everyone to get involved.

LUKE ROBERTS MEETS WITH PNBHS YOUNG FARMERS

PNBHS Old Boy Shares his Story



Recently Old Boy Luke Roberts attended a Young Farmers meeting to share some information about his pathway into a career

in agriculture. Luke obviously loves what he is doing and it was great to hear about his varied experiences.

Please see below for further photographs of PNBHS Young Farmers Club activities in 2017.

FURTHER PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PNBHS YOUNG FARMERS ACTIVITIES TO DATE IN 2017



The PNBHS team that competed in the Wool Fadge Teams Race at the Rural Games.



Land Based Training Shield won by PNBHS for 2017.



Young men who attended the 'Get Ahead' Careers in Agriculture day in term one.



James and Lewis from the Massey University Young Farmers Club came along to support us at our inaugural 2017 meeting.



Club President Ben Wood, ably assisted by Secretary Jack Sturmey, hard at work planning club events.