

Ex students winning International Sports Competitions

Both Matthew and Ian were at Barclay at the same time, they were exceptional school athletes and sportsmen and still continue to compete and succeed at the highest level. Congratulations from the school to both of them.

Matthew Smith (Barclay School 1986 – 1993)

The New Zealand Half Marathon Championship was held in Auckland on Saturday 31st October 2009 - the race quickly centred on the Kiwi Dale Warrender and Matthew, with them running in tandem until Matthew broke away at 17km to win the title in 66mins. It was a warm day and run over a hilly course.

Matthew has had a successful running career since emigrating to New Zealand two years ago. He has previously won the Christchurch and Dunedin Half Marathons, as well as the Auckland Marathon and finishing 5th and 3rd in the last two Gold Coast Marathons, in Brisbane Australia.

Below is a picture of Matthew winning the Auckland Marathon



Ian Poulter (Barclay School 1987 – 1992)

Ian recently won his first European Tour Victory since 2006 by winning the Singapore Golf Open. He is now ranked in the top 15 golfers in the world and is one of Europe's top golfers. Ian previously represented Europe in the Ryder Cup against the USA in 2006 and 2008. In 2008 he was the outstanding player in the competition.

Below is a picture of Ian with his trophy from Singapore.

