



# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

The year is now well underway, and with it the formal recognition of our outstanding academic achievers from last year, whose Gold Badges were awarded on Tuesday. We have inducted our Prefects, with a special Chapel service attended by parents, and had our first evening service on Waitangi Day at which a French horn solo was played by Louis Talbot, barely two weeks into his College career. Athletics and swimming heats, always a huge task, have gone very well with superb organisation and time commitment by the staff and excellent participation from the competitors. The second half of the summer season is in full swing, with our teams competitive on all fronts.

We are now able to monitor the 'hits' on our web pages, and indeed *In Black and White* – at well over 1,000 on its day of issue. I hope all are keeping up with our updates on the website, and are enjoying its much improved format and usability. Our weekly 'assembly notes' are now under 'parent information' and give instant access to what happens on Tuesday mornings, about which you will normally hear nothing, if your son's level of commentary on College life matches that frequently reported to me!

We have had a few enquiries about lap top purchases for boys, and our new entrants may not have had enough guidance

on this. Your son does not need a laptop. We are currently working on a significant campus-wide wireless infrastructure upgrade; this week a coverage survey is underway, and by the end of the year we expect to have reliable high traffic capability wireless everywhere on our two sites.

A group of staff are committed to an iPad trial, and later this year we will be giving detailed information about our strategy from the start of 2012. The technology changes rapidly – we expect families to be able to choose when, and how, they wish to update their own equipment, and we will avoid an expensive 'prescription' of what is required, or obligatory timed 'upgrades'. We want the communications technology environment in school to reflect the increasing deregulation and openness of access outside.

We are not promoting 'lap-top based learning', though the experiences at other schools are positive ones. In our approach, technology is central to some learning situations, significantly enhances learning in other areas, can be a convenient option in yet others, and offers nothing in some. We do not want to superimpose an expectation of technology integration for its own sake. We already have very sophisticated systems in



# SOUTH AFRICA RUGBY TOUR 2011

Fundraising Dinner and Auction  
Guest Speaker: Justin Marshall Guest MC: Alison Mau  
Thursday 24th February 2011  
(eve of the Athletic Sports Day, Upper)  
Christ's College Dining Hall

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place, and our College Intranet is developing rapidly as a focus for teaching and learning. What we are doing is migrating smoothly away from fixed computer suites, to more versatile, transportable, personal devices – and a greater reliance on remote or ‘cloud’ facilities rather than local processing. Very exciting times ahead, and as always College will remain at the cutting edge.

On Thursday of last week, we had our ‘Founders’ Dinner’ for Year 13. Previously held at the end of the year, there was a thought expressed in 2010 that, rather than celebrating a successful year, to hold it earlier in the year would have value in reinforcing for the year group, a sense of ‘ownership’ of the College for their final year. The dinner is provided free, through an endowment trust – in a real sense it is a gift from ‘those who have gone before’. We had a splendid night, introducing the boys to some aspects of formal dining which may have been new to them, as well as allowing them a chance to share a relaxed evening with invited staff as their guests.

This edition will come to you on the day of ‘Swimming Sports’ and ‘Big Tuesday’ – one of the biggest days of the year. Big Tuesday is the preliminary to our Athletics Sports on Friday 25 February. The sun usually shines on what is a wonderful festival day, and I look forward to seeing many parents and friends there at House events, and watching the intense action on Upper.

It is good to see a large number of our new boys cycling to school, joining others for whom this is their usual practice. Please get your sons out of the car, even if you are coming this way yourself to work etc. They should be independent, and taking exercise, whenever possible! As an added incentive, our ‘cycle to school day’ (a part of national bike week) is tomorrow. Free raffle tickets on arrival will enter a draw for cycling related goodies, and any parents who join in are welcome to a restorative cup of tea in the dining hall. Boarders on site take part – with a mass lap of the ‘double park’ before breakfast. If you are a 7.30am jogger in the area, you may wish to take extra care!

Finally, an insight into staff briefings at morning break. The impeccable comic timing of Mr John Thomson, one of our longest serving and highly regarded staff members, provided entertainment when the MiC outdoor education, Martin Hayes, informed the staff that a quantity of climbing equipment (ropes etc) had disappeared from the stores over the Christmas holiday (a significant loss since such equipment has to be meticulously monitored and all use logged.) There was a brief reflective pause after he had finished speaking, before Mr Thomson advised, from the wheelchair to which he is confined, ‘I haven’t got it’. Staff composure was regained some time later!

Simon Leese, Headmaster

## DROP-OFF

Parents are reminded and encouraged to use the P5 drop-off areas outside Somes House in Gloucester Street and Rolleston House in Rolleston Avenue when dropping off and picking up their sons. Please do not drive into the school grounds as, due to the construction work associated with the English and Chapman building, traffic around the campus is busier than usual. Your co-operation is appreciated.

CJ Sweetman, Bursar

## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Week 3

Tu 15 9.30am-1.00pm Swimming Sports, QEII  
2.00-5.30pm Athletic heats, ‘Big Tuesday’, Upper  
6.00-8.00pm Stage Challenge first rehearsal, OB T

Wed 16 College Bike to School Day  
CSS sport begins  
8.00am Year 12 Biology field trip departs for Temple Basin

Th 17 1.00pm Selected athletic heats, Upper

Fr 18 CSS waterpolo begins  
1.15pm Year 13 General Studies, OB T  
3.45pm Year 12 Biology field trip returns

Sa 19 Weekend programme available for all boarders

Su 20 7th Ordinary Sunday,  
9.00am Holy Eucharist

### Week 4

M 21 OBHS summer tournament (away)  
1.20pm Selected athletic finals, Upper

Tu 22 OBHS summer tournament  
1.15pm Selected athletic finals, Upper  
4.15pm Open walk final

W 23 9.30am-2.30pm CSS Rotary Trophy sailing regatta, Mt Pleasant YC  
3.00pm Interhouse senior cricket prelims, CCCG

Th 24 9.30-11.30am St Michael’s School swimming sports, Pool  
2.00pm Athletic Sports, Upper  
7.00pm 1st XV rugby tour fundraiser dinner, Dining Hall

F 25 9.30am Athletic Sports, Upper  
House lunches  
5.30-8.00pm CCOBA Reunions cocktail party, Dining Hall

Sa 26 Weekend programme available for all boarders  
1.00pm CCOBA Reunion lunch, Dining Hall

Su 27 8th Ordinary Sunday  
SISS polo tournament, Sefton  
7.00pm Choral Evensong  
CCOBA Reunion Service  
Preacher: The Headmaster

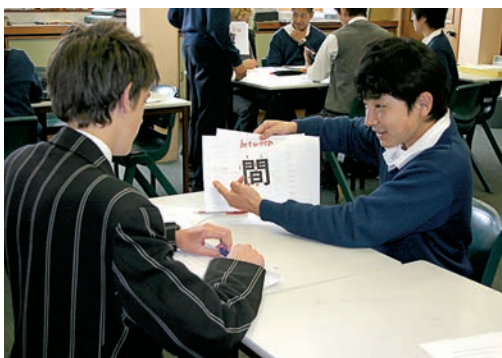
### Week 5

M 28 4.00pm Interhouse junior tennis prelims, Hagley Tennis Club



## 神戸市の甲南学園の修学旅行へようこそ

The Modern Languages Department would like to request assistance from any College family interested in hosting a Japanese student from our exchange school Konan Gakuen, Kobe City, Japan. The group will spend five nights here (Friday March the 25th until the April 1st) including an overnight



excursion to Mount Cook on Tuesday March 29th. The group will spend Monday 28th at the school visiting classes and participating in activities arranged. A Christ's College tour is planned to Konan in Kobe next year so the boys who are enrolled in the courses invited to go should take this opportunity to host now before receiving some much admired Japanese hospitality in Kobe. Please contact me if you wish to request a more detailed itinerary or wish to chat regarding the arrangements for the group.

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Ph: 388 3166 (home) or 0274 210 661

Thank you for your consideration, hospitality and willingness to support the Modern Languages Department.

Steven Everingham, Teacher of Japanese

## YEAR 9 CAMP

In Week 9 of this term (28th March – 1st April) the Year 9 boys will be heading down to the Peel Forest area for their first outdoor education camp at College. The boys experience an overnight tramp, kayaking, rafting, navigation and team building challenges. We also have an exceptional cultural evening when everyone is fed from a traditional Hangi, complete with Waiata.

Following on from our successful trial of having parents help out with the Year 10 camp last term, I would again like to extend the opportunity for a few parents to come and be involved with our boys in the great outdoors. We are looking for a small number of parents who are happy to (a) get stuck into the activities, (b) not to do many activities but help with cooking/supply etc or (c) both!

This is always a fun week, and last year the feedback we were given was that it was the 'best ever!'. That is always going to be a hard act to follow, but with your help we could push the envelope even further!

Expressions of interest, with details of your commitment level (ie what you'd be happy to do) can be e-mailed to me at mhayes@christcollege.com

Many thanks in anticipation.

Martin Hayes,  
MIC Outdoor Education



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

It was wonderful to see so many parents, family members and visitors in our recent Sunday Chapel services. You are always very welcome to these. On Sunday evenings there are a variety of service types. These are more formal, and the choir is present. Sunday morning is always a communion service (Holy Eucharist) with some hymns; and refreshments follow.

I remind you that the Anglican approach is followed - everyone is encouraged to receive communion. If you are baptised (christened) in whatever denomination (Methodist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican, Greek Orthodox, etc) you are welcome to receive communion. If anyone comes forward but is not receiving communion, they receive a blessing.

If a student is not baptised (christened), I encourage you to talk this over with him. A simple baptism service is planned in Term 2 (6:45pm with the choir, Friday 20 May). Again, this does not make one an "Anglican" - baptism is recognised between the mainline denominations in New Zealand.

In Sunday services a collection is taken up. The money collected is given away to a variety of worthy charities. Money is also raised during Lent, and with a variety of fund-raisers. This encourages a growing understanding of sharing with those in need.

Each new student is given a Bible. This is funded from the school's Bible Presentation Fund.

This year is the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, possibly the most significant publication in the English language. During these weeks before Lent begins we are looking at the history behind that book and its impact on our world. The contemporary translation that each student receives, and the translation that we normally read from in Chapel, is grounded in the King James Bible and has been updated to contemporary language and scholarship. In Chapel the students are reading from the earliest translations of the Bible into English. Those students reading are to be commended for how well they have been bringing out the meaning.

If there is anything you wish to talk to the Chaplain about, you are always welcome to do so. And I'll see you after a Chapel service.

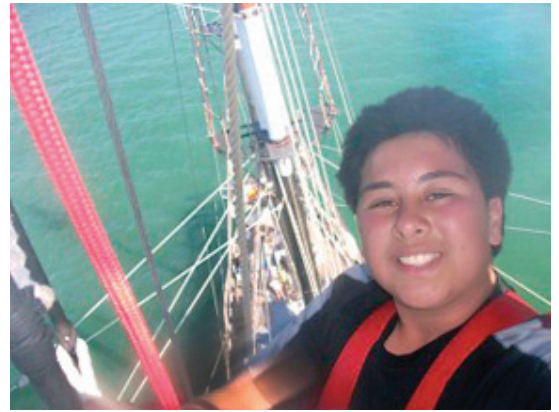
In Christ, Rev. Bosco Peters – Chaplain

# SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

Lucas Perelini, Year 11 Rolleston House, has recently enjoyed a 10-day adventure on board the Spirit of New Zealand. Lucas was the second youngest crew member to sail on Voyage 589 and says that he enjoyed excellent sailing weather and relished the chance to travel to the Bay of Islands, a part of New Zealand where he had not yet visited.

Working amongst a crew of young people from all around New Zealand, Lucas was nominated for the Jewelers Award for outstanding endeavour & personal growth. He was also nominated for the Amokura Award for special service towards the success of the voyage. Despite not being the eventual winner, Lucas is very proud of the nominations.

His voyage sailed from the 7th to the 17th of January, and included walking the Cape Brett Walkway and caving under Poor Knights Island.



*Lucas Perelini*

# PREFECTS' INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 2011 Christ's College Prefects were inducted during a special chapel service on during the first week of term. Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese addressed the group and their parents, along with the full school, about the importance of the prefects' role at Christ's College.

"We are always looking for young men who will take our College forward," he told those present. "We need young men of character among their own age group to lead their peers, not simply to convey the views and requirements of the adult community. We need them to question, to evaluate and to advise us as each new generation of students teaches us ways forward which are appropriate, timely and right. The College looks forward to the support of not only our prefects but also their sound counsel."

Following the address, and a pledge to the College on behalf of the prefects by Head Prefect, Will Utley, the Headmaster presented each boy with a prefect's tie.



*Headmaster, Mr Leese congratulates Hamish Grigg.*

# 2011 FOUNDERS' DINNER

Christ's College Year 13 boys and academic staff attended the Founders' Dinner in the dining hall on Thursday evening. This formal dinner is held annually to celebrate the contribution of those who have attended Christ's College during its long history and in recognition of the Year 13 boys' important final year of secondary schooling.

Guest speaker in 2011 was recent Old Boy, Anton Smith. Anton is now in his third year of law and commerce, transferring to Auckland this year after two years studying at Canterbury. Addressing those present about what he valued and enjoyed during his time at Christ's College, he reminded the boys about the importance of their final year and warned them to not be impatient about moving on to the 'next chapter'. "7th form is so much more than just a year at school. If you let it, it will be one of the best years of your life," he said.

The Year 13 guests also enjoyed a slide show, played between speeches, of individual photos taken of them as Year 9 students.

Organised by Mrs Ginny Patterson, the dinner also included toasts. A Loyal Toast was offered by Jan Dierickx, and a toast to guests by Deputy Head Prefect, Harry Tohill. Head Prefect, Will Utley also addressed guests before offering a toast to those who have gone before. The evening concluded with the Headmaster's toast to Christ's College.



*Anton Smith*





## GOLD BADGES AWARDED

Top academic achievers have been presented with their Gold Badges for 2011. Excellence Endorsements at NCEA require 50 Excellence credits, and were gained by approximately 6% of all candidates nationally who sat Level 1, and 4.5% at Level 2 in the recent examinations. Gold Badge qualifications are significantly higher.

To earn a gold badge at Year 11 a boy must have 90 credits or more at Excellence level in NCEA Level 1. Boys who begin the NCEA assessment through acceleration as junior students are to earn 100 credits or more at Excellence level at NCEA Level 1 or above by the end of Year 11. The following boys have achieved these criteria:

**Matthew Aldridge**

**Samuel Choi**

**David Clay**

**Rufus Manji**

**Alex Newman**

**Austin O'Brien**

**Min Chan Park**

**Richard Park**

**Riaz Howey** (who is absent on exchange for 2011)

At Year 12 a boy must have earned 70 credits or more at Excellence level in NCEA Level 2 or, if sitting Level 2 subjects

earlier than Year 12, 80 credits or more at Excellence Level achieved by the end of Year 12. The following boys have achieved these criteria:

**Jason Berger**

**David Elder**

**Calum Fisher**

**Michael Peebles**

**Justin Standring**

**Michael Strack**

**James Stretton**

**Matthew Trengrove**

**Geoffrey Upton**

**Michael van de Water**

Also meeting the criteria as Year 12 students, and having already been awarded Gold Badges in 2010 so now entitled to also wear gold buttons, are the following students:

**Andrew Carrell**

**Jono Childs**

**Chris Chang**

**Thomas Frost**

**Boyd Siripornpitak**

**Kane Stewart**

**Harry Tothill**

**Will Utley**

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**GARDEN TOUR  
& TASTINGS**

SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

A garden tour with a twist.  
Food, music and art in nine glorious gardens, open from 10.30am until 4.00pm. Tickets available from the Christ's College office, Merivale Village Florist and Ballantynes, or contact Nicki Wood on (03) 3424981 or 027 458 1000 for further information.

# ALISON MAU TO MC RUGBY FUNDRAISER

Ali Mau from TVNZ has been confirmed to MC the upcoming fundraising dinner for the South African Rugby Tour. Justin Marshall, former All Black and Crusader turned SKY TV commentator, will be the guest speaker. [justinmarshall 1](#)

The tour is due to leave for South Africa in early April and is being considered an ideal opportunity for senior players to prepare for The Press Cup season. "It is also a chance for those selected to experience the rugby playing culture of South Africa along with the culture of the country," says assistant coach, Mr Arthur Wood.

As part of the itinerary, the squad will play six matches, including participating in the Kearsney Rugby Festival involving top school sides from around South Africa. They also plan to attend two Super 15 matches, one of which will be the Hurricanes v Sharks in Durban.

Those involved have been fundraising to offset the costs of the tour since last year. There are some seats for the dinner still available, with the chosen date of the eve of the College Sports Day proving popular. Contact Donna Procter Ph 337 6046 or [donna.procter\(at\)xtra.co.nz](mailto:donna.procter@xtra.co.nz) for tickets. \$130 each or \$1560 for a table of 12.



Former All Black, Justin Marshall

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Christ's College Parents' Association met in late January to begin to plan for the term ahead. President Mrs Nicci Wyllie welcomed everyone and commented at how pleasing it was to see some new faces, as well as the familiar ones, for 2011. The meeting was also an opportunity to welcome Mrs Jo Mulligan, the new Director of Development at Christ's College.

Dates were confirmed for the following events to be hosted by the Parents' Association;

### Friday 25 February: Athletic Sports Day

The Parents' Association invite you to join them for light refreshment in their tent alongside the athletics events taking place on Upper.

### Friday 8 July: Mid Winter Drinks

On the last Friday of Term 2 the Parents' Association host mid-winter drinks, complete with a Christmas theme, in the Dining Hall. This event follows on from the parent-teacher interviews which run that afternoon - all welcome.

### Friday 28 October: Pink Lunch

For the mothers of College boys, a Pink Lunch in the Christ's College Dining Hall. This annual event is very popular and a lovely way to spend an October afternoon. Please note the later date for the lunch this year due to the altered school terms.

The Parents' Association hope to see many of you at these events. In between times, representatives from the association will be helping to meet and greet prospective parents at the Christ's College Information Evenings held during March.

Please contact the Parent Association President, Mrs Nicci Wyllie at [anwyllie\(at\)scorch.co.nz](mailto:anwyllie@scorch.co.nz) or phone (03) 312 6878 if you would like to know more about the association.



Pink Lunch 2010



# LOOK FAMILIAR?



*Building the Labs and Classrooms 1920-21 (from Spencer Bower Album)*

*Current refurbishment of English and Chapman Blocks.*

# ASSEMBLY NOTES

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Tuesday 15 February 2011

**MUSIC:** **Nick Dow** playing one of his own compositions (an improvisation) on the piano

**PRAYER:** Chaplain

## NOTICES

We have been advised of a berth available on two voyages of the Spirit of Adventure in March. If you are interested please see Mrs Lindsay in the Headmaster's office.

### From Mr Stevenson

There will be a meeting for all eligible players who are interested in trying out for the U17 Basketball team in OA6 at 3.45pm this Friday.

### From Mr Clarke

Any boys interested in completing a Red Cross First Aid course in order to complete their service component for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, please email Mr Clarke by end of the week.

Any boys wanting to complete their adventurous journey training for the Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh, should check the notices on the student email.

### From Mr Moore

Because of the athletics today there will be no tennis practice or coaching after school. All tennis players are reminded that they must be at their meeting at break time tomorrow. For year 9 tennis players, this meeting will be in OA3 at the start of morning break on Wednesday.

### From Mr Chambers

The final Stage Challenge Audition is being held tonight at 6pm in the Old Boys' Theatre. This is the catchup audition for boys who were not able to come along to Rangī last week because of sports trials. The Stage Challenge team is looking for 10 more juniors and 10 more seniors. Rehearsal commitment is every Tuesday this term from 6.45pm to 8.45pm at Rangī.

### From Mr Sellars

General Studies is for year 13 this week, to be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm for a presentation by a guest speaker.

### From Mr Cortesi

Bike To School Day is tomorrow. Bike to school and do something good for your health, good for the environment and something fun. Any student who completes the bike to school activities gets a ticket in the prize draw held after boarders' lunch tomorrow. Check your House noticeboards for details.

## ACTIVITY REPORT: Hamish Grigg, Prefect School House Cricket

The first XI lost to CBHS 1st XI by 122 runs.

The 2nd XI Black team had a thrilling win over St Andrew's.

Batting first CC made 208/6 with **Rony Rai** making 65. In reply, STAC were all out for 206 off the last ball of the innings.

The 2nd XI Whites won a low scoring affair against Shirley BHS. Shirley were all out for 59 batting first and College made the total five wickets down to secure a five wicket win.

The Youth Open A's beat CBHS by 18 runs. **Ben Gunn** bowled well picking up 5 for 14.

The year 10 2's beat St Thomas' by 41 runs with **James Clarke** claiming 5 for 33.

The Year 9 A's beat South West CC by 6 wickets thanks to an impressive 110 run unbeaten 5th wicket partnership by **Rory Williamson** (65 not out) and **Benji Cornish** (50 not out). **Lochie McKellar** was the pick of the College bowlers picking up 3 for 6 off 9 overs.

## Athletics

51 boys attended QE2 on Saturday. Many boys recorded Personal best efforts.

Highlights from the day include:

**Timothy Smith** winning the M19 shotput.

**Geoffrey Upton** won the M19 High Jump.

**Campbell Denham** won the M19 Long Jump.

**John Gordon** won the M19 Javelin.

and **Humphrey Lawrence** won the M16 Hammer.

## PRESENTATIONS TO:

### Cricket bats:

**Jamie Clarke** 5 for 33 for the Year 10s against St Thomas'

**Ben Gunn** 5 for 14 for the Youth A against CBHS

### Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Awards:

**Jake Campbell, Joe Earl, Jonathan Fowler, Julius Herzhoff** and **James Sandston**.

# FEEDBACK

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For feedback or contributions to this newsletter, or other Christ's College publications, please contact Jacq Gilbert, Ph 03 364 6803 or email [inblackandwhite@christcollege.com](mailto:inblackandwhite@christcollege.com)

Our website [www.christscollege.com](http://www.christscollege.com) is regularly updated with news and images of events happening around College. We also post the notes from our weekly assembly and, of course, this e-newsletter (under Information: In Black & White).



# BOARDING PROGRAMME UNDERWAY FOR 2011

The first two weekends of 2011 have been action-packed for Christ's College boarders.

The Boarding Programme was launched with the Year 9 Ultimate Race around the city on Saturday February 5th. This race involved a series of challenges to be completed around the city, including having a picture taken with a police officer, discovering the Headmaster or Deputy Headmaster's place of birth and standing alongside a blonde tourist for a snapshot. Boys also needed to answer questions about local history and collect items in a scavenger hunt. In a tightly fought contest, only three points separated the four houses; Richards 1st, Flowers 2nd, Jacobs 3rd and School House 4th.

Meanwhile on the same evening, the Year 10 boarders competed on two activities, The Gladiator and Adrenalin Rush. Richards House made it a double for the night by winning the Year 10 competition with Flower's 2nd, School 3rd and Jacobs 4th.

On Waitangi Day the Year 10 group travelled to the Burnham Military Camp to complete the High Ropes Course while the Year 9 group travelled to Hamner for an active day that included jetboating, paintball and a visit to the Hamner pools and hydroslide.

Plenty was also on offer the following weekend for boys of all ages. On Saturday February 12 a group of sixty boys tested their indoor bowling skills at Garden City Bowl. The next day Year 9 boys from all four boarding Houses went to Diamond Harbour to complete a Coasteering trip. Kitted out with helmets, wetsuits and life-jackets, boys enjoyed the combination of rock scrambling, rock jumping and ocean swimming as they made their way around the coastline. Twenty-five Year 10 boys also enjoyed a morning of surfing at Taylor's Mistake.

The programme, which runs throughout the year, involves a range of activities and opportunities for boarders that might not otherwise be available. Designed to keep boarders busy at the weekends with quality (and often adventure-based) activities, the programme also includes an educational element with the chance to work towards a Diploma in Agriculture, Defensive Driving Certificates and Dayskipper Coastguard courses out of class time.

Darrell Thatcher, Coordinator - Boarding Programme



*Team Flower's*



*Richards v School*



*Team Flower's, with their matron, Mrs Adams (left)*



*Hamner Pools*



*Ultimate Race 'Pyramid' task*



*Paintball*





Boarding House Matrons joined the Year 9s in Hanmer.



Paintball



Adrenalin Rush



Rock Jumping



Team School



Nick Gemmell School House wins the School House Heat