



# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am sure the community has read quite enough from me in the last few weeks, and 'EQC' (Earthquake Commentary) fatigue will be setting in. Sufficient to say we had a fine first week; there is no substitute for time passing to allay understandable concerns about starting back at school, as we are becoming used to demonstrating. We have all but forgotten the September event, when the return to school also caused some trepidation all round – we are getting quite good at this earthquake stuff. Complacency is the hidden danger of success, when progress can become comfortable and predictable. The red line on our 'healthy unpredictability' meter has been well and truly exceeded in recent weeks, and the institutional R.P.M. is rapidly returning to more manageable levels.

The boys were their usual upbeat selves; staff have commented on how positive the return has been, and I had a brief opportunity to congratulate the school after our Chapel services on Friday. Building work has been much less obvious – I was keen the place should feel like a school, rather than a series of unfinished repair projects. However, inside buildings there has been plenty going on, and our temporary buildings continue to appear on schedule; I am pleased my river analogy to the school reopening was apparently enjoyed, particularly because each day things do get easier as fully expected and described.

And then there are the bikes. Everywhere. How good to see so many avoiding the traffic so easily, and getting fitter at the same time. We did have one collision in the park, thankfully without serious damage, but the boys do need to be careful. Also, one unexpected consequence of the many traffic irregularities set up in the city is that some motorists appear to assume all traffic instructions don't apply and either ignore, or are too distracted to see, traffic lights and crossings. Extra care has been needed around the College area. With daylight saving ending this week, of course lights and if possible high visibility clothing are required. Also, when Park Terrace reopens (due to be the 16th April) I expect it will become an extension of traffic congestion everywhere else as circulation around the city remains inhibited. We are likely to have more general traffic coming that way. A bike, or a short walk, will continue to be the intelligent choices.

A meeting was held yesterday to review the schedule of the remaining repairs needed in College, and we all eagerly await some indication of how long the major projects will take. Some insights will swiftly follow the engineers' completed specifications, and will be shared with you as soon as possible.



### What are the positives in all this?

Perhaps we start with 'focus'. When asked to explain how one subject's schedule would be recovered, an HOD remarked that some of his year 13s 'typically spent a month off task anyway over a year, and only really got going when deadlines were looming.' This is hardly admirable, of course, but there will be some parents who will have recognised that reality. The HOD went on to say that they now know they have no spare time, and their work will be the better for it. Then there is 'time' – there used to be some time spent walking to Cranmer classrooms, not now – more productive classroom activity. Also, scrutiny of out of class time. We have always been able to accommodate inevitable disruptions, but now each is being carefully modified to restrict intrusion. Students who are not up-to-date with their work risk being left out of tournaments and excursions. Our involvement in the World Cup hosting has been cancelled, freeing up facilities and time which would have been taken up by the Argentina team.

Finally of course, buildings – the Cranmer Centre will, in all likelihood, be demolished, a sad loss of an attractive period building, but a loss which adds enormously to the redevelopment potential of the site in the future. On the main campus – the prospect of a brand new glittering building replacing English – again a period piece, but one which had had numerous reincarnations during its life at College. Through them all on the river side it had no aesthetic merit, and on the 'school' side was always architecturally bullied by its brutalist neighbour. There were many expressions of regret that the Chapman Block showed such resilience, but a thorough updating and renovation may even win it (a few) friends.

But perhaps the biggest pluses are yet to be realised. Adversity can bring out the worst and the best in people; when it brings

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out the worst, that is valuable education for others in accommodating it. When it brings out the best, that too is valuable for others in responding, and reflecting it. Either way, we all have a lot to learn from each other, and about ourselves.

Amongst the many communications received in the last few weeks from those connected to the College, a poem from Dr Ted Pryor, whose two sons Duncan (9750) and Nigel (10619) attended College in the 1980s.

### THE RAGE OF A HIDDEN DRAGON

By E.G. (Ted) Pryor

*Deep, deep down beneath the crust of the Earth  
Molten magma boiled with fearsome malice  
And with venomous rage turned a peaceful city  
Into a place of bitter confusion and woe.*

*Spear-headed earthquakes with no regard for life,  
Shook houses apart with fearsome contempt and  
Spread shattered windows on whoever passed by  
Along streets that once were delightful scenes.*

*Who or what then was the evil force that blemished  
A land of green and peaceful renown?  
Thence to mark the face of God's earth  
With clear signs of sorrow, confusion and fear.*

*And, yet, there shall remain in minds and hearts  
A determination to ride over the waves of fear  
With the firm objective to rebuild and treasure  
A new-born city of hope, resilience and love.*

Our first week finished with the tug of war – in perfect weather, a fine way to get the energy levels up and have some fun at the same time. Our rowers touched base briefly before heading for the National Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro. Rowing has been the most affected sport at College bearing the brunt of the September consequences, and of course the recent event. That they remain so competitive is truly remarkable, and medals at the Nationals would never have been more deserved. We wish them luck.

This paper from the Royal Society summarises academic perspectives on the earthquake of September, and its aftershocks including the February 22 event. I recommend it to you for a simple and thorough review.

<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/2011/03/16/earthquake-information-paper/>

Simon Leese, Headmaster



Setting off for afternoon lessons

## RE-OPENING DAY



Mr Leese and Rev. Peters welcome the boys at an assembly.



The Headmaster's long held wish for more cycling by boys begins to eventuate.



The boardroom, New Zealand's plushiest classroom?



Lunch in the temporary dining hall.



# ROUTINE FOR WEEK 9 & 10

## Chapel Services

Chapel service will be held on Mondays and Fridays in the gymnasium at the following times:

12.55-1.20 Condells, Corfe, Flower's, Harper and Jacobs.

1.25-1.50 Julius, Richards, Rolleston, School, Some

## School Assembly

School Assembly will be held on Wednesdays in the gymnasium at the following times:

12.55-1.20 Condell's, Corfe, Flower's, Harper and Jacobs

1.25-1.50 Julius, Richards, Rolleston, School, Some

## Saturday Activities

There will be no Saturday activities for the remainder of Term 1

## Sport

There will be no further summer sport or interhouse sport competitions for the remainder of term 1. Rowing crews will attend Maadi Cup in week 9.

Football staff will be running a 5-aside football festival for all year 9 & 10 boys on Upper on four sport afternoons - Monday 21 March, Wednesday 23 March, Monday 28 March and Wednesday 30 March.

Senior boys will have the opportunity to participate in block winter code trainings on the four afternoons above as follows;

Senior rugby players - with Mr Wood and selected rugby staff on CC grounds  
Senior hockey players - with Mr Thatcher & Mr Worner (venue to be published)

Senior football players - with Mr Cortesi & Mr Stewart on CC grounds  
Senior basketball players - with Mr Duggan in the gym

## Some key dates for the remainder of Term 1

Week 9

Saturday 2 April

Whole School Touch Rugby Tournament, CC Grounds, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Week 10

Monday 4 April

Winter Sport meetings and trials

Wednesday 6 April

Winter sport practices and trials

## Music

Chapel Choir, Orchestra & Schola Cantorum

Schola rehearse on Tuesdays from 4.00 - 5.30pm - Music School

Chapel Choir rehearse on Wednesdays from 5.15 - 6.15pm and Thursdays from 4.00 - 5.00pm - Music School

Orchestra rehearse Fridays 4.00 - 5.00pm - Music School

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In Monday's chapel I announced the intention to have a baptism service in the Chapel on Friday May 20 at 6.45pm. This will be week 3 of Term 2.

Baptism and christening are two words for the same sacrament. The one baptism is recognised across the mainline denominations: Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Eastern Orthodox,... If your son is not baptised (christened) this is an invitation to discuss with him whether he would like to be or not. The service is relatively short, in the presence of the choir, and always very significant. The one being baptised is presented by a "sponsor" (similar to a godparent). Also, if there is discussion about being confirmed in the future, please remember that one needs to be baptised in order to do this.

I am always happy to discuss and clarify anything. Baptism, its meaning and significance, is part of what is learnt about in Religious Education classes.

In Christ,  
Bosco Peters, Chaplain



*The baptism service in 2010*

## NEW DAILY ROUTINE

House Time:	8.40 - 8.55am
Period 1:	9.55 - 9.50am
Period 2:	9.55 - 10.45am
Break:	10.45 - 11.05am
Period 3:	11.05 - 11.55am
Period 4:	12.00 - 12.50pm
Lunch:	12.50 - 1.55pm
Period 5:	1.55 - 2.45pm
Period 6:	2.50 - 3.40pm

# 61 SCHOLARSHIPS, 11 OUTSTANDING

A Premier Scholarship Award, and the honour of the national Top Scholar in Chemistry, have been won by Christ's College's **David Bellamy**. He has been awarded an extraordinary six Outstanding Scholarships; these were in English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics and Modelling and Mathematics with Calculus. Senior Master, Curriculum, at Christ's College, Mr Robin Sutton, says "The breadth of David's achievement is astonishing. He is an exceptionally talented student who has excelled across a range of subjects and pursuits." David was one of only nine Premier Award winners nationally. These astounding individual results round off a stellar Christ's College career which culminated in David being named the Christ's College joint Academic Head of School for 2010.

The youngest boy in his academic year group, he was awarded scholarships in Statistics and Modelling in 2008 and scholarships in Statistics and Modelling and Mathematics with Calculus in 2009.

Capable in a wide range of activities, David was a member of the Scholars' group and an academic Gold Badge winner. His talent for performance saw him earn lead roles in College productions and House play festivals and compete for the College in Theatresports and as a debater. A Christ's College choir member and Sones Music scholar, he also was an exceptionally good brass player within the successful Christ's College Big Band.

In 2010 David represented New Zealand in the Chemistry Olympiad in Japan, earning a bronze medal and was a member of the NZ Youth Jazz Orchestra in 2009. He will be studying Health Science at the University of Otago in 2011.

David Bellamy has also been awarded a New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust scholarship. He is one of eight students in 2010, following nominations by 83 schools of 124 students, to win a scholarship of \$4000.

Sarah Taylor, Director of the New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust included in her letter notifying the school of David's success that 'he performed very well in the pressure of the interview situation.'

Several other Christ's College boys also earned impressive individual results;

**Outstanding Scholarships:** **Andrew Carrell**, Statistics and Modelling; **Sam Hider**, History; **Jonathan Peters**, English; **Campbell Taylor**, Sculpture; **Geoffrey Upton** (Year 12), French.

## Two or more scholarships:

**Alex Kendall:** Chemistry, Physics, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus, History, Graphics

**James Ban:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics & Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus

**Alex Donaldson:** Chemistry, Physics, Statistics & Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus

**Thomas Frost:** English, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus (see Year 12)

**Sam Hider:** History (Outstanding) and English

**Jun Hee Lee:** Biology, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus

**Boyd Siripornpitak:** Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus (see Year 12)

**Campbell Taylor:** Sculpture (Outstanding), Painting, Photography

**Uddaka Wijesinghe:** English, Biology

**Robin Yang:** English, Biology, Chemistry

## Earning Scholarships as Year 12 students:

**Oliver Dunn:** Statistics and Modelling

**Thomas Frost:** English, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus

**Michael Peebles:** Statistics and Modelling

**Boyd Siripornpitak:** Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus

## Earning Scholarships as Year 11 students:

**Tony Kim:** Statistics and Modelling

**John Kwak:** Mathematics with Calculus

A total of 61 scholarships were awarded to Christ's College boys, 11 of which were Outstanding.

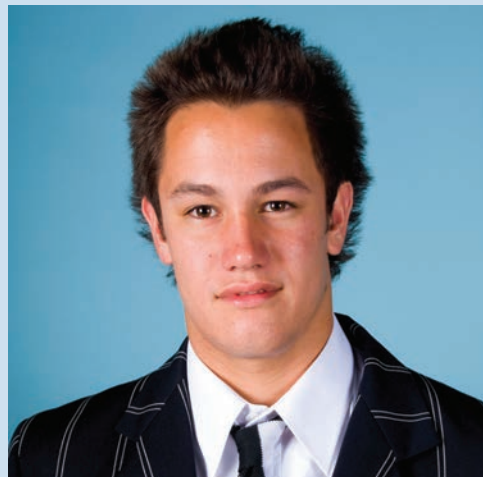


*David Bellamy, Premier Award Winner and national Top Chemistry Scholar for 2010*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Max Korako has earned a scholarship at Massey University where he will be studying the Bachelor of Maori Visual Arts, encompassing contemporary Maori art, Maori language, Maori culture and tikanga, in 2011.

This degree programme is unique to Massey University and combines both theoretical and practical components in two and three-dimensional art theory and practice.



# SWIMMING SPORTS

## Ten New Records

After two weeks of swimming heats, beginning as early as the first day of term, all final races were completed at QEII on Tuesday 15 February. A total of ten new records were set as follows:

U14 50m Freestyle JB Smith Julius 28.2 sec  
 U14 50m Backstroke JB Smith Julius 32.6 sec  
 U14 100m Freestyle JB Smith Julius 1 min 2.6 sec

Int 50m Butterfly WJ Hurst Jacobs 27.7 sec

Snr 200m Individual Medley CM Porter Somes 2 min 17.3 sec  
 Snr 100m Breaststroke CM Porter Somes 1 min 17.9 sec  
 Snr 100m Backstroke CM Porter Somes 1 min 02.7 sec  
 Snr 100m Freestyle CM Porter Somes 53.4 sec  
 Snr 200m Freestyle CM Porter Somes 2 min 03.3 sec

Open 100m Butterfly CM Porter Somes 58.6 sec

Overall results were as follows:

Under 14 Championship: JB Smith Julius  
 Junior Championship: BQ Chin Condell's  
 Intermediate Championship: WJ Hurst Jacobs  
 Senior Championship: CM Porter Somes  
 Sprint Relay Cup: Julius House  
 Medley Relay Cup: Harper House  
 House 10 Relay Cup: Rolleston House  
 Overall House Championship: Julius House



*William Hurst, breaking the 50m butterfly record*



*Mr Matt Cortesi judges the House relay*

## Swimming Results 2011

Grade	Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time
U14	200m Individual Medley	JB Smith (J)	MBC Newton (H)	BWT Chen (Ro)	2 min 40.1 sec
U14	50m Breaststroke	JB Smith (J)	BWT Chen (Ro)	MBC Newton (H)	38.6 sec
U14	50m Freestyle	JB Smith (J)	BWT Chen (Ro)	MBC Newton (H)	28.2 sec new record
U14	50m Butterfly	JB Smith (J)	MBC Newton (H)	LA Stark (So)	33.0 sec
U14	50m Backstroke	JB Smith (J)	WJP Doak (So)	MBC Newton (H)	32.6 sec new record
U14	100m Freestyle	JB Smith (J)	BWT Chen (Ro)	MBC Newton (H)	1 min 2.6 sec new record
U14	200m Freestyle	JB Smith (J)	LA Stark (So)	R Swanson (So)	2 min 31.1 sec
Jnr	200m Individual Medley	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	GSP Perkins (H)	2 min 41.1 sec
Jnr	50m Breaststroke	V Curd (J)	JM Kean (So)	TW Raymond (H)	40.0 sec
Jnr	50m Freestyle	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	MT Visser (So)	28.4 sec
Jnr	50m Butterfly	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	GG Win (C)	31.7 sec
Jnr	50m Backstroke	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	GSP Perkins (H)	34.3 sec
Jnr	100m Freestyle	V Curd (J)	GSP Perkins (H)	JI Russell (Ja)	1 min 08.8 sec
Jnr	200m Freestyle	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	JI Russell (Ja)	2 min 25. 6 sec
Int	200m Individual Medley	WJ Hurst (Ja)	RS Hunt (Ro)	AM Gregory (J)	2 min 36.5 sec
Int	100m Breaststroke	WJ Hurst (Ja)	AM Gregory (J)	BR Berquist (S)	1 min 21.2 sec
Int	50m Butterfly	WJ Hurst (Ja)	MDT Jones (Ja)	AM Gregory (J)	27.7 sec new record
Int	100m Backstroke	WJ Hurst (Ja)	GJD Mander (C)	AF O'Brien (J)	1 min18.3 sec
Int	100m Freestyle	WJ Hurst (Ja)	AM Gregory (J)	AF O'Brien (J)	59.0 sec
Int	200m Freestyle	WJ Hurst (Ja)	AM Gregory (J)	GJD Mander (C)	2 min 16.7 sec
Snr	200m Individual Medley	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	JAJ Russell (J)	2 min 17.3 sec new record
Snr	100m Breaststroke	CM Porter (So)	JAJ Russell (J)	PJ Wynne (H)	1 min 17.9 sec new record
Snr	50m Butterfly	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	CM Isaacs (J)	26.8 sec
Snr	100m Backstroke	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	JAJ Russell (J)	1 min 02.7 sec new record

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Snr	100m Freestyle	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	JAJ Russell (J)	53.4 sec new record
Snr	200m Freestyle	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	JAJ Russell (J)	2 min 03.3 sec new record
Open	100m Butterfly	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	BQ Chin (C)	58.6 sec new record
Open	400m Freestyle	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	BQ Chin (C)	4 min 27.0 sec
U14	Inter-House Sprint Relay	Julius	Somes	Harper	2 min 34.0 sec
U14	Inter-House Medley Relay	Rolleston	Somes	Harper	2 min 49.7 sec
Jnr	Inter-House Sprint Relay	School	Richards	Flower's	2 min 18.7 sec
Jnr	Inter-House Medley Relay	Harper	Richards	School	2 min 42.3 sec
Jnr	Inter-House 10 Relay	Rolleston	Condell's	Harper	6 min 17.2 sec
Int	Inter-House Sprint Relay	Julius	School	Richards	2 min 13.3 sec
Int	Inter-House Medley Relay	Rolleston	Julius	Richards	2 min 33.6 sec
Snr	Inter-House Sprint Relay	Julius	Jacobs	Flower's	2 min 01.4 sec
Snr	Inter-House Medley Relay	Harper	Jacobs	Julius	2 min 17.3 sec
Snr	Inter-House 10 Relay	Harper	Rolleston	Jacobs	5 min 32.9 sec
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Jnr	Junior Championship	BQ Chin (C)	V Curd (J)	GSP Perkins (H)	
Int	Intermediate Championship	WJ Hurst (Ja)	AM Gregory (J)	RS Hunt (Ro)	
Snr	Senior Championship	CM Porter (So)	PJ Wynne (H)	JAJ Russell (J)	
	Sprint Relay Cup	Julius	Somes	School and Flower's	
	Medley Relay Cup	Harper	Rolleston	Julius and Somes	
	House 10 Relay Cup	Rolleston	Harper	Condell's	
	Overall House Championship	Julius	Somes	Harper	

## BIKE WISE DAY

Boys from all four boarding houses participated in the Go By Bike Day on Wednesday 16 February by starting their day with a ride around Hagley Park. Go By Bike Day is an annual national promotion to encourage more New Zealanders to leave their cars, trains and buses and travel to work or school by cycle. School House won the prize for the most boarders participating.

Head of Physical Education, Mr Matt Cortesi, met the boys at the gate on their return, along with the many dayboys who had chosen to participate, to hand out raffle tickets. A draw held at lunchtime distributed the prizes of cycle safety accessories and Bike Wise items supplied to reward participants



## BIG BAND FOR 2011 NAMED

The 2011 Christ's College Big Band has been selected. Boys auditioned during the second week of this term and, following on from the success of last year's band, numbers at auditions were strong. The line-up is as follows;

Thomas Frost (Head of Big Band 2011 Alto 1), Sirac Adams (Alto 2), Nic Ganly (Alto 2), Thomas Stevenson (Tenor Saxophone), Michael Donaldson, (Tenor 1), Hamish Wallace (Tenor 2), Max McGillivray (Baritone), Quinn Angus (Trumpet 1), Ramses Hunt (Trumpet 2), Felix Ellerm-Norton (Trumpet 2), Oliver Robertson (Trumpet 3), Nick Edmundson (Trumpet 4), Brian Lee (Trombone), Richard Park (Guitar), Nick Dow (Piano), Ben Fulton (Piano), Matt Harris (Bass), and Ross Shillito (Drums).



*Ramses Hunt and Oliver Robertson perform with the Big Band at the 2010 Leavers' luncheon.*

Director, Claire Oliver will again be working with this group who played their first gig at the Chapel Choir's Garden Tour and Tastings fundraiser on Sunday 20 February. The band played at the Stevenson's garden, home of tenor saxophone player, Thomas Stevenson, from 2pm until 3pm. "Claire has been exceptionally busy sorting out new music and new and revived instruments," says Mr Coxon, "and we have some interesting gigs coming up, including the Friday Concert series at the Christchurch School of Music."

# SISS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Christ's College Rowing Club has enjoyed success at the South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships. The club has been encamped at Twizel since the Earthquake.

Saturday saw the boys produce a great day's rowing. The U16 8s took Gold and Silver in the age group event, and Bronze in the U17. The U16 4s also took Gold and Silver. The U17 8 won Silver, and the U18 light-weight 4 won Gold, with the U18 coxed 4 collecting Bronze. In the precursor event to the final the U18 8s placed first and third. In a fine demonstration, the first Eight powered back from half a length down in the final 500 metres take the win in a measured and convincing fashion.

The following day our Under 18 rowers completed this regatta with outstanding Gold and Silver in U18 Eights. The U18 light-weight double also won bronze. After the many setbacks faced by the club this year, these were deserved results for their tenacity and hard work.

The achievement of the staff and parent supporters in setting up and running this camp, which has included a programme for academic classes staffed by College teachers has been remarkable. The Headmaster spoke at the parents' dinner on the Saturday evening, recording his appreciation for such extraordinary initiative shown by so many. He also acknowledged the contribution made by College staff, who have travelled to Twizel to assist with the learning programme.

The Club now looks forward to the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships at Lake Karapiro which include the Maadi Cup challenge, after the briefest respite back in Christchurch.



*A successful regatta for the U16 Squad*

## TRIATHALON RESULTS

The 2011 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon were held at Corsair Bay Tuesday 15 February. The results from the Christ's College boys who participated are as follows;

Rory Swanson finished fourth in the Junior Boys Competition with a time of 46 mins and 11 secs. Our Intermediate Boys' team of Brendan Chin, Nic Ganly and Andy Yeomans finished in fifth place with a time of 44 mins and 21 secs. The senior boys came in as the eighth placed team with a time of 48 mins and 24 secs. The senior team members were Peter Burridge, George Tutton and Henry Smit.



*Rory Swanson*

## CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR YOUNG CHEMISTS

Thomas Fellowes (Harper House) and Thomas Frost (Flower's) have been invited to join the training squad for the 2011 New Zealand Chemistry Olympiad team. This takes the boys a step closer in their bid for selection to the team of four who will travel to Ankara, Turkey in July for the 42nd Chemistry Olympiad.

The boys sat an initial test last year to start them on the selection process. From this test they were invited to work independently through a series of assignments over the summer break. "Most schools tend to put forward their best candidates for the test," explains Head of Chemistry, Mr Charles List, "and from there a group, which varies in

size each year depending on the calibre of the applicants, are chosen to work on assignment material. After this a group of about twenty are invited to join the training squad. They have done exceptionally well to reach this point."

The training squad will convene in Auckland at Easter. Frost and Fellowes will be sent further material to study in preparation for the training camp. In 2010 Christ's College boy, David Bellamy, was successful in his bid to make the team. He attended the Chemistry Olympiad in Tokyo where he won a bronze medal.



# MEDALS FOR HURST AND PORTER

Will Hurst and Charles Porter have won medals at the 2011 Mayfair Pools New Zealand Age Group Championships.

Held in Wellington from the 1st - 5th of March, Will Hurst, Christ's College's 2010 Junior Sportsman of the Year, won medals in three different relay events including a gold. Swimming for Canterbury, he won Gold in the 15 and Under Regional Medley relay and Bronze in the 15 and Under Regional Freestyle relay. He also earned a Bronze medal representing the Wharenui club in the 15 and Under Club freestyle relay. As an individual competitor, Will made three finals with best result of 5th in the 15 years 50 Backstroke.

Charles Porter's three Bronze medals were in the 100m Freestyle event and the 16-18 years 4x50m Club Medley and the Club Freestyle relays. He also swam another seven individual finals including 6th in the 17-18 year old 50m freestyle. Charles has only recently turned seventeen, making these particularly strong results. He swam a personal best time in the 100m Freestyle heat, and then improved that time again in the final to win the bronze medal. "He also swam some amazing relay legs," explains his father, Neil Porter, "diving in 6th and finishing bronze."

Charles Porter is now training out at Rangiora in preparation for the early April NZ Open Championships in Auckland. Following that event he will travel to Australia for the Australian Age Group Championships in Adelaide.

Two other College boys competed at the event. Jed Smith (Julius) earned places in four finals with a best result of 6th in the 13 yrs 50m backstroke. Patrick Wynne (Harper) finished 4th in the 16yrs 100m butterfly after earning places in four finals.



*Charles Porter*

## JULIUS OLD BOY TO READ AT OXFORD

Ryan Loeffen-Gallagher has been accepted into Jesus College, Oxford to read Philosophy, Politics & Economics. Entry to this course is highly competitive and attracts top students from all over the world, as well as the United Kingdom.

In writing to the Headmaster of Christ's College to confirm Ryan's place, the Admissions Officer, Dr Krister Bykvist said "Ryan was assessed on the basis of several factors, including the UCAS form, Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) test result, and performance at interview. We were looking for evidence of any ability to listen effectively by absorbing facts and ideas and assessing their relevance, a readiness to respond to problems and criticisms, and an ability to present arguments and reasoning in a clear and carefully articulated manner. Ryan's overall performance, taking all these factors into consideration, meant that he was amongst our strongest candidates, to whom we were able to offer places."



*Headmaster, Mr Leese is delighted to read a letter confirming Ryan's place at Jesus College, Oxford.*

Ryan needed to complete their own admissions tests as well as gaining outstanding results at NCEA. He attended an interview at Oxford before Christmas. Currently Ryan has an internship at Jade Software in Christchurch and will be leaving for Oxford in October.

Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese and the academic staff at Christ's College are delighted with Ryan's news. "This is a superb achievement for Ryan and reflects his hard work and determination. It also is further evidence of the welcome awaiting high calibre students offering NCEA results in the top universities of the world," said Mr Leese.



# CAREERS

The following dates are a guide to the Tertiary providers visits to College next term. Due to the earthquake the Coca Cola Careers Expo will not be taking place this year.

TERM 2	Important Dates:
	4 May: Year 13, Dunedin Tertiary Information Day, Dunedin
	6 May: Year 13, Victoria and Massey Universities
	11 May: University of Auckland presentation - Chateau on the Park, 7.30 – 9.00pm
	12 May: Year 13, University of Auckland
	13 May: Year 12/13, Lincoln University
	20 May: Year 12, Leadership Mr Donaldson
	27 May: Year 13, University of Otago
	3 June: Year 12/13, Navy
	13 June: Year 13, University of Melbourne visit
	14 June: University of Melbourne evening presentation, venue to be advised
	17 June: Year 13, University of Canterbury

## Dunedin Information Tertiary Day 2011

I am organising a bus to Dunedin on Tuesday 3 May after school for boys interested in attending the Information Day. I will be accompanying the boys on this visit. The boys will stay in backpacker accommodation that evening and return to Christchurch on Wednesday. We do not allow the boys to drive their own vehicles to Dunedin for this visit. However, some parents may wish to travel to Dunedin independently with their sons and be part of the information day.

Please discuss this with your son and let me know if you would like him to be part of the organised visit. I do have a list of boys who have showed an interest and have booked accommodation for 24. There will be more information to follow with accommodation details and costs when I have some idea of numbers. Please email me at [csellars@christcollege.com](mailto:csellars@christcollege.com)

## Air Force Challenge, 25 July - 29 July

The Royal New Zealand Air Force is selecting students to spend 5 days at RNZAF Base Ohakea (Palmerston North) in this year's Air Force Challenge. The Challenge will allow students to see the Air Force at work and play and what they really get up to everyday. They will be involved in practical activities and may get a flight in a RNZAF aircraft. Applications need to be in by 15 April.

Criteria:

- Year 12 or 13 only
- Parental consent to attend and fly
- The cost of transport and meals will be covered by the RNZAF
- They ask that you only apply if you are genuinely interested or curious in the RNZAF as a career possibility

If any boys are interested please could they email me as soon as possible. I will be away from College till April 4th when they can collect an application form from me.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser



## SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

Announcements were due prior to February 22nd of senior scholarships awarded to our outstanding students in year 11 and 12. The Headmaster had much pleasure in announcing the recipients this week.

### TR MOORE SCHOLARSHIP (Year 13)

APK Carrell	JDL Childs
TDG Frost	MB Peebles
JA Standing	KH Stewart
JA Stretton	MJ van de Water

### SENIOR SOMES SCHOLARSHIP

DJC Clay	RT Howey
JJ Kwak	APH Newman
R Park	

### TR MOORE SCHOLARSHIP (English)

ZWQ Andrew

### RALPH BARNETT AWARD

MJ Aldridge (Science)  
S Choi (Science) M Park (Maths)

## CHAPEL SERVICES

On Monday 21 March, the school gathered in the gym in two assemblies (approximately half the school each time). The Headmaster, Chairman of the Board and I addressed the school. We paused in silence, remembering those who died, and those who have been so significantly impacted by the quake. I also encouraged us all to bring all our energy to be patient and understanding, and to be there for each other and others beyond our school community as we move forward.

Monday and Fridays for the rest of this term we will have a short service in the gym (starting Friday March 25).

12.55-1.20

Condells, Corfe, Flower's, Harper & Jacobs.  
1.25-1.50

Julius, Richards, Rolleston, School, Somes

Parents are very welcome to join us in these short services. There will be a reflection on where God is in the quake (this was also reflected on in the chapel material provided via the intranet in the previous weeks) and then we move into some reflections for Lent.

Due to the earthquake's disruptions, there are no Sunday services here for the remainder of this term.

In Christ,  
Bosco Peters, Chaplain

# MAADI FOCUS

The Christ's College Rowing club has travelled north to compete in the New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro. After a far from straight forward season in Canterbury, the boys were looking forward to the week long regatta. Thirty nine boys will compete in three age groups; under-16, under-17 and under-18. This regatta alternates each year between Lake Karapiro in the North Island and Lake Ruataniwha in the South Island. In 2011 approximately 120 schools will compete in 48 events. The final event, the boys' under-18 eights will be for Maadi Cup honour.

Rowing club manager, Mr Chris Sellars says that the boys are feeling good about the competition. "They have put in good miles and are very fit. They could go very well. Certainly the coaches are very positive."

At Twizel last Tuesday, after what will have been the last row on Lake Ruataniwha for several boys, Head of Rowing Mr Tony O'Connor presented the Year 13 rowers with their rowing caps. "This was something that we started in 2010. The caps are for all Year 13 boys, regardless of whether or not they rowed in a top crew," he says, "to recognise their four years of commitment to the club." Of the prospects for the Maadi race Mr O'Connor says that the boys have been involved in an excellent training programme over the past four weeks. "The crew might be short in stature but they are very big in heart," he says.

The Maadi Cup has its origins in World War II. Members of the 2nd NZEF were based at the Maadi Camp, Egypt and raced regattas against the Cairo River Club on the Nile River. In 1943 the Kiwis were gifted the cup as a token of friendship and it was taken back to New Zealand and offered as a trophy for the annual secondary school boys' eight race.

During the 'quake break' the College rowing club set up a training camp at Twizel. Here Mr Stewart, who travelled down from Christchurch, teaches Chemistry. Boys and staff were able to use the local school classrooms after hours.

Christ's College last won the Maadi Cup in 2006, having won five times since 1995. Hamilton Boys' High has won the race each year since. The Christ's College under-18 eight won gold at the 2011 South Island Secondary Schools' Championship recently, with Auckland Grammar taking gold at the North Island event.



Gold Medal winners at the South Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Champs - Under 18 eight.

## DRAMA UPDATE

Most drama opportunities are on track! **Speech and Drama teachers** will be in contact with their students to establish timetabled lessons. Please keep an eye on intranet and noticeboards, and an ear to the jungle drums!

Sadly, the timeline for the **Stage Challenge** has become too short, so we will not be entering competitive squads into the 2011 Stage Challenge. Our friends at Rangī Ruru can't see a way to meet the deadlines either. We will find another way to work with and alongside Rangī Ruru Performing Arts.

**The senior play, *OUR TOWN***, is going ahead and will be performed in the OBT 18, 19 and 20 May. Please support the boys (and the St Margaret's girls) next term!

THEATRESPORTS is still running for the boys who want to enjoy a weekly session of **improvisational creative dramasport**. It happens in the OBT Friday after school 3.50pm - 5pm for Y9, 10, 11 boys and selected seniors.

The controversial NZ play, ***Lovelock's Dream Run***, is scheduled for the second last week of Term 2. **Senior auditions** in Week One of Term 2.

The **Y9/10 production** week is still on for mid Term 3. Junior auditions will be held in the middle of term 2.

We hope to see **House Plays** return in Term 3, after they were left incomplete post the Sept 4 earthquake in 2010.

Kia Kaha  
David Chambers, Director of Drama

## BOAT STORAGE

Following extensive damage to our boatshed in the Earthquake, it is now unusable. We are looking for a convenient storage location for our fleet, in a barn, industrial unit etc. Ideally it would be close enough to the city for convenient boat maintenance etc. Any suggestions or offers would be most welcome.



# TUG OF WAR

Saturday morning saw all ten houses, staff and parents out on Upper for a tug of war contest. Four grades, based on year level rather than weight, made up the event, with Flower's House winning three of the four championship rounds. The winning House in each grade won a pizza shout. Later in the year the traditional weight graded tug of war will be held with House points as the prize.

## Results:

### Junior

Year 9 Plate Somes  
Year 9 Championship Flowers  
Year 10 Plate Corfe  
Year 10 Championship Flowers

### Senior

Year 11 Plate Condells  
Year 11 Championship Flowers  
Year 12/13 Plate Harper  
Year 12/13 Championship Somes



Condell's House



Flower's House

# ATHLETICS CLUB NATIONALS

Selection to represent Canterbury at the National Club championships is something that all serious athletes strive towards, and competition for places is fierce. Gaining the required qualifying times and distances is not an easy feat, and is generally reward for a season of intensive training as well as natural ability. The earthquake interrupted training and competition schedules significantly, with many athletes having to make a weekly trip to Timaru to compete. It was difficult to get any serious training done in the lead-up, with both tracks at QEII destroyed in the earthquake. Competing against athletes from around the country is always the highlight of the season, and competing well with a fragmented leadup was always going to be difficult.

This year College had three athletes selected to represent Canterbury at the championships held in Dunedin on the 26th and 27th of March: Freddie Faull in the Mens' 16 and under javelin throw; David Elliott in the Mens' 16 and under 100m, 200m 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams; William Mohammed in the Mens' 19 and under 400m and 4x400m relay. All three boys had excellent results, and College can be proud of their selection and performances at this major athletics event.

David Elliott ran 11.93 seconds in the 100m to qualify for the final, and placed 8th in the final. This is not his specialist event, so he was very pleased to make the final. He ran 22.86 in the 200m to make the final, placing 5th.

Freddie Faull threw 51.7m in the Mens' 16 and under Javelin, gaining 4th place in the competition.

William Mohammed ran 53.33 seconds in the Mens' 19 and under age group, just missing out on making the final. William has had a season interrupted by injury, so with this being his comeback race, he can be proud of his time!

Both David and William were selected for relay teams, with William gaining 5th place in the 4x400m relay and David gaining two bronze medals in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays.



David Elliott during the baton change.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Basketball

Will Utley and Henry Mann have been selected for the Canterbury under 19 basketball team, which will compete at the National U19 Tournament in Nelson later in the year.

### Choir

David Barclay has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Choir. He joins Nick Dow who was also a member of this choir in 2010.

### Debating

Thomas Frost and Andrew Carrell have both been selected to represent Canterbury in debating and will travel to Wellington later in the year for the Nationals competition.

### Golf

Jason Yoo has qualified for both the NZ under 19 Championship in Timaru, and also the NZ Mens amateur Championship at Russley in Mid April.

### Swimming

Jed Smith (Yr 9 Ju) has been selected by Swimming NZ for a South Island regional Age Group Camp which takes place in June. This camp targets the top 16 male and female swimmers (between 12 and 14 years) from South Island clubs.



# HELPING CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Many of you are asking how you can help us at this time. We have set up a fund within our Development Office where the monies will be directed towards our rebuilding programme. If you would like to make a donation you can do so via internet banking.

Details are: ANZ Christchurch  
Account Number: 010 - 797 - 0067412 - 00  
Account Name: Christ's College, Canterbury

Or by post to:  
Jo Mulligan  
Director of Development  
Christ's College  
Private Bag 4900  
Christchurch 8140

Please enter your name in the 'payer' details along with the code 2056200 and email your contact details to [jmulligan@christscollege.com](mailto:jmulligan@christscollege.com) so that we may acknowledge your gift and provide a tax receipt. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For any enquiries, contact Jo Mulligan, Director of Development on:  
[jmulligan@christscollege.com](mailto:jmulligan@christscollege.com) or 64 3 364 6851



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## TOUCH FESTIVAL 2011

- Saturday 2nd April @ CCCG
- First match starts @ 10.00am
- Five competition grades (Yr 9, Yr 10, Yr11 and Senior)
- Plate competition for each of the five grades

## CHOIR



Evensong services may not be happening in our chapel at present, but our Schola Cantorum and members of the European touring choir are presenting traditional Choral Evensong at Darfield's Trinity Anglican Church this Sunday at 7.00 pm. Following the evensong they will present a brief recital of works from the repertoire they are developing for their European tour in July. Members of the College community are welcome to attend.



# CONGRATULATIONS

Ms Sian Evans has been appointed permanently to the position of Head of English. First joining the academic staff in 2008, Ms Evans had been the Assistant Head of English prior to this promotion.

She is looking positively toward the future for the department, whose English building refurbishment plans, started in 2010, met demolition following the earthquake in February. 'I am very excited at the prospect of being involved in the design of a brand new state-of-the-art English block to reflect our very smart and progressive department.'

Ms Evan's speaks highly of her colleagues and the results the boys are earning in English courses. "I hope to both support and challenge the department to keep working at this level, and indeed to keep aiming for improvement on our already stellar performance. I am looking forward to working on several new initiatives we will be introducing and expanding on over the course of this year, including a re-developed department literacy policy, more structured acceleration programmes in the junior school, and Scholarship English preparation seminars and discussion groups in Years 11-13."



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## 1st XV TOUR BLOG

The Christ's College Rugby club is touring a squad to South Africa departing on Thursday April 7. This tour is being used as an opportunity 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.

Follow the tour progress and view the touring itinerary at:

<http://ccsarugbytour.wordpress.com/>

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# GARDEN TOUR & TASTINGS

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

