

IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Just twelve weeks, that's all. Our Dining Hall and Chapel are back in full use, we have classroom space for everyone, and regular routines are back. To some, it even looks as though Christ's College has been 'lucky'. In fact \$1.9m has been billed to date, most of which is insured, but at the same time we have done many minor repairs not earthquake related. The scale of work has been enormous, but most of it is no longer visible and will soon be forgotten. The final bill for demolitions, repairs, reinstatements and structural improvements may approach \$7m – and there will appear to be little to show for it. Whilst structural success might be measured by buildings looking as though nothing happened, we will all know better.

The centre of the city has been a dull smudge for months, as anyone flying into the airport at night can confirm - I wonder how many of us living in the centre have noticed how much more visible stars have been at night as a result? Between the College and the worst affected areas of the city has been a real physical divide, a dark gulf, an un-crossable barrier. If the College was seen by many as remote in any sense before, it certainly will do now. Nestling against the still beautiful Hagley Park and Botanic Gardens, it would be so easy to forget the realities for others. I heard a poignant comment made by an elderly gentleman who, when asked how he saw what lay ahead trying to get 'back to normal', said 'at my age I don't even buy green bananas.'

I also share an entertaining depiction I heard of European arrival in Canterbury. Maori were quite used to seeing occasional vessels around New Zealand by 1850, whalers, traders etc. Previous generations had seen early explorers, who were given mixed receptions. But around 1850 it was all happening around Lyttelton – Maori would have looked down in awe from vantage points on the Port Hills, as magnificent ships pulled in and disembarked so many settlers and all their possessions. With little if any personal experience of deep ocean travel, and no concept of the places of origin of these ships, they could not have failed to be impressed. Then they doubtless admired the exhausting trudge up the hill with their worldly goods, and down the other side. But then what did they see? These otherwise admirable immigrants started pitching their tents - in a swamp! This would have confused the spectators, and perhaps the only explanation they could come up with was being such obvious masters of the oceans, they just liked being damp.....

Little did they know that the Victorian engineers were masters of drainage and infrastructure, and before long the city as we know it started to emerge. Nevertheless, the ground was never

the best as so many now know only too well, and our own experience has been in the settling of the Dining Hall (with the consequent crown in the floor, of which more later) and the damage to Rolleston. I watched that remedial work in progress; big men working in tiny spaces, burrowing out for new concrete foundation pads for the replaced piles. It was remarkable, and as this awkward and uncomfortable work is being finished, I am told the building is millimetre perfect, which it probably had never been in its history. The Rollestonians will soon be back in.



The Dining Hall, arguably our best-known building, now has a distinct crown on the floor, and our erstwhile perfectly horizontal balcony now tends towards Jack Sparrow's poop deck. I was rather taken with it – part of 'the story' of the events of February 2011 to tell in the future, and even argued for retaining it. What I had not anticipated was our long refectory tables, with three legs, when installed all rocked alarmingly on the curvature! After much discussion about sawing bits off and wedges, the Bursar's inspired suggestion was to rearrange the tables lengthways in the hall. We all seem to like it – and will probably keep it that way even when the floor is straightened later. The method of doing this will involve, hopefully, cutting down the supporting structure under the floor and dropping it to suit the rest of the building. Our 'levellers' will look at this project after Rolleston and assess its prospects. Meanwhile the tent used as a temporary refectory has gone, revealing the scruffy looking containers behind it – a quick coat of paint sorted that. Once the last few details needed on the Chapel have been done, we will finally rearrange the paths round the quad and take away the plastic walkways. The Jacobs House men can enjoy the short cut to breakfast for a few more days.....

I have received from HoD's the third report on academic time recovery. The picture is a confident one in all areas. I will be communicating in more detail by email to parents shortly. Meanwhile, where possible, adjustments are being made to routines and schedules. For example, the Rathkeale tournament will take place over a holiday weekend for the first time, saving a day for all those participating, and this year our Quadrangular tournament has been moved to winter tournament week, again saving disruption to an otherwise unaffected week. The Otago Winter Tournament has been rescheduled, with the kind agreement of Otago Boys' High >>

School to save a full day of teaching, and the Year 12 Leadership day at Burnham has been cancelled in favour of classroom time. Optional classes in some subjects are running out of lesson time, and departments are providing ad hoc extra tuition as needed. We note that the World Cup schedule for this year has resulted in a ten week Term 3 for the first time. This will be a significant advantage, as boys will realise they have a very short run into examinations in Term 4. Previously, they may have been inclined to leave their final preparation much later. What has emerged is a not unexpected range of conscientiousness amongst the boys, in responding to the challenges laid down for them. I spoke to the school this morning at assembly about the onus being equally on them to ensure the outcomes we all need to see. Nothing of value is achieved without personal commitment and effort. The school attendance at the CBHS Rugby game will this year be optional, with supervised study available for those who choose not to attend, and also any boys whose study commitment has been in doubt up to that point will be obliged to work at school. The swimming pool is about to be recommissioned after extensive diagnostic and repair work, and this will now be in use throughout Term 3 when usually closed; this is an expensive step to take, but will enable all our rearranged Physical Education programmes to be completed.

We must not forget some time consuming but nevertheless vital aspects of our year. The House Music Festival last year at the Town Hall was a highlight of the year, and I have been asked many times by parents if there is any way it can go ahead this year. It can - we have booked the CBS Arena for the evening of August 30. It is perilously close to the start of internal examinations, but such things have to be coped with. I am looking forward to it already.

To return to academic application, the clearest role model was provided by David Bellamy who left College last year. We were delighted to receive the surprise news, in addition to his Premier Scholarship and top scholar in Chemistry awards, that he was presented with the inaugural Prime Minister's Award for the top scholar in New Zealand. An extraordinarily versatile and talented young man, David exemplified commitment, and dedication in everything he did - a model of application and tenacity. A fuller description of his achievements is included in this newsletter. We are immensely proud to have the College associated with such a singular achievement, and send David once more our congratulations.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

CBHS GAME

The annual 1st XV game against Christchurch Boys' High School takes place on Thursday June 2, 2.30pm at Rugby Park. Attendance for College boys is not compulsory. Those who do not wish to attend the game will stay at College for periods 5 and 6 and will receive learning support. This is an excellent opportunity for boys to complete work or catch up and we are encouraging attendance only for those who have a genuine interest in the game. Boys who are not applying themselves sufficiently to their studies will not be allowed to attend.

Boys who are attending will be transported to the game and will return to College at about 4.30pm.

College parents are welcome to attend the game. Admission is free and no ticket is required. Please note that there will be breath testing again this year and therefore no alcohol can be consumed by spectators prior to the game.

RAS Donaldson, Deputy Headmaster



CALENDAR EVENTS

- Tu 17 Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm
'Our Town' dress rehearsal, OBT, 6.00-9.30pm
- W 18 CSS winter sport begins
'Our Town' opening night, OBT, 7.30pm
- Th 19 CSS road race, 12.30pm
Interhouse senior hockey, first round, Upper, 12.45pm
Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 12.45pm
Eton Press senior mathematics competition for selected Years 12 & 13 boys, 3.30-5.00pm
'Our Town' performance, OBT, 7.30pm
- F 20 Year 12 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm
Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm
Baptism Service, Chapel, 6.00pm
'Our Town' final performance, OBT, 7.30pm
- Sa 21 Weekend programme available for all boarders
1st XV v Roncalli College (home), 12noon
- Su 22 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am
Big Band rehearsal, Music School, 6.15-8.00pm
- Week 4
- M 23 Interhouse junior football prelims, CCCG, 4.00pm
- Tu 24 Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm
Year 11 Geography field trip, Hanmer Springs, 8.00am-6.00pm
- W 25 Combined concert with St Margaret's College, 7.00pm
- Th 26 Interhouse Haka competition, 12.45pm
CSS interschool senior debating, third round, 5.00-8.00pm
- F 27 Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 12.45pm
Year 13 General Studies, Otago University liaison visit, OBT, 1.15pm
Year 9 dance, Gym, 7.30-10.00pm
- Sa 28 Weekend programme available for all boarders
1st XV v Timaru BHS (away), 12noon
- Su 29 6th Sunday of Easter
Choral Evensong, 7.00pm
Preacher: The Headmaster

CAREERS

Events so far this term:

- 21 Year 13 boys attended the Dunedin Tertiary Open Day on May 4th. It was a good opportunity to visit the University campus, attend lectures and look at Colleges.
- Victoria and Massey Universities gave presentations at the Year 13 General Studies period.
- Mr Sellars has talked to Condells and Corfe House boys and is at present interviewing them. Most of the boarders had initial interviews before the February earthquake.
- Massey University Liaison Officer, Tom Music has had one on one sessions with interested Year 13 boys.
- The University of Auckland had a parents/boys seminar at Chateau on the Park last week.
- The University of Auckland liaison officer, Sue Heggie spoke to interested boys during a lunch time last week.
- Lincoln University talked to Year 12 and interested Year 13 boys during their General Studies period.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser



TERM 2	Important Dates:
	18 May: Agricultural Skills Competition
	20 May: Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
	27 May: University of Otago Liaison visit
	31 May: International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) Year 12 and 13 Commerce class
	3 June: Navy visit during General Studies
	14 June: University of Melbourne liaison visit (lunchtime)
	17 June: University of Canterbury liaison visit
	20 June: Monash University (Melbourne) visit 11.00am
	23 June: University of Otago Information Evening - parent and boys (details to follow)
	8 July: University of Canterbury Open Day for parents and students, 9.00am - 4.00pm

OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Christchurch administers the JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund and each year has the good fortune to be able to reward two secondary school students in the district with a place on the JR McKenzie funded Outward Bound Mind Body and Soul course. The purpose of this notice is to ascertain if any boys from College would like to attend Outward Bound courtesy of the trust.

The three week course is being held at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds between 1st October and 21st October 2011. Applicants must be between 16 and 18 years at the time of the course. The trust will be selecting two candidates from the district, plus two back-ups. Successful candidates will need to provide medical and other information to Outward Bound before they can be confirmed on the course. The deadline for applications is Monday 6 June 2011. Application forms are available from Mr Sellars.

CALENDAR EVENTS

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Week 5

M 30 Interhouse junior football, first round, CCCG, 4.00pm

Tu 31 CSS cross-country championships, Halswell Quarry, 12.30pm
Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

We hope this finds you and your families starting to adjust to the "new normal". The Parents' Association was looking forward to the Athletics Sports Day, especially to welcome the new Year 9 families. However, this was not to happen.

On Friday June 3 we will be hosting a 'Drop In' morning tea between 9.30-11.30am in the College Dining Hall. We warmly welcome all new Year 9 parents to call in. Hopefully this will give you all the opportunity to meet other new families in your year group. We look forward to meeting you.

Our AGM for the Association will be held on Monday June 20. This will be held at the College at 7.30pm - room to be determined. All welcome.

Our Mid-Winter Drinks will be held on Friday July 8. This wonderful informal evening, complete with mulled wine and hot hams, is held in the transformed Dining Hall. This evening is always enjoyed and tickets will be available shortly. As this is the last day of term, this allows the parents of boarders to join us.

Further dates for your diary:
Black and White Ball
Friday 16 September
Pink Lunch will be held on
Friday 28 October

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Nicci Wyllie, Parents' Association President

EARTHQUAKE STORIES

Go to earthquake.christscollege.com to record your February earthquake experiences. This project was started following the Sept 4th 7.1 magnitude quake. New and updated contributions are welcomed.

YOUTH VOICE

Zach Andrew and Stephen Cornes have been selected for the New Zealand delegation to the UN Youth Association Conference in Australia.

UNYC is the largest residential youth conference in Australia and is held annually. This year, the 50th time the conference has run, it will be held in the South Australian State Capital, Adelaide. Running from 10 -17 July, it involves delegates from each Australian state and territory as well as delegates from New Zealand, Japan and Tonga.

The conference includes a Model United Nations and a Youth Change forum as well as many social activities and sightseeing opportunities. "It is a conference that gives young people a voice," says Zach (Somes Year 12), "Too often in governments young people are not being listened to, and our opinions are discredited." By the end of the Youth Change forum a document is produced, referred to as a youth declaration. This document showcases the hopes, aspirations, beliefs and opinions of the delegates. "It is handed to various Members of Parliament to ensure that our opinions are listened to and to allow young people to have an influence on the policies of today," explains Zach.

"I think it will be great to go to Adelaide to get a sense of the city. It is a strong political hub of Australia and a well-known cultural destination," says Stephen (Rolleston Year 13), "In April Zach and I also attended the Youth Declaration in Auckland in which 145 inspired and concerned youth created a document on what we believe the direction of New Zealand should be in the next five years and beyond. This document was received and acknowledged by the Prime Minister, Mr John Key." Stephen also explains "These opportunities give youth a platform on which to have their voice heard. Otherwise we can be seen as inadequate because we are not interested and engaged in national and international issues."



Stephen Cornes



Zach Andrew

MAX BECKERT SELECTED FOR NZ



Max Beckert, Year 11 Somes House, has been named in the New Zealand Development Squad for road cycling. He will be part of a large team of U17 and U19 riders who will compete in the DBR Tour of Canberra. The tour, which will be held from 8 - 10 July, is considered to be the premier junior tour in Australia.

Selection for the squad was based on Max's performance in three events this year, including the recent cycling nationals. "It was definitely a goal of mine," says Max who cycles for both Christ's College and the Pegasus Club, "I was pretty stoked to get the news."

Max Beckert racing during the CRI tour in Rotorua earlier in the year.

CROSS COUNTRY 2011

The 2011 Christ's College cross country event took place in excellent conditions in North Hagley Park on Monday 9 May.

Top 5 Cup

1st Somes
2nd Condells
3rd School

Overall cup

1st Somes
2nd Jacobs
3rd = School and Flower's

Confirmed individual results are as follows:

Under 14

1st Rory Swanson, Somes House
2nd Jeremy Penrose, Corfe House
3rd Liam Beckett, Condell's House

Junior

1st Ben Henderson, Rolleston House
2nd Alex Cottrell, Flower's House
3rd Nicholas Ganly, Condell's House

Intermediate

1st Alexander Gregory, Julius House
2nd Simon Northcote, School House
3rd Hamish Clay, School House

Senior

1st Tom Guy, Somes House
2nd Chris Isaacs, Julius House
3rd James Northcote, School House



PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FOR TOP SCHOLAR

David Bellamy is the inaugural winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Academic Excellence. Prime Minister John Key presented the award at the Top Scholar Award ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 10 May. The award recognises the highest-achieving student in the annual Scholarship examination.

Mr Key described David's achievement as "absolutely outstanding. He was just 16 when he sat the Scholarship exams, and is a Premier Scholarship Award winner and the Top Scholar in Chemistry." Mr Key also said, "Not only did David achieve superb results academically, he also contributed hugely to cultural life at Christ's College, having lead roles in several productions and festivals and competing in theatre sports and debating. David's achievements across a number of fields show how far ambition and a desire to succeed can enrich a student's life and set them on a strong path to future success."

David was awarded the joint Dux award at Christ's College in 2010. His academic record is remarkable. Our internal Gold Badge requires achievement at Level 1 NCEA with 100 excellence credits, and at Level 2, 80. He was awarded it in both years, an achievement shared by just six boys in the school. His ability was recognised beyond the school: he was first in New Zealand in his year group in the National Bank Mathematics Competition in 2008, and in 2009 he was in the final eight in the International Young Physicists Competition. In 2010 he was in the New Zealand team for the Chemistry Olympiad in Tokyo, gaining an individual bronze medal. He also achieved numerous prizes in each year at school.

His musical accomplishments are no less impressive. As well as a full commitment to our musical programmes at the school, he played trumpet for the National Jazz Youth Orchestra, and also with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. On stage he played a lead role in the school production of *Rent* in 2009, a testing piece calling for maturity in the interpretation of its challenging themes. He also took to the stage in our Theatre Sports team, a challenge not for the faint hearted, where spontaneity and intelligence are vital for success. The same mental agility brought him success in the school debating teams. He had personal sporting success in fencing, gaining first place in the Christchurch Schools' Championship in 2008.

All this is the more remarkable because David was the youngest member of his year group. He more than held his own in his 'accelerated' position throughout, and always showed exemplary scholarship. Staff writing in support of his Dux nomination referred to his absolute commitment to everything he undertook, his relaxed determination, his scholastic ambition, and also to the pleasure he brought them through his participation in their classes.



David Bellamy and Prime Minister, Mr John Key.

THE SLEEPER PREMIERE

The Sleeper premiered with a glitzy red carpet event at Christ's College on Thursday May 12. The 13 minute long film is the product of collaboration between College and St Margaret's College and involved over 50 students, some of whom had been working on the film since early 2010.

This was the first time that the students have written the script and the screenplay for the film; an amazing achievement. All aspects of the production of the film, including the original music score, were undertaken by students from the two schools.

The Sleeper is the fifth film the two schools have produced over the last 11 years. In that time hundreds of students have been involved in these endeavours and have learnt a great deal about the skills and discipline of film production.

We thank all the mentors, especially Pat O'Connor, John Chrisstoffels and Allister Campbell-Tie, who have been involved in all five films.

Directors: Will Anderson, Charlie Jackson
Writers: Zoe Higgins, Michael van de Water
DOP: Chris Read
Editor: Michael van de Water

Peter Hewson, Film Producer



Opening scene of *The Sleeper*



Mr Hewson congratulates Michael van de Water

MUSIC

Admission of Choristers Service

Friday evening saw 28 new members admitted into the Chapel Choir before a large gathering of parents, staff and friends of the choir. The service sees the new members receive their white surplus which shows they have full membership to the choir. The service allowed both Schola Cantorum and the Chapel Choir to perform works from its new repertoire. These were performed with confidence and showed both groups at their very best as they prepare for the NZ Choral Federation Secondary Schools' National Big Sing competition to be held at Burnside High School on Friday June 10.

Wednesdays at 7

College is hosting a number of concerts this term in the College Chapel. The first programme will be performed on the Wednesday May 25, a combined concert with groups from St Margaret's College. College groups performing are the String Orchestra and Big Band, The Chapel Choir and Schola Cantorum and several chamber groups. The aim of this concert is for groups to premiere the programmes they will perform in various national competitions this year. The concert starts at 7pm and is open to the wider College community.

The next concert, on Wednesday June 1, features our current music tutor Miss Nikola Ekertova on the organ. She will perform a number of works with senior music students and then several works with Mr Barrett Hocking who was a brass tutor at college prior to commencing post graduate studies at the Royal Academy in London. They will be joined by several brass players from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Nikola will present a solo organ recital on Wednesday June 15 to complete the series for this term.

Robert J Aburn, Director of Music



MUSICAL SUCCESS

Nick Dow and Ross Shillito have been selected to the Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra. Both boys are members of the successful Christ's College Big Band, Nick on keyboard and Ross on drums. This is great for the boys. Ross, in particular, is only in Year 10 and only started playing Jazz last year. This really shows to him what he is capable of achieving.

Unfortunately the NZ Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra course, due to be held in Christchurch, has been cancelled due to earthquake restrictions and a lack of rehearsal venues. In 2010 Danny Lee, Ramses Hunt, Nathaniel Seddon Smith and Matt Harris have played in this national orchestra. Sadly, auditions and the course were cancelled together.

However, Hamish Grigg, Justin Standring, Ramses Hunt and Ben Chen are performing with The Christchurch Youth Orchestra Concert on Saturday, 21 May 2011 - 7:30pm at McComb Performing Art Centre, Cashmere High School. The orchestra will play works by Mozart, Gareth Farr, Brahms, Elgar, Mozart and Elgar. Conducted by Luke di Somma. Tickets are available on the door.

NM Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music



Nick Dow, photographed performing at the Christ's College Chapel Choir Garden Tour earlier this year.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 17 May 2011

PRAYER: Chaplain

NOTICES:

From Mr Sellars

General Studies on Friday is again for Year 12 this week. Please be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm.

From Mr Christey

Reminder that all boys intending to do the Secondary Schools' Road Race this Thursday must come to a meeting in F1 after boarders' lunch today.

ACTIVITY REPORT: Hamish Robertson, Julius House Squash

The Squash A team travelled to Nelson for the Secondary Schools' Squash Championships from Friday May 13 to Sunday May 15. The College team, comprising **George Sim, Peter Carpenter, Austin Abbott** and **Jake Campbell**, had three matches; they won one 3 - 0 and lost two others narrowly by 1 - 2. College came sixth out of 11 schools. **George Sim** won all three of his matches.

Cycling

Year 11 student, **Max Beckert**, has been named in the New Zealand Development Squad for road cycling. He will be part of a large team of U17 and U19 riders who will compete in the DBR Tour of Canberra. The tour, which will be held from 8 - 10 July, is considered to be the premier junior tour in Australia.

Basketball

The Senior A Basketball team defeated Shirley Boys' High 75-59. **Henry Mann** scored 29 points and Will Utley scored 27.

Hockey

The 1st XI were disappointed to lose their second match in a row by one goal. This time going down to Sydenham 1-0. The 2nd XI went down 4-0 to Burnside 1st XI. In the Youth section, two goals from Captain **Mac Bolderston** saw the Colts team come from 3-1 down to draw 3 all against last year's champions Harewood. The Youth White team made it two wins from two games with a 1 nil win over St Bedes. **Richard Goodwin** scoring for College.

Rugby

The College 1st XV played Lincoln HS on Saturday winning 71-8 to remain top of the Press Cup Southern Division after 3 rounds. The 2nd XV had a 27-24 win over the St Andrews 2nd XV. The U16 As had a very impressive 62-7 win over St Andrews. **Charles Oswald** controlled play well at number 10. The U16Bs lost a close match against St Bedes Cs 32-26. Our U15 and U14 sides all suffered defeats over the weekend.

Football

The 1st XI played St Bedes and lost 5-1. **Jack Sissons** had another strong performance for College. The 2nd XI played Christchurch Boys' High School and lost 3-0. The 4th XI played Oxford and won 4-1. The win being attributed to some very positive attacking and solid defence. The U15As played Selwyn and lost 3-2. Jharn Stevenson scored both of the College goals. The U15Bs played Parklands and also lost a close match 3-2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Zach Andrew who was Othello for the student directed Rangi Ruru entry in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival last week. The Rangi group of 18 girls, plus Zach, was selected to represent Canterbury at the National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington at Queen's Birthday weekend.

This year two Christ's College teams entered the International Young Physicists' Tournament coming 2nd and 3rd in the local regional competition. Last weekend the winners of the local competition, Lincoln High School, won the national title in Auckland.

PRESENTATIONS TO:

Colours:

Swimming

William Hurst – won 3 bronze medals in club and regional relays. Has a national ranking of 5th in the 50m butterfly. **Charles Porter** – Senior Champion interhouse swimming. Has a current national ranking of 1st in the 17 years 100m freestyle and has recently been selected as a member of the NZ Youth Squad. **Patrick Wynne** – runner-up senior champion interhouse swimming. Has a national ranking of 4th in the 100m butterfly.

Cricket

Sam Chamberlain – a batsman who has played 38 matches for the 1st XI since 2009. Canterbury Country U18 rep, and in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Academy. **Jeremy Duncan** – a batsman who has been a member of the 1st XI since 2009 and has played 45 matches. Member of the Canterbury Secondary Schools' XI. **Jack Harper** – an all-rounder and batsman who has played 65 matches for the 1st XI since 2008. Has scored 1785 runs with one century and nine half centuries. **Tim McGoldrick** – a batsman and member of the 1st XI since 2008, playing 80 fixtures in that time. Selected for the Christchurch Metro U18 team in December. **Angus McKellar** – a bowler who has played 51 games for the 1st XI since 2009 and has taken 77 wickets including a best of 5/12. **Daniel Sharples** – Captain, wicket keeper, and a member of the 1st XI since 2007. **Will Utley** – all-rounder and batsman and member of the 1st XI for the last two years. Scored two centuries and four half centuries with 101 not out highest score.

Sailing

Hamish Grigg – represented the school well in all school events and as skipper over the past three seasons. **Sam Kidner** – a regular member of the racing team which competes at all the local interschool events. **Sam Thomas** – 2nd placing in Canterbury in the age group regatta in the 420 class and placed 9th nationally. **Daniel Wyllie** – successful in the Starling class winning the plate competition in the national regatta this year.

Cross Country Cups

Under 14: **Rory Swanson**

Junior: **Ben Henderson**

Intermediate: **Alexander Gregory**

Senior: **Tom Guy**

House Cup: **Somes**

Overall Cup: **Somes**

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Christ's College welcomed two new academic staff members this term. Derek Ward has joined the Mathematics department. He comes to us from Sydney Grammar School in Australia.

Henry Smith, who is well-known to College rowers having worked with crews for the past four years, including the 2011 medal winning Under 18s crews, has joined the Mathematics and Physical Education Departments. Previously Mr Smith has worked at Shirley Boys' High School and at the Rolleston Prison MAC programme (Military Activity-style Camp).

Mrs Phillippa Ashbey, who has been the Christ's College Teacher Librarian for the past 14 years was farewelled at the start of term. Mrs Ashbey is now the District Libraries Manager for the Waimakariri District Council. We wish her well for her new role.



Mr Henry Smith, second from right has joined Christ's College as an academic staff member.

CHAPEL NEWS



It is always good to see so many parents and family members being part of the many recent chapel occasions. Congratulations to the new choristers who were inducted as full members of the choir on Friday. On Sunday evening we had our special service for the Easter Season. I encouraged the students to be persistent in their questioning. We can be unhelpfully critical of the apostle Thomas. His persistent questioning led to some of the deepest insights. This Friday evening is the baptism service. Congratulations to those making this step.

Recently each new student received a Bible with his name in the front. This is a gift from the school, offered through our Bible Presentation Fund.

In Christ,
The Rev. Bosco Peters

OUR TOWN

Our Town is a powerful call to live life in the here and now.

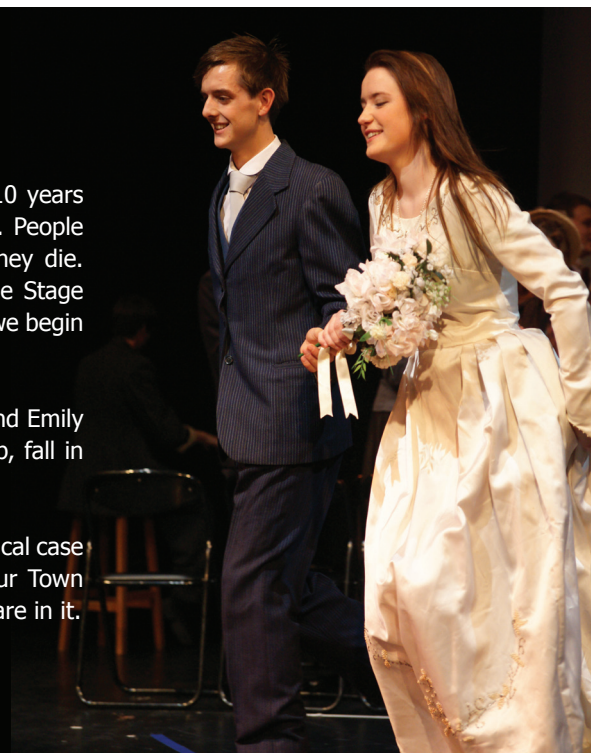
It is 1901. Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Welcome to Our Town. 110 years ago. A small American town like any other; simple, sleepy and cheerful. People here are like people anywhere else: they are born, they fall in love, they die. Ordinary people leading ordinary lives. Or so we might believe, until the Stage Managers, our guides for the evening - take us on a tour of the town and we begin to glimpse how extraordinary even the most ordinary of lives can be.

Sliding between the past, the present and the future, we follow George and Emily (one of the most winsome couples in theatrical history), as they grow up, fall in love, marry and start their own family.

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play makes an affecting philosophical case for relishing life in the here and now. Heart-warming and humorous, Our Town celebrates the everyday and is a powerful call to appreciate life while we are in it.

Tickets can be booked on account at the College Office.

D Chambers, Director of Drama



17-20 MAY 7:30pm
CHRIST'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' THEATRE

OUR TOWN

BY THORNTON WILDER



Tickets \$20 Adult \$15 Student
Available from Maggie's Shop
St Margaret's College, Papanui Road
www.ourtownplay.co.nz