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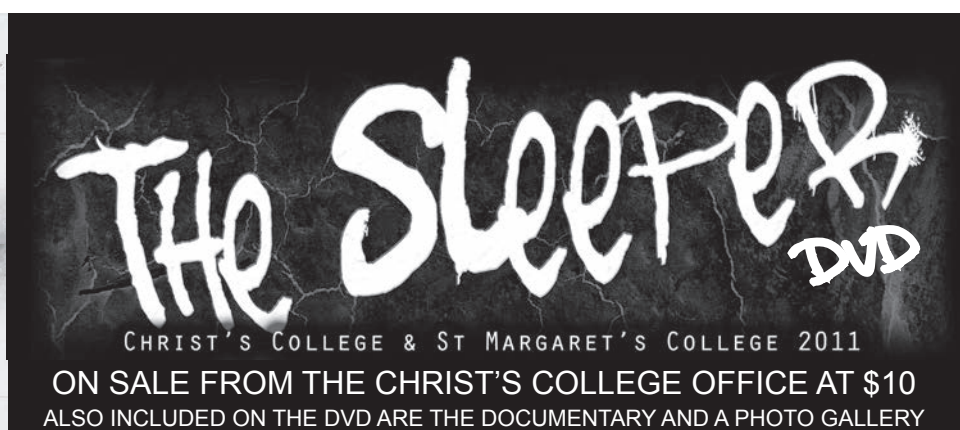
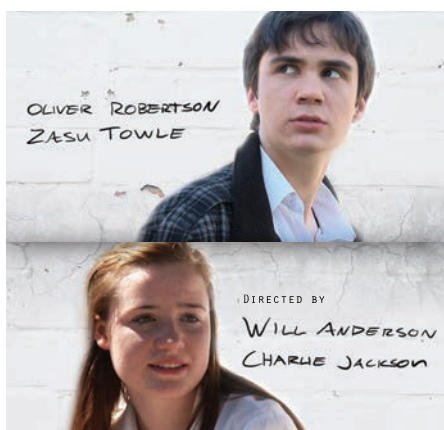
FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our quadrangle features in other reflections in this copy of *In Black & White*. It was a parent who pointed out the irony that in my end of year address at Prize Giving last year I 'went on' (his words) at length about not walking on the quadrangle grass! How things have changed. Of course it will all go back to 'normal' at some stage in the future, but for now it has settled to its form for the next few months. As if the various structures on it were not enough, planting some small bushes in front of our containers, whilst an improvement, may be a step too far for some. If burning at the stake was still fashionable, I may be a candidate.

Things continue to get better. We have restarted boarders' formal lunches on Mondays, which have worked well, and so far we have not had a wet Tuesday to prevent our *al fresco* assemblies; the assembly hall roof ceiling now has a rather appealing network of new hand-rails around the service walkways, and after photographing for posterity, the exposed high level wall of drama production graffiti (all in the best possible taste) has been painted out. The boys are always totally focussed on the presentations in assembly, so they naturally wouldn't miss a whole wall of artwork which might otherwise have distracted them.

The cross which fell from the Chapel is on its way to King's College, Auckland; I will be taking two school prefects with me to make the presentation, in thanks for their hospitality. The reaction of the King's community to the gift has been very gratifying, and I look forward to sharing pictures of what promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

We have now closed our applications for 2012, with the number of potential applicants at the same levels we saw three years ago. Since then, the numbers have increased a little, but the uptake on offers has been proportionately slightly smaller leaving the same net outcome. My expectation is that this year the commitment shown by our applicant families will ensure a very good intake next year. There are, though, many families whose circumstances are still uncertain who may wish to be considered later in the year; these are exceptional times, and if possible we will try to respond to their needs. Changes have been introduced to state school zoning qualifications, to include automatic eligibility to sons of old boys in boys' schools (and similar provisions in other types of schools). This is rather an interesting decision – I occasionally find mothers of our boys who are offended by the emphasis on 'old boys' when they may be the only female representative of their family amongst a dynasty of brothers, fathers, grandfathers and others who attended College; quite often a mother married to a non old boy has a much greater depth of connection with the school than some old boys! However, sensibilities aside, the impact of this law change means that out of zone applications for sons of alumni of CBHS, for example, will have automatic entry when they may otherwise have come to us, but conversely others in the ballot have reduced chances. It will be interesting to see what impact this has in Christchurch, as previous restrictions are relaxed in this way.



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We are now at a point where we can assess the recovery of the school programmes. Opportunities have also arisen to look critically at the effectiveness of the 'online learning' concept, not just in crisis situations but more generally. The use of the internet and the internal 'intranet' learning facilities within the College, are constantly evolving, but in a way which 'blends' the advantages into courses of study which remain heavily dependent on the quality of the interpersonal climate in our classrooms. There is nothing new in that, but perhaps amongst other opportunities presented, a decent crisis sharpens the critical focus.

Some of our senior students are finding themselves under unfamiliar pressure at this time of year, which within reason is not a bad thing. We are managing assessment pressures at departmental level effectively, and there are many conversations between academic areas to co-operate to ensure clashes are resolved. At a junior level, for example, the mid-year tests in maths and English will this year take place in ordinary lesson time instead of a mass sitting disrupting other class time. Overall, the 'sustained culture of urgency' is apparent, and staff and students deserve every support and congratulation for what has been achieved already.

Another context in which institutional self-evaluation is essential, is in the construction of a new prospectus for the College. The old pattern of lengthy deliberation and forecasting, ahead of a document with a print run and circulation to cover perhaps five or more years, is no longer relevant – we are working on a shorter, more contemporary document which focuses not on the facts, figures and details, but on what being a member of the school community should mean, to both students and parents, as well as staff. I have recently been speaking to a number of other Heads of schools who are going through the same process, but talking to them individually they are all working towards a celebration of their traditional excellence and achievements – with, of course, the conventional statements about points of difference, well-rounded education, maximising individual talents.....I would be very interested to hear from any parents at this point, who could share one simple statement about *our* College which *they* would want others to read. Most of the text for the new document is written, but I would welcome thoughts about the essence of the place, recognising that most of the aspirations listed above are 'a given' in schools of our quality. Feel free to email me: headmaster@christscollege.com

At our assembly this morning, Dean Peter Beck spoke to the school about the gratitude of the Cathedral community for the welcome they had received to our College. From our point of view, the relationship is working very smoothly, and we are delighted that our Chapel and other facilities are so obviously fulfilling a need for the wider community. We are also accepting requests for use of our theatres, and swimming pool, and will continue to do all we can for organisations around us. Before I move on from theatres, I congratulate our cast members in 'Our Town' – a fine piece of work enjoyed by all who were able to see it.

The 'Wellywood' sign debacle has amused me. The offence taken by those who believe this is some limp attempt to emulate our friends in Los Angeles, contrast to those who think it is quietly mocking the very same community. I have to say, I thought it was meant to be ironic, and as such quite enjoyed it. I would soon change my mind if the motivation *was* in fact a serious one. How you unapologetically communicate being good at something without producing the wrong reaction in others, is always a test. I hope we do it a bit better than Wellington Airport.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

CALENDAR EVENTS

Tu 31 CSS cross-country championships, Halswell Quarry, 12.30pm

JUNE

W 1 Organ & brass recital evening, Chapel, 7.00pm

Th 2 Ascension Day Service, Chapel, 8.30am

1st XV v CBHS, Rugby Park, 2.30pm

F 3 No Chapel Service
Year 12 General Studies, RNZ Navy liaison visit, OBT, 1.15pm
Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm

Sa 4 No boarding programme or Saturday activities

Saturday Sport as usual

Su 5 7th Sunday of Easter
No Chapel service
Teams to leave for Rathkeale winter tournament (away)

Week 6

M 6 Queen's Birthday. School Holiday
Rathkeale winter tournament (away)
Big Band rehearsal, Music School, 6.30-8.00pm

Tu 7 Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm

W 8 Music Scholarship auditions, Music School

Th 9 NZCF 'Big Sing' Festival begins, Aurora Centre
Entrance/Scholarship examinations, 9.00am-3.00pm
Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym, 12.45pm
Interhouse junior hockey, first round, Upper, 12.45pm
CSS Interschool intermediate debating, third round, 5.00-8.00pm

F 10 Year 13 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm
Interhouse junior volleyball, Gym, 1.15pm
NZCF 'Big Sing' Festival Concert, regional finals, 7.30pm

Sa 11 Weekend programme available for all boarders
1st XV v Shirley BHS (home), 2.30pm

Su 12 The Day of Pentecost
CSS Table Tennis Championships
Teams leave for OBHS winter tournament (away)
Chamber music rehearsal, Music School, 1.30-3.00pm
Choral Eucharist, 7.00pm
Preacher: The Headmaster

CURRICULUM NOTES

After the disruption of our first term, the boys now face two terms of intensive academic work. This year Term 2 and Term 3 are each ten weeks in length. Boys need to maintain a strong academic focus throughout this time. In Term 4 the senior boys are in class for only two and a half weeks before they go on leave to begin their NCEA examinations. These examinations begin on Thursday 10 November.

Trial examinations for seniors are scheduled for the middle of Week 6 through to the middle of Week 7 of Term 3, 7 September to 13 September.

Junior boys have a set of practice examinations in English and Mathematics next week. We have printed useful study tips in their Prep Diary; you will almost certainly find it useful to read through these and discuss study skills with your son.

Applications for Financial Assistance with NZQA are now open. Financial Assistance is available in the following situations:

To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- *be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based applications)*
- *have a joint family [1] income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)*
- *be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates (multiple candidate applications [2]), where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.*

Full details of examination fees are available on the NZQA web site at this web address:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/secqual/fees-and-financial-assistance-2011/>



You can download a copy of the application form from this site. A paper copy is available if boys wish to see me. All applications need to be in my hands no later than Friday 19 August.

Finally, as we provide greater quantities of course related material on the College's intranet, we are considering providing parent familiarisation sessions to help you understand how our intranet works. If you feel that this would be useful, please feel free to contact me via e-mail, rsutton@christscollege.com

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

One of the most enriching aspects of being a part of the College community is the opportunity that it provides for friendships to be formed and experiences shared through the journey of school life.

The community of Christ's College is strong. It is pleasing to see different groups supporting the students' activities, whether it be fundraising for tours or offering social events to meet with other parents.

The Parents' Association morning tea for new parents to College this Friday, 3 June (9.30am – 11.30am in the Dining Hall) will provide a warm welcome for parents new to College and a chance to meet with others. The Parents' Association is also busy planning their next event – the Mid Winter Drinks on 8 July where they hope many boarding families will join with the College community for some mid-Winter cheer on the final day of Term 2.

Overseas tours for the boys can be challenging and parental involvement in fundraising efforts in recent months for the Rugby, Vietnam and Chapel Choir tours has been fantastic.

The results were achieved by many hours of volunteering from a range of people. Rowing relies heavily on parental support to raise funds for travel and equipment along with support for the rowing programme. The combined effort of the rowing parents, during what has been a disruptive season, has been outstanding.



From a slighter broader perspective, it is encouraging to hear that so many Old Boys plan to attend the annual Christ's College vs. CBHS rugby game at Rugby Park this Thursday. I'm sure the current players appreciate the encouragement from the sidelines.

The different styles of support highlighted above (and there are many more examples) significantly enhance the boys experience and I encourage parents to consider how they may personally be involved in the life of the College.

Jo Mulligan, Director of Development

CAREERS

The Biology of the future? Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics is a mixture of biology, computer science and statistics. It is the development and application of computers in biology, biotechnology and medicine and takes advantage of rapidly developing databases, including those related to biodiversity, genomics and structural biology. Predicting viruses and diseases likely to affect humanity in coming years is just one example of the way bioinformaticists are putting this groundbreaking technology to use. This science is projected to experience rapid growth over the next decade. It is increasingly seen as "the biology of the future". Students well suited to a career in this field are those with a genuine interest and strength in Biology, Calculus, Statistics and/or Computer Studies. Graduates could secure employment in the following related fields: the pharmaceutical industry, biomedical science, conservation biology, forensic science, biotechnology and agricultural and horticultural science. Further information on the profiles of students from the University of Auckland is available from the careers room.



International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) Adelaide

Gerald Lipman will be talking to some commerce classes on Tuesday 31 May about the hospitality industry and its importance to New Zealand and around the world. The sort of message that Gerald gets across is that while a traditional university education might still provide preparation for general business careers, those who want to enter the international hotel management world should seriously consider a specialised hotel school. Learning the practical skills, academic knowledge and a serious business approach is what hotel schools do best. Ned Allison (Condell's) won the ICHM scholarship two years ago. There may be an opportunity for parents to meet up with Gerald on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning before he flies back to Adelaide. Please contact Mr Sellars on 0272 689 437 or 364 6821 (Careers phone) if interested.

Events since the last In Black&White

- Mr Sellars has talked to Harper, Somes and Rolleston House Year 13 about general matters relating to careers and events this year.
- Mr Donaldson has talked to Year 12 in General Studies about leadership and the process relating to leadership roles at College in 2012
- The University of Otago liaison officer spoke to Year 13 during General Studies.
- The Year 13 Agricultural class won the interschool Agricultural skills competition run by the National Trade Academy at McLeans Island. Boys in the winning team included, Campbell Denham, Hamish Gallagher, Digby Heard and Henry Hurst

Study @ Vic Day

Over the past few years Year 13 boys have attended this Open Day. This advanced notice is so you can book flights to Wellington on either the evening of the 25th or the early morning on the 26th. This is not a school organised trip so accommodation and travel arrangements are to be organised by parents. I will be there on the day and normally meet up with the boys at the campus before the sessions begin. This is a great opportunity for them to see the campus, look through Halls of Residence and attend course related lectures. Flights on Jetstar are at present \$59 on Thursday afternoon. Parents have often accompanied their sons to this day.

Career View

Career View is the publication put out by Victoria University from time to time relating to certain subject areas. The most recent one is Biotechnology.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

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Week 7

M 13 OBHS winter tournament
(away)
Interhouse junior rugby prelims,
CCCG, 4.00pm
Interhouse senior volleyball, Gym,
1.15pm

NINE MAKE CANTERBURY SELECTION

Several Christ's College hockey players have been selected for the Canterbury Under 15 A and B squads this year.

The College players selected in the Canterbury Under 15 A team, to compete at the Hockey New Zealand National Under 15 Boys Premier Tournament in Timaru from July 25 to 30, are: Sirac Adams, Sam Feutz, Brian Lee, Dominic Newman, Jack Woodley

The College players selected in the Canterbury Under 15 B team, to compete at the Hockey New Zealand Under 15 Boys Championship Tournament in Levin from July 25 to 30, are: Benji Andrews, Nico Cronshaw, James Kean, and Eric Lee.



Dominic Newman, along with eight other College hockey players, has been selected for a Canterbury Under 15 team.

EARTHQUAKE STORIES



Please visit earthquake.christscollege.com to share your personal experience of the February quake. Thank you to those who already have done so. Contributions will be kept in our archives for future generations of College families and historians.

The material covered includes such things as: What is Biotechnology? What do graduates need to work as biotechnologists? What skills do they develop? Where do graduates work? as well as Professional organisations, various job titles and graduate profiles. I am happy to order copies of various subjects for parents or Career View can be accessed via the website www.victoria.ac.nz/careers

Chris Sellars, Careers Advisor

TERM 2	Important Dates:
	31 May: International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) Year 12 and 13 Commerce classes. Telford Agricultural College - talking to Year 13 Agricultural class.
	1 June: Otago Polytechnic, 12.30pm Richards House Library.
	3 June : Navy visit during General Studies, Year 12 and interested Year 13.
	10 June: CPIT at General Studies, Year 12 and interested Year 13.
	14 June : University of Melbourne liaison visit (lunch time).
	16 June: IED visit – Italian Design School, 1.15-1.45pm for interested students.
	17 June: University of Canterbury liaison visit Year 13.
	20 June: Monash University (Melbourne) visit (11.00am).
	23 June: University of Otago Information Evening – parents and boys (details to follow).
	5 July: Year 12 Leadership Day, Armed Forces - mini expo, lunch time. Victoria University, Christchurch Information Evening
	8 July: University of Canterbury Open Day for parents and students, 9.00am-4.00pm
HOLIDAYS	Future Dates:
	26 August: study@vic day - Victoria University, Wellington
	7 August : University of Auckland Open Day

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Whether playing on your own or with others, learning a musical instrument is a great skill, a discipline and a worthwhile hobby. Of course, it all takes time, energy and commitment, but the enjoyment element is there, as witnessed at last week's concert in the Chapel .

Christ's College is very fortunate to benefit from the services of itinerant instrumental music teachers who come and teach boys each week. These teachers are musicians in the field as performers and have many skills and tips to pass on to your sons. Lessons are taken mostly during class lesson times in the Music School, with some taken after school.

Instrumental lessons at College are available in string, woodwind, brass, drums, saxophone, guitar, bass guitar and piano. If you would like your son to learn any of these, either as beginners or picking it up after a break, please e-mail Nick Coxon, ncoxon@christscollge.com

Nick Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Congratulations to four students who were baptised in our Chapel on Friday evening, May 20: Bryce Park, Liam Beckett, Anthony Goh, and Nick Stewart. Thanks, as always, to Mr Aburn, Ms Nikola Eckertova, and the choir for their support there.



As I wrote in a previous *In Black & White*, St Margaret's College started confirmation preparation and invited students from our school to join them. Five of our students have been preparing with the St Margaret's girls: Michael Borthwick, John Fulton, Julian Kundig, Julius Herzhoff, and Campbell Craig. The confirmation service will be at St Margaret's at 5.30pm on the Day of Pentecost, 12 June. St Margaret's welcomes any one from our community to come and support our students and theirs at that service. That same evening we will also still have our planned 7.00pm service in the Chapel. I am grateful to Archdeacon Lawrence Kimberley who will preside and preach at that service while I am with our students at St Margaret's. I have been working in partnership with the Chaplain there in this preparation. As always, I am grateful for the way the schools work together, particularly this year in the way we have been able to be flexible so that students still get all the opportunities we regularly offer.

From time to time I talk about the monastic tradition we have inherited including in our architecture in which the Quad speaks of the importance of uncluttered space in our lives. The reality of the quake has been, for most of us, an inevitable increase in busyness. That too has been mirrored in the use of the Quad. More recently the dining tent has gone from the Quad, as have some of the paths which crossed it. Something more like our traditional uncluttered space is returning. With that return I have been reflecting with our community the way that we are urged to bring more intentional inner de-cluttering: taking (making) time to reflect, plan, pray, and be. In this time leading up to the Day of Pentecost, we are often urged to think about what unites us, and this pausing and planning precedes, in the case of Pentecost, the launching of arguably the most significant movement that this world has ever known.

Bosco Peters, Chaplain

TROPHY WINNERS

Christ's College has won the 2011 NTA (National Trade Academy) Secondary Schools' Agricultural Skills competition held at McLeans Island. Members of the winning team were Campbell Denham, Henry Hurst, Hamish Gallagher and Digby Heard, all of Jacobs House, with Ben Thatcher of Flower's House acting as the team manager. Christ's College also had a second team of four competing at the event. All College competitors are members of the Year 13 Agriculture class.

The competition has been running for several years as a joint venture between the National Trade Academy, Tectra and the Agriculture ITO. Its purpose is to promote agriculture as a career and to provide students with an insight into future courses while adding a competitive aspect to the day.

Ten teams from schools around Canterbury and the West Coast competed in a number of disciplines, including driving ATV and trailer through a tight, undulating course, stock handling, permanent fencing, tractor driving, rigging water-carrying pipes and troughs, and identifying stock breeds, seeds, equipment and safety requirements. Rangiora High School was runner-up to the successful Jacobs House team.

Dave Denham, who tutors the Year 13 Agriculture course at Christ's College, said he was very pleased with the way the boys conducted themselves and their teamwork during the day.



From left: Digby Heard, Hamish Gallagher, Henry Hurst (with trophy), Ben Thatcher, Campbell Denham.

NASA ASTRONAUTS

Christ's College students enjoyed a visit by three of the crew of the American space shuttle, Discovery, on Tuesday 24 May.

Six crew members of Discovery's 39th and final flight to the International Space Station were in New Zealand on a goodwill trip, hoping to share a message of hope and optimism, following February's earthquake.

Mathematics students were enthralled by Commander Steve Lindsey, and Mission Specialists, Alvin Drew and Dr Michael Barrett, as they described the career paths they took to becoming astronauts. Each astronaut described their role in the mission, before a 14 minute video of images from the 13 day trip was shared. The visit finished with a question and answer session and the boys were left in no doubt that they had just met some very special and inspiring men.

The crew also visited other schools in the Canterbury region, as well as in Hamilton and Auckland.



Alvin Drew, Commander Steve Lindsey and Dr Michael Barrett

COLLEGE BOYS WORK WITH TV3

Within the first hours after the February earthquake, a TV3 news crew landed on Upper, the only open space close to the CBD capable of accommodating a helicopter. The reporter with the team was Dan Parker, son of Christchurch Mayor, Bob Parker. College staff and boys, still shaken by events of that afternoon, helped the news crew with equipment for their satellite link and also supplied vehicles and other assistance.

Phil Corkery, Head of TV3 News, was so impressed with the help provided by Christ's College that he offered an opportunity for two students to accompany a news crew over the course of a typical working day.

Last week, Jared Wadsworth and Aengus Port, two keen Year 12 Media Studies students, were taken to the Triggers Complex at Addington Raceway where TV3 have been housed in temporary quarters since the quake.

Aengus accompanied reporter Jeff Hampton on a story about an accused looter following the earthquake. This involved a trip to the Rangiora Courthouse and some time following the case proceedings before conducting interviews. "I got tired holding the microphone for extended periods," said Aengus, "but it was fun watching how the story was gathered." He then learnt the occasional frustration of being a TV journalist when the story was "bumped" (deleted from the evening bulletin) following a decision from Auckland HQ. Aengus was then free to go and see how another journalist edited their story back at the newsroom.

Jared accompanied reporter, Monique Devereux, to Rugby Park where she hoped to interview All Black and Crusader Sonny-Bill Williams about his future in New Zealand rugby. Jared learnt the meaning of the phrase "hurry up and wait" as the crew had to pass the time for two hours until the end of the practice and a chance to interview the rugby star. At least this story made it to air that evening.

Both boys enjoyed the experience of being involved with the TV3 crews and learnt a good deal. "Things can change very quickly through the day with any news story," said Jared.

Peter Hewson, HOD Media Studies

CRICKET SELECTIONS

A recent Christ's College Old Boy has been selected for a New Zealand squad while one of College's newest players has been selected for a Canterbury academy.

Bailen Thatcher (Somes Year 9) is now a member of Canterbury Cricket's Junior Academy. He is one of three new players to join the ten player group. This is the sixth intake to the group which has produced several Canterbury Wizards. The Canterbury Cricket website describes Bailen as "a very exciting, tall 13 year old pace bowler from Christ's College." The Academy offers specialist skill sessions from expert coaches, as well as focusing on mental preparation, fitness and nutrition to maximize the player's potential.

Christ's College Old Boy Arnie Yugaraja (2007-2009) has been named in the New Zealand Cricket Development Squad, considered the training squad from which the New Zealand Under 19 World Cup team will be selected.



Bailen Thatcher, selected for Canterbury Cricket's Junior Academy.

CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ROAD RACE

The Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race was held Thursday 19 May on the cycle paths of North Hagley Park. The running conditions were perfect on a fast course. Nearly all our boys had excellent races, though a couple had either stitch or went out too hard at the start. Most achieved personal best times in their respective grades. Most of the other athletes there from other schools compete regularly in interclub competition. For many of our lads this was their first time at an event of this intensity. Looking at their times you will appreciate just how fast they ran for the places they achieved.

The number of College boys entering was down this year due to a combination of flu, injury or senior boys' focus on academic work.

Mr Christey, MIC Harriers

NAME	HOUSE	PLACE	TIME
U14 Boys - 3k			
Rory Swanson	So	16	10.58
Jeremy Penrose	Cf	18	11.02
Bryce Park	J	22	11.12
Henry Hodgson	Ro	25	11.17
Etienne Wain	So	29	11.23
Lachlan Stark	So	41	11.55
Fraser Horton-King	Cf	45	12.02
Rory Williamson	So	48	12.06
Jacob Bird	So	52	12.09
Bailen Thatcher	So	56	12.21
Monty Elworthy	S	58	12.29
Matthew Currie	So	64	13.31
Team Event Place	4th		
U15 Boys - 3k			
Tobias Robertshawe	Fl	14	10.31
Tom Raymond	H	16	10.36
James Keen	So	22	10.48
Tom Perkins	So	29	10.57
George Perkins	H	30	10.58
Ben Morris	R	35	11.07
Tomas Northcote	S	39	11.21
Hugo Elworthy	S	47	11.38
Nicholas Gemmell	S	56	12.28
Team Event Pace	4th		
Senior Boys - 5k			
Tom Guy	So	8	17.30
James Stretton	Ro	26	19.07

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 CONCERT SERIES

1 June 7.00pm, Christ's College Chapel

The Chamber Organ Concert presents the organ in an unusual way. The organ does not have a role of an accompanying or solo instrument, but of an equivalent partner to another soloist or a group. The pieces of the programme have been specifically composed for these instruments and the organ and they therefore use their specific combination of sounds. The solo instruments involved are brass instruments which combine wonderfully with the organ and are equivalent in power. The composers have also blended the sound of flute and violin successfully with the organ.

Even though the programme mainly consists of pieces from the twentieth century, it offers a great variety of styles from traditional harmony through lighter entertaining music to a more experimental contemporary style. The idea of this concert is to make the audience and the players experience the organ in a different way than they know it from church services and show them that the organ music can also be a lot of fun!

Part of the programme will be performed by Christ's College students with special guests Barrett Hocking from The Vector Wellington Orchestra and Bruce Roberts, Nick Johnson and Hayden Randell from The Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Nikola Eckertová will be playing the organ throughout the evening.

15 June 7.00pm, Christ's College Chapel

The Organ Solo Recital performed by Nikola Eckertová offers a well-balanced programme of various styles from early Baroque to contemporary. Composers like Johann Sebastian Bach and César Franck will be included and the audience will experience an insight to pre-Bach Baroque music as well as to a minimalist style of György Ligeti. The recital finishes with two dances by Jehan Alain.

Admission to both concerts is free, but a donation box will be available at the door.



NIKOLA ECKERTOVÁ



Nikola Eckertová comes from a small town near Prague in the Czech Republic. She started her musical education and made her first musical experience as a flautist and a pianist there. She began playing the organ at the age of seventeen in the class of Irena Chribkova in the Klement Slavicky music school in Prague. She continued her organ studies at Prague Conservatory under Josef Popelka and subsequently at Conservatoire de Musique du Nord in Luxembourg in the class of Maurice Clement. She graduated with *prix superieur* in organ, *premier prix* in piano and *premier prix* in chamber music in 2008.

Nikola was the organist at the St Prokopius church in Prague during 2004-2008. Last year she finished her postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music, where she studied in the class of Susan Landale (organ). Nikola was the organ scholar at the St Giles Cripplegate Church in London and a teacher of the St Giles International Organ school during 2008-2010. Together with Barrett Hocking she was awarded the UMP ensemble prize for the performance of *Okna* by Petr Eben. Nikola has been working as an organist and music tutor at Christ's College since July 2010.

BOARDING PROGRAMME

The Boarding Programme has been back and fully functioning again this term. Over the four weekends to date the boys have been involved in activities such as the High Rope course at Adrenalin Forest, Go Karting at the Templeton Motordrome and Paintball at McLeans Island. The activities have been well supported, highlighted by 50 boys attending Paintball last Sunday.

After a break over Queen's Birthday weekend the Boarding Programme continues with (weather permitting) the ski bus on its first trip for the season to Mt Hutt.

If boys intend going skiing they need to complete the 'Christ's College Ski Club Booking' form on the Intranet (under Student Workroom). This must be done EACH WEDNESDAY PRIOR to skiing. Any costs for lift passes and gear hire will be charged to your account.

Darrell Thatcher, Boarding Programme Coordinator



ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 31 May 2011

PRAYER: Chaplain

WELCOME TO: Dean Peter Beck

NOTICES:

The Spirit of Adventure are extending a special offer for Christchurch students of additional berths available on specific voyages from June to October. If you are interested please see my secretary Mrs Lindsay for details

From Mr Clarke

All boys who have registered for the Duke of Edinburgh silver award please meet in the Gym lecture room on Wednesday after boarders' lunch.

Year 11 to 13 boys who would like to do the Red Cross Comprehensive first aid course in order to complete the service component of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award should email Mr Clarke by the end of this week. The first course this year is likely to run from 4 to 6pm on a Tuesday this term and next. There are only 25 spaces available.

From Mr Coxon

Orchestra this week will combine with St Margaret's and the rehearsal will be for woodwind, brass & percussion. All those who played in the combined orchestra at the start of the year will be welcome to the rehearsal on Friday, after school in the Recital Room of the Music School.

From Mr Hayes

Boys who are interested in race skiing, there has been an adjustment to the dates and venues already circulated. Information has already been passed on to your housemasters, but if anyone needs clarification, please see Mr Hayes anytime today.

Now that the pool is working again, Mr Hayes will be offering the PADI Rescue Diver course to boys who are already PADI Advanced Divers. Will the boys who saw Mr Hayes in term 1, please see him to confirm their interest, along with any other boys in Year 11 or above who would like to take their diving to this level.

From Mr Sellars

General Studies this week is for Year 12. Please can all be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm please.

From Mr Lidstone

Today after school there will be a visiting speaker, Mr Chris Ardouin, from the National Radiation Laboratory. He will talk about his experiences with radioactivity including his experiences in trying to stabilise the Fukushima reactor following the Japan earthquake. The talk will be held in the library conference room from 4-5pm. All are welcome to come along. Please email or see Mr Lidstone to confirm your attendance.

ACTIVITY REPORT: Jack Acland, Prefect School House
CRICKET

Bailen Thatcher has been selected into the prestigious Canterbury Cricket Junior Academy. The Academy takes the top young players in Canterbury and grooms them to be future professional players. This is a wonderful achievement.

ROAD RACE

The following is a list of the College Athletes who finished in the top 20 places at this year's Canterbury Schools' Road Race.

U14	Rory Swanson	16th
	Jeremy Penrose	18th
U15	Tobias Robertshawe	14th
	Tom Raymond	16th
Snr	Tom Guy	8th

CYCLING

Our Cycling team was in action again at the midweek schools event. **George Tutton** was 2nd in the A grade. **Tom Wilson** was 2nd in the B Grade. **Isaac Hull** won the 'D' Grade with **James Stretton** 2nd and **Matthew Noble-Adams** was 4th in the E grade.

HOCKEY

4 wins and 2 losses for hockey over the weekend. The 1st XI played a fast and positive passing game to beat Selwyn 4 - 0. Scorers were **Kip Mouldley**, **Luke Cracroft-Wilson**, **Harry Fairgray** and **Garrett Mueller**.

The 2nd XI also had a win over Selwyn 2 nil.

In the final round of grading games for the Youth competition the 3rd XI and Black teams had wins. The Youth Black Hockey team played exceptionally well to win against Hornby 2-1. Goals were scored by **George Satterthwaite** and **Callum Kilgour Aitken**.

The Colts and White teams lost 4-3 and 5-3 respectively.

RUGBY

The 1st XV lost 40-31 against Timaru Boys' High School.

The U16A had an excellent 52-12 win over Belfast after the game was drawn 12-12 at half time. With **Rhys Johnston** and **Tom O'Malley** scoring three tries each.

The U15A also had a very good win against CBHS 'B' 22-10. Front row forwards, **George Fechny**, **Archie Cameron** and **Jesse Sullivan** all scored tries with Fechny picking up Player of the Day honours.

FOOTBALL

The 1st XI played St Andrews and lost 2-1. **Dan Sharples** finding the net for College. The 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 4 XI all suffered losses.

The U15As were too strong for Waimak United winning 9-0. **Jharn Stevenson** again scoring three. **Henry Hodgkins** scored two and **Conrad Fleischmenn, Boris Marinov, Olliver Scholz**, and **Eddie Wright** all scoring once.

The U15Bs played St Andrew's College and won 5-0.

The U14As went down 3-0 to Halswell United and the U14Bs lost 4-2 to Christchurch Boys' High School.

BADMINTON

The B1s had an excellent 9-0 win over Cashmere.

SQUASH

The B1s beat the Christ's College B5s 10-0. The only other team to record a win this week was the C1s.

TABLE TENNIS

The B1s beat Hillmorton 4-2 and the C1s drew against Kaiapoi High School.

BASKETBALL

Euwin Tan had a strong defensive game and scored 12 points in the College Juniors 67-15 win over St Thomas College.

PRESENTATIONS TO:

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards: Jonny Jones, Kieran Roe

Football certificate:

Jharn Stevenson – hat-trick for the College U15A team against Waimak

Harry Tothill – Addressed school about being synod representative

Mr Donaldson – spoke to the school at the end of Assembly about arrangements for Thursday and the 1st XV game against CBHS

Will Utley – spoke to the school at the end of Assembly about arrangements for the interhouse haka competition today

THE QUAD

There was No Way in which Herbert Williams would have walked on the Quad in 1875, let alone sat down on a chair in a classroom. He wrote to his family that trespassing on the 'sacred grass plot' would have earned him 200 lines.

Indeed, until March this year, trespassing on the Quad would have earned you a reprimand, even if you were just collecting a stray rugby or tennis ball. Staff were allowed to walk across it, but they rarely did. Now we all wend our way along temporary paths and semi permanent porta-coms.

The Quad was part of the original design of the College and was based on the Quadrangles which were an integral part of both English Public Schools and University Colleges which themselves had their origin in the monastic tradition. As William's plan shows two of the buildings which we are familiar with today – the Chapel (1) and Big School (2) edged the quad to the south and west, and others have arrived and been replaced on the other sides over the years.

Jane Teal, Archivist

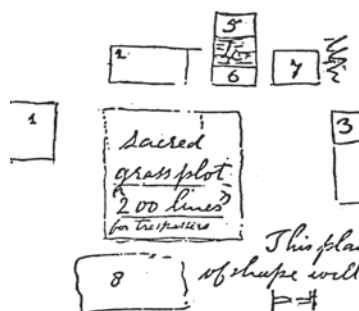


Herbert Williams



Christ's College May 2011

Once a month we go to Mr Worthy on Saturday (th - tomorrow) with our past classics.



Idea of our grounds
 1 = Chapel. 2 = School room where we sit assemble before going to work. 3 = House Room in Mr Corfe's house. 4 = Mr Church's room. 5 = Mr Phillips's etc. 6 = Mr Condel etc. 7 = Mr Worthy's room in his house. 8 = Library where books are kept. and money matters bills etc are received and where they are sent

Quadrangle sketch, 1875

HAKA COMPETITION

The annual Christ's College Haka competition was held at lunchtime today. The ten Houses each performed our haka to judges from the CPIT, Manu and Chris Huata. Both judges have tutored the Christ's College Te Ao Maori programme which runs for Year 9 and 10 boys at the end of each school year.

Coordinator of the Te Ao Maori programme, Mr Steve Everingham said that the judges were very happy with the quality of this year's performances. "The boys have been practising and working hard and each year the standard improves. This year the quality of those leading the haka was very high," he said.

The top three placed Houses were: Somes House 1st, Richards House 2nd and Jacobs House 3rd.

