



IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The end of Term 2 finally saw us back in the Assembly Hall, for the first indoor assembly of the term, at which we were able to recognise John Hamilton for his leadership of the Civil Defence with our annual Leadership Medal. This led into the outstanding Year 12 Leadership Day, attended by students and Principals from high schools throughout Christchurch. Finally, despite the obvious lack of a ceiling, it hosted our parent/teacher meetings. Things are getting back to 'normal'! Friday night saw us move into the Dining Hall for the Parents' Association Mid-Winter Drinks event; well over 200 attended, and there was a wonderful atmosphere as we swapped stories of a remarkable term. My thanks to all the parents involved in putting the event on – everyone enjoyed it enormously.

I was in England at Christmas last year for one of the rare 'white Christmas' events – as memorable as it was unusual – and then last week, the heaviest snowfall in Christchurch for many years. Snow in both hemispheres in the same year is probably too much of a good thing. Unlike England, the sun then came out after two days and under the most glorious blue skies, most of it quickly vanished; there was a short time though when it seemed like just one more complication we could have done without.

The snowfall came almost straight after the Chapman Block caused offence to our structural engineers; I was frustrated

at the totally unexpected revelation that its design and construction apparently gave it the architectural equivalent of scurvy, and the dose of remedial vitamin C required would be both expensive and time consuming. Having tried to conceal my previous disappointment that it had suffered no structural damage at all in the earthquakes, I now attempted to feign regret, unconvincingly I am sure. A recommendation is before the Board about its future, and in due course I will communicate the outcome of their deliberations. The College Register of 1961, when Chapman was constructed, described it as the most beautiful building on the College campus; it probably would not earn that accolade today, but we should not be too quick to dismiss it. Architecture is of its period; some proves to have a timeless appeal, some may not. But perhaps the weakest architecture is that which appears to be what it isn't. There is an argument that anything in design should be challenging if it is to live in the future; that which is comfortable at a first meeting, is already dated. Some styles of architecture have proved to be timeless, and 60's brutalism still has its devotees – so they tell me. I am happy not to be counted amongst them.



The building contained the staff facilities, as well as temporary accommodation for Harper and Julius. We have had a busy



WEDNESDAYS AT 7 CONCERT SERIES

CHRIST'S COLLEGE BIG BAND PRESENTS

ALL JAZZED UP

Wednesday 10 August 7.00pm
Assembly Hall, Christ's College

and creative week, and the arrangements arrived at will be developed further in the next few weeks. The old College museum space above the Assembly Hall foyer had been previously cleared and converted, and has now been allocated as a temporary staff room. It was Mr Brian Le Vaillant who suggested I note in this newsletter, 'College staff put in a museum'. As if I would. I am grateful to them in advance for putting up with what are far from ideal circumstances for the time being, but things will improve quite quickly.

Meanwhile, our top priority is to get the work finished on School House. Up to 40 staff have been working on both the north wall reinforcing and the exterior stone work over the holiday. The weather, of course, has not helped – the outside work is now shrouded in plastic to protect it from the worst of the low temperatures, and we have acquired a spectacular banner bearing school crests courtesy of our contractors, Naylor Love. Unfortunately the black tui heads have been a little lost against the black background, bringing the inevitable quip – 'the Head, missing again'.

That was not entirely fair, although during the last break I was in London and then Singapore on two almost back-to-back assignments. The first was the IBSC (International Boys' Schools Coalition) Conference at The City of London Boys' School. The most interesting theme examined the current state of understanding of brain functioning in young people; there has been much research into cognitive function and brain activity (using modern medical scanning imagery) but the focus has now moved beyond merely brain 'geography' (what happens where and why) and towards the more general consideration of the socio-emotional affective conditions against which this activity takes place. The current interest is not just how different brains respond to learning stimuli, but why there is such a variation.

I was able to excuse myself for one day, to catch up with our choir tour in Paris for their recital at the New Zealand Embassy – a memorable evening, in a fleeting visit. I was also able to meet some prospective parents in London, as well as the trustees of the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Fund; it was uplifting to recognise the commitment on the other side of the world to Christchurch, and its situation. From London, I joined the Asia New Zealand's Principals' Forum in Singapore for six days. Singapore is one of the top performing education systems in the world as measured through PISA tests, and I was keen to find out why. It was an intensive exposure not only to the education system itself, but also to their approach to teacher education, to New Zealand's trading profile in the country, and of course the racial mix which defines Singapore's history. As always, some of the impacts were tangential to the main purpose. I was left, for example, impressed by the country's commitment to conserving and promoting its cultural inheritance, recognising a risk of a homogeneous society of many races, but without a coherent social history. It was likened to a person with amnesia – a clear view of the current, but no recollection of what went before. I wondered whether this paralleled New Zealand to an extent, particularly our part of the South Island, where so much is defined by the European history. Also, in Christchurch at this time, we are tested by the question of how much to sweep away and renew of even that recent story, and how much to conserve. In a real sense, the College may well be contributing even more than before, to that sense of lineage in the city.

I hope you have all enjoyed the break. I notice daffodils are breaking through in the park already, and lambs were in the fields in North Canterbury at the weekend. Spring is not far away. This is always a busy term, and this time will mark the anniversary of that startling morning in September. What a year it has been.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 1

- Tu 2 Year 9-13 ICAS Australasian English examination
Big Band leaves for Blenheim, 1.00pm
Interhouse senior basketball, Gym, 1.15pm
- W 3 Southern Jam Big Band festival begins, Blenheim
- Th 4 Australian Mathematics competition, Assembly Hall, 8.45-10.00am
Interhouse Chess, 12.45pm
Interhouse senior basketball, Gym, 12.45pm
Year 11 subject options, OBT, 12.45pm
Year 9 Advanced Learning nanotechnology workshop, University of Canterbury, 4.00-5.00pm
CSS senior debating round 5, UofC, 5.00pm
- F 5 Year 12 General Studies subject options, OBT, 1.15pm
Interhouse junior basketball, Gym, 1.15pm
- Sa 6 Saturday activities begin
Weekend programme available for all boarders
Flower's House ski trip leaves for Craigieburn
- Su 7 19th Ordinary Sunday
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am
Big Band returns from Blenheim, 3.00pm
Flower's House ski trip returns

Week 2

- M 8 Interhouse senior rugby prelims, CCCG, 4.00pm
- Tu 9 CSS skiing & snowboarding championships, Mt Cheesman
Year 12 careers expo, CBS Arena, 9.00am-10.45am
University of Auckland liaison visit, 1.00pm
Interhouse senior basketball, Gym, 1.15pm
Skills seminar for Year 11 dayboys, OBT, 4.00-6.00pm
Harper House parent evening, 5.00-7.00pm
Skills seminar for Year 11 boarders, OBT, 7.00-9.00pm
- W 10 SISS cycling two-day tour begins, Blenheim
Big Band recital evening, Assembly Hall, 7.00pm
- Th 11 Interhouse senior debating round 1, 12.45pm

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

For longer than anyone can remember, there has been an actual human skeleton on display in the Biology Department. Another one was in storage. They have been treated well, but clearly belong to a different era. As others do, we now use a good plastic replica. Recently, the Biology Department approached me to reverently lay these skeletons to rest. I have led a number of unusual services, including atypical funerals – but certainly this required some research.



I am grateful for all the help I received. Bell, Lamb & Trotter provided their services and two hearses free of charge, two caskets were donated, and the crematorium gifted their services.

Week 1 of the holidays I led a brief, simple service in our Chapel, in the presence of the Archdeacon, and members of the Biology Department. We know nothing about these skeletons – their names or origin. Their being driven out through our school gates closed an interesting chapter.

We are all seeing poignant images of the famine in the Horn of Africa. We sent \$1,000 from Chapel collections to help there. We are all also aware that in these holidays an unbelievable tragedy has rocked Norway. I abhor, as we have seen, the using of such a horrific event as a platform to promote one's favourite issue. In a school with young people we respond with prayer and silence. We began the term in silence in Chapel, remembering these and other sorrows.

As many others will have I'm sure, these holidays I did a movie marathon of Harry Potter – re-seeing many I had seen previously, concluding with the last one in 3D. There is so much to discuss in this series about love, commitment, friendship, forgiveness, standing up for what is right (whatever the cost), death, life after death, turning down absolute power,... I hope families sit around the kitchen table discussing and debating these things.

We stand on the threshold of another full and exciting term. As always I look forward to seeing many of you at Chapel services and other events.

Blessings

Bosco Peters, Chaplain

MUDDY WIN

A Christ's College team won the Secondary School Boys' team section of the Sport Canterbury Mud Run on Sunday 10 July.

Andy Yeomans (Julius), who organised the team's entry, was joined by Hamish Leighton, Elliot Scholz (both of Somes) and Hugo Elworthy (School) on the five kilometre obstacle course. The muddy course included mud slides, water races, horse jumps, high wire climbing fences and barbed-wire crawls.



CALENDAR EVENTS

cont.

- Th 11 Interhouse junior basketball, Gym, 12.45pm
- F 12 NZSS squash championships, Auckland
Year 12 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm
Interhouse junior basketball, Gym, 1.15pm
Year 12 Accounting field trip, 2.00-5.00pm
College v King's College debate, OBT, 7.00pm
- Sa 13 Weekend programme available for all boarders
1st XV 'The Press' Cup final
- Su 15 20th Ordinary Sunday
NZSS duathlon championships
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am
CSS Mini 'The Press' debating competition, 9.00am
School House claybird shoot, Mt Peel, 9.00am
Choral Evensong, 7.00pm
Preacher: The Chaplain

Week 3

- M 15 Interhouse senior rugby first round, CCCG, 4.00pm
Interhouse junior football final, CCCG, 4.00pm

THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP



THE CLOTHING SHOP HAS NEW HOURS

TERM TIME
10am-5pm Monday-Friday
Saturday 9am-12noon

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
10am-5pm Closed for lunch 12-12.30pm
Closed Saturdays

We now stock all new Uniforms

CAREERS

Events since last *In Black & White*

- College House (UC) talked about accommodation
- Victoria University, Christchurch Information Evening
- AUT (Auckland University of Technology) liaison visit
- UC Open Day - last Friday of Term 2
- CPIT Open Day & Engineering Expo
- Lincoln University Open Day - week 3 of holidays



University of Canterbury Open Day

I attended the Open Day as did thirty Year 13 boys and it was very reassuring to wander around the campus and see how good it looked and that all lectures are up and running in the lecture theatres. Rod Carr talked to Careers Advisers and informed us of the progress that has been made since the earthquakes at the university. He also outlined the additional funding for first year student scholarships.

UC - University of Canterbury Scholarships

UC has increased the funding of scholarships by a third. A significant component will be available to first-year students based on their Level 2 & 3 endorsements.

NCEA Level 2		NCEA Level 3	
Endorsement	+	Endorsement	= Cash Scholarship
Excellence	+	Excellence	= \$3000
Excellence	+	Merit/Achieved	= \$2000
Merit	+	Excellence	= \$2000
Merit	+	Merit/Achieved	= \$1000
Achieved	+	Excellence	= \$2000

NZ Army, Army Careers Experience (ACE) 2011

Congratulations to the following who were selected to attend the week long course at Burnham camp during the holidays: William Edmundson and Reinn Duxford

BreakOut - Scholarships, Awards, Grants

BreakOut is the primary source of information about funding for study in New Zealand. BreakOut will help you select the most appropriate award, scholarship or grant for you. We have subscribed to BreakOut which can only be accessed from the Christ's College campus, but parents are most welcome to come into College and use it with their sons if they wish. Use either www.breakout.org.nz or www.fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php

Scholarships

The Arrow Foundation 2011 Leadership Scholarships:

Two x \$5,000 scholarships awarded to the two most impressive applications nationwide. For students who have demonstrated leadership qualities within their school or community. Applications open on Monday 1 August 2011 and close Friday 7 October 2011. Only one student per school can be nominated. Further information available from Mr Sellars.

Queenstown Resort College: National Scholarship, for students starting Diploma studies in 2012. Diploma of Hospitality Management and Diploma of Adventure Tourism Management or Diploma in Adventure Tourism specialising in Snowsport Business Management. Further information available.

University of Otago: New Premier scholarship - Academic Excellence Scholarship, provides support for three years of undergraduate study to a minimum value of \$30,000. A minimum of NCEA awarded with Excellence is required for consideration. For 2012, first year applications will be made through an online system which can be accessed at www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/applications. Applications close September 1.

Massey University: College of Business, Captains Club Leadership Awards - covers first year fees (up to \$5,000) and takes the form of a fees bursary. Bachelor of Business Studies, Accountancy, AgriCommerce, Applied Economics, Aviation, Aviation Management, Communication.

Engineering

Many of our students who wish to follow a career in Engineering either study at UC (University of Canterbury) or the University of Auckland. There is another option which may suit some students and in many cases may be the better option. CPIT (Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology) - Engineering Trades, NZ Diploma in Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical) 2 years, Bachelor of Engineering Technology, 3 years. Both the Diploma and Degree lead on to further study at the universities.

Student Workchoice Day

Selected Year 12 students will attend this day on 16 August. There will be 3 groups attending.
5 Accounting students to KPMG
10 students to City Care (am), Tait Electronics (pm)
10 students to Airways (am), Jade Software (pm)
Interested boys to contact Mr Sellars

New York University Abu Dhabi: Seeks top high school students from all backgrounds and from around the world who are at the top of their class, intellectually engaged, passionately committed to positive change, and interested in joining an internationally diverse student body. NYUAD information session in Christchurch, Friday August 12 at 6.30pm-8.30pm, The George, 50 Park Terrace. To register your interest email nyuad@bkk.iie.org by Wednesday 10th August.

Study@Vic Day

Friday 26th August. Victoria University Wellington & Massey University (Wellington)
This is not an organised school trip and flights to and from Wellington are to be organised by parents. The same applies to accommodation. At present there are flights for around \$59. In the past boys have stayed with family friends or at a backpackers on Thursday night or taken an early flight on Friday morning. Mr Sellars will be in Wellington for the day and meets up with the boys on Friday morning. Parents have often travelled with their sons. Please can you let Mr Sellars know if your son will be attending the day.

University of Auckland: Courses and Careers Day

Saturday 27th August. 9am-3pm
www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz
Each year they host a Traveller's Breakfast for out-of-Auckland students who are attending the day by themselves (or with parents). To reserve a place at the breakfast, email r.grogan@auckland.ac.nz by Friday 5th August.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser

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Career Dates

TERM 3	Important Dates:
	1 August: Applications open for teaching qualifications, Canterbury. Emerging Leaders scholarship applications open, Canterbury. Colleges/Halls applications open, All Universities
	4 August: Subject Options, Year 11 OBT 12.45pm
	8 August: Careers Expo. CBS Arena
	9 August: Careers Expo (all Year 12 to attend), CBS Arena
	11 August: Russell McVeagh Law Scholarship application due
	12 August: Monash University (Melbourne) presentation, Melbourne. New York University, Abu Dhabi 6.30pm
	15 August: Physical Education applications due, Otago
	16 August: Workchoice Day - selected Year 12. Subject Options evening
	26 August: study@vic day, Victoria. Wellington Campus Open Day, Massey. AUT (Auckland University of Technology), Auckland
	27 August: University of Auckland Open Day, Auckland
	29 August: Otago Law Career afternoon, at Christ's College
	30 August: Teaching applications, Otago
	30 August: High Achiever Scholarships applications due, Massey
	31 August: Closing date Future Leaders & Sports Scholarships, Lincoln
	1 September: Scholarship applications due, Otago. Music auditions completed by, Otago. Scholarship applications due, Canterbury
	2 September: Scholarship applications due, Auckland. Study Link - loans & allowances presentation
	15 September: Closing dates for Colleges, Otago. Performance music applications due, Canterbury
	16 September: Lincoln University "Explore Day" Year 12, Lincoln
	28 September: University of Otago - course planning at College, Otago
	29 September: Victoria University - course planning
	30 September: Closing date Fine Arts, Music-Jazz, performance, music majors, Auckland. Closing date for Victoria Excellence/Achiever scholarship, Victoria. Closing date for University Colleges/Halls of residence, All
	8-10 October: NASDA - Musical Theatre auditions, CPIT
TERM 4	15 November: Fine Arts applications due, Canterbury
HOLIDAYS	8 December: Closing date, Architecture, Arts, Business, Law, Engineering, Health Sciences, Auckland

LEADERSHIP MEDAL 2011

John Hamilton CNZM MVO (7836 Flower's) has been awarded the 2011 Christ's College Leadership Medal. Mr Hamilton is the Director of New Zealand's Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management. Following the 22 February earthquake in Christchurch, Mr Hamilton was the National Controller of the Civil Defence Emergency Response. Prior to joining the Ministry of Civil Defence, Mr Hamilton had a long and distinguished career in the New Zealand Air Force as a helicopter pilot and from 2002 through until 2006 he held the position of Chief of Air Force, the highest position in the NZRAF.

Mr Hamilton was presented with the award at a special assembly prior to the Emerging Leaders' Conference, a one day conference on leadership for Year 12 pupils from around the region, hosted by Christ's College in association with The Sir Peter Blake Trust. He told those assembled, "I am flattered because my role in the response, in September and February, is nothing compared to the work and heartache that you people have been through at the College here and with family and friends in Christchurch."



Headmaster, Mr Simon Leese presents the 2011 Christ's College Leadership Medal to Mr John Hamilton.

The Leadership Medal is awarded annually to an Old Boy who has achieved eminence in his chosen field. This can be either in an academic or professional community or any other walk of life.

CURRICULUM

At the risk of labouring matters 'earthquake related', I am aware that there are some very creative rumours doing the rounds amongst boys about what might happen to NCEA assessment as a result of the earthquakes.



It is important that everyone understands that the NZQA's bottom line is the maintenance of the integrity of NCEA as a qualification, so boys cannot expect some sort of 'easy ride' as a result. NZQA staff totally understand that there must be some allowance for the fact that students in some cases have been adversely affected by the 'quakes, especially in schools that have been totally displaced, and are now site sharing. They are working hard to ensure that they retain a human face to their work, but the qualification is the qualification, and it must stand for the same levels of achievement as always.

In order to make sure that we are all 'on the same page', I have reprinted below some of the relevant information taken directly from the NZQA web page. I have highlighted in bold particular sections that may help to settle some of the unfounded speculation, and have added commentary in brackets to help with interpretation. The full outline can be found at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/news/issues-facing-christchurch-schools/>

Initiatives being implemented by NZQA

1) *NZQA will provide schools with advice and guidance on programme planning. This will include reducing the assessment load to a manageable level without compromising curriculum and programme integrity, and the students' ability to gain qualifications. Students can be assessed against fewer credits than may have been planned for in a normal school year, and still meet the requirements for NCEA. Decisions about assessment load are best taken by teachers and students based on their particular circumstances.*

(Note: this does NOT mean that students don't need to gain fewer credits to 'get over the bar' with qualifications, but merely that schools may wish to offer fewer credits in total. At College we have chosen not to adopt this course of action, and have successfully managed to recover lost time across courses.)

2) *For external assessment, (mainly examinations) a separate "derived" grade process will be established based on the procedures used successfully for Christchurch students after the September 2010 earthquake. The process will allow teachers to provide an estimate of the grade a student would have received for their external assessment under normal circumstances. **This grade will only be awarded where appropriate supporting evidence for a student is made available by the school.** Student results notices and the Record of Achievement will record the awarded grade as normal.*

3) *A simplified process for collecting evidence for internal assessment will be established. This will take the form of a template which teachers can use to identify evidence of*

achievement for the purpose of awarding standards. This process will save valuable teaching and learning time by reducing the need for formal assessment. NZQA will also allow additional internal assessment time for affected schools until the end of February 2012, and accept these results towards 2011 qualifications.

4) *NZQA will also develop a special credit inclusion appeal process. School leavers, who have narrowly missed achieving their Level 3 NCEA and/or University Entrance, could apply for this if their situation appears not to have been satisfactorily addressed in other ways.*

5) *NZQA will continue to discuss with universities, and other tertiary providers, issues around entrance requirement, and advise them of how NZQA intends to manage results, derived grades, and other data.*

9) *NZQA will extend the submission date for portfolio-based externally assessed standards in subjects such as Technology and Graphics.*

10) *Schools will be given additional assistance with managing an expected increase in applications for Financial Assistance for fees in 2011.*

Worthy of special note is that derived grades must still be based on evidence i.e. staff cannot simply invent a grade that they think is right for a student. As always this requirement makes achievement in the Term 3 trial examinations of vital importance should any boys need to apply for derived grades for any reason at all, as this will be an important source of reliable assessment evidence. Class tests offer similar evidence. Please remember that derived grades are only available for external standards (those assessed by examination in November).

This year's trial examinations run from the 7 - 13 September.

And finally from me, a reminder that applications for Financial Assistance are due with me by **Friday 19 August**.

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Former Christ's College pupil, Marty McKenzie has made the Southland Stags rugby squad in his first year out of school. Marty broke two long standing Press Cup records in his time at College; most tries in a season (26) and most individual points (236). Southland are current Ranfurly Shield holders after beating Canterbury at Rugby Park last week and defending the Counties challenge on Friday night.



Derek Martin, Director of Sport

SUCCESSFUL FELLOVES

Thomas Fellowes has brought home a Bronze medal from the 43rd International Chemistry Olympiad. Thomas travelled to Ankara, Turkey for the competition, held from 9 - 11 July. He finished as the highest performing member of his four person New Zealand team.

The competition involves a five hour practical examination and a five hour theoretical examination.

Thomas said in a brief email message before making the 37 hour trip home that it has been a incredible experience. "We all earned Bronze so we are really happy!"

The other members of Thomas' team, also earning Bronze medals, were Andy Chen (Macleans College), Jade Leung (St Cuthbert's College), Kailun Wang, (Auckland Grammar School).



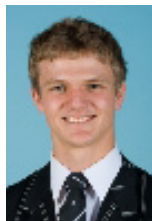
Thomas, second from left, with his NZ team in Turkey.

THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL MUN

Felix Van Bohemen Hunter and Thomas Frost have been chosen to represent New Zealand at The Hague International Model United Nations in January 2012. This was announced at the National Model United Nations conference in Wellington in July. Their selection builds on a strong tradition of Christ's College delegates being selected. In January this year Harry Tothill was among the New Zealand delegates to THIMUN and in previous years we have been represented by Sam Hider, Anton Smith, Sam Bush, Oliver Clifford and Richard Evans, among others.



Felix Van Bohemen Hunter



Thomas Frost

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD

Four Christ's College students, Uddaka Wijesinghe, Samuel Kidner, Hamish Grigg and Ryan Loeffen-Gallagher, have been awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. Three were presented with their awards by His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand, the Right Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, at Government House in Wellington on Saturday. Hamish and Sam are in their final year at College. Uddaka and Ryan left at the end of 2010.



Hamish Grigg, Ryan Loeffen-Gallagher and Sam Kidner at Government House on Saturday.

TONY SUN

Tony Sun, over the holiday period competed as a member of the NZ team at the International Olympiad of Informatics. This prestigious international computer programming competition was held in Pattaya, Thailand. The competition is split over two days. Each competition session lasted 5 hours in which competitors demonstrated their skills in problem solving, design of algorithms and data structures, programming and testing. The students described the contest as challenging, and intense but fun.



On this occasion Tony did not quite secure enough marks to bring home a medal, although he was close. "He was a fine ambassador of New Zealand whilst in Hong Kong and Thailand. He should be commended on his selection and performance in this team," said team leader and Director of the NZ Olympiad in Informatics, Margot Phillips in a letter to the Headmaster.



Max Beckert

ROLLESTON HOUSE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST
9AM ONWARDS

WIN FOR TEAM IN CANBERRA

Max Beckert enjoyed success in Canberra as part of the Bike NZ squad during the school holidays. His Under 17 boys team won the tour overall, following two stage wins and a third place. This was the best result ever earned by the Under 17 boys.

The tour was held over two days on a hilly course with strong winds. Scott Ambrose of BikeNZ won the time trial on the first morning with a 15 second lead. "I finished 28th which was a disappointing result for me," says Max, "However, we had yellow. The rest of the tour I was a domestique for Scott to defend yellow." Max was pleased with his 15th overall finish. "After the time trial it was not my race. I was racing for Scott and made any sacrifice for him to hold the jersey, which we succeeded in doing."

HOCKEY

The New Zealand Under 15A Boys Premier Hockey Title was won by Canterbury at the National Tournament in Timaru last week. The winning team included five Christ's College players: Dominic Newman, Sam Feutz, Jack Woodley (Co-Captain), Sirac Adams and Brian Lee (Goalie). The final was against last year's winners Auckland, with Canterbury dominating possession and winning 1-nil.

The Canterbury U15B Boys team finished third in their tournament. Their team also included Christ's College boys Benji Andrews, Nicolaas Cronshaw, James Kean and Eric Lee.



Dominic Newman, Sam Feutz, Jack Woodley, Sirac Adams and Brian Lee.

JED SMITH

Jed Smith (Julius) was the only College swimmer able to compete at the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships held in Dunedin during the holidays but he made sure we were well represented by swimming personal best times in nearly every race. Swimming in the 14 and under age group, Jed was 2nd in both the 50m and the 100m backstroke events and was 4th in the 50m Freestyle and the 50m Butterfly. A pleasing set of results that show he is on track for good performances at the NZ Short Course Championships to be held at Wellington in early August.

Neil Porter



ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 2 August

PRAYER: Chaplain

Welcome back for Term 3 – very busy term which will include both House Music and House Drama competitions. Disruptions for both Harper & Julius houses, and staff out of the Chapman block. Congratulations to the choir on a very successful tour to Europe. Good luck to the Big Band who attend the Southern Jam festival in Blenheim this week.

Welcome to:

Mrs Anna McDowall – Teacher of drama

Mr Bobby Sharp – Maths tutor (ex Oxford University)

Mr Sam Jeffries – Gap (ex Plume School, Essex, UK)

NOTICES:

From Mr O'Connor

There is a meeting on Wednesday in P3 following boarders' lunch for all boys who rowed last season. This is all current year 10, 11 & 12 boys, even those who did not row at Maadi.

From Mr Coxon

The orchestra rehearsal this week will be for the full orchestra, in the assembly hall.

From Mr Clarke

The Duke of Edinburgh first aid course continues on Tuesdays after school in the gym health room. Boys doing the course please be there ready to go by 4pm.

From Mr Sellars

1. Year 11 are to go to the OBT on Thursday at 12.45pm for a session on Careers options for 2012
2. General studies on Friday is for year 12, to be seated by 1.15pm
3. Year 12 boys are to read "Notices for pupils" re the student Workchoice day in week 3 and email Mr Sellars if interested

From Mr Thatcher

1. The Ski Bus will be running this Sunday. If boys intend going skiing they will need to do the following: By lunchtime tomorrow complete the "Christ's College Ski Club Booking" form on the Intranet (under Student Workroom). Any costs for lift passes and gear hire will be charged to your account. The bus will leave at 6.30am each Sunday and return at approximately 5.30pm.
2. Any boys wanting to do the Defensive Driving Course this term need to see Mr Thatcher in the Jacobs House Library tomorrow at 12.30pm. With the change in age to get your license now in place, the Defensive Driving instructor will also be there to discuss eligibility for the course.

ACTIVITY REPORT: Dan Sharples

Skiing

Congratulations to **Campbell Moreton** who won the J1 Inter-field races at Mt Hutt Ski field.

Canterbury Schools Mud Run

Congratulations to **Andy Yeomans, Hamish Leighton, Eliot Scholz** and **Hugo Elworthy** who won the Boys' Team Section of the CSS Mud Run

Hockey

The Hockey 1st XI had two narrow wins and two disappointing narrow losses over the holidays. Sunday's 2-1 loss to a very good Harewood men's side was the first match played with a normal starting lineup.

College had a number of players representing Canterbury at national tournaments over the break. At the U18 Nationals, the Canterbury U18A team including **Kip Mouldey** and **Will Hurst** finished 7th. However, at the U15 Nationals, the Canterbury U15A team beat Auckland 1-0 to win the national title. This team included five College players, co-captain **Jack Woodley, Sirac Adams, Sam Feutz, Brian Lee** and **Dominic Newman**. At the U15B National tournament, the Canterbury team bounced back well after narrowly losing their semifinal, to finish third. This team included **Benji Andrews, Nico Cronshaw** and **Eric Lee**.

An undefeated 2nd XI completed the championship round of the Senior Men's 3rd Division over the holidays. A 3-1 victory over Harewood in the final playoff round confirmed their third place ranking from pool play. A 6-nil victory against the CBHS 2nd XI, last Sunday, rounded off the holidays; with goals from **Oliver Roake, Garrett Mueller, James Kean** and a hat-trick from **Sirac Adams**.

The Youth Black team had a fantastic win over Chch Boys' High School - 3-0.

Football

The 1st XI played twice over the break. Firstly, they drew 2-2 with Cashmere Wanderers in a very even game and then they played well to beat top of the table Amberley 1-0. **Louis Loader-Horncastle** scored the winning goal. This was the first time Louis had scored for the College 1st XI.

Fencing

Julius Herzhoff won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Foil competition at the NZ Schools champs in Christchurch over the holidays. **Anthony Goh** (14th) and **Daniel Kelleghan** (21st) also competed for College. Julius also entered the New Zealand U20 Championships. A couple of decisions went against him in the quarterfinal rounds and he was thus placed 7th in the foil and 6th in epee.

Rugby

The 1st XV finished the top 8 section of the Press Cup in 6th place after being beaten 22-19 by St Thomas's at the end of last term. The team will meet St Thomas' again this Saturday in the plate semi finals. The U16's played last Saturday and beat Shirley BHS 22-12 to secure a place in the U16 A Section 1 semi-finals.

Swimming

Jed Smith competed at the South Island Secondary Schools Championships held in Dunedin during the holidays. Jed swam very well swimming personal best times in nearly every race. Swimming in the 14 and under age group, Jed was 2nd in both the 50m and the 100m Backstroke events and was 4th in the 50m Freestyle and the 50m Butterfly.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

The team comprising of **David Clay, Matt Aldridge** and **Minchan Park**, who won the year 12 chemistry competition held over the holiday break at CPIT in association with the NZ Institute of Chemistry. They obtained 201 marks out of a possible 220.

Thomas Fellowes who won a bronze medal at the Chemistry Olympiad in Ankara Turkey, as part of the NZ team.

Tony Sun who was a member of the NZ team to compete at the International Olympiad of Informatics. It was a gruelling

competition, 5 hours on each of 2 days. Tony had prepared well and his performance was a credit to himself, his school and his country. On this occasion he did not quite secure enough marks to bring home a medal, although he was close. He was a fine ambassador of NZ whilst in Hong Kong and Thailand.

Max Beckert who was a member of the U17 Bike New Zealand team which won the tour in Canberra overall. Max finished 15th overall but the team was the first NZ U17 boys' team to have success at this event.

Hamish Grigg, Sam Kidner, Ryan Loeffen-Gallagher and **Uddaka Wijesinghe** – were presented with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Government House last Saturday.

Year 11 boys to remain behind to meet briefly with Mr Sutton for a briefing on the study skills workshops.

Year 12 boys to remain behind to meet briefly with Mr Donaldson for a briefing on applying for prefectship next year.

HOUSE MUSIC 2011

House Music promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable evening, consisting of whole-house songs along with small-group choral and instrumental pieces. It takes place on Tuesday 30 August at 7pm in the CBS Arena. Parents and families are very welcome to attend. We recommend that you are seated by 6.45pm at the latest. Entry is free and tickets are not required. Free parking is available at the Arena. A collection for charity (the Christchurch City Mission) will be taken on the night.

WELCOME

This term we welcome three new members of staff. Mrs Anna McDowall has joined the Drama department. She has moved to Christchurch with her family from Invercargill, where she taught at James Hargest High School. We also welcome Mr Bobby Sharp, our new Mathematics tutor from Oxford University and Mr Sam Jeffries from Plume School, Essex as our Gap tutor.

THE BLACK AND WHITE BALL IS COMING SOON!

Despite the tumultuous events of 2011, the committees for the Black and White Ball and the College Ball have decided to proceed with these events this year. It is hoped parents and boys will support these events, as part of our community's process of rebuilding.

The Black and White Ball will be held on Friday 16 September, with a masquerade theme. This is the way the wider school community is able to support the boys' ball, which is held the following evening (Saturday 17 September). Local businesses are enthusiastic about supporting our endeavours to arrange a well-earned night out.

For the Black and White Ball, tables can seat groups of ten to twelve people, using any number of links (eg house, sporting or cultural links). For those planning to join in the masquerade theme, masks can be made by the artistically inclined or purchased from a variety of stores, including 2 dollar shops!

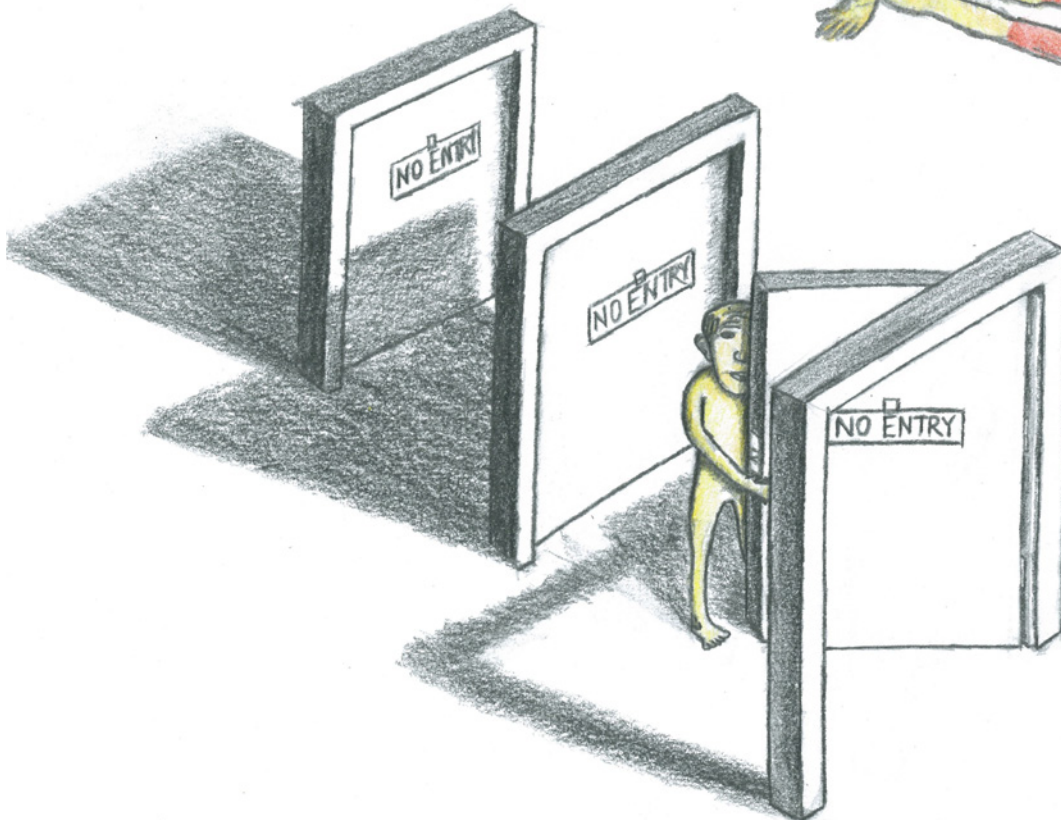
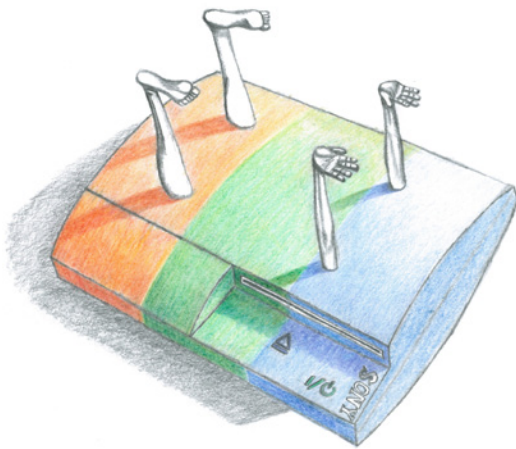
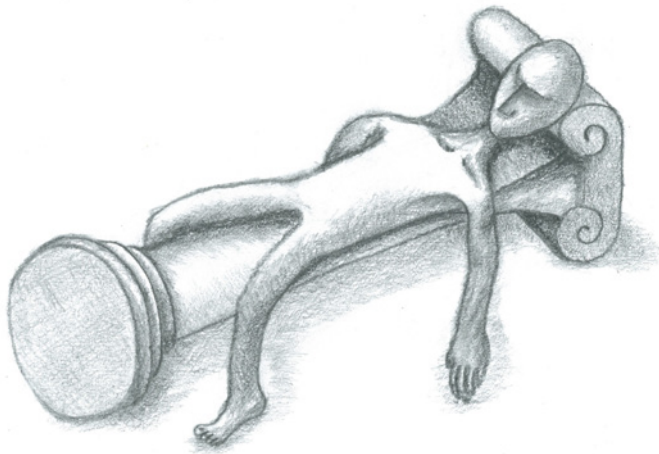
Tickets are available through the Development Office at a cost of \$175 per person. You should have received an order form with the new term calendar, and it is attached at the end of this newsletter. It can also be printed from the Christ's College website. Otherwise contact the office on (03) 364 6851.

I am happy to be contacted in the evenings to help with any arrangements or answer questions. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Ball.

Anna-Mary Anderson, Chair, Ball Committee
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ARTWORK BY
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SNOW – 25 JULY 2011



BOARDING PROGRAMME TERM 3

ACTIVITIES

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	SUPERVISING HOUSE
1 (August)	Sat 6	Movies	7.00pm	Hoyts @ Riccarton	School House
	Sun 7	Ski Trip	6.30am	Mt Hutt	School House
2	Tue 9	Year 9/10 Dinner Swap	5.30pm	Christ's College/St Margaret's College	All Houses
	Sat 13	Mini Golf	6.45pm	Caddyshack	Jacobs House
	Sun 14	Ski Trip ITM Cup - Canterbury vs Northland	6.30am 2.35pm	Mt Hutt Rugby Park	Jacobs House
3	Fri 19	Year 9/10 Quiz Evening	7.00pm	Christ's College/St Margaret's College	All Houses
	Sat 20	10 Pin Bowling	7.00pm	Garden City Bowl	Richards House
	Sun 21	Ski Trip	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Richards House
4	Sat 27	Golf Driving Range	7.00pm	Ferrymead Golf	Flower's House
	Sun 28	Ski Trip	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Flower's House
5 (Sept)	Sat 3	Ice Skating	7.00pm	Alpine Ice	School House
	Sun 4	Ski Trip	6.30am	Mt Hutt	School House
6	Sat 10	Archery	7.00pm	Aim Tru	Jacobs House
	Sun 11	Ski Trip	6.30am	Mt Hutt	Jacobs House
7	Thu 15	Boarding Awards Dinner	6.00pm	Dining Hall	All Houses
	Sat 17	Interhouse Quiz Evening	7.00pm	Dining Hall	All Houses
	Sun 18	Year 11 Boarder Team Challenge Day	9.30am	The Groynes	All Houses
8	Sat 24	Movies	7.00pm	Hoyts @ Riccarton	Richards House
	Sun 25	Go Kart Racing	9.30am	Motordrome Templeton	Richards House
9 (October)	Sat 1	Laserstrike	7.00pm	Moorhouse Ave	Flower's House
	Sun 2	Swimming with the Dolphins	9.00am	Akaroa	Flower's House

The Ski Trip is weather permitting.

OPTIONS

OPTION	PROVIDER	DURATION	LOCATION	COST
Diploma in Agriculture	National Trade Academy	2 years - 2 hours per week during term time plus practical days in holidays	College & various venues	\$350 per year
Defensive Driving	AA Driver Training	4 sessions of 2 hours plus 1 hour practical	College	\$170
PADI Open Water Dive Training	Mr MR Hayes (qualified PADI Instructor)	Varies according to qualification	College & various venues	\$350
Cooking Classes	St Margaret's College	4 sessions of 2 hours	St Margaret's College	Free
Duke of Edinburgh's (Young New Zealanders Challenge) - This is compulsory for all Year 10 Boarders	Joshua Foundation & Christ's College	Depends on level	College & various locations	Minimal

These are extra-curricular courses and qualifications provided exclusively for boarders. Further information on each course is available from Mr Thatcher.



Black & White Masquerade Ball

Friday 16 September 7.30pm – 1.00am
Marquee on the Quad

- ♦ Three course dinner and exquisite wines ♦ Band 'The X Factor'
- ♦ Parents, Old Boys and Friends

Your support of this event will assist the School Ball to take place the following night

\$175 per person
Dress: Elegant and Masked



BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE BALL ORDER FORM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. \$175 PER PERSON (ALL INCLUSIVE). TABLES FOR 10 AVAILABLE.

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