



IN BLACK & WHITE

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Welcome to the first *'In Black and White'*.

I had expected to open with a jaunty summary of the names which were suggested by parents and staff, and will return to them, but of course our week has been overshadowed by the sudden loss of 'Scotty Mac' on Monday.

Scott MacDonald had been an integral part of our boarding community for nine years, and was universally liked and admired. A gentle, civil, compassionate and highly principled man, he acted as a friend and mentor to many boys over the years. His sudden collapse in Richards House tested the boys who were present, and they managed themselves superbly. I was able to speak to the house, shortly after his death was confirmed, and I asked them to regard their experience as a test, through which they would emerge stronger and more complete. A full and meaningful life, as I said in my Prize Giving speech last year, can only be lived when the fragility of life and the reality of death are fully grasped. We are pleased to be able to offer our support to his family and close friends with Scott's funeral in Chapel on Saturday. Boys are invited to attend if they wish, in sports uniform, but I have emphasized that school commitments must come first. I believe they understand the meaning of obligation, as Scott so clearly did. We will miss him.



'Black and White' was the name of a newspaper once produced within the school, so our new name has a historical precedent. A number of parents suggested it, but the first (by a short period) was Julie Holden mother of Jonathan Hartland. She has received the promised recognition! We selected a durable, appropriate and easily identified title, but others offered plenty of entertainment. I was pleased to discount three suggestions of 'Simon Says' (thankfully I was spared 'Simple.....'), I was very taken with 'College gen' (alluding to a protein without which I gather a body would fall apart). A member of legal fraternity suggested 'Suspended Sentences', and the 'electronic' aspect was reflected in 'College Bytes'; anyone with roots in the north of England could also make a jest out of pronouncing 'e-College' (which in any case came too close to a health risk). I was amused by 'Greys (sic) anatomy' (a body of black and white experience, I assumed), and finally I was happy to discount Christ's thoughts, messages, chronicles and even epistles, even though the return of the electronic theme in 'Christ's Bytes' did, briefly, suggest a reference to sustaining the multitude. But we are delighted to bring you 'In Black and White' (which you will notice is now in colour...)

I have recently pointed out to the staff that we are halfway through the current Priorities document, a summary of areas for school development from 2008 – 2012. I thought we would include a copy in here for your refreshment. Behind this simple summary document is a management plan and more detailed objectives. In most areas some real progress has been made. I took the opportunity, coinciding with this year's offers of places, to refresh our internal reflection on the school's points of difference. It has been such a fruitful exercise, I am considering including a simple parent survey in 'In Back and White' in the near future. At the same time we are preparing a new prospectus, and again parent input will be sought.

Enjoy this e-newsletter.

Simon Leese

NAVY VISIT

Boys spent time aboard the Naval Display Bus which visited College this week. Royal New Zealand Navy personnel talked with boys about various career opportunities, as well as showing them through interactive displays.



ON A HIGH NOTE

Following the success of the Chapel Choir's 2009 Charity Concert in aid of the Anglican City Mission, the choristers will once again present another charity concert in the College Assembly Hall on Saturday 14 August starting at 6pm. This year the Christ's College choristers are supporting the Canterbury Charity Hospital. We would value the support from the wider community in this important fundraising venture.

Last year, with the popular 6pm timing, our choristers raised just under \$10,000. This year's programme will feature the choristers and Schola Cantorum in a rich and varied programme of works. The College Big Band, who will have just returned from the South Island Southern Jam Jazz festival, in Blenheim will open the programme, and talented instrumentalists and vocalists will complete the evening. Several guest choirs will also perform.

Tickets will be available from Wednesday 21 July from choristers and their families and at the College Office. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$15 seniors and students and \$5 school students.

RJ Aburn, Director of Music



THE QUESTION IS.....

'In Black and White' is our new version of the way in which Christ's College has communicated with its parents over the years. In the 1850's parents found out about subjects, teachers, sports results and terms by reading the newspaper.

From 1871 to 1952 booklets were published two or three times a year with boys ordered in classes and subjects by examination results and these were posted out to parents. Attached to them were various written communications, everything from a simple date that the College would open in the next term or next year, to material that would now be included in a prospectus. The College List took over some of this role in about 1959 with expanded information about staff, boys and the way in which parents could make contact with the College.

In 1981 a very simple photocopied Newsletter was introduced to parents and friends of the school "provided that inspiration lasts and there is news available". It became glossy in black and white with Issue 13 and was re-named the Christ's College Newsletter. Full colour arrived in April 1996 and it lasted until the winter of 2001 when it was superseded by College Magazine which has now reached its twenty first issue.

Rob Zordan's "Inaugural Letter to Parents", dated 7 May 1997 became College Newsletter in its next issue. It was a monthly publication which recorded events which had passed rather than advertised those which were still to happen. The emphasis changed gradually to include a Headmaster's Letter, forthcoming events and important school notices. By November 1998 this A4 folded and stapled booklet had become Parents Newsletter and in October 2003 Parent News. It retained its same name until its recent demise even while changing its format to folded A3 in May 2007.

So now we are going to have 'In Black and White' which will be delivered to us as a downloadable pdf file once a fortnight. The strange thing is that it will be collected by the archives in its printed out form – we can't yet trust hardware and software to still be able to talk to each other into the future, nor can we be sure that CD's and DVD's will survive.

The burning question now is – how long will this one last and how many times will it change its name?

Jane Teal, Archivist

CALENDER EVENTS

Week 3

- Sa 7 Weekend boarding programme available for all boarders
1st XV 'The Press' Cup semi-finals
- Su 8 19th Ordinary Sunday
Boarder's ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am
Big Band returns from Blenheim

Week 4

- M 9 Years 9 & 10 Science changeover day
Interhouse junior rugby first round, CCCG, 4.00pm
- W 11 Cantamath exhibitions for years 9 & 10 students, Town Hall, 1.00-9.00pm
- Th 12 The Historical United Nations, Mona Vale, 9.00-5.00pm
Cantamath exhibitions for years 9 & 10 students, Town Hall, 9.00am-9.00pm
Interhouse junior basketball, Gym, 12.45pm

- Cantamath competition, Town Hall, 7.00-9.00pm
- F 13 Year 12 Leadership Day briefing, OBT, 1.15pm

- Sa 14 Weekend boarding programme available for all boarders
1st XV 'The Press' Cup final
Chapel Choir charity concert, 'On a High Note', Assembly Hall,

6.00pm

- Su 15 Feast of St Mary, the Mother of Jesus
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am
Choral Compline, Preacher: Ms Marnie Barrell, 7.00pm

Week 5

- M 16 Interhouse senior rugby prelims, CCCG, 4.00pm
Interhouse junior football final, CCCG, 4.00pm
- W 18 Senior trial examination week begins, Cranmer Centre, 3.00pm
CSS Litolf Cup cycling time trial, Prebbleton

- Th 19 CSS senior inter-school debating competition, 5.00-8.30pm

- F 20 CSS basketball ends

- Sa 21 Weekend boarding programme available for all boarders
SISS MotoCross individual championships, Tapanui

- Sun 22 21st Ordinary Sunday
NZSS duathlon championships
Boarders' ski bus to Mt Hutt, 6.30am
Junior 'The Press' debating tournament, 8.00am-9.00am
Choral Eucharist, Preacher: The Chaplain, 7.00pm

CURRICULUM

This year boys will make their subject choices online, entering selections directly into an online database. Every boy will receive a written instruction on how to do this in the week before the advisory evening. The instruction will include log on and password instructions. Once boys have entered their choices they are asked to print out a copy of their choices. This form requires your signature before it is returned to your son's Housemaster.

Applications for Financial Assistance for NCEA examination fees must be filed with NZQA no later than 27 August. It would be appreciated if you could submit applications at least a week in advance to allow time for processing before we submit the applications. The conditions for eligibility (quoted from the NZQA website) are:

"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 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), where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum"

Full information can be found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/publications/circulars/secqual/index.html>, along with an application form. From Monday 16 August I will be on sabbatical leave until the end of Term 2. Mr W Lidstone will be taking my place for the last five weeks of the term. Enquiries should be directed to him, as should applications for Financial Assistance.

R Sutton, Senior Master (Curriculum)

QUAD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1st XV Rugby, Quad Tournament 2010

Day 1

Christ's College	24 (J Ballantyne (1), G Murgatroyd (1), M McKenzie 1 try, 2 cons, 1 Pen)
Nelson College	25

Day 2 - Minor Final

Christ's College	38 (J Harper (2), S Chamberlain (2), A McKellar (1), J Wilson (1), M McKenzie (4 cons)
Wanganui Collegiate	7



Wellington College were the best team at the Tournament. Beating Wanganui 67-12 on the first day and then proving to be too strong in the Major final beating Nelson College 34-11.

The best player at the tournament was Wellington captain and inspirational number 8 Tupou Sopoaga.

BOB DOCHERTY

After twenty years with the National Library Bob Docherty has gone out on his own as a Reading and Literacy Consultant to promote reading in schools. Mr Docherty is a regular visitor to Christ's College. This week he returned to speak with Year 11 boys and discuss the literature available in our College library.

A selection of material, fiction and non-fiction was presented to the boys. Mr Docherty read extracts to an appreciative audience, discussed the merits of each work and its characterization but gave away only enough information to challenge the boys to read the books for themselves.

Mrs Phillippa Ashbey, Teacher Librarian, said "the last time that Bob visited College we had to buy extra copies of the books that he recommended as they were instantly popular with the boys." She welcomes Bob's passion for books and knows that he has a knack for connecting with his audience.

Encouraging boys to read can be challenging for some parents. Mr Docherty has a blog: bobsbooksnz.wordpress.com, that may be helpful to parents as material of interest to teenagers is regularly reviewed.



NOTES FROM ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to **David Bellamy** who won a Bronze medal at the Chemistry Olympiad in Tokyo.

Golf

Jason Yoo has just returned from the World Junior Golf Championships in San Diego. Jason played 3 rounds of 74, 73, 75, (5 over par) to finish 20th out of a field of 160. The winner was at 8 under par.

Harriers

The Christ's College Harriers team were in the Riverside 5km handicap relay on Saturday 31st July. All boys ran excellent races. The senior team was 4th overall and the Junior team was 3rd in the Mixed Grade in the U16 2.5km race.

Football

The 1st XI played Woolston Technical and won 1-0.

College scored after just 5 minutes when **Calum Fisher** finished after a good pass from **Tom Barlow**.

The 3rd XI played Rolleston and won 3-1. **Thomas Knight** scored two excellent goals.

The 4th XI played Avon United and drew 3-3.

The U14As played Papanui-Redwood and drew 2-2.

Rugby

It was a tough day out for our Rugby club on Saturday July 31st with none of our teams recording wins. The U15As played very well before going down 27-26 against St Thomas's.

Hockey

The 1st XI continued a promising build up to the Rankin Cup by beating the Canterbury provincial women's team 3 - 2. Goal scorers for College were **Oliver Dunn**, **Tom McLean** and **Kip Mouldey**.

The 2nd XI had a close 3-2 loss to CBHS 2nd XI.

The 3rd XI and Youth Black team continued their recent good form with wins. The 3rd XI had a 3- 0 win over STAC with **Simon Jarman** winning the College MVP for his work in goal.

The Youth Black team had a 2-nil win over Harewood. Both teams are in finals of the Porritt Cup this weekend.

Table Tennis

The C1 Table Tennis team had a 3-3 draw with Shirley Boys.

Basketball

The Senior A Basketball team beat Shirley BHS 74-63.

Captain, **Todd Moore**, had a sensational game on both offense and defence,

Will Utley top scored with 28 points.

The Junior team beat Hagley College 34-27.

Badminton

The A1s had a great day out beating CBHS 6-3 and the B2s also beat CBHS 8-1.

Squash

Austin Abbott and **Peter Carpenter** both played very well for the B1s in their 6-4 loss to CBHS B and **Thomas Mohammed** and **Fergus Gunn** had good wins in the C1s 6-4 loss to CBHS C.

INTERNET CAFÉ EVENING

Christ's College recently hosted an 'Internet Café' evening for parents on the topic of Social Networking. Paul Rodley, Director of eLearning and Phillippa Ashbey, Teacher Librarian, spoke to the group about the development of online chat rooms and the implications of this new media for teenagers. Paul Rodley referred the group to a number of sites that give parents and teens advice on Internet safety. Parents are encouraged to monitor the time that their children spend online, to be active in discussing issues of privacy and online safety, and take an interest in what their offspring are posting for the world to see.



Senior student, Michael van de Water, exposed his Facebook page for the benefit of the group and talked about the positive side of being connected to a wide circle of friends. Michael demonstrated some of the steps that can be taken to protect personal information and espoused the value of new communications technologies.

LEAVERS' FUNCTION 2010

This year the Leavers' Function will be held on Dec 4th in the Dean's Stand Lounge at AMI Stadium. Please make a note of this date in your diary. This function, for leavers and their parents, is always an enjoyable conclusion to the boys time at College.

Neil Porter, Senior Master

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE

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

THE BACKGROUND TO OUR WORK

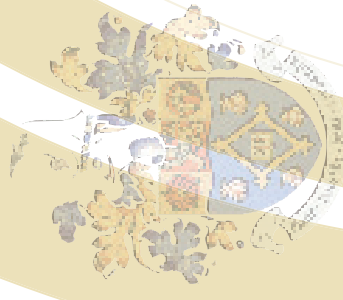
The essential character of the College community is presumed, and will be actively sustained by:

- Constant reference to our core values as a Christian school and their relevance to our everyday activity
- Continual monitoring and evaluation of performance of our staff and our students
- Identifying best practice, internationally and nationally, and ensuring Christ's College responds appropriately*
- Providing a planned and appropriate balance of academic, sporting, and cultural experiences for all
- Caring for the personal development of each individual
- Using teaching and learning approaches which encourage high academic aspiration and personal responsibility for progress
- Attracting, retaining, and developing outstanding staff with a shared commitment to high performance and participation across the breadth of College life
- Providing excellent resources and facilities
- Effective governance and management

*We must recognise that all schools of quality have similar aspirations. We must have a clear appreciation of the special qualities and opportunities that College presents to potential students and their parents, which can generally be thought to set us apart.



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CHRIST'S COLLEGE 2008 - 2012

Christ's College –
Our historic purpose

“The promotion of sound piety and useful learning”

Deed of Foundation of Christ's College, Canterbury (1855)

Christ's College –
Our determination in 2008
is to achieve

“Excellence in all we undertake, placing
Christ's College at the forefront of the
education of boys and young men”

PRIORITIES

Our community knows that much of our practice is already highly effective but that it will, in the normal processes of internal review, be continuously developed and updated. A high level of parental satisfaction was recorded in the consultative process in most areas of College life, and the priority areas described in this summary are those which either were identified through that process as needing attention, or were already providing a focus for the Board, management and staff of the school.

Whilst the character of the College will be unchanged, in five years' time there will have been evolutionary development in all aspects of College life as we develop further the outstanding school we are today. There will be noticeable innovation in the areas described here.

Other priorities are certain to emerge. It is our willingness and ability to respond to the needs of the current generations of Christ's College boys, which will ensure all change adds noticeably to their opportunities and enjoyment of their school.

SCHOOL

We continue to recognise the following essential characteristics of our school, some of which are significant points of difference.

Christ's College

- Is an Anglican boys' school with boarding and day facilities
- Has a unique site in the centre of a city, but is surrounded by parks, gardens and open spaces
- Has a beautiful and historic quadrangle and buildings
- Has a strong moral and spiritual ethos with clearly expressed and practised values



Christ's College

- Demands of all its students high standards of dress, civility and personal conduct
- Has a house based pastoral system
- Has a structured sport programme in which all participate
- Uses academic tracking techniques and assesses added value
- Treats each student as an individual, and seeks to support him fully
- Has a determination to encourage spiritual growth, and a concern for the welfare of others



Mary Ross
Board Chairman



Simon Leese
Headmaster

- understanding of the place of Maori in modern New Zealand
- Improve our boys' preparedness for adult life in a society where cross-cultural understanding and confidence will be expected

5. Upgrading of teaching areas

- Continuously upgrade, refurbish or replace teaching facilities to the extent possible within financial constraints, to the highest standards, including the use of the Cranmer Centre

6. Sport and sports coaching

- Strengthen our commitment to sport for all
- Support that commitment with the best available facilities and personnel
- Indoor sports facilities

7. Instrumental music and choral excellence

- Instrumental music participation
- Become a recognised centre of excellence in choral music

8. Communication between College and parents

- Improve the efficiency of all communication with parents, ensuring the school's website is a routine point of reference
- Review all existing communications

9. Personal, social, health, leadership and life skills training

- The personal development of all College members
- The pastoral responsibility of all staff for all boys in the school
- Boys are prepared for safe, effective and productive lives outside and beyond the College

10. The Development function and its relationship with the CCOBA

- Review the College Development Office / CCOBA relationship
- Develop links with former parents and friends of the College
- Support College through fundraising
- Further 'friend-raising' activities

11. Environmental responsibility

- Raise awareness of environmental issues concerning the school and its operations, and also in the national and global context
- Gain a Gold Enviroschools Award by 2010

PRIORITIES FOR 2008 – 2012

1. Academic achievement

- Continue to emphasise academic achievement to the highest level attainable for all abilities, as the principal focus for our school
- All to have an equal opportunity to progress at a rate appropriate to their ability
- A focus on professional reflection amongst staff

2. The wider community

- Develop a higher profile for our work with, and for, the local community
- Identify best practice in other schools
- Support local schools in academic and cultural opportunities

3. Access to Christ's College

- Recognise the cultural diversity of modern New Zealand and the under-representation of Maori and Pasifika students within the College
- Create and promote scholarship opportunities more widely to those of limited means

4. Modern New Zealand – relevant cultural awareness

- Develop further opportunities for students to improve their