



# IN BLACK & WHITE

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

We start to look forward to the general election later in the year. With everything that has happened here in Canterbury, the parties' directions for the future will be crucial. Under National, the *ACT* Party has held a delegated portfolio including independent schools, and we were at least slightly encouraged by the small additional funding and provision of *Aspire* scholarships. With the economic downturn which followed shortly after the promise was made, it would not have been a surprise for it to be rescinded. However, we all know that the small gesture made little impact on the decrease in real subsidy of over 40% since the dollar figure was capped. Independent schools continue to lack vote winning potential; Minister Anne Tolley's assertions that the government supports choice in education are heart-warming, but lack any real direction.

It was with some interest, then, that I met with Dr Don Brash recently, at an *ISNZ* Executive meeting in Wellington and was able to look at both the *ACT* education policy and also a recent speech he delivered to Wellington *ACT* members. The key elements of their policy are remarkable only in their banality, and it was a little surprising to see an official document referring to children as juvenile goats. Sadly there was nothing in it beyond familiar suggestions of freedom of choice, vouchers, reducing ministry bureaucracy, 'an open marketplace' etc. It is a particularly vacuous and clichéd document, not at all encouraging for the future.

But more depressing was the text of Dr Brash's speech of August 2011 to the *ACT* Wellington Regional Conference,

which achieved the very rare 3rd step removed quote. He quoted (1) *ACTMP* Deborah Coddington quoting (2) John Morris, Headmaster of Auckland Grammar, who described NCEA as a 'crappy qualification'. Dr Brash more directly described Mr Morris as having 'famously repaired to Cambridge examinations' and offered his personal congratulations

to him and others who had done the same "Good for them!" Unsurprisingly, I took a few moments to broaden his understanding, and was pleased to be able to assemble somewhat more wholesome adjectives than his previous adviser apparently had at his disposal. Dr Brash received my observations most generously, and acknowledged that they contrasted with advice he had had 'from his wife'. You will be relieved to read I was only briefly tempted to pursue any associated lines of enquiry.

Since that meeting the *ACT* party appears to have evaporated in a haze of marijuana smoke. However, it was a disappointing introduction to the poor level of debate in a party previously associated with the well-being of independent schools in New Zealand. *ISNZ* is working hard to raise real issues, on behalf of the sector, and I will pass on to you relevant material in due course. Those who believe in independent schooling should actively engage aspiring parliamentary members of all parties over the key issues, and I strongly encourage you to do so.



Christ's College Football

# QUIZ NIGHT

What Christ's College Football Fundraising for the development tour to South America 2012  
Additional raffles on the night. Teams of up to six people. Prizes for winning teams.

When Friday 4 November 7pm

Where Fendalton Bowling Club

Tickets \$15 each. Available from the Christ's College Office or through Mr Cortesi.  
Ph 364 6828 or [mcortesi@christcollege.com](mailto:mcortesi@christcollege.com)

Some may have seen the article in the National Business Review (16 September) under the title 'Top schools thrive while country cousins struggle'. Referring to us as a 'top school' was arguably the least contentious part of the article. Whilst the 'value' of the College (\$92m) is information freely accessible on the Charities Commission website, the apparent 20.9% change in revenue since 2008 is attributable to a change in accounting when the College adopted the IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards). It was not a 'real' change in financial position. I have a limited knowledge of such things, but I do remember the meeting when this recalculation was described and it appeared Christmas had come early. It was quickly explained that the actual condition of the College had not changed, and certainly we had not just experienced a miraculous influx of funds. But the interesting item in the article is the apparent \$1.1m surplus accrued by the College's asset base last year. Whilst the figure is accurate, more important is the \$2.3m paid into the school last year from the same fund; of that \$1.2m (more than the total income of the asset fund) is distributed in scholarships and bursaries, the rest as maintenance to support the school. The global asset figure of course also includes our school campus. Thus the figure of interest is the value of the College assets, that are capable of generating revenue for the College – perhaps \$50m. That base should be retained in perpetuity to ensure the independence of action, such as we have been able to demonstrate this year. The long term viability of a school requires that there is always a buffer available to sustain the College through periods such as we are in now, where additional costs are mounting after the earthquakes.

At least we have some clarity for the future. Our situation contrasts starkly with that currently being experienced by many state schools in Christchurch, and I have had many conversations with Principal colleagues. They feel in limbo, as the Ministry of Education awaits geotechnical surveys, full building appraisals, and most importantly some demographic data as school rolls are in a state of flux. It appears they are not receiving the investment needed to encourage their communities. Whilst the responsibility of the Ministry not to spend money pointlessly is clear, the longer term impact on the educational options in Christchurch is starting to emerge. At the same time, groups are covering a lot of paper with 'grand visions'; a group called 'SUCE' (Shaking Up Canterbury Education), notwithstanding the unpromising French translation of the acronym, has a number of progressive suggestions, essentially pointing to a 'federated' school model, based on hubs, shared infrastructure, video-conferenced teaching etc. It is interesting, but for me falls into the same naïve assumption as the City Plan. People just do not want grand all embracing visions at this time – they want some action, and that will come from individual communities, and unrelated initiatives. The last thing education in Christchurch needs is the loss of institutional identities. Parents need surety of some aspects of the future, and their children's opportunities – yet another all embracing master-plan has no prospect of success in a meaningful timetable for the young people currently in schools. We all know the present is a great opportunity for mould breaking, but it should be based on lessons learned within the existing contexts, not attempts to throw yet more of the city's fragile shape up in the air.

But on a lighter note, our Ball weekend was a tremendous success. The parents' ball on the Friday night was very well supported, and the choice of band entertainment went down just as well as anticipated. My sincere thanks to the parents who worked so hard towards what was another occasion all will remember. On Saturday, once again a marvellous event without a hint of tension; all the College students at least memorised their partners' names for the formal introductions, which may have been a first, and the St John's ladies were required only to stitch up a pair of split trousers! My thanks to all our parents who supported this event so wholeheartedly, and helped it to be the national exemplar it now most certainly is.

We are coming to the end of an exceptional ten week term, which was loudly signalled as the time to break the back of academic preparation for examinations. There are just two weeks of break, and a further two before examinations begin. I hope the vast majority of our students have planned their effort effectively; there is limited time available now, and it should be fully utilised.

## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Week 9

- W 28 CSS summer sport begins  
University of Otago course planning, Library Conference Room, 2.30pm  
House Plays technical/dress rehearsals, Assembly Hall, 5.00-9.00pm
- Th 29 Year 13 Geography field trip, Taylors Mistake, 8.30am-12.35pm  
Levels tests for 2012 Year 9 entrants, Assembly Hall, 8.45am-1.00pm  
Interhouse badminton prelims, Gym, 12.45pm  
Interhouse senior tennis prelims, Hagley Tennis Club, 4.00pm  
Advanced Learning junior science quiz, Library Conference Room, 4.00-5.00pm  
House Plays dress rehearsals, Assembly Hall, 5.00-8.30pm
- F 30 Year 11 Biology field trip to Wainui, 9.00am-3.30pm  
Year 13 General Studies, OBT, 1.15pm  
House Plays (F, S, Ja, So), Assembly Hall, 7.00pm

### OCTOBER

- Sa 1 Weekend programme available for all boarders  
Final Saturday activities for term  
1st XI cricket begins  
House Plays technical/dress rehearsals, Assembly Hall, 9.00am-12noon
- Su 2 27th Ordinary Sunday  
Interhouse claybird shoot, North Canterbury Clay Target Club, 8.00am  
Holy Eucharist, 9.00am  
House Plays dress rehearsals, Assembly Hall, 11.00am-6.00pm

### Week 10

- M 3 Interhouse senior tennis first round, Hagley Tennis Club, 4.00pm  
House Plays (J, H, Ro, C), Assembly Hall, 6.30pm
- Tu 4 The Cathedral Grammar School athletics day, Upper, 9.00am  
Year 10 Biology field trip, Cooper's Creek, 9.00am-3.45pm  
Interhouse badminton first round, Gym, 1.15pm
- W 5 Interhouse junior cricket prelims, CCCG, 3.00pm  
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session, Health Room, 6.45pm

A reminder that parents are asked to register provisional withdrawals for any boys who may be leaving at the end of the year (other than Year 13) by the end of this term. A letter was sent to parents of Year 12s in early August. Please contact Sandy Scannell registrar@christcollege.com

Finally, our new intake is in College this Thursday for our levels testing and we are looking forward to seeing them. A special welcome to this newsletter to some of our new parents who may be receiving it for the first time!

Simon Leese, Headmaster

## CURRICULUM NOTES

Senior boys are most probably getting ready for the home stretch, with examination leave starting in Week 3 of next term. Hopefully their focus is already on their examination build up with revision a regular feature of each day. So what should they be doing?



Study should be a habit; it should feature as a regular part of almost every day in much the same way that an athlete will train almost every day. Like the athlete's body though, the brain needs its rest days. The trick is to make sure that those rest days don't overtake the workdays. Perhaps try setting aside a couple of days a week in which just a little light study is done, as a break from the more rigorous routine of several hours of study each day.

Much has been written about how best to study, including lots about hydration and diet. However, quite a lot of this is best consigned to the bin as pseudo-science. What we can say is that study is hard work and we need to make sure that we are well hydrated, maintain a balanced diet and take regular exercise. Really, it's that simple.

Junior boys (Year 9 and 10) have their own end-of-year examinations in Week 3 of next term as well, and the same advice applies for them – study should start now, not the night before.

### EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED DERIVED GRADES

We will be submitting derived grade information for every boy sitting NCEA examinations this year. These grades will be based mostly upon performance in the recent trial examinations.

It is vital, however, that boys understand they do not automatically receive these grades from NZQA. Boys must make a credible attempt at any given examination paper before they are eligible for the derived grade that we submit. NZQA will determine exactly what constitutes a 'credible attempt'. However, we could be reasonably sure that answering simple parts of questions and leaving the remainder will not constitute a credible attempt.

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

## THE PINK LUNCH

On Friday 28 October the Parents' Association will be holding their fourth annual Pink Lunch. We warmly invite all mothers of College boys, especially those who have not been before, to come and share a lunch in the transformed Dining Hall. Enjoy a glass of champagne and have the opportunity to chat and mingle with other College mothers. We are meeting at the slightly earlier time of 11.45am and lunch will be served at approximately 12.30pm.

After lunch our guest speaker Da'Vella Gore will speak to us about her life and achievements and her books will be available for sale. The Parents' Association look forward to welcoming you all. Please complete your details on the invitation at the end of this newsletter and return to school by Friday 21 October.

Nicci Wyllie, Parents' Association President

## CALENDAR EVENTS

cont.

- Th 6 Mufti Day  
Year 9 Biology field trip, Mt Oxford, 8.45pm-3.15pm  
The Cathedral Grammar School athletics reserve day, Upper, 9.00am  
Interhouse badminton first round, Gym, 12.45pm
- F 7 Term Ends  
Senior rowing camp (U16, 17, 18) begins, Twizel

### OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

- Tu 11 Rowers return from Twizel
- F 14 SISS mountain biking championship
- Sa 15 2nd XI, 3rd XI, Y10A & Y9A cricket season begins
- Th 20 Senior Rowing camp (U16, 17, 18) begins, Twizel
- F 21 1st XI cricket Wanganui Collegiate, CCCG, 10.30am-6.00pm
- M 24 Labour Day. School Holiday  
Rowers return from Twizel
- Sa 29 Cricket begins for all other grades

## THE COLLEGE CLOTHING SHOP

### THE CLOTHING SHOP HAS NEW HOURS

#### TERM TIME

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

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday-Friday 10am-5pm  
Closed for lunch 12-12.30pm  
Closed Saturdays

We now stock all new Uniforms

10 Gloucester St Christchurch  
Phone 03 3648613  
Email uniforms@christcollege.com  
Shop Manager: Ann Shaw  
Assistant: Ang Bosworth

# CAREERS

## Events since the last In Black & White

- Lincoln University course planning
- Storm Uru NZ Lightweight rower talked to Year 12 about his academic and sporting career



## Victoria University

Drop-in Session, Chateau on the Park, Riccarton, between 2.30pm and 6.30pm, Wednesday 28 September (tomorrow). An opportunity for boys to come along and chat with the Victoria team about admission, accommodation, course planning and the transition to Victoria.

## University Halls/Colleges Applications

Year 13 boys are at present applying online for places in Halls. They collect a confidential form from me and on completion of the academic section they return it to me and I will forward it to their Housemaster for written comments. I will then send the completed form to the University. Consideration for a place will not take place if both the application online and confidential form are not received.

## 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

TERM 3	Important Dates:
	28 September: Victoria University drop-in session, 2.00pm-6.00pm, Chateau on the Park, Riccarton. 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
HOLIDAYS	1 October: University of Canterbury, Community Open Day, Canterbury
	6 October: University of Canterbury Course planning at College, 3.40pm Canterbury
	8-10 October: NASDA - Musical Theatre auditions, CPIT
TERM 4	10 October: Navy Adventure Challenge
	28 October: SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) Year 12
HOLIDAYS	15 November: Fine Arts applications due, Canterbury
	8 December: Closing date, Architecture, Arts, Business, Law, Engineering, Health Sciences, Auckland

## 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](http://www.breakout.org.nz) or [www.fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php](http://www.fis.org.nz/databases/BreakOut.php)

## Scholarships

Undergraduate Scholarships administered by Universities New Zealand. Three scholarships offered annually to a distinguished New Zealand school student to study at The University of Cambridge UK. The three scholarships are:

- Girdlers' Scholarship
- Sir Douglas Meyers Scholarship
- Peter Windle Scholarship

## Duke University USA

Undergraduate scholarships to study in New Zealand include: Kauri Museum Mervyn Sterling Memorial Scholarship, Kitchener Memorial Scholarship, KiwiRail Group Undergraduate Scholarship, Sullivan Scholarship. [www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships)

## The Arrow Foundation 2011 Leadership Scholarships

2 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.

## IPENZ Foundation Scholarships

The IPENZ Foundation is a Charitable Trust formed by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand. One of its objectives is to encourage New Zealand school leavers into tertiary education in fields of engineering and engineering technology. Closing date for applications is Friday 10 January 2012. Application forms are available from: [Foundation@IPENZ.org.nz](mailto:Foundation@IPENZ.org.nz) or Mr Sellars

## University of Canterbury Dux Scholarship

\$5000 towards tuition fees and participation in the Leadership programme.

## Heinz Watties Ltd Scholarship (University of Otago)

For students wishing to pursue studies in Food Science. This is particularly suited to students strong in Chemistry who are keen on real-world applications for their science.

## Christchurch Radiology Group Tertiary Scholarship

Will have a value up to \$4000 pa and will be awarded up to three years. The candidate should: have strong academic credentials, be considering enrolment in a recognised programme in a health-related field at an accredited training institution. Closing day for applications is Friday 7 October 2011. Interviews for short-listed applicants will be held in November and the award announced in early December. Schools are allowed to put in one application only. See Mr Sellars for further information by Friday 30 September. >>

## 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.

## CPIT's School of Art and Design Welcomes You

Every Thursday starting August 25 you can tour the studios and facilities and catch up with Mark McEntyre to discuss the future of art and design education. To book an individual visit call 03 940 8208 or email [liaison@cpit.ac.nz](mailto:liaison@cpit.ac.nz). Tours 1-1.45pm or 2-2.45pm, Madras Street Campus.

## University of Otago

Hands-On-Science, University of Otago Summer School. Sunday 15 - Friday 20 January 2012, students must be entering Year 12 or 13 in 2012. Students need to have a strong interest and the potential to excel in Science. The new Careers in Science book (Otago) has been updated and includes a lot of new profiles of recent graduates. Jumpstart Physics/Bridging Chemistry courses. These are held during summer school at Otago.

## University of Canterbury

On Saturday 1 October between 10am and 3.00pm the University of Canterbury will be hosting a Community Open Day. This will be a day of free fun and interactive activities, including: experiments, robot displays, wind tunnel display, augmented reality demos, live music, court room comedy, lectures, microscopic treasure hunt, food markets and the largest bouncy castle in the South Island

This is the first time the University has held this kind of family-friendly community event and will give members of the public the opportunity to see what goes on inside the University. [www.canterbury.ac.nz/community/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/community/)

## University of Melbourne

Mr Sellars has copies of the 2012 Entry, Application checklist for students who are New Zealand citizens.

## Lincoln University

Lincoln University is just 20 minutes out of Christchurch and is often overlooked locally due to the University's national position as a specialist land-based institution. Perhaps best known for the agricultural degree programmes, Lincoln University offers a range of land-based options and has a long-established Commerce department and New Zealand's oldest Landscape Architecture school. Specialist research centres form part of the university's make-up including the centres for Wildlife Management and Conservation, International Development, Viticulture and Oenology, Advanced Computational Solutions, Agribusiness and Economics, to name just a few. Graduates from Lincoln University end up all over the world, with the specialist nature of the undergraduate degrees being in high demand with employers.

Lincoln University alumni include such notable names as current All Blacks Richie McCaw and Sam Whitelock; John Palmer, Chairman of Air NZ and Solid Energy; Geoff Ross, founder of 42 Below Vodka; Toni Street, TV1 sports reporter; broadcaster Maggie Barry; Mark Inglis, winemaker and mountaineer; Hon David Carter, to name just a few. There are many alumni from both Christ's College and Lincoln University, including former All Black and Wallabies' coach Robbie Deans, Charles Upham, and Ian Donald (most notably of Fletcher Challenge management). In fact Lincoln University's very first enrolment in 1880 was a Harry Arthur Knight of Christ's College.

## Scholarships for 2012

Lincoln University's main scholarships are SPORTS: offered in rugby, rowing (new), football, netball, golf, hockey and cricket plus an elite scholarship for high performing athletes in any other code; FUTURE LEADERS for candidates showing strong leadership characteristics; and EXCELLENCE for those with a high academic record. Scholarships provide financial assistance with fees for University study and opportunities for further engagement with the University and its activities. Note: sports scholarship testing is being carried out on the Lincoln University campus on Friday 30 September (All sports except rugby) and Thursday 6 October (rugby only) from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

For more information about the opportunities that a specialist Lincoln University degree can offer, please contact [land@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:land@lincoln.ac.nz) or 0800 10 60 10.

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser

# GRASS KART CHALLENGE 2011

Christ's College participated in the 2011 Grass Kart Challenge over the weekend. Held at Darfield, this was Christ's College's first entry at the event. Led by Materials Technology teacher, Mr Kevin Harris, the team included Taylor Budge, William Reith, William Jones, Richard Bethell and Harry Burgess.

Entries were judged on appearance and construction on Friday evening and then put through their paces in sprint, slalom and relay races on Saturday. "It was a great day and a great effort by the team," says Mr Harris, "and we placed third for record keeping, third in performance and third overall. Again, a great effort for our first go."

William Reith also posted the fastest slalom time for the day of 29.91 seconds.



# FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Each year Otago University offers a Stage 1 university paper in Theology particularly designed for able Year 13 students.

I am writing about this because the opportunity of this paper is worth considering with current (and future) Year 12 students. It is a good reminder of the value of doing Theology and/or Philosophy papers in whatever degree a student goes on to do. It also underscores, once again, the value of this academic discipline studied by all in this school.



Otago's information speaks from their experience of how much Year 13 students gain from enrolling in this distance learning programme. In the first semester of 2012 *History of Christianity* will be taught – a paper that surveys the history of Christianity to the present day. This explores, at a university level, what all our Year 11 students have covered and for which they produce work for an NCEA achievement standard of six credits. Registration for this paper needs to be done by 10 December. Anyone interested in what is involved should see me as soon as possible.

Those intending to do a degree will find that a Theology or Philosophy paper can be taken as part of whichever degree they will study for.

We are living in a world that is increasingly interested in people who know how to think more than what to think. The university papers (as with Religious Education classes here) assume no particular denominational or religious perspective. Ethics is the paper that the university offers in alternate years. We are just coming to the end of studying ethics in Year 11. I think it is much more interesting and productive when different students offer a variety of perspectives and debate these with each other, rather than a class where all have a rather homogeneous viewpoint that poses no challenge intellectually to some group status quo.

Theology and Philosophy, here and at university, develop skills in critical thinking, logical analysis, cultural appreciation, writing and presentation. I hope that these disciplines are seen as stimulating, interesting, and fun.

Blessings  
Bosco Peters, Chaplain

A yellow, torn-edge card pinned with a red pushpin. The text reads: "MUFTI DAY Thursday 6 October The theme is 'Cultures of the World'. Houses will choose a culture and dress appropriately. As usual, when we do mufti days, boys who wear mufti will make a donation of \$2 to charity (the Christchurch City Mission) via the school account. Harry Tohill, Deputy Head Prefect".

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Thursday 6 October

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Harry Tohill, Deputy Head Prefect

A poster for a staff review. The top half features a reproduction of Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' with a yellow lightning bolt striking the scene. The text "Staff Review" is written in blue, with "ue" written in red above it. A red circle contains the number "6.3" over "10". The event details are listed at the bottom right.

**Staff Review** <sup>ue</sup>

6.3  
10

Thursday 6 October  
7.30pm  
Christ's College Assembly Hall  
Entry by Ticket only

# VISITING POET: GLENN COLQUHOUN

English classes from all year levels enjoyed a worthwhile workshop with poet Glenn Colquhoun Thursday 22 September. Glenn Colquhoun is a doctor, poet and children's writer. During the hour long workshop Mr Colquhoun answered questions about his life as a writer and doctor, and read poems from his collection.

He also performed for the boys three pieces from his collection *North South*, in which he creates his own mythology by imagining the northern gods of his celtic heritage engaging with the atua Maori of the south.

His first poetry collection, *The Art of Walking Upright*, won Best First Book of Poetry at the 2000 Montana New Zealand Book Awards. In 2003 he won the Poetry Category and also became the first poet to be awarded the coveted Montana Readers' Choice Award for his collection *Playing God*. He has also written several children's books. In 2004, Mr Colquhoun was the recipient of the Prize in Modern Letters.



# OLD BOYS' TEAM WIN AGAIN

The Old Boys' team was victorious in the Annual Old Boys' v 1st XI Hockey fixture. The match, which contests the Nick Speight Memorial Trophy, took place on Friday 9 September at Nunweek Park with the final score of 6-4.

Despite playing a good passing game, the 1st XI did not play with enough early pace. Clever running into space from Ed Turney, pace from Tim Manson, and a superb game from Alex Kendall at centre half meant that the Old Boys' counter-attack had punch. Tom Mouldey also took no prisoners, scoring four magnificent goals.

Old Boys' team: Torrie Moore, Mike Percasky, Andrew Taylor (staff), David Bain, Chris Riddiford, Alex Kendall (1 goal), Jamie Wallace, Hugh Lindo (1 goal), Tim Manson, Ed Turney, Tom Mouldey (4 goals), Graeme Worner (staff).

College goals were score by: Kip Mouldey (2), Jack Silvester and Harry Fairgray.



# ASB COMMUNITY BURSARY AWARDS

Hamish Grigg (School) and Sam Kidner (Richards) have been recognised for their contributions to the Canterbury Community with a bursary from ASB. The boys were nominated by Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rob Donaldson.

Sam Kidner, Head of the Humanitarian Committee at Christ's College has raised money for the Christchurch City Mission by running two junior dances and sausage sizzles and by collecting money at the House Music Festival. He organised a food collection for the Mission and is currently coordinating the CanTeen headshaving fundraising attempt.

Hamish Grigg is the Head of the Environmental Committee at Christ's College. He led the April holiday College work party which removed liquefaction and he followed up by visiting properties to see whether further work was required by the Student Volunteer Army. Each boy received a bursary of \$150 and enjoyed a celebratory luncheon at the Addington Events Centre.



# HARPER WIN SENIOR HOUSE BASKETBALL

Harper House scored a convincing win over Somes House in the Senior House Basketball final, Tuesday 20 September. The final score of 63-27 was a fine result for Harper Year 13 boys James Davies, Will Utley, Jason Berger, Callum Haynes and Henry Mann who have provided spectators with some top quality interhouse basketball contests in recent years.



# SEDLEY WELLS MUSIC COMPETITION 2011

Nineteen performers from College participated in the annual Christ's College Sedley Wells Music Competition, with Mr Richard Oswin as the adjudicator. The competition gives the opportunity for our instrumentalists and singers to perform solo items before an audience in an extremely formal setting. The competition is divided into two categories: Junior Years 9 and 10 and Senior Years 11–13, with ten boys entering the Junior section and nine in the Senior this year.



*Winner of the senior category, Justin Standring*

There was a spread of musical styles and instruments, with entries in voice, piano, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and guitar. Choice of music was mainly from the classical and romantic eras, with some show music, a Japanese guitar piece and a piece by Aerosmith.

I heard one member of the audience comment, "How do you judge this?" I think that they were referring to the varied styles and instruments and the difficulty of comparing, say, a drum piece with a piano Waltz and then both of these with a rock standard. Welcome to the world of assessing musical performances! Richard Oswin gave the answer before his adjudication comment. He said that he was judging solely on what he heard and saw and was looking for accuracy, tone and connection with the audience.



*Winner of the junior category, Euwin Tan*

The results were as follows:

**SENIOR:** 1st Justin Standring (flute), 2nd Bradley Wood (piano), 3rd John Kwak (violin).

**JUNIOR:** 1st Euwin Tan (piano), 2nd Ben Chen (violin), 3rd Ross Shillito (drums).

**HIGHLY COMMENDED:** Felix Wells (trumpet), Matt Harris (voice), Nick Dow (piano and voice) and Alex Kilday (guitar).

I would like to thank the piano accompanists who played for many of the performers. Mrs Cecilia Kwak, Mrs Gill Pears, Miss Anya Maksymova and Mr Jeremy Woodside. Also thank you to Pat O'Connor for his technical guidance on the evening and during rehearsals.



*Ben Chen on violin*

Nick Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music



*Ross Shillito on drums*



*Bradley Wood on piano*

# reaction

## House Play Festival

Our culture through 2011 has been to overcome disruption and adversity. Celebrate the boys' endeavour, their commitment, and their desire to continue the House Drama tradition.

House plays have become universally proficient, often ground-breaking, sometimes "Excellence plus!" theatre events.

The 2010 House Plays temporarily altered this tradition of endeavour and excellence across the Houses because of the September earthquake. However, Harper and Julius carried the flag, practised and presented wonderful plays in October 2010.

2011 House Plays became non-compulsory because of pressures on time after the February earthquake. Notwithstanding this, seven houses chose to value the place of House Drama in a house culture that honours "wide-ranging and all-round opportunities" for our boys.

So it is on and a great line up!

### Friday 30 September 7pm-8.15pm

School	Act w/out Words 2	Jack Acland
Somes	Us & Them	Zach Andrew
Flower's	The Chair	Jared Wadsworth

### Monday 3 October 6.30pm- 8.45pm

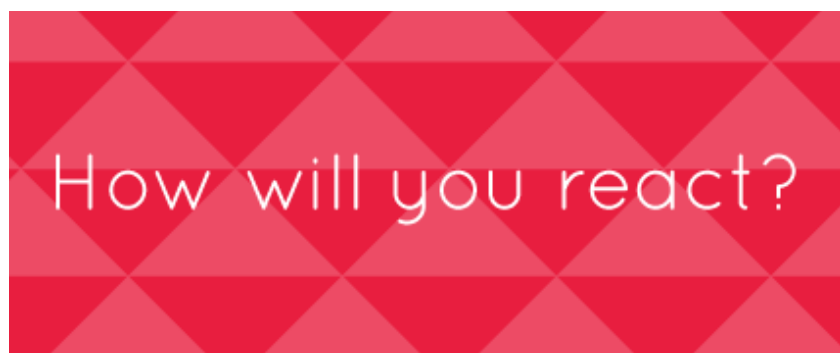
Rolleston	Day Six	Michael Hall
Condell's	The Rabbit	Harry Tothill
Harper	School Ball	Will Anderson
Julius	The Apple	Jono Childs

Put aside a night in your entertainment diary this week.

Housemasters will have invited their House communities. Boys are expected to attend all of the plays on their night. Drama class students are expected to support both events. Sign in with your Housemaster or with the Director of Drama.

**UNIFORM:** Boys uniform expectation is summer sports uniform, with a blazer.

David Chambers, Director of Drama



## THE COLLEGE JUNIOR MUSICAL IS COMING...

Get ready to Shake, Ripple & Roll!

This year's Year 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to be involved in Shake, Ripple and Roll, an exuberant, rock and roll musical full of ice cream and intrigue...

The year is 1956 and in a little town outside New York, Uncle Angelo's Ice Cream Parlour is the place to go. Kids meet over their shakes and ice cream, rocking and rolling to the swinging sounds of the old juke box. When Uncle Angelo suddenly passes away, movie star Deanna la Domme appears on the scene and claims the ice cream parlour, threatening to sell it at the end of the week. What can they do? Will they be able to prove that Deanna la Domme is a fake? Will they find Uncle Angelo's secret will and save the day? And what will happen to the cleaner Joey Nobody who has nowhere else to go?

If you are a keen actor, singer, musician, dancer, technical wizard or have a special set of skills we don't know about, then make sure you come and have a chat to the director, Ms Robyn Peers.

Auditions begin: Tuesday 26 October 4.00pm – 8.00pm in the Old Boys' Theatre.



## NICK GEMMELL

Nick has had some great success with his ski racing in the past week.

He competed in the final round of the NZ National Ski Race series and won the U16 GS and SL races with a 2nd in the Super G. At the conclusion of the event he was awarded the title of top U16 Ski Racer in New Zealand – a great achievement.



# THE LYCH GATE

Christ's College is good at recycling: the New Classrooms became the day boy houses of North Town and South Town and were later renamed to become Harper and Julius; the Hare Memorial Library became the Hare Memorial Classroom, and the Hare Memorial Library moved into Big School; Waiting House, Condell's and Corfe are now Selwyn, the Administration Block became the Music School and the Chaplain's House became Somes.

The piece of recycling which has the longest history is the Lych Gate that links Upper and the Botanical Gardens, although it is not really a lych gate at all.

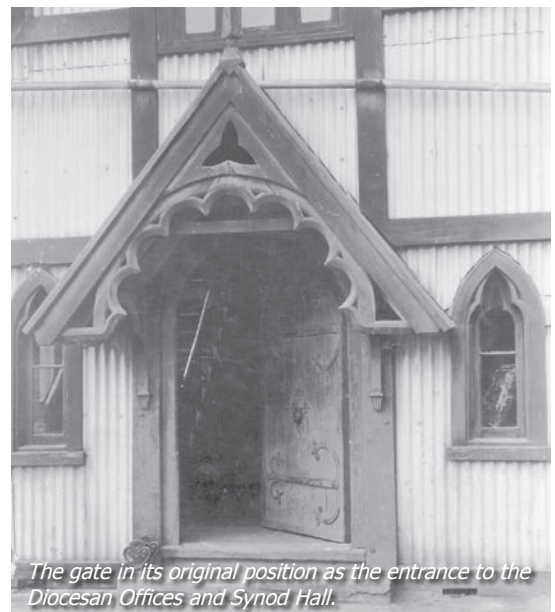
Lych gates were traditionally found at the entrance to a churchyard, where the funeral procession halted and the first part of the burial service was said in medieval times. The origin of the word lych is not therefore surprising, it comes from the Old English word for corpse. In other respects our gate does, however, fit the description of a lych gate, in that it has a roof like shelter and enables people to move from one place to the next.

Where does our lych gate come from?

In 1872-1873 Christ's College and the Canterbury Museum briefly formed the Canterbury Collegiate Union which offered the public lectures in classics, mathematics, physical science, modern languages and jurisprudence. The Provincial Government contributed funds towards this proposal which led, in time, to the establishment of a University. It was possible to add a library, and lecture rooms to a plan which also included Diocesan Offices and Synod Hall. The architect was Dr Alfred Barker, who had arrived on the Charlotte Jane and was a Fellow of the College. The collection of corrugated iron buildings that resulted were rather unprepossessing from the outside, but inside were much grander.

These buildings remained on the north east corner of the Quad until they were demolished to make way for the building of the Dining Hall in 1923. The gate was then modified and added to the newly constructed brick wall which surrounds Upper.

J Teal, Archivist



*The gate in its original position as the entrance to the Diocesan Offices and Synod Hall.*



*The interior of the Synod Hall. The library can be in the gallery at the west end. This library was an accumulation of books donated in England prior to the sailing of the Canterbury Association Ships, and later New Zealand based purchases and donations. Some books from this library survive in the College Archives.*

## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE TRUST SEARCHES FOR 'LOST ALUMNI'

Ten years ago the voyage records of past Spirit of New Zealand and Spirit of Adventure sailings were destroyed in a devastating flood. A campaign is now underway to reconnect the Spirit of Adventure Trust with as many former voyagers as possible. The "lost alumni" campaign is aimed at anyone who has sailed on the Spirit of New Zealand or Spirit of Adventure, and aims to capture details and photographs from past sailings, as well as find people interested in supporting the Trust.

For further information contact:

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# ASSEMBLY NOTES

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Tuesday 27 September 2011

**MUSIC:** 'Purple Highway' by Kotaro Oshio, played by Richard Park on acoustic guitar

**PRAYER:** Chaplain

**NOTICES:**

**From Mr Moore**

All tennis players should be turning up to their coaching and practice sessions. The schedule is on the gym notice board. Players are also reminded to go to the Wednesday meetings at the beginning of morning tea. A & B grade Q7, Year 10 OA2 and Year 9 OA3. You are also reminded that you need a bike this term for some away fixtures. You can check the notice board today to see where you are playing tomorrow.

**From Mr Sellars**

General Studies on Friday is for Year 12. Please be seated in the OBT by 1.15pm so our speaker can start on time.

Otago University will be here tomorrow for course planning. All those who are going to Otago next year are to meet in Q1 & Q2 at 2.30pm. Bring a pen.

Victoria University will be here on Thursday for Course planning. All those who are going to Victoria next year are to meet in Q1 at 12.30pm. Bring a pen.

**From Mr Coxon**

The orchestra will play the opening items at the St Margaret's concert tonight at 7.00pm. Players are to meet in the tent at St Margaret's at 6.15pm. St Margaret's have requested that you wear smart mufti for this concert. Please read Mr Coxon's email for further details.

**From Mr Lidstone**

On Thursday there will be another guest speaker on the earthquake series. The session runs from 4.00-5.00pm in the Library Conference Room and will feature a structural engineer who has been working on building damage in the Red Zone. All are welcome to attend. It should be of special interest to any student considering engineering at university and those who want to know more about the impact of the earthquake. Please confirm your attendance by emailing Mr Lidstone.

**From Mr Hayes**

All boys completing their rescue diver course will be doing their open water assessments this weekend. Please see Mr Hayes in B3 today for details, and make sure you have arranged a wetsuit and boots if you don't have your own.

From Mr Christey

This Thursday at 12.40 there will be a sports photo opportunity for all boys and coaches who were in the athletics team for interclub 2010-2011, Nationals Secondary Schools' 2010 or South Island Secondary Schools' 2011. If you have your own

singlet please bring it. If not Mr Christey will supply you with one. Black Shorts are required please. Meet by Jacobs House on the quad.

**From Mr Chambers**

REACTION House Plays are on! Friday night House Plays starts at 7.00pm. Boys should be seated in the hall by 6.50pm and should wear sports uniform. Boys from School, Somes and Flower's must attend on Friday night and watch all three plays.

On Monday night House Plays starts at 6.30pm. Boys should be seated by 6.20pm in Sports Uniform. Boys from Rolleston Harper, Julius and Condell's must attend on Monday night. You should watch all four plays. Boys from Jacobs, Corfe and Richards Houses must choose to attend at least one night of house Plays, in Sports uniform.

House Drama is a very important part of our College year. Please ensure that you are in attendance - each night will be entertaining and varied.

**READ OUT MONITOR LIST**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Will Hewitt**

Who won the John Vaughan Memorial Scholarship to go on a three week Outward Bound Course in January. He had to apply, send in his goals and aspirations and say why he wanted to do the course

**William Briscoe, Vincent Curd and Sam Till** – who competed in the Canterbury Junior 'Press' Debating tournament on Sunday. They did very well, beating STAC and Craighead to get through to the semi-final against Rangī Ruru where they lost narrowly

**PRESENTATIONS TO:**

**Hockey Colours**

**Andrew Carrell** – played over 55 matches for the 1st XI hockey team over two years. This year he has been Captain.

**Oliver Dunn** – played over 55 matches for the 1st XI hockey team as a key striker

**Harry Fairgray** – has now played over 90 matches for the 1st XI and has been a committed defender.

**William Hurst** – as a year 11 player in his second year in the 1st XI, he has already played over 55 matches as goalkeeper. He has been selected as goalkeeper for the Canterbury U18A team.

**Kip Mouldey** – in his fourth year playing for the 1st XI and has played over 100 matches. Has represented Canterbury at U18A level.

**George Murray** – Has played over 55 matches for the 1st XI over the last two years as a key striker

### Skiing

**Nick Gemmell** had a very successful week at the last round of the NZ Ski Racing competition. He won two of the three U16 disciplines over the weekend and this gave him the overall national titles for GS, Slalom and Super G. He was then named as the top U16 Ski Racer in New Zealand. (Presentation of the medals for his national titles).

### House Trophies

#### Football

Senior trophy: Somes - defeated Julius 4-2 on penalties after 0-0 draw

Junior trophy: Somes - defeated Rolleston 2-1 in the final

#### Hockey

Senior trophy: Harper - defeated Rolleston in the final

Junior trophy: Corfe - defeated Somes in the final

#### Squash

Senior trophy: Corfe - defeated Julius in the final

Junior trophy: Corfe - defeated Somes in the final

## RUGBY ROUND UP

The rugby posts have been removed from Upper which signals the end of another season and a change over to summer sports.

The rugby club enjoyed another productive season with eight teams stepping out each weekend in the black and white. The 1st XV made a very positive start to the season but were unable to sustain this pace. In the semifinal playoff for 5th and 8th in the Press Cup, College was defeated by St Thomas in a last minute try.

In the Under 16 grade, the College A side made the Section 1 semifinals having played some consistent rugby throughout

the season but lost to St Bede's. The Under 15A side also qualified for the Section 1 semifinals in their grade but also fell short of a final place going down to eventual grade winners Shirley Boys' High School. The Under 15B side made a slow start to the season but finished strongly with a string of wins to cap off a good season. The Christ's College Under 14A side were the only side to make a final this year and they defeated CBHS 40-21 to win Section 2 in the Under 14 grade.

Since Finals weekend a number of College rugby players have made representative sides and have had busy programmes which have only recently been completed. Congratulations to the following players:

#### Canterbury Metro U18A (1st in South Island tournament)

Tim Smith                      James Northcote

#### Canterbury Metro U18 Dev (6th in South Island tournament)

Sam Chamberlain

#### Canterbury Metro U16A (1st in South Island tournament)

Damian McKenzie

#### Canterbury Metro U16 Dev

Charles Oswald              George McCook  
Harry Chamberlain        Harry McCormick  
Jack Macfarlane            Rhys Johnstone

#### Canterbury Metro U15 Black

George Fechny              Nick Korako  
Tom Macfarlane

#### Canterbury Metro U14

Bailen Thatcher              George Perkins

#### Canterbury Country U15

Alex Irvine

#### Canterbury Country U14

James Fleming

Rob Clarke, MIC Rugby



Images from the 1st XV season



Christ's College Parents' Association presents

# The Pink Lunch

↻ Friday 28 October ↻ Christ's College Dining Hall

↻ 11.45am ↻ \$35 (includes glass or two of wine and lunch)

↻ Guest Speaker, Da'Vella Gore



*Thank you, I would love to attend The Pink Lunch!*

My Name (for Name Badge) .....

My Son's Name ..... My Son's House .....

Note: No receipts will be issued. Your name tag will be waiting for you in the Dining Hall. Please RSVP by Friday 21 October to The Pink Lunch, Christ's College, Private Bag 4900, Christchurch 8140 Ph: 03 366 8705 Fax: 03 364 5295

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

VEGETARIAN:

GLUTEN FREE:

PAYMENT: CASH | CHEQUE | VISA | MASTERCARD

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NAME ON CARD:

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