



IN BLACK & WHITE

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our seniors are finishing lessons now, for the very short season of their final examinations. The 'proof of the pudding' lies just ahead – I know the vast majority of the boys will reap the harvest of their determination over recent weeks.

Last week was a full one. After the political debate staged by the Press, we had our 'First Look' evening for prospective entrants in 2013 which was well attended, and the feedback was positive – they were able to look forward to the future, whilst having a first chance to pick up the atmosphere of the school. Some useful conversations with parents during the evening conveyed both ongoing uncertainty for some, but growing confidence for others, about what the future holds in store for us all. I was able to hint at our new building complex, and that, of course, our 2013 entrants will be arriving when the project is well underway, and hopefully see it completed within their first year.

On the next night, the Football Club's tour fundraising Quiz Night was very well supported and great fun. On Saturday, the Feelers' and Cathedral Choir concert in the Assembly Hall was a wonderful evening – the acoustics in the hall were the best I have heard, and showed what is possible with the right sound system - we will have an interesting discussion in the future about whether to replace the ceiling at all. On Saturday our 1st XI won their final regional game in the Gillette Cup competition against St Bede's, having beaten CBHS the week before. Our

cricket team is the top team in the region, and their achievement should be on a par with beating the same two schools in any other code. And then on Sunday evening in Chapel I was able to reveal for our leavers that during a full school career, they spend approximately 500 hours in the Chapel. My challenge to them was to reflect on that investment of their time, and the energy of others, and leave us having thought deeply about its contribution to their College experience.

Progress continues to be made around the campus. Work has started stripping out Harper/Julius ready for internal repairs, as the stonemasons begin on the outside. The most visible gable on School House is completed, and shortly the scaffolding will come down – leaving the masonry supported during its curing period, and cloaked, we hope, in a large printed image of the building. I have walked past some very convincing examples, and not noticed it was not the real building. Together with relocating three of the mobiles away from the quadrangle we will have a much more open look for next year. Small but certain progress.

As our seniors face their examinations, they know that this year there is a unique provision intended to compensate



CAROLS ON THE & QUAD

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2011, 6.00PM

them for any disadvantage from the earthquakes; few could argue that, in the national context, Canterbury students should have some additional recognition. I applaud the Qualifications Authority for their well thought out strategy. Of course students have to make credible attempts at their examinations, and our most motivated students will clear any bar by a comfortable margin; there will be some who are able to take advantage of the provision this particular year, but that too is not inappropriate. I wish all our candidates well, and that they all achieve their deserved outcomes.

As you would expect, I monitor education developments in the UK knowing that the New Zealand system keeps one eye over its shoulder, and that when the wind of international education changes direction we always feel the breeze. Another complete review of their GCSE examination is underway by their equivalent of NZQA. One of the motivators is the increasing resistance to 'coursework', and a return to a greater emphasis and reliance upon terminal examinations. They are also going (once more) to emphasise 'Spelling Punctuation and Grammar' in all examinations. Without arguing against either intention, I would be the first to say 'here they go again'. Also, the CEM (Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring) at Durham University, the home of worldwide value-added measurement in schools and whose MidYIS programme we use via Canterbury University, has published a detailed review of 'grade inflation' at A level. They have found no decrease in the rate at which the standard associated with achievement at A level has been lowered according to Dr Robert Coe, of CEM, despite repeated attempts to redress the trend. I have been assisting with some UK university applications for our students this year, and it is very reassuring to be able to describe our most talented academic students against simple cohort statistics. Whilst NCEA outcomes may appear complicated, the picture they convey is comprehensive and reliable.

The move away from 'coursework' apparently now being debated in England is because of the amount of work involved for teachers, and perhaps some misplaced belief that continuous assessment is in some way inferior, and less rigorous, than 'traditional' terminal examinations. I have seen some outstanding assessed material produced for internal standards this year – the product of commitment, enthusiasm and creativity. They depict real learning and experience – it would be unthinkable that New Zealand would ever again consider following the 'all or nothing' terminal examination route. The balance we have now may not be right – perhaps more external assessment in some areas would be appropriate, but a wholesale move backwards thirty years in the UK is a spectre we don't need at our educational feast!

This has been a year in which the 'College experience' has been an intense one for us all. At the same time, we are approaching the end of the current set of 'Priorities', and we would once again like to gather your views on all aspects of the school. Opinions Market Research Ltd, who have conducted this research twice before, will be sending an online survey to current parents and Year 13 students in late November. We encourage you to respond honestly and openly to this confidential survey.

We still have an unseemly amount of activity to squeeze into the next few weeks! I look forward to seeing many parents at events still ahead, particularly our 'Carols on the Quad' service, and our Prize Givings. We have now made our Prize awards, and once again accurately reflect some supreme efforts and achievements. But everyone should get what in military terms is a 'campaign medal'. The citation would be simple – '2011'.

Simon Leese, Headmaster

CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 3

- W 9 Year 10 examinations
Year 11 examination briefing, Assembly Hall, 1.50pm
Interhouse junior cricket semi-finals, CCCG, 3.00pm
CSS summer sport ends
- Th 10 Year 10 examinations
NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 & Scholarship examinations begin
BBQ for new entrants and their parents, Quad, 5.00-7.00pm
- F 11 Show Day. School holiday
- Sa 12 No Saturday activities
- Su 13 33rd Ordinary Sunday
No Chapel service

Week 4

- M 14 Year 9 & 10 Te Ao Maori programme begins
- Tu 15 Interhouse junior debating semi-finals, 3.30pm
- W 16 Year 9 & 10 Te Ao Maori programme ends, 2.30pm
Interhouse junior cricket final, CCCG, 3.00pm
Year 7 Science competition, Science Department, 3.00-5.00pm
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh training session, Gym Health Room, 7.00-9.00pm
- Th 17 Years 9 & 10 normal routine
Year 9 Biology field trip, Mt Oxford, 8.45am-3.15pm
Year 10 Biology field trip, Cooper's Creek, 8.45am-3.15pm
Interhouse junior debating final, 12.45pm
Mathematics Cambridge exam, AS Paper 2 (Pure Mathematics), 1.30-3.15pm
- F 18 Years 9 & 10 normal routine
Year 10 speech competition, OBT, 2.50-3.40pm
- Sa 19 Usual Saturday activities for Years 9 & 10
Weekend programme available for boarders
Flower's House new entrant orientation weekend begins, 5.30pm
- Su 20 Christ the King Sunday
Flower's House new entrant orientation weekend ends, 3.00pm
Choral Eucharist, 7.00pm
Preacher: The Chaplain

Week 5

- M 21 Year 9 normal routine for week 5
Year 10 OE camp departs. To include Duke of Edinburgh tramp, 8.00am

CURRICULUM NOTES

As you read this junior boys will be sitting their end-of-year examinations, and seniors will be in their final days in the classroom before they begin their own NZQA examinations. These are often stressful times and it is probably worth repeating some of the advice I've given in the past. Help your sons to get regular exercise and plenty of sleep, and maintain a balanced diet.



Stress often 'kicks in' once you are in the exam room. Using simple relaxation techniques (for example, taking a few deep breaths) can be enormously helpful. Mr Pyke (our Guidance Counsellor) is very happy to discuss a variety of stress management techniques with parents and boys.

If your family will be resident outside New Zealand when examination scripts are returned in April next year, please read the following message from NZQA:

Candidates who wish to have their examination answer booklets and/or NCEA Level 3 and Scholarship Visual Arts portfolios returned to any address outside New Zealand must apply in writing to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) on a copy of the attached form and pay the appropriate fee by 1 March 2012.

A copy of the form is available from this web address:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/secqual/return-exam-book-to-overseas-address/>

We have robust systems in place to ensure that we record the correct internal standards grades and send them NZQA. However, errors can occur, and the boys themselves are our last 'line of defence' against those errors; they need to check their personalised page on the QA website to ensure that the grades are correct. All senior boys have been given a card that gives the web address, their personalised log-in and a password to their own page. This allows them to check those results, and all other personal details, to ensure that they are correct. Please encourage your son to check these details. From this year NZQA will no longer be sending out results notices in paper form in January. Results will simply go live on their website on the given date and students can check their results online. NZQA will still send results out on paper on request.

Importantly, if your son has lost his password, we can't help. He will need to contact NZQA directly and ask to have the password re-set.

The Free phone number is 0800 697 296

Clicking on the 'Student' link on the front page of the NZQA web site (<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/>) will take you to a series of helpful links on everything from examination timetables to study tips and skills.

R Sutton, Senior Master Curriculum

UPCOMING PARENT/STUDENT SURVEY

The Christ's College Board of Governors would like your opinion of the school, to assist in developing the strategic plan for the next five years. We have once again employed the services of Opinions Market Research Ltd, who have conducted this research twice before, and they will be sending out an online survey to current parents and Year 13 students in late November. We encourage you to respond honestly and openly to this confidential survey.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



On Friday Sam Kidner, on behalf of the students, handed over \$8,000 to the City Missioner, Mr Michael Gorman. This is money raised through the Humanitarian Committee. It is all student driven.

The City Missioner addressed chapel about the sort of people and situations that this money will be used for, people who do not have the networks that we are blessed with.

The students can be very proud of all their efforts. They have recently raised funds for CanTeen as well as these funds for the City Mission; all this at the same time as studying and revising for examinations, playing sport, being involved in drama, music, film making, and so forth.

The earthquakes have affected us all. The City Missioner spoke about the community's resilience and the way we care for each other. This is certainly true of our own community here.

This is an extremely short term. We wish all the best for the preparations for examinations. Preparations are also well underway for Carols on the Quad, a different way to celebrate Christmas together as a community this year. Not having the cathedral, we have decided to have a service with carols this year on the Quad. It will not be the Nine Lessons and Carols format we have been used to, but a less formal format and an opportunity to sing Christmas carols with some readings and prayers.

Blessings
Bosco Peters, Chaplain



Mr Gorman with the Chaplain and members of the Humanitarian Committee.

CAREERS

Events since the last In Black & White

- Applicants have applied for the Canterbury Earthquake Scholarship

New Scholarship

Graphic Design Scholarship, Florence, Italy, Christchurch students only. IED Florence would like to offer a scholarship for a three week Graphic Design Course in July 2012. Students must be 18 years old to attend the course. The scholarship covers the tuition fee of the course (approx \$4,000 NZ) but not the airfare, accommodation or spending money. Any boys interested are to see Mr Sellars as they will need to complete a project along with their application by Friday 9 December, 2011.

School Leavers

Support from Careers New Zealand

| For Students | Through |
|---|---|
| Tools and advice to help students make decisions about, and take steps, study, training and work. | www.careers.govt.nz Plan your career, How to get a job and Interactive tools section. |
| Information on education and training options and providers, jobs and the job market. | www.careers.govt.nz Jobs database and Education and training section. |
| Tools to develop and save CVs. | www.careers.govt.nz CV4ME, My Career Space |
| Personal assistance with career options and questions. | www.careers.govt.nz Chat online or call 0800 222 733 |

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 = \$3,000 |
| Excellence | + | Merit/Achieved = \$2,000 |
| Merit | + | Excellence = \$2,000 |
| Merit | + | Merit/Achieved = \$1,000 |
| Achieved | + | Excellence = \$2,000 |

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 to 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

Canterbury Earthquake Scholarship

On Wednesday 5 October the Minister of Education announced the introduction of a Canterbury Earthquake Scholarship. This one-off scholarship will provide financial assistance to 2011 Year 13 Canterbury students whose final year of study or plans for tertiary study have been affected by the earthquakes. There are up to 166 scholarships available,

each worth \$2,000 per year for up to three years of tertiary study. The scholarships will support two groups of Canterbury students. The first group are students who are experiencing significant personal hardship as a result of the earthquakes, and may have changed their plans for tertiary study. The second, smaller group of students will become eligible should annual results for NCEA academic scholarships be lower than in recent years for Canterbury.

We have received information about the Canterbury Earthquake Scholarship for students experiencing personal hardship. This involves timelines, criteria, the application process and role of the school; together with information sheets and application forms for students who might want to apply. Students are asked to apply through their schools and boys can collect relevant information from Mr Sellars. Schools will be asked to signal the level of personal hardship each student has experienced. November 7 - students return completed application form to Mr Sellars.

University Halls/Colleges Applications

Universities will have by now posted out their offers of a position in a hall. I am aware that Otago and Victoria universities have been over subscribed. There is no need to panic if some boys have not been offered a position. There will be withdrawals as some students have applied for more than one university. I would recommend that boys accept any hall they are offered even if it was not one of their preferred options.

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 10 January 2012. Application forms are available from: Foundation@IPENZ.org.nz or Mr Sellars.

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.

Dates

- 15 November: Fine Arts applications due, Canterbury
- 1 December: University of Otago Course Planning if needed, Chateau on the Park, 9.00am - 4.00pm, appointment needed, 04 460 9805
- 2 December: University of Otago Course Planning if needed, Chateau on the Park, 9.00am - 4.00pm, appointment needed, 04 460 9805
- 8 December: Enrolment applications for universities are due, All universities
- 8 December: Closing date, Architecture, Arts, Business, Law, Engineering and Health Sciences, Auckland

Stuart Mackenzie

Lincoln University alumni
Receiving a sports scholarship allowed Stuart Mackenzie to carry on the family tradition of attending Lincoln University. Coming straight from Christ's College, Stuart attended Lincoln University from 2000 to 2003 to complete

a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours. "Attending Lincoln University is a family tradition. My brother David Mackenzie, my father, Forbes Mackenzie and grandfather, Charles Upham all attended. I came out to the University in my last year at Christ's College and I liked the feel of the campus. The chance to obtain a sports scholarship also influenced my decision," he says.

Stuart has high praise for the academic staff. "The lecturers at Lincoln University are first class. One lecturer had actual experience dealing with options and futures, trading on the CBOT (Chicago Board of Trade) and another was formerly an economic advisor for the Development Bank of South Africa - an IMF affiliate. Having this standard of lecturers with this experience is invaluable, as they really can tell you as it is."

In terms of the facilities at Lincoln University Stuart says "the facilities are outstanding, in particular the sports facilities".

After finishing his degree, Stuart then headed to Australia, his first job being with JP Morgan in the corporate actions team. Following this he then worked at Commonwealth Securities (CommSec) within their customer service area. Since January 2007, Stuart has been working in Queensland at BBY Limited, an Australian independent financial services group, as a senior private client advisor. He is able to trade shares both domestically and internationally, and deals with options, futures, and foreign exchange. "I enjoy living in Australia, working in the financial sector and the lifestyle that it has to offer.

"When I do come home to visit my parents, at their farm in North Canterbury, I like to also keep in contact with my lecturers at Lincoln University and enjoy the feel of the campus again."

Chris Sellars, Careers Adviser

JUNIOR COMMONWEALTH SELECTION

Christ's College fencer, Julius Herzhoff has been selected for the New Zealand team who will compete at the Junior Commonwealth Games in Jersey (UK) in February next year. Julius will compete in foil at the competition.

It has been an extremely successful year for the Jacobs House student who won both the South and Mid-South Championship, as well as the Secondary Schools' National Championship in Foil and the South Championship in Epee.



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE AWARDS

Each year Christchurch schools are invited by Alliance Française to send their top student at each level along to compete in an oral proficiency test. At senior level students must speak at length in French to a panel of several native speakers.

This year in Year 12 Aengus Port was awarded a certificate of Merit and Jono Childs in Year 13 won third place in Christchurch. Both students were commended by the Honorary Consul Mme Martine Marshall-Durieux for their skill in the conversation.



HOUSE BADMINTON FINAL

Jacobs House beat Richards House six games to nil to win the interhouse badminton final. Jacobs won this title after going through the entire competition without losing a game.



BECKERT WINS NOVICE TOUR

Max Beckert (Somes House) won the 38th Novice Tour of Manawatu during the recent school holidays. Representing Pegasus Cycling and Christ's College, Max outsprinted his nearest competitor to win by four seconds with a time of two hours 52 minutes and 54 seconds.

"This was the biggest result of the season for me. It was also my first national points series tour win", says Max. "The season has finished now and we move into track racing until about February or March. My goal will be national selection for track from a big number of Under 19 riders in Canterbury. It is going to be hard work."

Previous winners of the Tour of Manawatu title, in the oldest Under 17 tour in New Zealand cycling competitions, have all gone on to represent New Zealand in some capacity.



Beckert crosses the line in the 38th Novice Tour of Manawatu.

IAN HEALY COACHING CLINIC

Christ's College hosted a cricket clinic for up and coming wicket keepers from school teams, led by former Australian cricketer Ian Healy, on Wednesday 26 October.

Christ's College 1st XI wicket keeper Dan Sharples felt the clinic was very worthwhile. "Just to hear what he had to say was awesome," said Dan, "It was an amazing opportunity."

Healy, a specialist wicketkeeper and right-hand middle-order batsman first played for Australia in 1988. By the time of his retirement he held the world record for the most Test dismissals by a wicket-keeper.



Ian Healy demonstrates wicket keeping techniques in the Christ's College gymnasium.

INTERHOUSE FILM COMPETITION

An 'Excellence' grade was achieved by this year's Interhouse Film Competition. The Headmaster, judges and audience were most impressed by the quality of the 20 entries and all enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining evening in the OBT on Friday 28 October.

The two judges, Richard Bell from the NZ Broadcasting School and John Christoffels from the University Fine Arts Film School, were full of praise for the film-makers from Christ's College in what they described as the best College film festival to date.

Entries this year varied from documentaries and dramas to music videos and comedies and all showed a high degree of visual story-telling skill.

WINNERS FOR 2011 WERE:

Best Overall Film & Interhouse Short Film Trophy: Somes House for *Wahrheit* (Michael van de Water)

Best Technical film: Felix Wells for *Move*

Best Editing: Ben Coffey for *Thunderclap*

Best Actor: Freddy Faull in *Thunderclap*

Best Director: Michael Van de Water for *Wahrheit*

Best Screenplay/Idea: James Ferguson-Phillips for *Skype*

Peter Hewson, Head of Media Studies



Prize winners Freddy Faull, Ben Coffey, Harry Tohill and Michael Van de Water.

SMALLBORE RIFLE COMPETITION

The Christ's College smallbore rifle shooting team of David Barclay, Thomas Fellowes and Jacky Lu recently placed 10th overall in the National Eley competition. There were 48 teams in the field.

In the individual competition, Jacky was placed 21st with a score of 192 out of a possible 200. There were 174 individuals entered.

Practice venues around Christchurch were unavailable due to the earthquakes earlier this year and so boys built a range in the workshop area of the Fine Arts building for supervised practice (see photo).

Tony Holland, MIC Shooting



Thomas Fellowes and David Barclay

RIDLEY-SMITH WRITING CONTEST

Thomas Frost has won the 2011 Ridley-Smith Creative Writing competition, and Alexander Newman and Tommy Brennan have been named as runners up. Entrants to this competition are required to write a first chapter to a novel, and provide the outline for the remainder of the story. Thomas received a prize of \$400, while each runner up received a \$50 prize.

Dr Roger Ridley-Smith is a College old boy and author of the novel *Rough House*. He runs the Ridley-Smith creative writing competition as an annual voluntary opportunity to encourage young writers at Christ's College.



Thomas Frost, Alexander Newman and Tommy Brennan



Jack Harper (110 n/o)

GILLETTE CUP VICTORY

The Christ's College 1st XI have won the Gillette Cup Regional final, making College history as the first team to take a place in the national final. At Elmwood Park on Sunday 6 November they dominated the Gillette Cup final against St Bede's, winning the match by 189 runs. Coach Warren Lidstone described it as "the most complete College performance for many years!"

Batting first, Will Utley (19) and Hamish Robertson (36) established a strong foundation at the top of the order. Jeremy Duncan (38) built on this but was dismissed just as it seemed he was going to dominate the bowlers. Sam Chamberlain (46) joined Jack Harper in the 34th over at 143/3 and immediately stepped up the intensity. The partnership added another 98 runs in just 10 overs before Chamberlain was dismissed by an outstanding catch. Harper (110no) was dominant in his stroke play. His century, mixing both power and placement, was vital to College's 300/8 in fifty overs.

A great start by McKellar (2/10) knocked the top off the St Bede's batting. Chamberlain (2/17), Robertson (0/11) and Harper (2/10) saw St Bede's dismissed for 111.

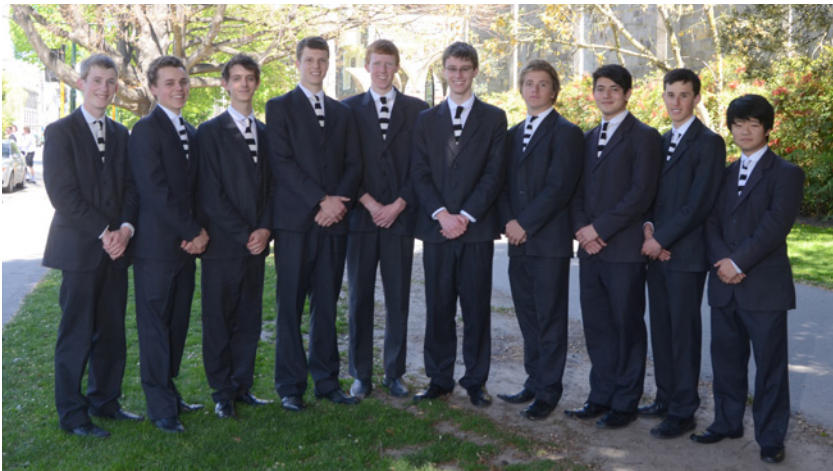
The team also won their one-day competition match on Saturday 5 November, finishing that competition as the joint winners with Christchurch Boys' High School.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Will Utley, Jono Childs and Andrew Carrell have won the prestigious Auckland University Scholarship, worth \$50,000. All three boys will take up the scholarship and study in Auckland next year. Will and Jono were also offered Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships from the University of Otago.

The full list of scholarships offered to date:

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| Sam Bird | Victoria Excellence, Victoria University |
| Andrew Carrell | The University of Auckland Scholarship |
| Jonathan Childs | The University of Auckland Scholarship, Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship, University of Otago |
| Calum Fisher | Victoria Excellence, Victoria University |
| Wha Sup (Danny) Lee | The University of Auckland Jubilee Award |
| Chris Read | Victoria Excellence, Victoria University |
| George Sim | University of Otago, Maori and Pacific Island Entrance Scholarship |
| Jack Sissons | Victoria Excellence, Victoria University |
| Tim Smith | Russell McVeigh Scholarship |
| Justin Standring | UC Emerging Leaders Scholarship and UC Engineering High Achievers Scholarship |
| James Stretton | Massey University High Achievers' Scholarship (Academic) |
| Harry Tothill | Victoria Excellence, Victoria University |
| William Utley | The University of Auckland Scholarship, Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship, University of Otago |
| Michael van de Water | The University of Auckland Faculty of Science Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship |



Harry Tothill, Andrew Carrell, Jono Childs, Will Utley, Justin Standring, Michael van de Water, Tim Smith, Calum Fisher, James Stretton and Danny Lee. Absent Sam Bird, Chris Read and George Sim.



Auckland University Scholarship Winners, Andrew Carrell, Will Utley and Jono Childs

THE PINK LUNCH

The Parents' Association hosted their fourth annual Pink Lunch on Friday 28 October with over one hundred guests in attendance. We spent a delightful afternoon being entertained by our guest speaker, Da'Vella Gore, who kept us all captivated with anecdotes of her adventures and life in Queenstown.

We were also spoken to by Nicky Lee, the Volunteer Manager at the Christ Church Cathedral, about the community meals programme supported by the Cathedral ministry. Many mothers took empty foil trays from the event to later fill with a meal and Nicky Lee is very pleased to see so many meals have already been dropped back to her. Further details about this initiative are at the end of this newsletter, and on the Parents' Association page of the Christ's College website (under information).

The Dining Hall was once again transformed for the afternoon by the very dedicated committee who worked tirelessly wrapping gifts, creating floral masterpieces and decorating to make this a special day for Christ's College mothers. A donation will be presented to the Cancer Society from the proceeds and also used to increase the amount offered to this year's Parents' Association Bursary winners.

This coming Thursday evening the Parents' Association will help host the New Entrant BBQ at College for the boys, and their families, who start at College in 2012.

Our last committee meeting for the year will be held at my home on Monday 21 November. All Welcome.

Nicci Wyllie,
President, Parents' Association



WHAT'S IN A SONG?

Do you use background music at home or at work?

Background music is used extensively throughout society, particularly in marketing, retail industry and medicine. It is used to reduce stress, create an illusion, manipulate perception, alter people's emotional state, and to enhance well-being.

Some teachers use music in the classroom, and research has shown that this can:

1. Improve classroom behaviour and atmosphere
2. Improve the quality and/or quantity of work

Appropriately chosen music can address the demands of objective number 1, which in turn may improve learning. As a general rule though, the more complex the learning task, the more distracting background music becomes.

Most students like having background music in the classroom because:

- It shuts out distractions
- They get immersed in their own world and become more productive
- It puts them in a positive frame of mind and a better mood
- It gives them a general feeling of well-being
- It calms them before a large task and they stay focused for longer
- It makes time go by fast
- It helps them work faster
- It's good for repetitive tasks
- It helps them reflect
- It helps creativity (Einstein is well known for associating music and creativity)
- It makes studying more enjoyable

My question though is, what **type** of music is appropriate?

Congreve wrote the famous lines: "Music has charms to soothe a savage breast". For him, music has the capacity to calm you when you are in turmoil. Israel's King David in the Old Testament called for a harp player when he was depressed. For him, music was there to lift his spirits. But the type of music they used would have been hugely important. Different elements of music appeal to different aspects of your being. Melody appeals to your mind, whereas harmony appeals to your emotions. And beat appeals to your physical side. The type of music you listen to can affect you greatly. I remember the school counsellor saying, 'You don't read a book on depression when you are depressed'. Similarly, you wouldn't want to listen to a slow movement from a Gustav Mahler symphony when you are going through bereavement - you would be in tears in seconds! Similarly, if the research is correct, the latest Rap song will not really help you if you are wanting to think deeply, because the strong beat will get you physically moving, which is not what you may need when trying to think deeply.

We all have our preferences for music and our own likes and dislikes. Choosing music to play at work or in the classroom is always going to be a contentious issue! A shopping mall had continuing problems with youngsters hanging around causing trouble. The solution? Play Mozart on the loudspeakers. It had the effect of emptying the mall of the troublesome element!


The obvious reason is that Mozart is not the type of music that youngsters listen to. However, did they really listen to the music? There is a difference between listening and just hearing. We hear all sorts of things all the time, but we don't necessarily listen to them. To really listen you have to shut everything else out and focus on a specific sound, something I do in my first class in Year 9 every year. I doubt that the troublesome youngsters actually 'listened' to Mozart in the Mall. It was there and they heard it and left.

So, do you use background music at home or at work? If so, do you 'listen' to it or is it merely background? Inspector Morse always had opera on when he was doing his thinking. It was his choice, or rather the author, Colin Dexter's choice. However, research would suggest that if you are thinking and working with text you don't want to listen to words with your music, especially if you know the music well, as you will sing along, distracting from your cognitive attention.

Music is always a contentious issue, partly because of the style of music, but more particularly, volume. I do not appreciate music when I am in my garden, but usually get it from one of my neighbours. Turn it down! (or preferably off!) What a great invention headphones were.....

Nick Coxon, Head of Instrumental Music





FOOTBALL TOUR

In September/October of 2012 a group of football playing students, largely from the College development team, will be touring Chile and Argentina. The squad of 22 will be playing seven games against local school teams as well as visiting places of cultural and geographical significance. Iguazu Falls on the Brazilian Border, La Boca Stadium, and Valparaiso World Heritage site will be some of the highlights. The students will also attend a live professional game at La Boca Stadium!

Thanks to everybody who supported our Quiz Night. It was very successful with 'Henry's Heroes', a team made up of the College rowing coaches, taking out the top prize. We had around 135 people at the Fendalton Bowling Club, and along with a raffle and an entertaining heads and tails game we have raised around \$2,500 toward the tour. We would like to thank all those businesses who donated prizes for the night and all the parents for the delicious platters of food they provided for each table.

Along with the generous support we are receiving from our tour sponsors, we have now raised around \$6,500 toward our tour. A great start! Please contact me mcortesi@christscollege.com if you would like to become involved in a sponsorship opportunity.

Visit ccfootballtour2012.wordpress.com for more information about the upcoming tour.

Matt Cortesi, 1st XI Coach

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAMP

On Saturday 29 October, 84 Year 10 students and nine staff left College for an overnight tramping trip. This was the practice tramp for the Expedition section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary's Award.

The bus dropped the large party at the start of Kaituna Valley on Banks Peninsula. It was a brief but brisk uphill walk to the overnight campsite, located just below Packhorse Hut and with very good views looking back towards Lake Ellesmere. Boys busied themselves setting up their tents and cooking their evening meals. After dinner there was some practical work on first aid and navigation. A mild night, and a clear sky, meant for great star gazing when the sun finally went down.

An early start at 6.30am on a Sunday morning meant everyone was packed up and fed for the group meeting at 8am. A lesson on mountain radios was followed by a call back to HQ to inform them where the party was and that all was good. Sunday was a full day tramping, with an initial climb up to Packhorse Hut, and then a solid morning's walk to finish at Mt Herbert shelter for lunch. This spot provides a great vantage point over the whole Peninsula. On the way up one of the party injured himself and was brought back down to the start on a makeshift stretcher. A small group of students did a superb job of carrying him back.

The final leg of the journey was a long, gentle descent down Mt Herbert to finish at Diamond Harbour, where the party was met by the buses for the return leg back to College.

The Year 10 boys will complete the Expedition section of the Bronze award when they do their three day tramp during Outdoor Education week later in the term.

Rob Clarke, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday 8 November

PRAYER: Mr C Stewart

NOTICES:

From Mr Porter A reminder to all Year 13s that their exam briefing will take place in the OBT at the end of period 4 today. Also the year 12 briefing will be in the OBT at the start of period 6 today. All must attend their briefings.

From Mrs Anderson-McKenna

Boys using examination assistance in the NCEA exams are to wait behind after assembly. Mrs Anderson-McKenna has some important paper work for you to collect

From Mr Chambers

Next year we are making a senior musical spectacular of Jesus Christ Superstar. College is working with Rangitiki actors, singers, dancers, orchestra players. This notice is for current Year 11 and Year 12 boys who will be seniors next year. The

audition information evening is Tuesday 29 November at 6pm in the OBT

ACTIVITY REPORT: Patrick Wynne Cricket

The 1st XI has continued their recent excellent form finishing joint winners of the Canterbury Schools competition and winning a place in the National Gillette Cup finals for 2011. Against, the CBHS 2nd XI, the 1st XI won by 53 runs. **Hamish Robertson** was the pick of the College bowlers claiming 3/10. Against St Bedes, **Jack Harper** (110no) and **Sam Chamberlain** (46) lay the foundation for a mammoth 300/8, before bowling out St Bedes for 111 to claim a place in the 2011 Gillette Cup National finals.

The 2nd XI Black completed a six wicket win over SBHS. Shirley were bowled out for 134 with **Jack Woodley** picking up 4/12 off 10 overs and **Will Hewitt** and **Tom Small** both claiming a brace of wickets. In reply, College reached the total 4 wickets down with **Jono Hartland** (26) and **Jack Woodley** making 36. **Peter Burridge** (30no) and **Edward Wright** (34) batted well in the 2nd XI whites three wicket win over South West Cricket.

The Youth Open As beat Lincoln Ellesmere by 24 runs with **Tim Bennetts** making a well compiled 53 no. The Year 10As smashed 303/4 in 40 overs, **Harry Bonifant** (106) and **George Fechny** (53no), on their way to a 225 run win over North West Cricket. The Year 9 As were beaten by St Bede's. St Bede's batted first and made 160. **Liam Beckett** was the pick of the College bowlers claiming 3/12. In reply, College were bundled out for 90. **Henry Birch** making 23 in his debut match.

Tennis

The CC A team met the CC B1s last week and predictably won the fixture 6-0. Our B2s were too strong for our B4s in their B Grade Div 1 match winning 6-0. In the B Grade division 2 the B6s beat Riccarton 5-1. Both our Junior Division 1 sides had good wins. The J2s beat Cashmere 4-2 and the J1s were too good for the CBHS Bs winning 6-0. The J3s had a 3-3 draw against Middleton Grange in the Junior Division 2 match. The Yr 9 1s won 4-2 against the CBHS Yr 9 Bs and the Yr 9 3s beat Mairehau 6-0

Athletics

33 boys competed in the interclub on Saturday at Burnside High School. Athletes who achieved top results were:

Freddy Faull won his grade in the Javelin with a 45.68m throw, **Tom McFarlane** was first in the M17 4kg shot with a 11.48 put and **Laurie Renwick** was 2nd in the 5kg shot with a 12.45m put. **Brock Timperley** was 2nd in the triple jump with a 11.58m jump. **Toby Franks** was 2nd in the Pole Vault with a personal best vault of 2.60m **Sam Gilchrist** was the first in the 60m in a time of 7.7 sec.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Nick Gemmell & Ben Loeffen-Gallagher - who have been selected into the New Zealand Youth Ski team and will both represent NZ in the world ski races at the beginning of 2012.

Myles McMillan – who has been selected to represent the New Zealand Sea Cadet Corps at Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant in June 2012 in London. It is anticipated over 1000 craft will take part and the fleet will be reviewed by the Queen.

PREFECTS & HEADS OF HOUSES FOR 2012:

Patrick Wynne – Head of School

Alex Gregory – Deputy Head of School

Prefects and Heads of Houses: Samuel Choi, Freddy Faull, Edward Close, Joe Earl, Thomas Barlow, Harrison Reid, Laurie Renwick

Heads of Houses: Humphrey Lawrence, Thomas Wright and James Northcote

Prefects: John Wood, Jared Wadsworth, Ben Leggat, Kip Mouldy, Alex Newman, Willy Southby, Matthew Aldridge, Michael Hall, David Clay, Zach Andrew and Michael Donaldson

PRESENTATIONS TO:

The St Margaret's v College Annual Debate – won this year by the College team of **Thomas Frost, Andrew Carrell and Michael van de Water** (Cup to present)

HONOURS TIE:

Debating:

Michael van de Water – who took part in the St Margaret's debate and was part of the winning OBHS debating team this year as well

Chess:

Peter Burrridge – played in the College team since year 9, board 1 this year and board 2 for half of last year. Has played provincial and national levels since year 10. Has been captain this year and has provided coaching for both A and B teams

Alliance Francaise French speaking awards: The annual French speaking competition this year was limited to one student per school in years 12 & 13. Competition for places was fierce – Aengus Port in Year 12 was awarded a merit certificate and Jono Childs in Year 13 won third place for Christchurch City. This is the second year in a row that a senior student has been placed in the top three in Christchurch (Certificates to present)

Cricket certificates:

Harry Bonifant – scored 106 against North West team

Jack Harper – scored 110 n.o. against St Bede's 1st XI

COLOURS:

Cycling:

Max Beckert – Max has been in the College team for the past three years and recently acquitted himself well representing NZ in the U17 tour of Canberra.

George Tutton – has been in the College team since 2008 and had ridden in the Litloff team three times, earning bronze twice and silver this year. He has been selected for the NZ Development squad.

Skiing: Hamish Grigg and Tommy Loeffen-Gallagher

– both been in the College team for the last two years, medalists at Canterbury Secondary Schools' and South Islands Secondary Schools' competitions

Cricket: Presentation of medals for the 1st XI team who won the Canterbury Gillette Cup competition to now play in the National finals

Daniel Sharples (Captain), Hamish Brown, Sam Chamberlain, Edward Close, Jeremy Duncan, Jack Harper, Nathan Monk, Tim McGoldrick, Angus McKellar, Hamish Robertson, Willy Southby & Will Utley (medals to be presented)

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CANTEEN – for presentation of fund-raising cheque from Sam Kidner, on behalf of the school - \$4,261.40



The Cathedral ministry is supporting community meals that take place in the Anglican parishes in the eastern suburbs and we would greatly appreciate some help with this.

Community lunches happen each week and just offer some companionship and a hot meal for people who continue to find life hard since the earthquakes.

How you can help: could you fill this foil tray with a meal?

Suggestions:

- A cottage pie - savoury mince with mashed potato on the top
- Pasta and mince with some tins of tomatoes / pasta sauce mixed through
- Macaroni cheese

When the meal in the foil tray is made - **please freeze it.**

A donation of baking - a slice or a batch of muffins is also a help.

Call Nicky Lee at the Cathedral office - Tel. 353 7883 and we can collect the frozen meal from you or arrange whatever works for you. If you haven't the freezer space for the meal then call Nicky, tell her when you intend doing the cooking, and we can arrange to take the food freshly made (which includes any baking you do).

This is a great help - thank you so much!

Further information:

Nicky Lee
Volunteer Manager
ChristChurch Cathedral
Tel. 353 7883



A community lunch held in a church hall in New Brighton